



TVFF Club News

November 2019



Annual Banquet and Auction Friday November 8th, 6:30 PM Faith Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

Registration at 6:00, dinner at 6:30. The auction to follow dinner. The cost is \$10.00 for adults, no charge for children under 12. Friends and family are welcome. Arrive a little early if you'd like to help set up.

The recipient of the Johnny Chamness award for service to the club will also be announced.

You will be getting a call from a Board member so we can get a headcount before we order the food. You can also e-mail, by Nov 2, a reservation to [Larry Hice](#) including the number of adults and the number of children under 12. The dinner menu is a turkey and dressing holiday meal catered by Smokey's BBQ. You can bring a dessert to share if you'd like.

We will be accepting food donations for the Faith Presbyterian Church Fill-a-Box program to assist seniors in need (see [pg. 7](#) for a list of suggested items).

The banquet replaces our program for November. There will not be a meeting on the third Thursday this month.

Board of Directors Meeting November 7th

The quarterly Board Meeting will be held November 7th at 7:00 PM in Room 201 of the church. Members are welcome. Newly elected officers/directors are encouraged to attend.

Updated Fishing Reports

[Great Smoky Mountains National Park](#) – Little River Outfitters (Daily)
[White and Norfolk Rivers](#) – Cotter Trout Lodge (Weekly)

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No New Members This Month

Board of Directors Meeting
November 7th
7:00 PM Room 201

This Month's Activities

- Nov 2 Aldridge Creek Cleanup 8 AM
- Nov 7 Board of Directors mtg.
- Nov 8 **Annual Banquet/Auction**
- Nov 14 Fly Tying - 7pm Room 201
- Nov 21 No Program this month
- Nov 28 No fly tying (Gobble, Gobble)



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

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will only be one session in November. Larry Hice and Joe Tremblay have teamed up to demonstrate two great flies, a pheasant tail nymph and a bloodworm.

8 February- Featured Tyers: Larry Hice & Joe Tremblay

Cost: \$2.00

Frenchie Nymph:

While passing through Bristol, Virginia, Larry stopped by Mountain Sports Ltd. It's a fantastic outdoor shop and he visits the shop every time he's in the area. Through his frequent stops he's gotten to know the head fly fishing guide, Jimmy Cheers.

On a recent visit, Larry found Jimmy tying a bead head pheasant tail type fly on a size #18 nymph hook for an upcoming guide trip on the South Holston River. Jimmy indicated that frenchie nymphs were a good substitute for a conventional pheasant tail and much easier to tie. Although they can be tied in a variety of colors, according to Jimmy the secret sauce is a brown UV Ice Dub collar.

Bloodworm:

On a recent outing to a small local pond, Joe discovered the fish had developed a severe case of lock jaw. After having every dry fly in his box ignored, he decided to tie on a dropper. Not a fan of midges, he was amazed to see how eagerly the bream were taking a bloodworm and now wants to share his newfound respect for the midge.

They are an important fly since they are the start of the emerging form of a midge which is the only fly to hatch 365 days per year.

Bloodworms are blood red in color and are a great fly for all species. They get their color from the oxygen and hemoglobin held within their bodies. Bloodworms should be fished deep which is where the natural bloodworm will be found.



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.

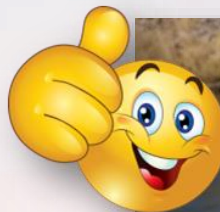
Catch of the Month

Here is a “local” rainbow from the Elk River in Tennessee, just below Tim’s Ford dam. It was caught by David Darnell one day last week. I haven’t fished the Elk but it looks like I should.

You can e-mail your picture to editor@tvff.info or Steve Kerkhof. Please include the fisherman's name, body of water, approximate date and any other interesting details. Please provide the same information that you like to see when you read Catch of the Month

Tennessee Non-Resident License Info

<https://www.tn.gov/twra/license-sales/fishing-licenses.html>



Nonresident Fishing Licenses

Type	Description	Cost
070	Jr. Hunt/Fish Required for nonresidents age 13-15, fishing and small game only	\$11.00
076	Annual Fishing - No Trout	\$50.00
077	Three-Day Fishing - No Trout	\$20.50
078	Three-Day Fishing - All Species	\$40.50
079	Ten-Day Fishing - No Trout	\$30.50
080	Ten-Day Fishing - All Species	\$61.50
081	Annual Fishing - All Species	\$99.00

October Annual Meeting Report

The TVFF annual meeting was held October 17th. TVFF Directors serve staggered 2 year terms. The main business was election of 4 officers for the 2020-2021 term. All positions were unopposed and elected by unanimous acclimation. Congratulations, welcome and thank you to the new and returning Officers and Directors:

Vice President: Connor Baker

Secretary: David Hatfield

Education Director: Fred Kaufmann

Conservation Director: Corey Pedigo

The 2020 budget was also approved. Details are available in the Minutes, which will be published on the website.



