



STREAMLINES



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PVFF Casting Clinic by Jon Thames

The monthly PVFF Program for **May 14th** will be our annual casting clinic that will be held this year at the Middletown Park, in Middletown. The evening activities will start at 6 PM and continue until dark, rain or shine, only lightening will cancel this event.

Are you having issues with your loops not being tight enough? Are you wondering how you can extend your cast an extra 15 feet with accuracy? Perhaps you have never been able to get your double hull just right? Or are you interested in knowing the advantages of casting with a switch rod? Is spey rod casting a mystery?

Bob Stouffer and his band of master fly casters will be our instructors at the May meeting. Bring your fly rod of choice and learn what these master fly casters have to offer. The clinic is for beginners to advanced fly casters. Bob and company will have suggestions on improving your presentation that may help you all year on the stream, river, lake, pond or bay. There has never been a caster that has not benefitted from attending this free clinic which PVFF has been providing for nearly 10 years.

Please join us at Middletown park beginning at 6:00 PM or whenever you can get there

for our annual casting clinic. If you have anyone you know who is looking to join the club, or merely enjoy the clinic, please bring them. Loaner rods will be available for this evening if needed.
See you at the park!

Fly Tying Roundtable by Don Fine

If you missed our April fly tying roundtable, you missed learning to tie Andy Simmons version of a prince nymph. The novelty of Andy's version of this popular nymph is that it more closely mimicks black stoneflies that are common in some of our local freestone streams.

Tom Scally will lead our **May 15th** fly tying roundtable. Tom, a member of Antietam Fly Anglers, and a regular contributor to our roundtable (and instructor at our annual Casting Clinic) has chosen the sulfur mayfly as his pattern to instruct. This pattern is very timely in that the sulfurs will be a predominant hatch on many streams through the month of May.

Looking forward to our June roundtable (the last for the spring of 2013), Devin Angleberger will be our **June 19th** lead tying instructor. The patterns that Devin has chosen include two supper-time artificials: the Little Frog Popper that is great for the sunfish, and very productive in the last few hours of sunlight and the DFL a very versatile streamer that is fantastic for

smallmouth bass on the Potomac during the summer.

The roundtable starts promptly at 6:30 PM at Hobbytown, 919 East Street in Frederick and ends at 8 PM. 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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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.

Club Loaner Rods by Lou Stohlman

The club has loaner rods for any member who is interested. The rods are available for short or long 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 (2) 9' 8-weight rods available. The club also has a switch rod (used for 2 or one handed casting) and a spey rod (used for 2-handed spey-casting. These rods are on loan currently but if you have interest we can make arrangements to get them to you. If you are interested in borrowing any of the loaner rods contact Lou Stohlman: cell 715-965-3271 or email lstohlman@comcast.net

Youth Fishing Clinic – a free youth fishing clinic will be held from 2 PM until 4 PM on **May 5th**, at Fountain Rock Park near Walkersville. Youth ages 7-12 are invited. Fishing rods and bait will be provided. Please contact Wayne (Doc) Leadbetter at leadbettermd@aol.com for more information.

Up Coming PVFF Programs

by Jon Thames

June Club Meeting - Our June 11th meeting will be a combined family fishing and picnic outing at the Catocin Creek Nature Center. We have reserved the covered pavilion and the Club will provide charcoal for cooking as well as burgers and hot dogs. Please bring a dish to share, chips or any of your speciality food items for the club. We will eat at approximately 6:00 PM. The park will be ours to enjoy for the evening. We expect the fishing is going to be great in early June, so get there early and fish until late. The club will have access to

the park until 9:00 PM. If you have not fished our *home waters* yet this is a great chance as the *catch and release* is still in effect until June 15th. Come, fish and enjoy the park for this fishing picnic.

If you have any questions regarding the Casting Clinic or this event, please contact me by e-mail at blkpoole@aol.com or cell 301-788-2482.

