



# TVFF Club News

November 2018



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## This Month Program TVFF Holiday Banquet and Auction 16 November @ 6PM

Join us for our annual Holiday Celebration and Auction.

Enjoy a traditional turkey dinner complete with all the trimmings with friends and family, then stay for the auction and raffle.

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.

**There will be no Club meeting in November. Regular Club meeting resume on 21 December with the TVFF Christmas Social.**

## Updated Fishing Reports

[Great Smoky Mountains National Park](#) – Little River Outfitters (Daily)  
[White and Norfolk Rivers](#) – Cotter Trout Lodge (Weekly)

## This Month's Activities

- 8 Nov - Fly Tying, 7pm room 201
- 16 Nov - TVFF Holiday Banquet, 6pm Faith Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall
- 17 Nov - Fallen Leaf Festival



**Participation Award**  
Must be active member to participate

## Don't miss out!

**Winning is easy! Simply pay your 2018 dues and attend any TVFF function.**



## TVFF Fly Tying Group

### Turkey Fly - Featured Tyer, Donald Dehm

**8 November:** This is a novelty fly that will be sure to bring smiles and happiness to your Thanksgiving Festivities this year and for many years to come. We will not be using a hook for this Fly but will be tying it on a shank so that you can safely handle it this Holiday Season.



Printed instructions will be provided along with all the materials. If you are bringing your own thread, please bring two colors, brown and red both in a 6/0 or 140D or stronger.

We will be spinning deer hair and using UV resin if you have your own UV resin, please bring it as it will help with the tying time.

There will not be fly tying session on the 22<sup>nd</sup> due to the holiday. Fly Tying will resume on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**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.**

### Catch of the Month – Terry Ray

Although not the biggest bass in the pond, this fish was the highlight of Terry's day.

Terry landed her first ever bass on a fly rod while on a Casting for Recovery outing at Camp Sumatanga near Gallant, Alabama.

Hat's off to Terry and all the ladies who participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Alabama Casting For Recovery retreat.



### 1<sup>st</sup> TVFF Annual Membership Meeting

The 1<sup>st</sup> TVFF Annual Membership Meeting opened with Brian Bouma Highlighting last years accomplishments and providing insights on what to expect in the coming year.

The proposed 2019 TVFF budget was presented and approved by the members.

BOD Elections were held and the following were elected; President: Joe Tremblay, Treasure: J.J. Yount, Activities Director: Larry Hice, Communications Director: Steve Kerkhof, and Membership Director: Debbie Hill



## TVFF Annual Banquet and Auction for 2018

### Mark Your Calendar

Our annual banquet/auction will be held on Friday, November 16 with registration beginning at 6:00 and dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the [Faith Presbyterian Church](#) on Whitesburg drive. We will enjoy a catered holiday meal of all for the modest fee of \$10 per member and their guest and, as always, there is no charge for children under 12 p.m.

For our new members, the annual banquet is a special time to get as many of our family and friends together to share an evening of good food and fellowship. After the meal we hold an auction to raise money for the club.

### Banquet/Auction Overview

Upon arrival you will check-in at the registration table at the entrance, pay for the banquet and obtain your bidding paddle for the auction.

Raffle tickets will also be available here for select items that will be raffled off during the auction.

Then find yourself a table/seating for the banquet and mingle. Banquet will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the auction.

At the conclusion of the auction, all auction acquisitions will be totaled per paddle number and each member will pay for and collect his/her purchases, (checks or cash, please).

### Desserts

Please bring a dessert! We have many bakers and chefs with remarkable talent. Having so many wonderful desserts to sample really makes our banquet special.

This is our club. Let's support this fun event to ensure our continued success.

**NOTE :** Volunteers needed to assist in room set-up and clean-up before & after the Banquet/Auction.

Please contact Larry Hice  
([lhice@plasticfusion.com](mailto:lhice@plasticfusion.com)).

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

***Remember the Banquet/Auction replaces our normal 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday meeting for November. Also, the December meeting will be a social event only (no program) with drinks and snacks supplied. All you need to bring is yourself and the normal "fishy" stories from the past year to share.***





## TVFF Supports Casting for Recovery – Debbie Hill

On Sunday, October 14, three of our members represented the TVFF as river guides at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Alabama Casting for Recovery event held at Camp Sumatanga near Gallant, Alabama.

