



TVFF Club News

April 2020



Coronavirus Update

As the coronavirus continues to impact our daily lives in ways we never expected, the daily news offers hope that this modern day plague will subside sooner rather than later. In the meantime we hunker down. We do what we can to protect our families and friends while trying to retain some semblance of our life before the viral outbreak.

For me an important part of that was the fishing outings and the camaraderie I enjoyed at our monthly meetings and fly tying sessions. Well, it seems I'm not the only one who misses them. Our BOD members are researching ways to hold our meetings on line. It seems there are several options that may suit our purpose. I'm hopeful that the best solution is just around the corner. So watch your email for progress updates.

In the meantime, go fishing. Just be sure to maintain your social distance (SD). You can even fish with friends as long as you arrive in separate vehicles, don't swap flies and maintain your SD.

Joe Tremblay
TVFF President

You may have heard about Zoom meeting software recently on TV and in the news. Some of the Board members are trying it out. We hope to use it as a way to meet virtually for fly tying and monthly meetings. This is all happening real time so I don't have any more details right now. You will receive an e-mail notification for any "virtual" events that we attempt. There is one idea that we may be able to prepare fly tying kits for pickup ahead of the fly tying night. Stay tuned.

Steve Kerkhof
Communications Director

Updated Fishing Reports

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

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Welcome New Members

Glenn Campbell

This Month's Activities

- Apr 9 Fly Tying – Virtual, maybe
- Apr 16 Meeting – Virtual, maybe
- Apr 23 Fly Tying – Virtual, maybe



Next TVFF Board Meeting is
April 30th location TBD

All members are welcome to attend.



TVFF Fly Tying Group

Bass Popper Series:

The Bass Popper Series will consist of 4 sessions. Session 1 on March 12th was Joe's frog. The date for the next session will be announced later. The picture below shows the knot of frogs that we tied March 12th.



When we resume, Date TBD: Bug-Eyed Frog Popper

Wayne will be tying the Bug-Eyed Frog Popper as we follow along. This popper is featured in Steven Schweitzer's book "Designing Poppers, Sliders and Divers".

We will also be discussing various types of weed guards between steps while waiting for paint to dry. With more than half a dozen types of weed guards and some personal favorites, we can look forward to a lively discussion.

Join us, It's not as difficult as you might think. You'll learn a few techniques that will make your poppers irresistible to bass and envied by fellow fisherman.

There will be a \$2 charge per session for materials.

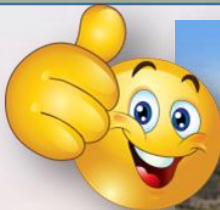


All are welcomed!

Fly tying equipment is available for new tyers. Come and discover the joy of catching fish on a fly you tied or better yet, of your own designed.

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

Catch of the Month



Joe caught this bass in the Jones Ponds on 3/26. He was fishing a gurgler. Everybody knows that Joe's favorite color is white, but he tied on a pink gurgler this time. He ties pink gurglers for the Casting for Recovery fly boxes and now we know pink catches fish too.

Joe got three or four largemouth bass on this trip. Debbie was the photographer.

You can practice social distancing while fishing and it helps to spend a few hours outdoors.

I decided to go myself after seeing this picture.

So I've included another picture, my first selfie. I apologize for the quality. My unidentifiable fish is a nice sized bream, but not nearly as big as it appears in the photograph.

If you go fishing please take a picture and send it to me at either of the links below. I'll enjoy seeing it and so will everyone else.

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 (the same information that you like to see when you read Catch of the Month).



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.

Cabin Fever? By Joe Tremblay

With just about everything closed for the foreseeable future, many of us will develop a severe case of cabin fever. Don't despair. I have the perfect solution. Go fishing! Like most of you, I've been stuck indoors or catching up on yard work, but every once in a while, I sneak down to the creek for a little relaxation.

At times I meet up with a friend and we'll spend the morning or afternoon wading one of the local creeks. It's perfectly safe since we meet at the creek, and maintain our social distance the entire time. The best part is that the fish have either not heard of social distance or don't pay any attention to it.