Project Healing Waters Outing - PVFF will be hosting military veterans at Otter Fish Camp on Little Owens Creek on **May 4th**. Project Healing Waters is a non-profit organization that assists in the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled military personnel by providing them with the opportunity to learn and experience fly fishing. Volunteers are needed to gillie for these disabled veterans. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jeff Brubaker at brubaker6363@aol.com or cell# (301) 606-8762 if you can help even part of the day.

Youth Fly fishing Class – A youth fly fishing class will be held **May 11th** from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM with a lunch break. Students will need to bring their own lunch. There is no fee. Contact John by phone at 301-371-4205 if you wish to register your young flyfisher for the class.

Adult Learn to Fly Fish Clinic - PVFF in conjunction with Antietam Fly Anglers will hold our annual adult Learn to Fly Fish Clinic at Devils Backbone Park on Antietam Creek from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM on September 28th. This program is always well attended. For more information or registration please contact Don Fine at (donbffishing@comcast.net) or by phone at 301-371-5617.

“If, as I suspect, trout fishing is something of a disease, then it is also something of a therapy in itself”. Tom Sutcliffe, M.D. Reflections on Fishing (1990)

PVFF Membership & Dues

by Ruby Fine

Even though the Casting Clinic replaces our May meeting, we will still have the traditional 50-50 cash drawing with two tickets being drawn. The first ticket drawn will get a choice of either ½ of the money collected or a selection of one dozen trout flies from the Beaver Creek Fly Shop.

MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 14 th	Middletown Park Middletown, Md. 6:00pm
May 15 th	Fly Tyers Roundtable Hobbytown USA 919 East Street Frederick, MD 6:30 PM
May 28 th	Board of Directors Meeting Trinity United Methodist Church 703 West Patrick Street, Frederick 7:00 PM in Room 109

What is Invasive?

by Devin Angleberger

“An exotic species whose introduction into an ecosystem in which the species is not native causes, or is likely to cause, environmental or economic harm or harm to human health.” That is the definition of an invasive species as outlined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The topic of invasive species sparked my interest about a year back when the *snakehead* started showing up consistently in the lower Potomac River. So, what can we consider a legitimate invasive species? And what makes the snakehead any different from the smallmouth? After all, the smallmouth bass is not a native fish species to north America. I'll warn you, if you read on, please consider that these are a bunch of ramblings from a teenager. The snakehead first showed its face in Maryland in a Crofton Pond in early 2002, and since then, it has developed a bad

reputation. If you have ever watched “River Monsters,” with Jeremy Wade, he depicts a snakehead crawling on land and eventually killing a baby. And, while the walk-on-land, ferocious, eats-anything image of the snakehead has been decimated; the notoriety of the fish has not changed, and it is still thought of as an invasive species, and nothing more. Let’s start with why the northern snakehead, or *Channa Argus*, is thought of by most as an invasive species. It is originally native to the countries of China, Russia, North and South Korea. It is referred to as a predatory fish, it causes environmental harm (apparently), and it competes with native fish species for food. I am no biologist, and I’m not going to say anything about how the affect of offsetting the natural equilibrium can negatively affect the ecosystems of Maryland, so I’ll keep it simple. First, let’s compare the snakehead with the smallmouth bass. Both are predatory fish, i.e. both can be known to eat small ducklings (as a predator), the snakehead grows to 15 lbs, and the smallmouth to about 8 lbs (MD State Record). Both are non-native to Maryland, so what is the difference? The snakehead gets a bad rap; smallmouth and snakehead both have unfavorable effects on native freshwater Maryland fish species: such as shad, sunfish, catfish, minnow species, and of course the largemouth bass. Maryland doesn’t have a wide array of native fish; it must have been pretty “boring” before the smallmouth, carp, blue catfish, rainbow trout, brown trout, and others were introduced into Maryland waters. So, what could the snakehead do to our ecosystems that the smallmouth or any other non-native species hasn’t done already? An angler can see how widespread the bronzeback is in Maryland’s waters, and one can infer the damage smallmouth bass and other non-native fish have done on the waters. The smallmouth bass have had an impact on native species such as shad, sunfish, largemouth bass, and minnows; they feed on

