



STREAMLINES



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Making and Fishing with Bamboo Rods, an Evening with Doug Alexander, Rod Builder by Jon Thames

I have been fly fishing for well over 25 years and throughout the years bamboo rods have always held a air of mystique, as well as being formidable for me. This is not as a result of a bad experience like, "I can attribute my fear to breaking my fathers rod as a young fisher.." Or being told that bamboo rods are fragile and expensive, and that no one really uses them because graphite rods are much better. Perhaps it is now time to reconsider the bamboo option and so I am looking forward to our monthly club meeting and to hearing what our guest speaker will have to say about making and using bamboo rods.

Our guest speaker at the February 12th club meeting will be Doug Alexander, bamboo rod maker from Shepardstown, West Virginia. As background, Doug has been a rod builder for over a decade. But one day nearly ten years ago, Doug was asked by a friend to cast his Hardy Palakona C.C. DeFrance split bamboo fly rod. In Doug's words, "I cast (that rod) and knew right then and there that I was going to look into building bamboo rods."

In speaking to Doug about his upcoming presentation, one can easily feel his enthusiasm for building and fishing with bamboo rods. Those who are most interested in getting the feeling of casting a bamboo rod will have the opportunity to try one of Doug's bamboo rods in the hall after the meeting.

Please join me as Doug Alexander takes the mystique out of bamboo and I can say "It is just like any tool....all I have to do is learn how to use it".

Program change for the March club meeting.

There has been a program change for the March club meeting. Originally, Mark Kovach was scheduled to be our speaker in March. However, it was necessary to reschedule Mark's presentation to a date later in the year due to a teaching commitment that he has this winter. As such, James Harris owner of the Beaver Creek Fly Shop will be our speaker. James will present approaches to fishing limestone streams, particularly Beaver Creek and other "chalk streams" within about an hour drive from Frederick. His presentation will include specific flies to use in fishing these streams and be informative to the newer as well as seasoned fly fishers.

Fly Tying Roundtable by Don Fine

The January Fly Tying Roundtable was a tremendous success with eleven tyers in attendance. Mr. Tommy Marks, long-time member of PVFF, will be our featured fly tyer at the February 20th roundtable. Tommy will instruct on tying several of his “warm water patterns” proven effective for smallmouth, bluegills and other warm water fish species that inhabit local waters. Tommy Marks is best known for his “shower shoe poppers” that can be tied in broad range of sizes from bluegill to largemouth (bass).

Tyers scheduled for **2013** include:

March - James Harris – articulated bass fly

April - Andy Simmons - prince nymph

May – Tom Scally – TBA*

June – Devin Angleberger – TBA*

* *Pattern or tyer to be announced*

As in past months, the roundtable starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. at Hobbytown, 919 East Street in Frederick and ends at 8 p.m. We welcome new tyers to the PVFF Roundtable, as well as those who just want to observe and learn. New tyers: if you need equipment to get started tying, PVFF can loan you a set of tying tools. Call Don at 301-371-5617.

MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 12 th	PVFF monthly meeting Tuscarora High School, Frederick 7:00 PM
Feb 20 th	Fly Tyers Roundtable Hobbytown USA 919 East Street Frederick, MD 6:30 PM
Feb 26 th	Board of Directors Meeting Trinity Methodist Church 703 West Patrick Street, Frederick 7:00 PM in Room 208

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Announcements :

(Editorial note: In the best interest of our membership, the Announcements Section of the monthly Streamlines, rather than email, is the primary vehicle for dissemination of information for club-sponsored activities as well as activities promoted by “outside” not-for-profit organizations. Those wishing to use Streamlines to announce an activity will need to provide a brief description of the activity, dates of the activity and contact information to the editor one week prior to the monthly Streamlines publication date, i.e. the last day of the month. Announcements will be edited to fit the Streamlines format.

Fly Fishing Instruction at the Boy Scout Camporee by Don Fine

We are looking for several volunteers to help with fly fishing instruction at the Boy Scouts of Frederick County Spring Camporee. The theme for this camporee (that is expected to be well attended by about 300 scouts) is shooting and **fishing sports**. Fly fishing instruction will be held on Saturday, March 23rd from 9 a.m. till noon and from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m.

In order to accommodate about 50 scouts per hour, 3 fly fishing stations are needed to teach 16 to 17 scouts at a time, with groups rotating every 15 to 20 minutes. To accommodate these numbers of scouts, volunteers are needed to provide basic instruction on tying basic fishing knots, basic fly tying, and casting. At least 4 instructors are needed at each of the 3 stations, for both the morning and afternoon sessions. Please consider volunteering (even three hours of your time) for this event, i.e. if you can be there for either the morning or afternoon sessions, your help is most appreciated. Lunch and dinner will be provided for instructors. Please contact either Rick Loose flyfshric@comcast.net or Don Fine donbffishing@comcast.net if you can help.

