



# TVFF Club News

October 2019



## Program – October 17<sup>th</sup> , 7 pm Annual Membership Meeting

The TVFF Annual meeting will be held on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October at 7PM in room 201.

The main focus of the Annual Meeting is to elect members to serve on the Board of Directors (BOD) and approve the 2020 budget.

This year, the following offices are up for election; Vice President, Secretary, Conservation Director and Education Director. Contact [Joe Tremblay](#) if you are interested in serving on the BOD.

Then after the business is concluded, enjoy a cold soft drink and snacks while mingling with fellow members who will be happy to share information and answer any questions you may have. This will be a great opportunity to talk with members who have been there and done that. You may even find a new fishing companion.

You're also invited to share your visions with BOD members. Let the BOD know what changes you would like to implement, what classes, activities, or outings you would like to see. Your inputs will help TVFF grow and prosper.

Meeting will start promptly at 7PM. You're invited to bring some snacks to share. See you there.

### Flyvines

Flyvines is a company that recycles old fly line to make items such as lanyards, bracelets and dog leashes. Bring your used fly line to the **October Meeting**. TVFF will send what we have collected to Flyvines.

### Updated Fishing Reports

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**Welcome new Member  
Casey Jonas**

**Board of Directors Meeting  
November 7<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 PM Room 201  
Members Welcome**

### This Month's Activities

- Oct 10 Fly Tying - 7pm Room 201
- Oct 12 Fill a Fly Box - 9 AM Rm 201
- Oct 17 Member Mtg- 7pm Rm 201
- Oct 24 Fly Tying - 7pm Room 201
- Nov 2 Aldridge Creek Cleanup 8 AM



### 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.



## TVFF Fly Tying Group

### Chubby Chernobyl – Tyer: Joe Tremblay

**10 October:** A must have fly in any fly box. Although it does not look like any hopper I've ever seen, it sure catches fish. This fly floats high and the double wing makes it easy to see in any water. Joe fished this pattern on the Big Hole River with great success and is positive it will be deadly on local waters. The Chubby Chernobyl can be tie as small as size 14 or a big as size 8 depending on the size or species you are targeting.

**Faith Presbyterian Church, 7-9 PM**

**Cost \$2.00**



### Ruffed Damsel – Tyer: Steve Kerkhof

**24 October:** This fly comes from Justin Hanson at the Toflyfish website. A fellow fisherman gave me one at Donovan Lakes where it proved deadly on large shellcrackers and medium sized bass. It is articulated which should add some interest to the tie. It looks a little sad and beat up in the picture but the fish think it looks just right.

**Faith Presbyterian Church, 7-9 PM**

**Cost \$2.00**



**All are welcomed! Fly tying equipment is available for new tyers. Come and discover the joy of catching fish on a fly you tied or even designed. Join us for 2 hour sessions held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7 PM.**

## Catch of the Month – Pictures from White River Arkansas

The TVFF fall trip to Arkansas was September 7-15<sup>th</sup>. Here are pictures of some of the fish that were caught. By sharing expenses for food and lodging the cost of the trip is very economical.

There are four trout species in the White River. Brown Trout are typically the largest of the four, Rainbows the most plentiful, with Cutthroats and Brook trout rarer. If you catch all four on a single trip it is called a slam. Dick had a slam and Rebecca had two! Steve caught his first brown (not pictured) and also had a slam.



Dick is holding a Bonneville cutthroat. Notice the red slash coloration under the jaw. The black spots concentrated near the tail identify it as a cutthroat from the Bonneville hatchery. The other fish are all brown trout but notice the difference in spot size, shape and coloration. Larry's fish has especially large and colorful spots.

Dick's fish came from the Norfolk River, a tributary that joins the White a few miles downstream from where we stay.



## Fill the Fly Boxes, Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM

TVFF members interested in participating in the final part of the Casting for Recovery project are invited to come to our regular meeting room at Faith Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 12th at 9:00am to "Fill the Fly Boxes." We will prepare the 14 fly boxes for donation to the Alabama Casting for Recovery Retreat being held in Loxley, Alabama, on November 15-17, 2019. Each participant receives a fly box with flies to use and keep.

