



# TVFF Club News

July 2016



**"Nothing makes a fish bigger than almost being caught." - Author Unknown**

## This Month Program – IFFF Southern Council Fly Fishing Fair and Trip

Dick Curtis will showcase past club trips to Arkansas's blue ribbon trout waters in Mountain Home. This "must do" trip should be on everyone's to do list.



## This Month's Activities

- 14 July - Foam Fly Series, 7pm room 201
- 21 July -  TVFF Club meeting, 7pm room 201
- 28 July – Foam Fly Series, 7pm room 201



Denotes a of qualifying event

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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



# TVFF Foam Fly Series

**Tying foam flies is fun and easier than it looks.**

Learn how to make your own foam flies from small ants to bass poppers including how to make custom foam blocks and making and painting popper heads.

You don't have to be an expert tier to ties foam flies. As a matter of fact, this is a great way to get started in fly tying. Don't have fly tying tools? No problem TVFF fly tying kits are available. There is a nominal cost for each session (usually \$2) to cover cost of materials.

Join us for 2 hour sessions held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month with our first session on July 14th at 7 PM.



# Foam Fly Series

Week 1	Black Foam Caddis
14 July	Foam Beetle
	Foam Ant
Week 2	Charlie Boy Hopper
28 July	Chernobyl Ant
Week 3	Gurgler variant
11 Aug	Master Splinter Mouse
Week 4	Stealth Bomber
25 Aug	Stealth Bomber variant
Week 5	Assembling foam press
8 Sept	Creating custom foam blocks
Week 6	Making & shaping popper bodies
22 Sept	Painting popper bodies
Week 7	Rainy's Frog
13 Oct	Dahlberg Diver

# Catch of the Month

David Darnell landed this 20" rainbow on sweltering afternoon on a #20 nymph, making David a member of the 20 X 20 Club.

Congratulations David! Great fish!

Location: Caney Fork River, Tn.

Date: 6/11/2016

Fly: #20 Higa's S.O.S



Send your fishy photos to [TVFF.website@Gmail.com](mailto:TVFF.website@Gmail.com)

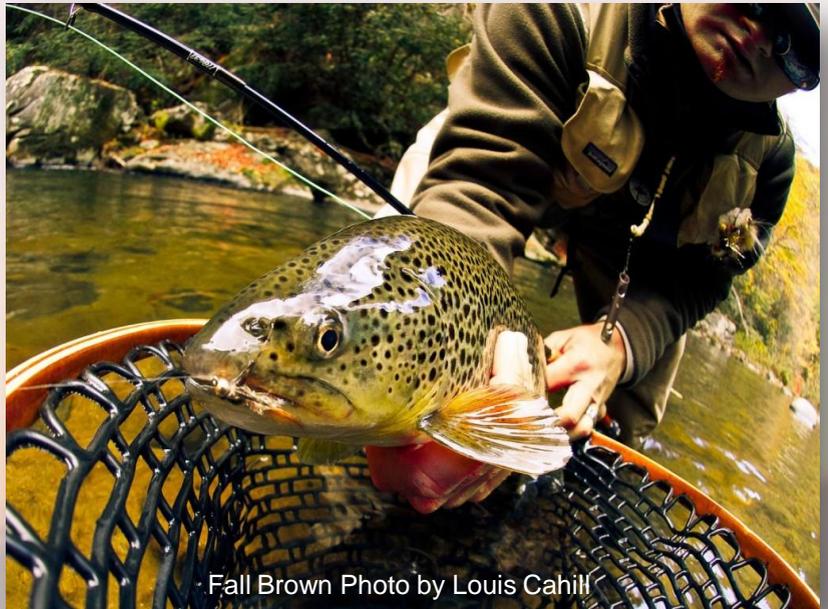
## Sunday Classic / Browns on the Move

POSTED ON FEBRUARY 24, 2013 / BY LOUIS CAHILL

FROM [HTTP://WWW.GINKANDGASOLINE.COM/](http://www.ginkandgasoline.com/)

Fall through winter is a busy time of year for trout. Water temperatures are falling, days are getting shorter and big fish are on the move. Among the species that spawn in the fall are Brown Trout. The cooling weather and longer nights are their cue to leave the deep pools, reservoirs and under cut banks they call home and head to the shallow gravel runs where they spawn. This annual migration offers anglers a rare shot at fish we would normally never see.

Browns are one of the most sought after species of trout. Primarily because they are so difficult to catch. They are moody and reclusive, the larger fish spending most of their days hidden by overhead cover. They do their feeding at night, hunting down bait



Fall Brown Photo by Louis Cahill

fish and crawfish in the shallows then disappearing at dawn. They are homebodies. Browns will often spend their whole life in one pool where they have found refuge. Research has shown that they set such a high value on this kind of safety that some Brown Trout, faced with lethally high water temperatures, will stay in their hiding places and die, rather than leave to find cooler water. That stubbornness is exactly what makes them so difficult to catch.

