



STREAMLINES



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Happy New Years – “*Out with the Old and In with the New*” by Don Fine

As you open the first edition of Streamlines for 2013, first on behalf of the PVFF Board, let me wish to all a *Happy New Year*. And may this new year bring you, your families, and friends good health, continued blessings and many opportunities to enjoy the gifts provided by our natural resources and the creatures that inhabit them. As for the title above, let me make it clear that this is not a reference to the change in PVFF leadership, i.e. John Brognard being elected as club president for 2013. Rather may it represent a resolution that each of us could apply to whatever goes on in our individual lives. As for me, I resolve to:

- setting aside my old fly vest and trying to carry fewer flies in my new chest pack,
- fishing new waters that I never fished before,
- tying and trying new fly patterns that hold promise,
- and contemplating the following advice of Vincent Marinaro.

The game [of Nods] is played by tying a reasonable facsimile of the insect being taken by the trout. Then many variations of this basic pattern are tied with only slight differences in each of them. These

are in turn cast to a visible feeding trout, and his reaction noted very carefully.....each fly is cast as long as it receives a nod from the trout. When it no longer excites any nods it is discarded for a new variation”. Vincent C. Marinaro In the Ring of the Rise (1976).

January Program by Jon Thames

Happy New Year to all our members and friends, and good fishing to you all in 2013. The upcoming program on January 8th will feature Susan Mathews who is the Naturalist at the Catoctin Creek Nature Center. Susan will be speaking about the nature park, our home waters, and the many aspects of the park. For those who have been to the park, as well as those who have not, this program will give you a broad view of the many programs, events and opportunities available on many levels from children to experienced naturalists. Susan will give us an update on the macro-invertebrate survey conducted last year and what this study found both in diversity of aquatic species and health of the stream. Plans are for another stream study in partnership with PVFF in April 2013. Sign up sheets for this joint activity will be available at the meeting. April will also be the annual stream clean-up project as well as our spring trout stocking of the creek at the

nature park. This will be the club's first stocking of the stream and a chance for any member to join in the stocking of our trout. Catoctin Creek is now officially designated a delayed harvest stream, further explanation of this terminology will take place at the January 8th meeting. Please join us and become more informed with our home waters, the Catoctin Creek Park, and meet Susan Mathews.

Fly Tying Roundtable by Don Fine

The January Fly Tying Roundtable will be led by Dale Reed. I am fortunate to have attended several Antietam Fly Anglers tying roundtables led by Dale. Dale is an extraordinary fly tying instructor, having tied commercially in the past. Indeed it will be great having him lead our roundtable this month.

Tyers scheduled for **2013** include:

February - Tommy Marks – warm water pattern

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*

In 2012 turnout and interest in learning fly tying continued to grow at the monthly PVFF Roundtable. Let's make a resolution to increase the turnout even more in 2013.

As in past months, the roundtable starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. at Hobbytown, 919 East Street in Frederick. 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

Jan 8 th	PVFF monthly meeting Tuscarora High School, Frederick 7:00 PM
Jan 16 th	Fly Tyers Roundtable Hobbytown USA 919 East Street Frederick, MD 6:30 PM
Jan 22 nd	Board of Directors Meeting Trinity Methodist Church 703 West Patrick Street, Frederick 7:00 PM

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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.

Boy Scout Camporee

The Boy Scouts of Frederick County are reaching out to the Potomac Valley Fly Fishers to help support the Spring Camporee, which will be held at the Thurmont gun club on March 22-24, 2013. The theme for this camporee is shooting and fishing sports, and there will be about 300 scouts and 100 adults participating. The event will be held on Saturday, March 23rd from 9 a.m. till noon and from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Lunch and dinner will be provided for instructors.

In order to accommodate about 50 scouts per hour, 3 Fly Fishing stations are needed to teach 16 to 17 scouts at a time and rotate every 15 to 20 minutes. The stations would be Fishing Knots, basic fly tying, and Casting--covering only the basics at each station. At least 4 instructors are needed at each of the 3 stations, for both the morning and afternoon sessions.

