



# TVFF Club News

June 2020



## June 18 Program



### Kirk Klingensmith

Kirk is from Corning, New York and is the president of Twin Tiers Five Rivers Chapter of FFI. I found Kirk while searching for a copy of an Ed Shenk video (see the May newsletter). An e-mail led to a phone call and then an invitation to be our speaker this month. Besides being a trout fisherman Kirk is also an avid bass fisherman. He will speak to us about fishing for large mouth bass. I knew he had good info to share when he sent a picture of a 6.5 lb. largemouth he caught May 16<sup>th</sup>. The Zoom meeting link is on pg. 2. Let's welcome Kirk with a big turnout.



Next TVFF Board of Directors meeting will be August 6.

### Updated Fishing Reports

[Great Smoky Mountains National Park](#) – Little River Outfitters (Daily)  
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### Welcome New Members

Contact [Debbie Hill](#) to join or renew

### This Month's Activities

- June 11 Fly Tying – Virtual
- June 18 Meeting – Virtual
- June 25 Fly Tying – Virtual



### BOD Minutes

BOD minutes are now available for review at the monthly meetings.

Members can read the minutes by simply asking the Club Secretary, David Hatfield.



## Zoom Invitation June 18<sup>th</sup> TVFF Meeting and Program (This will not work for Fly Tying)

Steve Kerkhof is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: June meeting

Time: Jun 18, 2020 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81492353888?pwd=WklobzBCV3hRL3ErNjZndy82YjRjdz09>

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Password: 660852

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81492353888?pwd=WklobzBCV3hRL3ErNjZndy82YjRjdz09>

### Zoom Meeting Instructions

You will receive a Zoom meeting invitation in the TVFF reminder email that is sent on Sunday evening before a scheduled fly tying night or club meeting. There are 3 ways to join the meeting. You can copy/paste the link in the invitation into your browser OR go to <https://zoom.us> and click "Join A Meeting" in the upper right of the screen OR if you have installed the Zoom app then you can open the app and enter the meeting number and password from the invitation. If prompted you should click yes to allow Zoom to use the camera and microphone on your computer, then we can see you and hear you in the meeting. You may be placed in a Zoom "waiting room" when you first join. Be patient and you will be admitted to the meeting by a host or cohost. This is another layer of security for our online meetings.



## TVFF Fly Tying Group

**Fly tying sessions will be conducted online via Zoom video conferencing software until further notice.**

**11 June, 7PM via Zoom**

**Shimmering Minnow- Featured Tier: Steve Kerkhof**

**Cost:** No charge (You can send a \$2.00 donation to TVFF, P.O. Box 12841, Huntsville, AL 35815, if desired)

**Kit pickup at the church on Wednesday June 10.**

This pattern originated with Brian Shumaker, a Pennsylvania smallmouth guide. It is a one hook articulated fly. The recipe that we will use comes from Kirk Klingensmith, our June Program speaker.

Kit materials will include a Gamakatsu B10S size 4 front hook, a size 8 hook that we will use as a shank by cutting off the bend and barb, white marabou, holographic silver or pearl flashabou (narrow), medium pearl palmer chenille, peacock herl (optional), beadolon wire or heavy monofilament with 2 red 6/0 glass beads for articulation, 2 eyes size 5mm or 6 mm.

The tier will need to provide sturdy white thread, 3/0 or 100 GSP or 200 GSP, head cement or super glue, UV resin optional for securing eyes, sturdy pliers to cut the rear hook.

**25 June 7PM via Zoom**

**Foam Beetle 2.0 - Featured Tier, Joe Tremblay**

June is a great time to wade creeks and streams in search of panfish and small bass. As the temperatures climb, terrestrials become increasingly active and many eventually end up in the water. Spending a few hours in the morning or evening on local creeks and streams with some terrestrial flies can be very rewarding.

The Foam Beetle 2.0 is one of those flies you can't do without, we'll be tying 2 so you'll have a spare. This pattern incorporates a different way of attaching the front legs. I've never tried this method but I'm never too old to learn something new.

Checkout [Madrid Fly Fishing](#) for a preview.

