



# TVFF Club News

October 2021



## October Program (Zoom)



Alabama Power Co. Environmental Affairs Supervisor **Jason Carlee** will speak this month about the Sipsey Fork tailrace below Smith Lake Dam, Alabama's only cold-water trout fishery. Carlee leads groups providing field support necessary to demonstrate compliance with environmental regulations and operating licenses relating to water and wildlife. His duties include development and promotion of conservation programs that ensure protection of threatened and endangered species and their habitat as well as stewardship programs such as Renew our Rivers and Habitat Enhancement. Jason earned a bachelor of science degree in Fisheries Management from Auburn University and a Master of Business Administration from UAB. Carlee serves on the board of trustees for the Nature Conservancy in Alabama and on the Editorial Board for the Alabama Wildlife Federation's Alabama Wildlife magazine. The speaker will join us via Zoom. You will receive the Zoom invitation the week of the meeting.

### Upcoming Events

Annual Membership Mtg, Elections, October 21<sup>st</sup>  
Banquet and Auction Friday Nov 12<sup>th</sup>

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### This Month

Faith Presbyterian Church Rm 201

- Oct 14- Fly tying 7 PM
- Oct 21 - Membership Mtg 7 PM
- Oct 28 - Fly Tying 7 PM

### Officers and Directors

President: Steve Kerkhof  
Vice President: Connor Baker  
Secretary: Gary Jedlovec  
Treasurer: David Mahlik  
Membership: Debbie Hill  
Activities: Larry Hice  
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Communications: Dana Beyerle

### Board of Directors Meeting

The next BOD meeting will be 7 PM  
Nov. 4, Faith Presbyterian Church,  
corner Whitesburg/Airport, Room 201.  
Members are welcome .

## TVFF Fly Tying Group

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



**Please bring a mask in case masking rules change**

**14 October 7PM Room 201 in person**

**Morrish October Caddis and Charlie Boy Cricket - Lead Tyer, Steve Kerkhof**

**Cost: \$2.00 in person**

The October caddis is an extended body top water fly with a deer hair wing and a hackle body. Practice your hair and feather techniques. The cricket is a simple foam fly based on the Charlie Boy hopper pattern.

Materials: October Caddis

Thread: 6/0, 140 Denier Rusty Brown

Hook: Size 8 nymph hook

Body: 2mm orange and tan craft foam, brown hackle feather

Wing: Deer or Elk body hair

Other: Needle or Hat pin to tie extended body

Materials: Charlie Boy Cricket

Size 8 hopper hook; black, 6/0 or 140 denier thread; black medium round rubber legs; polyester yarn for indicator.



**28 October 7PM**

**TeQueely Streamer- Featured Tyer, Connor Baker**

Tied in various sizes, this is the perfect fly for bass and larger trout. The orange, yellow, brownish colors of this fly make it the perfect fly for fall streamer fishing.

Materials:

Hook: Long shank streamer size 2-4, Weight: Cyclops bead/lead wire,

Thread: dark 6/0 Tail: black and yellow marabou, Body: copper cactus

chenille or TeQueely chenille if you can get it, Legs: Fluoro yellow

round rubber



***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, one of your own design.***

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

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



### September Speaker Summary

Our September speaker, Tennessee Valley Authority Watershed Process Specialist **Shannon O’Quinn**, updated TVFF club members about the federal power company and the Elk River and other cold-water fishing streams in the TVA service area. The TVA area contains 12 tailwaters that are stocked with trout from the Dale Hollow National Fish Hatchery and two others. The TVA provides flood control, electric power production, and recreation. He was joined by TVA Reservoir Operations Manager **Darrell Guinn**. He said TVA gauges its water releases to protect species that inhabit the streams and lakes including mussels and snails .

### Chamness Award Nominations

Know someone deserving of recognition? Nominations are being accepted for the 2021 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 [Ted Crona](#), 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 October 21<sup>st</sup>.



### Annual Membership Meeting October 21<sup>st</sup>

There are two items of business for the October meeting. The 2022 budget will be presented for approval by the members. We will also have elections for four Board of Director positions, Vice President, Secretary, Conservation Director and Education Director. The term is two years, beginning in January 2022.

If you are interested in serving on the Board please contact Steve Kerkhof (256-541-6868). TVFF bylaws allow for nominations from the floor at the October meeting as long as the nominee has agreed to serve.

### Annual Banquet and Auction Friday November 12<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendar for the TVFF Banquet and Auction on Friday November 12<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 6:00. We will have a catered dinner beginning at 6:30 PM, followed by the Auction. This is our main fundraiser for the year so we want to see all of you there. We also need donations for the Auction and Raffle. We welcome donations of new, used and handcrafted items. Bring your donated items to the Banquet. Contact [Larry Hice](#) with any questions about donations. Additional information will be provided in the November newsletter.

## Catch of the Month

David Bailey caught these fish on a late September trip to the Watauga River along the Tennessee/North Carolina border. He says there were periods of poor weather but he still caught 20 rainbows and 1 brown in 2 days of fishing. Looks like he had a great trip in spite of the rain. Thanks, David, for sharing these pictures.



Send your pictures to [editor@tvff.club](mailto:editor@tvff.club) along with a brief description of where you were and what you caught.