Keeping our "Social Distance"

Fred Kaufman and I fished Aldridge Creek this past Friday afternoon and had the above section of the creek to ourselves. We landed well over 75 nice bream in less than 3 hours.

We had bluegills, red breasted and green sunfish, a few pumpkinseeds and shell crackers and a good size rock bass in the mix.

Although I caught a dozen or so on a pink and white gurgler, most fish were caught swinging a #10 black woolly bugger with a black beads for weight.

So next warm day, head for the nearest creek and relax and forget the coronavirus for a few hours.



One of many and certainly not one of the biggest

Tying Using Rainbow Gallery “Fuzzy Stuff” By Ted Crona

As some of you may know and others may not, I love to tie the old classic lake and bass patterns from the 1800's. These are for the most part, display flies which document that period of fly fishing and fly tying in North America. Many of these require silk floss for a part of the body or tag of the pattern. I did some searching and found a source of silk floss at a local quilt shop in Huntsville, AL. I discovered that Rainbow Gallery is a company which specializes in silk floss thread and it was stocked at the local quilt shop.

However, as I was looking at the Rainbow Gallery products, I discovered another product which they sell. It is called “Fuzzy Stuff” and is pictured below on the right. It reminds me, a little, of SLF spikey Dubbing by Wapsi, except it is a thread and also has some flashy stuff similar to some of the flashy chenille on the market today.

As I stated earlier, I love to tie the old classics, but that doesn't mean that is all that I tie. I also tie many of the same patterns that most fly fishermen use, myself included. After all, using flies to fish with has to be an important goal of every tier.

So, what about “Fuzzy Stuff”? I thought about it and it was logical that in the olive color, which I purchased, it could be substituted for peacock herl in some flies. To this end, I came up with 3 flies that I tie with “Fuzzy Stuff”,

They are listed here:

1. Fuzzy Southern Prince - Hey, what can I say? Red biot tail and yellow biot wings.....it works on bream and I'm sure it will work on other fish. You can still be traditional if you want.

Thread: Olive 6/0
Hook: #12 Curved nymph
Tail: Red goose biot
Body: Olive Fuzzy Stuff
Rib: Small gold wire
Wing: Yellow goose biot
Head: 1/8 oz. brass bead



2. Fuzzy Nymph – This is just an extension of thinking on my part after I tied the Fuzzy Southern Prince and follows the same principle of substituting fuzzy stuff for peacock herl.

Thread: Olive 6/0
Hook: #12 curved nymph
Body: Olive Fuzzy Stuff
Back: Small clear iridescent plastic strip
Rib: small gold wire
Legs: Small strips of barred mallard tied on each side and curved towards the body
Head: Black brass bead.





3. Red Butt Fuzzy Wet Fly – When I first started fishing Lake Guntersville, there was a fly fisherman using a tandem rig of 3 red butt wet flies and he caught 3 bream on a single cast. That got my attention and I have been tying a version of it ever since.

Thread: Black6/0
Hook#8 Wet Fly
Tail: Clump of red wool
Body: Olive Fuzzy Stuff
Hackle: Grey hen is used here, but grizzly and brown are also good choices.



Dear Netflix,

Can you please turn off the “are you still watching” feature?

We are in quarantine, so yes we are still watching. I don’t need this kind of judgement in this time of uncertainty...

If you could please update it with “are you sure you want to eat that” notice that would be much more helpful at this time.

Thanks.





Note from TVFF Membership Director

TVFF is now collecting the prorated amounts plus the annual membership dues for the coming year of TVFF/FFI. These membership dues are for your renewal through May 1, 2021. One of the reasons for early reminders is FFI will then not need to generate paper and email notices to you and cause confusion to TVFF members.

If you need to renew make a check payable to Tennessee Valley Fly Fishers (TVFF) and mail to:

P.O. Box 12841,
Huntsville, AL 35815.

Please contact Debbie Hill at debhill522@gmail.com with any questions about amount due or when it is due. Remember, dues must be paid through TVFF to be considered a TVFF member and then automatically an FFI member.