Casting for Recovery (CFR) is a support group that provides healing outdoor retreats for women with breast cancer. Why fly fishing and breast cancer? The gentle motion of fly casting can be good physical therapy for increasing mobility in the arm and upper body. Couple that with the emotional benefits of connecting with nature, CFR offers a unique experience that many women describe as life-changing. The week long retreat culminates with a trip to the lake for the ladies apply the fly fishing skills acquired throughout the week.



Sunday morning is a special day for the ladies as they get suited up meet their river guides and wade in the lake for their first fly fishing experience. The goal is to provide a helpful, positive fly fishing experience for ladies who have and continue to face a difficult period in their lives.



Thank you Bill Pittenger, Wayne Causey, and Joe Tremblay for your time representing TVFF as River Helpers and Fly Fishing Guides for the Alabama Casting for Recovery event. It is a wonderful cause and you brought so much joy to these women as well as helping them experience something new that will perhaps even become a new pursuit for some of them.

*Editor's note: I was blessed with the opportunity to serve as a river guide. This was an experience I will never forget and plan to repeat as often as possible. It truly is a life changing experience for the both the ladies and river guides as well.*



# TVFF's 1<sup>st</sup> Ever Trunk or Treat

Thanks to all who participated or donated to TVFF's Trunk or Treat. A constant stream of children of all ages paraded through the Church parking lot on Sunday 28 November from 3:00 to 4:30 P.M. Many having difficulty selecting a treat from the huge selection made possible by your generous donations.



A rare break in the flow



Decisions....Decisions...

Handing out treats is often a greater pleasure than receiving them. The excitement of super heroes, ghost and goblins is contagious and you soon find yourself in the spirit of the holiday.

On hand to share the joy included , Larry, Corey and Rebecca, David and of course Cooper the wonder dog.

To all who donated, I want to add my "Thank You" to the hundreds uttered by children at TVFF's 1<sup>st</sup> ever Trunk or Treat.





## Fly Tying 101

Donald Dehm will be conducting two separate Fly Tying 101 Courses in Jan and March of 2019. These Courses will be a set of three classes, held on Saturdays for three consecutive dates. These classes will be held from 8 – 11 am each day.

The classes in the course will include basic fly tying equipment and material identification, basic fly tying techniques, tying basic flies, and more. Each course will be limited to a total of 20 students either with their own equipment and/or with no equipment, which TVFF will provide at no cost. You may want to ask Santa for a fly tying vise and a set of tools for Christmas, as these courses will likely sell out quickly and we may not have enough equipment for all 20 students.

TVFF will have an event page on Facebook and will have the tickets available for sign---up. Cost of the course will be \$20 per person. You do not have to attend both courses, as they will be the exact same format, but we do recommend that you attend all three classes in the desired course date.

Course Dates:

Jan – 12, 19, and 26 (8 – 11 am) Mar – 9, 16, and 23 (8 – 11 am)

If you have any questions about these courses please contact Donald Dehm in person or by email at [donaldddehm@yahoo.com](mailto:donaldddehm@yahoo.com).

## Fall Fishing Tips

Here are a few things that you can try this fall to make your fly fishing trips more enjoyable and hopefully get more fish on the end of your line.

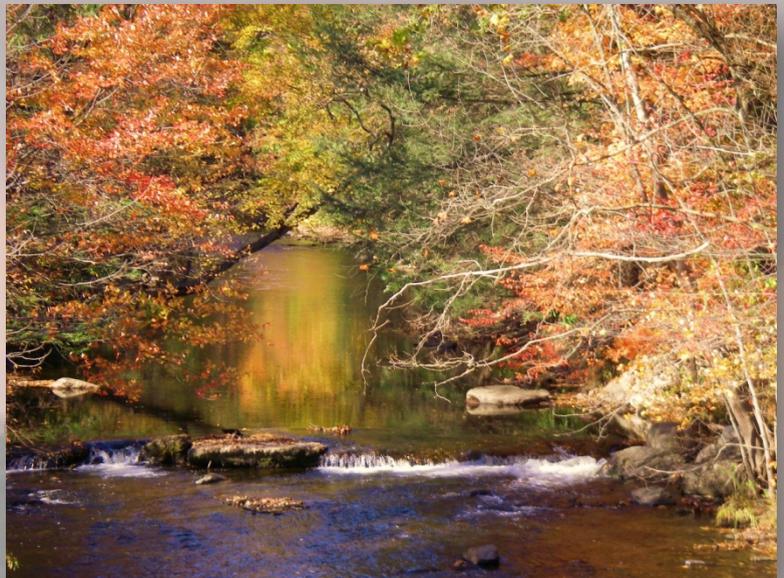
Tie on a Terrestrial Fly. Winged ants, wasps, and other insects die off after migration in many parts of the Tennessee Valley this time of year. Dry fly action can be very productive and exciting this time of year.

