



# TVFF Club News

December 2024



## TVFF Christmas Social Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM



## White Elephant (Dirty Santa) Gift Exchange

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 White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Anyone interested in participating in the exchange

should bring a wrapped gift (something related to fly fishing) worth up to \$25. We will go over the rules at the meeting. Come join the fun. The Club will provide drinks and members are encouraged to bring their favorite munchies to share. See you there!



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### Welcome New Members:

Allan Douglas  
Lynn Kerkhof

### This Month

- December 12 – BOD Meeting, 7 PM
- December 19 – TVFF Christmas Social, 7 PM

### Officers and Directors

President: Steve Kerkhof  
Vice President: Andy King  
Secretary: Rodney Durrett  
Treasurer: Dave Bailey  
Membership: Debbie Hill  
Activities: Larry Hice  
Education: Brian Moore  
Conservation: Bob Lowery  
Communications: Connor Baker

### Board of Directors Meeting

The next BOD meeting is February 6, 2025, 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.

**December 12th, 7 PM**

**Zebra Midge – Dick Curtis**

**Cost: \$3**

This is a classic trout fly that always is effective. They can be tied in many colors. Popular colors include, black, brown, olive, red, et al. Bring your own thread for what color you want to tie. Suggest bringing 70 denier or 8/0 thread.

### Materials

**Hook:** Size 16

**Head:** Silver bead

**Rib:** Silver wire

**Body:** Thread of your choice 8/0



Umpqua

**December 26<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**

**Merry Christmas!**

No fly tying this day.



*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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 7 p.m.*





## Fish of the Month

TVFF member Jon Reineke fished Hatchery Creek near the Cumberland River Dam in Kentucky. His best flies were a size 16 bead headed Pheasant Tail and a size 10 brown Woolly Bugger. All the overgrowth made it difficult to cast, having to rely heavily on his roll cast. Check out his pictures below! Looks very scenic!



TVFF member Greg Bayuga caught these two trout on the Caney Fork! Nice fish Greg!





## Our Annual TVFF Banquet

### November 8th – Annual Auction and Banquet

Last month we had our annual TVFF Banquet and Auction! Ted's Barbeque catered, and club members brought their favorite dessert (check out the mice). The meal was followed by awarding the Johnny Chamness Award. We wrapped the night up with our auction and raffle. Where lots of great items were sold.



This year's Johnny Chamness award was presented to Mr. Tom Wallace. Tom has been a member of the club since 1996. He is best known for his deer spun flies that he donates to the club for raffle. Tom also is a knowledgeable fisherman that always is willing to share what he knows. Tom's generosity is well known in the club. No one is more deserving of the club's highest honor. Congratulations Tom!



Thank you to everyone that made this annual event a success. Thank you to those that brought in their old gear, thank you to those that bid on items, and thank you to those that brought in desserts. A special thank you to Victor Luna for doing a terrific job as auctioneer, and to Larry Hice for organizing it again!

This event is a great way to get in the spirit for the holidays and for the TVFF family to have one last meal together.





## 5 Streamers for Trout

Fall is prime time for streamer fishing for trout. I myself prefer using a streamer for trout, more fun and more exciting than nymphing. Below are Fly Lords best streamers for trout. Full article by Nolan Bluntzer can be found [here](#).

