

TVFF Club News

January 2022



January 20th Program (Zoom)



Cody Fischer of Tellico Outfitters

Our guest speaker this month is Cody Fischer of Tellico Outfitters in Tellico Plains, Tenn. Cody has been an avid angler since his early childhood in Southern Illinois. His life was forever changed in his early 20s when he moved out West and took up fly fishing for the first time in the Black Hills of South Dakota and soon began guiding for the local fly shop. Since then he has fly fished on trout streams all over the country but has always had a special fondness for the native brook trout of the Southern Appalachians. Cody and his wife Abby moved to East Tennessee in 2018 to be closer to those native gems. In spring of 2019, Cody opened Tellico Outfitters in Tellico Plains to promote the fantastic fishing opportunities in the beautiful Tellico area. The speaker will join us via Zoom. You will receive the Zoom invitation the week of the meeting.

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Welcome New Members:

Tell a friend about TVFF

This Month

Faith Presbyterian Church Rm 201

- Jan. 13 – Fly tying, 7 PM
- Jan. 20 – Club meeting, 7 PM
- Jan. 27 – Fly Tying, 7 PM

Officers and Directors

President: Steve Kerkhof
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Membership: Debbie Hill
Activities: Larry Hice
Education: Fred Kaufmann
Conservation: Corey Pedigo
Communications: Connor Baker

Board of Directors Meeting

The next BOD meeting will be Feb. 3, 2022, at 7 p.m. in Room 201.



TVFF Fly Tying Group

Fly tying sessions will be conducted at Faith Presbyterian Church, Room 201, at 7 p.m.

Please bring a mask in case masking rules change

Jan. 13, 7 p.m., Room 201, in-person

Lead Tyer, Connor Baker

Cost: \$2.00 in person

Micro Game Changers were designed by Blane Chocklett to look and swim like real fish. These articulated streamers are in many sizes and are very effective. Larger ones can be used for bass, muskie, redfish, brown trout, etc. We will be tying micro ones that work well in your local pond or stream. The flies on the right I tied on size 4 hooks. Here's a video [link](#).



Hook: Gamakatsu C14S Size 4; **Thread:** Veevus 6/0 (olive, white); **Shanks:** Fish-Skull Articulated Microspines (one tail shank, two 6 mm, two 8 mm); **Tail:** Olive Marabou; **Eyes:** Fish Skull Living Eyes 6 mm; **Wire:** Senyo's Thin Intruder Trailer Hook Wire; **Resin:** Flex and thin (optional); **Markers; Super Glue.**

Jan. 27, 7 p.m., Room 201, in-person

'Yaller'hammer, Lead Tyer - Steve Kerkhof

This is a traditional trout pattern for Appalachian Mountain trout streams, where yellow is sometimes pronounced as 'yaller'. It was tied with yellow hackle feather for tail and 'rib'. In the woodpecker family also known as the yellowhammer. No yellowhammers will be injured when we tie this fly.

Materials:

Nymph Hook, Size 10,12, or 14
Yellow hackle feather for tail and 'rib'.
Yellow dubbing or yellow floss
Lead wire (optional)
Black thread 8/0



Health Notice: By attending the in-person session you accept responsibility for any and all associated health risks.

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. Join us for a two-hour session on Dec. 9. Normally, the sessions are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7 p.m.



Elk River Scenery

TVFF member **Greg Bayuga** took this photo of a waterfall on the Elk River downstream from the dam. He said trout were congregated at the base of the waterfall, and he caught a few small ones. This was a beautiful late-fall day.



