



Fly-Fishing the Chesapeake Bay with Bill Kulp by Bill Kulp

At this month's meeting, we all take a short trip to the Chesapeake Bay to learn how we can catch stripers on the fly.

This month's presentation is about PVFF member Bill Kulp's quest to catch stripers on a fly. Last year, Bill discovered how much fun it was to catch this fantastic fish with his fly rod, as opposed to his conventional gear.



Join Bill on his journey, as he learned different techniques for casting and retrieving flies, new places to fish, guides he has used, and all of the fun he has had this past year. Bill wants to

make it an interactive program, so make sure you come with your questions and or knowledge and suggestions on how you go about catching these fish to share with our membership.

This will be a fun evening. Hope you can join us at 7 PM on November 14th at Tuscarora High School, Room A-170.

Roundtable Fly Tying Session by Jon Thames

Join us Wednesday, November 15th for a session featuring Art Overcash as the guest tier. Art will be tying his modern version of the classic Muddler minnow originally created by



Don Gapen in 1937 to fish the world famous Nipigon River in Ontario, Canada. The original was created to represent a sculpin minnow. As Art explained it can be fished dry, wet, semi submerged or as a darting minnow. All materials will be supplied for the evening.

If you subscribe to “Fly Tyer” the Muddler minnow fly is the cover image with an extensive article in the August 2017 issue starting on page 30.

Join us at 7 PM in room 109 at Trinity United Methodist Church off West Patrick Street in Frederick. There is no charge for this session

Beginner’s Fly Tying – The beginner’s fly tying session will be held on November 13th at 7 PM in room 108 at Trinity United Methodist Church. This month’s session will be led by Don Fine. The pattern chosen is the furred leech. Both now and through the winter months, trout and bass are looking for food with a lot of calories. Tying the furred leech incorporates the use of a dubbing loop to create a heavily-hackled-body on the fly. The bead head provides both an attractant to the fly, as well as some weight at the front of the fly, thus imparting an undulating behavior to the fly when slowly stripped across current and in return to the fly fisher.



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.

Club Stocks Catoctin Creek



Last Wednesday, November 1st, the club stocked 450 rainbow trout at our “Home Waters” at Catoctin Creek. Thank you everyone who helped. Good luck fishing!

Special Article Reprint to Celebrate Our 50th Birthday:

As part of our 50th celebration, we are reprinting articles this year from past PVFF Newsletters. I found the following written by President Len Henricks from the September 1998 issue of Streamlines. Hope you enjoy it.

President’s Notes – By Len Henricks

“I finally managed to make it out fly fishing this last weekend for the first time in months (imagine that; a President of a fly fishing club who doesn’t have time to fish)!. I forgot how much I missed it. I decided to try my mid-day luck on Falling Spring, the little limestone near Chambersburg, PA. Since I hadn’t been out in a while, I informed myself that this would just be a “fun outing with no pressure to actually catch fish”. This was actually an optimistic way of telling myself “you’ll probably get skunked, so you might as well enjoy the scenery.

Besides, now you have an excuse"! I was prepared to be totally out of fishing shape. But low and behold, I didn't get skunked! In fact, I had a downright relaxing outing with several nice fish landed and released. I guess I hadn't forgotten how.

But. As I broke down my rod and lashed it to my motorcycle for the trip home, an interesting thought occurred to me. Maybe I had success that day because I put no pressure on myself to catch anything. It seems like too many times I go out fishing with lofty goals in mind, yet end up disappointed with the results.

Subconsciously, I'm either competing with myself of the other fisherman. And it would affect every aspect of my approach: rushing my casting, spooking fish, breaking off flies, etc. In fact, sometimes while fishing, I would become aware that I was concentrating so hard and was clenching my jaws so tightly that I would practically have an aneurysm! Talk about relaxing.

Well, I finally decided that the key for me (and I believe everyone else) to enjoy this grand sport is to learn to relax while doing it (right Charlie?). Now don't get me wrong; I still like to catch fish as much as or more than anyone. (As my fishing partner once said to me, "Why stand out there with a fly rod if you are not trying to catch fish? You might as well bring a 5-iron and say you are golfing!). I just think we all need to balance these principles to make for happier and more successful outings. Food for thought! By the way, how many did you say you caught?"

Membership by Ruby Fine

The 2018 dues are to be paid by December 31, 2017. Please fill out the membership form at the end of this newsletter and mail it to me along with a check or cash. You may also pay at the November or December meeting. You may pay for more than one year.

If you have paid before or pay at the December meeting, your name will be included in a

special drawing in December for a one-year free membership along with a box of flies. Pay early and see if this is your lucky year!

Last Cast by Larry Forte

What a great 50th Birthday Party and Banquet! This past weekend, we celebrated our 50th Birthday and it was a very special evening. Turnout was amazing as we had 112 people attend. To start, we had 3 special guests: Bob Abraham, Walker Zimmerman and Jim Gilford. All three were present at the very first club meeting in 1967.



At the time, Bob was the Regional Fisheries Manager for the MD DNR. Walker Zimmerman was one of the original ten club members and Jim Gilford was instrumental in starting the club and was our first President.

Having them at the banquet made the evening extra special. You could tell by talking to their families, that it was special to each one of them as well.

The highlight of the evening was when Dan Neuland and Don Fine presented each with a special 50th Birthday Commemorative Plate that Dan created. Each plate was personalized for the special guest and included the rod & reel club logo and a beautiful rainbow trout.

Also, during the evening, we selected the winner of our Winston Fly Rod and Reel.

Congratulations Victor Ezerski on winning the beautiful rod and reel!

Also, congratulations to Lynn Ashe for winning the Traveling Rod & Reel. Looking forward to hearing her fishing stories at next year's banquet. Paul Dobson won the Gummy Bear raffle and won the full-day guided trip for 2 on a local stream. I think it is only fair that he take the club President with him!

Rachel Bernard and Brian Wade did a fantastic job as our Featured Fly Tiers. Thank you both for helping.

Jon, Ruby and the rest of the Banquet committee did a great job. Organizing a party for 112 people takes a lot of time, planning and organization. Plus, I am happy to report that the food was better than last year.

Also, I would like to thank all of the members who made donations to the club for the banquet. Plus, thank you to all of the companies and fly shops who made very generous contributions as well.

Visit our website at www.potomacvalleyflyfishers.club or our Facebook page for pictures of the event.

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

Larry Forte
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Lastly we are happy to announce that Dave Keane has agreed to be Conservation Chairperson.

Monthly Calendar of Events

<i>Nov. 13th</i>	<i>Beginners Fly Tying Trinity U.M. Church 703 W. Patrick Street Frederick, MD 7 PM – Room 108</i>
<i>Nov. 14th</i>	<i>Monthly Club Meeting Tuscarora High School Ballenger Creek Pike Frederick, MD 7 PM - Room A170</i>
<i>Nov. 15th</i>	<i>Fly Tying Roundtable Trinity U.M. Church 703 W. Patrick Street Frederick, MD 7 PM – Room 109</i>
<i>Nov. 29th</i>	<i>Board of Directors' Mtg Trinity U.M. Church 703 W. Patrick Street Frederick, MD 7 PM – Room 109</i>

PVFF Officers and Directors – 2017

President	Larry Forte
Vice President	Jon Thames
Secretary	Karen Baker
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2 yr Director	Bill Kulp
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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

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