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The Valley Fly Fisher

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Aldridge Creek Cleanup 2014
2014 TVFF Club Programs (TBD)

Jan 16    Jeff Barrett, Guide from Nashville
Feb 20    Joe Tremblay—Trout fishing with Streamers
Mar 21    TBD
Apr 18    No Program
May 16    TBD
Jun 19    TBD
Jul 17    Joe Tremblay “Aldridge Creek Cleanup” Roundup
Aug 21    Swap Meet
Sep 18    TBD
Oct 16    TBD
Nov 7     Friday Night - Annual Auction/Banquet (No November Meeting Nov)
Dec 18    Christmas get together – no program

Other Potential Programs

"Let us know if you have ideas or leads for possible future programs."

TVFF Officers and Directors for 2014

- President - David Darnell *
- Vice President - Open
- Treasurer - Sean Dempsey*
- Secretary - Open
- Communications - Dick Curtis *
- Education - Joe Tremblay
- Conservation - Open
- Activities - Larry Hice *
- Membership - Mark Shepard *

* New Officers/Directors for 2013
Dan Bailey "Bare Bones" stocking-foot waders. Only used twice - great condition. Size Large. $120

Bite "Upstream" felt-soled wading boots. Only used three times - great condition. Size US 10. $65

Aqua Lung neoprene booties. Only worn once - like new. Size Medium (8-9). $20

Contact John Lindberg at 256.426.4350

Renzetti Master series table vise with multiple attachments including parachute tool extension. - $600.00

Two limited edition signed and remarked Dave Whitlock prints (brown trout and rainbow trout - pencil drawings both custom framed with matching frames)- $325.00

JW Outfitters - Inflatable 1 man Pontoon boat with stripping net, anchor, oars, two detachable storage bags well used but still works great - $200

15' 4" Camo Gheenoe - carpeted, swivel seats, live well, lights, depth finder, trolling motor, 2 anchors, galvanized tilt trailer, newly carpeted run rails, new tires and bearings, new hand crank. Easy to get in and out of just about any body of water. - $1,000.00  SOLD

TVFF - FFF Shadow Box of personal flies tied by past members and includes club pin - $550.00

Contact Wade Blevins at Mobile: 256-345-1242

Rod Building Class -- 2015

The next Rod Building class will start on Monday, January 19th, 2015 and continue every Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. through mid March (or until you finish your rod) You will be given the opportunity to build the fly rod of your choice, customized to your requirements. Topics covered in the course include rod blank selection, materials and components, handle and reel seat installation, spine location, guide location, wrapping techniques and finishing. Wrapping jigs and epoxy dryers will be furnished as a part of the course. The course fee is $25, and you can purchase your rod building kit at discounted prices which range from about $40 to over $300, depending upon make and model. Other expenses include about $20 for materials. The class will be taught for the thirteenth time by longtime TVFF member Jerry Guinn.
WHAT:  Fish Tales & Refreshments  
WHEN:  6:30-7:00 PM - Thursday 9/18/2014  
WHERE:  Faith Presbyterian Church

Join us for a little socializing prior to the monthly meeting. Bring your fish photos, stories, new equipment, & flies to share with members. Light refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Finances — Sean Dempsey
2014 TVFF Events/Activities (Revised July 13)

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Fly of the Month– September

Fly of the Month

This month’s featured tier will be club member, Brian Bouma. He will lead the Thursday, September 25th fly tying session where he will demonstrate tying Shannon’s White River hopper. This is a generic hopper pattern, but is simpler than most to tie.

Materials:

• 4xl streamer hook, preferably with a down eye, but straight eye will suffice
• Body: 2mm closed-cell foam, cut into 1/4” strips, dark green or brown
• Rib: Silver ribbing wire, size small or brassy
• Underbody: Antron dubbing, light olive or chartreuse
• Underwing: Krystal flash
• Wing: Deer body hair, olive or brown
• Round rubber legs, green or brown
TVFF Major Club Fishing Trips
Consider a club trip during the year

TVFF sponsors Major and Minor fishing trips each year. By Major trips we mean longer trips sometimes out of state and usually with limited long planning times accommodations. Reservations, deposits, food and travel planning are all necessary to have a successful trip. Minor trips are usually less complicated, often in the North Alabama or South Tennessee area. Often these trips are day trips with unlimited attendance. We wanted to keep you aware of the trips so that if you are interested you can mark calendars and make reservations if necessary.

