



# STREAMLINES



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## June Program/Annual Club Picnic

by Jon Thames

The program for the **June 10<sup>th</sup>** meeting will be our annual picnic held on the grounds of the Catoctin Creek Nature Center. The Board made arrangements for the grounds and picnic shelter to be open to the club, on that day, for the club family picnic.

Normally the park closes at 6 PM but on June 10<sup>th</sup> we will be able to use the park until 9 PM.

The picnic will begin at 7 PM at the covered shelter and grill area. This is a chance to come and join the family of PVFF and share a picnic. In the tradition of a good family picnic, the club will act as host and supply hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments for the "burgers" and "dogs", and bottled water. I will be grilling the burgers and dogs to be ready about 7 PM. As with all family picnics please bring your favorite dish and/or dessert to share with your PVFF fellow members. As with the "PVFF family tradition" please bring your family to the picnic and outing. Remember that the Nature Center is a Frederick County park and it is an alcohol-free zone.

Members and guests who may want to go fishing on Catoctin Creek within the Nature Center bounds can do so either prior to or after the picnic, until the 9 PM closing time. This is a great opportunity to bring someone who is just interested in trying out the sport that we all enjoy.

Please contact me at [Blkpoole@aol.com](mailto:Blkpoole@aol.com) or one of the other board members so we know how many will be attending.

Looking forward to a great afternoon fishing and a delicious "family picnic".

If you need a loaner rod please let us know as there are several available for that evening.

## Fly Tying Roundtable – June 18<sup>th</sup>

by Don Fine

The June 18<sup>th</sup> fly tying roundtable will be the last monthly tying event until we reconvene in September. I would hope that everyone will have a chance to use some of the patterns that we learned last fall and this spring on local streams, rivers and ponds. I will be the designated lead for the June 18<sup>th</sup> roundtable, giving instruction on tying a neat hellgrammite pattern that I learned several months ago (from another fly tier) at the Lefty Kreh Tiefert. I tied a number of these in early spring and had success for trout with this pattern on Towne Creek, Middle Creek and Beaver Creek. The pattern, while basic and easy to tie, is one of the most realistic imitations for a hellgrammite that I have seen. I am going to give it a try in the coming weeks for smallmouth on local waters.

**Location** - the monthly roundtable is at Trinity United Methodist Church (Room 109) at 703 West Patrick Street in Frederick.

**Time** – roundtable starts at 7:00 PM and usually ends ~8:30 PM.

**No roundtable for July and August** – Instead go fishing, try wet wading with those patterns that you tied all winter!

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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### **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](mailto:lstohlman@comcast.net)

## Monthly Calendar of Events

<b>June 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Club picnic</b> Catoctin Creek Nature Center (southeast of Middletown off Sumantown Road) Outing 5-9 PM Picnic 7-9 PM
<b>June 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fly Tying Roundtable</b> Trinity U.M. Church 703 W. Patrick St. Frederick, MD 7 PM – Room 109
<b>June 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Lefty Kreh Day</b> Middletown Community Park Middletown, MD 10:30 AM – 4 PM
<b>June 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Board of Directors' Mtg.</b> Trinity U.M. Church 703 W. Patrick St. Frederick, MD 7 PM – Room 109

## PVFF Announcements & Events

**Project Healing Waters Outing** – The May 3rd event was postponed due to high waters on Little Owens Creek. As of this publication a makeup date is yet to be determined.

## Club Outing Featuring Lefty Kreh - June 21<sup>st</sup> by Don Fine

June is here and June 21<sup>st</sup> is Lefty Kreh Day. On that day, PVFF has the pleasure of hosting an outing at Middletown Park in Middletown with Lefty Kreh as our guest. We all know Lefty as a world-renowned fly fisher, author and instructor, but did you know that Lefty Kreh is native of Frederick and a life-member of PVFF. Indeed we are honored to have the opportunity to have Lefty at this club outing. The agenda for the June 21<sup>st</sup> outing is as follows:

*The morning session that will get underway at 10:30 AM is specifically arranged for PVFF members to interact directly with Lefty. This session will include useful common sense tips and knowledge derived from Lefty's lifetime of fishing experiences. A small picnic lunch will be provided for*

*PVFF members who attend the morning session. In order to plan for the picnic lunch, we ask for all PVFF members (and family) who plan on attending to notify Don Fine in advance at 301-371-5617, or via [dfine1443@gmail.com](mailto:dfine1443@gmail.com).*

*The afternoon session (~1:00 PM) that is open to the general public will feature Lefty giving fly casting demonstration and providing instruction in basic and advanced fly casting. Any who attend this June 21<sup>st</sup> event will benefit from Lefty's decades of fly fishing experiences around the world for hundreds of species of fish. Throughout the day there will be opportunities to get his autograph and ask questions. While there is no charge for anyone to attend, raffle tickets will be sold for an opportunity to win one of the special prizes that will be raffled\* off including: Lefty Kreh endorsed TFO fly rod, framed and signed Lefty Deceiver fly prints, or an autographed copy of one of Lefty's books. Please come to both honor and learn from Lefty Kreh.*

*\*Attendees are encouraged to bring cash, as we cannot accept credit cards for purchase of raffle tickets.*

### **PVFF Fall Outings to New York State by Dan Neuland**

Now is the time to secure lodging for the September 19-21 outing to the Salmon River in Pulaski, NY. Interested PVFF members are encouraged to make their camping reservations at Selkirk Shores State Park (Loop A). The Salmon River offers 13 miles of public waters, however the Douglaston Salmon Run is the target destination for most fly anglers. The DSR has a \$50 per day rod fee and young anglers under 16 are free with a paying adult. Please consider taking a kid fishing for the weekend although members of all ages are welcome.

