



TVFF Club News

August 2024



Bruce Petray, Natural State Fly Shop
Thursday August 15th, 7:00 PM
Faith Presbyterian Church, Room 201



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Welcome New Members:
Carl Rourk

This Month

- August 1 – BOD Meeting, 7 PM
- August 8 – Fly Tying, 7 PM
- August 15 – TVFF Meeting, 7 PM
- August 22 – Fly Tying, 7 PM

Officers and Directors

President: Steve Kerkhof
Vice President: Andy King
Secretary: Rodney Durrett
Treasurer: Dave Bailey
Membership: Debbie Hill
Activities: Larry Hice
Education: Brian Moore
Conservation: Bob Lowery
Communications: Connor Baker

Board of Directors Meeting

The next BOD meeting is this month August 1, 2024, at 7 p.m. in Room 201 at the church. Members are welcome.

Guest Speaker for August 15 2024 is Bruce Petray, fly fishing guide, operating from the Natural State Fly Shop in Cotter, Arkansas. Bruce guides on the White River in the Ozarks. The White River is a large tailwater in the Ozarks of North Arkansas with cold water fishing extending for about 50 miles.

Arkansas' White and Norfork Rivers are perhaps the most challenging yet productive fisheries that you will experience. Water levels may rise or lower several times daily (as much as 8 ft.). This causes hydraulic cushions (current sanctuaries) to appear and then disappear, requiring instant changes in rigging. Sometimes this leaves even the most seasoned fly anglers scratching their head. The key to being productive throughout these conditions is to understand the river's subsurface topography in all levels of hydroelectric generation. The White river is known for its abundance of large brown trout.

TVFF Fly Tying Group

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



August 8th, 7 PM

Bunny Leech – Lead Tyer, Jon Reinecke

Cost: \$3.00

One of Austin-based guide Alvin Dedeaux's guide flies. Great for bass and easy to tie. Video [here](#).

Materials

Hook: Gamakatsu B10s

Body: Zonker Strips:

Thread: Chartreus or White 3/0



August 22nd, 7PM

Parachute Damsel Fly – Lead Tyer, Debbie Hill

Cost \$3.00

Many patterns of this fly exist and this version is super quick and easy. As to the thread colors...everyone will be tying a **blue** Damsel Fly with the remaining fly the color of your choice: **red, olive, yellow or tan/brown**. I will have extra thread in these colors for borrowing, but if you have any of the thread colors mentioned that would be ideal. **White** 140 or 6/0 thread, is an option.

Materials

Hook: Daiichi 1640 or Mustad 3906 #10-16

Thread: 140 or 6/0, see color note below

Extended Body/Tail: Braided Adult Damsel Body

Wingcase/Body: 2mm Foam

Hackle: Grizzly Neck

Thorax/ Body: Ice Dub

Head Cement or Adhesive of your choice

Tools: Bodkin, Hackle Pliers



All are welcome! 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. The sessions are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Fish of the Month

To beat the heat, TVFF members Cody Jansto and Connor Baker took the raft out for a Tennessee Valley float, their target being Smallmouth Bass. They had some moderate success. The scenery was beautiful and there wasn't too many kayakers this time around. Looks like a fun trip guys!





July TVFF Meetings

July Annual TVFF Swap Meet

July is the month we typically do our annual swap meet. It is always a great opportunity to get some cheap rods and gear. We have some folks that have been fly fishing for many decades and they have accumulated a lot. Thank you to everyone that bought something and to everyone that sold something.



TVFF July Fly Tying

For the month of July, we had two great flies, both very different! For the first session, Brian Moore lead us in tying the Turbo Beetle. A terrific dry fly for trout in the late summer and for small bass and bream year round. The second session, President Steve Kerkhof led us in tying the Local Silver Doctor. A classic salmon looking fly! Thank you to all our leaders. You are greatly appreciated!



Best Smallmouth Bass Flies

Your favorite fly when targeting any fish is very subjective. However, when it comes to Smallmouth Bass, there are a few flies that just seem to work more often than not. The following list of flies are Fly Fisherman Magazine's top flies for Smallies. Take note! Smallies are fun to catch. Full article can be found [here](#), authored by Ben Romans.



Barr's Meat Whistle



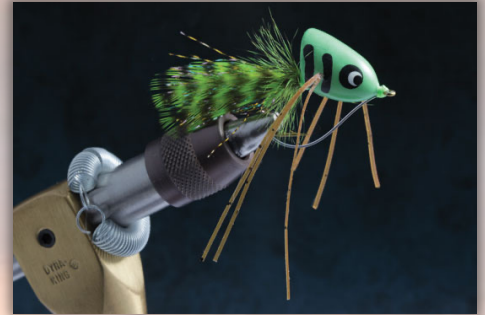
Black Magic



Tullis Wiggle Bug



Crystal Bugger



Sneaky Pete



Kiwi Muddler



White Zonker



Cupped Mouth Popper



Clouser Minnow



Blados' Crease Fly



Boat Ramp Etiquette

Below are Fly Lord Magazine's top rules to maintain boat ramp etiquette. Always remember that if you are fishing a popular spot, to be courteous of other folks that might be boating there as well (whether fishermen or not). Get your boat in and out quickly and be safe! Below is a summary, the original article was written by Andrew Braker and can be found [here](#). It was published July 4th, 2024.