Targeting moving fish is a lot of work. You have to cover water, but you have to do your homework too. The first step is knowing where the fish live. This is usually pretty easy. It's hard to keep big Browns a secret. The reservoirs and rivers where folks catch the occasional big brown generally hold lots of fish of that size. The next step is a little tougher. You have to figure out where they spawn. Fish will move upstream, drawn to the spot where they were born, to lay their eggs. They will be looking for shady runs with clean gravel bottoms and consistent, well oxygenated, moving water. My friends and I will take a day during the spawn and hike a likely stream looking for signs of spawners, gaining valuable knowledge for the next year's fishing.

Often these spots are in small headwater streams on public land. Sometimes they are on private property. This is of little concern because spawning fish are not what we are looking for. Harassing fish that are already on their redds is harmful and poor sportsmanship. The spawn is important to the health of the population and there will be no big wild fish to catch without a successful spawn. **Let them be.** What we want is to catch them on the move. The way to do this is target the water between the year round holding water and the spawning grounds. Look for deep pools and bends just above fast runs where fish will rest during the day. The mouths of tributaries can be good too.

Early mornings and evening will be the most productive. Night is good too if you're up for it. October and early November is prime time most places. As a general rule Browns will start to drop their eggs on the full moon of November but it varies from place to place. You want to get there before eggs are laid. Target fish with streamers and big nymphs. These fish are not actively hunting a meal but they are hungry and feeling

aggressive. Put something big on their nose and chances are they'll eat. You're hunting for fish, so identify the likely spots, work them, and move on. The fish you are looking for may be there or he may have been there yesterday. Expect to do some walking.

While you're in the river remember that you are approaching these fish at a crucial time in their life cycle. Their ability to complete a successful spawn is vital to the health of the fishery and the quality of the fishing. Keep your eyes peeled for the light spots in the gravel bottom where hens have cleaned their redds. Cut them a wide berth. Stepping on redds kills viable eggs and spooking fish off their redds gives scavengers a chance to dart in and gorge themselves. When you catch a fish handle it with special care. These migrating fish are already stressed and over exerted. The females are carrying bellies full of eggs. A careless hand lifting a fish in the wrong place can cause them to waste eggs or sperm needed for spawning. Hold them gently by the tail and under the pectoral fins and keep them in the water as much as possible.



The fall migration is a great opportunity for an angler who is willing to do the work to find a special fish. Just keep in mind that we are all stewards of a fragile resource. Tread lightly and treat it with respect.

*Louis Cahill*

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## TVFF "Adopt a Stream" Clean-up (Aldridge Creek) Saturday, Aug 20th

Aldridge Creek is a local tributary flowing through Huntsville that feeds into the Tennessee River at Ditto Landing. As a conservation activity, TVFF adopted a segment of this stream in 2013. The focus of this stream adoption program is to assign segments of Aldridge Creek to local affiliates for the purpose of them maintaining the overall condition, appearance and fish-ability of the creek.

The city will provide cleaning supplies including trash bags, can catchers and gloves. In addition, they will erect signs showing who has adopted each individual section of the creek.

TVFF will provide lunch, beverages and fixings for all attending and assisting in the clean-up.

Those interested in supporting this conservation activity should contact Larry Hice (256-508-2344 or [lhice@plasticfusion.com](mailto:lhice@plasticfusion.com)) or Joe Tremblay (256-348-2172 or [tremblayjo46@hotmail.com](mailto:tremblayjo46@hotmail.com)).



## IFF Southern Conference Fly Fishing Fair



Get ready for the 1 Oct-9 Oct pilgrimage to Arkansas's premier trout waters and IFF Southern Council Fly Fishing fare.

The low water conditions promise ample wading opportunities as well as the ever popular boat fishing. Both the White and the Norfolk offer some of the best trout fishing in the country with phenomenal per mile fish count.

This trip has been one of TVFF premier events for long before I have become a member and remains so today. This is a great opportunity to fish blue ribbon trout waters with veteran club members.

You'll be staying at Riley Station in Cedar Gables, a wonderful log house that sleeps 8+, located on the White River and a short drive to favorite fishing spots on the White and Norfolk Rivers.

In addition to some fabulous fishing, the IFF Southern Fly Fishing Fair is scheduled for Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be ample time to stock up on everything fly fishing and to attend various classes.

If you ever wanted to fish one of America's top trout destinations but thought it was out of reach, this is you. \$450 gives you 7 days of world class fishing, meals, transportation to and from, license and entrance fee to IFF Southern Conference Fly Fishing Fair. A great value!

**Get all the details at the 15 July Club meeting.**



## Bucketmouth Quest – June by Joe Tremblay

How quickly conditions change. For the last two months, fishing has been great! Weather was mild and the fish were aggressive. June was a scorcher limiting fishing to 2 to 3 hours after daylight and a few hours in the evening. A long way to go for short days on the lake!

