



STREAMLINES



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Happy New Year To All

May 2015 bring to you good health, tight lines, and great adventures.

January Meeting: Dan Neuland – Photography, Photo Editing and Presentation by Lou Stohlman

Please note that for the January meeting only, we will be meeting in Room A211, just upstairs and down the hall from our normal meeting room.

Dan Neuland, outdoor writer for the Frederick News Post, always has his camera ready to take the next great photo shot that could appear in his next column. More importantly, Neuland creates personal photographic and video journals of all his outdoor adventures in order to record events and preserve the memories. If you attended the PVFF Travelogue meeting in December you have seen the results of his digital creativity that always begin with the simple photograph. At the January 13th PVFF meeting, Dan will cover some of the basic lessons for taking better photographs while fishing that can visually tell the story of an outing. Dan will also demonstrate some of the more advanced digital techniques he uses to edit and enhance single digital images, as well as, how to combine more than one image into a singular unified composition. The meeting will take place at 7 PM in one of the computer lab classrooms

at Tuscarora High School where Neuland teaches Computer Graphic classes. Attendees will be able to work "hands-on" with Adobe Photoshop software and graphic tablets if they wish. Attendees are encouraged to bring a thumb drive with some photographs to experiment with, if time allows.

January Fly Tying Roundtable by Don Fine

The January 21st PVFF Fly Tying Roundtable will be led by our club President, Scott Durant. Scott promises to guide the group in tying another of his favorite patterns. The roundtable sessions start at 7 PM at Trinity United Methodist Church.

Lead tyers for the winter/spring include:

- Dale Reed – February
- Ray Gano – March
- Paul Gerlach – April
- May & June - tbd

In that we (Ruby and I) are taking a short hiatus early in the year, **there will be no Beginner Fly Tying session in January.** Look to the next issue of Streamlines for announcement of the date for continuing the Beginner Fly Tying in February.

See also **Other Events** in this issue for information on future fly tying sessions at Beaver Creek Fly Shop.

Club Loaner Rods by Lou Stohlman

The club has loaner rods for any member who is interested. The rods are available 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. We currently have the following rods available: (3) 7-1/2' 5-weight rods suitable for trout, pan fish or small bass, (1) 9' 8-weight suitable for bass fishing, (1) 9' 8-weight suitable for bass, steel head or salmon fishing, (1) 9' 9-weight fish suitable for salmon and steel head. Additionally, and thanks to the generosity of PVFF member Paul Gerlach, we also have one pair of stocking-foot neoprene chest waders available. This pair of waders is size small and would work well for young anglers. If you are interested in borrowing any of the loaner rods or waders contact Lou Stohlman: cell [715-965-3271](tel:715-965-3271) or email lsthlmn@comcast.net

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Harpers Ferry, WV 25425
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Hunting Creek Outfitters

29 North Market Street,
Frederick, MD 21701
301-668-4333

info@huntingcreekoutfitters.com

Monthly Calendar of Events

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| Jan 13th | Club Meeting Tuscarora High School Ballenger Creek Pike Frederick, MD 7 PM – Room A211 |
| Jan 21st | Fly Tying Roundtable Trinity U.M. Church 703 W. Patrick St. Frederick, MD 7 PM – Room 109 |
| Jan 27th | Board of Directors' Mtg. Trinity U.M. Church 703 W. Patrick St. Frederick, MD 7 PM – Room 109 |

Membership by Ruby Fine

There is so much truth to the saying "Time Flies". It seems like yesterday that 2014 was upon us and now it's 2015. And with that in mind, to those who have not paid their 2015 membership dues, you will be receiving a reminder in the mail. Please either return the form along with your check by mail or bring to the next meeting. The winner of a year's free membership was yours truly and Don. How embarrassing!

PVFF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2015

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| President | Scott Durant |
| President-Elect | Bill Kelly |
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| PVFF Committees & Chairs | |
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| Fly Tying | Don Fine |
| Conservation | Heather Montgomery |
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| Outings | Dan Neuland |
| Programs | JonThames/Lou Stohlman |
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Announcement of Future PVFF Events

February 7th – Beaver Creek Intermediate-Advanced Fly Tying Roundtable

An intermediate-advanced fly tying roundtable will be held at the Beaver Creek Fly Shop on February 7th, beginning at 10 AM, ending mid-late afternoon. Instructors James Harris and Dale Reed will lead the tying that day. If you are interested and can attend, please register either with Don Fine (dfine1443@gmail.com) or James Harris (james@beavercreekyflyshop.com) as soon as possible. Because of space at the shop, the cut off for registrants is 20. Cost for attendance will be \$10 that will cover refreshments, lunch and beverage.

April 25th - Naturefest

On April 25th from 10 AM – 4 PM Catocin Creek Nature Center will hold its annual Naturefest. Catocin Creek is the site of PVFF home waters. Club members are encouraged to attend and volunteers are needed to attend the PVFF booth at this event.

May 2nd - PVFF Youth Fly Fishing Clinic

This year, PVFF's Youth Fly Fishing Clinic (YFFC) will be held May 2nd at the Nature Center at Fountain Rock Park in Walkersville, MD. As last year, the 2015

clinic will honor the legacy of Reevil A. Leadbetter, father of member Wayne Leadbetter. The event will be held from 9AM until approximately 4 PM with a lunch break. Lunch will be provided for all participants and there is no fee for any youth who registers in advance. Attendees will learn and have hands-on instruction in the basics of fly fishing, along with the use of fly fishing gear, entomology (identification of the various types of insects found in local streams and the flies used to imitate them), fly tying (use fly tying equipment and tying several flies), casting instruction from certified fly casting instructors and the opportunity to fly fish for trout at the Park with the assistance of PVFF members. Contact John at 301-371-4205 or email (bffishing@comcast.net) if you wish to register your young flyfisher for the class.