Streamers are great in the fall. Never underestimate the aggression that fish will show toward a streamer due to the fish spawn cycle approaching soon. Fish tend to hit streamers harder and with a purpose in the cooling months.

Movement in the fly is key. With all of the fallen leaves and other debris in the water this time of year it can be difficult for the fish to pick out your fly among all the natural distractors. You can add an advantage by adding movement to your flies with articulation or by simply tying the fly on with a limited slip mono loop or similar knot. You can even add weight to the front of your fly to create a jigging motion to simulate a dying baitfish.

Limit your movement. With the waters becoming more clear in the cooler months, your massive size can spook fish more even with all the falling leaves and other debris. Take time to move with stealth and care to avoid spooking those feeding but weary fish.

Increase your leader length. Use longer leaders and lighter weight tippet to help deliver your fly as natural and delicate as possible. You do not need to go down too far in tippet size, think one or two sizes down. Try increasing your 9 ft. leader to 12 ft., or your 7.5 ft. leader to 9 ft.





Switch up your fishing time. With the water and air temps cooling in the overnight hours, the fishing is not as productive in the early morning hours. Wait a few hours and hit the water around lunch or shortly after for just a few hours. This will allow the water to warm up and the fish to become more energetic and willingness to feed.

Dress in layers. The fall days offer brisk cool mornings and evenings but can get a bit warm in the sunlight heavy hours of mid--day. Take some time to dress in layers and always have a way to keep those layers you remove dry and at the ready.

Switch up your retrieve. We usually find ourselves casting downstream and using an upstream retrieve when streamer fishing in summer and spring. But in fall, try casting upstream with a downstream retrieve, as this more accurately imitates a distressed baitfish and causes fish to instinctively chase the fly. It also helps to increase the view of fly to fish and can help you see the fish targeting your fly.



*Take a moment to take in the view*

Polarized lenses. Even though the sun may not be out as long nor as bright as summer months, the polarized lenses of today's modern fishing glasses are advantageous when trying to find structure under the water where big browns, bass, Muskie, and other predators like to lie in ambush.

Don't underestimate the shallows. Of course, there are fish in the deeper holes and pools in the fall, but the shallows hold big fish as well. The fish find these skinny waters easier to hold in as well as locate, target, and corner baitfish.



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## Rhonda's River News

Just wanted to update you on the local river info. TVA conducted testing on the generating unit about 10 days ago on Tims Ford. However, due to water temps, they have continuing a spill currently. They should transition over to generation around November 1. As always, those who are interested can follow the progress on the operating guide chart on the app or at TVA.gov.

Rainbows will be stocked in November and December. Then stocking will be over until the shocking survey occurs in March. The Duck will be stocked in November with approx 8500 rainbows and then monthly until June with approx 3000-3500 per month after November. Hope all is well! Rhonda @ Tim's Flies and Lies



## Much Needed Down Time - David Mahlik

As some of you may know I was laid off in May of this year. I found a temporary assignment that had me working 14 hour days in Richmond, VA through September while I waited for my position to be funded.

When I returned I needed some down time so I called Susan at [Southern Brookies](#) up in Lancaster, TN. She had a cancellation for the following Monday and Tuesday and one of her vintage campers available with my name on it. With the stay you get all your meals as well and that means some great sausage biscuits in the morning and a pretty mean stack of pork chops with all the fixin's after a long day.

So I headed up for a solid day of casting instruction Monday and a float down the Caney Fork on Tuesday. The instruction on Monday was great as always. We really concentrated on line speed, which is handy when you are fishing a double or triple tandem rig under an indicator. I have seen some real rats nests come out of casting that setup.