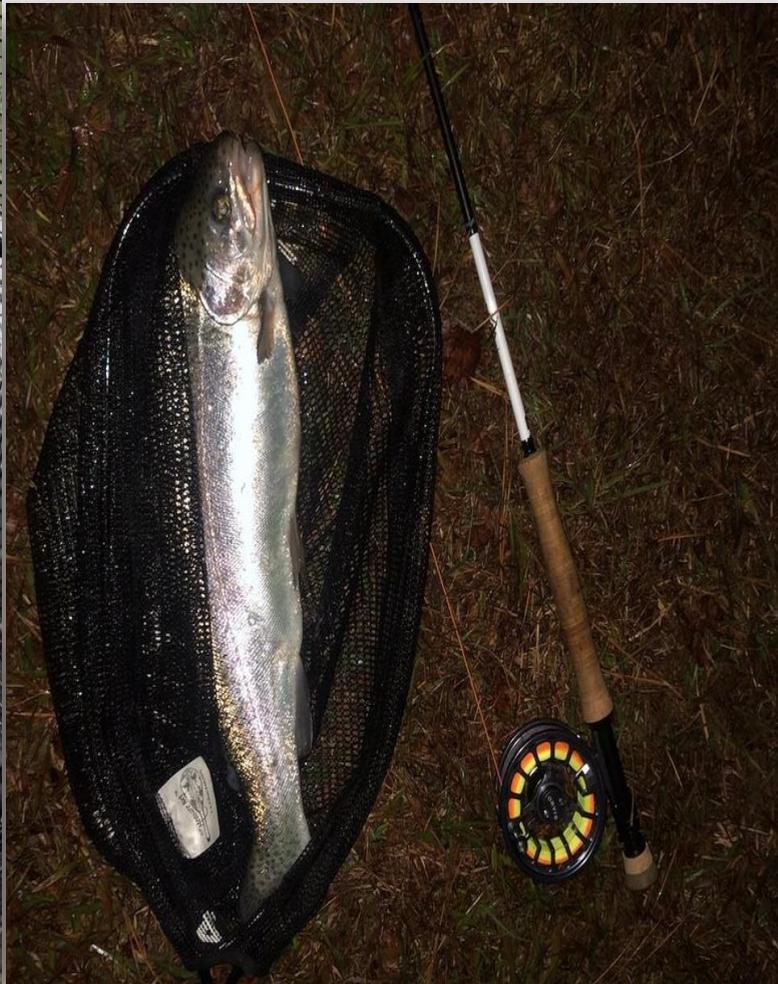
If you fish North Carolina (the Davidson River comes to mind, and the Tellico upstream from Tellico Plains, Tenn.), here is a [link](#) to the 2022 North Carolina outdoor rules and regulations public hearings and input opportunity.

Has your email address changed? If you have a new email address or want your TVFF email to go to a different address , send an email to editor@tvff.club and we will make the change for you. If you stop receiving your TVFF emails , check your spam folder or junk folder first, then send an email to editor@tvff.club and we'll help.

Catch of the Month



TVFF member **Glenn McGann** caught this nice rainbow on the Elk River recently. Glenn was stripping an Iron Mike streamer upstream on a 6-weight rod in slack water.



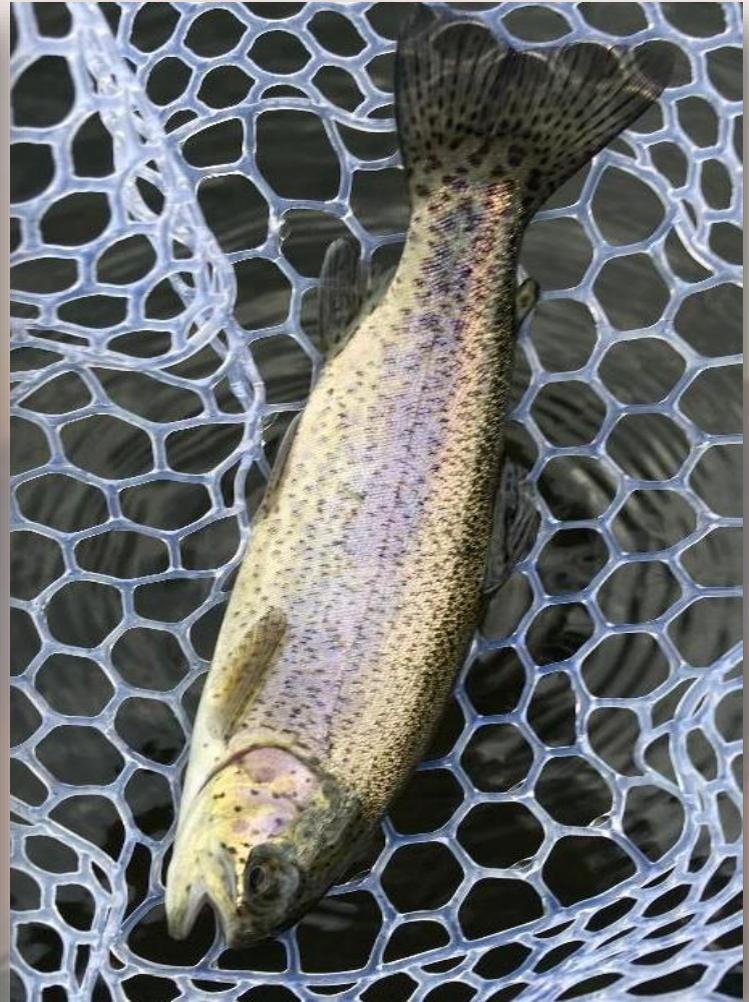
TVFF member **Greg Bayuga** landed this rainbow at Madison County Lake on the first cast. The lake has stocked trout during late fall and winter. It will be closed to fishing most of January, according to the lake's website. Greg also landed seven largemouth bass like the one on the left at a private pond recently. The bass are caught close to shore on a variety of flies and poppers.