TVFF Annual Banquet/Auction for 2019

Mark Your Calendar

Our annual banquet/auction will be held on Friday, November 8th with registration beginning at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. The auctioneer will be Mr. Victor Luna who has called the last several TVFF auctions.

For our new members, the annual banquet is a special time to get as many of our family and friends together to share an evening of good food and fellowship. After the meal we hold an auction to raise money for the club.

Banquet/Auction Overview

Upon arrival you will check-in at the registration table at the entrance, pay for the banquet and obtain your assigned number/paddle for the auction and receive a free Participation Award ticket for a chance to win this year's new TFO Axiom fly rod and reel, a \$660.00 value. You'll have the opportunity to renew your membership and obtain tickets for the cup drawing of smaller prizes to be drawn during the auction.

Then find yourself a table/seating for the banquet. Following the banquet, the auction will commence, and items will be bid upon by the membership using the numbered paddles obtained during check-in. Following the live auction we will draw for this year's Participation Award.

Following the auction, all auction acquisitions will be totaled per paddle number and each member will pay for his/her total purchases (checks or cash, please).

Desserts

Please bring a dessert! We have many bakers and chefs with remarkable talent. Having so many wonderful desserts to sample really makes our banquet special. This is our club. Let's support this fun event to ensure our continued success.

NOTE: To assist in room set-up and clean-up before & after the Banquet/Auction some volunteers will be required. Please contact Larry Hice lhice@plasticfusion.com if you can be available for assistance in this area.

The Auction

This annual auction is a primary source of funds for the club. Without the generous support of you, the members, we would not be able to have the quality programs and activities that we enjoy during the year.

The TVFF Annual auction provides our members the opportunity to obtain some great items at fantastic prices. Past auctions have included, in addition to fishing related items, tools, clothing, sun glasses, books, household items and just about anything that members no longer had a need for.





Auction in Progress (Notice the smiling faces)

Please Donate Items

First, we need donated items to be in the raffle and auction. Many of our members purchase items and donate them, others make items to be sold, others donate items of value that they have either outgrown, replaced or no longer have a use for and still others donate cash.

No matter the type or size, your donations are greatly appreciated and qualify as a tax exempt charitable donation.

To donate, contact Larry Hice lhice@plasticfusion.com or bring your items to the auction.

In the past we have had corporate donations from FFI, Wapsi, Dally's Fly Shop, Wishes & Fishes Fly Shop and 20/20 Eye Care and others.

Second, we need you to bid and buy the items. It is all done in fun while helping the club. And you can obtain some nice items in the exchange.

Banquet/Auction Location

The banquet will be at Faith Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, **Friday** night, **November 8th at 6:00 pm**. This is the site of our current meeting place. We will have a catered meal, with members paying \$10 per adult while the club pays for the kids under 12.

Remember the Banquet/Auction replaces our normal 3rd Thursday meeting for November. Also, the December meeting will be a social event only (no program) with drinks and snacks supplied. All you need to bring is yourself and the normal boastful stories from the past year to share.



Casting for Recovery

Thanks to our members who tied and donated flies and the volunteers who helped place flies into fly boxes that will be given to each CFR participant. TVFF provided fourteen fly boxes for the Casting for Recovery event in Alabama last month. Thanks to Debbie Hill (photographer) who spearheaded this effort.

