



STREAMLINES



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February Program by Jon Thames

The February club meeting program "Fly Fishing in West Virginia (WV) State Parks" will feature Randy Underwood. Randy will talk about nine WV state parks to consider fishing. His discussion will include information about the parks and some local waters near the parks. And to give even more reason to head to WV for some great fly fishing, Randy will discuss the lodging available at and near the parks including camping areas and cabins that are available. Close parks that we all know are Cacapon, Blackwater Falls, and Canaan Valley state parks. Each of these are about a 4-hour drive and make for a day trip or a few days of wonderful fishing.

I have to admit that I have not fished any of the state park waters in the beautiful mountain states just a bit west of Frederick. With that said, the club will have our outing (at Cabins, WV) in early May. That event books out every year with Chris King doing the scheduling. I have not been able to join this outing in past years. Obviously, I have had the opportunity and just not been able to partake because of schedule conflicts.

Please join us to hear what is available in beautiful West Virginia on February 11th at 7:00 PM.

Fly Tying Roundtable-February 19th by Don Fine

For those who missed the January roundtable, "Buz" Buzzell guided all in tying two patterns of the caddisfly life cycle; green rock worm (larvae) and the "LaFontaine" emerging caddis pupae. Those who attended got the inside story from Buz on the preferred colors of the materials comprising the patterns.

Our February 19th roundtable program will feature Ray Gano, from the Creekside Anglers fly club. Ray has been our tyer a number of times in past years, each time featuring a new, effective pattern for all to learn. This month that pattern will be "the slider". Ray is an awesome tyer and a fantastic instructor. Don't miss this event.

Location – for 2014 and beyond, the monthly roundtable will be at Trinity United Methodist Church (Room 108) at 703 West Patrick Street in Frederick.

Time – roundtable starts at 7:00 PM until ~8:30 PM.

Tyers for future months:

March – Tom Scally – pattern TBA
April – Frank Thompson – pattern TBA
May – Andy Simmons – pattern TBA

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.

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Hagerstown, MD 21740
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Membership Renewals by Ruby Fine

At the January meeting Heather Montgomery's name was drawn for a 1-year free PVFF membership. There are still a few members who have not renewed their 2014 membership. Please use the renewal form at the bottom of this newsletter or contact me at rifine88@gmail.com of your intentions of renewing.

Club Loaner Rods by Lou Stohlman

The club has loaner rods for any member who is interested. The rods are available basically for short term loan. All rods are complete with reel, line and leader; we also have a few fanny packs stocked with a few flies and extra leaders. If you have a child who is interested in fly fishing or just want to borrow a larger rod feel free to take advantage. We currently have (3) 7-1/2' 5-weight and (1) 9' 8-weight rods. If you are interested in borrowing any of the loaner rods contact Lou Stohlman: cell 715-965-3271 or email lstohlman@comcast.net

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"Creeps and idiots cannot conceal themselves for long on a fishing trip"
John Gierach, American writer.

Monthly Calendar of Events

Feb 11th	Club Meeting Tuscarora High School Ballenger Creek Pike Frederick, MD 7 PM – Room A170
Feb. 19th	Fly Tying Roundtable Trinity U.M. Church 703 W. Patrick St. Frederick, MD 7 PM – Room 108
Feb. 25th	Board of Director's Mtg. Trinity U.M. Church 703 W. Patrick St. Frederick, MD 7 PM – Room 109

Announcements

February 15th Fly Tying Roundtable

In early January PVFF held an all-day fly tying roundtable at the Beaver Creek Fly Shop. Twelve tyers participated with instructions from James Harris, Dale Reed and Art Overcash. The event was a great opportunity for intermediate to advanced fly tyers to learn from these three outstanding fly tying instructors. (see photos last page) We are planning a second fly tying roundtable for Saturday, February 15th, same location (Beaver Creek Fly Shop). The format (i.e. 10:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM, with a lunch break in between) for that event will be essentially the same as the January roundtable, except for all new patterns to tie. If you are interested call either Don Fine (301-371-5617) or James Harris (301-393-9090) at the fly shop immediately, because of limited seating, the event will be limited to 15 tyers. A \$10 registration fee is requested to cover materials and refreshments. Tyers only need to bring their basic fly tying equipment to participate.

