



# TVFF Club News

February 2022



## February 17<sup>th</sup> Program (Zoom)



### Rhonda Page, Tim's Flies and Lies

Our February speaker is Tennessee businesswoman Rhonda Page of [Tim's Flies and Lies Outfitters - Full Service Fly Shop \(Facebook\)](#) near Normandy and Tullahoma, Tennessee. Long-time Elk and Duck rivers fisherman Tim Page opened Tim's Flies and Lies Outfitters 20 years ago. Rhonda took over management in 2007 when Tim returned to his career of electrical maintenance management. Rhonda said Tim gave her a "crash course" in fly tying that she also learned through trial and error with help from "her fabulous client base and close fishing friends." The Pages moved their fly shop to their current location near Normandy and Tullahoma where they focus on fishing gear and fly tying. The shop is open by appointment. Rhonda stays in contact with the Tennessee Valley Authority, Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency, and Dale Hollow for stocking and water release information.

The speaker will join us via Zoom. You will receive the Zoom invitation the week of the meeting.

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**Welcome New Members:**

**Tell a friend about TVFF**

### This Month

**Faith Presbyterian Church Rm 201**

- Feb. 3 – BOD Meeting, 7 PM
- Feb. 10 – Fly Tying, 7 PM
- Feb. 17 – Club Meeting, 7 PM
- Feb. 24 – Fly Tying, 7 PM

### Officers and Directors

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### Board of Directors Meeting

The next BOD meeting will be **this month Feb. 3**, 2022, at 7 p.m. in Room 201.



## TVFF Fly Tying Group

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



Please bring a mask in case masking rules change

**Feb. 10, 7 PM**

### EZ Parachute Adams – Lead Tyer, Joe Tremblay

**Cost: \$2.00 in person**

The Parachute Adams is one of the most popular patterns in fly fishing history, simply because it works! The Adams is tied in sizes 12 down to 26 and catches everything from bream to the most discriminating of trout. As the name implies this version uses several techniques that simplifies the tying process.

**Materials:**

**Thread:** 6/0 grey or black

**Tail:** Coq De Leon

**Post:** Para post

**Other:** Brown Sharpie

**Hook:** #12 dry fly hook

**Body:** Super Fine Dry Fly Dubbing - Adam's Gray

**Hackle:** Grizzly dry fly hackle



**Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM**

### Prince Nymph, Lead Tyer - Steve Kerkhof

This is a traditional trout pattern created by Doug Prince in the 1930's. We will tie it with a bead head. The fly uses goose biots for the tail and "wings".

**Materials:**

**Thread:** Black 8/0

**Hook:** Nymph Hook, Size 12 or 14, 2X Long"

**Head:** 1/8" (3.2mm) gold bead

**Tail:** Brown biot

**Body:** Peacock hearl, 3 or 4 strands, Oval French tinsel for the rib

**Other:** White biot goose feather

**Weight:** Lead wire (optional)



**Health Notice:** By attending the in-person session you accept responsibility for any and all associated health risks.

*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. Join us for a two-hour session on Dec. 9. Normally, the sessions are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 7 p.m.*

## Fish of the Month



TVFF member Connor Baker caught the above trout at Sipsey Fork on a cold Saturday morning. It was one of seven similar fish. The fish was caught using a 6'9" 3wt fiberglass rod. It was either caught on a size 18 Zebra Midge, or a size 16 Hare's Ear Nymph. Both were tied on, but Connor cannot remember which one actually caught the fish!



TVFF member Andy King caught the above trout at Madison City Lake! Make sure to check out page 6 for more information on winter trout fishing at the lake.



TVFF member, Greg Bayuga, caught this hybrid bass on Tims Ford Lake using an Orvis Recon fly rod. This was one of several fish he caught! Good job braving the cold!



Send your pictures to [editor@tvff.club](mailto:editor@tvff.club) along with a brief description of where you were and what you caught. Even if you do not catch a fish, feel free to share any neat photos of you out and about fishing!