The annual trip to Oak Orchard Creek is scheduled for November 7-9 for big, lake-

run browns and steelhead. Lodging is again something that needs to be done quickly as convenient lodging is limited. Your best bet for lodging is at the Orleans Outdoor fly shop ([585-682-4546](tel:585-682-4546)), Cedar Valley B&B ([585-682-3253](tel:585-682-3253)) or Dollingers Motel([585-589-5541](tel:585-589-5541)).

For more information about these trips please e-mail Dan Neuland at [danneuland@verizon.net](mailto:danneuland@verizon.net)

### **PVFF/AFA Annual Adult Learn to Fly Fish Clinic – September 27<sup>th</sup>**

It's not too early to pencil this into your calendar. The 2014 PVFF/AFA sponsored Adult Learn to Fly Fish Clinic will be held September 27<sup>th</sup> at Devils Backbone Park, near Boonsboro, MD. Each year our annual adult clinic is very successful providing basic instruction in fly fishing for adults (16 years of age and older). Check out the PVFF website ([pvflyfish.org](http://pvflyfish.org)) for more information or contact Don Fine at 301-371-5617 or [dfine1443@gmail.com](mailto:dfine1443@gmail.com).

### **Other Events**

#### **Natural Resources Career Camp - July 20-26<sup>th</sup>**

High school students from across the Mid-Atlantic region are invited to the Natural Resources Career Camp (NRCC) that will be held Sunday, July 20 – Saturday, July 26, 2014 at the Hickory Environmental Education Center in Garrett County, Maryland. The NRCC provides opportunities for high school students to explore careers opportunities and college studies in natural resources. NRCC is a perfect experience for students interested in a career in the fields of forestry, arboriculture, wildlife, ecology and natural resources management. The Program Director is an Allegany College Professor in Forestry. Find additional information, photos and application at

[www.marylandforestryboards.org](http://www.marylandforestryboards.org). Then go to the NRCC tab.

*(Editorial note – Information regarding the NRCC was provided by PVFF member Dave Keane. In submitting this information Dave notes that the camp is over 40 years old and is held annually in Garrett County, Md. Dave attended the camp when he was in high school. Attending the camp convinced him to pursue a career in forestry).*

### **PVFF 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet** by Ruby Fine

Please mark your calendar to attend our annual banquet which will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Middletown Amvets Post #9. If you or know of anyone who would like to donate an item for the bucket raffle and/or silent auction, please contact me at 301-371-5617 or [rifine88@gmail.com](mailto:rifine88@gmail.com). More info to follow in a later issue.

### **PVFF Scholarship** by Larry Forte

The club is pleased to announce that we have donated \$1000 to the Catoctin Forest 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](http://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>

### **Top Five Casters at BOJC from PVFF** by John Brognard

The Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock (BOJC) originated in Maryland in 1940, dedicated to educate youngsters in the beautiful art of fly fishing. “The name of the Organization comes from the waxed neck feather of the Indian Jungle Fowl which was worn as a symbol of the group. This chicken-like bird is on the endangered species list. Attendance (at the annual event) is by invitation only, and a man can only attend when he sponsors a boy. As many as 475 men and boys are able to attend the Campfire weekend.”

The BOJC program features “a seven year instructional program ... with boys 8 or older, starting with basics of beginning angling and taking them through an opportunity to fish with “the masters.” “Conservation, reading the water, stream side instruction, entomology, terminal tackle, equipment maintenance, knots, fly tying, rod building and net making are some of the classes being taught” during the successive years of a boy’s attendance. Each year many boys compete in a casting contest requiring them to cast to three Hula Hoops floating at different distances on a local pond. Each boy casts to each hoop two times with points being awarded for landing the “fly” inside the hoop or for landing within a specified distance of the hoop. This year the competitors had challenging winds to deal with, as well as the subtle pressure from the spectators watching the event. This year five members from PVFF swept the first five positions. *Devin Angleberger 1st (big surprise1), Calvin Thrasher 2nd,*

**Grant Keane 3rd, Jack Stohlman 4th and Nathaniel Neuland 5th.** Congratulations to all our young casters!!!

To learn more about BOJC, please check out <http://bojcmd.wordpress.com/>.

See also the recent article entitled “**The Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock**” by Dan Neuland published in the Frederick News Post, June 1, 2014, section F-2. A segment of Dan’s article entitled The Bridge Builder follows below. (The Bridge Builder, a poem by Will Allen Dromgoole is etched into a stone monument located adjacent to the new bridge that was recently constructed as an entrance to Bentz Hall at Camp Airy in Thurmont, the site of the annual BOJC program).