Thank you to all TVFF fly tiers who donated all of the flies and the generosity of a single anonymous member donating the funds to purchase the fly boxes.

TVFF will be providing coffee and donuts on Saturday, October 12th, for those that are able to participate in the "Fill the Fly Boxes" event. **Hope to see you there!**

**Final Call:** If you still have flies to donate please give them to Debbie Hill by Thursday, October 10th, at TVFF's regular fly tying night or bring them to the "Fill the Fly Boxes" event on October 12th.

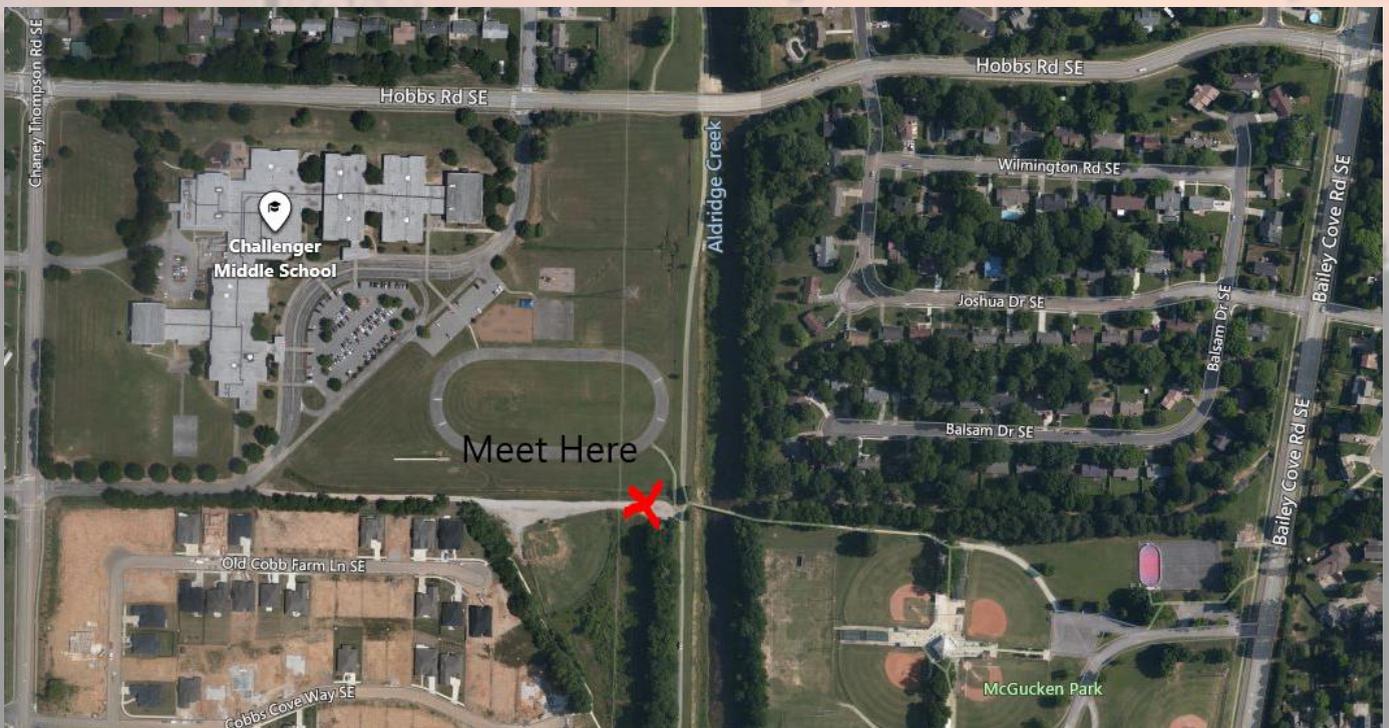
### Mark your Calendar

***TVFF Annual Banquet/Auction November 8, 2019 6:30 PM***

***Faith Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall***

## Aldridge Creek Cleanup November 2<sup>nd</sup>

One of the club's conservation/civic activities is cleanup day at Aldridge Creek. TVFF members waded a section of the creek near Challenger Middle School to remove trash from the creek and its banks. We also need individuals to man the tent to "meet and greet" and answer questions about TVFF. Mark your calendar, we'd love to see you on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meet at 8 AM behind Challenger Middle school located at 13555 Chaney Thompson Rd, Huntsville , AL.