Advanced Fly Tying Roundtable A one-day fly tying roundtable for intermediate to advanced fly tyers is scheduled for February 16th (10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.) to be held at the Beaver Creek Fly Shop. There is still one or two openings for interested tiers. If interested in attending either as a tier (or observer) contact Don at 301-371-5617.

Antietam Fly Anglers (AFA) Annual Banquet

AFA will hold their annual banquet at the Ramada Plaza, Hagerstown, on April 6th. Contact Sterling Buzzell at flycaster@centurylink.net or 717-762-2235, if you are interested in attending. Banquet begins with a social hour starting at 5:00 p.m.

38th Annual National Capital Angling Show

The 38th Annual National Capital Angling show will be held Sunday, March 10, 2013 (10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.) at Hanley Field House, Georgetown Preparatory School, 10900 Rockville Pike, N. Bethesda, Md.

Bob Abraham Casting Club 4th Annual Fly Casters' Rendezvous

The Bob Abraham Casting Club will hold a Fly Caster's Rendezvous on March 30th (8 a.m.- 5 p.m.) at Riverbottom Park, Williamsport, Md. Registration for the day's event begins at 8:00 a.m. As in previous years the club's rendezvous is structured for first timers, beginners, intermediate and advanced fly casters. Hands on instruction for all levels will be provided by FFF CCI and MCI instructors. Single handed and spey instruction as well as introduction to accuracy and distance flycasting competition is included in the agenda. This is truly the best "local" opportunity for any flyfisher to learn, improve or perfect his/her casting stroke(s). For more information contact Robert Stouffer, FFF CCI at rstouf@mail.com or at 301-791-4594.

Tiefest Renamed to Honor Lefty Kreh

Tiefest, one of the Mid-Atlantic's most popular fishing shows and sponsored by the Coastal Conservation Association Maryland's (CCA MD), has been renamed Lefty Kreh's Tiefest to honor one of fly fishing's international legends. The first Lefty Kreh's Tiefest will be Saturday, March 9, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Prospect Bay Country Club, Grasonville, MD. Some of the country's most respected fly tyers will demonstrate patterns effective in the mid-Atlantic region and answer questions from the more than 400 expected attendees.

PVFF Membership & Dues

by Ruby Fine

Just a reminder that there are still a few outstanding membership dues to be paid. If you are one, you can still renew at the February meeting. I also wanted to share a nice response received from one of our members after he was thanked for his membership renewal and making a contribution to the Club, as well. *"No thanks*

is necessary. That small contribution is MY thanks for the honor of being associated with some of the most purely motivated and finest human beings I have ever encountered in my journey through life. Time has been a precious commodity of late, but I shall endeavor to attend more meetings and participate more with the club. Some of the activities I have managed to engage in are lifetime memories. A while back, I volunteered to help stock Big Hunting Creek. Running around with buckets of beautiful trout to put in the stream made me feel like a 5 year old kid again. I had the immense pleasure of helping to plant a bunch of trees near the fish pens off Montevue Lane. I caught and released a magnificent steelhead on the Salmon River in New York on a club trip. Bill's pond in Pa. was a lot of fun...as well as fishing the pond at the winery in Virginia. Thank you ALL so much."

At the February meeting, we will have the traditional 50-50 cash drawing with two tickets being drawn. The first ticket drawn will get a choice of either ½ of the money collected or a Brewer's Alley \$25 gift certificate.

Editorial Note: Local Publication Regarding PVFF by Don Fine

I bring to the attention of the PVFF membership an article recently published in the February-March issue of **Frederick Gorilla**. The article (pages 32-37) entitled ***Fly Girl, A True Fish Tale of How a 45-Year-old Mother of Two Got Hooked on the Angler's Sport Thanks to the Potomac Valley Fly Fishers*** was written by Christina L. Lyons. Christina (Christy) recently joined PVFF. I know that you will enjoy reading Christy's description of her entrée into flyfishing. On behalf of the membership, a note of thanks goes to Christy for the benefits to be derived by the club as a result of her outstanding article.

In addition to being available as a free publication at a number of business establishments in Frederick and locality, Christy's article is on-line at: <http://digital.graphcompubs.com/publication/?m=22905&l=1>

"Fly tying is the next best thing to fishing; it is the sort of licking of the lips that eases a thirsty man in the desert." Arthur Ransome, Fly Tying in Winter, Rod and Line (1929).