### Articulated Trout Slider (right)

**Pros:** Fished variety of ways, good sculpin imitation, fun to fish

**Cons:** Hard to tie, best fished with sinking lines



### Sex Dungeon (below)

**Pros:** Tried and true pattern, versatile, sinks fast

**Cons:** Heavy on lighter rods



### Sparkle Minnow (below)

**Pros:** Easy to tie, unique jigging action, great tailwater fly

**Cons:** Single hook pattern



### Game Changer (below)

**Pros:** Can be fished various retrieves, lifelike, comes in variety of size and colors

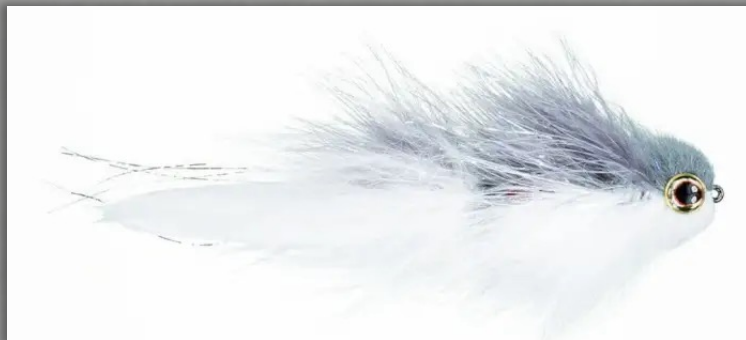
**Cons:** Can be heavy to cast



### Flatliner (below)

**Pros:** Unique side action, fools large trout, fishes near surface

**Cons:** Requires sink tip to get down





## Legendary Saltwater Fly Tyer Bob Popovics Passes Away

This article was borrowed from Fly Lords Mag, authored by Dan Zazworsky. It was originally published November 1<sup>st</sup>. The article can be found on the Fly Lords [website](#).

*This morning, the saltwater fly fishing world lost one of its greatest legends. Bob Popovics, the visionary tyer who forever changed our sport with patterns like the Surf Candy and Hollow Fleye, passed away peacefully at 3 a.m. on November 1, 2024. After being hospitalized in late September following a tragic hit-and-run accident in Seaside Heights, NJ, Bob's final days were surrounded by family, friends, and countless prayers from the fishing community.*

*Bob wasn't just a master tyer; he was an innovator, a mentor, and a friend to anglers everywhere. His work opened doors to what saltwater flies could be—combining artistry, durability, and pure fish-catching effectiveness. For decades, Bob's creations have inspired countless fly tyers to push boundaries, and his legacy will no doubt continue to shape the sport he loved.*

*To Bob's family, friends, and all those touched by his creativity and kindness, we extend our deepest condolences. Today, the fly fishing community mourns a legend whose impact will be felt in every cast, every tie, and every fish caught with one of his patterns. Rest easy, Bob. You will be missed, but your influence will live on.*







## Reel for Sale

TVFF member Chuck Gibb is selling his Hayden big game reel. Details are below. It can be found [here](#) on eBay.

**HAYDEN PURSUIT "6" Anti-reverse Big Game Fly Reel!** Rare and highly sought after Hayden hand crafted 15+ wt. line Fly Reel. Engraved Serial # 0006! These precision big game reels by famed Australian reel maker Terry Hayden are works of art and exquisite handmade craftsmanship. Pristine! Used once to catch and release a beautiful sailfish in the Indian Ocean off of Kenya. I researched all the bluewater big game reels and bought this as the best of the best before my trip. It was and still is state of the art. The best big game reels ever made? Probably the best that ever will be made. These are highly sought after. Not making them any more.

Lever Action twin disc drags with Teflon impregnated graphite/cork drag washers (no lube). Smooth braking and can't lock up. Easy and safe to change drag with lever while fighting fish. Anti Reverse (no busted knuckles). Sealed precision needle bearings. Frame and spool military grade hard anodized marine bar stock aluminum. Other parts are polished stainless steel. The reel seat is titanium. Super tough and dependable reel in every aspect. Came with 30 year unconditional guarantee including corrosion. This was the confidence Hayden had in his reels.

Professionally (and beautifully) rigged with 750 yds of Bionic Braid backing (original cost for the backing alone was \$180), saltwater line, leader. This is the finest line rig/setup I have ever seen but given its age I cannot be responsible for the line. Set for left hand retrieve (crank with left hand) but can be easily reversed (original tool and instructions included). Ready to take on the biggest game fish: Tuna, Billfish, Shark, Wahoo, etc. ~4 5/8" dia., 15oz. With original box, soft cover, manual, orig. grease, custom tool. Hate to give it up but time has caught up with me and I will not be able to use it again.

Returnable within two days of receipt only and from US mainland only. The buyer pays return shipping costs. Please keep this in mind if buying.