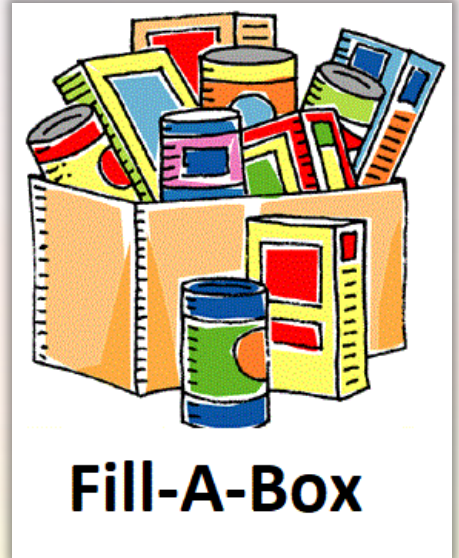
- 1. Prepare your gear at the staging area** – Keep all your gear in the same area. Any rods, coolers, et al. that aren't in the boat, keep them in a nearby staging area. You don't want to waste time going back to your car after you dropped the boat off and parked.
- 2. Practice backing up your trailer before you get to the ramp** - Don't be that guy that does not know how to back up a trailer and takes forever on the ramp. That guy can be dangerous and certainly is inconvenient.
- 3. Turn off your headlights** – At the boat ramp during the night, make sure to turn off your headlights if you aren't driving forward. Headlights can get in the rearview mirrors of other cars trying to back to the boat ramp, thus making it hard to see.
- 4. Be quick** – Get in and get out. Don't rush and make mistakes, but certainly do your best to not waste time. Others waiting will greatly appreciate a speedy process
- 5. Take up as little space as possible** – Some boat ramps allow for more than one boat at a time to access it. If that is the case, don't take up a bunch of space right in the middle. Give space to others that want to use it.
- 6. Recognize lines** – Do not cut someone in front of you. If you get to a boat ramp and there are a good number of cars there, figure out who is in line and who isn't.
- 7. Avoid ramps at peak times** – When they are crowded, boat ramps are much more difficult. Try and go when there are less people in the area.
- 8. Use your parking brake** – Don't' be the guy online that didn't break and his car ended up in the lake. Always set your parking brake for added protection.
- 9. Be courteous** – This is the main rule, just think about how you would want others to treat you and do that!



Courtesy of [@thequalifiedcaptain](#)

Food Drive Box

Faith Presbyterian Church has a community food drive box outside of the church, in their parking lot. This box receives and distributes food staple items to members of the community in need. If you would like to help, please bring non-perishable items to place in the box. Faith Presbyterian Church has generously let us use Room 201 for years. The least we can do is provide food to members of their church community in need.



Submit Fishing Pictures

We love to see what our members are up to! I think the best part of this newsletter is being able to see what trips our members are going on and what they are catching. If you have any pictures of you fishing (with or without fish), we'd love to see it and share in our newsletter. Please send all entries to editor@tvff.club



Kingfisher Classic 2024 Event Announcement

The 2nd annual Kingfisher Classic 2024 will be held October 26, 2024 at Lee University in Cleveland, TN, near Chattanooga and the excellent fishing on the Hiwassee and Tennessee Rivers. The event will have casting demonstrations, fly tying demonstrations and booths to try and purchase new gear. For more information and to register please visit the website [here](#).



August Holidays

Coast Guard Birthday

Celebrated August 4th

On the birthday of the United States Coast Guard (USCG), we'd like to encourage everyone to honor the brave members of this important branch of the military. We salute Coast Guard personnel today and every day. We hope you do, too.

Origin of USCG: On August 4, 1790, the Revenue Cutter Service was created by the US Congress. Congress authorized the construction of ten cutters. These ships were built to enforce US tariff laws. The Revenue Cutter Service was the predecessor the USCG. The name "Coast Guard" was first used in 1915.



International Left Handers' Day

Celebrated August 13th

First celebrated in 1976. Left handers use this holiday to celebrate their differences and uniqueness compared to right handers. Left handers make up less than 10% of the world population. Some left handers use this holiday to bring awareness to the difficulty of growing up in a right handed world. There are plenty of famous left handers: Babe Ruth, Jimi Hendrix, Albert Einstein, Tim Tebow, Mark Twain, Leonardo Da Vinci

Being left handed does bring some troubles to those in the fly fishing community! If you are left handed, celebrate this holiday and know that you are unique.





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