February 27th 1:00 PM -2:30 PM

Join the [Monocacy & Catoctin Watershed Alliance](#) for an exciting presentation by Patriot Land & Wildlife Management Services, Inc. Their representatives will discuss their on-the-ground experiences with a number of innovative concepts for ecological restoration and natural resource management. Several of these practices that will be covered in the presentation include: utilizing goats for invasive species control, wildflower & pollinator plants, a Biohaven® floating islands, and alternative agricultural production concepts like diversionary wildlife food plots.

Location-

[Thurmont Regional Library](#) Community Room
76 East Moser Road Thurmont, MD 21788.

March 8th Lefty Kreh Tiefert by Dan Neuland

PVFF will be present at the **2014 Lefty Kreh Tiefert** held on March 8th at the Prospect Bay Country Club in Grasonville, MD. PVFF members are needed to attend our booth, answer questions and distribute membership applications. Tiefert, now in its 11th year and sponsored by the Coastal Conservation Association of Maryland (CCA MD), has been renamed Lefty Kreh's Tiefert to honor one of fly fishing's international legends. During the day a number of the nation's top fly tyers, equipment manufacturers, local guides, and others will gather to demonstrate techniques and discuss fishing strategies. The event will run from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For more information about Tiefert contact Tony Friedrich at tony@ccamd.org. PVFF members who would like to attend, please contact Dan Neuland, danneuland@verizon.net, for carpooling information.

PVFF Scholarship by Larry Forte

The club is pleased to announce that we have donated \$1000 to the Catoctin Forrest Alliance Scholarship Fund. The Catoctin Forest Alliance Scholarship Fund is a component fund held by The Community Foundation of Frederick County. The purpose of this Fund is to provide annual scholarships for Frederick County, Maryland, residents who are pursuing careers in the environmental sciences, with preference given to those studying the protection of the environment through conservation of natural resources. Given the growing youth membership, this is a great way for our club to help a college student next fall who is pursuing a career that is in line with our core values.

If you know a student that might be interested, they can apply through the Community Foundation of Frederick

County. Their web site is www.cffredco.org and their phone number is **301-695-7660**.

To learn more about the Catoctin Forest Alliance, visit their web site at <http://catoctinforall.org/scholarship-fund>



***Update* EPA report: Pebble mine poses significant risk to salmon** by John Brognard

The long awaited EPA report released last Wednesday concludes that a large gold and copper mine in the Bristol Bay area poses significant risks to the region's thriving sockeye salmon runs and its people. The Pebble Mine would be located at the headwaters of the Kvichak and Nushagak Rivers, two of the eight major rivers that feed Bristol Bay. If built, Pebble would be one of the largest mines in the world. And because of its size, geochemistry and location, Pebble mine runs a high risk of polluting Bristol Bay, one of the world's most productive wild salmon strongholds and best sport fisheries. Located in a seismically active region, Pebble would require the world's largest earthen dam to be built, some 700 feet high and several miles in length.

Anchorage Daily News:
"The Environmental Protection Agency has spent three years studying the potential impacts on salmon of a large, open pit mine in the Bristol Bay region, where half of the world's sockeye salmon are produced. The

final report comes after two drafts, 1.1 million public comments and two reviews by an independent 12-member panel of experts."

"Among EPA's findings, just building the mine would destroy between 24 to 94 miles of salmon-supporting streams and 1,300 to 5,350 acres of wetlands, ponds and lakes, depending on the mine's size."

The entire EPA Report is available on the EPA web site:
<http://www2.epa.gov/bristolbay>.

Many environmental groups, hunting and fishing organizations, including the International Federation of Fly Fishers and Trout Unlimited, opposed the mine. The last issue of the IFFF magazine "Flyfisher" also has an article on the stopping progress on the Pebble Mine.

If you feel strongly about a gold and copper mine possibly destroying the largest salmon run in the world, then I urge you to consider telling the EPA to permanently protect the region from the Pebble Mine. You can write a letter or take action at <http://www.savebristolbay.org/takeaction>.

Chesapeake Council/IFFF by Don Fine

Perhaps you have wondered what ever happened to the Mid-Atlantic Council/Federation of Fly Fishers (aka MAC/FFF), that was the council organization to which PVFF belonged as an affiliated member club. Well, over the past several years leadership and mission in the MAC organization declined to the point at which the "big honcho" parent FFF (which is now abbreviated IFFF because of its international standing) based in Livingston, MT recruited a new council president and board of directors. In 2013 the Chesapeake Council "arose from the ashes" much like the Greek god Phoenix. It would appear that

PVFF remains an affiliated member club with the new council. And now you know the rest of the story.

Chesapeake Council now has a website and is publishing a newsletter. The website for the new council is <http://www.cciff.org/>.