Please contact Billy Noland if you can help. brnoland@comcast.net

PVFF Membership & Dues

by Ruby Fine

Just a reminder that 2013 dues need to be paid now in order to continue receiving the monthly newsletter. The winner for a free one-year PVFF membership was Delbert Martin. At the January meeting, we will have the traditional 50:50 cash drawing along with a 2nd drawing of a box of flies tied by Frank Thompson, both prizes are great to take home from the meeting.

Advanced Fly Tying Roundtable by Don Fine

A one-day fly tying roundtable for advanced fly tyers is scheduled for January 5th (9 a.m. to 4 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.

Conservation Corner by Heather Montgomery

Forests are incredibly valuable and the ecosystem services that forests provide are diverse and numerous including: erosion and flood control, pollution filtration, habitat, oxygen production and carbon sequestration, climate regulation, recreation, water supply and more. In the Chesapeake Bay watershed we are losing forestland at a rapid rate. Fortunately, there is grant-funding currently available to private landowners, local government, and non-profits to plant trees, particularly along streams and rivers that rely on forested land to maintain clean water and suitable habitat for sensitive fish species like trout.

When European settlers arrived in the 17th century, 95% of the Chesapeake Bay watershed was dominated by forest. According to the *State of the Chesapeake Forests*, the watershed has lost forestland at a rate of 100 acres per day since the 1980s. More than 750,000 acres of forest—equal to twenty Washington, D.C.s—have been lost since 1982. Much of the former forestland is now covered by impervious surface (buildings, roads, etc) and turf grass or used for agriculture. Compared to forest, these land use types increase the amount of excess nutrients and sediment to our local waterways.

Conservation partners in Frederick County have been working to reforest our transformed landscape. The programs we lead aim to improve local water quality for drinking water and recreation. Each individual reforestation and riparian buffer project becomes part of our local green infrastructure that creates hubs and corridors

for wildlife and protects our valuable streams and wetlands. Landowners are key players in these efforts, and the following opportunities are currently available to them:

- Frederick County's Office of Sustainability & Environmental Resources and Trout Unlimited recently received two separate grants from the Maryland Stream Restoration Challenge grant program to plant and maintain native trees and shrubs along streams at Crestwood and Monocacy Middle Schools, Mountain Village HOA, and areas in and around Catoctin Mountain Park. There is funding available through this grant program for riparian buffer establishment and maintenance, and we are able and interested in working with both private landowners and public entities to utilize this funding.
- The *Neighborhood Green* program, funded in large part by a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, is currently offering landowners in the Linganore watershed (an area in eastern Frederick County/western Carroll Co. including parts of Frederick, Mt. Airy, and New Market) more than 75% in cost-share and personalized site visits and plans to plant unused turf with trees. These trees will not only eventually provide aesthetic beauty and water and air quality benefits; turf-to-trees can reduce time and money spent mowing, block wind and noise, reduce energy costs, and provide excellent recreation opportunities on your private property such as bird watching and trail walking. The *Neighborhood Green* program is also interested in identifying landowners

in the Linganore watershed interested in permanently protecting their existing forest and/or managing invasive species in their woods.

These grant-funded opportunities are only available for a LIMITED time. If you are interested or have questions about any of the above opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact me at:

HMontgomery@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

A Reflection of 2012 by Devin Angleberger

Twenty twelve was a year of firsts: first fish caught on a fly that I tied, first fly tied (other than a woolly bugger), first smallmouth on the fly, and the list goes on. But probably, the biggest first was that it was my first year in Potomac Valley Fly Fishers. In the beginning of 2012, I read about PVFF online, and decided to just keep surfing online instead of checking out more, I guess I thought it was just *another* club promoting the sport of fly fishing. Well, I guessed wrong. In February, this guy named John contacted me about my blog and "comprehensive reports" to the angler's log, and he asked me to come to the next meeting. And I am sure glad I did, in the next several months I met all the fantastic members of PVFF and they each gave me words of encouragement. In the spring, I helped with the trout stocking, and later the Youth Learn to Fly Fish Course. During these months, I talked about fly fishing, helped with fly fishing stuff, but I just wasn't fly fishing much. Every time I went on the water with my fly rod, I would resort back to the spin rod 50% of the time with good ol' trout magnets, not like anything was wrong with that, but it just wasn't fly fishing. Also in the spring, I attended the Brotherhood of the Junglecock weekend retreat, which was four day of nothing but fly fishing. My sponsor was Dave Mackley,