Tuesday was a perfect fall day for tail water fishing. It was overcast and 50 degrees with no wind when we put in right below the dam at sunrise. Camp is right on the river, almost 5 miles downstream from the dam. It makes for a nice pace and leaves time to make a few passes along the hot spots. At this point, a few trout and a peaceful day on the river was everything I needed to recover and recharge. Little did I know I was not going to get much rest or peace this trip, but that was fine by me.

On the first drift of the day I got this a nice 16" brown to the boat. Not a bad start.

For the next hour it was pretty routine. You know, a hook up or fish every couple of casts. A good assortment of rainbows and browns with the occasional brook trout. 12 – 14 inchers were becoming pretty routine. My guide stopped taking pictures, we figured it best to leave them in the net and release them with as little stress as possible. For those of you who do not spend a lot of time on the Tennessee tail waters, I have to say that kind of action is anything but typical.

Needless to say I was a pretty happy camper already, then a chunky rainbow came along, just short of 18 inches. Then another about 15 minutes later, getting closer to 20 inches:

After another dozen 12 – 14 inchers it was time for lunch, which we wolfed down as the generating schedule had been adjusted and we had about 2 hours until the rising water was going to get to us. The early afternoon continued to be "routine."



16" Brown



18" Rainbow



19+ Rainbow



At this point I had experienced the best single day of trout fishing in a long time. With about 30 minutes of fishable time to go, I thought I had snagged the bottom. That is until the “bottom” started moving across the current.

At this point, I knew this was a good sized fish. It was a long battle as the water was starting to come up and the downstream runs had my 4 wt deep into the backing. What a great chance to practice my fighting skills.

Finally in the net, just enough time to snap a couple pictures and take a measurement, he was pretty exhausted but a couple minutes to recover and he was on his way just fine. Oh, and the measurement... 31“, that is a personal best brown trout. What a great day!



Since I have photo evidence, and a witness, the fish story is not the great day I had. The “Swear to God” part of this fish story is that the fly I started the day with is the same one I ended the day with. Not just the same pattern, but the one fly lasted all day and caught every fish.

## Aldridge Creek Cleanup

The cold misty weather did not deter Brian and Katherine Bouma, Steve Kerkohf, Corey and Rebecca Pedigo, Larry Hice, Roger Bauer and Kolton Faulkner from giving their time and effort to remove litter for TVFF’s section of Aldridge Creek.

Their much needed effort removed 22 large garbage bags of assorted litter that included a variety of balls. From golf balls to basketballs that washed into the creek from residential areas that line the length Of Aldridge Creek.



Thanks to all for giving up your Saturday morning, you represent the best of TVFF.



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## CRYSTAL SEAL BUGGER FLY PATTERN [VIDEO]

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## November Holidays

### National Sandwich Day

**Date When Celebrated :** Always November 3

We invite you to bite into your favorite sandwich, for today is *Sandwich Day*. The sandwich is truly a great creation. Sandwiches are a daily luncheon staple for millions of Americans.

**The Creation of the Sandwich:** The annals of English history report that John Montagu was the 4th Earl of Sandwich. Among other things, the 4th Earl of Sandwich was a heavy gambler.

Montagu often spent many long hours in London's gambling parlors. In 1762, he created the sandwich, by putting meat between two pieces of bread. This allowed him to remain at the gambling table for long periods of time. Obviously, the sandwich was named after him .

Celebrate this special day by eating sandwiches at every meal! Consume your favorite sandwich. Better yet, be bold and daring..... try a new sandwich!

PS Don't forget to wash your hands first. Happy *Sandwich Day*!!!

**Origin of Sandwich Day:** We know a lot about the sandwich how it was created and who it was named for. We did not find any information on who created *Sandwich Day*, or when this special day was first celebrated. We are certainly grateful for the sandwich, and agree it deserves this special day of recognition!

**Date When Celebrated :** Always November 10

*USMC Day* celebrates the birth of the United States Marine Corps. The Marine Corps were created during the Revolutionary War.

The Continental Congress of the newly created United States of America, authorized the creation of the Continental Marines on November 10, 1775. It was later renamed the U.S. Marine Corps. It is often abbreviated as USMC.

The Marine Corps has proudly participated in every war that has involved the United States.

If you see a Marine today, thank them for their contributions to protecting our country. Active or retired, they deserve our thanks and appreciation.



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