## January TVFF Recap

### January 20 – Club Meeting

Cody Fischer, owner of Tellico Outfitters in Tellico Plains, Tenn., and our January guest speaker, gave TVFF members an overview of fishing in the Tellico River and tributaries located northeast of Chattanooga. Fischer said the river system harbors both native and stocked brook, brown, and rainbow trout. “A lot of people are surprised that the Tellico has wild fish,” Fischer said. Wild browns can be found but their rarity makes them a prize. In the Tellico River’s lower reaches, smallmouth can be found.

The area has 300-plus miles of trout streams, including special regulation streams and closed-season versus open waters. See the [Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency](#) for the exact regulations. In some areas, a daily trout permit is required between March 1 and Sept. 30.

Fischer grew up in southern Illinois, began fly fishing in South Dakota and began guiding for the local fly shop. Cody and his wife, Abby, moved to East Tennessee in 2018 and the next year he opened , [Tellico Outfitters](#) a full-service fly shop in downtown Tellico Springs.



### January Fly Tying

For the month of January, we tied two flies. Blane Chocklett’s Game Changer, and famous southeastern Appalachian fly, the ‘Yaller’hammer. Check out the pictures below and join us the second and fourth Thursday of every month for fly tying!



## 7 Fly Fishing Traveling Tips – Flylords

One fun aspect of fly fishing is traveling to new places and targeting unique fish. However, a big trip can be difficult to plan and pack for. Often gear is forgotten or the wrong gear brought instead. Jake Lebsack of Flylords put out an article with 7 fly fishing tips for travelers. A paraphrased version of the article is below. See the full version [here](#).

1. **Be a List Maker** – Make a list, add to it and check it. Seeing everything on paper will make it easier to determine what you actually need. It will help avoid underpacking or overpacking.
2. **Use the Right Luggage** – If transporting something valuable, like your flyrod, make sure it is secure. Don't just throw it in a duffel bag!
3. **Pack Smart** – Organization can save you headache later! Keep your fishing gear separate from your regular clothes, it will make it easier to access when you need it. Zip lock bags can be useful when organizing.
4. **Carry it On** – Carry on as much gear as you can! It will be available quicker and there is no chance it will get lost in transit. Also, better to keep your fishing gear with you, so that it doesn't get damaged.
5. **Stay Charged** – Purchase a portable charger! Phones/digital cameras are a big part of fishing. Need to get a picture of your fish to prove you caught it! If battery runs out, then some of those memories can't be documented.
6. **Consider Insurance** – Accidents happen fly fishing. If traveling to a remote area, health insurance is important. Also, look in to other types of insurance. Insurance can cover things like cancelled trips and stolen/broken property.
7. **Enjoy the Journey** – A big trip doesn't happen often. Enjoy it and appreciate being away on an adventure!

Whether you are planning a trip to Florida this winter, or a big trip to Alaska in the summer, these tips will help you get the most out of your trip.





## Trout Stocked at Madison County Public Fishing Lake

**Trout fishing** season at Madison County Public Fishing Lake (PFL) will begin on **Friday, November 26, 2021**. The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries plans to stock over 3,000 pounds of rainbow trout in Madison County PFL during the trout season with trout ranging in size from one to two pounds. A \$5.00 Daily Trout Permit in addition to a valid freshwater fishing license is required to fish for trout. Trout anglers may also fish for bass, bluegill, catfish, and crappie. The daily creel limit is 4 trout per angler. Check their [website](#) for directions and hours of operation, which are limited, so check before you go.



## Trout in Gadsden

[Flyfishgadsden.com](http://Flyfishgadsden.com) or click the map.

Trout season began October 15<sup>th</sup> on Black Creek, Noccoalula Falls near Gadsden, AL. Check the link for more details.

A separate permit is required for \$10 per day or \$35 for the season. It is a delayed harvest stream, catch and release from October 15<sup>th</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>, and a five fish limit from May 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>. Fly rods only, barbless hooks, artificial lures only.



## 2022 Fly Fishing Show – Atlanta, GA

After being cancelled in 2021, the Fly Fishing Show is back in Atlanta! The largest fly fishing symposium of its kind, Atlanta is the only Southeastern State that will host this year. Exhibitors will include fishing guides, famous fly tyers, fly shops, et al. FFI is providing free fly fishing instruction and if you are interested there will be a film festival Friday night.

