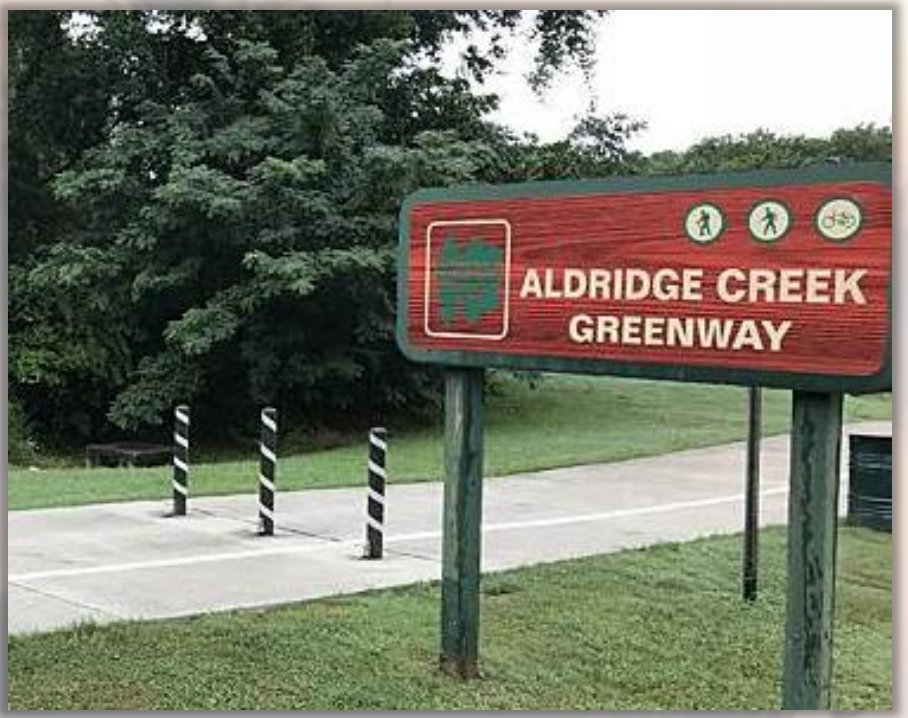
TVFF Club News

June 2026

TVFF Club Meeting
Aldridge Creek Fishing
Thursday, June 18th 6:00 PM



This month, we will be having a club outing at Aldridge Creek, located in South Huntsville. We will have a short meeting at Southside Park, followed by club fishing. The address for Southside Park is:

16159 Chaney Thompson Rd SE
Huntsville, AL 35803

Be sure to bring whatever you need to wade or fish from the bank (i.e. waders, boots, fishing rods, nets, et al.). We will meet an hour earlier this month. Fishing will start at 6:30 and go until roughly 8:00 PM (or sunset). There will be rewards for the largest, smallest and most caught! Bring your favorite fly and be ready to compete.

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Welcome New Members:

Greg Worley

This Month

- June 11 – Fly Tying, 7 PM
- June 18 –Meeting/Fishing, 6:00 PM
- June 25 – Fly Tying, 7 PM

Officers and Directors

President: Dave Bailey
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Membership: Debbie Hill
Activities: Larry Hice
Education: Brian Moore
Conservation: Jacob Franklin
Communications: Connor Baker

Board of Directors Meeting
The next BOD meeting is Thursday August 6th 2026, in Room 201 at the church. Members are welcome.

TVFF Fly Tying Group

Fly tying sessions will be conducted at Faith Presbyterian Church, Room 201, at 7 p.m.

June 11th, 7PM
Stimulator – Mike Iffland
Cost: $3

We will be tying a stimulator using synthetic materials for the tail and wing replacing traditional elk or deer. An attractor pattern that doesn't actually mimic anything in particular. Video

Materials:
Hook: size 10 stimulator barbless
Tail: shuck yarn from fly tyers dungeon
Wing: high float fibers from fly tyers dungeon
Dubbing: ice dubbing
Hackle: grizzly

June 25th, 7 PM
Red Ass Wet Fly and Mystery Fly – Jon Reinecke
Cost: $3

Will be learning two wet trout flies. One has a cheeky name (no pun intended) the the other has no name. Both catch fish, so enjoy!