Debbie checks the PO Box about once a week and will notify you by email when she has received your dues.

Thank you for your patience,
Debbie

Casting for Recovery Fly Boxes

The picture shows one of the 14 fly boxes that TVFF donated to Casting for Recovery last year. We would like to do it again. If you are interested then just tie 14 copies of any fly that you'd like to tie. Bring your flies to any club activity and we will get them to Debbie Hill, our Membership Director and a Casting for Recovery volunteer. TVFF will provide the boxes if you provide the flies. **Debbie is accepting cash donations to purchase fly boxes for 2020.** You can find out more about Casting for Recovery here <https://castingforrecovery.org/>. There will be further details about when the flies are needed in a future newsletter.



Earth Day at Hayes Nature Preserve June 20th

Earth Day at Hays Nature Preserve, normally held in the middle of April as been tentatively rescheduled to June 20th due to health concerns regarding COVID-19.

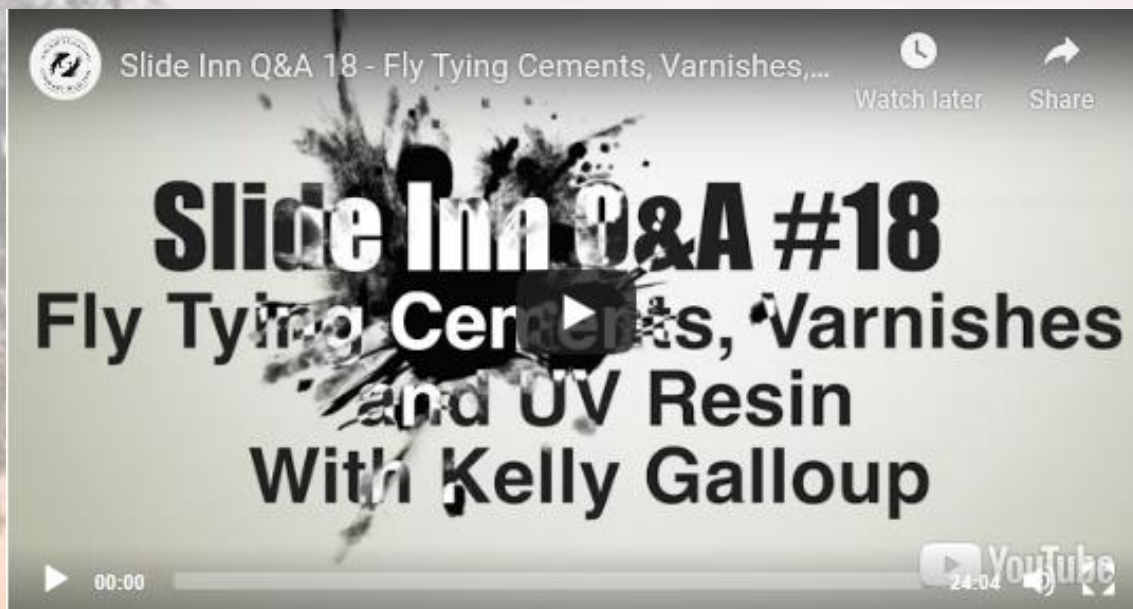
Additional details will be provided at a later date.



How To.....

This video features Kelly Galloup, a renowned fly fisherman, guide and owner of the Slide Inn in Montana. The link on the picture is to the Midcurrent website.

