



TVFF Club News

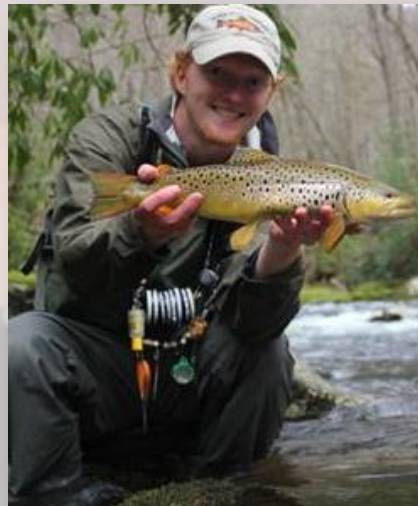
October 2016





This Month Program – David Knapp TN Muskie Fishing

David Knapp grew up fishing middle and eastern Tennessee and guides in the Great Smoky Mountains as well as on area tailwaters.

David also guides the warm water streams of the Cumberland Plateau that offer pristine smallmouth and panfish opportunities and even the occasional musky.



This Month's Activities

- 1-9 Oct  IFFF Southern Council Fly Fishing Fair and Club trip
- 13 Oct- Foam Fly Series, 7pm room 201
- 20 Oct -  TVFF Club meeting, 7pm room 201
- 27 Oct - Foam Fly Series, 7pm room 201



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** Must be a TVFF member to be eligible



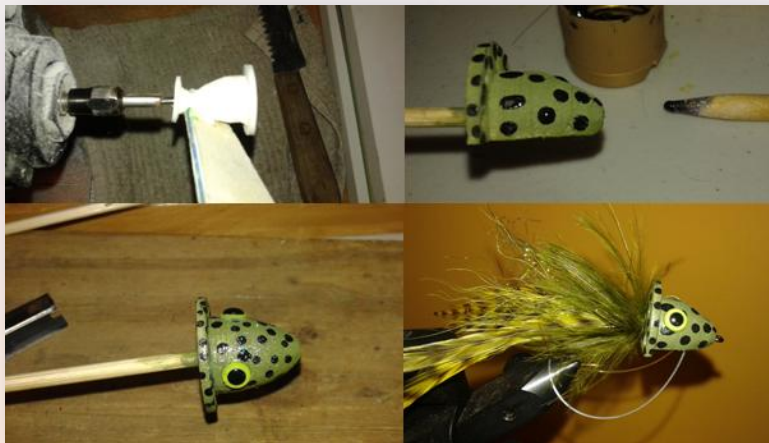
Fly of the Month

Foam Fly Series continues with 2 tying sessions this month.

Ever wanted to make your own bass poppers? Here's your chance. On Thursday the 13th we will be cutting, shaping and painting popper heads for use on Thursday the 27th as we conclude the Foam Fly Series with the assembly of two great bass poppers. The Bubbleicious and Raines Frog.

Materials will be available at a nominal cost (usually \$2) and everyone is invited.

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



Catch of the Month

Mike Campbell with a 30lbs Jack Cravalle caught while sight fishing in 5 feet of water in Slidell Louisiana on a top water popper with a G Loomis 11 wt rod.

A top water dream come true!

Congratulations Mike, GREAT fish!



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

2016 WNC Fly Fishing Expo December 2 & 3

Southeast's largest fly-fishing event returns to Ag Center

The 8th Annual WNC Fly Fishing Expo returns Dec. 2nd and 3rd at the WNC Agricultural Center. This two-day fly-fishing extravaganza provides anglers a forum to sharpen their skills and learn about the latest innovations in their sport. It's become the Southeast's largest event for fly-fishers, averaging more than 1,000 visitors over the course of the weekend.

The expo will feature over 70 booths of local fly shops, angling organizations and fly-fishing art, while companies such as Simms, Orvis, Scientific Anglers, Flymen Fishing, and Sage will showcase the latest gear.

This year's featured speakers are renown fly fishing experts addressing the distinctive tactics for fly fishing throughout the Southeast. With such diversified fly fishing opportunities our speakers will present tactics for everything from trout fishing, to Bass and Musky and Saltwater fly fishing opportunities.

Hours for the 8th Annual WNC Fly Fishing Expo will be Friday, Dec. 2 from 12 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the door for adults and free for children 16 years of age and younger.



