



FLY FISHING CLUB

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

This Month's Meeting - Wednesday, October 11, 2017 - Manuel's Tavern

This Month's Presentation

Come and be Surprised

Great Raffle Prizes

SPECIAL RAFFLE

Enter to win our special raffle. Is it a guided trip...a new fly rod...the only way to find out is to come to this month's meeting!

REGULAR RAFFLE

There will be 11 winners in our regular raffle who can choose an item from the table filled with fly-fishing gear. A 12th winner will receive a \$50 gift certificate to a local fly shop.

FLY RAFFLE

Remember to bring some flies for the fly raffle. Tie your own or pull some from your fly box. You get one ticket per fly and a chance to take home a pitcher full of flies.

Upcoming Programs

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Upcoming Trips

AFFC Fall Coldwater Trip

By: J D Forrester

Even though the temps are hot I can feel Fall in the air and it is time for an AFFC Fall trip. This year we will be heading to the Davidson River, just outside Brevard, NC. This area has tons of wild trout fishing as well as several DH streams.

When: I will be there from Wednesday, November 29th to Sunday, December 3rd.

Where: I will be camping at the Davidson River Campground, site 039. To make reservations at this campground go to recreation.gov. If you prefer to stay at a motel, Brevard has plenty to choose from.

Food: Will have more info on this when the time comes, but we will be close to many restaurants.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact J D.

Fishing Reports

Kicking off the Autumn in East Tennessee

By: Gregg Goff

What better way can a fly angler start off the fall season than to go fishing on one of east Tennessee's famed trout rivers? Well, there could be a few better ways, but fly fishing in east Tennessee is definitely in the upper echelon. So, that is exactly what I did on Friday, September 22nd, which was the official start of autumn 2017.



It is a well-known fact that the South Holston and Watauga Rivers can fish well year-round. As mountain tailwaters, these rivers typically stay cold year round. That is good news for the trout, but not necessarily for trout anglers. The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), which controls both the generation schedule and release rates for pulsing and sluicing, can wreak havoc on one's fishing plans especially for the South Holston River. The Watauga River, however, is not nearly as impacted as its sibling river.

With this knowledge in mind, I chartered a half-day, guided float trip through Eastern Fly Outfitters (EFO) in Piney Flats, TN (www.easternflyoutfitters.com). I figured that I would let the guides handle the unpredictability of TVA and, thus, which river to float. Usually, the generation/release schedule is not posted any earlier than eight hours ahead of time. Sometimes the schedule is not posted even that early, and it can change without notice once posted. So, TVA is not what one would call an angler-friendly entity.

After concluding business late on a Thursday afternoon, I prepped for my float trip the next day. On the official first day of autumn, I met my guide just off of I-81 North, Exit 66. I could tell he was going to be a great guide simply by seeing his almost bare foot resting outside his jeep's driver's side window when I pulled up. He had an impressive looking three-seat drift boat (manufactured by Ro) hitched to his 4-wheel-drive jeep.

This guide is a native east Tennessean. His profile stated that he "knows the rivers up here like the back of his hand" (and he did!). That is why EFO hired him as one of their guides.

Given the current TVA information at the time, he decided it was safest to float the Watauga. After all, he did not want to risk getting his drift boat grounded on the South Holston River bottom if TVA suddenly decided to stop generating/releasing. Can you blame him?

Now, let's move on to the fishing. In short, we "tore 'em up!!" We landed wild rainbows, stocked rainbows, and brown trout, all of which are wild in the Watauga. The browns are tougher to hook, too. Yet, they were the bigger of the two species.

We utilized nymphs and hoppers. Some rigs were one hopper with two to three dropper flies (bead head soft hackles). Other rigs utilized three nymphs (all bead head soft hackles) and a suspension strike indicator. I also brought my favorite flies (squirmy worms and green weenies) and caught lots of trout on them utilizing a tandem set up. The big brownie in the photo was caught on a bright green mop fly. One trout sucked in the hopper (the only take we had for the day on a top water fly) and then subsequently snapped the line! That must have been a big fish or the guide tied a poor knot.

The waters of the Watauga can be frustrating, too. Certain stretches were like glass. One could easily see the ring of the rise from a trout. Despite casting top water flies to these risers, none would take! Oh well, that is fishing.

In closing, I found it interesting to see what east Tennesseans call and use as a "boat ramp". We launched underneath a bridge nicknamed "Lovers Lane". There was nothing but a sloping, rocky bank. Rocks protruded upward and at varying heights and angles. Yet, the guide backed the drift boat and trailer down into the water and launched. Utilizing his 4-wheel drive, he pulled up and parked. At the take-out (or pull-out as some people call it), the boat ramp was nothing more than a grassy slope that turned into a mud bank. Hey, what can I say? After all, I was in the boon docks of east Tennessee.

