



TVFF Club News

September 2016



God, grant that I catch a fish
So big that even I
When speaking of it afterwards
Will have no need to lie!

The September TVFF club meeting, Thursday September 15th, has been designated as our annual Swap Meet.

Beginning at 7:00 pm, the Swap Meet will replace our normal club program.

The Swap Meet is opened to all comers and is a great opportunity to swap or sell your excess gear or to find that "must have" item you've been looking for.

In addition fishing and fly tying items to past items included, Tools, camping, boating, hunting gear and a never ending supply of fish tales.

This Month's Activities

- 8 Sept- Foam Fly Series, 7pm room 201
- 15 Sept -  TVFF Club meeting, 7pm room 201
- 22 Sept -  Aldridge Creek Clean-Up



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Participation Award

You could be the lucky WINNER!
Get your free ticket at any qualifying event



** Must be a TVFF member to be eligible

Fly of the Month

Foam Fly Series continues with 2 tying sessions this month.

The fun continues on the 8th with the assembly of our foam press and making custom foam blocks from craft foam. Not only is craft foam inexpensive and locally available, it is available in a variety of thickness and colors .

On the 22nd , We will be cutting and shaping and painting popper heads for use in next month sessions.



A limited number foam sheets will be available at cost for those in need.

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

TVFF member Invited to IFFF International Fly Fishing Fair

Ted Crona, a fourteen year member TVFF member and past member of the TVFF Board of Directors, was a featured tier at the IFFF International Fly Fishing Fair in Livingston, MT on August 4-6, this year.

Ted conducted 2 seminars on "Married Wing Wet Flies" and did tying demos for 2 days. The Colonel Fuller (see attached photo) is one that Ted tied on August 4th at the fair.

One of Ted's framed flies was chosen for the live auction on Friday night. It was "Bargain Night" in Montana with Ted's fly plate selling for a mere \$75, Mike George's 2009 Mustad National Winner in a beautiful frame only went for \$150 (originally purchased for \$500) and a weeklong Atlantic salmon fishing vacation in Maine, including guide, only brought \$200.

Also present at the fair were representatives of Olympic Peninsula Fishing Innovations (OPFI), a small non-profit organization that designs and produces unique and adaptive devices that allow individuals with physical limitations to participate in fly-fishing and fly-tying. The products are available at no charge to anyone who could benefit from the adaptive design.



OPFI hopes these products can bring independence, peace, and a little fun to those facing a challenging recovery. OPFI believe fly-fishing and fly-tying are relaxing activities that hold recreational and therapeutic value and can help someone battling PTSD, depression, and hopelessness by healing the mind, body, and spirit.





Wanted – A Few Good “BOD’s “

The key to having a successful and enjoyable club is membership involvement. The greater the involvement the better the club can cater to the needs and wishes of its members. Currently the decision making rests with the 9-member Board of Directors (BOD), most of whom have served multiple terms in multiple positions, and is in need of some new members. New BOD members bring with them renewed enthusiasm, new and fresh ideas that are critical in the management of the club business, activities and events.

The BOD meets quarterly to address the club’s business and activities planning. Board members serve a 2 year term of office with half the board elected each year to provide continuity. Nominations are required for the club officer positions of **President, Treasurer, Communications, Membership** and **Activities Director**.

Now is time to step forward and help shoulder some of the club’s needs. Nominations for the above positions will be accepted through the October meeting. Ballots will be sent out to the membership in late October with election results published by mid-November.

Please consider offering some of your time to furthering the management & operation of TVFF by placing your name in nomination for one of the above positions.

Your participation is not only welcomed and appreciated, it’s needed.

The Board of Directors

TVFF Annual Swap Meet @ the September Club Meeting

The September TVFF club meeting, Thursday September 15th, has been designated as our annual Swap Meet for 2016. Beginning at 7:00 pm, the Swap Meet will replace our normal club program.

The Swap Meet allows members and visitors an opportunity to swap or sell items they no longer use. Numerous items are generally available and address most aspects of fly fishing. In the past we’ve had rods, reels, fly lines, wading packs & gear, clothing, fly tying supplies, etc. Items unrelated to fly fishing (i.e., hunting, boating, tools, etc.) are also encouraged.