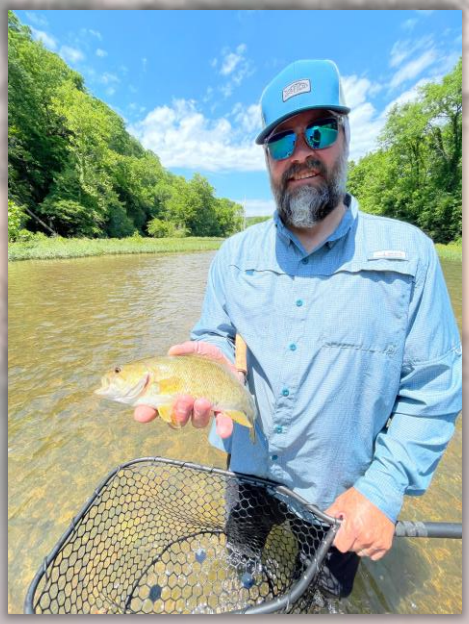
Materials (Red Ass)
Hook: Firehole 609, Size 12
Thread: Red 8/0
Body: Peacock Herl
Hackle: Partridge

Materials Mystery Fly
Hook: Firehole 609, Size 12
Thread: Olive 8/0
Body: Olive Dubbing:
Tail: Red Floss

All are welcome! Fly tying equipment is available for new tyers. Come and discover the joy of catching fish on a fly you tied or, better yet, one of your own design. The sessions are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Fish of the Month

TVFF members Connor Baker and Jesse Wright did some Tennessee Valley Smallmouth Fishing mid-May. This was right before the long-stretch of rain. The fish bite was slow, but small crawfish patterns seemed to be what worked. Jesse also caught this beautiful sunfish. Good job guys!



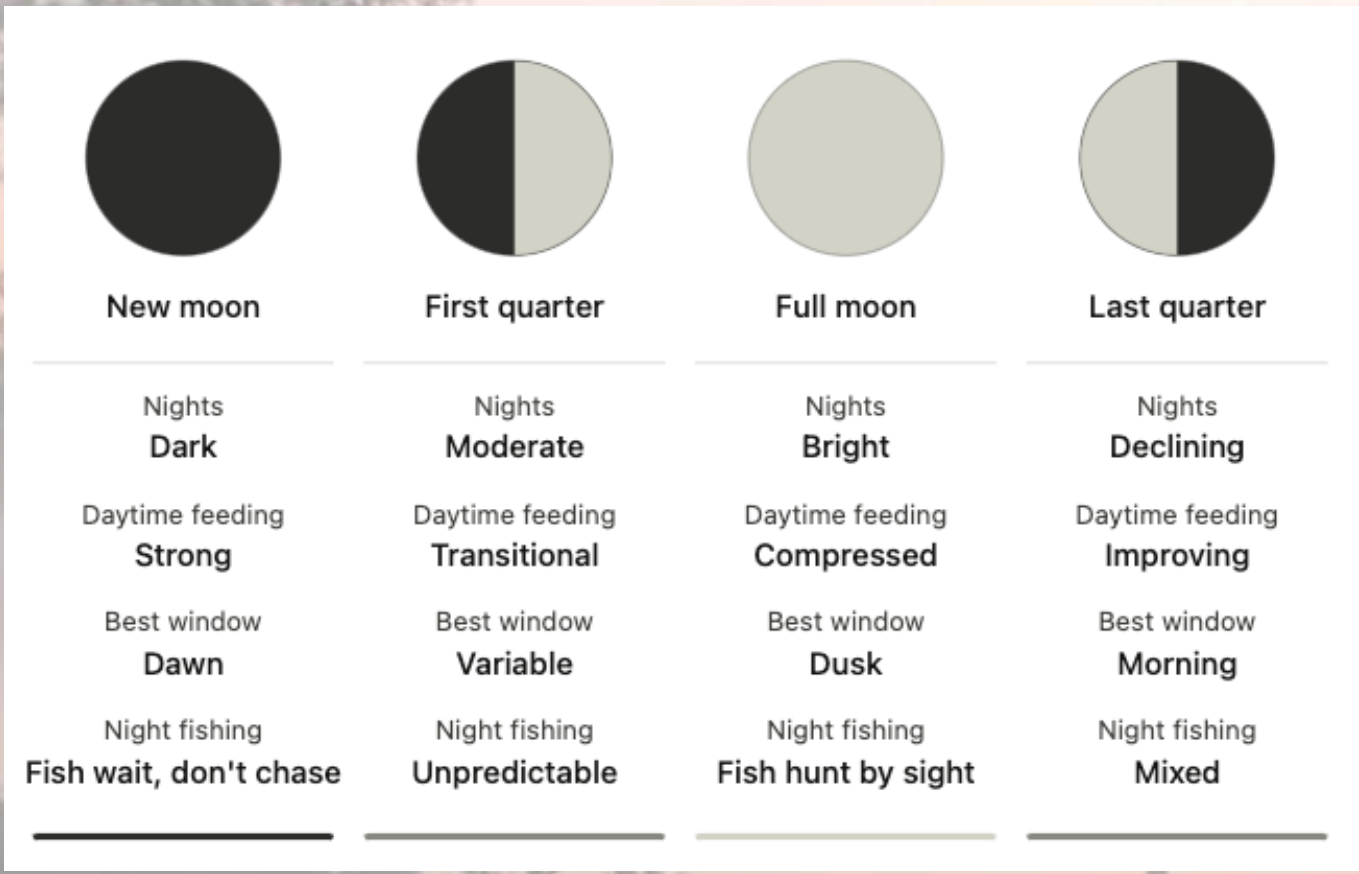
Below, TVFF members Jonathan Craft and Connor Baker explored the swamps of the Tennessee Valley! Watch out for what you might find under those lily pads!

