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The Valley Fly Fisher



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Cabela's	1	ly is a Cabela's kind of place."	
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ilips 7		a large selection of Wildlife and Land Management pro	
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Announcements	7	additional stores during the next two years. The retain	
Мар	10	isting or announced locations in Tennessee, Mississip	

Cabela's announced today it will open its first Alabama store in Huntsville, AL. The hunting, fishing and outdoor gear retailer says it will begin construction this fall on a new 80,000-square-foot store at the planned Parkside Town Centre development near the intersection of Interstate 565 and 255 at Governors West

The retailer, which expects to open in fall 2015, will employ up to 180 full- and part-time workers. A news release said employees will be recruited from the Huntsville and surrounding areas.

"As we continue to expand our retail footprint in the Southeast, Cabela's knew Cabela's chief executive lifestyle, Alabama certain-

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America and will open 21 iler does not have any ex-

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2014 TVFF Club Programs (TBD)

Jan 16 Jeff Barrett, Guide from Nashville

Feb 20 Joe Tremblay—Trout fishing with Streamers

Mar 21 Stream Improvements on the Sipsey—Brandon Jackson

Apr 18 No Program

May 16 TBD)

Jun 19 TBD

Jul 17 SWAP MEET ??

Aug 21 TBD.

Sep 18 TBD

Oct 16 TBD

Nov ?? 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 website http:// tennesseevalleyflyfishers. org/ OR Google TVFF

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

TVFF Has Storage Locker

Through the hard work of a couple of your board members, Larry Hice and Joe Tremblay, the club now has a storage locker into which the equipment and gear the club has accumulated over the past 30 years can now be stored in a single place. The club had a storage locker located on the Church grounds but a Fire in Fellowship Hall caused a renovation which caused us to give up the locker space. The club equipment/gear was then stored by individual club members in their own private homes. With the acquisition of this storage locker these individuals can now reclaim their home space. Many thanks to Reid Benton, Larry Hice and Dick Curtis for allowing the club to use their homes as storage facilities for the club equipment.

The 8x10 Locker is located at 2902 Drake Ave Sw, Huntsville, AL 35805. Members wishing to store club property may do so by calling Joe Tremblay at 256 348-2172.



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Come Raily to the Meeting

WHAT: Fish Tales & Refreshments

WHEN: 6:30-7:00 PM - Thursday 6/18/2014

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!



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Finances — Sean Dempsey

New TVFF Logo Hats from Simms are here !!

New Simms hats with TVFF logo have arrived. Hats will be available for purchase at our February club meeting at a cost of \$15. Seven (7) unique colors are available. Page 5 THE VALLEY FLY FISHER

Activities for 2014 are all posted. Check Newsletter for complete details as events

and dates approach.

2014 TVFF Events/Activities

EVENT	<u>DATE</u>	LOCATION
WBC Rod Building class	Jan 13	WBC
TVFF BOD 1st Quarter meeting	Feb 6	Church Meeting Rm
Great Southern Fly Fishing Show	Feb 7-8	N. Atlanta trade Ctr
The Fly Fishing Show	Feb 9-10	Winston-Salem, NC
Int Custom Rod Building EXPO	Feb 22,23	Winston-Salem, NC
"First Cast" / Fly Tying Demo	March 1	Gander MT. Huntsville
WBCO Expo	March 7	Huntsville, AL
TVFF Sowbug Fishing trip	March 152317	Mountain Home, AR
Sowbug Roundup	March 20,22	Mountain Home, AR
Fly Tying Demo	April?	Gander Mt. Huntsville
Donavan Lake Trip #1	April 8-11	Marion, AL
Madison County Lake	April?	Gurley, AL
Earth Day Festival	April?	Hayes Nature Preserve
Donavan Lake Trip #2	Ap 26-29	Marion, AL
TVFF BOD 2nd Quarter meeting	May 1	Church Meeting Rm
Donavan Lake Trip #3	May 3-4	Marion, AL
Aldridge Creek Cleanup	May 11	Huntsville, Al
FFF SEC Fly Fishing Conclave	May 15-17	WCU Cullowhee, NC
Wilson Lake (Smallmouth) trip	June?	Florence, AL
TVFF BOD 3rd Quarter meeting	Aug 1	Church Meeting Rm
FFF Intl. Fly Fishing Conclave	Sept 24-28	W. Yellowstone, MT
TVFF So. Conclave Fishing trip	Sept 27-Oct 5	Mountain Home, AR
FFF So. Council Conclave	Oct 3-5	Mountain Home, AR
FFF Florida Council Conclave	Oct?	Orlando, FL
West North Carolina Fly Fishing Expo	Nov?	Asheville, NC
TVFF BOD 4th Quarter meeting	Nov 6	Church Meeting Rm
Annual TVFF Auction/Banquet	Nov?	Fellowship Hall

Note: Items in **BLACK**, firm, items in **GREEN** are educational/outreach; items in **BLUE** are annual events in which TVFF is a participant. GREY are TBD

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New TVFF Activity

One tying session per month with feature a Guest tying a fly.

Fly of the Month June 26th Fly of the Month

Ever want to tie a **Deer Hair Popper**? Well this is your chance to see how one is done and then produce your own. **Joe Randolph** will lead the Thursday, June 26th fly tying session and tie a multi-colored deer hair popper complete with weed guard. Joe just recently returned from a bass trip to Donavan Lakes where he caught a largemouth bass around 7-8 pounds. It was thought to be one of the largest bass ever taken from that particular lake quite an achievement!!

(No Photo at Press time)

Materials

Hook - Gamakastu B10S size 2

Thread – 3/0 Black or White

Weed guard - Monofilament

Body – Deer hair in red, green, yellow & chartreuse

Tail – Chartreuse & green bass bug hackle with krystal flash

Eyes – Stick on eyes

Cement – Clear cure glue

Vertical Lines - Large chisel point black Sharpie

Throat/gills - Orange or red Sharpie

Note: Please bring your hair stacker and hair packer if you have them

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

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. http://www.southerncouncilfff.org/

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.

MAP OF NEW CABELA'S



Bass Fishing -

A few club members recently returned from bass fishing adventure at Donavan Lakes in Marion, AL thanks to the efforts of Everett Sharp. Two club members caught their largest bass ever!! Reid Benton caught a 5 and a 7½ pound bass and Joe Randolph caught an equally huge bass. Joe's fish was not weighed but appears to be at least 7-8 pounds and is thought to be one of the largest bass ever taken out of Snag Lake. Get the scoop of how they were caught and all the particulars at our upcoming June club meeting. Pictures below.







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