The TVFF Fly Tying Group – Foam Fly Series

Tying foam flies is fun and easier than it looks.

Due to illness, we had to make adjustments on the 8th of September to the Foam Series schedule.

We were fortunate to have Larry Hice fill the void with two great flies. Sam's One Bug and the L-Eye-Bee, both great bass and panfish flies created by Sam Blevins, a former TVFF member.

We then picked up where we left off on the 22nd with Joe Tremblay demonstrating how to create custom foam blocks from locally available craft foam. Making foam blocks in the colors and patterns to match your needs eliminates the need for messy paint and epoxy.

Life is Good – by David Darnell

Fly fishing has been good to me the last 43 seasons. I think it has helped play into my low blood pressure, laid back demeanor and lots of great friends, (99% of my running buds are fly slingers).

I got a call from Mike Bjorgo, (Mike and I hit it off the day we shook hands in Fly South) he was driving out to Hyde Drift Boats in Idaho Falls, ID to have major restoration on his drifter. Mike was looking for someone to come out and fish, help row and share gas. The timing couldn't have been better! I'm off for the next 6 days and my wife and daughter were willing to take up the slack for me.

I was soon packed and on a plane headed to Idaho Falls, to meet Mike and one of his Nashville friend to fish either the Henrys Fork or Madison the next day before dropping off his friend the following day at Idaho Falls. Afterwards, Mike and I will then spend the next 4 days fishing the South Fork of the Snake, maybe wade Flat Creek in Jackson Hole, may even hit the upper Green. Mike mentioned looping up into Montana on our way home. I'm good with whatever as long as I'm back in time before I have to get back to work. 📱😊



Sam's One Bug



L-Eye-Bee



Custom Foam Blocks



The Middle Fork of the Salmon River - Idaho, September 2016

Six fishermen on a 6-day, 5-night fishing/camping adventure through the canyon containing the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in Idaho. The six included TVFF members: Everett Sharp and Dick Curtis; past members: Danny Wilkerson, David Anchell and Chris Smith; and newbie: Dan McLean signed on for this adventure of camping, white water rafting and fishing for West Slope Cutthroat trout. The weather was cooperative for the most part; no rain, mild temps, and only one day of high winds that spoiled the afternoon's fishing and made that evening's camp setup a real challenge.

We flew into Boise, Idaho where we stayed overnight. The next day we caught a small 6-man plane for an hour flight to the river and the start of our adventure. The accommodations (tents, cots, sleeping bags) and meals were 1st class. All we had to do was arrive, the night's camp site was already set-up and dinner in the works. Meals included: steaks, lasagna, salmon fillets, chicken, Eggs Benedict, pancakes, cinnamon rolls, bacon, sausage, eggs prepared anyway you like, etc. I couldn't believe the quality of the food we had. Every evening there was a Dutch oven surprise dessert from cake to apple crisp!



Typical Camping/Dinning Arrangements

The scenery was awesome with the canyon being the backdrop for the entire trip. We were able to see a variety of wildlife including: bighorn sheep, otters, bald and golden eagles and some mule deer. Along with the scenery was the white water and the numerous rapids we experienced. We maneuvered through upwards of 20+ rapids of various categories including some class 5's. Exhilarating to say the least!!



Camp Site

Bighorn Sheep

Indian Rock Paintings



Canyon & Wildlife Scenery



The accommodations, the food and the scenery all rated A+ fishing not so much. Fish ranged in the size category of 12-14" with anything approaching 16" being considered a monster. There were cutthroats, rainbows, cut-bows, squaw fish, whitefish and bull trout. There was talk of sturgeon living in the river and that salmon would soon cover the 900 mile run to spawn here later in the year. Average catch for the day ranged from 15 to 30 fish per man with most fish being in the 12-14" category. Some caught approached 17" but, those were few.

The Fish!!



Bull Trout



Rainbow Trout



Cutthroat Trout

The majority of the fishing was with large foam dries though some dry-dropper rigs were used as were some streamer set-ups. All produced fish and style used was generally the choice of the fisherman. The guides were not the most experienced guides I've had for fishing; but, they were all experts in white water and maneuvering through the rapids . . . important on this river at this time of the year!!

