



# TVFF Club News

February 2021



## February Program – Chris Greene



Chris Greene is chief of fisheries of the Alabama Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources since 2019. He earned a bachelor's of science degree in natural resources management from the University of Tennessee at Martin and a master's of science degree in fisheries from Auburn University. He began his tenure with the Alabama Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries in 1996 at the Marion fish hatchery in Perry County. Greene worked at the District 1 office in Decatur and the former Division 1 office in Prattville. He was named assistant chief of the section in 2012 and Chief of Fisheries in 2019, both located in the Montgomery office.

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**Welcome New Members**  
**Jonathan Craft**  
**Bob Gilbert**

## This Month's Activities

- Feb. 4 - BOD Mtg. – Virtual 7 p.m.
- Feb. 11 - Fly Tying – Virtual 7 p.m.
- Feb. 18 – Program - Virtual 7 p.m.
- Feb. 25 - Fly Tying – Virtual 7 p.m.



## 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.



# TVFF Fly Tying Group

Fly tying sessions will be conducted online via Zoom video conferencing software until further notice.

2 Kit Pick Up Locations  
See Details below

**Feb. 11, 7 p.m. via Zoom**

## The Ultimate Cicada

**Featured Tyer – Fred Kaufmann**

Materials:

- Thread: 6/0 or 140 thread orange
- Hook: #10 Tiemco 8089 wide gap
- Body: Black foam triangle 1/2 inch-width X 1.5 inch-length
- Underbody: 1/4 inch-wide strip of 2mm foam, orange Estaz, sparkle dubbing
- Legs: Orange/black rubber
- Head: Peacock micro chennille
- Wing: Orange poly yarn
- Eyes: Orange 3/16 inch foam cylinder
- Optional: Single Edge Razor Blade



**Feb. 25, 7 p.m. via Zoom**

## Fat Angie

**Featured Tyer - Joe Tremblay**

The Fat Angie was featured in the August/September 2020 Fly Fisherman magazine. Whether you fish for cold- or warm-water species, you need this in your fly box. Click [HERE](#) to watch Charlie Craven tie one.

Materials:

- Thread: Red 8/0 tying
- Hook: #12 Saber 7052 Lt Shrimp & Caddis Pupa hook
- Body: 2-3 mm by 2mm black foam strip
- Underbody: Orange Ice Dub
- Legs: Small black rubber legs
- Wing: White Para Post/Wing
- Hackle: Furnace dry fly hackle



### PICK UP LOCATIONS

Free tying kit available in Huntsville at the south door of Faith Presbyterian Church and in **Madison** at the U.S. 72 in Madison Super Walmart parking lot (behind Panda Express) from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. the Wednesday prior to the tying session. (Mail \$2.00 donation to TVFF, P.O. Box 12841, Huntsville, AL 35815, if desired)

**Health Notice: By picking up a kit, you accept any and all health risks that may be associated with use of these kits.**



## Catch of the Month

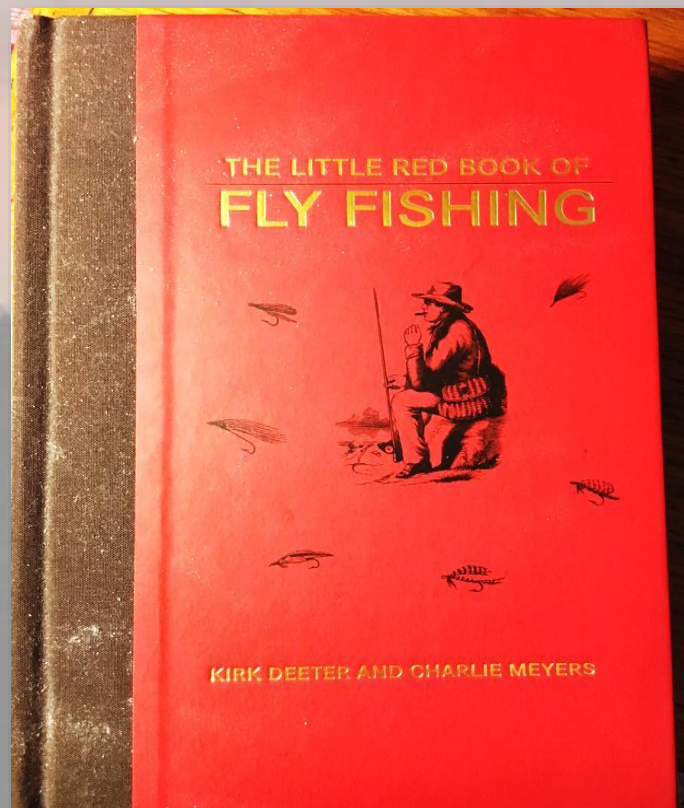
Greg Bayuga landed this smallmouth and the striper at Tims Ford Lake in Tennessee at the end of December. A reminder, a state of Tennessee annual non-resident fishing [license](#) expires Feb. 28. Alabama resident recreational licenses expire Aug. 31.



You can e-mail a photo(s) to [editor@tvff.club](mailto:editor@tvff.club). Include angler's name, where caught, and on what tackle set-up and fly/popper.