Send your pictures to editor@tvff.club along with a brief description of where you were and what you caught.

More nice fish

TVFF member **Connor Baker** also caught these two nice rainbows on a warm Saturday in late December wading the Sipsey Fork below Smith Lake Dam. He used his new 2-weight fly rod and Orvis Battenkill reel that he bought at our annual auction. He caught eight fish in two hours.



If looking for a fun spot to fish with easy access, head down to Sipsey Fork just East of Jasper in Bug Tussle, Alabama. Visit our friends at Riverside Fly Shop to see what fish are biting! Make sure to check the Smith Lake Alabama Power generation schedule before you go!

[Alabama Power - Smith Lake](#)



Elk River to get Cutthroat Trout

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is stocking cutthroat trout in its waters. In mid-December, the TWRA released thousands of the trout in one section of the [Holston River](#). Earlier, 3,000 cutthroats were also stocked into the Hiwassee River, and there are plans to release 2,250 more into the **Tims Ford** tailwater on the Elk River in the coming months. The fish were hatched and raised at the Dale Hollow National Fish Hatchery and were recently transferred to the TWRA Flintville Hatchery. TVFF member **Andy King** caught this nice cutthroat on a small midge several years ago fishing the North Fork of the White River in Arkansas.

Here is the 2021-22 Tennessee winter trout stocking [link](#) . Tennessee [fishing](#) license sales for the 2022-23 year begin Feb. 15. Licenses are current through the last day of February in any given year.



BOD Minutes

BOD minutes are now available for review at the monthly meetings.

Members can read the minutes by simply asking the Club Secretary,



Christmas Social – December 16th

TVFF held our annual Christmas social last month. A lot of fun was had socializing and getting together one last time before the new year!

One of our yearly traditions is playing Dirty Santa (also known as White Elephant, Nasty Christmas, and Yankee Swap). This year there were a lot of amazing gifts!

Probably, the hottest gift was one of Ted Crona's ornaments! It was stolen the maximum amount of times and finally ended up with Dick!

Other gifts of note were knives, books, hook removing tools, and corks!

Thanks to everyone that participated in Dirty Santa and brought food/drinks!

TVFF hopes that everyone had a very special Christmas and New Years with family and friends!





History of TVFF

Check out this brief TVFF history written by charter member, Fred Stevenson, in 2009!

Word around town had it that there had never been a Fly Fishing club in this area. That being the case it seemed the only natural thing to do was to organize one. The initiative to organize a club was assumed by Fred Stevenson.

First, a non-scientific survey was conducted to determine available participants and interest; the results were overwhelmingly in favor of such club. Second, following that action phone calls and letters announcing the formation of a club. The information included place, date and time, September 1983. Arrangements had been made with the city to use the Greenhouse near Braham Spring Lake as our official meeting place.

Surprisingly, only 12 (twelve) people showed up. Not to be discouraged another announcement was published for October 1983. This time 28 (twenty-eight) showed up; an improvement over the previous month. As plans for the organization were unfolding it was discovered the area contained a host of fly fishers, coupled with others that were moving in from other parts of the country.

During that time frame Alabama was in the Southern Council of The Federation of Fly Fishers. Although it was not mandatory members were encouraged to join the FFF. With eight already a member of FFF, seven more joined, making a total of fifteen FFF members as we embark on our status as a new club. Officially, the club's start date was October 1983.

During that October meeting officers were named: President - Fred Stevenson; Secretary Newsletter - Bernie Parr. No record for the other Officers. During that meeting plans for club activities were made, established a regular meeting date and time, meeting place - The Greenhouse, publishing a newsletter and establishing a club name. With much discussion and a variety of names proposed. Final vote for The Tennessee Valley Fly Fishers.

This seems to be a good place to record the names of Presidents that have served the club. Not listed in the order of service: Fred Stevenson, Johnny Chamness, Glenn Campbell (not the singer, this one can't carry a tune in a bucket), James Cannon, Sam Blevins, Chip Rosher, Matt Knadler, Jeff Bailey. Unfortunately, names of other Officers and Directors not available.

