



STREAMLINES



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November Program An Evening at Hunting Creek Outfitters by Jon Thames

Like last year, our **November monthly meeting will be held at Hunting Creek Outfitters**. For those who made it last year, it was a great evening. It's an evening to socialize with fellow club members and to do some early Holiday shopping!

Same time as usual – **7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** **Hunting Creek Outfitters** is located at **29 North Market Street, in Frederick**. There will be no guest speaker. Murray Friedman, the owner of Hunting Creek, will provide refreshments. Club members are asked to bring light snacks. The evening activities include a drawing for a Hunting Creek Outfitters gift certificate!

Here's the best part. Club members will receive a **10% discount** on everything they purchase that night! And Hunting Creek Outfitters is generously donating a portion of that evening's sales back to the club. This is a great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping or check out some new fly-fishing equipment that you have been thinking about. This will also be an opportunity for you to create you own Holiday wish list.

Hunting Creek Outfitters is a full-line Orvis dealer. In addition they carry Sage, Simms, Fishpond and many other great fly fishing and outdoor lines. The 10% discount also applies to all items ordered that evening from any of the companies with which they do business.

I hope you can join us on November 13th.



If you would like more information about the evening or directions, contact Jon Thames at 301-799-9166 or email blkpoole@aol.com.

Fly Tying Roundtable by Don Fine

The November Fly Tying Roundtable will be led by Frank Thompson. Frank is well known to our club, as well as flytyers across the United States. This month Frank will lead the roundtable in tying the Black Nose Dace.

Tyers scheduled for 2012/2013 include:

December – tyer TBA*

January - Dale Reed - TBA*

February - Tommy Marks – warm water pattern

March - James Harris – articulated bass fly

April - Andy Simmons - prince nymph

May – Tom Scally – TBA*

June - Buz Buzzell – Dave’s hopper(s)

* *Pattern or tyer to be announced*

Several new tyers joined last month’s Roundtable as our monthly turnout and interest in learning fly tying continues to grow.

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

Nov 13 th	PVFF monthly meeting Hunting Creek Outfitters, North Market St., Frederick 7:00 PM
Nov 21 st	Fly Tyers Roundtable Hobbytown USA 919 East Street Frederick, MD 6:30 PM
Nov 27 th	Board of Directors Meeting Trinity United Methodist Church, 705 West Patrick St.,Frederick 7:00PM

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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.

PVFF Membership & Dues

by Ruby Fine

Just a reminder that 2013 dues are to be paid by the end of 2012. At the December meeting there will be a drawing for a one year free PVFF membership along with a box of trout flies for those who have already paid their 2013 membership on or before the December 11th meeting. Maybe you’ll be the lucky one to get another year’s dues paid for free.

November Meeting Location by Don Fine

As a reminder our November meeting (November 13th) will be held at Hunting Creek Outfitters, North Market Street, Frederick. For the past several years Murray Friedman owner has opened his shop for club members and guests for an evening of shopping for Christmas gifts including fishing and sporting equipment and apparel.

Beaver Creek by Devin Angleberger

Beaver Creek is one of the many jewels of Maryland, and living 25 minutes away from the stream has its advantages. I've fished Beaver Creek many times in the past months, enjoying every second of it. Most visits result in one or maybe two fish if I'm lucky, and even once more than six trout came to hand, but many times result in catching not a one. This past visit to Beaver Creek, I fished the upper section behind Beaver Creek Fly Shop, and the fishing was very good, in my case. I ended up with one brown of medium proportions brought-to-hand, on a size 22 caddis pupae that I tied the night before. I could mumble on about how great the fishing is on Beaver Creek, or what flies you should fish with, but I do not know this small limestone stream well enough to make statements like that. With every stream, you can always "know" it better, and that only comes with more time spent on the stream.



Conservation Corner by John Brognard

On Saturday October 20th, Catoctin Creek Park personnel and Potomac Valley Fly Fishers volunteers conducted an invertebrate survey on Catoctin Creek, our club Home Waters. Six members of PVFF, Susan Matthews, Park Naturalist and Sandy Burr, Nature Center Teacher worked with approximately 15 volunteers. We sampled two locations and found numerous invertebrates including; stoneflies, caddis flies, mayflies, helgrammites, aquatic worms, crayfish and tadpoles. A number of youngsters were involved in the survey, and several times I heard comments about how much fun they were having. One of the high school students who worked that day with Jeff Brubaker plans to go into a career in Oceanography.

