



TVFF Club News

April 2019



Program – April 18, 7 pm

Capt. Tony Cox

A lifelong creek wader and fly fisherman, Tony was born and raised on the banks of the Tennessee River in Northwest Alabama.

Tony offers casting/fly fishing lessons, guides for smallmouth, largemouth, stripers, and white bass in the world famous tailraces of Wheeler Dam and Wilson Dam and on Wheeler, Wilson, and Pickwick Lakes.

If canoe or wade trips in waters that get less pressure are more your style, Tony also guides on North Alabama's Cypress Creek, Shoal Creek, and Bluewater Creek.

Updated Fishing Reports

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This Month's Activities

- Apr 11 - Fly Tying 7pm Room 201
- Apr 18 - Program 7pm Room 201
- Apr 25 - Fly Tying - 7pm Room 201



BOD Minutes

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

Members can read the minutes by simply asking the Club Secretary, David Hatfield.



Catch of the Month – Rebecca Pedigo and Corey Pedigo

Check out these impressive brown trout caught by Rebecca and Corey Pedigo on the White/Norfork River near Mountain Home, Arkansas. They were on the club organized trip that was advertised in the past two issues of the newsletter.



Congratulations to you both.



Above, Rebecca Pedigo on Arkansas' Norfolk river with a 22 inch brown caught March 23rd on an egg pattern while on a guided trip with husband Corey.





TVFF Fly Tying Group



Fly tying Night April 11th –Tier – Dick Curtis

Faith Presbyterian Church Room 201 , 7 – 9 pm

Fly - Popper

There will be a \$3 charge for materials

Dick Curtis will show us how to tie a popper fly. This is a topwater pattern that is especially enticing to largemouth bass. You get to paint and personalize for this tie.



Fly tying Night Apr18th –Tier – David Hatfield

Faith Presbyterian Church Room 201 , 7 – 9 pm

Pheasant and Green wet fly

There will be a \$3 charge for materials

This is a very traditional and classic trout fly pattern. It is a soft hackle wet fly that is usually fished down stream and across stream.



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 even designed. Join us for 2 hour sessions held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7 PM.



Education Director

The TVFF Board is seeking a candidate to fill the term that ends in 2019 for Education Director. The primary responsibility is to plan the twice monthly fly tying sessions. For a full description of duties see [here](#).

Contact Joe Tremblay or any Officer or Director with questions.

2019 Donavan Lakes Club Trip **Spots Still Available**

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 \$~ 300 including meals. Never fished for bass, no problem. Experienced members are happy to coach you.

Make your plans now! Space is limited!

- Monday 22 April till noon Friday 26 April
- Per person cost ~ \$300. Includes fishing meals and lodging
- Comparable bass lakes charge \$250/day just for fishing
- First come first served
- Nonrefundable \$220 deposit required at sign-up
- Cancellations filled from standby list (Standby reimburses deposit)



Fill a Box

Faith Presbyterian Church has been kind enough to let TVFF use Room 201 at the church for many years. We would like to give back by supporting their "Fill a Box" program. This program provides food to seniors that have been identified by CASA as "food insecure". Faith volunteers deliver 20 boxes to seniors in need. If you would like to participate then please bring an item to the next meeting to add to the TVFF box. The church office will also accept cash donations.

What will fill a box?

- 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 (Hamburger Helper, Mac n Cheese)
- 2-3 bottles/jars of Condiments (mayo, ketchup, oil, etc.)
- 1 jar of PEANUT BUTTER
- 1-2 packs of SNACKS/DESSERT



TO FLY FISH

BETTER FLY FISHING SKILLS FOR YOUR SPECIES!



[TROUT AND STEELHEAD:
STEALTH FUNDAMENTALS
OF TROUT NINJAS
\[VIDEO\]](#)

Stealth when fly fishing for trout and steelhead (yes, I know steelhead are trout) in rivers is often seen in two ways. The anglers using stealth are either looked upon as a ninja/elite military force or a ballerina. Stealth is often seen as silly or unnecessary or...



[BLOOD MIDGE LARVA FLY
PATTERN \[VIDEO\]](#)

During the winter and early spring, midge are a huge food source for, particularly in tailwaters. The midge has a complete metamorphosis, which means that it has a larval and a pupal form. When there is an active hatch, the pupa is more often than not what the fish...



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.

March Holidays

National Beer Day

Date When Celebrated : April 7

This day was established to not only honor the history of beer but also to celebrate the Cullen–Harrison Act – an act which allowed people to buy, sell and drink beer that had 4% alcohol by volume and was signed by FDR in 1933. The day in which it went into effect, over a million and a half barrels of beer were sold. Other countries which celebrate a National Beer Day include Iceland (March 1st) and the United Kingdom (June 15th).



In 1919, the Volstead Act became law and by 1920, the entire United States was subject to Prohibition. This meant that beer, wine and grain liquors had all become illegal. While Prohibition wouldn't become repealed until December 5th, 1933, U.S citizens received an early break 8 months earlier when Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Cullen-Harrison act on April 7th, 1933. After he signed the bill, FDR is reported to have said, "I think this would be a good time for a beer." And many Americans agreed with him because huge groups of people flooded breweries and taverns all over the country. In fact, by the end of that day, over 1.5 million gallons of beer ended up being sold. Beer has been enjoyed by Americans ever since.

NATIONAL Grilled Cheese Day

Date When Celebrated : April 12

National Grilled Cheese Day is an unofficial holiday which celebrates one of the most popular comfort foods on the planet: the grilled cheese. On this holiday, which just so happens to fall on April 12th, people all over the U.S and the world make themselves their favorite version of a grilled cheese sandwich. Which probably means this is one of the most delicious holidays on the calendar.

If you want to be technical about it, the pairing of bread and cheese together is something which has happened since ancient times. In fact, it was the ancient Romans who really made a point of serving bread and cheese together. However, the grilled cheese of today is really sort of a modern concoction. And it only came about because of two very important inventions: bread slicers and modern American cheese.



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