The club continued to grow in numbers and activities and reached a maximum of 89 members; membership in the Federation of Fly Fishers continued to grow but no record regarding numbers is available.

With the club dues at \$10 per member, the club began publishing its newsletter; the first one mailed out in November 1983. Data was collected, assembled, prepared in long hand and passed to the Editor, Bernie Parr, for typing, followed by printing, assembly, stamped and hand addressed. At certain intervals others were assigned newsletter duties.

For several years the club continued to meet in the City Greenhouse by the lake, which was handy for casting practice or casting lessons. Eventually, Johnny Chamness finished the construction of his new building and invited the club to move to it and have the use of a clean conference room. Moving date not recalled but probably in 1986 or 1987. We continued to meet there, as well as conduct various classes, for several years.

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History of TVFF (cont.)

Unfortunately for the club, the building was sold and the club had to go “house hunting.” Finally, a church on Slaughter Road was contacted and agreed upon. The location was inconvenient for most members and finally the club moved back into town. This time a church minister, and fly fisher, at the Faith Presbyterian Church, at Whitesburg Drive and Airport Road, offered the church's facility for the club's use; it has been there several years.

The club's affiliation with the FFF has remained intact for 26 years. The advertised purpose of the Federation is Conversation, Restoration and Education; Conservation and Restoration of our fisheries resources and Education as it relates to fly fishing to include fly casting instruction, fly tying, stream ethics, fly fishing techniques, etc. Special emphasis is devoted to the education of our young people and encouraging them to take up a wonderful outdoor sport. To meet the club's commitment/obligation as chartered by the Federation the following is a partial listing of club activities during the past 26 years, but not in order presented:

- Planting trout eggs, both rainbow and brown, in the North Fork of the Flint River. It was an ideal stream with cool clear water and stream side canopy off trees. Project was not too successful.
- Club participated in some charity activities. One in particular; finding a needy family and playing Santa Clause with toys clothing and food.
- Education of young people was not confined to our club. We made contact with a Black Boy Scout Master to bring in disadvantaged Black Boy Scouts. They were introduced to fly casting, fly tying and fed pop, chips and hot dogs. Well behaved, eager to learn, easily taught and very gratifying to those members of the club that participated. NOTE: The club should consider doing more of that type education. That Scout Master continues to be involved as the Scout Master. The boys ages ranged from 9 to 12 years old. Always a rewarding experience.
- The club took the lead in co-sponsoring a Warm Water Fly Fishing Show in '86, '87 and '89. The event was held at Joe Wheeler State Park Resort in June of each of those years. Attendees were from various parts of the country.

Being affiliated with the FFF the club was automatically a member of the Southern Council of the FFF. As such, the club in it's infancy, was called upon to chair the Southern Council Conclave in 1986. A quick way to learn something new is to be put in a position where you have to learn in a hurry; club members quickly became experts at organizing Conclaves.

As a way of advertising the Club, with the permission of the Boat Manager, members would set up housing at a Boat Show and promote fly fishing. Sign-up sheets were made available for people to sign up for fly tying or fly casting lessons; such was open to the public.

The Club's income is derived from two main sources; members club dues and the annual banquet where a live auction is conducted with our own Johnny Chamness as Auctioneer.

Club members combined efforts to write and publish a couple of books which were sold to FFF members across the "fruited planes”.



History of TVFF (cont.)

The club's fly tying classes produced several highly talented young fly tiers. One was awarded Youth Fly Tier of the Year at the Council level; it was quite an accomplishment for one of our students.

The involvement of some of the club members at the Council and National levels have resulted in awards at those two levels. One member received the highest award that the Federation bestows on one of its members. The club has been well represented by one of its members and always in high demand, at Council and National level as the Banquet Auctioneer.

During the club's existence its members involvement at all levels has been impressive and definitely recognized; something which the club can look with pride and satisfaction.

The club's future is bright with much to be accomplished.

NOPE, WE AIN'T DONE YET. STILL LOTS OF WATER THAT HASN'T BEEN WADED. SO LET'S KEEP STIRRING UP THE SILT AND DROWNING SOME WORMS, OOPS!!! FLIES.

THERE IS MORE TO BE ACCOMPLISHED, SO LET'S GET WITH IT.

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BOOK OF THE BLACK BASS.



Fly-fishing—Landing the Bass.