Snake River, Jackson Hole

By: Suzanne Mott Dansby

I thought I'd share with the ATL Fly Fishing Club, photos from a delightful trip fly fishing in Jackson Hole, WY, and in Belt, MT with my son, Will Phelps (www.phelpsonthefly.com). He is a very busy guide at the Ranches at Belt Creek, in Belt, MT, so it was an extra treat while at the ranch to have him all to myself on the water at the end of each day for an hour or two!



Will took 3 days off to meet me and a friend of his, Joe Irby, in Jackson Hole, WY. Joe is an excellent guide with Grand Fishing Adventures, as he is a true professional, and knows the waters in the area very well. We spent 2 full days fishing in the Jackson area. One day we floated on the Snake River, and the other day we hiked along the banks of Fish Creek.

I enjoyed using my brand new Orvis Helios 3D 9'5w...both Will and Joe commented on how "sweet" it is! And, I enjoyed how accurately I could cast it...well, some of the time, due to beginner's error!

If interested, members are welcome to view a video of our fishing experience my son posted on Youtube. It is well worth viewing, even if just for the scenery!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFSSSI-iAao&t=124s>



Road Trip Lament

By: J D Forrester (*AFFC Poet Laureate*)

JD and Ed Chamberlain head out West

JD and Ed went fishing out West
To be honest the fishing wasn't the best
The Missouri was a flop
The Big Horn was a not
It wasn't a ton of fun
Especially when temps rise to 101

Terry's DH Primer

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By: Terry Shikano, PhD.

Folks,

We have about a month until GA DH starts. If you don't like DH fishing, just skip it, you won't miss anything (well you might miss a brown like this one).



This is my highly opinionated guide.

If you are new to fishing or to this area, we have a thing called Delayed Harvest (DH) trout fishing program in GA (well other states have, too). Basically, some warm water section of a stream gets cold enough for trout to survive, so GA DNR stocks trout in such a section, and make it a catch-and-release only trout fishery. The season starts on Nov 1 and ends on May 15. I think May 15 is the lemon pepper day (you can keep the fish and eat it).

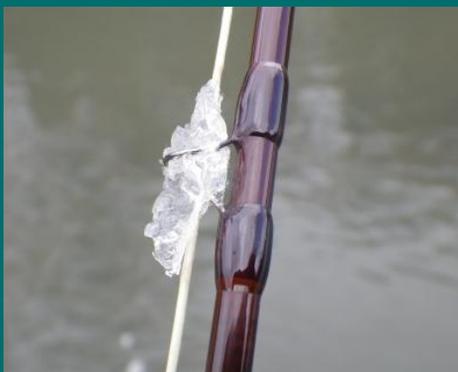
I'm familiar with the Hooch DH, so I'll talk about it, but there are other streams; you can find out at the GA DNR website. The DH section starts at Sope Creek and ends at US-41 (Paces Mill Park). This is a great opportunity for those of us who live in the south side of town (shorter drive). And those who picked up fly fishing recently, this might be your first shot at catching a trout.

There is always a debate on stocked trout, and some people hate it like stepping on a dog poop or something. Anyways, here are some benefits:

- * I don't think DNR stocks between the Buford Dam and the Morgan Falls Dam in winter, so you might have better luck in the DH section (note sometimes 40+ days, seriously).
- * You can practice casting even if you don't catch a fish.
- * After hooking a fish, you must learn how to play the fish, land it, and handle/release it safely. If you cannot hook a fish, you are not even in the game. Since the chance of your catching a fish, at least in the beginning, is high, you can practice these skills, and you will be ready for your next fishing trip in Colorado, let's say.
- * After eating too much pizza and wings while watching a football game, you need to burn some calories. I believe at one point Weight Watchers listed fly fishing as a legitimate activity to lose some weight (I need a citation here). If you wade against the current and fish all day, I'm sure you use a couple of hundred calories.
- * We will spend some money on fishing stuff, so you will be helping the economy.

Gear:

- * Rod: 5wt would do just fine (I use 3wt and seiryu (ultralight Tenkara) mostly)
- * Flies: Y2K, Woolly Bugger etc. I'll talk about this more later.
- * Clothes: appropriate for cold weather. It gets cold sometimes. During a cold front a few years ago, I caught some fish, but I had to quit because I could not cast due to ice on the guides.



Note: there are huge stripers cruising around (I saw a 4' long one chasing a rainbow) at Paces on several occasions. If you want to catch one of these, you need a 8wt or spey rod.

Note: shoalies are there as well. I caught one on a pink Woolly Bugger as well as on a #14 Hare's Ear.

Chattahoochee Media Group publishes some excellent books. Check them out:

- * Fly Fishing Guide: Chattahoochee Delayed Harvest
- * Georgia Delayed Harvest Trout Guide
- * Tying Flies for Stocked Trout
- * Nymphing 101

I'll talk about flies next time.

Tight lines!

Tips, Instruction, etc

Fight Big Fish With the Butt Section of the Fly Rod, Not the Tip.