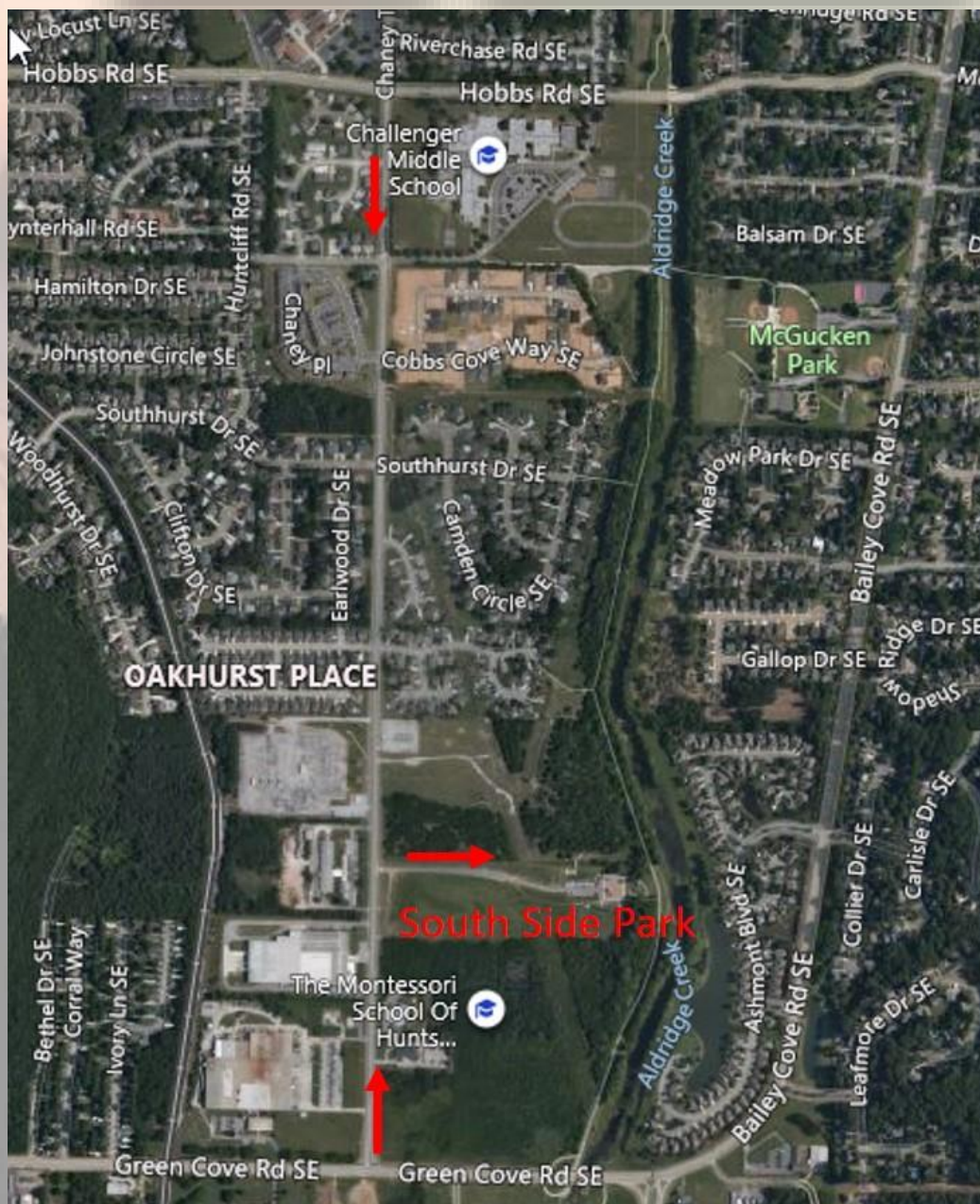


Aldridge Creek Cleanup Saturday November 2nd

One of the club's conservation/civic activities is the Adopt A Stream 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 2nd.

Change to meetup place:

We will meet at South Side Park at 8:00 AM. The entrance to the park is off of Chaney Thompson Rd between Hobbs Rd and Green Cove Rd in SE Huntsville





Flyvines Collection

To the right is used fly line collected by TVFF that won't end up in the landfill. It has been sent to Flyvines, a Montana company that "upcycles" used fly line into bracelets, lanyards, dog collars, sunglass straps and other useful items that give used fly line a second life.



Fill-A-Box

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

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[FFI's Top 10 Photo Tips for Great Fishing Photos](#)



FFI'S TOP 10 TIPS FOR GREAT FISHING PHOTOS

The following are some tips for taking better fly fishing photos.

What makes a good and bad photo is admittedly subjective. This document has been developed to provide you some tips regarding what photos FFI is looking for use in our messaging. We are most interested in photos that express the spirit and values of FFI and capture what we all love about fly fishing.

These tips are intended to offer only quick advice, and in no way represent in-depth instructions. We'd recommend doing online research or taking classes if you want to take the next steps.

We are assuming that you already know the basics — how to focus, set the exposure, and operate the other basic controls on your camera.

Here are ten tips for you to consider.

1. TELL ME A STORY

FFI considers fishing the experience more than just the fish.

Therefore, the best photos aren't just of someone holding out a fish, grip 'n' grin style. Sure that makes a fine memory, but we've all seen lots of those. The best photos, in our opinion, tell a visual story — or even better, more than one story. And it doesn't have to show fish or fishing to be a great fishing photo!

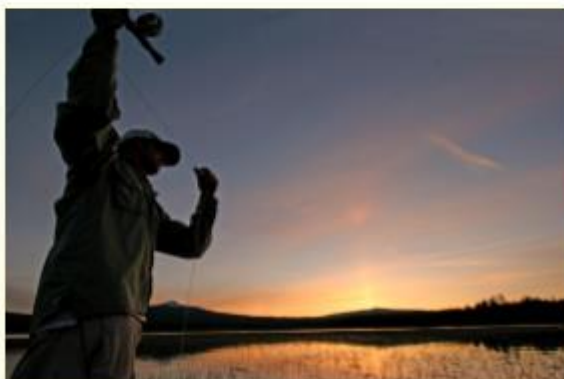


More "Story" photo examples...