**The Little Red Book of Fly Fishing**, by outdoor writers Kirk Deeter and Charlie Meyers, offers "250 tips to make you a better fly fisherman." It's a dandy little book with tips on stream reading, playing fish, fly presentation, and more. The 250<sup>th</sup> tip is probably the best: "None of this book will have mattered if you don't take at least some of this information and pass it on to another angler – a son, daughter, grandchild, friend, or someone you happen to bump into on the river who asks for a little advice." It's been out for about 11 years but is still available and probably would make a nice gift.

**Fly Fishing - Beginner and Beyond** Avid Tennessee fly fisher, guide, and author, Susan Thrasher on a virtual class to discuss tailwaters, fly selection, techniques, and other topics to interest every skill level. [Fly fishing for beginners and veterans](#)





The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. It will be a virtual meeting using Zoom. All members are welcome. The Zoom invitation will be sent by request. Please send an email to [editor@tvff.club](mailto:editor@tvff.club).

## **Fly Fishing Trip Auction (Cumberland Valley Fly Fishing)**

Jim Sauerheber, our January program speaker, donated a guided fly fishing trip to TVFF as a way to promote his business, [Cumberland Valley Fly Fishing](#). Jim guides on the Cumberland River in Kentucky. According to the website, the price of a full-day trip is \$350 for two fisherman, \$300 for one. The price includes lunch, water, soft drinks, and fishing equipment.

The Trip Auction started January 29<sup>th</sup> and ends 9:00 PM Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>. You received an email with additional info on Jan 29<sup>th</sup>. It will be resent on the evening of Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. Just send an email with your bid to [editor@tvff.club](mailto:editor@tvff.club), subject line Kentucky Guide Trip. Include your bid with name and email address in the message.

## **From the Editor – Dana Beyerle**

This is my first edition of the TVFF newsletter as communication director, succeeding new President Steve Kerkhof. I encourage and solicit fish photos and a brief explanation of when, where, how, etc., for our Fish of the Month photo and caption. Don't be shy. Get out there and fish! The weather should start cooperating as well as the fish. A little about me. My wife and I live in Huntsville. I fish, badly, when I can. That's why they call it fishing and not catching. I know the fish go to school, which might account for the paucity of my hauls. But I try.

## **Trout Fishing Resumes at Madison County Public Lake**

Trout fishing at Madison County Public Fishing Lake was to resume Saturday, Jan. 30. The trout fishing pond is blocked off from the lake, but fishing for other species is available on the lake proper. The lake is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Trout were stocked in December and were to be stocked in January. A total of 3,000 pounds were to be stocked, ranging in size from one to two pounds. The daily trout creel limit is four per angler. A \$5 daily trout permit is required in addition to a valid Alabama fishing license. Freshwater fishing licenses are available at license vendors or at [www.outdoorsalabama.com](http://www.outdoorsalabama.com). For more information, call lake managers Chris or Cole Coultas at 256-776-4905 or the Alabama Fisheries Section at 334-242-3471.

## **Zoom Meeting Instructions**

You will receive a Zoom meeting invitation in the TVFF reminder email that is sent on Sunday evening before a scheduled fly tying night or club meeting. There are 3 ways to join the meeting. You can copy/paste the link in the invitation into your browser OR go to <https://zoom.us> and click "Join A Meeting" in the upper right of the screen OR if you have installed the Zoom app then you can open the app and enter the meeting number and password from the invitation. If prompted you should click yes to allow Zoom to use the camera and microphone on your computer, then we can see you and hear you in the meeting. You may be placed in a Zoom "waiting room" when you first join. Be patient and you will be admitted to the meeting by a host or cohost. This is another layer of security for our online meetings.



## 2021 Donovan Lakes Club Trip

**Opened to all club members.** Trip includes accommodations at Donovan Inn and four days of fishing at one of the best bass destinations in the country. All for \$320, including meals.

Located in Alabama's Black Belt, Donovan offers eight private lakes stocked and managed for bass.. I know of at least six, 8-lb-plus bass and numerous personal-bests that have been caught on past trips.

We will be fishing two-to-a-boat, so two additional boats will be needed. Kayaks are permitted but in pairs so everyone will have a boat to fish from. Never fished for bass, no problem? Experienced members are happy to coach you.



**Don't delay, space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.**

Reserve a spot by emailing your request to [Joe Tremblay](mailto:Joe.Tremblay).

Donovan requires advance payment, so a nonrefundable \$280 deposit is required to secure your reservation.

A standby list will be maintained and replacements will reimburse your deposit if you are unable to attend. All efforts will be made to find a replacement. To date no one has ever lost their deposits.

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

- Monday, May 24, until noon Friday, May 29
- Per person cost \$320; includes fishing, meals and lodging
- Comparable bass lakes charge \$250/day just for fishing
- First-come, first-served
- Nonrefundable \$280 deposit required at sign-up
- Cancellations filled from standby list (Standby reimburses deposit)





## They're Back: Trillions Of Cicadas Expected To Emerge

By Joe Tremblay

The long awaited Brood 10 will emerge this year. Not familiar with Brood 10? It's no wonder, it's not something that happens every day, or every year for that matter, it only happens once every 17 years.