TVFF welcomes our newest sponsor Compass 360, a local company that produces Outerwear, Rainwear and Wade wear products for the U.S. Outdoor, Sporting Goods and Power Sports markets.

Compass 360 also has their own brand available on their website with a whopping 25% discount for TVFF members. You'll find quality waders, wading boots, rain gear and accessories and free shipping on orders over \$50.

For a limited time, Compass 360 is selling last year's models and overstocked merchandise at ridiculously low prices at their Huntsville location on [Short Pike Rd.](#) Wading boots for \$20, waders from \$40 to \$100, rain gear from \$5 are some examples. *\*(Discount does not apply to sale items)*

Don't delay, this sale wont last long.



### Fill a Box

Faith Presbyterian Church sponsors a "Fill a Box" 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



We are excited at Little River Outfitters. Our big event will be here before we know it. If this year is similar to previous years, a few hundred attendees will join over 40 fly tying demonstrators for a Free Weekend of fly fishing and tying fun. You do not need to be a fly tyer, to learn from this event. Fly Tyers Weekend will be held in the Conference Center at Tremont Lodge & Resort in Townsend Tennessee, Saturday and Sunday, November 2nd and 3rd. The event is free to everyone. All you have to do is show up. The lodge is located on the main drag, right in town, near our shop. [CLICK HERE](#) to visit their website.

Make this a Fall fishing vacation. Fly fishing in the Smoky Mountains can be very good in November. Great Smoky Mountains National Park is located 3-miles from the event. There are over 800 miles of fishable wild trout streams in the Park.

Almost all of the fly tyers travel here from the Southeast United States. Some tie and fly fish for trout, others prefer warmwater fly fishing. And, there will be one or two saltwater anglers demonstrating. Up to 35 demonstrators will be tying simultaneously, on both floors of the conference center. There will be one shift change each day. Some tyers will tie during one or more shifts. You can walk around, find someone you want to watch, and pull up a chair. This is a very casual event. Feel free to ask questions about tying or fly fishing.

When you are hungry, the folks at Casting for Recovery will be selling food, each day, to raise money for their great organization. Once you are there, you don't have to leave.

We have a block of rooms held for you at the lodge. Call them to make a reservation, and you will receive a 25% discount. Let them know you are attending or demonstrating at Fly Tyers Weekend to get the discount. The block of rooms will be offered to the public October 1st, so make your reservation soon, to be assured of a room with the discount.

Call 865-448-3200 to make your reservation.

Please plan to join us in early November. Fly Tyers Weekend is always a lot of fun. You will learn so much by attending. You will meet some really nice people too.

We all hope to see you there!

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.



## Touring the West– Joe Tremblay

David Darnell, a seasoned traveler to western waters, Mark King and I flew out of Nashville on an early flight for Montana on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August for an epic tour of the west.

Our first stop was a 4 day camping trip in Yellowstone, after which I would join Michael Pratt in Butte for 2 days on the Big Hole River and a warm bed, while Mark and David continued camping their way to Glacier National Park and on to British Columbia for a guided trip on the famed Elk River.

We arrived in Bozeman after an uneventful flight in time for lunch and a visit to FFI headquarters before heading to Yellowstone. There I had the opportunity to meet and thank Rhonda Sellers for her patience and assistance during our transition to a FFI Charter club.

Rhonda took the time out of her busy day to take me on a tour the FFI museum where I viewed over a hundred fly plates displaying some of the most exquisite flies I have ever seen. Rhonda assured me that this was only a sample of the Fly plates donated to FFI over the years since there was not enough room to display the entire collection. Stop by if you're ever in the area, the FFI staff will be glad to see you.

Following our visit to FFI, we set up camp in the Madison Campground near the West Yellowstone park entrance and spent the rest of the afternoon touring some of the parks 10,000 thermal features, majestic views and wildlife. I was struck by the lack of guardrails on roads and overlooks throughout the park. Notice the lack of railings on the overlook pictured below. Wildlife is not the only danger you'll encounter in Yellowstone.