**Hook:** Size 14 dry fly hook

**Thread:** Black 180 denier thread

**Under Body:** 5 strands of peacock hurl

**Body:** ¼" strip of black 2mm craft foam

**Sighter:** Medium foam post cylinder

**Legs:** Black mini round rubber legs



**Foam Beetle 2.0 kits will be available for pick up at the south door of Faith Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, 24 June, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. (You can send a \$2.00 donation to TVFF, P.O. Box 12841, Huntsville, AL 35815, if desired)**

***All are welcomed!***

***Join us for 2 hour sessions held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7 PM.***

## Catch of the Month

Connor Baker sends this report from the Sipsey Fork on 5/9:

Last time I went fishing at Hatchery Creek in Kentucky (about a month ago), I met the Louisville Orvis fishing instructor, really great guy. He was giving me a few pointers of how he fishes Hatchery Creek. He strictly uses the European Nymphing technique. He let me try out his Orvis 10 ft 3 wt. and told me it is what he would use if fishing in the Appalachians, which is probably one of the places I fish most often. I took his advice and went all out, bought one of those Orvis rods, watched many hours of YouTube videos, and bought the proper line and leaders.



So this last weekend (5/9), I heard Sipsey Fork was not generating during the weekend and the weather was really nice. I also wanted to stop by Riverside Fly Shop to pick up some tying materials, support the local business. I decided this would be the perfect weekend to test out that rod. I tied on two flies, a green and a purple, and started fishing. Usually at Sipsey Fork I spend all day trying to catch fish, but the green nymph worked great. I ended up tying two green ones on and caught more fish there than I have anywhere else. I think in the span of an hour and a half, I hooked about 10 and landed maybe 6. It was a lot of fun, went back Sunday and was able to do the same. Attached are some good pictures. The only bad thing about this weekend, was I submerged my phone underwater, so not all photos were able to be backed up!

You can e-mail your picture to [editor@tvff.club](mailto:editor@tvff.club) or [Steve Kerkhof](#). Please include the fisherman's name, body of water, approximate date and any other interesting details.





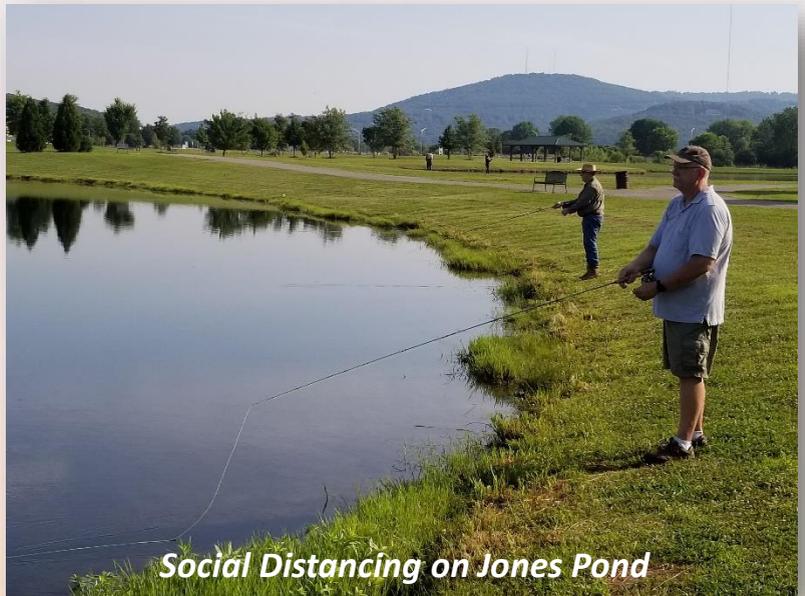
## Fishing Close to Home

Besides getting close to nature and enjoying a few hours of peace and relaxation, fly fishing, especially wade fishing, provides some much needed exercise. After staying at home for what seems to be months, getting some time on local streams and ponds almost feels like going on an trip to a world class destination, and you don't have to worry about the associated expenses.

I managed to fish Aldridge Creek a few times and even went to Donovan Lakes once. All of which were great? Caught fish on every outing, kept my distance from friends and strangers alike but most important, I had a great time and did not bring the virus home.

So, get out, maintain your "Social Distance", enjoy some sunshine and shed those extra pounds you may have gained while "Staying at Home". Don't know where to go? That's easy, just about any body of water holds more fish than you may expect. Watch Orvis's [Urban Fly Fishing](#) video and you'll get the picture.

-Joe



Joe Tremblay offers this **challenge**: Take a selfie with your fish in an urban fishing location and send it to [editor@tvff.club](mailto:editor@tvff.club). Everyone who submits a photo will receive one of Joe's famous white bass poppers. The grand prize winner will receive a Joe's Frog popper. Winners will be announced at the Meeting on June 18.

The new [FFI Online](#) service provides a variety of weekly programs on fly fishing, casting, and tying experts for entertaining and instructive live online discussions and fly fishing talk.