Brood 10 is the largest cicada hatch in the U.S., possibly the world, and it's coming to a lake or stream near you. This year, Tennessee's Elk river and Tims Ford lake will visited by millions of cicadas.

I was a novice fly fisher when I arrived at Tims Ford Dam during the last hatch. Something was different that day. I could hear a loud screeching sound emanating from the nearby trees, and as I approached the water, I could see the telltale dimples of fish rising all up and down the river. I soon discovered that the cicada hatch was on!

I had to get some cicada flies ASAP. Being new to fly tying and not knowing where to get supplies, I went to Lowe's. I picked up a piece of black foam pipe insulation and that night I made a few crude bugs that look more like pipe insulation with wings than a cicada and headed back to the Elk the very next day.

It worked! I caught more fish that day than at anytime in my brief fly fishing career. I was thrilled! So much so that when David Darnell, former TVFF president and expert fly tyer, asked me how I was doing, I told him I was having a great day and proudly showed him my fly.

I'll never forget his response. "Well, I guess they will eat anything black," and out of pity, gave me one of his. Right then and there I knew I had a lot to learn about matching the hatch. I kept David's fly to use as a pattern for the next time around not realizing that the next time not would occur for 17 years.

All species love cicadas, even carp. Carp are notoriously difficult to catch on a fly. They will seldom even look at a dry fly but will happily gorge themselves on cicadas. Check out the video.

So here it is, 17 years later and Brood 10 will be emerging sometimes between April and June. Fishing will be phenomenal for a week or two and then, the cicadas vanish not to return for another 17 years. So get ready, don't miss out.

For more information on Brood 10 see

[Trillions of Brood 10 Cicadas to Emerge in U.S. After 17 Years](#)





## Unusual Fish Caught

TVFF member Jim Burchette landed this smallmouth buffalo on a yellow-green streamer. Smallmouth buffalo can get pretty big, up to 35 inches. Outdoor Alabama doesn't give a record size for them because they're not really a game fish, but a 35-inch fish ought to be at least 30 pounds, if not more. (See next page for more pictures and Jim's report)



**FOR SALE:** A right-hand fly tying station is still available. Get a gift for yourself and help the club too. The station is about 12" X 16" with a Cabela's vise. Price: \$90 - \$70 for the station and \$20 for the vise. Half the sale price will be donated to TVFF. If interested, call Ted Crona at 256-574-4345; email [tedcrona@yahoo.com](mailto:tedcrona@yahoo.com).



Fishing license? I don't need no fishing license.



## Smallmouth Buffalo (Jim Burchette's Report)

Dana,

I was on the Tenn. River below Nickajack dam fishing for white bass, hybrids, stripers - and picked up this guy. I was as surprised as he was, seeing how the water temp was 47 degrees and I wasn't specifically targeting smallmouth buffalo. The rig I was using was an Echo Bad Ass Glass six weight, sinking head fly line (175- 200 gr, I can't remember exactly) and a white / chartreuse Clouser.

Cuz put a bend in that six weight. I usually fish for them with an eight weight and a 300-350 gr sinking head line.

The attached photo is a streamer I use for the buffalo's with good success.

Tight Lines,  
Jim



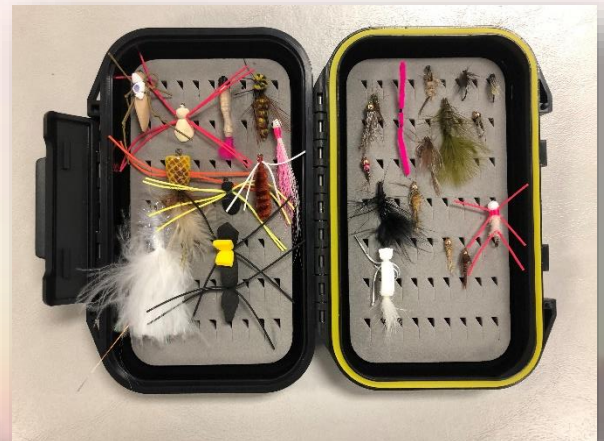




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### Casting for Recovery Fly Boxes

The picture shows one of the 14 fly boxes that TVFF donated to Casting for Recovery in 2019. We would like to do it again. If you are interested then just tie 14 copies of any fly of your choosing. Bring your flies to any club activity and we will get them to Debbie Hill, our Membership Director and a Casting for Recovery volunteer. TVFF will provide the boxes if you provide the flies. **Debbie is accepting cash donations to purchase fly boxes for 2021.** You can find out more about Casting for Recovery here <https://castingforrecovery.org/>. There will be further details about when the flies are needed in a future newsletter.



### Fill-A-Box (When we meet at church)

Faith Presbyterian Church sponsors this program to assist seniors in our community who are identified as food insecure. Please help TVFF support this worthwhile activity by bringing one item from the list below to the next meeting.

- 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



# Fill-A-Box







# TVFF Job Jar YOU CAN HELP!

Click on a job listed below and send an email to volunteer or to get 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.

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