and I was placed in the fourth year boys. We fished a lot, and I learned a so much from this event. Later in the summer, I volunteered at the Project Healing Waters events on both Little Owens and Beaver Creek, guiding the Wounded Warriors, which was a privilege to be next to our nation's heroes. It was summertime, a break from school, and a break for the club. Over the summer, I was asked to be the first youth representative of PVFF, I accepted the task and was honored. During this summer, I believe was the time I got the "disease", and there was no looking back. Matt Rosenthal took me out on the water fishing too many times to count, teaching me something new about fly fishing every time, and he even let me catch a couple fish; who knew? We waded on the Potomac River for smallmouth bass, headed to the Susquehanna River where I landed a smallmouth that eat Potomac River smallies for breakfast, and of course we went to "The Mudhole", which is one of my most memorable experiences. The rain didn't stop us, and the mud sure as heck didn't either. I ended that day with three carp, the biggest close to seven pounds. Pound for pound, these fish fight harder than anything else in freshwater. And if you think presenting dry flies to 10" trout is fun, try fly fishing for carp, they are finicky, smart, and they'll fight...hard. With some sizeable "donations" from friends across the board of tying materials, I was tying nearly everyday, and developed some skills from the fly tying roundtables, and on-line videos. Fall was here, and after some long conversations with my mom, she agreed that I could attend the steelhead trip to Dan Neuland's cabin in N.Y. Most of the fellows and ladies that went on the trip landed some great fish, and I managed to catch three large brown trout and a king salmon. 2012, was a great year, and who knows what 2013 will bring? I plan on hitting new wild trout water, and hopefully being accepted to a couple Montana and

Colorado fly fishing camps, and of course tie some more flies.



Devin with his prize carp

"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 January 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 treasurer. 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

PVFF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2013

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1yr Director	Don Fine
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Last Cast by John Brognard

Happy New Year to all!

We look forward to a year filled with many opportunities to enjoying fishing with friends, attending our meetings and helping with conservation issues in our area. The club has already plans for seven outings scheduled for 2013 including fishing our home waters, trips to New York state for brown trout and steelhead, a trip to western Maryland for trout, a trip to the Eastern shore for pickerel, and a trip to West Virginia for trout. We have a sign-up sheet for those interested in shad fishing (late April/early May). This is a notification sheet only, so if you are interested in knowing when the shad are in Deer Creek, please sign this sheet. We will continue to have sign-up sheets at our monthly meetings, or you are welcome to give me a call (301-371-4205) and I will add your name to an outing.

Jon Thames has arranged to have some very interesting speakers at our monthly meetings. And in keeping with tradition, we will have a casting clinic with Bob Stouffer, Bob Davis and Tom Scally at the Middletown Park. Don Fine will continue to coordinate the fly tying roundtable and along with Jeff Brubaker will coordinate an occasional advanced tiers event at the Beaver Creek Fly shop. I encourage anyone that would like to learn to tie flies or improve your skills, to join the roundtables. We also plan to have our annual evening at Hunting Creek Shop.

As for conservation and education topics, 2013 will be the first stocking of PVFF rainbow trout in the new "Delayed Harvest" section of Catoctin Creek (our home waters) and will be partnering with Frederick County Parks to provide fishing classes for youngsters at the Nature Center and on the stream. We will also continue to work with the Monocacy Catoctin Watershed Alliance on Conservation issues.

In closing, I want to acknowledge Ruby Fine for becoming our banquet chairlady, Dan Neuland for becoming the outings coordinator, to Heather Montgomery and Randy Inman for taking on more responsibility as conservation chairpersons and to the members who continue to chair our other committees. I also thank Scott Durant for accepting the position of president-elect and offer thanks to those members that have offered to lead outings in 2013. Please consider talking to a chairperson if you would like to help. Lastly, please let us know if there is anything you would like to see added or improved in our club. If you are willing to lead an outing or have a good idea for an outing, please give me a call. I wish for all a happy and successful year of fishing.

PVFF Committees & Chairs

Fly Tying & Tackle	Don Fine
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Randy Inmon receives Dan Neuland's print #1 at the annual banquet for his years of service in raising trout for stocking.

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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)

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

Applicant's signature: _____

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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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