



# STREAMLINES



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## Fly-Fishing the Everglades

By Jon Thames

Dream of catching snook or redfish on a fly? I have and it has been on my list for years. Join us October 10th and hear the great fish tales from member Fred Doddy and his trips to the Everglades. These fish tales are backed up by great photos so seeing "is believing"!

Fred is a club member and has been fly fishing in the Everglades for over 4 years and will fill us in with information about flies he uses, guides, lodging and details to make a trip possible.



A trip to the Everglades sounds like an amazing adventure. I'm looking forward to hearing Fred's presentation and hope you will join us at the October meeting.

## Beginner & Roundtable Fly Tying Session

By Jon Thames & Don Fine

This month the Beginner Fly Tying session will be held on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The session will be led by Don Fine and the fly pattern chosen for October will be the black winged beetle. Beetles, like other terrestrial insects are still prevalent going into the cooler months of the fall. The steps and materials used for the black winged beetle are an easy pattern for beginning fly tiers to learn to tie and to apply to other insect patterns throughout the year; spring to fall.

As a prelude to the beginner sessions that will be held through the remainder of 2017 and into the spring of 2018, Don has chosen a variety of new streamer, nymph, and dry fly patterns. Each of these include new materials and techniques meant to enhance the tying skills of all who attend, as well as build an 'arsenal' of patterns for the fly fisher to use.

This month the fly tying Roundtable will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>. We welcome again Mr. Art Overcash, as our instructor for the October program. Art has been our featured fly tier numerous times over the past years, each time bringing his expertise and insight to our classes.

The fly chosen for the evening roundtable is the "Mr. Rapidan ", developed originally by Harry Murray, well known fly fishing guide and instructor from Edinburg, Virginia. Tied in the Lee Wulff style of dry fly patterns, the Mr. Rapidan is a great performer when tied small for trout and larger for bass, and panfish.



Both the Beginner and Roundtable sessions start at 7 PM on the respective dates and are held at Trinity United Methodist Church, off W. Patrick Street in Frederick. There is no charge for the sessions. Tying equipment is available for the Beginner sessions and fly tying materials are provided for both sessions.

## **PVFF Travel Rod**

One of the features of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration will be the raffle of a PVFF Travel Rod. *You say, what is a travel rod?* A *travel rod* is a fly rod which gets to travel with and be used, by the lucky winner of the raffle, for a period of one year (i.e. October 2017- October 2018). Imagine being the winner of this raffle. You will take home a fully-equipped Scott 9 foot, 6 weight fly rod, along with an Okuma reel and fly line, which you can use for one year to be returned at the 2018 PVFF banquet. Then the *travel rod* will be again raffled off for another lucky winner to use for a year, and so

on from year to year. And while it is not possible for the rod to tell of its travels from year to year, the travel rod will be accompanied by a travel diary which we anticipate each winner will use to note his/her experiences in using the travel rod on waters far and wide. Be the first to win the raffle and use the new PVFF Travel Rod.

## **Help Wanted: Monthly Programs**

We are looking for someone to help with our monthly Programs. Here is an excellent opportunity to get involved with the club and help PVFF at the same time. You would help the Board and myself finding and contacting potential speakers for our monthly meetings. Plus, you would help write the programs article for the newsletter. NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. If you are interested helping with Programs call Larry Forte at 301-943-7533 or email – [lbforte@verizon.net](mailto:lbforte@verizon.net).

## **Website Update:**

Check out our new club website. Our new URL is [www.potomacvalleyflyfishers.club](http://www.potomacvalleyflyfishers.club) The old URL, [www.pvflyfish.org](http://www.pvflyfish.org), will take you to the same site for a few more months. Thanks to Troy Kitch for a great job with getting the site up and running. The plan is to enhance the site going into 2018.

## **Outings:**

October Salmon River, NY outing. Due to the fact that DSR passes were unavailable, the trip to the Salmon River has been changed to October 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to join us, there are still campsites available and DSR passes. FYI, Dan Neuland has reserved a campsite at Selkirk Shores State Park (loop A) for Thursday Oct 12 -14. 3 nights. He also purchased DSR passes for Friday & Saturday

(\$75 per day). Please email Dan at danneuland@verizon.net with any questions.



Here's a picture from the recent outing on the Monocacy River.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Annual Banquet

By Jon Thames

Our **50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration and Annual Banquet** is at the end of this month and I really hope you can join us this year. It is always a fun evening. Great friends and fellowship, plenty of bucket and silent auction items, the Winston Rod & Reel raffle and much more! We already have some exciting items for you to bid on and win!

