



TVFF Club News

April 2016

“Fishing is a... discipline in the equality of men - for all men are equal before fish.” ~Herbert Hoover

This Month Program

Jake Jones, a Fishing Sales Associate at the Orvis Huntsville store will be discussing some of the new Orvis gear.

New items on hand for your inspection include the redesigned Hydros reel. Jake likes the new Hydros so much that he purchased three of them himself.



This Month's Activities

- 3 Apr -  Cabela's Fly Fishing For Fun Day
- 6 Apr -  Deer hair stacking class, 7pm room 201
- 14 Apr - Fly of the Month, 7pm room 201
- 18 Apr -  TVFF Donovan Lakes Trip
- 21 Apr -  TVFF Club meeting, 7pm room 201
- 23 Apr -  Earth Day Festival
- 28 Apr - Fly tying session, 7pm room 201



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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 – Hollow Fleye



Featured Tyer: Dick Curtis
7pm, 14 April 2016
Faith Presbyterian Church
5003 Whitesburg
Drive, Huntsville AL
Room 201

Throwing big flies after big fish will wear you out in a short time unless you have a fly that sheds water and is basically weightless. The Hollow Fleye, created by Bob Popovics, is just such a fly. Tied using the reverse tie method, Hollow Fleyes offer large profiles while using minimal material for a fly that is light and easy to cast.

This month only! The Fly of the Month tying session will hold on the 2nd Thursday (14 April).



Tying directions are available on the [TVFF website](#) under the Fly Tying Tab.

Catch of the Month

This 23" brown trout was caught on a pearl sparkle minnow by Mark Shepard on the Soque River near Clarksville, in northeast Georgia on March 6, 2016. It's always a great day when you can set a personal best.

Congratulations Mark!

Send your fishy photos to TVFF.website@Gmail.com



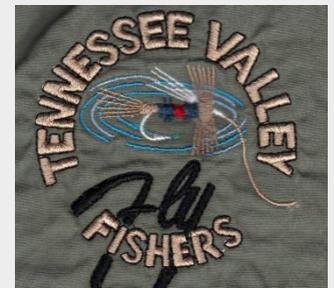
Embroidery Roundup

Have shirts, jackets etc. that need the club logo?

Bring them to the April 21st meeting. Be sure to tag each item with your name and the logo of your choice, either Classic or Alternate. Logos will be embodied above the right pocket unless otherwise noted on tag.



Classic



Alternate



Family Fly Fishing Getaway has been canceled!

The Camp McDowell trip has been cancelled. Ralph Shuey, the organizer and point of contact with the Northern Episcopal Diocese, has undergone open heart surgery and will be recovering for the next 3 months. Ralph is doing well finding time to fish for “yellow “trout within days of major surgery. Our thoughts and prayers are with him as he continues to recover.

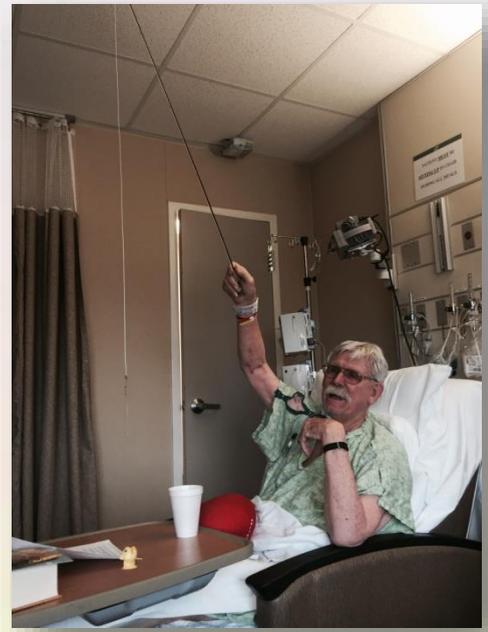
Earth Day Celebration – April 23rd

Earth Day Celebration is annual event sponsored by the city of Huntsville and held at Hays Nature Preserve located on Hwy 431 just south of Hampton Cove. The event draws several thousand visitors and is an excellent outreach opportunity for the club. The festival is open to the public from 10 AM till 2 PM.

Since 2014, the Tennessee Valley Fly Fishers have displayed various items from fly rods to boats, tied flies, provided casting instructions and demonstrated fly fishing in Bar Lake for the thousands of visitors. Attendance has increased over the years with over 3000 visitors expected.

Members needed to demonstrate fly tying, give casting instruction and field questions about fly fishing in general. New to fly fishing? Not a problem we need members with varied experience to assist.

Contact: Larry Hice at lhice@plasticfusion.com or call 256-508-2344




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 under the Education Tab



TWRA trout survey yields spectacular results

If you ever doubted that Tennessee's Elk River held trophy browns, doubt no longer. Last month's trout survey yielded spectacular rainbows and monster browns. The type of fish dreams are made of. The following is a re-print from TWRA's Face Book page.