## Return to Alaska – Joe Tremblay

A flight delay in Seattle caused our late arrival in Anchorage that resulted in 15 passengers, including Steve, Fred and I, to miss our flight to King Salmon. I was not a happy camper! With no other flights scheduled till the following morning, Alaska Air chartered a Raven Airlines turbo prop to fly the anxious fishermen to King Salmon. Unfortunately there were not enough seats and Steve and I were booked on Alaska Air for the following day. You can imagine that did not sit well, but Alaska Air tried to make up for it by booking rooms in the Fairfield Inn by Marriott and provided airport vouchers for dinner that night and breakfast the next day.

As we arrived in King Salmon the next day, we were met by Jim Johnson, owner of the Katmai Trophy Lodge, and Jim drove us to the Lodge where our guide Tanner was waiting . We got into our waders in record time and spent the rest of the day fishing for silvers.



**Steve with Tanner and one of the many silver salmon caught**

Silvers have got to be near the top of the list as the most powerful freshwater gamefish you can catch on a fly rod. There's nothing like the feel of a powerful silver as he strips line and often goes airborne in effort to throw the hook. It's an experience I will not soon forget.



**Joe and Fred with a couple nice silvers**

While Steve and Fred took some side trips, I continued targeting silvers for the majority of the trip. Fishing King Salmon Creek was not as productive this year. The silvers were just starting to make their way up the creek. Steve caught this fresh from the ocean silver while wading the creek on an olive wooly bugger. Imagine catching fish like this in a creek you can easily cast across.

Fred went to Margo Creek for some dolly varden fishing. One of the most popular methods of fishing for dollies is using beads. At this time of year the river and creeks are full of sockeye eggs and beads are the perfect imitation. Fished on a dead drift under an indicator, they are irresistible.



**Fred with a nice dolly varden and spawning sockeyes in full swing**



Fred and I did not join Steve while he went to Brooks Falls. Nor did we go last year either, even though several of the younger and more agile members of our group did their best to convince me to go.

I have no desire to get close and personal with a grizzly intent on eating and furthermore, it's not healthy to be the slowest member of the group. Just kidding. The bears are keyed on salmon and as long as you don't argue when they want your fishing spot, it's perfectly safe. In retrospect, I probably should have gone. *(Joe did some Photoshop magic to put my image in the foreground of the bear picture. I wasn't ever that close to the Mama bear and her cub. – Steve)*



### Steve at Brooks Falls fishing with the locals

I truly believe it's impossible to go to Alaska and not catch fish. The salmon are on a one way trip so you don't have to feel guilty for bringing home a 50 pound box of salmon filets. Fred and Steve each took a box home. I thoroughly enjoyed my Alaska trip and highly recommend it for everyone. You won't be disappointed.



We stayed at the [Katmai Trophy Lodge](#) on a trip organized by [Larry Risbridger](#).

If you are interested, Larry organizes trips every year at group rates that are far below individual rates.

I understand Larry still has a few openings for next year.



### 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

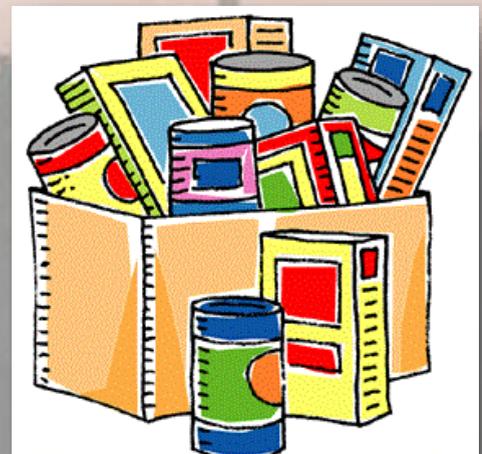
On the right is one of the 14 fly boxes that TVFF donated to the Alabama Casting for [Recovery](#) retreat in 2019. Since CFR retreats were put on hold due to Covid this past year, there were no TVFF fly boxes donated. TVFF would like to renew this project this year. If interested, choose a fly and tie 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 (When we meet at church)

**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 (Hamburge rHelper, 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



FLY FISHERS  
INTERNATIONAL  
VIRTUAL  
EXPO  
2021

**Fly Fishers International Virtual Expo is Nov. 5-7.** Great activities are planned. Check the [website](#) for more information. You can be a sponsor or exhibitor for between \$500 and \$3,000. Instructors will be online for seminars and workshops covering casting, tying, fly fishing skills, and conservation. Also, there will be auctions and raffles. Inquire at [ffiexpoauction@flyfishersinternational.org](mailto:ffiexpoauction@flyfishersinternational.org).

**Your Film Talents Are Needed.** The FFI also is sponsoring a [film](#) festival for all to tell their fly-fishing-related stories through film. Experienced or novice, young or old, close to home or in exotic locations, all are invited to submit their original films. Entries will be selected by a panel of judges from the fly fishing community whose identities will be confidential until after the contest. Expo registrants will also vote for a Fan Favorite of those selected by the judges. Submissions must be fly fishing related, and can feature topics related to conservation, education, community, destination, or just a good ol' fishing story. All submissions must be original material and submissions can not have been previously released in any form, including social media platforms, video posting websites, or elsewhere on the internet. Entries also cannot have been in any other fly-fishing film festival or competition. Top prize is \$2,000. Entry deadline is Sept. 10.



### BOD Minutes

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

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



# 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.



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