Antietam Fly Anglers Events

(In the spirit of cooperation between clubs this and future PVFF newsletters will include announcements for Antietam Fly Anglers and Creekside Anglers.)

AFA Fly Tying Roundtables

In the interest of promoting the AFA monthly fly tying roundtable, the location, time and day for the roundtable will be moved from the Mt. Aetna Nature Center to the Beavercreek Fly Shop. Plan is to hold roundtable sessions on Saturday mornings.

March 28th - Annual Banquet

AFA will hold their annual banquet at the Ramada Plaza Hotel located across the road from the Halfway Blvd. Valley Mall. The banquet will be held in the "Pen-Mar Room" located on the lower level. Social hour will start at 5 PM with a cash bar, and dinner will be served at 6 PM. Social hour includes appetizers with the dinner buffet including; sautéed Pepper Steak, Chicken Marsala, hot vegetables, roasted potatoes, house salad and dessert. Total cost with tax and gratuity will be \$30 per person. Banquet program

also includes silent auction, club rod and bucket raffles. Contact Bill Ruland at whr3@verizon.net if you plan to attend.

March 28th - Casting Rendeveous

The Bob Abraham Casting Club will hold its annual Fly Casters' Rendeveous at Rivers Edge in Williamsport, Md. More details to follow in the next newsletter.

Creekside Anglers, Inc. Events

February 21st – Creekside Banquet

If you need more information, contact Jack DeHaven at dehavenphoto@msn.com.

Reflections at the Start of 2015 by

Don Fine

It is New Year's Day, the first day of a brand new year. The day that some (like me) make resolutions for the new year. My resolutions for this year might include; eating less, exercising more, fishing more, and especially on new waters, etc. But if 2015 is anything like previous years, we humans are creatures of habit and, most likely our resolutions will soon be forgotten. I will still enjoy my favorite foods, exercise when time permits, fish the same waters with the same flies, etc. But if I can keep just one of my resolutions, it will be to fish small nymphs more this year. Hopefully at the end of 2015, I can claim success.

[Editorial post script – Sounds like our club president, Scott, has the same good intentions.]

In assembling this January 2015 issue of Streamlines, I came across a short piece entitled *Sounds of Silence* that I wrote in my Canada journal in August 2009. Because it embellishes much of what fly fishing means to me, I would like to share it with our readers. It will help make your cold and fishless days successful adventures.

Sounds of Silence- “When I was young the song began with the works of Art and Paul. I knew the script and sang it often with understanding of the Sounds of Silence. The words expressed told stories of the ignorance and indifference of mankind. But now we come to the wilderness north, to hear a different tune – one heard by few. Those sounds that linger only in our minds until we return again. For it is here, where wind and wave and bird become our Sounds of Silence”.

Last Cast by Scott Durant

The Other Side

It happens to the best of us. It's a beautiful day and you decide to go fishing. You pack the car and head over to your favorite river or stream. You put on your waders and vest and string up your rod. You get down to the water, select a fly based upon what you see, probably something generic like a hares' ear nymph or a wooly bugger. You slide in gingerly and make your way to nice spot in the river maybe with a nice seam or current break. Then you cast. And cast. And you find yourself in a perfectly good spot thinking “If I only could get over there, then I would really slay them.” Or the ever present “If I only had [fill in some tool, flybox, etc that would probably not increase your chances of fishing success], then I could really lay it on.” Or when fishing with a flyrod, only to be thinking that you need a spinning rod for this particular river to be successful or vice-versa. These creeping thoughts happen to me more than I like to admit.

So as I come up upon a new year, I have vowed as a resolution to improve my fishing success not through wishful thinking but by being more present in the current (pun intended). That means practicing my casts, working on my drifts, and improving my

ability to read water. For those that have not had the pleasure of practicing these things, it essentially involves working with yarn flies or old flies with the hook cut off either on or off the water. I prefer to work on the water and I don't use hooks so that I am not tempted to actually try to catch fish — practice should be just that. Additionally, with no pressure to catch fish, I find that I am free to focus on the task at hand whether that is throwing mend casts, getting slack drifts for dry flies, or presenting a fly with no surface disturbance. I find that this type of practice also happens to be very cathartic, especially after a stressful day at work. Whatever your resolution is for the new year, may you find yourself happy with the current and less focused on the other side. See everyone in 2015!

For Sale:

- PVFF t-shirts with logo \$20 in small, medium and large; PVFF hats \$20 and polarized sunglasses \$15.
- Dan Neuland numbered unframed trout prints - \$30
- Brook trout rod – 5'6" 4-weight. Contact Don Fine 301-371-5617

MEETING CANCELLATIONS:

When weather conditions are bad and schools are closed on the day of our regularly scheduled monthly meeting, there will be no meeting. Please be sure the membership chairperson has a contact number in case the meeting is cancelled for other reasons.

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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 signature _____

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
Middletown, Maryland 21769-9401**

Dues for calendar year Jan 1-Dec 31
Check # _____ Amount _____ Dated _____ Cash _____
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