Summary – Overall, a great experience and adventure. The camping, food, scenery and white water float trip was outstanding as were the personnel that attended to us. The only shortfall was the quality of the fishing. Twenty fish days of 12-14" fish did not satisfy nor meet expectations for a premier trout fishing trip. If you want a 1st class camping/float trip with excellent food and scenery then this is the trip for you. For fishing, I'd seek another venue.



THE NEXT GENERATION

Fly Fishing Gulf Shores, Alabama

Written by *Jess Westbrook*

Reprint from Flymen Blog. A click on Flyman logo will take you to their website.

Most of us will not get the chance to chase bonefish on the flats of Belize, but with a little preparation we can still get the same rush a little closer to home.

As a staunch streamer junkie, there's nothing greater to me than having a big brown trout absolutely hammer a streamer.

But after fishing Gulf Shores, Alabama, I realized I've been missing out – the salt is a streamer junkie's dream.

Saltwater fish hit a fly like they have had a lifelong vendetta against that poor little Clouser (seriously, I had a ladyfish almost take the fly rod out of my hand).

Some people refer to themselves as either a “beach person” or a “mountain person.”

My wife and I need a front license plate that displays our constant rivalry when it comes to planning our vacations.

The epic battle normally happens sometime around February when the IRS tax refund hits the bank (fingers crossed). “So babe, where do you want to go on vacation this year?”

Laura asked at the dinner table this year. I was thinking Montana, Wyoming, or somewhere else out West, but I knew she was thinking beach all the way. Being the reigning champion for the last two years, I conceded and said, “Sure, babe. The beach sounds great.” Laura decided on visiting Gulf Shores, so I immediately did what every fly fisherman would do – spent the next several weeks at work Goggling information on fly fishing in and around Gulf Shores.

Then came every fly fisherman's nightmare.

- ✓There are no fly shops.
- ✓There's almost no information on the internet about fly fishing in Gulf Shores; I could only find two articles that barely touched on the subject.
- ✓On the forums, one of the nicest comments I received was, “I wish you all of the luck in the world, I think you will need it.”



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Gulf Shores hosts an estimated 5 million visitors a year and, according to AFTA market research from 2012, about 1 in every 10 visitors claim to fly fish. So according to my math there are approximately 500,000 self-proclaimed fly fishermen visiting Gulf Shores every year with virtually no resources to help them get plugged into the local fishery.

Even if this number is inflated, there are undoubtedly a great number of fly fishermen visiting on a yearly basis. I wanted to share the basic information I gathered over the last few months in preparation for my trip, and what I learned while I was there.

Gulf Shores fly gear guide.

- ✓ 6 - 8 weight fast action rod.
- ✓ Weight-forward floating line – for lagoons and bays.
- ✓ Weight-forward intermediate sinking line – for fishing surf.
- ✓ Rio Redfish/Seatrout Leader 9ft. 12 lb test – for redfish, seatrout, lady fish, pompano.
- ✓ Rio Toothy Critter Leader 7.5ft. 30lb test – for mackerel, bluefish.
- ✓ Flies – Clousers, Gummy Minnows, Crazy Charlies, and similar in sizes 4 - 8. Gummy Minnows are great because they can hold up against the gnarly teeth of the mackerel and bluefish. If you tie clousers for the trip be sure to coat the thread wraps generously with epoxy to increase the life of the fly.
- ✓ A paddleboard or kayak can increase the amount of water you can access.



Shrimp fly tied with the new [Fish-Skull Shrimp & Cray Tail](#).

Where to fly fish in Gulf Shores.



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The Surf

Fishing between the breakers and first sand bar can be very productive for ladyfish, pompano, seatrout and bluefish.



Little Lagoon Pass

The Little Lagoon Pass is a local favorite. The first morning I ventured out, there were 10 kayaks and/or boats fishing a 300 yard wide section.

Generally, most people fish where the pass opens up into the lagoon; there is a distinct drop off that tends to hold fish.

You can certainly wade out to this drop off; however, the paddleboard made it a lot easier getting my gear out there.



Orange Beach Canoe Trails

There are 10 designated kayak trails that wind through different bays and bayous. After dark can be very productive throwing baitfish patterns under lighted docks.

P.S. I saw an alligator in some water next to one of the canoe trails – definitely caught me off guard.

Perdido Pass

This water was a little big for me to conquer with yellow and red flags every day of our stay, but there are two jetties that extend out into the gulf and have deep water nearby.