Smallmouth Lunkers by Don Fine

Like many flyfishers I spend these cold, windy winter days indoors tying flies in anticipation of late winter, early spring trout fishing in local streams. (Frankly, I find it downright uncomfortable fishing when the air temperature is < 30 degrees and the water temperature is not that much warmer). As such, I have been busy restocking my fly boxes with freshly-tied buggers, nymphs and attractor mayfly patterns in hopes that at my first fly fishing adventures (hopefully this month) will be productive. But I couldn't help but notice an article in the latest issue of the IFFF Flyfisher entitled *Smallmouth Lunkers: A Fly Fisher's Database Holds Clues to Catching the Really Big Ones* by author John Johnson. If you haven't read this article yet, or aren't a member of the IFFF, perhaps you will benefit from the following data that I summarized from the article. In selecting the parameters that are optimum for catching big smallmouth bass consider the following:

- Fishing evening to afterdark is best for catching fish in the 15" – 20" range.
- Catch rate for 15" – 20" bass was highest when using deer hair frog and popper patterns.
- Summer lunker catch rates go down with increasing temperatures while rates of smaller fish go up.
- High gradient sections of a river are the best places to fish on a summer afternoon. The lower sections of a river are better in the morning and evenings.

- Lunker smallmouth catch rates peak in August and then again in the late fall.
- Dark chartreuse and grey are better surface fly colors while olive and white are better for wet flies.
- (This is a no-brainer). Lunker smallmouth tend to prefer larger flies.

The article included a short description of patterns that the author suggests for lunker bass: deerhair frog, cork and balsa poppers, grasshopper, sparkle grub, BN zonker, and lead-eyed woolly bugger.

The Last Cast by Scott Durant

Greetings everyone! I hope this finds everyone warm or at least bundled up against the cold and snow that Old Man Winter continues to bring with him. I am not sure about anyone else in the club but I have not found any desire (or courage) to brave the elements and wet a line. So I am left to ponder the state of things (which can get interesting) and one thing has stood out to me given recent events. What if I could not go out and fish on my favorite river, even if I wanted to? For the people in Charleston, WV this is not a passing thought but a harsh reality. As I am sure everybody knows, last month, the Elk River was exposed to a chemical spill affecting 300,000 people in the surrounding area. No fishing, no bathing, and no drinking. Even today, there are still doubts as to the safety of the water. There is no telling what lasting effects the spill will have on the local environment, much less the fishery that existed there. Not to mention the fact that the 300,000 people it affected are experiencing what it would be like if water was no longer freely available with price, safety, and availability all at stake. Much like the Elk River, the Potomac River serves as a source of drinking water for much of the region, including parts of

Frederick County. It also serves as a source of recreation for me, and I am sure many members of the club for fishing, boating, and sight-seeing. What if it was suddenly no longer available or safe? These pressing questions speak to the larger environmental impact of industry and development that we as a community are faced with on a daily basis but rarely give thought to, because these issues are far removed from our minds. Far removed, that is, until it is no longer available or faced with crisis. So as winter's icy grip starts to melt and the opportunities to enjoy our rivers and streams as spring's warming sun increases, please take a moment to enjoy the natural beauty surrounding you. There may come a time when it is no longer available, as the people in and around Charleston, WV have found. Also, please be sure to survey your surroundings. If there is trash, pick it up; if there are clear indications of illegal run off, call the county or the Maryland Department of Environment. For as long as we are able to, we as a club must do our part to ensure the longevity and health of our rivers.

January 2014 PVFF Fly Tying Events

Beaver Creek Roundtable Tyathon



Dale Reed leading the tying of his cressbug Imitation at the Beaver Creek Tyathon



Cressbug by Dale Reed



James Harris leading the tying instruction for the foam frog pattern at the Beaver Creek Tyathon



Foam Frog



Art Overcash leading the tying of a classic Grey Ghost salmon fly pattern at the Beaver Creek Tyathon



LaFontaine's Sparkle Caddis Pupae Emerger

PVFF Fly Tying Roundtable



PVFF Roundtable with fly tying instructor Buz Buzzell demonstrating the LaFontaine's caddis pupae



Green Rock Worm



Participants Heather, Scott, Betsy and Rick in the PVFF monthly Fly Tying Roundtable.

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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: _____ Cell or Business phone: _____

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

Applicant's signatur _____

Are you a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF)? Yes No **Membership Yearly 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:

Ruby Fine, PVFF Membership
8712 Baltimore National Pike
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