



# TVFF Club News

January 2025



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**Welcome New Members:**

Steven Miller

**This Month**

- January 9 – Fly Tying, 7 PM
- January 16 – TVFF Meeting, 7 PM
- January 23 – Fly Tying, 7 PM

**Officers and Directors**

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

**Board of Directors Meeting**

The next BOD meeting is February 6, 2025, at 7 p.m. in Room 201 at the church. Members are welcome.

## TVFF Club Meeting Brandon Jackson, Riverside Fly Shop Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM



Riverside Fly Shop is a full service fly shop seeking to support and advance the sport of fly fishing. Riverside is owned and operated by Brandon and Mary Carole Jackson (both avid fishermen) who try to greet each customer with a smile, helpful tips, and information to make each fishing trip a successful one. Riverside seeks to maintain a wide array of fishing supplies to meet our customer's needs. From flies to fly tying material, from rods to rod building, from felt sole boots to waders they have it.



## TVFF Fly Tying Group

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



**January 9th, 7 PM**

**Senko Worm Fly – Brian Moore**

**Cost: \$3**

The Senko Worm Fly is a very easy pattern to tie and is a fly similar to many of the soft plastics used in gear fishing. It uses a worm hook to make it virtually weedless, and can sink faster with some lead wraps on the shank. You can tie it with chenille or yarn. Use two pieces of material: one is three times the hook length; the other is twice the length of the first piece. If you like some flash, then tie some flashy scrub yarn or straggle string (which I'll demonstrate on the second fly in class). Video can be seen [here](#).

### Materials

**Hook:** Hook, size 1 to 2/0

**Thread:** Olive or white 3/0 or 6/0

**Thread:** Black 3/0 or 6/0 to cover the wire weight

**Body:** Chenille or yarn

**Weight:** 0.30 mm lead-free wire (optional)



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**January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7PM**

**Meat Whistle – Connor Baker**

**Cost: \$3**

Effective fly that can be fished like a crawfish. Great for all species of bass. Video can be found [here](#).

### Materials

**Hook:** Long-shank jig hook

**Head:** Copper tungsten conehead, large

**Tail/Body:** Rusty brown rabbit zonker strip

**Thread:** Rusty brown, 6/0 or 140-denier

**Underbody:** Copper brown/pearl Sparkle Braid

**Flash:** Copper Flashabou

**Legs:** Pumpkin Barred Sili Legs

**Collar:** Brown Grizzly Saddle Hackle



Umpqua

***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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at 7 p.m.***



# Best of 2024 – Part 1

**January 2024** – Mey Mey Baker catches trout on Madison County Lake.



**February 2024** – TVFF members Greg Bayuga and Andy king target Redfish on the Gulf.



**March 2024** – TVFF member Greg Bayuga catches nice trout on Caney Fork.



**April 2024** – TVFF members Aaron and Tammy Serafinowicz fish for large North Georgia Trout



**May 2024** – TVFF member Greg Bayuga catches a monster musky in Tennessee.



**June 2024** – TVFF members Connor Baker catches large hybrid on Coosa watershed.





## Best of 2024 – Part 2

**July 2024** – TVFF member Jonathan Craft catches nice carp on the cicada hatch.



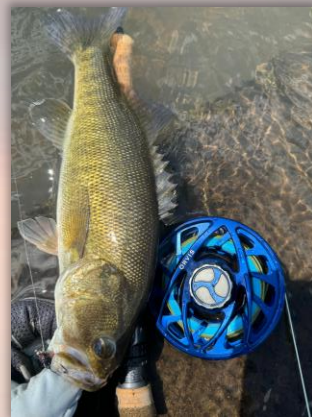
**August 2024** – TVFF members Connor Baker catches summer smallmouth.



**September 2024** – TVFF member Jon Reinecke catches nice pond largemouth.



**October 2024** – TVFF member Jonathan Craft catches nice Shoal Bass in Georgia



**November 2024** – TVFF member Victor Luna catches native Japanese trout on a tenkara rod.



**December 2024** – TVFF member Greg Bayuga catches nice trout in Tennessee.





## Top 5 Winter Fly Fishing Tips

January is one of the coldest months. While a lot of folks might put up their fishing gear and focus on tying, many still stay out there and chase fish. The following list is Fly Lords Magazine's five tips for successful winter fishing. Use these tips and brave the cold to make the most of your winter. The entire article can be found [here](#).

### TIP 1: Fish Small (Very Small) Flies

Big bug hatches don't happen a lot in the winter. Those are things that happen more in warmer months. Small midges are the main source of food for trout in the winter. Match the hatch to catch winter fish, a size 20 Zebra Midge can be very successful.

### Tip 2: Staying Warm Under Your Waders

Being warm under your waders can go a long way. If you are comfortable you can fish longer. Try to keep the warmth in. Try tucking your under wader pants into your socks.

### Tip 3: Staying Safe

Wear a wading belt. Wading belts not only trap in heat, but they keep you safe and stop cold water from filling your waders.

### Tip 4: Chapstick

Not only will this make your lips more comfortable, keeping them from getting chapped, but adding chap stick to the guides of your rod will keep them from icing up. Loon and other companies make these products to help guides from freezing, but chap stick can also do the trick.

### Tip 5: Bring a Hand Towel

Your hands are going to get wet when fishing, even if it is the winter. You will release your fish and your hands will get wet. Make sure to keep a small towel on you to dry them off.



