



# TVFF Club News

October 2026



## October 15<sup>th</sup> Program

## TVFF Annual Club Meeting



The TVFF Annual meeting will be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October at 7PM in room 201, social hour starts at 6:30PM.

The main focus of the Annual Meeting is to elect members to serve on the Board of Directors (BOD) and approve the 2027 budget.

Then after the business is concluded, enjoy a cold soft drink and snacks while mingling with fellow members who will be happy to share information and answer any questions you may have. This will be a great opportunity to talk with members who have been there and done that. You may even find a new fishing companion.

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**Welcome New Members:**  
Invite a friend to TVFF!

### This Month

- October 3 – Aldridge Creek, 9 AM
- October 8 – Fly Tying, 7 PM
- October 15 – Annual Meeting, 7 PM
- October 22 – Fly Tying, 7 PM

### Officers and Directors

President: Dave Bailey  
Vice President: Andy King  
Secretary: David Heim  
Treasurer: Vacant  
Membership: Debbie Hill  
Activities: Larry Hice  
Education: Brian Moore  
Conservation: Jacob Franklin  
Communications: Connor Baker

### Board of Directors Meeting

The next BOD meeting is Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup> 2026, 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.

**October 8<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**

**Great Carpholio – Brian Moore**

**Cost: \$3**

Carp fishing is fun, and this is the perfect fly for it! However, this can also work on bream and bass. Andrew Grillos is the signature tyer for this fly and a video of this fly can be found [here](#).

**Materials:**

**Hook:** Umpqua U555

**Thread:** Ultra thread140

**Eyes:** Lead medium

**Tail:** Marabou

**Hackle:** Krystal hackle, medium

**Underbody:** Holographic tinsel

**Legs:** Hot tipped crazy legs

**Head:** Deer hair



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**October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7 PM**

**TBA**

**Cost: \$3**

No tyer yet for this second session, if interested in volunteering for this second session, please reach out to [editor@tvff.club](mailto:editor@tvff.club).

*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, David Darnell fished in the Lenhi County Idaho area on 20 September 2026. Below you can see some of the picturesque scenery. Right is a picture of a trout he caught.



TVFF members Jonathan Craft and Connor Baker, along with honorary member Jessie McGee, fished North Alabama streams targeting smallmouth! Right Connor caught this nice smallmouth and below is Jonathan's beautiful fish! Jonathan is now offering guided trips and if interested in fishing with someone that knows how to catch native Alabama species, please visit Jonathan's [website](#). Thanks Jonathan!



## Habitat Restoration and Mussel Recovery on the Paint Rock

The following is a summary from an article by Kenny Johnson, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. It is from Outdoor Alabama and was published 18 September 2026. The entire article can be found [here](#).

In northeast Alabama, state agencies, conservation groups, and local landowners have joined forces in a major effort to clean the Paint Rock River and restore its native wildlife. In late August 2026, partners gathered in Jackson County to release approximately 1,500 rare native freshwater mussels into the river, including two federally endangered species—the Pale Lilliput and Tennessee Bean—and the Cumberland Moccasin shell.

Freshwater mussels serve as natural water filters, nutrient recyclers, and early indicators of aquatic health. Their reintroduction marks a vital step in recovering from historical channelization and erosion projects dating back to the 1960s. Since 2010, the Alabama Aquatic Biodiversity Center (AABC) has released more than 53,000 mussels representing six species across the watershed, with several populations now naturally reproducing.

The Paint Rock River is one of North America's most biodiverse watersheds, harboring nearly 100 native fish species and 52 species of freshwater mussels. Because over 95% of land in Alabama is privately owned, the initiative relies heavily on public-private partnerships—such as the work on Raymond Jones Jr.'s family property—to achieve long-term ecological balance and cleaner water for future generations.



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## Top 10 Commandments for New Trout Fishermen

The following is a summary of an article in Hatch Magazine. The entire article can be found [here](#). It is dated September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and authored by Todd Tanner. We can easily forget how to trout fish in Alabama. Having so much great bass water. This article is the perfect refresher for trout fishing as we get into Fall.