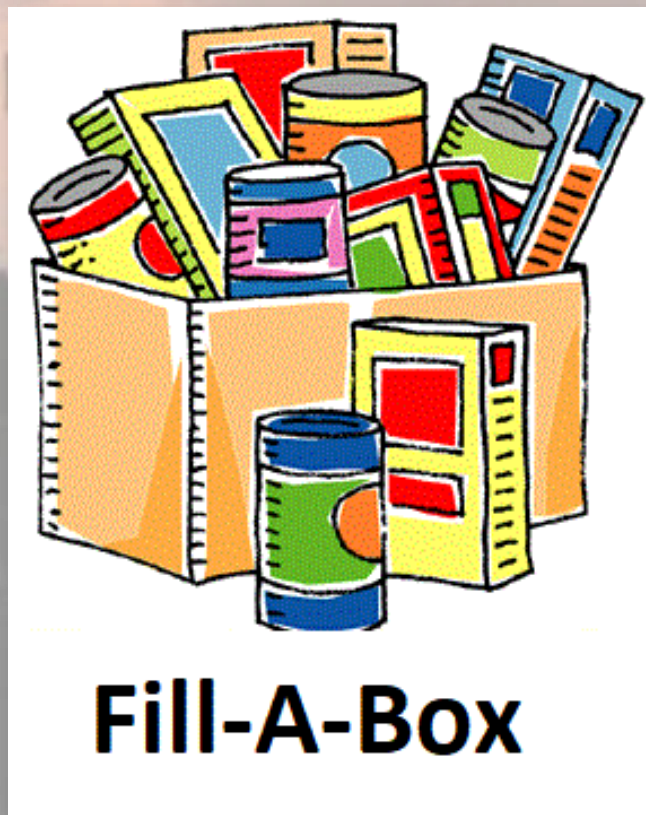
Kelly Galloup has several other videos on YouTube. Besides his Q&A series he also does fly tying, gear reviews and tips and techniques videos. Just search YouTube for Kelly Galloup.



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.

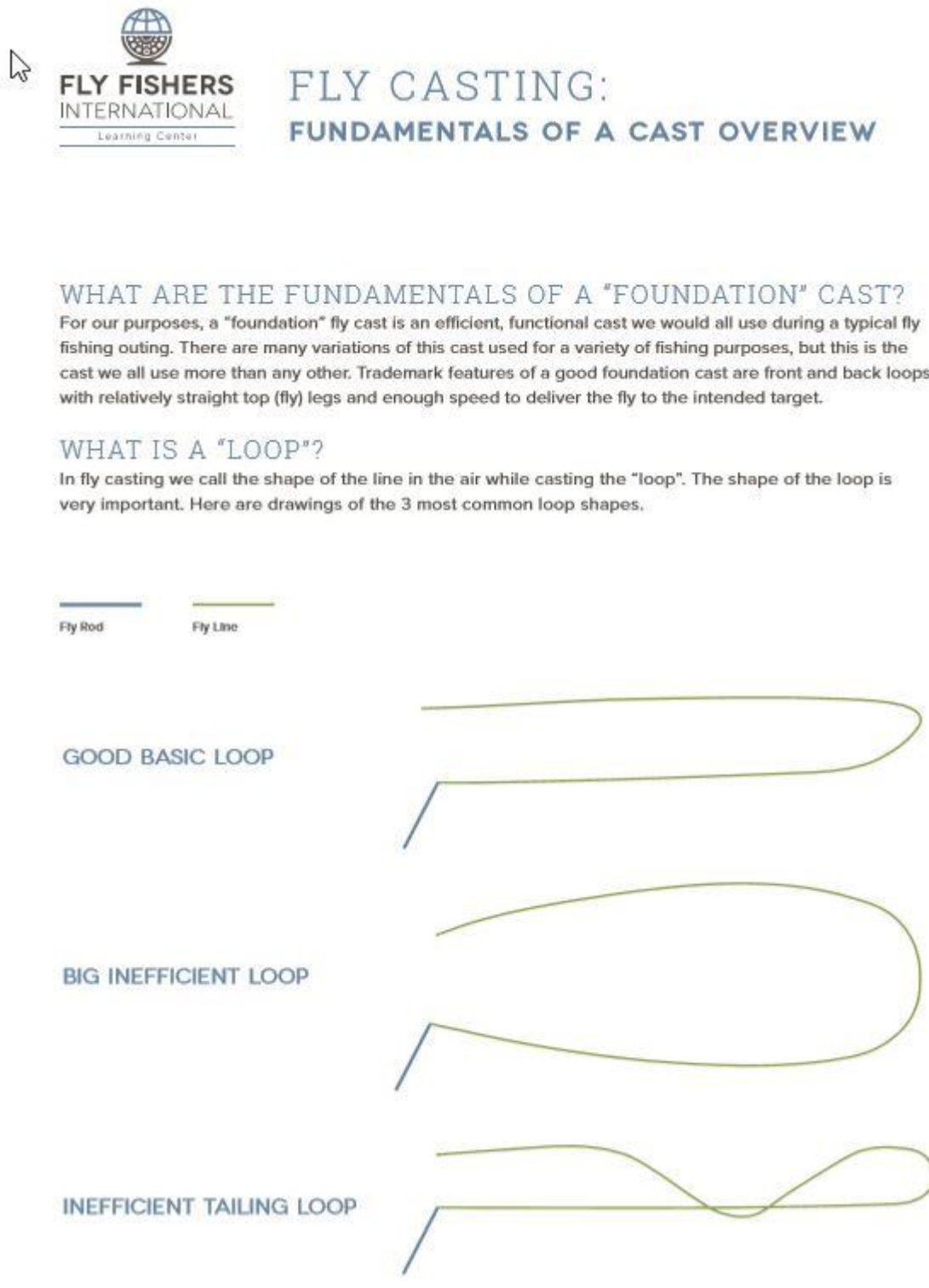
- 1 box of low-sugar, high fiber CEREAL
- 1-2 boxes of instant OATMEAL
- 1-2 boxes of BREAKFAST BARS
- 4-5 cans of TUNA, HAM, CHICKEN
- 6-8 cans of low-sugar FRUIT
- 6-8 cans of SOUP
- 6-8 cans of low-salt VEGTABLES
- 3-5 boxes of LOW-PREP MEALS (Hamburger Helper, Mac n Cheese)
- 2-3 bottles/jars of Condiments (mayo, ketchup, oil, etc.)
- 1 jar of PEANUT BUTTER
- 1-2 packs of SNACKS/DESSERT