Buy now price is firm, no offers please.

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Deliveries only to buyer street address.

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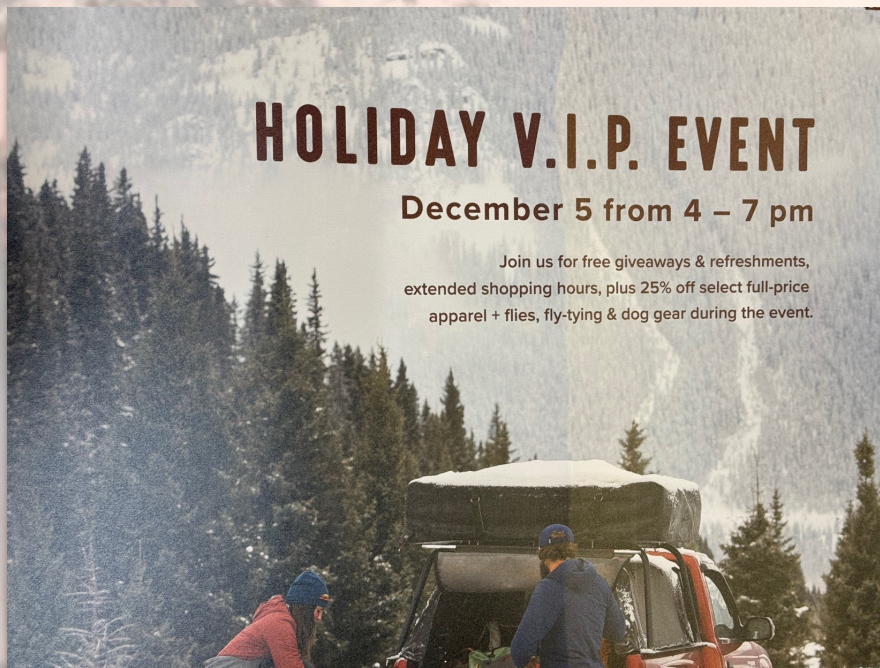




## Huntsville Orvis Holiday V.I.P. Event

Orvis Huntsville is having their Holiday V.I.P. event Thursday December 5<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 7 PM. They are hosting a local fly tyer, John Lohr. He ties for Umpqua and his special fly is the Ribbit Rhol (shown to the right). He will have his flies and art work for sale.

Orvis will provide refreshments, will have giveaways, and discounts. Additionally, they have a Toys for Tots box. Please consider bringing a new unwrapped toy to be donated to kids in the area. Look forward to seeing you all there!



## 2025 Sowbug Roundup – March 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars for the 2025 Sowbug Roundup, March 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. This is the premier fly tying event in the Southeast, so put it on your calendar. There will be over 150 expert fly tyers, over 20 vendors and raffles every day. If you are even remotely interested in fly tying, then this is the place to be. Tickets are \$10 for all three days, and children get in free. For more information, visit the North Arkansas Fly Fishers website [here](https://www.northarkansasflyfishers.com).