Perdido Pass will be on my list next time I visit Gulf Shores if there are calmer seas.



Tips for fly fishing Gulf Shores.

You've most likely learned how to be successful on your home water – watching for hatches, matching the hatch, varying retrieves, etc. Even though you may not be in the comfort zone of your home water, use the same assessments you use for freshwater streams and tweak them to be successful in the bay, lagoon or surf.



Photo by [Krystina Bullard](#)

5 tips for your first DIY bonefish trip.

For example, when sitting on the balcony of your condominium or hotel, look for birds, bait balls, and fish breaking; this is similar to watching for hatches on the stream. You are still “matching the hatch,” but instead of mayflies you are focusing on baitfish (glass minnows, anchovies, etc).

Varying the retrieves of your flies to figure out what triggers a bite is no different than when you strip streamers for big browns. Take the fish-finding knowledge that you have and apply it to your new ecosystem for success.

- ✓ Rinse your reels, rod guides, reel seats, nippers, hemostats, etc. after every outing.
- ✓ Take an anchor for your paddleboard or kayak. Preferably a bigger one than the 1.5 lb. anchor I took – lesson learned.
- ✓ Rinse your flies and let them dry before you place them back in your box.
- ✓ Sunscreen and sun shirts are a must. Preferably grow a massive beard to prevent sunburn.
- ✓ Wind is your friend. If the wind is blowing into the shore all day, by that evening the surf will most likely be full of baitfish and the gamefish will be right behind them.
- ✓ Remember to strip set instead of the traditional hook set.

If you haven't done it already, fly fishing in the salt is something that HAS to be added to your bucket list.

Next February, instead of putting on my boxing gloves and getting ready for the annual “vacation featherweight title fight,” I'll be in my wife Laura's corner voting for the beach.

If you're headed down to the Gulf Shores this summer, do yourself a favor – grab your rod, a few leaders, a box of Clousers, and turn your family vacation into one awesome fishing vacation!



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About Jess Westbrook:

Jess Westbrook was exposed to fly fishing at a young age. He spent weeks every summer chasing stocker rainbows in Roaring River, Missouri.

During his college years he cut his teeth guiding for Rainbow Bay Resort in Pedro Bay, Alaska. Guiding gives Jess the opportunity to combine his two passions: fishing and teaching.

Today he owns Arkansas-based guide service [Black Dun Fly Fishing](#) and is the general manager for [Nushagak Paradise Lodge](#) which is located on the Nushagak River outside of Dillingham, Alaska.

In 2015 Jess and his wife Laura founded [The Mayfly Project](#), a non-profit organization that mentors foster children through fly fishing.





TVFF Banquet & Auction Mark Your Calendar 11 Nov @ 6pm

Make your plans to attend this year's TVFF Banquet and Auction at the Faith Presbyterian Church Fellowship Center.

Many valuable auction/raffle items are coming in with more expected daily. If you have equipment or interesting stuff you're not using, you can help the club by donating it to the auction.

Come join us for a holiday meal of turkey, dressing and all the fixings. Don't forget to bring your favorite desert to share with the group and your check book to spice up the auction.

Help make the 2017 Banquet one to remember.



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1 full day guided trip for 2
(Boat, Guide, lunch and tackle included)
2 nights at Riverview Cottage
(breakfast included)

2017 Donovan Lakes Club Trip

The Club trip to Donovan lakes scheduled for April 2017 is full. Wanted to go? Don't despair, April is a long ways off and lots of water will flow under the bridge between now and then. Contact Larry Hice and get your name on the stand-by list. Replacements will be called in the order they signed up. lhice@plasticfusion.com

Columbus Day

Date When Celebrated : Second Monday in October

Did You Know? Columbus Day is sometimes referred to as "Discoverer's Day".

- Columbus Discovered America in 1492.
- He travelled with three ships: the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria
- While Columbus was an Italian, he could not find funding in Italy, so he turned to the King of Spain.
- Christopher Columbus did not land on the U.S. mainland. He landed on an island in the Caribbean. While many believe he landed on San Salvador, there is still debate on which island he originally landed on.



Fly fishing - 1492

Most likely the first American FLY FISHERS were among the passengers and crew.



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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 TVFFCalendar@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 other words any old fish that is one of your catches. 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 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 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 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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