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency - Statewide [March 9 at 7:10pm](#)



Big Browns (And Rainbows) Are In The Mid-State's Elk River
From Middle Streams and Fish Biologist Steven Day:

TWRA's Darrell (Bones) Bernd and I completed the Tims Ford Tailwaters (Elk River) Trout Survey today which included 6 sampling sites via boat electrofishing from Tims Ford Dam down to Farris Creek. Attached are a couple pictures of just two of the several nice brown trout we caught with our electrical probes and released!



TVFF Supports Cabela's Fly Fishing for Fun Day

TVFF will be featured at Cabela's Fly Fishing Day. April 3rd from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Club members will be on hand to showcase fly fishing gear, provide casting instructions and demonstrate fly tying.

Want to help, come by @ 12:30, we'll find something for you.





Bucketmouth Quest – March by Joe Tremblay

Timing. Fishing the pre-spawn is all about timing. The 1st weekend of March found Bill and I searching for pre-spawn bass on several of Donovan's lakes without much success. A cold front had move through Thursday bringing clear skies and cold weather on Friday. Bad timing on our part. Oh, we managed 16 small bass but no bucketmouths. We had to fish hard for those few fish, re-enforcing Buck Perry's theory that fishing is tough the day after a cold front. (See TVFF website Members Only for more on Effects of Weather on Bass)

The fish were deep and lethargic. All fish were caught on worm and minnow patterns. A black Mr. T's Senko Worm fished slowly on the bottom accounted for this fish.

Undaunted , we returned to Donovan the 3rd weekend in march to find the bass were now on beds, again poor timing for pre-spawn. This time however, the cold front did not pass though till Saturday night and, according to Buck, the best time to fish.

We fished Snag Friday evening for an hour before thunder forced us off the lake, but not before we boated 16 small bass. I'm starting to believe Buck. To say that it rained Friday night is like saying Noah had a skiff. I rained cats and dogs till 10:30 without a drop finding it's into the tent. Great Tent!

We returned to Snag Saturday morning after 2 fruitless turns around Sturtevant and picked up where we left off Friday. Catching smaller bass that did not go on bed on stealth bombers and minnow patterns. By the end of the day, we landed another 40 small bass ranging in size from 1 to 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ #. Most on stealth bombers. This brought our 2 day total to 56 with Sunday morning to go.

Sunday morning broke clear and cold. Temperature in the 30's and Bill and I did not want to get out of the sack. We chose the warmth of our sleeping bags over freezing in the boat. According to Buck, we were in for a hard day of fishing, and by now I trusted Buck. He was spot on, no top water bite, fish deep and lethargic. I chose to fish a stealth bomber whenever the 14 MPH wind permitted while Bill chose a sinktip and a flex tail minnow. Preservation paid off with Bill landing a 4th bass, bringing our 3 day total to 60, just in time to get packed up and get on the road by noon.

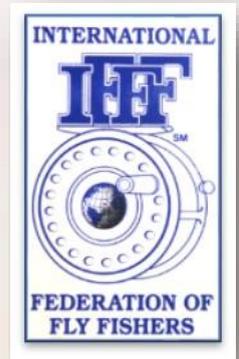
Both trips were great in their own way. The more we fish, the more we learn. Donovan is slowly revealing it's secrets. This month we learned how to catch fish in less than optimum conditions, that Buck Perry knew what he was talking about, and that heavy duty "red" duck tape will hold anything. Even a trailer fender with metal fatigue, but that's another story for another time.





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.



Club trip to Donovan , April 18-21, 2016

The Club trip to Donovan is full-up but you can still get on the standby list with an email to racurtis@knology.net. For more information on Donovan lakes visit <http://donavanlakes.org>

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 you 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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Wanted



Volunteers for the Earth Day Celebration

April 23rd from 10:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Members needed to demonstrate fly tying, give casting instruction and field questions about fly fishing in general. New to fly fishing? Not a problem we need members with varied experience to assist.

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For Sale



Cabala's RLS + rod and reel combo **\$160 firm**

New - Never used 8wt, 4 piece RLS rod and reel combo with rod case, fly line and backing. A \$320 value currently on sale on Cabela's website for \$200. Everything you need for bass or streamer fishing.

Contact: Joe Tremblay tremblayjo46@hotmail.com 256 348-2172



Dave Scadden's McKenzie Drifter ST - **\$1450**

New - The McKenzie Drifter comes equipped with Dave's Lazer-Lok frame making it the most technically advanced double pontoon two person boat on the market! Retail: \$2,900.00

Contact **Pete Barrett** sheepwagon2ak@aol.com 256-504-5658

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