1. **Use a well-designed rod, reel and line:** Get a setup you can cast well and is good quality. There are plenty of cheap rods that work great. Aim for a 4wt or 5wt eight or nine foot rod.
2. **Practice your knots:** There are a few knots you will need to know. I.E. perfection loop, blood knot, surgeons knot, et al. Practice these while you aren't fishing. It will make it easier when you are on the water trying to attach 7x tippet to your leader.
3. **Focus on your leaders:** Make sure you are using a leader that is right for what you are fishing. Do your research. How long should your leader be? Should it be fluorocarbon or nylon?
4. **Practice your casting:** If you don't make it on the water often, practice in your backyard. Don't let your casting limit you when you finally have that chance to fish.
5. **Develop your awareness skills:** Be aware of your surroundings when you are fishing. This will help you know what flies to use and where to fish.
6. **Fish at an appropriate pace:** Fish at a pace that helps you methodically cover the water. Fishing too fast, you might pass over fish. Fishing too slow, and you might waste your time fishing a spot that you have already spooked the fish.
7. **Learn your bugs:** You should be able to differentiate bugs on the river you frequently fish. If you know them, then you will know what fly pattern to put on.
8. **Avoid the fly cult:** Effective flies are important, but if you are not catching fish, it might not be your fly. Oftentimes, casting and presentation is the problem. Fly selection is important, but those are much more crucial.
9. **Concentrate on your drift:** Make sure your fly drift mimics how a bug would actually float down the stream.
10. **Follow the Golden Rule:** Share your stream with other anglers. Don't disrupt water others are fishing. If you respect them, they will respect you.



## The Drift: Colorado River Crisis Deepens

The following excerpt is borrowed from Fly Lords Magazine. The entire article can be found [here](#). It is dated August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 and authored by Spencer Durant.

*40 million people rely on water from the Colorado River Basin, in addition to 5 million acres of farmland. This literal lifeblood of the American Southwest is in serious jeopardy, though, and I'd wager fewer than 1 million people are giving it the attention it deserves. That's a sad indictment of our modern world, where we're so disconnected from the nature that supports us, that the idea of running out of water seems absurd.*

*Yet in Arizona and Nevada, that's an increasingly likely reality.*

*Under rules formalized by the Bureau of Reclamation last week, Nevada will lose 17% of their Colorado River allocation over the next two years. If the drought persists and water levels remain critically low in Lake Powell and Lake Mead, Nevada could stand to lose another 71% of its water allocation. Such a drastic cut would be more water than Nevada currently uses from the river. In Arizona, the state faces cuts of roughly 27% of its allocation each year through 2028.*

*Arizona is in a unique position because they only received Colorado River water after agreeing to be first-in-line for cuts, should the river run dry during drought years. Nevada's allocation mostly goes to Las Vegas, a city that leads the nation in water conservation. But both areas are at risk of running out of water in a not-so-distant future because of the insistence on keeping Lake Mead and Lake Powell at certain capacities.*

*Aside from providing water storage, both reservoirs are also major power generating stations. For some reason, America has an aversion to building out new forms of power generation, and major portions of the American Southwest depend on the power generated by these dams. If the reservoir levels fall too low, power generation drops significantly; in Powell's case, power generation stops entirely and water can't flow downstream into the Grand Canyon.*

*Only 43 years ago, Powell was full. The winter and spring of 1983 was wet throughout the region, and even during the opening years of this current drought in the early 2000s, there was hope both lakes would return to their high levels quickly.*

*Instead, we're living in a world where 20 years of consistently below-average flows have parched the ground and depleted groundwater supplies. Aquifers have to recharge, the soil needs to return to its normal level of moisture content, before the water can runoff into reservoirs for us to store for future use. Right now, the region is so dry, even a banner winter this year won't make much of a dent.*

*Yet this problem goes largely unnoticed by most living in the area, because water is still cheap and available.*

*In just a few years, it might not be.*

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## The Drift: Colorado River Crisis Deepens (cont.)

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*Phoenix and Tucson have other sources of culinary water they can tap into. Las Vegas, however, is limited in their water supplies. Other, smaller settlements in the region – including Native American Reservations – are in a similar situation. And thanks in large part of a lack of planning from those in charge, these areas stand to bear the brunt of water shortages and increasing costs.*

*The solution here isn't simple. Population growth in the West has exploded, far beyond what the area's water supplies can likely support long term. So who has to leave? Who bears the brunt of the bad planning decisions made in the last 30 years? Who gets held accountable for unbridled development? And does holding them accountable actually solve the current problem?*

*Adding to that, who are we to dictate what crop a farmer decides to grow and sell on their land? Almonds are notorious water users, and they're grown prolifically in California. Alfalfa drinks water at an alarming rate, but it's grown throughout the region to support cattle ranching. Do we tell the farmers and ranchers to pack up and leave? To only grow crops and ranch animals that do well in an arid region?*

*Wars over water are nothing new. But the consequences have never been quite this dire. At a bare minimum, we should be demanding action and plans from our leaders. Instead, they're filing lawsuits and giving partisan statements to any news outlet that will listen, because at least they're seen doing something. There doesn't seem to be a desire to actually find a solution. Instead, we're watching the blame get shifted in the hopes that it'll distract us from the reality that's coming.\*\**





## Appalachian Fly Tying Gathering

Come experience Maggie Valley when the fall colors are at their peak and the fly fishing is at its best! Tie some flies, take in the beautiful mountain scenery, catch a trout, and enjoy a full day with the fly-fishing and fly-tying community.