## My Favorite Montana River by Joe Tremblay

I'm fortunate that my wife's brother Mike and his wife Pat live in Butte. I'm especially grateful to Pat for putting up with me while Mike and spend a week on the Big Hole chasing cutthroats, brookies, rainbows, browns, grayling and mountain whitefish.

The Big Hole is my favorite river for several reasons. It is only a short drive from Butte and is not as pressured as other legendary Montana rivers such as the Madison, Jefferson, Yellowstone. But most of all, it's a great dry fly fishery.

In August, you can usually find me on the Big Hole with Mike casting chubby chernobyl at rising fish from dawn till dusk, interrupted only by the morning trico hatch. A hatch so thick, it resembles falling snow and causing fish to cast caution aside.

But this small piece of haven on earth was no accident. It took the cooperative efforts of conservationist, outfitters, land owners and the Montana Fish and Wildlife to save the fishery. Read [Give a Big Hand for the Big Hole](#) for more information on this amazing fishery.



**DELICATE JEWEL** The upper Big Hole holds the last population of fluvial (river-dwelling) Arctic grayling in the lower 48 states.



## Give a Big Hand for the Big Hole

Published on Apr 28, 2020

Applauding the consensus-based, collaborative approach to conserving this premier southwestern Montana trout and grayling river. By Tom Reed. This article appears in Montana Outdoors May-June 2020 issue. Used with permission from of Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks. [Read Montana Outdoors Article](#)

## Note from TVFF Membership Director

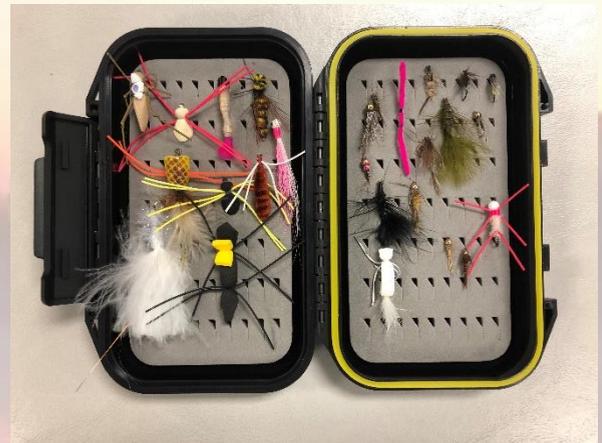
It is time to renew your TVFF/FFI membership. We run on a May 1 renewal schedule for dues. If you need to renew make a check payable to Tennessee Valley Fly Fishers (TVFF) and mail to:  
P.O. Box 12841,  
Huntsville, AL 35815.

Please contact Debbie Hill at [debhill522@gmail.com](mailto:debhill522@gmail.com) with any questions about amount due or when it is due. Remember, dues must be paid through TVFF to be considered a TVFF member and then automatically an FFI member. Debbie checks the PO Box about once a week and will notify you by email when she has received your dues.

Thank you for your patience,  
Debbie

## Casting for Recovery Fly Boxes

The picture shows one of the 14 fly boxes that TVFF donated to Casting for Recovery last year. We would like to do it again. If you are interested then just tie 14 copies of any fly that you'd like to tie. Bring your flies to any club activity and we will get them to Debbie Hill, our Membership Director and a Casting for Recovery volunteer. TVFF will provide the boxes if you provide the flies. **Debbie is accepting cash donations to purchase fly boxes for 2020.** You can find out more about Casting for Recovery here <https://castingforrecovery.org/>. There will be further details about when the flies are needed in a future newsletter.



## Fill-A-Box (When we meet at church)

Faith Presbyterian Church sponsors this program to assist seniors in our community that are identified as food insecure. Please help TVFF support this worthwhile activity by bringing one item from the list below to the next meeting.

- 1 box of low-sugar, high fiber CEREAL
- 1-2 boxes of instant OATMEAL
- 1-2 boxes of BREAKFAST BARS
- 4-5 cans of TUNA, HAM, CHICKEN
- 6-8 cans of low-sugar FRUIT
- 6-8 cans of SOUP
- 6-8 cans of low-salt VEGTABLES
- 3-5 boxes of LOW-PREP MEALS (Hamburger Helper, Mac n Cheese)
- 2-3 bottles/jars of Condiments (mayo, ketchup, oil, etc.)
- 1 jar of PEANUT BUTTER
- 1-2 packs of SNACKS/DESSERT



