



TVFF Club News

June 2023



June 15th Program

June Picnic, Jones Pond



June is the start of consistently warm weather here in Alabama! It is also the month where days are the longest. Fishing is great this time of year.

In lieu of our guest speaker, we will be having a picnic at [Jones Pond](#), located in Jones Valley, off Four Mile Post and behind Valley Bend Shopping Center. Please bring a chair and a snack to share! Make sure to bring your fly rod and your favorite bass and bream flies! This is a good chance to socialize with other members. We will be meeting at the normal time of 7:00 PM. Look forward to seeing everyone there! The club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, mustard, ketchup, chips, soft drinks and tea.

We will be at the pavilion at the north end of the park, next to the small pond.

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This Month

- June 8 – Fly Tying, 7 PM
- June 15 – TVFF Meeting, 7 PM
- June 22 – Fly Tying, 7 PM

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 August 3, 2023, at 7 p.m. 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 8, 7 PM

The Belle Watling – Debbie Hill

Cost: \$2.00

Good fly for small bass and bream. Look at the nice bass Debbie caught.

Materials

Hook: Daiichi 1710 #10-14

Thread: Orange and/or Yellow 6/0-8/0 or 70 Denier

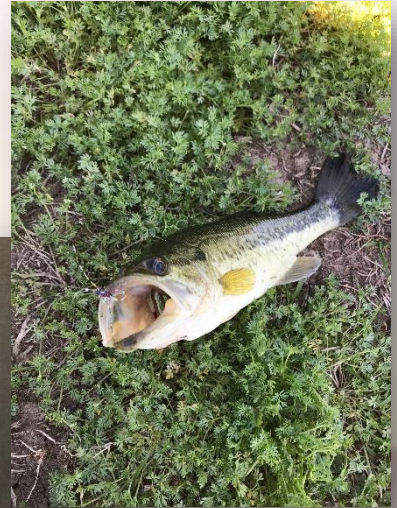
Body: Gold Mylar Tinsel Tag

Ribbing: Fine Gold Wire

Collar: 4 Strand Rayon Floss, Orange or Yellow

Collar: Rainbow Krystal Flash

Head Cement or similar



June 22 7PM

Damsel Fly Nymph – Fred Kaufmann

Cost: \$2.00

Another good pattern for bream and bass.

Materials

Hook: Nymph Hook

Thread: Black or olive 140 denier

Body: Green dubbing

Eyes: Bead chain, damsel eyes, small lead eyes

Tail: Maribou



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

Plenty of good fish were caught this month! The weather has been consistently warm and folks are getting out there to catch fish! If you want to be featured in our newsletter, please send any fish pictures to editor@tvff.club



Larry caught this beauty on Monday evening of the second trip to Donovan Lakes. The scales malfunctioned but it must be in the 7lb range.

Dick caught this 7 lb.2 oz. fish one morning during the second trip. Dick went on both Donovan trips. He would be the first to tell you that fishing was tough the first trip. You can bet this fish made it all worthwhile.





May Meeting Recap

Phil Ekema, District 1 Fisheries Supervisor in the Fisheries Division of Alabama DCNR, was the speaker at the May meeting. He gave an interesting talk on bass fishing in North Alabama. He described the fishery and how it is monitored through creel surveys, net surveys and electro-fishing. He had extensive statistics for research on Pickwick Lake with many charts and graphs. There was a “school” of questions from the audience which means he had our attention and our interest. One stat I remember is that on average it takes 100 hours of fishing to catch a 5 lb. largemouth bass.

Substitute Newsletter Editor

Connor Baker, our Communications Director and newsletter editor, has been overseas on a 3 week vacation. Steve Kerkhof is the substitute editor this month. If you have a newsletter complaint fir the June newsletter you can blame it on Steve.

Vice President Resigns

Vice President Dana Beyerle resigned for personal reasons effective May 3. In accordance with TVFF by-laws the Board of Directors, at the May 4th BOD meeting, selected Bob Lowery to fill the vacant position. Bob will also continue his duties as Conservation Director. Bob accepted the VP job with the understanding that it is temporary and a candidate for VP will be found to replace him. The duties are to perform the duties of the President if he/she is unavailable and to arrange speakers for the monthly meetings. If you are ready to serve the club in a leadership role then talk to Steve Kerkhof or any Board Member.