Not only did the volunteers collect the invertebrates, but also helped with the count of the respective species. The result of the count will be available on our web site in the future. This is the first of several studies that PVFF will assist the Park with over the coming year.

The most important result of the invertebrate study is the fact that our Home Waters is very healthy. Thanks to all the members that participated in the survey.

Please contact me if you are interested in helping in the future
jb@flyfishwebdesign.com or 301-371-4205.

HomeWaters Update by Jon Thames

Our Catoctin Creek home waters project at Catoctin Creek Park is well under way and progressing. As noted in the above Conservation Corner, PVFF had six participants at the invertebrate study held on October 20th including two board members.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the survey.

That portion of Catoctin Creek is being designated by Maryland Department of Natural Resources as a trout "put and take" stream starting January 1, 2013. This is great news for our Home Waters and thanks to everyone who helped in getting this accomplished, especially John and Donna Brognard.

DNR has given the club 1300 trout to raise at the club pen and Randy Inman will be feeding them daily so we will have good sized fish to stock next spring. Anyone interested in getting involved in maintaining the pen and helping raise our trout contact Randy or John Brognard. Plans are to stock Catoctin Creek with our trout the week of March 31, 2013. As we get closer to the date, I will be looking for help with that stocking. If you have never helped with a stocking this will be a fun day for everyone and a positive event for Catoctin Creek. Find time to go fishing even if the weather is on the cool side.

Devin Angleberger Wins TU Award

Each year at the Trout Unlimited Summer Camp, TU teens who attend are asked to write an essay from the prompt "TU Summer Camp is..." This year Devin Angleberger, PVFF's youth representative received honorable mention at the annual TU national teen essay. Here is a segment of Devin's essay.

Musing on being outside and fishing: "I grew up being outside, whether it be climbing on the rocks at the edge of the Potomac, or playing frisbee with my mom. And about a year and a half ago, I came to the sport of fly fishing and soon discovered the real ethics behind it. I am not so worried about how many fish I catch, or how well my drift is, etc. I just go out to have a good time, and maybe learn something new as well. Fly

fishing for a year and a half has taught me a bunch, but most importantly to enjoy your time out because after being stuck in school for seven hours, you don't care about how well you did the day before as far as catching. All you want to do is experience that feeling again; the one where all your pressures are relieved and you could spend forever on this little secluded meadow stream."

<http://www.tu.org/about-us/youth/conservation-camps-and-academies/2012-teen-essay-contest>

"BIG HUNTING CREEK RAINBOW"

Limited edition print by Dan Neuland.



Dan Neuland has donated the above painting to PVFF for PVFF to print the original as a limited edition 100 prints. 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 up coming November 13th and December 11th meetings 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 holiday 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 2012

President	Lou Stohlman
President-Elect	vacant
Secretary	Karen Baker
Treasurer	Larry Forte
3yr Director	Bill Kelly
2yr Director	Don Fine
1yr Director	Jeff Brubaker
Past President	John Brognard

Last Cast by Lou Stohlman

I always give a big sigh of relief after the club's annual banquet. It is a rewarding feeling to see all the planning and preparations come together for a fun evening. And it is a pleasure to see so many club members, family and friends gather and enjoy an evening together. The attendance at this year's banquet was great. I want to thank everyone who attended, donated items, or helped with the banquet planning. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and hope that you did as well. We have not crunched the numbers yet, but it appears that the club was able to raise sufficient funds to keep our budget on track.

For those of you who were not able to attend the banquet we did recognize a few of our members for service to the club. Randy Inmon was presented a framed print (# 1) in our limited print of Dan Neuland's "Hunting Creek Rainbow". Randy takes care of the trout in the pen on a nearly daily basis and has done so for years. We presented Jeff

Brubaker with a ceramic PVFF plate in appreciation for his term as a director on the board of directors. We also presented Devin Angleberger with a trout plate for his work as our youth representative. Both plates were handmade by Dan Neuland. Ruby Fine received a gift certificate to the Main Cup in Middletown for all her efforts as membership committee chair and in planning the banquet every year. My term as club president is winding down, but I have one outstanding item I hope to resolve before passing of the gavel to our next president. The board has been considering ideas for a new and improved club logo. We have narrowed down a few ideas and think we have a new logo that will work. I am working with a few members to refine the graphics to be sure it will work for all applications. I hope to be able to bring the new logo to the December meeting for the members to see.

