



STREAMLINES



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January Program by Jon Thames

Casey Peltier, from the Chesapeake Women Anglers, will be our guest speaker for the January meeting. Casey will tell us about the growth of the Chesapeake Women Anglers club from its founding in 1994 to its current status as a premiere fly fishing club for women and their families. The original club was founded by Carol Stevenson, wife and assistant of local guide Phil Gay, and Sarah Gardiner, well known salt-water guide and writer, with the goal of greater involvement in fly fishing for women and families.

Currently the Chesapeake Anglers fish any waters that flow into the Bay and, like PVFF, has a great diversity of anglers ranging in age, years of experience, and interest in fishing for species in all ranges of waters. The club accepts all anglers with an emphasis on a women- and family-friendly approach to fly fishing.

Please join us to welcome Casey and hear all about this local club.

Fly Tying Roundtable-January 15th by Don Fine

At the recent December roundtable Devin Angleberger led the group in tying the chimera nymph (reference photo in December 2013 newsletter) which should be

a great pattern for trout fishing in the coming winter months. Now that deer season is almost over, I am looking forward to giving this pattern a try at one or more of our local streams.

Our guest tyer at the January fly tying roundtable will be Sterling (Buz) Buzzell, past president of Antietam Fly Anglers. Buz will be teaching several patterns representing the life cycle of the caddisfly.

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:

February - Ray Gano – “the slider”
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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Membership Renewals by Ruby Fine

Your membership renewals were due by the end of December 2013. Since the December meeting was canceled, for those who have paid their 2014 dues for a 1-year free PVFF membership, the drawing will be held at the January meeting. I'm hoping those who received my dues reminder will pay at the January meeting. Please contact me at rifine88@gmail.com if you need a copy of the renewal form e-mailed to you.

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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“Something back of you while you are fishing is as bad as someone looking over your shoulder while you write a letter to your girl”. Ernest Hemingway, *Letters from Europe*, 1923.

MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 14th	Club meeting Tuscarora High School Ballenger Creek Pike Frederick, MD 7 PM, Room A170
Jan 15 th	Fly Tyers Roundtable Trinity United Methodist Church 703 West Patrick St., Frederick, MD 7 PM, Room 108
Jan 28 th	Board of Directors Meeting Trinity United Methodist Church 703 West Patrick St., Frederick, MD 7 PM, Room 109

Announcements

January 4th Fly Tying Roundtable

There are still several openings for the January 4th Fly Tying Roundtable that will be held at the Beaver Creek Fly Shop. The

Roundtable will run from 10:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM, with a lunch break in between. 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.

2014 Fishing Shows

(Information provided by Dan Neuland. Detail for each show can be found at the respective web links.)

- Jan. 18 – **5th Annual Saltwater Fishing Expo**, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Frederick Fairgrounds, Building 9, 797 E. Patrick St., Frederick. www.mssafrederick.com
- Jan. 24-26 -- **The Fly Fishing Show**, Garden State Convention Center, Somerset, NJ. http://www.flyfishingshow.com/Somerset__NJ.html
- Jan. 25, 26 -- **Monaghan Fishing Show and Flea Market**, 245 West Siddonsburg Road, Dillsburg, Pennsylvania. <http://www.monaghanfishingshow.com/>
- Feb. 1-9 -- **NRA Great American Hunting and Outdoor Show**, Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg PA. <http://www.greatamericanoutdoorshow.org/>
- March 1, 2 -- **Lancaster Fly Fishing Show**; Lancaster County Convention Center, 3 East Vine Street, Lancaster, PA. <http://www.flyfishingshow.com/Lancaster.html>
- March 1 - **2014 Rapidan Trout Unlimited Annual Fishing Show**, Warrenton, VA. <http://www.rapidantu.org/>
- March 7-9 -- **19th Annual National Capital Boat Show**, Dulles Expo Center, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly, VA.

<http://www.gsevents.com/shows/display.cfm?showID=65>

- March 8 – **2014 Lefty Kreh Tiefert**, Prospect Bay Country Club in Grasonville, MD. tony@ccamd.org
- March 9 -- **39th Annual National Capitol Angling Show**, Georgetown Preparatory School, 10900 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD. <http://ncc-tu.org/>
- April 12-13 -- **14th Annual Virginia Fly Fishing Festival**, Waynesboro, VA. <http://www.vaflyfishingfestival.org/>

Day Tripping on the Snake by Karen Baker

I arrived in Jackson, Wyoming on July 16th, 5 hours late after a flight cancellation and a delay, but my dear friend Cathy Nutter and her husband Bob were there at the Jackson Hole airport waiting for me. Cathy is a former PVFF member who has moved to Jackson, Wyoming. I disembarked on the tarmac and as one can imagine, I was not the only passenger on the plane with a fly rod. Cathy had won a one-day float trip with Triangle X Ranch on the Snake River at an earlier silent auction, and invited me to float the river with her. Needless to say, I said yes to the invitation and was very excited to be there with her on this trip. I had a week in Jackson so I looked forward to the float and lots of other fishing opportunities.

On Friday the 19th we met our guide at Triangle X Ranch, located in Moose, WY, which is within Grand Teton Park. Triangle X is an authentic dude ranch and the only one located completely within the Park. The ranch, located on the Snake River specializes in scenic float trips, guided fly fishing, big game hunting, and wilderness pack trips.