The banquet will be on October 28<sup>th</sup>, from 4 PM - 9 PM at the AMVETS in Middletown, MD. Did I mention birthday cake and ice cream?? What's a birthday party without cake and ice cream!

To celebrate our big birthday, we will have a table that will display many historical items and photos from the club's early years. Many of these items are on loan to us for the evening from Jim Gilford, our first club President.

As a reminder, all items in the bucket raffle and silent auction are donated by both members and friends of PVFF. This 50-year tradition has served us well and it is amazing what is donated every year. This year the list includes

several fly rods, bake goods are promised (not delivered), selections of flies and the list goes on. We are repeating the "gummy worm bucket" with a chance to win a full day "guide trip for 2". Another thing to consider is that we have items that are not fish related and many are tasty items. Bring your spouse or friend and see what he or she can find to win and take home.

Save the date and you can fill out the form and mail your check in to Ruby Fine at your earliest convenience. The cost is \$25.00 per adult. This will help us get an idea of the number we need to accommodate for this party. The banquet is also open to family and friends and is a great place to bring someone interested in getting into fly fishing. As in the past years kids under 18 are free but be sure to put the names on your registration so we can have name tags made for them.

Banquet tickets will be available at the October meeting. Also, you can bring your donation items to the meeting.

Save the date...October 28th...and go fishing as often as you get the chance until then.

## Still Time to Enter the PVFF Fly-Fishing Challenge:

### The Challenge:

Catch 3 or more DIFFERENT fish species during ONE day to enter. Any type of fish, any type of water and any location. Must be caught with a fly rod. Your catch needs to be EITHER (1) include a picture OR (2) verified by a fishing partner.

### The reward:

Receive a PVFF Certificate at the Annual banquet. Special Award/plaque for the top performers.

Pick up an entry form at the next meeting.

## Special Article Reprint to Celebrate Our 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday:

*As part of our 50<sup>th</sup> celebration, we are reprinting articles this year from past PVFF Newsletters. I found the following written by Don Fine from the October 2006 issue of Streamlines. Hope you enjoy it.*

### The Dance

By Don Fine

“I could have missed the pain, but I’d had to miss the dance”, to quote Garth Brooks. If I had not ventured to the lake, I would not have seen the folly of the loons as they splash about and call to one another throughout the night.

If I had not gone to the effort to travel where few men go, I would not have heard the wolf pack travel the ridge calling their forlorn sound.

If I had not taken the time to learn and then teach my son the skills and treasures of nature, I would not have seen him dance upon the rocks with a smallmouth at bay.

If I had not taken the time that only patience can bring, I would not have seen the caddis dance upon the water ensuring future generations.

If I had not taken the time, “I would have missed the dance.”

### Last Cast

By Larry Forte

Wallace Stegner is one of my favorite writers. He wrote beautifully plus he had a passion for the West and for keeping part of our land as it was over 200 years ago. He was also a big fan of our National Parks. In fact, he once said:

*“National Parks are the best idea we ever had. Absolutely American, absolutely democratic, they reflect us at our best rather than our worst”.*

I could not agree more with Mr. Stegner. Our National Parks are very special places.

I just returned from an incredible week at Glacier National Park where I was fly-fishing and hiking with several close friends. We had an amazing time. The Park is a beautiful area and for me it’s a challenge to properly describe the scenery. Words like majestic, incredible, awesome just don’t do it justice.

One day, we hiked to an alpine lake to fish for cutthroat and it was one of those days that you will always remember. The solitude of the park, combined with the landscape and being able to share the experience with good friends made it the perfect day. Plus, we all caught fish!

To cap off the day, as we walked back from the lake, 6 big horn sheep walked in front of us. Very cool!

To echo the words of Wallace Stegner, we are very fortunate to have places like Glacier National Park and that our government had the



foresight to create our National Park Service over 100 years ago. Being in that type of environment certainly helps to “recharge your batteries”. Plus, it puts a big smile on your face – I am sitting here smiling as I write this!

On to club business.... as you know, our **50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party** and **Annual Banquet** is later this month! If you are a new member to the club or if you have never been to our banquet, I really hope that you will join us.

It is a fun event and this year we have some great bucket items and auction items. This includes the chance to win a full day guided trip for 2 on a local river. The winner of the Winston Rod and Reel will also be selected that night.