<http://www.ginkandgasoline.com/fly-fishing-tips-technique/fight-big-fish-with-the-butt-section-of-the-fly-rod-not-the-tip-2/>

Use the Davy Knot - Here's Why.

<https://troutbitten.com/2017/09/17/fifty-fly-fishing-tips-8-use-the-davy-knot-heres-why/>

Fishing in Rattlesnake Country - Some Tips.

<https://gearjunkie.com/outdoor-hazards-rattlesnakes>

Picture of the Month



John Juracek going long with a spey rod.

Flies and Fly Tying

How to fill a fly box with just the right recipes for the fish and water you're heading to.

https://midcurrent.com/experts/flies-for-the-trouts/?utm_source=MidCurrent+Fly+Fishing+Email+Newsletter&utm_campaign=1a5c474a16-MidCurrent_September_6_2017&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_8efbf3b958-1a5c474a16-42780885

Fly Fishing From the Net

Book Review: *Fly Fishing for Trout, the Next Level* by Tom Rosenbauer

<https://ventingangler.com/2017/08/29/book-review-fly-fishing-for-trout-the-next-level-by-tom-rosenbauer/>

For Sale

Umpqua Swift Water Tech Vest

By: Bob Prator

Inspired by the needs of the guides everywhere, the award-winning (American Angler's 2014 Gear of the Year) Swiftwater carries loads like no other vest. Neck fatigue and forward creep created by heavy fly box loads (often full of tungsten nymphs) is eliminated with a fully cushioned waist belt and shoulder straps. Mesh back and side-panels keep you cool during the summer months and hand-warmer pockets keep you toasty on chilly mornings.



- * One-size-fits-all shoulder and torso adjustment
- * Fully padded waist belt eliminates forward creep and neck fatigue and provides welcome back support on long days under heavy loads
- * Fourteen pockets, including two stretch-mesh tippet pockets, two large back pockets and one large horizontal "reach-around" back pocket is easily accessed from either side
- * Six internal stretch-mesh accessory pockets, including four horizontal, cross-access floatant/desiccant pockets
- * Internal key dip
- * Two molded barbless fly rigging stations
- * Eight coated web attachment loops/retractor stations
- * Includes two, easy-grab hemo loops with raised retainer sheath
- * Fully cushioned shoulder straps eliminate neck fatigue
- * Back D-ring and web loops for net attachment
- * Tricot-lined hand-warmer pockets
- * Front buckle allows use without zipper to stay cool
- * YKK zippers with loop primary pulls and sticky, micro-textured secondary pulls
- * Integrates with the Surveyor 1100 Backpack



This is a great vest in excellent shape. Cost \$169 new. Will sell for \$75.

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Yahoo Groups and Membership Renewals

By Terry Shikano

Membership Renewals can be done in one of three ways:

1. At the dub meeting
2. Sending the renewal form with a check to Atlanta Fly Fishing Club, P.O. Box 52944, Atlanta, GA 30355. Please make sure that your email address is legible.

Member communications

We have two distribution lists that go only to AFFC members: Yahoo Groups (general member communication) and the monthly newsletter. They are handled by two different systems. Additionally, we have a club web site and Facebook page.

Yahoo groups - Members have been experiencing problems with the Yahoo Groups emails. Here are some things to remember:

- When you join AFFC, we will send an invitation email via Yahoo Groups. You need to **ACCEPT** our invitation **AND CREATE A YAHOO ACCOUNT**.
- If you sign up only for special announcements, most likely you will not receive anything. Sign up for individual email to receive information on club trips, etc.
- Sometimes our invitation is considered junk mail, so if you don't see it, check your spam folder.
- If you don't get email, contact Holly (shikano@gatech.edu) or Terry (tshikano@gmail.com). We can verify your email, and send another invitation.
- Like our invitation, your email system might consider our club email as spam. If that happens, modify your email settings.
- Unfortunately, we have not found a way to change your email address on our end. We need to send another invitation to your new email address and you need to create another yahoo account.
- You can post a message to our Yahoo groups by sending it to Atlanta-fly-fishing-club@yahoo.com. Communications are moderated and one of the club officers will need to review and approve your message before it is sent out to all club members.

Newsletter- The monthly Newsletter is edited by Phil Sehenuk and Bob Prator and sent out via Constant Contact.

- If you are not receiving the club newsletter, please contact Holly or Terry. We can verify your email address. There is no additional step.
- Please do not unsubscribe from our newsletter if you don't really mean it. It keeps your email address in the do-not-contact list, and we cannot revert it. You will need to provide a new email address if you want to start receiving the newsletter again.

Follow AFFC on Facebook

AFFC has a Facebook page. Go to the "Atlanta Fly Fishing Club" page in Facebook and click on "follow". You will then get additions to the AFFC timeline and posts from members whenever you view Facebook.



Check Out the Club Website

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[Membership Renewal](#)