**Major Trips:** (2014 Dates will be added next month)

**Sowbug Roundup.** An annual fly tying show held in Mountain Home, Arkansas usually in March of each year. March 20-22 2014 will be 17th roundup.
[http://www.northarkansasflyfisher.org/sowbug_roundup.html](http://www.northarkansasflyfisher.org/sowbug_roundup.html)

**Sowbug Roundup Fishing Trip.** This trip precedes the Roundup. This trip is has limited accommodations and requires a deposit. 2014 Dates/Times TBD.

**Donavan Lake Trips.** Donavan Lake is a private fishing lake near Marion, Alabama. Club member Everett Sharp is a Donavan Lake Member and graciously plans one or more trips each year for the TVFF. The trips are usually in the Spring. Accommodations are very limited with deposits required. Boats with no gasoline powered engines are welcome. Trips for 2013 are over. 2014 Dates/Times TBD.

**FFF Southern Council Conclave.** The annual meeting of the Southern region of FFF member clubs held in Mountain Home, Arkansas the first week in October each year.

**Southern Council Conclave Fishing Trip.** This trip precedes the Conclave. This trip is has limited accommodations and requires a deposit. 2014 Dates/Times TBD.

**Minor Trips:**

**Madison County Lake.** In the Spring, the club have been sponsoring a local trip to Madison County Lake for Warmwater bluegill and small bass. All are welcome. Short term planning is necessary for food. The club has provided lunch in the past. Boats without gasoline powered motors are welcome. Members can fish from the shore or rent jon boats with trolling motors for a very reasonable price. 2014 Dates/Times TBD

**Wilson Lake Smallmouth Trip.** This is a trip to Wilson Lake at Florence, Alabama for smallmouth fishing during the Mayfly hatches in the Summer. The trips are June /July time frame. The trips are NOT held each year on a regular basis, but the club has been going over there for about 12 years off and on. Club members who stay over usually try to rent rooms in the same motel. Food is on your own. Fishermen need boats or make arrangements to share a boat. The club has sponsored a shore lunch on many trips. 2014 Dates/Times TBD

**Side Trips.** Many club members will arrange day or even longer trips with each other to local fishing spots in Alabama, Tennessee or even further. The Sispey in Jasper. Guntersville, Wheeler, and Wilson Lakes on the Tennessee River. Elk, Caney Fork, Hiwassee and Clinch Rivers in Tennessee. North Georgia trout streams and the “Hooch” from Atlanta North. The Flint and Paint Rock Rivers in Alabama, and many more.
TVFF Has a Mentor Program

The TVFF Mentor Program, developed by our Education Director, Joe Tremblay, is now on line and available to our members through the TVFF website. The Mentor Program is not only the best tool at our disposal for growing the club, but also provides a method by which members can share their knowledge, experience and expertise in specific areas of fly fishing with others in the club. It can be a fun and great way to meet others that share your interests and love of fly fishing. Check out the program by clicking on the Mentorship tab on the TVFF website.

Need a Mentor?
Want to catch more or bigger bass? Get into salt water fishing? Maybe you’re new to fly fishing? This is the program for you. Request a TVFF Mentor through the TVFF website or by following the link http://tennesseevalleyflyfishers.org/client.html to complete the online application.

Become a TVFF Mentor
You don’t have to be an “Expert” to become TVFF Mentor; you just need a willingness to share. You won’t be alone and we will provide a Mentor’s Guide to get you started.

The club has a lot of resources at your disposal. Classes/presentations are available on a variety of subjects including Introduction to Fly Fishing, Fly Fishing 101, Fly Tying, and “How To” presentations ranging from Top Water Bass to Streamer Fishing for big Browns. If we don’t have what you need, we’ll work together to create it. Just tell us what classes/presentations your applicant needs and we will be happy to provide.

To become a TVFF Mentor just sign up through the TVFF website or follow the link http://tennesseevalleyflyfishers.org/Volunteer.html and complete the online application. You’ll receive an info package upon receipt of your application.

Club purchased a new Canopy to use at outdoor events. Gets a try out at Aldridge Cree Clean Up.