Above, TVFF member Jonathan Craft caught this nice largemouth fishing part of the Tennessee River system. Despite poor conditions, Jonathan worked for this one. Great fish!

Read the Moon. Fish the Window.

The following is from Feather-Craft.com. The entire article can be found here.

There are many factors that impact quality of fishing, temperature, hatch reports, water flow, et al. One that we sometimes overlook is moon phase. Moons don't really impact tides when it comes to fresh water fishing, but the light (or lack their of) changes the time of day some fish eat.



New moon	First quarter	Full moon	Last quarter
Nights **Dark**	Nights **Moderate**	Nights **Bright**	Nights **Declining**
Daytime feeding **Strong**	Daytime feeding **Transitional**	Daytime feeding **Compressed**	Daytime feeding **Improving**
Best window **Dawn**	Best window **Variable**	Best window **Dusk**	Best window **Morning**
Night fishing **Fish wait, don't chase**	Night fishing **Unpredictable**	Night fishing **Fish hunt by sight**	Night fishing **Mixed**

Feather-craft.com

The chart above shows what different moon phases do. As this article says, light is the variable. A bright moon causes fish to be more active at night and less active during the day. New moon fish wait at night and are eager to eat immediately at dawn. The bottom line is that they eat when they can see and tend to wait if they can't.

Next time you are out fishing, be sure to plan your time fishing around the moon. Not to say you can't catch fish at the middle of the day during a full moon, but you are better suited to wait until dusk when it is starting to get dark.

Fly Tying Hooks Explained

When you go to a fly shop, hook selection can be overwhelming. There is usually an entire wall for tying hooks. There are many different types and many different sizes. Good news, this video and accompanying chart by Savage Flies on YouTube can help you! This video is tailored towards trout fishing, but very good info nonetheless. The entire video can be found here. The accompanying comparison chart is below. Other hook comparison charts from Savage Flies can be found here.

Fly Tying Hook Comparison Chart

Updated: Dec 2020

	Tiemco	Mustad	Dai-ichi	Dai-Riki	J.Stockard	Partridge	Saber
Dry Fly							
Standard	100	R50-94840	1100	310	105	L5A	7010/7013
1x long	5210	94833	1170	300	115	L2A	7011
2x long	5212	94831	1280	280/730		H1A	

	Tiemco	Mustad	Dai-ichi	Dai-Riki	J.Stockard	Partridge	Saber
Wet, Nymph							
1X short, 2x strong, sproat	3769	3906	1530	075	207	G3A-L	7021
1X long, 1X strong, sproat	3761		1560	60	217	G3A-L	7230
2X long, 1X strong, round	5262	3906B	1280		225	H1A	7031
3X long, 1X strong, sproat	5263	R73	1720	710	235	H1A-L	
3X long, 1X strong, curved	2302	80050	1760	270	720H	K12-ST	

	Tiemco	Mustad	Dai-ichi	Dai-Riki	J.Stockard	Partridge	Saber
Streamer							
3X long, 1X strong	9394	9672		730			7040
4X long, 1X strong	9395		1750/2220	700	245	D4AF	7041
5X long, 2X strong		R75-79580					
6X long, 1X strong	300	3665A	2340				7042

	Tiemco	Mustad	Dai-ichi	Dai-Riki	J.Stockard	Partridge	Saber
Misc							
2X long, standard, hopper	2302		1270		430		7017
Shrimp, caddis pupa	2487	80250	1120/1130	135	500	K4A	7051
Swimming nymph	400T	80150	1770				
Stonefly nymph		81002	1730	700B			

TVFF Chandeleur Island Fishing Trip

The clear waters of the Chandeleur Islands offer some of the best light tackle fishing in the country. From traditional targets like speckled trout and redfish to seasonal catches like pompano, Spanish mackerel, bluefish, jacks, cobia and the occasional tarpon, the fishing is simply superb.