2022 Donovan Lakes Club Trips

Opened to all club members. Trip includes: Accommodations at Donovan Inn and 4 days of fishing at one of Alabama's best bass destinations (2 half days plus 3 full days). All for \$~ 325 including meals. Never fished for bass, no problem. Experienced members are happy to coach you. Most members have caught their personal best bass or bluegill at Donovan.



As a bonus, Lake Donovan has been re-stocked and is catch and release only for the next 3 years,. As always, gas motors cannot be used on any of Donovan's 8 lakes.

Reserve your spot by contacting [Larry Hice](#). Be sure to indicate which trip you want. Don't delay, trips fill up fast. A *standby list* will be maintained and cancellations will be filled in order the request were submitted.

Check out Donovan's web site. Be sure to scroll down.

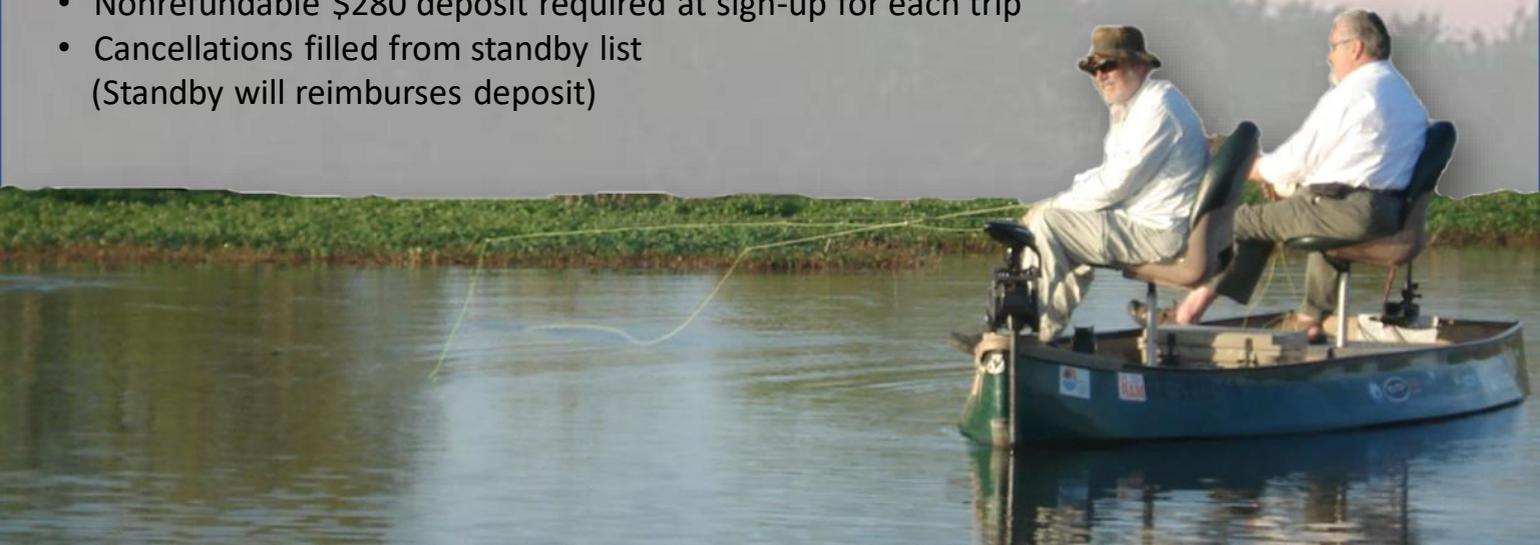
[Donovan
Web Site](#)

Make your plans now! Space is limited!

1st Trip: Monday 2 May till noon Friday 6 May

2nd Trip: Monday 23 May to noon Friday 27 May

- Per person cost ~ \$325 per trip. Includes fishing meals and lodging
- Comparable bass lakes charge \$250/day just for fishing
- First come first served
- Nonrefundable \$280 deposit required at sign-up for each trip
- Cancellations filled from standby list
(Standby will reimburses deposit)