FFI Educational Resources

FFI offers fly casting tips at their website. There are also associated [videos](#). Click the picture to link to the "Fundamentals of a Cast Overview". You will need to login to FFI to access all features of the FFI website.



FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL
Learning Center

FLY CASTING: FUNDAMENTALS OF A CAST OVERVIEW

WHAT ARE THE FUNDAMENTALS OF A "FOUNDATION" CAST?

For our purposes, a "foundation" fly cast is an efficient, functional cast we would all use during a typical fly fishing outing. There are many variations of this cast used for a variety of fishing purposes, but this is the cast we all use more than any other. Trademark features of a good foundation cast are front and back loops with relatively straight top (fly) legs and enough speed to deliver the fly to the intended target.

WHAT IS A "LOOP"?

In fly casting we call the shape of the line in the air while casting the "loop". The shape of the loop is very important. Here are drawings of the 3 most common loop shapes.

Fly Rod **Fly Line**

GOOD BASIC LOOP

BIG INEFFICIENT LOOP

INEFFICIENT TAILING LOOP



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.

April Weird Holidays

Peach Cobbler Day

April 13th

Last month π was featured so it only seems fair to recognize cobbler this month. Blackberry cobbler is good, strawberry cobbler works for some folks but I'd say peach cobbler is my favorite. One source says the dish originated in the American West but it seems purely Southern to me. Georgia is known as the Peach State but Alabamians know the best peaches come from Chilton County.

Celebrate the day by making a peach cobbler. Fruit on the bottom with a sugar sprinkled crust on top. Yum! Warm cobbler with a scoop of vanilla ice cream on top is better yet.



National Haiku Day

April 17th

Haiku is a form of poetry from Japan. Matsuo Basho (1644-1694), pictured at right, is considered a master of the form. Three verses that do not rhyme with a meter of 5-7-5 syllables. So here are two Haiku for the day.

He ties with great care
Old fingers gnarled but nimble
Certainty rising

The fly lands gently
The fish sees, rising slowly
then slowly descends



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