# Fill-A-Box

# FFI Educational Resources

FFI has started live Zoom webcasts. Some of them are archived at the [FFI site here](#). Use this link to check out all the webcasts including the ones below. If you click on the pictures on the right you go straight to the item. *The Big Fish webcast is only available until June 5.*



CONSERVATION  
**THE MYSTERY OF THE UNDISCOVERED KEYS BONEFISH SPAWNING GROUNDS**



FLY TYING GROUP  
**SOFT HACKLES FOR PAN FISH: A COVID CONFIDENTIAL**



FLY FISHING AROUND THE WORLD  
**ANAA ATOLL - SALTWATER FLY FISHING IN FRENCH POLYNESIA**  
"Anna Atoll - Saltwater Fly Fishing in French Polynesia"



FLY FISHING AROUND THE WORLD  
**BIG FISH AT OUR BACK DOOR - CANADA**

This week on "Currier's Global Fish Quest", FFI Ambassador, Jeff Currier revisits the massive fish in the waters of Canada. Don't miss this opportunity to travel from the comfort of your own home.

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Available until June 5, 2020



FFI LEARNING CENTER: FLY CASTING SERIES  
**BE AN ARCHER WITH YOUR CAST W/ MOLLY SEMENIK**

The FFI Learning Center will present a six-part fly casting series. Molly Semenik will start it off with "Be an Archer with Your Cast: How Accuracy Catches You More Fish." Learning on years of teaching, guiding, and competing Molly has simplified four main concepts and will present them with her moderator and friend Heather Hodson. Stay tuned for more from Bruce Richards, Audrey Wilson, Mary Ann Dozer, Bruce Williams & Whitney Gould.

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# TVFF Job Jar YOU CAN HELP!

Click on a Job listed below and send an email to volunteer or to obtain additional information. This is your opportunity to support TVFF without signing up for a long term commitment. Your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

[Manage the TVFF Job Jar](#) - Update this page monthly and coordinate requests.

[Provide flies for the TVFF Casting for Recovery \(CfR\) Fly Box](#) – Tie or purchase 14 flies of the same pattern for the TVFF CfR Fly Box. Contact the [TVFF program manager](#) prior to selecting the pattern to avoid duplicates. Fly boxes will be donated annually.

CfR provides free healing retreats for women breast cancer survivors in various stages of treatment and recovery. CfR's retreats offer women opportunities to find inspiration, discover renewed energy for life, and experience healing connections with other women and nature.

[Club News Contributor](#) - Provide the Communication Director content of interest geared toward our members such as activities, articles, trip reports, etc.

[Official TVFF Photographer\(s\)](#) - Photograph TVFF events and email photos to the Communication Director.

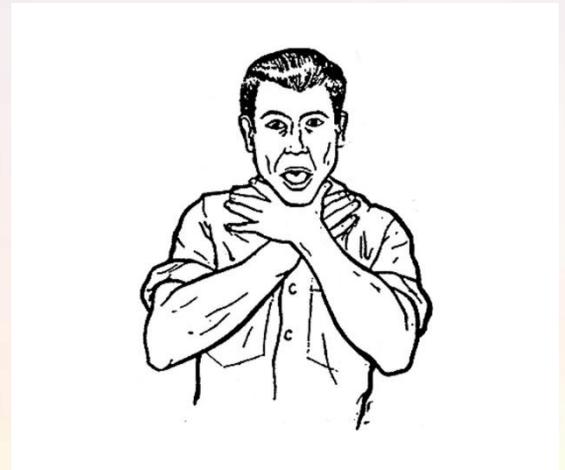
[Safety Pin Flies](#) - Tie some safety pin flies to be given to visitors at TVFF outreach activities. This simple to tie pattern is very popular with younger visitors. Demand is always great and outstrips our supply; we never have enough.

[Manage TVFF Calendar](#) - Update TVFF Google Calendar with events provided by BOD.

## June Funny Holidays

### National Olive Day and National Heimlich Maneuver Day June 1st

Maybe you saw my rant last month about the number of weird holidays that share the same date but are not related in any way. Well, here are two that belong together. Don't celebrate the day by choking on an olive while you slurp the last drop of your martini, just practice the international sign of choking – both of your hands to your throat.



Then brush up on the Heimlich maneuver.



### National Selfie Day June 21

This is convenient. Joe is offering one of his famous bass poppers in the color of your choice, as long as it is white, for anyone who submits a selfie with their fish caught while urban fishing. The TVFF deadline is June 18 so we can only celebrate the spirit of the "holiday".

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"

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