*Two years ago, I met my cousin from Georgia at the show. It was a really fun time. There were hundreds of exhibitors from all over. Anything from fishing lodges in Canada, to local guides in Atlanta. There is a huge section for fly tyers. FFI has free instruction, but there are some neat classes you can pay for. My cousin and I took an entomology class from a PhD candidate at Clemson. He taught us about various aquatic insects and how to take samples. It was a pretty fun time, I think anyone with interest in fly fishing would have fun.*

*- Connor Baker, Communications Director*

- The event is two days, Friday and Saturday, **February 4th and 5<sup>th</sup>**.
- Ticket prices for adults are \$15 for a single day, and \$25 for two days. Children six to 12 are \$5 and under five are free.
- The venue is **Gas South Convention Center (6400 Sugarloaf Pkwy, Duluth GA)**.
- For more information and to purchase advanced tickets visit their website: [Fly Fishing Show](#)





## 2022 Donovan Lakes Club Trips

Opened to all club members. Trip includes: Accommodations at Donovan Inn and 4 days of fishing at one of Alabama's best bass destinations (2 half days plus 3 full days). All for \$~ 325 including meals. Never fished for bass, no problem. Experienced members are happy to coach you. Most members have caught their personal best bass or bluegill at Donovan.



As a bonus, Lake Donovan has been re-stocked and is catch and release only for the next 3 years,. As always, gas motors cannot be used on any of Donovan's 8 lakes.

Reserve your spot by contacting [Larry Hice](#). Be sure to indicate which trip you want. Don't delay, trips fill up fast. A *standby list* will be maintained and cancellations will be filled in order the request were submitted.

Check out Donovan's web site. Be sure to scroll down.

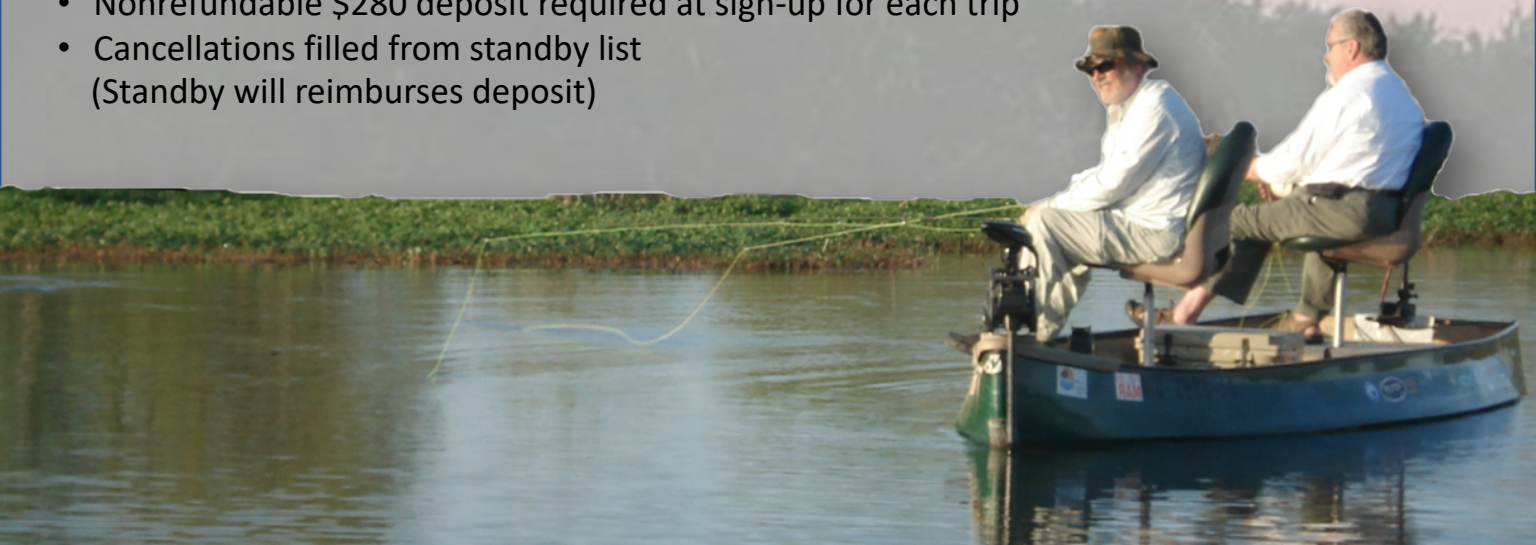
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Web Site](#)