The Pelican is a floating lodge that has been operating in Schooner Harbor since 1985 and our hosts have decades of experience fishing the Chandeleurs – they may look salty but they are as hospitable and knowledgeable as they come!

Where: Chandeleur Pelican, located in Schooner Harbor.
https://maps.app.goo.gl/3s5rfUHx9pbZhCvc8

When: 15 - 18 October 2026

What you will need: Rod, flies, and personal items, meals are provided so bring a big appetite . WIFI provided at the Pelican.

How: We will meet at Ocean Springs, MS and be taken to the Pelican by boat. 2 complete days of fishing, plus 2 half days.

Boats are provided for every 2 people. They have 5 boats.

Cost: Is split between the number of folks. Estimated $1300.00

Contact: Greg Bayuga if interested. 256-503-1988.

250 Years of American Independence

To celebrate 250 years of independence, the TVFF board wants to challenge our members to see how many fish the club can catch. The goal of course seeing how close our club can get to 250 fish. To participate, please send Brian Moore (cav_deuce@yahoo.com) an email with the number of fish you catch between 4/1 and 7/1. Size doesn't matter, just the number caught. The final results will be tallied at the July event. There might even be an award for the club member that catches the most. I can't think of anything better than fishing to celebrate our freedoms we have as Americans. God Bless the USA!

Upcoming TVFF Events

Below are TVFF's events through the end of the year. Hard to believe it is already May.

- ~~**April:** Speaker – Tom Herrington~~
- ~~**May:** Film Night~~
- **June:** Short Meeting starts at 6PM at Aldridge Creek, Fishing between 6:30 and 8PM (prizes for most fish caught, largest and smallest)
- **July:** Family Picnic (location TBD)
- **August:** Annual Swap Meet
- **September:** Bob Clouser via Zoom (do not miss this one)
- **October:** Annual Membership meeting, attendance by all members greatly appreciated (2027 budget presented for approval / election of new officers)
- **November:** Annual TVFF Banquet and auction
- **December:** Holiday Fly tying and Party

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Faith Presbyterian Church – Food Item of the Month

Thank you to all that brought granola bars to last month's TVFF meeting for donation to the ongoing food pantry drive at Faith Presbyterian Church. This helps FPC in their efforts to provide extra food to seniors that need a little extra help each month. The item for the month of June is **cereal (including oatmeal, grits, et al.) and Spam**. If you are able to donate a box or two please bring those to the upcoming TVFF meeting on June 18th. We will collect your donations and get those to the Food Pantry.

TVFF Hats for Sale

TVFF has embroidered caps for sale. The caps are currently available in several colors and are available as long as they last. Price is $25.00 per cap. As always, cash or check.

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TVFF is Collecting Empty Thread Spools

If you have empty thread, wire, floss, or tinsel spools, please bring to a future TVFF meeting (fly tying or monthly meeting). Debbie Hill will be collecting these. Instead of throwing them away, they will be repurposed. If you have any questions please contact Debbie: debhill522@gmail.com

Share Your Favorite Fly Fishing Guides!

We're building a comprehensive list of recommended fly fishing guides for our website. Help fellow club members plan their next trip by submitting your favorites. Email your guide submissions to radurrett@gmail.com or info@tvff.club. Please include: State, Body of Water, Outfitter, Guide's Name, and Website.

TVFF Classified Ads

TVFF has a classified section will for members to offer for sale used or unwanted fly fishing related items:

- Send a brief description and picture of the item(s) you wish to sell and include an asking price to the TVFF Communications Director at editor@tvff.club
- Provide your name, email and/or cell number
- All transactions are to conducted between the buyer and seller. TVFF will not become involved
- Ads will not roll over each month , you must resubmit your request each month if needed
- This service is for current TVFF members and must include fly fishing related items only

June Weird Holidays

Go Fishing Day
June 18th

Whether you fish with flies, bait, nets, lobster traps, et al. get your gear and go fish today! The days are long. June 18th is a Tuesday so make sure to take the day off from work. Take advantage of the day and enjoy the water. I'm sure your boss will understand. If you have kids or grandkids, bring them as well!

National Selfie Day
June 21

The day was started by DJ Rick McNeely on June 21, 2014 and rapidly took off. The word Selfie is associated with cell phone cameras and taking a picture of yourself that you post on social media.

Now there are tips on selfie poses and photographic composition. Don't believe it? Search for "Selfie Poses"

Anyone that takes a fish selfie should submit it to the editor@tvff.club. You will be featured in our newsletter! Make sure it is a good picture!!

Your Selfie Here

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