**THE BRIDGE BUILDER  
BY WILL ALLEN DROMGOOLE**

An old man,  
going a lone highway came in the evening,  
cold and gray,  
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,  
Through which was running a sullen tide.

The old man crossed in the twilight dim  
That sullen stream had no fears for him,  
But he turned when he reached the other side  
And built a bridge to span the tide.  
Old Man, said a fellow pilgrim near  
Why waste your strength in building here?

Your journey ends with the ending day  
And you never again must pass this way,  
You’ve crossed the chasm deep and wide  
Why build your bridge at eventide? The Builder lifted  
his old gray head,  
Good Friend, in the path I have come, he said,  
There followeth after me today  
A youth whose feet must pass this way.

The chasm which was nought to me  
To this fair-haired youth might a pitfall be,  
For he too must cross,  
in the twilight dim  
Good friend,  
I’m building the bridge for him.

**A Salute to Trout** by Don Fine

While reading the most current issue of Montana Outdoors, a publication to which I subscribe, I came across a few lines from an article by Ben Pierce, entitled Sweet Surroundings. I would like to share Mr. Pierce’s words with our readers. Perhaps you, like me, will find them consoling on those days when we are fishing, but not catching.

*“I salute the gallantry and uncompromising standards of wild trout, and their tastes in landscapes, wrote conservation writer John Madson. Though the fish themselves may be the main attraction the sweet surroundings are what continue to draw many of us back, no matter what mood the trout are in”*.

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**For Sale:**

PVFF hats and polarized sunglasses are for sale at club meetings and functions. Orvis 8’, 4 piece, 4 wt. Used once (\$55) Brook trout rod – 5’ 6” – 4 wt. Never used (\$90). Call Don Fine at 301-371-5617

## West Virginia Outing Recap by Don Fine

On the weekend of May 9-11<sup>th</sup>, PVFF held our annual WV outing at Harman's Cabins, West Virginia with twelve members in attendance. We couldn't have asked for a nicer weekend with the weather brought warm temperatures, good water levels, and only one or two short rain showers. The stream at Harman's had been recently stocked with large fish. Virtually all of the fly fishers, regardless of experience, hooked (and in many cases landed) really large and colorful rainbow and brown trout.

PVFF members clockwise from top right  
Jeff Brubaker, Donna Brognard, Chris King,  
Karen Baker & Tim Gibian



## **PVFF at Catoctin Creek Nature Center “Nature Fest”**

On May 3<sup>rd</sup> several PVFF volunteers (Ruby Fine, Karen Baker, Ray Ouellette and Larry Forte) helped promote the club at the annual Catoctin Creek Nature Center’s Nature Fest. Information was distributed regarding club activities and casting instruction was provided to both young and “old” attendees who expressed interest in fly fishing.



Karen Baker and Ray Ouellette provide casting instruction to several attendees

### **The Last Cast** by Scott Durant “In The Beginning”

As everyone in the club should be aware, PVFF is honored to be hosting Lefty Kreh on June 21<sup>st</sup>. I am especially excited as Lefty was one of the first resources I turned to when learning to fly fish which, in turn, created a passion for me that I hope (and my wife fears) may never die.

It was in college that I took up fly fishing. My father had bought an Orvis outfit from Hunting Creek Outfitters as a way to de-stress and it seemed like it might be a good idea to have a go at it too. After all, I was in Harrisonburg, VA, minutes away from Mossy Creek and other great fishing in the Shenandoah Valley. I went to WalMart and

on my meager college budget, I bought my first fly outfit. It was one that came with the rod, reel, and a box of mass produced flies. Once it was in my hand, I realized that I had no idea what to do. I had never strung a fly rod, never tied a leader, and had absolutely no idea what fly to tie on. So in the corner of a closet the rod sat waiting for me to figure out how to use it. Upon my next trip home, I noticed that my father had purchased several of Lefty’s books on beginning fly fishing and casting. I borrowed them and found myself reading through them cover to cover. Fortunately for me, my father’s fly fishing career never took off and I still have them in my library. Regardless, I now had some semblance of how to fly fish. Rod in hand, I made a short trek into George Washington National Forest to a reservoir with the theory that it would be easier to fish non-moving water. It was there that I was confounded by my first cast. I heaved and heaved and no matter what I did, the fly line, leader and fly ended up about ten feet in front of me on the water in a pile when it wasn’t tangled in the brush behind me. Humbled, I returned to the books to see what I was doing wrong (it ended up being everything). However, the fact remained that I was hooked. I have since expanded my collection of books by Lefty and still reference them. In fact, his book on knots goes with me on every fishing trip I take in case I need to tie a specific knot for a certain situation.

I can say that without a doubt much of my success in fly fishing has come because of some influence, be it Don Fine in tying, Bob Stouffer in casting, many generous people sharing techniques, and, of course, Lefty. So please join PVFF in welcoming Lefty on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Who knows, you may learn something new.

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

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