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

**1st Trip: Monday 2 May till noon Friday 6 May**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Trip: Monday 23 May to noon Friday 27 May**

- Per person cost ~ \$325 per trip. 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 for each trip
- Cancellations filled from standby list  
(Standby will reimburses deposit)







## Fly Tyer's Weekend is returning in 2022 – Message from FTW Director

### Dear Demonstration Fly Tiers

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Fly Tyers Weekend (FTW) is returning in 2022. This year FTW will be sponsored, coordinated and hosted by the Fly Fishers International-South Eastern Council.

This is your official invitation to be a demonstration tier, Saturday-Sunday, November 5th – 6th, at Tremont Lodge & Resort in Townsend, Tennessee.

FTW will be back inside the warm and comfortable conference center at Tremont Lodge and Resort in beautiful Townsend on the west side of the stunningly gorgeous Smoky Mountains. Just in case you get the fishing bug (OK, when you get the fishing bug), early November is prime trout fishing season in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and also on the local stocked and wild trout streams.

For those of you who have participated in FTW before, you know how much fun and great fellowship we have. FTW demonstration tiers and attendees love sharing tying techniques and slightly embellished stories (Ok some of the stories are really, should we say .....exaggerated, but they are entertaining stories nevertheless).

I really look forward to seeing you all again in 2022.

At the last FTW in 2019 we had several hundred visitors come to the show and we expect even more this year. You demonstration tiers put on a tremendous show in 2019 and I am sure that 2022 will be even better.

Tremont Lodge & Resort (welcome brochure attached) is again allotting a block of rooms for fly tiers and attendees at 25% off. To get this discount, you must call the lodge to make your reservation by phone and let them know you are attending Fly Tyers Weekend. The more rooms that are rented to those attending this event, the less we have to pay for the conference center. So, please help support this event by booking your rooms at Tremont Lodge. You must call 865-448-3200 to reserve your room or suite for FTW. When you make you reservation by phone tell them you are attending FTW to get the discounted room rate. You can not make FTW room reservations over the internet so please call the reservation office.

Please return the attached tier form to me with your preferred tying times. I am requesting that you only sign up for one tying session on Saturday, morning or afternoon. We will try to accommodate tiers that want to tie all day Saturday, but it will depend on how much space and tables we have available.





## Fly Tyer's Weekend 2022 (cont.)

On Sunday this year we are again going to have one tying session from 9:00AM until 3:30PM to allow our tiers ample time for safe travel back home. You may tie for any part or all of Sunday's tying time if you desire. Just let me know so I can plan for table availability on Sunday.

If you have a preference for a tier you want to be seated next to, please inform me in your sign-up e-mail. I will accommodate your request if I can (This year we are not taking request to "not" be sitting by a certain tier. I don't want to be tying in a corner all by myself again..hahaha 😊).

If this is your first time tying at FTW, please send me a 1 paragraph tying/fishing bio and a recent photo. If you have tied in FTW before and want to use your bio and photo on file, that is fine.

You are all such amazing and gifted fly tying artist. I am very much looking forward to seeing work your magic at the vice, listening to your fishing stories and fellowshiping with all of you at FTW 2022.

Until then, God Bless and Tight Lines

Anthony Hipps, FTW 2022 Fly Tier Coordinator on behalf of Fly Fishers International-South Eastern Council and Tremont Lodge and Resort

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Please contact FTW Coordinator Anthony Hipps (contact info provided above) for more information



## Additional News

### TVFF Board of Directors Meeting

A quarterly BOD meetings will be **Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM**. As usually, the meeting will be at Faith Presbyterian Church, Room 201. All are welcome, not just board members.

### TVFF Renewal

TVFF will begin collecting annual membership dues for the coming year of TVFF/FFI. These membership dues are for your renewal through May 1, 2023. One of the reasons for this early reminder is so FFI will not need to generate paper and email notices to you and cause confusion to TVFF members. Remember, **dues must be paid through TVFF** to be considered a TVFF member and then automatically an FFI member.

