



TVFF Club News

December 2023



Christmas Social

Thursday December 21st 7:00 PM

Faith Presbyterian Church, Room 201



The meeting in December will be replaced with the Club's Christmas Social. We will not have a speaker but will have lots of fish stories and refreshments.

This year there will be a Dirty Santa Gift Exchange (AKA White Elephant). Anyone interested in participating in the exchange should bring a wrapped gift (something related to fly fishing worth up to \$20). Come join the fun. [Click here for details.](#)

The Club will provide soft drinks and members are encouraged to bring their favorite munchies to share. See you there!

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This Month

- December 14 – Fly Tying, 7 PM
- December 21 – Xmas Social, 7 PM
- December 28 – No Tying, Merry Christmas!

Officers and Directors

President: Steve Kerkhof
Vice President: Bob Lowery
Secretary: Gary Jedlovec
Treasurer: Dave Bailey
Membership: Debbie Hill
Activities: Larry Hice
Education: Fred Kaufmann
Conservation: Bob Lowery
Communications: Connor Baker

Board of Directors Meeting

The next BOD meeting is February 1, 2024, at 7 p.m. in Room 201.

TVFF Fly Tying Group

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



December 14th, 7 PM
Hollow Fly – Dick Curtis
Cost: \$3.00

Hollow tying is a technique used to create the illusion of bulk and fish-like profiles with minimal material. The tyer can control the bulk and profile flair of materials with the thread. Originally used with bucktail but now synthetics have emerged in use due to their numerous colors and some being water resistant. This has given way to the tying of large baitfish patterns that are easy to cast.

Materials

Hook: Size 2

Thread: White

Synthetic hair: (Congo hair/ Predator fibers/Craft fur)

Flash

Crystal Flash Chenille

Super Glue



December 28th, 7PM

No Tying due to Christmas and New Year!



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 member, Andy King took a nice fishing trip to Arkansas to visit his son. While up there, he fished the White River and other surrounding streams. Looks like a fun trip Andy!



TVFF member, Connor Baker tried his luck on the Coosa River, primarily targeting Striped Bass. It was a slower day than he hoped, but eventually he caught his target fish. It fought hard and was a lot of fun!



November TVFF Recap

TVFF Annual Banquet and Auction

November 10th

We had our annual auction this month! It was a lot of fun, raising a lot of money for the club. Many fish stories were shared and a lot of good items were acquired. Thank you Larry and everyone that made this happen. Also thank you to those that spent money and donated items.





Rosenbauer's Winter Fly Fishing Tips

These are some tips that Orvis fishing guide Tom Rosenbauer himself swears by when Winter fishing for trout. The following excerpt was borrowed from an article on the Orvis website. The original article was written by Tom Rosenbauer and Phil Monahan. It was published to the Orvis website on 22 January 2013. The full article can be found [here](#).

- 1. Pick the right place.** Best winter rivers are Colorado tailwaters like the South Platte, Yampa, Frying Pan, or Gunnison; Montana tailwaters like the Bighorn and Madison; Wyoming rivers like the Snake River in Jackson; Idaho tailwaters like the South Fork and Henry's Fork of the Snake; the Provo and Green in Utah, Great Lakes tributaries, and the upper Sacramento in California. As you can see, a fishing trip can often be combined with a ski trip.
- 2. Slow and deep is best.** Use a strike indicator and weighted fly, or weight on the leader and the high-stick method, which keeps most of your fly line off the water. Dead drift is critical in winter because trout won't chase a fly in cold water.
- 3. Swing with a sinking-tip line.** Although dead-drift nymphing is best, if you prefer to swing a fly for trout or steelhead, use a sinking tip line with a very strong mend at the beginning of the cast so your fly swings slow and deep.
- 4. Look for rises.** Occasionally trout will rise during the winter, almost always to small midges or olive mayflies. A small midge emerger or a tiny olive mayfly emerger will be the only dries you'll need to carry.
- 5. Stay in bed in the morning.** You'll see the most surface activity mid-afternoon on sunny days, or, surprisingly, all day long on gray snowy days without wind.
- 6. Light tippets are usually more productive in winter.** The flies are small and water is clear. I use 6X Mirage for trout fishing and 4X Mirage for steelhead under most conditions.
- 7. Know where the fish hold.** Fish tend to "pod up" in winter in deeper, slower water. Once you catch one try not to disturb the water and continue to fish in the same place. Fish the slow water thoroughly, but move often if you aren't connecting.

Favorite Winter Flies

• Nymphs:

- English Pheasant Tail Nymph sizes 18 and 20.
- Disco Midge sizes 20 and 22.
- Flashback Scud size 16.
- Micro Stone size 14.
- Vernille San Juan Worm.

• Dries:

- ICSI (I Can See It) Midge. Gray, size 22.
- Griffith's Gnat size 20.
- Cannon's Bunny Dun, Baetis. Sizes 18 and 20.

• Streamers:

- Bead Head Flash Zonker White, size 8.
- Moto's Minnow , Dark. Size 10.



Dirty Santa Gift Exchange

Join the fun! Bring a wrapped gift of modest value (\$20 or less), either serious or gag gift, and be prepared to “steal” a more “desirable” gift as the game progresses. Gifts should be suitable for a mixed audience.

The more times a gift is stolen the greater the enjoyment, but remember, after a gift has been stolen 3 times, it's frozen and can no longer be stolen. So there is strategy involved. How to steal the gift you really want on that 3rd and final time?