## Remembering Jimmy Carter – President and North Georgia Fisherman

As most of you all have probably seen on the news. Jimmy Carter passed away December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. He was 100 years old. A lot of people don't know this, but he was an avid fly fisherman. His home streams were up in North Georgia. The entire article from Flylords is below. A link to the article can be found [here](#).

*President Jimmy Carter, the 39th President of the United States, passed away peacefully on December 29th, 2024, leaving behind a profound legacy as a humanitarian, environmental steward, and passionate fly angler. Known for his tireless dedication to conservation, Carter played a crucial role in protecting America's wild places, including the expansion of Alaska's national parks and wildlife refuges through the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act. His presidency set a benchmark for environmental policy, with an enduring impact on the health of our public lands and waters.*

*Beyond politics, Carter was a devoted fly fisherman, finding solace and inspiration on quiet rivers and streams. He often spoke about the meditative rhythm of casting a fly rod and the deep connection to nature it fostered. Fly fishing wasn't just a pastime for Carter—it was a reflection of his values: patience, respect for the environment, and an appreciation for the beauty of our natural world. His presence on the water served as a reminder that even leaders of nations can find peace in the simplicity of a rising trout.*

*As we reflect on President Carter's life, we honor not only his contributions to conservation but also his deep love for the outdoors. His legacy serves as an enduring reminder of the role we all play in preserving our planet's wild places.*





## Fly Fishing New Year Resolutions

I thought I'd write something up about New Year Resolutions. There are plenty of things we can do as fly fishermen for our New Year Resolutions. Whether it be to get up early to be the first person at our favorite spot, or learn how to tie your favorite fly. Below is a list to inspire you this 2025:

- 1. Fish more:** Sometimes having motivation to fish is hard. Whether it be cold or rainy, you just need to get out there and try to catch fish. The more you go fishing the more likely you are to catch fish. Don't be lazy, make a point to go out there and throw your favorite fly around.
- 2. Target new species:** We can get complacent only targeting the fish we are comfortable catching. If you are trout fisherman, make sure to hit your local pond for bass when the weather is warm. If you are a bass fisherman, maybe try and target carp. Catching different fish can be a lot of fun and expand your repertoire.
- 3. Learn to tie your own flies:** Fly tying is one of the neat aspects of fly fishing. If you fish but don't tie your own flies. Try a few simple patterns and work your way up to tying your favorite flies. There is something satisfying about catching a fish on your own tied fly.
- 4. Find a new spot to fish:** The fun part about fishing is exploring new water. You probably drive over/near a body of water on a daily basis. Instead of driving by it, get out your fly rod and see what you can catch.
- 5. Fish at different times of day:** Sometimes I like to sleep in and I get on the water late. Get up early this year, beat the crowd and see if the fish bite better at this time of morning. If you do get up early, maybe hit the same spot but later in the day, see what happens, maybe this spot is productive at a time you aren't used to fishing.
- 6. Try different flies:** If you only fish with nymphs, try streamers. I recently did that with trout. I ended up catching larger fish, it was a lot of fun.
- 7. Plan a fun fishing trip:** Nothing beats fishing your local water and getting that spot dialed in. However, you should venture out and go on a fun trip. Start saving now and plan an overnight trip to a different state.
- 8. Organize your gear:** Fly fishermen accumulate gear over time. Take a look at your fly tying bench and your fly boxes. Put everything in good order so you can save time and spend more time on the water.
- 9. Practice the fundamentals:** Look at what you struggle with. Does your cast need work? Are your knot tying abilities not up to par? Evaluate your deficiencies and work on improving them.
- 10. Take someone else fishing:** I like to go fishing, but it isn't as fun alone. Recently I introduced my dad to fly fishing and we have a lot of fun going on adventures together.

# Happy New Year!!

## The Fly Fishing Show in Atlanta, GA

The Fly Fishing Show will be back in 2023. The Atlanta dates are set for February 3, 4, and 5 at the Gas South Convention Center. Adult tickets are \$20 for one day passes, \$35 for two days, and \$45 for three days. Tickets can be purchased on their [website](#). There are a lot of neat items for sale and many opportunities to learn. If you have time, make the three and a half hour drive from Huntsville!



## Trout Stocked at Madison County Public Fishing Lake

**Trout fishing** season at Madison County Public Fishing Lake (PFL) began **Friday, November 29, 2024**. 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.

## 2025 Sowbug Roundup – March 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars for the 2025 Sowbug Roundup, March 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. This is the premier fly tying event in the Southeast, so put it on your calendar. There will be over 150 expert fly tyers, over 20 vendors and raffles every day. If you are even remotely interested in fly tying, then this is the place to be. Tickets are \$10 for all three days, and children get in free. For more information, visit the North Arkansas Fly Fishers website [here](#).





## January Holidays

### National Spaghetti Day

January 4

The origins of spaghetti are debatable. Italians made it popular, but the theory is that Marco Polo brought back the idea of noodles from his trip to China. Either way, today is a great day to have spaghetti for dinner. Find your favorite local Italian joint and order the biggest plate you can. You can work it off the next day fishing. Spaghetti/pasta is what marathon runners use to carb load the day before a race. You can use it to carb load for a fishing marathon.



Inspiredtaste.net

### Compliment Day

January 24<sup>th</sup>

A good way to start off 2024 is to make a resolution to give out more compliments. This is especially true on January 24<sup>th</sup>. As fishermen, we are known to give compliments such as "nice fish", "beautiful cast", "solid knot tying". Compliment your fishing partner this day, go out of your way to say something nice. It makes that person feel special and you will feel good about it as well!





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