In the coming weeks please check your inbox for an email from Debbie Hill, TVFF Membership Director, showing the amount of your dues based on your specific membership type. If information is lost or not fully understood, do not hesitate to contact her at: [debhil522@gmail.com](mailto:debhil522@gmail.com)

You may pay at any upcoming meeting or put a check in the mail. If you mail a check please include a note with any new contact information you may have...email, home address and phone numbers. Let's keep your details up to date so that you may receive the latest TVFF and FFI information.

Send your check made out to TVFF to:  
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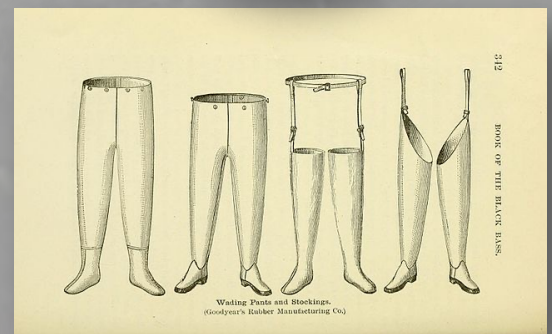
### Tennessee Fishing License Reminder

For those of you that regularly fish up in Tennessee. Friendly reminder, licenses expire February 28<sup>th</sup>. Don't be caught by the warden with an expired license! Licenses can be renewed @ [Go Outdoors Tennessee](http://GoOutdoorsTennessee)



### How to more easily pee with waders on...

TVFF member David Bailey shared with us a humorous article on how to easily pee while wading with waders on. This article is from fly fishing blog Troutbitten and written by Domenick Swentosky. The article can be found at [Troutbitten](http://Troutbitten)





### Fly Line Recycling

Flyvines is a Montana company that “upcycles” used fly line into bracelets, lanyards, dog collars, sunglass straps and other useful items that give used fly line a second life. The picture shows used fly line collected by TVFF in 2019 that didn’t end up in a landfill. The pandemic kept us from doing that in 2020 but we’d like to participate again this year. If you respool your fly reels with new line then please coil it up and bring it to us. TVFF will pack it in a box and send it to Flyvines. It is a small thing you can do to be kind to the environment and support our conservation efforts.



### Casting for Recovery Fly Boxes

On the right is one of the 14 fly boxes that TVFF donated to the Alabama Casting for [Recovery](https://castingforrecovery.org/) retreat in 2019. Since CFR retreats were put on hold due to Covid this past year, there were no TVFF fly boxes donated. TVFF would like to renew this project this year. If interested, choose a fly and tie or purchase 14 of them. When you have your set or multiple sets of 14 flies ready for collection, bring them to any club activity or contact Casting for Recovery [volunteer Debbie Hill](https://castingforrecovery.org/). TVFF will provide the boxes for your donated flies. This fall we will be filling the fly boxes that will be donated to the Alabama Casting for Recovery retreat. Debbie keeps a list of flies that have been tied or purchased, but duplicates are welcome. <https://castingforrecovery.org/>



### Fill-A-Box

**Faith Presbyterian Church** sponsors this to assist seniors in our area who are identified as food-insecure. Please help TVFF support this worthwhile activity by bringing one item from the list 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 (HamburgerHelper, 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 obtain 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.

[Manage TVFF Calendar](#) - Update TVFF Google Calendar with events provided by BOD.

## February Weird Holidays

### International Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day February 5<sup>th</sup>

Celebrated on the first Saturday in February, it is a strange that this holiday occurs in the middle of winter. Maybe it originated in Australia?

Make sure to fill your freezer Friday night with ice cream, and fill your pantry with cones. Heck, treat yourself to an ice cream sandwich or even a milk shake! Just make to properly enjoy this holiday with some dairy frozen goodness.



### Love Your Pet Day February 20<sup>th</sup>

A lot of us have a furry companion that is special to us! Whether it is your dog that joins you on fishing trips, or your cat that is waiting for you at home. Make sure to pamper your pet today! Give them that extra scoop of food or take them for an extra walk around the block!



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