2. GO TO THE LIGHT

Set that alarm, or stay out through sunset — early and late light typically offers the best photo opportunities. Just interesting midday light can work, certainly, but great or dynamic light will greatly help you get a great shot.



3. A LITTLE MYSTERY

Another characteristic of a great image is having some sense of mystery, or making you wonder if there is more to the story. What happened next? What's happening here? What are they fishing for? A little mystery makes a photo more appealing.



4. RULE OF THIRDS

Imagine your viewfinder is divided into thirds, vertically and horizontally. Try to place your main subject at one of the four points of intersection or on one of the lines that result from this division. Typically that means that you don't center the subject. The subject may be a person, a boat, a fish (focus on the eye!), or anything else you find of interest. If you have more than one subject, place each at a different intersection point. Some modern cameras and phones have an option to show the thirds grid in the viewfinder if you need more help.



5. PLANES, TRAINS, AND RODS & REELS

Consider having gear in the shot, or fly boxes, or forms of transportation, not just fish and people. It can add more to the storyline.



6. THE PILLARS

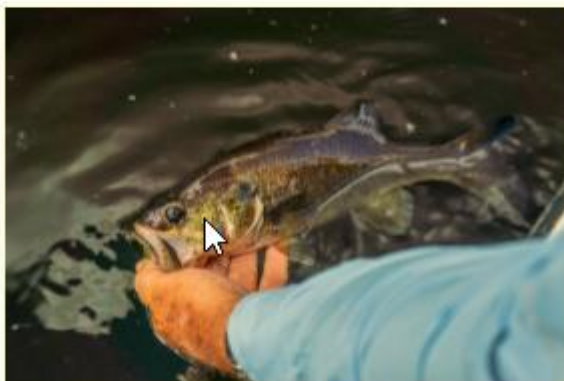
Conservation, education, community: these are the FFI pillars, and if a photo can capture and/or convey one or more of these, great! Keep in mind it's less important to literally show 'conservation' versus having a photo that is dynamic and interesting, and maybe more subtly suggests conservation. And 'community' could easily be captured in an interaction among fly fishers, tiers, or casters — no actual fish or fishing in the shot at all.



7. KEEP EM WET

FFI's official position is to follow the principles of the "Keep Em Wet" philosophy when taking fish photos. Basically keep the fish in or near the water as much as possible, handling the fish gently, and be quick on your photos. Get more info at

<https://www.keepemwet.org/>



8. SHOOTING TYING

Like fishing photos, the best tying photos have more than just a closeup of the fly. Try interesting light, get people in them, give it some context, tell a story, show us what makes fly tying fun and interesting!



10. BIGGER IS BETTER

Most phones take images with large enough resolution to be usable for the web or social media (assuming you have the phone's settings on highest quality). Generally, photos that are at least a few megabytes in file size are one reliable indication they are higher resolution. Modern phones can produce great photos, but may struggle in low light. Open up a photo from your phone on your computer and you'll probably see the difference. Certainly using a "real" camera gets better quality, especially for print and desktop screens, but phone cameras do get better and better.

Oh, and you can't just "add" resolution to a small photo — you can downsize, but not upsize. Photoshop seems to give you an option to do that, but the original photo out of your camera has a certain amount of information, you can't just add to it and expect to maintain clarity, etc.

Most importantly — have fun out there!



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.

November Holidays (One real and one not)

America Recycles Day November 15th

This holiday was created in 1997 by the National Recycling Coalition. There has been a recent change to the recycling program for Huntsville, Madison and Madison County. The three have joined together to form RANA, Recycling Alliance of North Alabama. The recycle bins are now a large blue trash can and the pickup has changed from weekly to once per month.

The list of acceptable materials has also changed. For more information and to order your cart go to <https://recycling-alliance.com/>.



National Statistics Day

November 31st

Statistics in the modern sense began with the posthumous publication of the work of the Swiss mathematician Jacob Bernoulli in 1713. He asked himself a question about polling. How many people would you need to poll to make an accurate prediction about the results of an upcoming election? While people still wrestle with that question there is no shortage of statistical information in the news and in sports. The disciplines of Analytics and Data Science attempt to turn data into statistics that can be used to guide decisions.

For many years baseball was the king of sports statistics but it has spread to golf, football and many other sports.

My mother-in-law used to say that figures don't lie but liars figure. One wag stated that 98% of statistics are made up.

My statistics say that the probability of this being read is less than 5% with a confidence of 90%.



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