The Somerset, NJ Fly Fishing Show by Devin Angleberger

If you have never gone to one of the national Fly Fishing Shows, then you are really missing out. The New Jersey Fly Show is the largest on the East Coast, and features notable flyfishers such as Lefty Kreh, Dave Whitlock and Joe Humphreys, and of course more of the current flyfishing popularities like Pat Cohen, Eric Stroup, Mike Schimdt, and the list goes on. My mom and I took the long drive up to New Jersey last Sunday morning, and after paying the \$18 entry fee, we entered the show and I was immediately overwhelmed; it was like you could feel the power of meaty streamers, and beautiful dry flies. The facility was filled with lots of fly fishing vendors displaying their products and plenty of fly tiers demonstrating their craft. The first row was full of tiers, and the flies that caught my eyes most were those tied by Pat Cohen. Pat ties awesome bass bugs, mice patterns, and any pattern that has to do with deer hair. I met a lot of great people, and I was able to connect some names to faces. We went down every aisle (twice), and then we came to the TFO's (Temple Fork Outfitters) booth; where I got to shake Mr. Lefty Kreh's hand and get a photo with him. After that, I stopped by Mr. Dave Whitlock's booth, and looked through the stacks of prints. My eyes came to a print of a rainbow trout rising to a mayfly, I bought it, I didn't have to hesitate one second. Mr. Whitlock signed the print, as well as wrote *To Devin*. It was a fantastic

day, and I even saw James Harris there, who would have guessed?

"BIG HUNTING CREEK RAINBOW"

Limited edition print by Dan Neuland.

Dan Neuland has donated the following painting to PVFF for the club to print the original as a 100 print-limited edition. Dan will sign and number the print that you purchase and PVFF will receive all the profits from the sale of the print with money going to conservation efforts of the club.



Jon Thames will have prints to view and purchase at the February meeting and available until the edition sells out. Because it is Dan's first print, it will truly be an art collector and flyfisher's treasure. The image size will be 11"x14" with a cost of just \$30.00.

Consider this as a great gift to someone you fish with, or for yourself because you deserve it. Any questions or to order a print contact Jon Thames or attend any regular meeting to pick up your signed copy. Jon Thames can be contacted at: 301-788-2482 or email blkpoole@aol.com

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Last Cast by John Brognard

I must tell about my first cast. My dad was a hunter, in fact, later in life I would take him fishing so it was not that he took me fishing the first time. I met a lifelong friend, Dick Houghland in fifth grade, and Dick was the one to take me fishing for the first time. We rode our bikes to Gladco Lake a few miles out of Hanover, Pennsylvania, on a beautiful spring day. Dick provided the fishing equipment, because at that time I did not have anything. He demonstrated how to rig up the rod and how to cast. So I did what he showed me and was successful in getting the bait several yards out into the lake. We set our rods on a couple of "Y" sticks and waited about 30 seconds to see if we caught a fish before heading off to catch frogs, throw rocks, and just explore. When we returned to the rods about an hour later we each had a fish on the line. Dick's fish was about a 12" rainbow and mine was a 18" rainbow. Talk about beginners luck! Did I mention that the lake had been stocked with trout? Well, as you can guess, I was the one to get hooked (on fishing) that day. Now, for the rest of the story. I took the trout home to show my mom and dad. I was so proud! My mom was very excited for me. I could hardly wait for my dad to come home from work to show him my fish. When he arrived, I grabbed my fish and ran out to show him. My dad looked at the fish and then at me and said, "John, it's not trout season". Oh well, it didn't matter, because I was already hooked and I still get excited every time I have a fishing rod in my hand

and when I am on a stream or lake ready to make the first cast of the day. One more thing that I have learned over the years about the first cast, you better be ready, because many times that first cast will provide the first strike of the day! Fish on!



Participants and flies tied at the Advanced Fly Tying Class at the Beaver Creek Fly Shop

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POTOMAC VALLEY FLY FISHERS MEMBERSHIP and RENEWAL APPLICATION

The purpose of the Potomac Valley Fly Fishers is (1) to promote fly fishing as the most sportsman-like and enjoyable way of fishing and the most consistent with the preservation and wise use of our resources; (2) to provide advice, suggestions and assistance to club members; (3) to publicize the best practices and techniques of fly fishing, fly tying, fly casting and other related subjects; and (4) to maintain liaison with other organizations of sportsmen and conservationists.

The undersigned being in agreement with the above purpose does hereby apply for membership/renewal in the Potomac Valley Fly Fishers.

Applicant's Name: _____ Date: _____
(Last) (First)

If family membership, other names: _____

Home Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (ZIP)

Home phone: _____ Business phone: _____

E-mail address (for e-mailing newsletter) _____

Applicant's signature: _____

Are you a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers? Yes No **Membership Dues:** \$12.00 single or \$17.00 family

How did you hear about PVFF? Outdoor Show Website Friend Newspaper Other

Please make check payable to Potomac Valley Fly Fishers or PVFF and mail with completed form to:

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