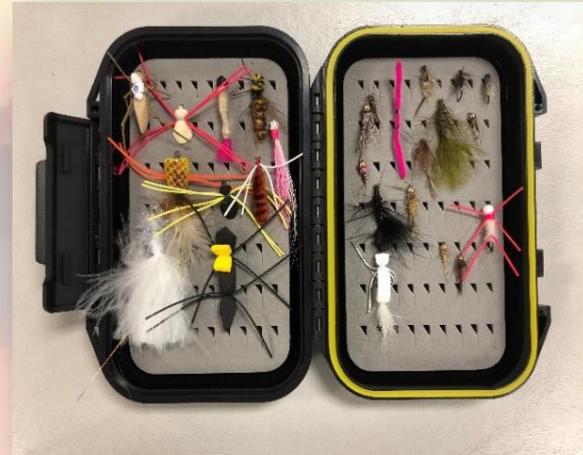
Fly Line Recycling

Flyvines is 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. The picture shows used fly line collected by TVFF in 2019 that didn’t end up in a landfill. The pandemic kept us from doing that in 2020 but we’d like to participate again this year. If you respool your fly reels with new line then please coil it up and bring it to us. TVFF will pack it in a box and send it to Flyvines. It is a small thing you can do to be kind to the environment and support our conservation efforts.



Casting for Recovery Fly Boxes

On the right is one of the 14 fly boxes that TVFF donated to the Alabama Casting for [Recovery](#) retreat in 2019. Since CFR retreats were put on hold due to Covid this past year, there were no TVFF fly boxes donated. TVFF would like to renew this project this year. If interested, choose a fly and tie or purchase 14 of them. When you have your set or multiple sets of 14 flies ready for collection, bring them to any club activity or contact Casting for Recovery [volunteer Debbie Hill](#). TVFF will provide the boxes for your donated flies. This fall we will be filling the fly boxes that will be donated to the Alabama Casting for Recovery retreat. Debbie keeps a list of flies that have been tied or purchased, but duplicates are welcome. <https://castingforrecovery.org/>



Fill-A-Box

Faith Presbyterian Church sponsors this to assist seniors in our area who are identified as food-insecure. Please help TVFF support this worthwhile activity by bringing one item from the list 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 (HamburgerHelper, 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



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.

January Weird Holidays

Fruit Cake Toss Day

January 4th

If you have ever received a fruit cake as a gift then you may have re-gifted it, frozen it then threw it away or just tossed it when Aunt Myrtle couldn't see you.

Thanks to Manitou Springs, Colorado for starting Fruit Cake Toss Day. After all, if you are one of the 99% of people that doesn't like fruit cake, then what are you going to do with it? Finally you can have some fun with it before you throw it away. There are a variety of tossing techniques including catapults and cannons as well as the old fashioned throw.

There are tests for distance and accuracy. Maybe the grand prize is a year's supply of fruit cakes.

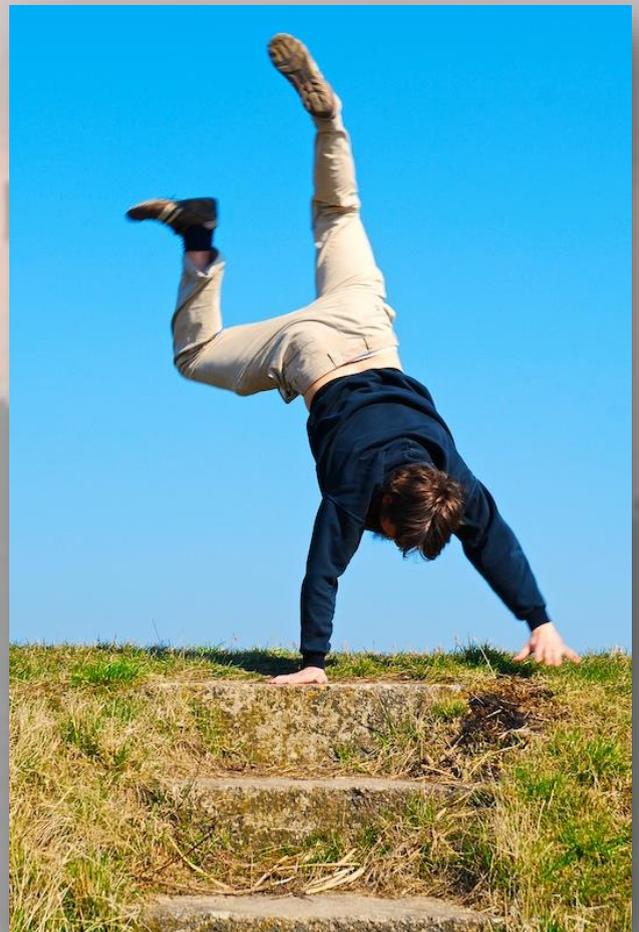


Opposite Day

January 25th

On opposite day you are supposed to do everything opposite the normal way. The idea for opposite day comes from a children's game of doing or saying the opposite thing.

Let's hope Steve does not make us tie our January 27th fly with our opposite hand like he did last year!



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