the fry of these species, and compete against them for food and resources. So, why not say “*please kill all smallmouth bass,*” or eradicate this fish? Someone has to ask these questions, but saying that “*their predatory behavior could drastically modify the array of native species,*” in my opinion is wrongful information. If one were to look at all the non-native Maryland fish species, and their impacts on the environment, it’s kind of like, what more could the snakehead do? Does the snakehead’s reputation precede it? Yes, the snakehead will soon be a just another non-native fish to Maryland, along with the smallmouth, blue catfish, carp, brown trout, etc. I’m not telling you to release any snakeheads you catch; I’m simply asking you to open your mind to this point of view. I don’t believe that the snakehead won’t do any more harm than the smallmouth or other non-native fish has done, but it will also do a lot of good to anglers: providing a good meal, and most importantly, a good fight, and just another species in Maryland to pursue.

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**Chesapeake Bay Foundation
Report/Request** by Don Fine

Not to contradict the above article submitted by Devin Angleberger, this week I received the following plea for support from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation which follows: “*Our latest report makes it very clear: Pollution, parasites, and warming water in our Bay and its rivers and streams are causing deformities and killing off smallmouth bass populations. This fish is a critical component of freshwater*

ecosystems. It's also a \$630-million industry across Bay watershed states. We cannot afford to let this fish's decline continue. We've identified science-based solutions. We know how to stop this. Our Blueprint is the answer, because it brings together stakeholders from government and our communities to solve real, significant problems. We have to do our part to save the smallmouth bass, and we need your help. Will you help us spread the word? We need as many people as possible to know the stakes. The smallmouth bass is threatened, and the costs could be deep for the health of our Bay, our environment, and the communities that depend on them. It's critical we have a strong community of Bay supporters who rally around us when the Bay is in jeopardy. Thank you for being a part of it".

Dave Slater, Chesapeake Clean Water
Blueprint Campaign Director
Chesapeake Bay Foundation

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Last Cast by John Brognard

Please take a minute to consider all the things our club is doing and then take advantage of all the opportunities to enjoy our functions with other members. We have numerous events coming up in the near future.

On **May 4th** we are hosting our Healing Waters event at Otter Fish Camp on Little

Owens Creek. Contact Jeff Brubaker (Brubaker6363@aol.com) if you would like to help. On **May 11th** we will be teaching fly fishing to youngsters at the Catoctin Nature Center from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Please let me (jb@flyfishwebdesign.com) know if you would like to help. Our annual casting clinic will be held at Middletown Park on **May 14th** (see page 1 above). On **June 11th** we will hold our PVFF family picnic and fishing at the Nature Center on Catoctin Creek. Check with Jon Thames (blkpoole@aol.com) for more information. On a separate note, I would also remind everyone of the potential catastrophic events that could occur if the huge Pebble Gold Mine is allowed to proceed at the head waters of two of the most productive salmon rivers in Alaska. Yes, Alaska is far from our area, but the potential for the devastation of millions of salmon is close to our hearts. Please take a few minutes out of your busy day to learn about the Pebble Mine and the danger it represents and then **get active**.

Here is a web site to start with:

<http://www.savebristolbay.org/>

We recently had a report from Susan Matthews, Catoctin Creek Park Naturalist, about a fisherman who was poaching trout in Catoctin Creek Park and placing the trout in his waders. When you are fishing, please be observant and make an effort to identify the vehicle a poacher may be using and report to Maryland Natural Resources Police. Don't allow poachers to rob us of our fish!

Special thanks to Brad Zimmerman for helping with "project stream clean" at Catoctin Creek Park and for providing additional PVC pipes to Dylan Whitmer for his Monofilament Recycling Station Eagle Scout project. Dylan has already installed several stations and is planning on making and installing several more on our local waters.

Hoping that all are enjoying this beautiful spring and are landing and releasing many fis

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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.

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Are you a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF)? Yes No **Membership Yearly Dues:** \$12.00 single or \$17.00 family

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