We are also starting a new tradition at the banquet. Enter to win the "Traveling Rod", which entitles the winner to use a brand new Scott 6wt fly rod and reel for 2018.

Also, at the banquet, we will have on display a collection of PVFF documents and photos from the very beginning of the club. This is provided by Jim Gilford. Jim was the club's first President and an original founding member.

Plus, it's a fun evening to talk the sport we all love with fellow club members. You still have plenty of time to make your reservations. See reservation form attached. Stop by and see Ruby at the next meeting or just give me a call at 301-943-7533.

To wrap up my column, a few final thoughts. First, go fishing while the weather is still nice. Fall fishing is great. Plus, go visit a National Park and enjoy what we have and finally – pick up a book by Wallace Stegner. You won't be disappointed.

Thank you for being part of this club. See you at the next meeting or at the banquet.

Larry [lbforte@verizon.net](mailto:lbforte@verizon.net)

### ***Monthly Calendar of Events***

<b><i>Oct 10<sup>th</sup></i></b>	<b><i>Monthly Club Meeting Tuscarora High School Ballenger Creek Pike Frederick, MD 7 PM - Room A170</i></b>
<b><i>Oct 16<sup>th</sup></i></b>	<b><i>Beginners Fly Tying Trinity U.M. Church 703 W. Patrick Street Frederick, MD 7 PM - Room 109</i></b>
<b><i>Oct 18<sup>th</sup></i></b>	<b><i>Fly Tying Roundtable Trinity U.M. Church 703 W. Patrick Street Frederick, MD 7 PM - Room 109</i></b>
<b><i>Oct 25<sup>th</sup></i></b>	<b><i>Board of Directors' Mtg Trinity U.M. Church 703 W. Patrick Street Frederick, MD 7 PM - Room 109</i></b>

### **PVFF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

President	Larry Forte
Vice President	Jon Thames
Secretary	Karen Baker
Treasurer	Paul Dobson
3yr Director	Russ Hanson
2yr Director	Bill Kulp
1yr Director	Ray Ouelette
Past President	Don Fine





**Potomac Valley Fly Fishers**  
**50th Birthday Party & Annual Fall Banquet**

**Saturday, October 28, 2017**

AMVETS Valley Memorial Post #9  
**409 West Green Street**  
**Middletown, Maryland 21769**  
4:00 – 9:00 PM

**Schedule of Events**

Social Hour – 4 p.m.  
Invocation & Buffet Style Dinner – 5:30 p.m.  
Silent Auction & Bucket Raffles

**Adults: \$25.00 PER PERSON**  
**Youth Under 18 - FREE (with an Adult attendee)**

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*2017 PVFF 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Banquet Reservation Form*  
**October 28, 2017**

**For name tags, please write your name, name of your guests and/or child if attending. Indicate if child is 18 or younger.**

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4. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

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Youth Under 18 – free (with an Adult attendee)

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash \_\_\_\_\_ or Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Send Checks Payable to: PVFF  
Ruby Fine  
8712 Baltimore National Pike  
Middletown, MD 21769-9401

For more information, contact either:  
Ruby Fine – [rifine88@gmail.com](mailto:rifine88@gmail.com) or 301-371-5617  
Jon Thames – [Jonthames24@gmail.com](mailto:Jonthames24@gmail.com)  
or 301-788-2482

**Reservation Deadline – October 15th**

**POTOMAC VALLEY FLY FISHERS**  
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**POTOMAC VALLEY FLY FISHERS**  
**MEMBERSHIP and RENEWAL APPLICATION and LIABILITY RELEASE**      **Year** \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of the Potomac Valley Fly Fishers (PVFF) 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. By my joining PVFF voluntarily, I understand there are risks involved and will not hold the PVFF club, board of directors, and officers responsible for any injuries, accidents or death as a result of participation in the activities of the Club. Also I grant PVFF permission to photograph me and/or my family at any activities and also to publish them in our monthly newsletter, at the meetings and any PVFF fly fishing functions. Website: [www.potomacvalleyflyfishers.club](http://www.potomacvalleyflyfishers.club)

The undersigned being in agreement with the above 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)

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address (for e-mailing newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of FFI (Fly Fishers Int'l) Yes or No      **PVFF Yearly Dues: \$12.00 single** \_\_ **\$17.00 family** \_\_ **\$ Donation** \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in volunteer position? Officer /Board of Directors \_ Committee/Chair\_ Banquet \_ Trip Organizer\_ Teaching fly tying \_ Other activities \_

**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**

**Cash \_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_**

**Card given \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_**