**Saturday, October 17, 2026**

**9:00 AM–9:00 PM**

**Maggie Valley Town Hall Pavilion**



# APPALACHIAN FLY TYING GATHERING



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### — TIE FOR A CAUSE —

Bring donated flies. Every fly will be passed along to organizations that use fly fishing and fly tying to make a difference.



**SATURDAY • OCTOBER 17, 2026**



**9:00 AM–9:00 PM**



**MAGGIE VALLEY, NC TOWN HALL PAVILION**



**RSVP: Bill Jewett**  
[theflytyingsanta24@gmail.com](mailto:theflytyingsanta24@gmail.com)





## Annual Membership Meeting October 15<sup>th</sup>

The October meeting is the Annual Membership Meeting, as is spelled out in the bylaws. We will hold elections for five Board of Director positions as noted below. We will also present the 2027 Budget to be voted on by the members.

The bylaws specify nine Board positions consisting of 4 officers – President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and 5 directors – Activities, Communications, Membership, Education and Conservation. The term for all positions is two years but the terms are staggered to help maintain continuity on the Board of Directors.

### Elections

This year we will elect 5 positions –President, Treasurer, Communications Director, Membership Director, and Education Director. The term for these positions begins January 1, 2027 and ends December 31, 2028.

### 2027 Budget

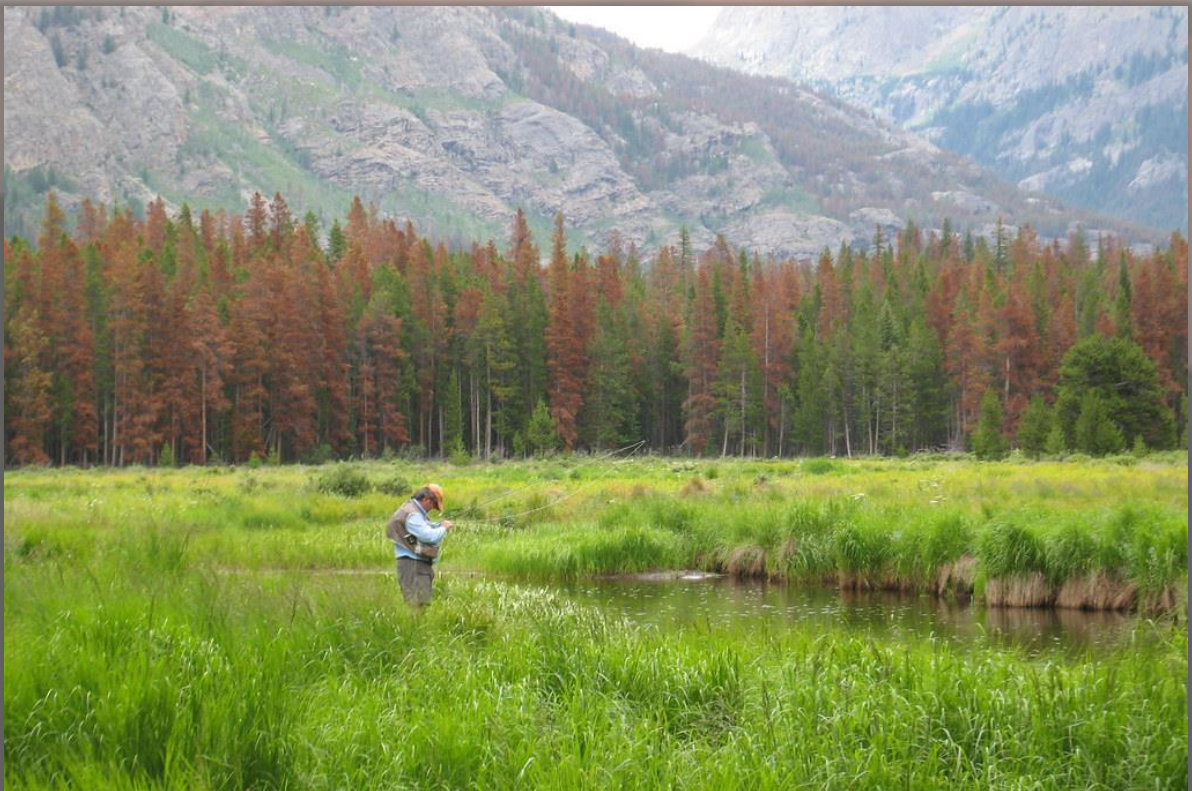
The 2027 budget will be presented to the membership for approval.