FFI Southeastern Council

Fishing the Waters of the Southeastern Council - Rosman, NC

Please join us on JUNE 9-11 for our next FISHING THE WATERS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN COUNCIL trip to Rosman, NC (near Brevard). We will be having a fishing class on Friday night with **Headwaters Outfitters**, and then spending the weekend floating and wading for bass and trout around the Davidson and French Broad River areas. Our last event was a lot of fun, so put this on your calendar for June and we'll see you there! [Click for event page.](#)

Donovan Lakes Trips

The club hosted 2 trips 2 Donovan Lakes in Marion AL this year. The first was May 11-17. The second was May 22-26. Weather conditions were very different, the first trip was hot with temps getting to 90 for a couple of the days. The second trip was cooler with morning temps in the 60's and afternoon temps in the low to mid 70's. The fish barely cooperated on the first trip with low catch rates and most fish in the 1 to 2 pound range. There was a morning bite some mornings but almost never an evening bite. The second trip was a mix but generally better than the first in both morning and evening bites. Here are some more pictures





Donovan Lakes Trips

Steve and Tom spent an afternoon bream fishing off the dock at Swamp Lake. There are some really big bream. Dave with a small bass. These photos are from the second trip.



Donovan Lakes Trips

Bill and Fred were on the first trip. We found time for bream fishing one afternoon



Above Left: Bill 3+ lbs. from first trip

Left: Bill and Fred having fun with bream off Donovan dock at ramp

Above Right: Steve's 5 lb 7 oz. personal best from second trip, fishing alone.

(Possibly) Record Breaking Lake Trout Landed in Colorado

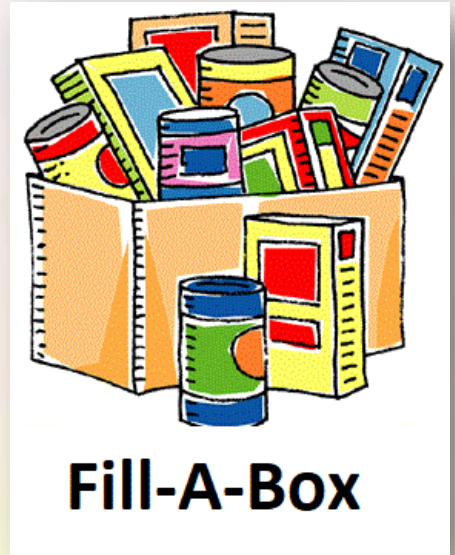
The following article is from Fly Lords Magazine, authored by Dan Zazworsky. Entire article can be found [here](#).

Early May, angler Scott Enloe landed a massive Lake Trout. The fish was caught in a reservoir somewhere in Gunnison County, Colorado (guess they don't want us to know). Enloe was using a jig set up. In all the fight with this fish took around 15 minutes. This behemoth trout had a girth of 37 inches and weighed over 73 pounds. The current Lake Trout record is just over 50 pounds, so if certified by the state board, this trout should easily break that record. Look at this monster below!



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.



Hats for Sale

Hats are back! Depending on your style, we have two options. A cotton lower profile charcoal colored hat, and a dark green olive colored trucker hat! A picture of each hat is below and Debbie is modeling the green one. Each hat is \$20, and all money goes towards the club. Get yours just in time for Spring fishing. Who knows, it might even be your lucky hat! See David Bailey, Connor Baker, or Debbie Hill to get yours.



Click the picture on the left to go to the FFI website for more details on the 2023 FFI Fly Tying Group Rendezvous
Where: Branson, Missouri
When: Sept 14-16, 2023

June Holidays

International Axe Throwing Day

Date celebrated: June 13th

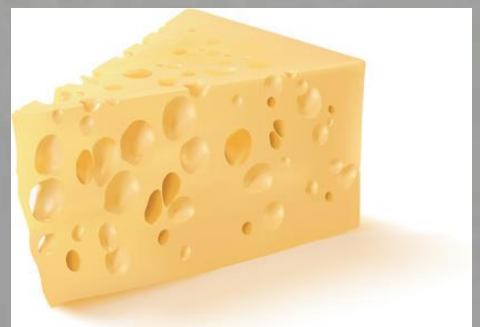
Celebrated annually on the 13th of June, International Axe Throwing Day is a day for fellow axe throwers to rejoice in the sport of axe throwing! A once Canadian backyard pastime is now sweeping the globe! Axe throwing has become a popular sport, mostly due to the fact that it's unique, fun and a sport that everyone can enjoy! There are at least three places in Huntsville to try out axe throwing, but if you're superstitious you might not want to try it on the 13th. What could go wrong?



National Cheese Day

National Cheese Day is an unofficial holiday which falls on June 4th and celebrates one of mankind's favorite all-time foods: cheese. On this day, people all over the world are encouraged to enjoy cheese in any of its many forms. Just be sure that you don't mix this holiday up with other cheese related holidays such as National Grilled Cheese Day, National Cheese Pizza Day or National Cheese Lover's Day. After all, that wouldn't be proper cheese etiquette.

- The European Union is the top producer of cheese in the world
- The U.S is the second top producer of cheese in the world
- Wisconsin produces the most cheese in the U.S
- On average, the French consumes about 60 pounds per person
- Germany comes in second with 53 pounds of cheese consumed per person
- Americans only consume about 34 pounds of cheese per person
- Parmigiano-Reggiano, Camembert and Bavarian Swiss are the top cheeses in the world



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