We arrived at the ranch about 8:00 AM, geared up, revved up, and ready to go. We already had our fishing licenses so we

signed the required releases and left the ranch about 8:30 AM. Chris, our guide, had his Clackacraft drift boat hitched and ready, so we jumped in his Jeep and headed to the river. We drove about 20 minutes to Pacific Creek to a put-in area at Moran Junction. From the put-in it would be a 19 mile float to Moose where we would take-out near the Triangle X Ranch.



We found our guide to be both experienced and passionate about environmental stewardship and fly fishing. Chris, who is a young guy, spends his days on the river guiding both fly fishing floats as well as river raft trips. He offered us his homemade fly, a large foam pattern that was “secret”. We fished several variations of his “secret pattern” and while he let me take a picture of it he would not give me one to take home.



His motto is “go foam or go home!” The fly is easy to see in the water, a black foam body with a little sparkle- white calf hair with yellow, green or black belly.

Chris was also a good fly fishing instructor, helping with the all- important drift, stripping and setting the hook. The trick is to lift your arm and strip at the same time to set the hook, followed by several quick strips as the take is usually very subtle. Strikes came often, but it was not easy to set the hook as these trout easily flip off the hook. Because the Snake is relatively fast water, we fished both the river banks and pocket water.

As the day progressed we got better at setting the hook and as a result caught lots of fish. This was my first opportunity to catch not only my first but several more cutthroat trout. The fish were good size, usually 16 inches or greater and nice and fat. Besides the beautiful fish, the scenery was majestic with the Tetons as our backdrop almost the whole day.



We fished all day and returned to the ranch in the late afternoon happy and ready to fish again the next day. But, that’s another story.

A Winter Direction

(Note from the editor: I received this piece from a dear friend shortly before Christmas and while the theme is based on an experience in the woods, it is so applicable to the stream, that I wanted to share a portion of it with our readers).

“The Creator has blessed us this morning with a magnificent sunrise behind feathered clouds. The warm light through the cold air gives a smile to the heart. The snow reflect(s) the morning splendor and the

winter scene is picturesque. A fitting holiday greeting card for the day. If such beauty can comfort the soul, then winter's icy chill cannot penetrate our being. During the morning travel I witnessed many beautiful scenes painted on the woodlands. Snow tips hug tight upon the hemlocks and leafless trees held crystalline formations which sparkled in the headlights. The morning sunrise cast backward shadows upon the undulating snow forming dimples of a soft cotton layer over the landscape. It was nature's way of laying a warm blanket over the seasons past. A well deserved slumber to rest and renew". Greg Clarke 12/12/13

New Year's Resolutions by John Brognard

Because we didn't have December club meeting, I didn't have the opportunity to surrender my role as president, nor to wish you all a blessed holiday. So, first and foremost, I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and I wish all the best in 2014. I especially wish Scott Durant all the best for 2014 as our new president.

In 2014 I hope to spend more time working with Heather Montgomery on conservation issues as we attempt to clean up *our* streams and eventually *our* Chesapeake Bay. I will also attempt to keep our members informed about other conservation/environmental issues like the Pebble Mine, a huge threat to the most productive salmon population area in Alaska.

This year the CNN Hero of the Year was Chad Pregracke. He has made it his life's work to clean up the Mississippi River and other American waterways. His story is very intriguing, starting years ago when he began to clean up the Mississippi on his own and now today having thousands of volunteers helping with this effort. Amazing what one person with a passion can accomplish. You can read more about

Chad Pregracke's mission at:
<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/cnn.heroes/2013.heroes/chad.pregracke.html>

When you make your 2014 resolutions, please consider planning on giving just a few hours to help clean up a stream or plant some riparian buffers.

Best wishes to all,
John

The Last Cast by Scott Durant

"Transitions"

So there I stood in the middle of the Monocacy River on a beautiful summer afternoon, fly line dangling downstream in the current. I don't know exactly what else I was doing at the time, probably admiring the beauty of nature around me; but I do know that I was not paying attention as I should have been. Suddenly, one of the largest smallmouths that I have ever tangled with exploded on my fly, coming clear of the water, my fly hovering around its mouth. As my mind had wandered off, I was ill-prepared for this sudden turn of events and missed setting the hook soundly. I fought the heavy fish for a few seconds before it spit the hook and I was left to wonder what might have been. This transitional turn of events had come out of nowhere and I was fortunate enough to have been the lucky recipient to view the awesome splendor that is fishing, even though I was not able to land the fish. And so it is too for the opportunity to serve as the incoming President of this esteemed club. I am not sure what I have done to deserve such an honor, but I know that I will cherish every moment of it.

I am very excited for the great outings, programs, and outreach events that we have planned and I would encourage everyone to take advantage of as many as you can. After all, just as enjoying the natural beauty surrounding you while fishing provides a

more enriching experience, enjoying the camaraderie that accompanies these events can create lasting and fulfilling bonds. So as the hustle and bustle of the holiday season starts to fade into life's rear-view mirror and the New Year brings with it the prospect of new opportunities and adventures, I would ask everyone reading this to join with me in welcoming 2014 and the prospects that await us as a club.

May your lines be tight, your knots strong,
and your hook-sets be in the corner.

Happy New Year!

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