Finally, if you have not recently checked out the club webpage www.pvflyfish.org, you should. John Brognard has updated it to include pictures from recent outings and the banquet, information on our new home waters, and more. Thank you John for keeping the club members updated! Hopefully the flooding will recede soon and enable us to fish well and often.

PVFF Committees & Chairs

Fly Tying & Tackle	Don Fine
Conservation	Randy Inmon & John Brognard
Membership	Ruby Fine
Newsletter	Don Fine
Programs	Jon Thames
Publicity	Karen Baker
Trout Raising	Randy Inmon
Web Page	John Brognard
Youth Rep.	Devin Angleberger



Pictured above. Heather Montgomery casting for bluegills, smallmouth, etc. on a local pond.

(Editor's note: as an outgoing President, Lou gets two articles in this issue of Streamlines. Lou's "15 Minutes of Perfect Fishing" should be both an incentive and reminder to all who love to fish for our native brook trout).

15 Minutes of Perfect Fishing by Lou Stohlman

A few weeks ago I was camping with my family at our favorite spot, Big Run campground in Garrett County. It was a beautiful fall weekend in Western Maryland. One of the things my wife enjoys about camping is that I do all the cooking and she can relax by the fire. I cook every meal over the fire which requires time and preparation. My routine is to get up each morning, pre-dawn, and start the fire and get the coffee brewing. My wife insists that coffee made over a campfire tastes better than in a coffeemaker. I almost always cook with cast iron which requires a constant supply of hot coals, which requires a big fire. It always seems that as soon as breakfast is done and the dutch oven has been cleaned and re-seasoned, it is time to start preparing dinner. If it sounds as though I am complaining, I am not. I actually relish the entire process, especially trying new recipes for campfire meals and the quiet of the pre-

dawn woods. The one problem is the process leaves little time for fishing.

Big Run campground is named for Big Run, a trout stream that runs through the campground. It is loaded with wild brook trout. While I always have my fishing gear, I do not always have the time to fish. This day, my son and his two cousins spent the morning making "primitive" fishing rods. They selected the proper stick, stripped it of its bark and fashioned a hook from whatever scrap metal they could find. They then raided my fishing vest and used some of my tippet for line. They set off for the "trout pen"; a deep hole that always holds fish. The boys had been gone for a while and my wife asked me to go check on them. I found them downstream from the "trout pen", soaking wet. It seems as though their primitive rods had not produced any trout and they had moved into the water attempting to catch basically whatever moved. I was standing by the trout pen and noticed a little brook trout that actually cleared the water entirely while trying to take something on the surface. I was intrigued but there was no time for fishing; I had to get the stew on the fire for dinner. While I was preparing dinner I could not get the thought of that little brook trout out of my mind. I set the dutch oven over the fire to let the stew simmer and quickly rigged my fly rod. I only had about 30 minutes until I had to start the biscuits. I double timed it down to the trout pen and sent the boys back to the campground to watch the fire and get in trouble with my wife for getting so wet and muddy. I normally like to take a few minutes to observe the fish before making a cast but there was no time for that. I quickly tied on the smallest caddis I had and cast it out, trying to avoid the leaves covering the surface. I heard a noise behind me and turned to see a red squirrel scurrying away. I know what you are thinking, "you never take your eye off the fly after a cast", but we have actually seen bears in the campground

and I definitely did not have time for surprise encounter with a black bear. Before I could turn back to watch my caddis, I felt that wonderful tug on my line. An 8” brook had taken the fly and hooked himself. In the next ten minutes I caught 3 more brook trout ranging from 6” to 8”. I told myself that the next cast would be my last, and it was but it was not in vain; a 12” rainbow was also fooled by my dry fly. This was the first time I caught a rainbow in Big Run. I was about a half mile from the Savage River reservoir so I assume it traveled upstream after being stocked in the reservoir. I stood up, looked at my watch and realized that I just experienced 15 minutes of perfect fishing. The stew and biscuits were good too!



Attendees at the 45th PVFF Annual Banquet on October 27, 2012 at the AMVETS Post #9 in Middletown, Maryland

“Perhaps all you can say is that there are great lapses or discrepancies in time; that and the simple if inexplicable fact that some people have fishing in their hearts”. Russell Chatham, “Fishing: Mystiques and Mistakes”, Dark Waters (1988).

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**POTOMAC VALLEY FLY FISHERS
MEMBERSHIP and RENEWAL APPLICATION**

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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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(Last) (First)

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**Ruby Fine, PVFF Membership
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