### Charter or Affiliate

The business portion of the meeting will be followed by a status report from the Board on changing the club from Charter Club to Affiliate Club with FFI.

### Light Refreshment

Light refreshments and drinks will be offered starting at 6:30PM. Feel free to come early and socialize with your fellow club members.



## Chamness Award Nominations

Know someone deserving of recognition at TVFF? Nominations are being accepted for the 2026 Chamness Award. It's named after Johnny Chamness, one of our founding members whose dedication and service were instrumental to the club's success. Although Johnny never held office, his service to the club continued unabated until the years and health issues forced him to limit his activities. Johnny's countless contributions were officially recognized in 1998 with the creation of the Johnny Chamness Award for excellence in service.

In keeping with the spirit of service to the club, the Chamness Award is presented to members who have provided invaluable service to the club through their contributions of time, energies, and support of club functions, activities, events and goals. Nominations are easy. Simply submit the candidate's name along with the reason you feel he or she is deserving of the award to [Tom Wallace](#), our most recent recipient. Please keep your nomination confidential so the recipient can be surprised. You can also mail your nomination to TVFF, PO Box 12841, Huntsville, AL 35815. Please submit your nominations by the October meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>.



## Mark Your Calendars for Annual TVFF Banquet – November 6<sup>th</sup>

In line with the Johnny Chamness Award mentioned above, this year's banquet will be Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>. Board members will be calling shortly to get a head count so we can know how much food to order. If you are interested in donating any items or even if you are interested in attending, please contact Mr. Larry Hice, [lhice@plasticfusion.com](mailto:lhice@plasticfusion.com) or (256) 508-2344. This is the number one money maker for our club. If you are a new fly fisher, this is a good chance to pick up some new items. In addition to the auction, there will be a raffle with many items.





## TVFF News

### TVFF is Collecting Empty Thread Spools

If you have empty thread, wire, floss, or tinsel spools, please bring to a future TVFF meeting (fly tying or monthly meeting). Debbie Hill will be collecting these. Instead of throwing them away, they will be repurposed. If you have any questions please contact Debbie: [debhill522@gmail.com](mailto:debhill522@gmail.com)



### TVFF Classified Ads

TVFF has a classified section will for members to offer for sale used or unwanted fly fishing related items:

- Send a brief description and picture of the item(s) you wish to sell and include an asking price to the TVFF Communications Director at [editor@tvff.club](mailto:editor@tvff.club)
- Provide your name, email and/or cell number
- All transactions are to be conducted between the buyer and seller. TVFF will not become involved
- Ads will not roll over each month, you must resubmit your request each month if needed
- This service is for current TVFF members and must include fly fishing related items only

### Faith Presbyterian Church – Food Item of the Month

Thank you to all that brought mixed vegetables and carrots to last month's TVFF meetings for donation to the ongoing food pantry drive at Faith Presbyterian Church. This helps FPC in their efforts to provide extra food to seniors that need a little extra help each month. The item for the month of October is **any canned item**. If you are able to donate a box or two please bring those to the upcoming TVFF meetings (either fly tying or swap). We will collect your donations and get those to the Food Pantry.



## October Funny Holidays

### Fluffernutter Day October 8th

The word got my attention. It is a funny word and fun to say. Maybe I should have known, but I had to look it up. It is a sandwich made with peanut butter and marshmallow fluff. It is a new England tradition, maybe because Marshmallow Crème was invented by Archibald Query in Somerville, Mass. In 1917.

Now I am thinking about a foam hopper pattern with one layer of white foam and one layer of tan. I'll call it the fluffernutter. It might not catch fish but it might catch fisherman.



### Chucky the Killer Doll Day October 25th

Chucky is the feature character in a series of horror movies that began with *Child's Play* in 1988. The premise is that a serial killer who, to escape the police, uses a voodoo ritual to transfer his soul into a toy store doll. Mayhem ensues.

Some folks have given the nickname Chucky to ex-Oakland Raiders head coach Jon Gruden. When asked about it he said "I don't know. I don't see the resemblance". You be the judge.

I never saw the movies but maybe you did. What better way to celebrate the day than a Chucky movie marathon.



Chucky doll



Bad Chucky



Jon Gruden



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