Old Faithful



Scenic Overlook



Hot Spring

Yellowstone's buffalos must have sensed that this was my first time in the park. They came out in mass to greet me resulting in clogged roads as fellow visitors stopped to take pictures and admire the huge beasts. On one such occasion, 2 young bulls staged a fight in the road blocking traffic for some time. We were actually the second car from the altercation but were able to back off allowing the car in front of us to give the bulls room. No apparent damage was done to either the vehicles or the bulls and traffic resumed after the herd moved on.



The above Elk was one of many that come every evening to graze the lush lawn of the Park Headquarters. We also saw several grizzlies from a safe distance. One of which was claiming a wolf killed buffalo to the objection of the wolf pack. The bear was the clear winner. Unfortunately no pictures were taken since the action was only visible through binoculars. We came by the next day and what was a full grown buffalo was now a brown spot on the valley floor. Undoubtedly, the wolves returned to claim their kill after the bear had its fill.



The next day I awoke to a chilly 35 degree morning, warmed up with a quick cup of coffee before heading out to one of the park's eateries for a hearty breakfast. Breakfast had to last us till dinner since we hiked to fishing locations every day. I made sure I to carry a good supply of water and energy bars to hold me over.



Fishing in the park was a mix of hiking and fishing. Sometimes it was more hiking than fishing. On Tuesday I fished the Lamar River where I caught my first Yellowstone Cutthroat and hiked to Trout Lake located half a mile from the trail head as the crow flies. Half a mile doesn't sound like much except the trail winds up 800 feet only to descend several hundred feet to the lake making the hike much longer. Unfortunately, the fishing in Trout Lake was disappointing but the scenery was magnificent.



Trout Lake



Mark landing a cutthroat on the Lamar River



My First Yellowstone Cutthroat

Wednesday found us hiking to the confluence of the Yellowstone and Lamar Rivers. This time it was downhill for about a mile. That is until the return trip. The small brown dots in the river below are swimming buffalos.