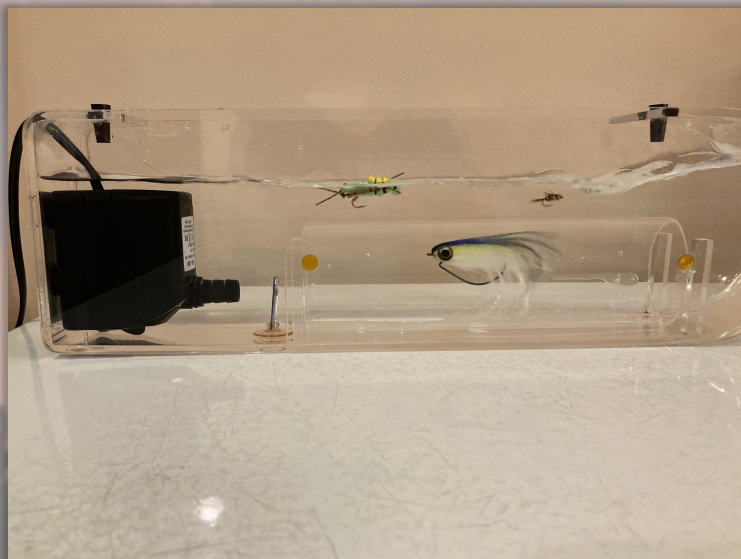


## Trout Stocked at Madison County Public Fishing Lake

**Trout fishing** season at Madison County Public Fishing Lake (PFL) began **Friday, November 29, 2024**. The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries plans to stock over 3,000 pounds of rainbow trout in Madison County PFL during the trout season with trout ranging in size from one to two pounds. A \$5.00 Daily Trout Permit in addition to a valid freshwater fishing license is required to fish for trout. Trout anglers may also fish for bass, bluegill, catfish, and crappie. The daily creel limit is 4 trout per angler. Check their [website](#) for directions and hours of operation, which are limited, so check before you go.

## Fly Tester Tank

Thanks to the generous donation from the Huntsville Orvis store, TVFF now has a "Flymen Fly Tester" tank available to members so that they may test flies and follow the action of the fly under simulated stream conditions. The tank was tested out at the November fly tying meeting and performed perfectly with several different types of flies.



## The Fly Fishing Show in Atlanta, GA

The Fly Fishing Show will be back in 2023. The Atlanta dates are set for February 3, 4, and 5 at the Gas South Convention Center. Adult tickets are \$20 for one day passes, \$35 for two days, and \$45 for three days. Tickets can be purchased on their [website](#). There are a lot of neat items for sale and many opportunities to learn. If you have time, make the three and a half hour drive from Huntsville!







## December Holidays

### Winter Solstice

**Date When Celebrated :** December 21, 2024

Winter Solstice marks the beginning of winter and is the shortest day of the year.

On this day, it seems as if the nighttime darkness lasts all day and all night. At the North Pole, the sun never rises on this day.

It is not the coldest days of winter, as the northern hemisphere continues to lose more heat than it gains. This will continue until late in winter, as the longer daylight hours at that point begin to have a net warming affect. But for now, heat up a cup of hot chocolate and put another log on the fire! Winter will be here for a while.

By the way, while the northern hemisphere is experiencing it's shortest day, the southern hemisphere is basking in sunshine and enjoying the first day of summer. For thousands of years, Winter Solstice has celebrated the new solar year. It celebrates the return of the sun, as every day now will see more sun. The sun is at it's southernmost point, and now begins it's long, six month journey north. Winter Solstice is also been known as Christmas, Yule, and Saturnalia.

*As the sun's rays warm  
the winter landscape in  
anticipation of the  
coming spring I send  
blessings to you and  
yours for a beautiful  
Winter Solstice.*



### Festivus - It's for the Rest of Us!

**Date When Celebrated :** December 22

Are you feeling a little left out!? You don't celebrate Christmas or Chanukah. Kwanzaa just isn't your thing. and, you don't even know what Ramadan is. Then, come and experience the joy and the Miracle of Festivus. One might say that the Festivus holiday is a miracle in itself.

Still not sure if Festivus is for you? It's non-denominational. So, everyone can partake. The Festivus slogan is "A Festivus for the rest of us!".

**The Origin of Festivus Holiday:** Festivus came into being as the direct result of a Jerry Seinfeld television show episode. It first aired on December 18, 1997. The holiday was promoted by Kramer (who else!?)

The Festivus holiday was created by Seinfeld show scriptwriter Daniel O'Keefe. His dad, also named Daniel, had found reference to an obscure holiday called Festivus, which was first celebrated in 1966.

**Festivus Traditions:** No, there isn't a Festivus Tree. Rather, an unadorned aluminum pole is the symbol of Festivus. The Festivus holiday is celebrated with a dinner. Meatloaf is the suggested main course (I betcha can't wait for a slice of that!). Dinner is followed by a "Feats of Strength". Another popular Festivus tradition, is an "Airing of Grievances". This is where you can tell someone how disappointed you are over what they did or didn't do during the past year.







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