Find an interested party and let the swapping or selling begin. Your items may find new life in a new home. Who knows, you may even come across that **“must have”** item you’ve been looking for. You can be sure of one thing; there will be an ample supply of fish tales to go around. Come, bring what you may and enjoy the evening.

Note: Items not swapped or sold make excellent donations for the annual TVFF Buffet and Auction held in November.

The TVFF Fly Tying Group – Foam Fly Series

Tying foam flies is fun and easier than it looks.

August was a “Bass” bug month beginning with Joe Tremblay tying a Gurgler, his go-to fly for creek bass, and a Master Splinter Mouse fly. Both of which have accounted for numerous largemouth, spotted and redeye bass found in our local creeks and small rivers.

The addition of a new club computer and digital camera provided a detail view of Wayne Causey and Debbie Hill’s vise as they tied two variations of the famous Stealth Bomber.



A longtime club big bass favorite, the Stealth Bomber has accounted for more 5+ lbs bass than any other fly and should be in every fly box. Effective in every color under the sun, the large profile, distinguishing gurgle and bubble trail makes it irresistible to BIG BASS.

TVFF “Adopt a Stream” Aldridge Creek Clean-up

Thanks to everyone who donated Saturday to TVFF and Operation Green Team. Despite the heat and humidity, all worked very hard, as evidenced by the numerous full trash bags that lined the walkway. I am amazed each year to see what comes out of the creek!

As in years past, we had several people stop to thank us for our efforts; and this project remains an excellent positive outreach effort for our club.

Attached is the group photo of the volunteers, less Fred Kaufman, who had to leave as soon as the work was complete.



Volunteers included: Joe Tremblay, Debbie Hill, Brian Bouma, Fred Kaufman, Richard Curtis, Pat Hjelm, Tom Wallace, Corey Pedigo, Rebecca Pedigo, Luis Mattos, JJ Yount, Bob Lowery, Bob Fitzgerald, Larry Hice and Greg Freese.

The success of club activities relies upon participation from members like these; and I greatly appreciate their willingness to be a part of this year’s Clean-Up!

Larry Hice
Activities Director





Swing it! Spey streamer fly fishing tips.

Written by *Stephen Nymick*

Reprint from Flymen Blog. A click on Flyman logo will take you to their website.

Everyone has their own style of fishing whether it be with a spinning rod or a fly rod.

Those of us who choose to pick up a fly rod also have our little own niches we choose to stick with.

This time of year bombards us with ample opportunities to catch fish on a variety of dry flies from Drakes and Salmonflies to the smaller Blue Winged Olives and Trico's.

Unfortunately, we tend to put our streamer boxes aside during this time of year and stick to more traditional approaches.

Yes, it's exhilarating to watch that giant brown trout come to the surface and take your size 18 dry fly as you fish a tail out of a pool or a nice steady run, but what's more heart pumping than watching that same giant fish chase your 4" to 8" streamer from bank to bank and demolish your fly on the strip or the end of your swing?

What's unique about streamers is that year round across the continental U.S., you're able to fish streamers in some sort of form in any given water condition. Streamer fishing generally targets the larger and more aggressive fish, which enables fly anglers to experience epic grabs.

Optimize your gear and equipment.

In today's fly fishing industry, there's an insane amount of gear and equipment readily accessible to the average fly angler that can instantly give them a greater opportunity to catch the fish of a lifetime.

When streamer fishing, a faster-action rod is generally preferred to be able to punch large streamers through heavy winds.

Most of the time, the type of fly line you are using can dictate whether or not you are able to reach out and make longer casts to that fish as it waits behind that eddy or in front of that log jam.

When considering line types for streamer fishing, consider branching out and trying a Skagit Line system composed with a shooting head. These shooting heads make longer casts much easier to accomplish, especially in heavy winds.



The guys at [Olympic Peninsula Skagit Tactics](#) offer a fantastic product that offers insane line distance with little to no room needed to load and cast the line.

A Skagit line paired with a sink-tip leader can be absolutely deadly when streamer fishing. You no longer need to add heavy split-shot that alters the natural movement of your fly.