Buffalo swimming across the Yellowstone

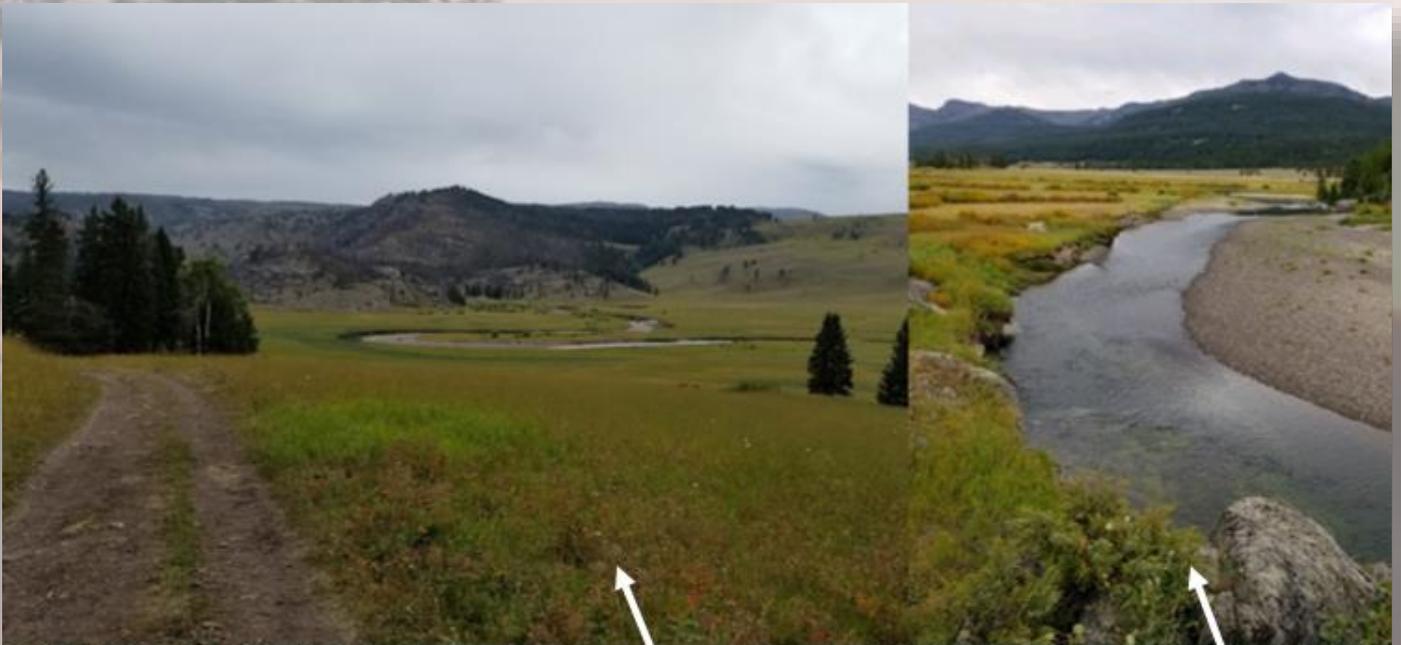


Teamwork result in a nice Cutthroat



Thursday morning, encouraged by my previous hikes and strengthened by steroids, I decided to join David and Mark on a hike to Slough Creek. Having heard much about the high mountain meadows, I was compelled to see for myself. With my backpack containing waders, boots and a good supply of water and protein bars, I set off on the grueling 5 mile hike, climbing over several ridges before finally reaching the 2<sup>nd</sup> meadow.

The high mountain valleys are right out of National Geographic with Slough Creek winding through the grassy meadows. The ideal spot for some hopper fishing, but what a hike. David and Mark caught their share of wild cutthroats while I spent a good part of the time enjoying the view and resting for the trip back. That night I crawled into bed grateful for surviving the hike and knowing that several painful days were sure to follow.





To my surprise, I woke up Friday morning feeling fine. Sure I had some aches and pain, but my sense of accomplishment overshadows any pain I felt. At 73, I had survived Slough Creek!

I was grateful though for a travel day as we broke camp and headed to Butte where we parted ways. I spent the rest of my trip fishing the Big Hole with my brother-in-law Mike Pratt, while David and Mark headed to Glacier National Park and on to British Columbia.

Mike and I are familiar with the Big Hole River. We've fished it several times before but this time we decided to fish the upper sections. We were met by hungry brookies that were eager to take our hoppers, that is, until the trico hatch.

I have never see such a hatch. So thick it resembled snow and every trout in the river was determined to get its share. Mike and I joined in catching mostly brookies with an occasional brown and rainbow mixed in. If your ever in Montana in August, be sure to have a good supply of chubby chernobyl and tricos. I had to go by the Stone fly Shop for more tricos after our first day. \*(Notice short walk from truck to river. A blessing after hiking Yellowstone.)



Big Hole





While Mike and I were enjoying the Big Hole, David and Mark were touring Glacier National Park, fishing the private waters on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation before driving north to Fernie British Columbia for a guided trip on the famed Elk River. Unfortunately, I'm unable to provide more details since I wasn't there, but I may just have to fix that next year.

A great trip, fueled by cool temperatures, beautiful scenery, wild cutthroats, brookies, rainbows and browns. To Horace Greeley's famous quote, "Go west young man", I'll add you're never to old.



St. Mary Lake, Glacier National Park



Blackfeet Indian Reservation



Elk River Cutthroat



# 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.

## October Holidays

### Mole Day

**October 23 from 6:02 AM to 6:02 PM**

No, this day is not for the animal that tunnels in your yard. It is for the unit in chemistry that describes molecules by the number of molecules. The number is Avogadro's number which is  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$ . One mole is  $6.02 \times 10^{23}$  atoms or molecules of a substance.



The holiday was created by Maurice Oehler, a retired chemistry teacher, who was inspired by an article in Science Teacher Magazine. The purpose was to increase science literacy among children.

### National Knock Knock Joke Day October 31

The history of knock knock joke day is not well known but here are a few jokes for you:

Knock knock. Who's there? A little old lady. A little old lady who. I didn't know you could yodel.

Knock knock. Who's there? Figs. Figs who? Figs the doorbell, it is broken.

Knock knock. Who's there? Atch. Atch who? Gesundheit.

Knock knock. Who's there? Honeybee. Honey be who? Honeybee a dear and get the door.





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