Fred Kaufman accompanied me on the only trip since the last installment of Bucketmouth Quest. We stayed in one of Marion's two motels and were grateful for the air conditioning. Fishing was good but not great. Fred caught the best fish of the trip while I got the best sunburned. I wondered if Bill and I could spend any more weekends in the Nylon Inn (our tent) this summer.



As usual, Bill was ahead of me. A bad case of bronchitis that had him sidelined for several weeks, gave him ample time to ponder the problem and come up with a solution. As a result, we are now the proud owners of a Redneck Tent Air Conditioner, named after the color of the cooler and shape of the exhaust ports. Simply fill with ice and plug in and chill. I doubt it will be as efficient as your home unit but it should make sleeping on hot summer nights possible, at least until the ice melts. I'll let you know how well it works in next month installment of the Bucketmouth Quest.

## The origin of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July

The fourth of July is the birthday of our nation. Today, we celebrate and enjoy the freedom that comes with the event that made this day so special.

**Did you know?** The Declaration of Independence was not signed by all representatives until August, 1776. To make it official, John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress signed it. Now, can anyone guess where the saying "put your John Hancock on it" came from!?!

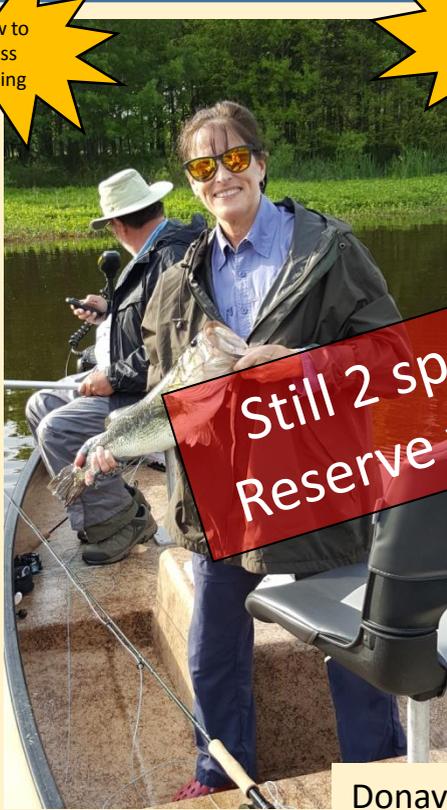


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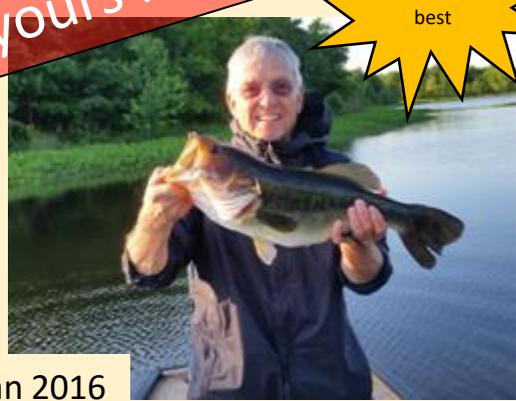


## 2017 Donovan Lakes Club Trip

Opened to all club members. Trip includes: 4 nights of accommodations at [Donavan Inn](http://donavanlakes.org/) and 5 days of fishing at one of Alabama's best bass destinations (2 half days plus 3 full days). <http://donavanlakes.org/> All for \$~ 320 including meals. Never fished for bass, no problem. Experienced members are happy to coach you.



**Still 2 spaces left!  
Reserve yours now!**



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### Make your plans now! Space is limited!

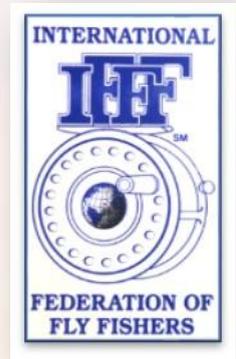
- 🐟 Monday 17 April till noon Friday 21 April
- 🐟 Accommodations for 6 (8 with one on sofa bed)
  - 🐟 2 john boats are available with Inn rental
  - 🐟 1 additional boat needed (8 need 2<sup>nd</sup> boat)
  - 🐟 Trolling motor only
- 🐟 Per person cost ~ \$320 - (8 ~ \$280)
  - 🐟 Includes fishing meals and lodging
  - 🐟 Comparable bass lakes charge \$250/day just for fishing
- 🐟 Sign-up begin at June meeting
- 🐟 First come first served
  - 🐟 Nonrefundable \$257 deposit required at sign-up
  - 🐟 Draw for spots if overbooked at June meeting
  - 🐟 2<sup>nd</sup> trip possible if enough members sign-up
- 🐟 Cancellations filled from standby list
  - 🐟 Replacement reimburses deposit





# 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](mailto: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.



### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 your 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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- Wapsi Fly, Inc: <http://www.wapsify.net/>
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