These Skagit lines can be paired with your single handed big game rods all the way down to your 3 wt trout rod.

Read the water.

First and foremost, the ability to read and interpret water is essential to having a successful day on the stream.

If you plan on spending your day streamer fishing, understand and think where baitfish would dwell within the stream.

Focus on structures within the stream such as logjams, runs, cut banks, tail outs and eddies. These are great places to find aggressive fish that are waiting to crush your large streamer.

Present your fly softly.

When making a cast, you want to make your presentation as soft on the water surface as possible. One bad clunky cast can end your opportunity on that fish.

Granted, there are times when your fly smacks the surface and instantly you receive that take. Generally speaking, the softer the presentation the better off you'll be.

Movement and action of your fly could be the difference as to whether or not that fish will take your fly. Streamer fishing enables you to strip and/or swing your fly depending on your preference.

When stripping the fly, don't be afraid to get aggressive.

Flies such as Tommy Lynch's Drunk and Disorderly and other flies that create friction in the water column really attract predatory fish. The dunk and dive action of the fly imitates a wounded fish, which triggers the instinct of most fish species to take the fly.

Don't be afraid to leave your comfort zone.

Ultimately, fly fishing is all about having fun, right? If you want to go out and have a good time just by catching fish any way you can, there's nothing wrong with that.

There comes a point in every angler's life when they want to push the limits and try new ways of fishing. Sometimes we can be afraid to do so because we all remember what it was like to be a rookie angler on a stream not knowing what we were doing. The fear of change is something that impacts each and everyone of us in some way.

There are a plethora of streamer tactics and techniques you can use next time you're out on the water. For those of you who aren't afraid to try new things, here are some last-minute tips to remember that could be beneficial.



Micro intruder tied on the new [Fish-Skull Senyo's Micro Shank](#). Visit [Pennsylvania Fly Co.](#) to get an intruder like this.



When tying streamers, in terms of material use always remember "less is more." You can achieve more action with your fly using less materials. Proper placement and specific materials allow for great movement and articulation, which should be the ultimate goal.

Be open to try new methods. There are countless materials such as synthetics and realistic materials that really increase your chances of catching fish. For example, if you're a trout junkie and love catching trout on streamers, try tying your favorite sculpin pattern on Senyo's new [Micro Shank](#) with a trailer hook.

Instead of stripping your fly, swing the sculpin deep through a run and wait for that trout to aggressively take your fly. Before you know it, you'll be addicted to swinging flies and you'll buy yourself your first switch rod or spey rod.

Big fish did not get big just by eating little nymphs and dry flies. There's a reason why that fish is the biggest fish in the pool. Tie yourself a 4"-6" streamer and throw it out there.

You'll be surprised when a brown trout not much bigger than your fly decides he's hungry.

Stephen Nymick owns and operates [Pennsylvania Fly Co.](#), a company that allows anglers to place completely custom fly orders for exactly what sizes and color patterns they want based on what species they're throwing line at. He began fly fishing at just 7 years old on his local streams in Western Pennsylvania. The day his father took him out to get his first fly rod, he also came home with his first fly tying kit. For the early part of his fly fishing career, he went back and forth between stripping woolly buggers and dead-drifting minnows on his fly rod for trout – yes... Minnows. Stephen started his own business selling his fly patterns commercially while in college. His college years took him near Erie, PA where fished tributaries of the Great Lakes frequently, dialing in his patterns for steelhead. He even did his senior thesis on steelhead, which enabled him to fish several days a week for class. Within a short time, Stephen's passion for swinging flies on a spey rod for steelhead really became an obsession and addiction. To him, there's nothing more exhilarating than catching giant anadromous fish on large articulated streamers. Now, Stephen's passion is evolving around teaching new anglers about swinging flies on Skagit line for trout back on his local waters in Western PA. What really drives his passion for tying is hearing success stories and memories made from his clients using his patterns. You can follow Stephen on Instagram [@stephennymick](#).



The new [Fish-Skull Senyo's Micro Shank](#) is designed for sparse streamer designs.





Highlights of the August Board of Directors Meeting

The TVFF BOD met on the 4th of August. All BOD members and several club members were present. All TVFF members are encouraged to attend Club BOD meetings. Your inputs provide valuable guidance to board members.