Each game participant will receive a free ticket for the “Dirty Santa” Gift drawing. So come and join us as we celebrate Christmas in a uniquely fly fishing way.

DIRTY SANTA

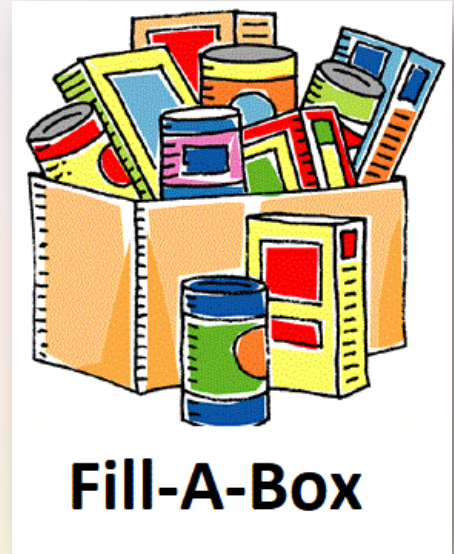
- Place wrapped gifts in the middle of the circle.
- Each guest draws a number.
- #1 chooses a gift, unwraps it, shows it off, and puts it on display. *Gifts must stay in view at all times and remain in their original packaging.*
- #2 chooses to either steal #1's gift or picks a new one.
- #3 chooses to steal #1 or #2's gift or selects a new gift.
- If #3 steals #1's gift, #1 can either steal #2's gift or choose an unopened gift.
- A gift can not be stolen back during the same turn. Example: If #3 steals #2's gift, #2 can not steal the gift back until the next turn.
- A gift can be stolen up to three times before it is frozen. *The gift is frozen with the fourth owner.*
- If #1 has the same gift they started with, *and no one has stolen from them*, they get to trade with any unfrozen gift.
- This is where the game ends! We hope it was filled with lots of laughter!

Ho! Ho! Ho!



Food Drive Box

Faith Presbyterian Church has a community food drive box outside of the church, in their parking lot. This box receives and distributes food staple items to members of the community in need. If you would like to help, please bring non-perishable items to place in the box. Faith Presbyterian Church has generously let us use Room 201 for years. The least we can do is provide food to members of their church community in need.



New TVFF Board Members

During our October TVFF club business meeting, we had an election for several new TVFF Board of Director positions. Thank you to those who accepted the nomination, we greatly appreciate your help. New board members are listed below:

- Vice President – Andy King
- Secretary – Rodney Durrett
- Education Director – Brian Moore
- Conservation Director – Bob Lowery



Atlanta Fly Fishing Show

The Fly Fishing Show is coming back to Atlanta. This is a fun event every year. There are plenty of casting demonstrations, famous tyers and lots of swag. This year's event is February 2, 3, and 4. Kids and military get a discount. For more information, check out their [website](#).



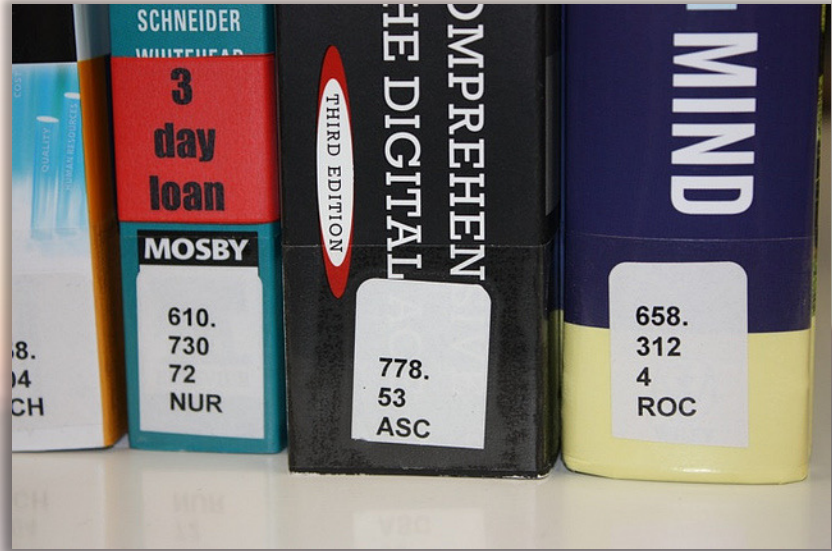
December Holidays

Dewey Decimal System Day December 10

The day is celebrated on the birthday of Melville Dewey, inventor of the library classification system for books of all types. It is certainly more popular with librarians than any other group.

The system uses 10 classes with 10 divisions per class and 10 sections per class. Fly Fishing is in the 700's, part of Arts and Recreation.

Leave a legacy. Develop a similar classification for fly tyers, maybe with the 000 classification for tools and materials, 100's for midges, 200's for nymphs, 300's for streamers, ..., 900's for top water. Then go ahead and label your fly boxes in an organized way.



National Christmas Movie Marathon Day December 23rd

What are your plans over the holidays? Some of us take the week off leading up to and after. If all your shopping is done and you are tired of watching low-tier bowl games, might as well spend Christmas Eve watching your favorite (or not so favorite) Christmas flick. You can start with some of the classics like *It's a Wonderful Life* and *A Christmas Story*, then get into some of the more sillier ones like *Elf* and the new *Grinch* with Jim Carrey. Pretty much anything with Tim Allen will work, and you can always cheat by claiming *Die Hard* is a Christmas movie. My family's personal favorite is *Christmas with the Kranks*. I know I'll be watching it December 23rd.





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