The following motions were made and carried:

- Purchase a laptop capable of interfacing with the flat screen TV
- Purchase a storage cabinet capable of holding the two club fly plates and other items used at club meetings
- Pay WIX annual fee for website
- Obtain a TVFF mailbox from Wix

The following items were discussed;

Membership pins, placing TVFF brochures at the Huntsville Visitors center, upcoming banquet, club library, lifetime memberships, club credit card, backup for the Club News and website and club picnic.

The following members who volunteer to assist with club business. Their contributions will provide continuity and improve club services. Thanks for your contribution to our club.

- Bill Pittenger volunteered and was quickly appointed as Club Librarian.
- Corey Pedigo volunteered to assist and provide backup for the Club News and the TVFF website.

A copy of the BOD meeting minutes is available @ <http://www.tennesseevalleyflyfishers.org/> under the Club News Tab

2017 Donovan Lakes Club Trip

The Club trip to Donovan lakes scheduled for April 2017 is full. Wanted to go? Don't despair, April is a long ways off and lots of water will flow under the bridge between now and then. Contact Larry Hice and get your name on the stand-by list. Replacements will be called in the order they signed up. lhice@plasticfusion.com

911 Remembrance day

On the anniversary of 911, we encourage you to spend a few minutes reflecting upon this event, and praying for the 2771 victims who died, and their families and friends.

I doubt anyone will ever forget where they were on the morning of September 11, 2001, when they heard of the attacks on the twin World Trade Towers in NYC and the Pentagon in Washington. This horrible and tragic day is etched forever in our memories.

Like the attack on Pearl Harbor that brought us into World War II, the 911 attacks led us into a new war... the war on terrorism. It also touched and changed forever, the lives of each and every American.





Federation of Fly Fishers Code of Angling Ethics

- Fly anglers understand and obey laws and regulations associated with the fishery.
- Fly anglers believe fly fishing is a privilege and a responsibility. Fly anglers conserve fisheries by limiting their catch.
- Fly anglers do not judge fellow anglers and treat them as they would expect to be treated.
- Fly anglers respect the waters occupied by other anglers so that fish are not disturbed.
- When fishing from a watercraft, fly anglers do not crowd other anglers or craft or unnecessarily disturb the water.
- Fly anglers respect other angling methods and promote this Code of Angling Ethics to all anglers.



Short Notes

TVFF Calendar

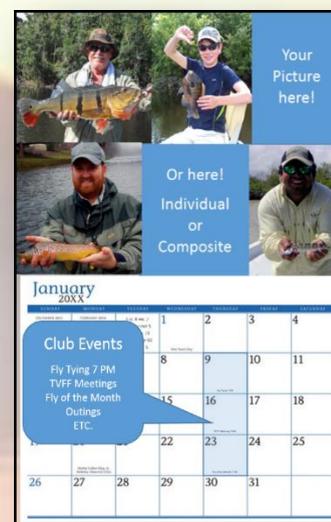
Got a good fishy picture? Send it to TVFF.website@Gmail.com to be included in the 2017 TVFF CALENDAR.

Pictures of you or your family member holding fish caught from 1 October 2015 to 1 October 2016 qualify.

We're looking for pictures of big fish, small fish, warm water fish, cold water fish and saltwater fish – in short, any old fish that you or one of yours caught. As many pictures will be incorporated as possible.

So send them in and don't forget to smile.

A FREE copy of the Calendar will be given to all members who submitted pictures whether or not those photos appear in the calendar.



TVFF Classified

Have something you want to sell or buy? Now you can submit classified ads to be included in the Club News. Ads must be submitted not later than 5 days prior to the 1st and will not carry over to the next month unless requested via email by the originator.

Go to the Members Only tab, download and submit the Classified Ad form and your ad will be posted in the next Club News. It's quick and easy and free.

TVFF Mentor Program

The TVFF Mentor Program is now on line and available to our members through the TVFF website. The Mentor Program provides a method by which members can share their knowledge, experience and expertise in specific areas of fly fishing with others in the club. Check out the program by clicking on the Mentor Program tab on the TVFF website.



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