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# *STREAMLINES*



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## **January Meeting -- Fishing Safety January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm**

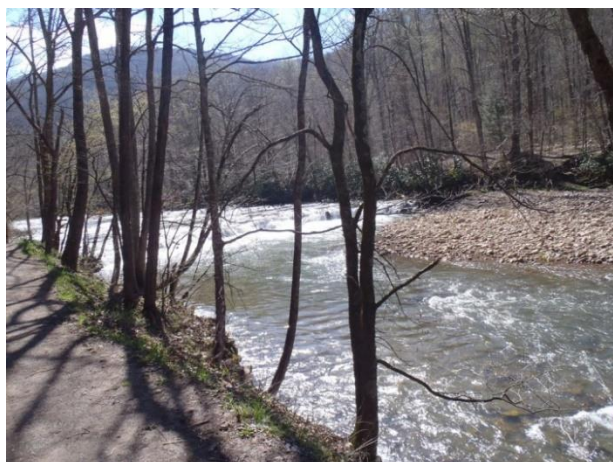
By Randy Underwood

Fishing is a safe sport - right? The answer is “yes” if we make safety an active part of our actions.

When I first starting fly-fishing, thinking of safety was not a top priority. However, that was many years ago. As I have gotten older, I have focused more on safety.

Join us for a discussion of familiar and sometimes overlooked fishing-related hazards, common-sense mitigation measures, and other safety considerations to keep in mind while planning and conducting our fishing activities in 2018 and beyond

Hope you can join us on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>!



## **Roundtable Fly Tying Class -- January 17<sup>th</sup>:**

By Larry Forte

This month’s Roundtable fly tying session will be held on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Join us as we learn how to tie the “Frankenfly”, a fly developed by club member Maria Wilson.

Maria started tying flies about 5 years ago and spent over a year trying different variations of the fly. One day, she gave a few to local guide Kiki Galvin. Pretty quickly, Kiki started have success with the fly at her Project Healing Waters events.

Today, Maria can’t keep up request for her flies. However, you can find her flies at Red, White and Blue Flies, a veteran owned Sporting Goods Company based in Gaithersburg. All proceeds from the sale of her flies goes to Project Healing Waters.



## **Beginner's Fly Tying Class – January 15<sup>th</sup>:**

By Don Fine

The beginner's fly tying session will be held on January 15th with Ray Ouellette leading that evening's tying. Ray has selected an 'easy' Adams pattern. Knowing how effective Ray's flies are at catching trout, this is one session that you don't want to miss. What makes the Adams a pattern that every fly fisher needs to have in his/her fly box, is that it imitates a broad range of adult mayflies. Many fly anglers, carry an Adams in sizes 14-18 so they can 'match the hatch' when the trout are rising for mayflies. If you didn't know the history of the Adams, just Google it!



Both the monthly Beginner's fly tying session (held the 3rd Monday night of each month in room 207) and the Roundtable session (held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday night of each month in room 109) will be held at 7 PM at Trinity United Methodist Church. As always tying equipment and materials are available for the beginner fly tying sessions.

## **Streamer Saturday – January 20<sup>th</sup>:**

By Jon Thames

Imagine along with me, if you will....it's mid-January and you are home, snowed in again. The wind is blowing and the weather person is using the dreaded phrase "wind-chill factor" for the 8th day in a row! You have at least several more days of gray skies forecast, no sign of sunlight. At the last club meeting, a week ago,

even that crazy guy in the fly-fishing club who is always warm and wears just a tee shirt is

wearing a coat...it's that cold! Your spouse and children suggest that you go and tie some flies. So you sit down at your vise and you are uninspired, you are suffering from too much winter! You are suffering from "lack of fishing syndrome" and it's too cold to cure yourself. Besides, the streams are iced over.

You close your eyes and imagine a room full of people laughing, sharing fishing stories and more materials than you could imagine in one place, other than what you would see in a fly shop. Materials you always wanted to try like ginger hackle, CDC, mylar tinsel, goose biots, and various colors of rubber legs. You continue to imagine that you are surrounded by friendly fly tiers some suggesting ..." Use peacock hurl on that" or "can you help me put these legs on this variant?" And you help a new tyer get a little better at perfecting an egg-sucking leach. It is no longer a depressing Saturday in January.....it's STREAMER SATURDAY.

So instead of lamenting, join us at STREAMER SATURDAY. Bring your basic tying equipment and the club will supply a bounty of materials, feathers, hooks, threads, and who knows what else ...did I mention free lunch? Yes, we will supply pizza and beverage for lunch so there is a "free lunch" for you on Streamer Saturday. And the cost for this event is?

It's free to members of PVFF, because you paid Ruby your dues! We will be tying basic streamers and variation of them from 10 AM until 3 PM on Saturday January 20th in room 207 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 703 West Patrick Street. This event is limited to the first 20 people who sign up. No experience is necessary, just your enthusiasm.

To register, you have a couple of options:

1. Register on our website at <https://www.potomacvalleyflyfishers.club/>. Complete the online registration form.

**OR**

2. Call or email Jon ([301-788-2482](tel:301-788-2482) or [Jonthames24@gmail.com](mailto:Jonthames24@gmail.com)) or

Don (301-371-5617 or [dfine1443@gmail.com](mailto:dfine1443@gmail.com)) and let them know you are coming.

The club will have available tying equipment for beginning fly tiers who are interested in attending.

After you leave this event you will have streamers to fish and you will be able to smile at that bumper sticker that says "If I don't go fishing soon I'm going to kill something" but you will still need a jacket.

**Membership Dues:**

Thank you to those who showed up at the December meeting or sent payment for their 2018 dues. Tom Dorsz was the lucky person in the drawing for a free one-year membership. Paul Gerlach tied 40 flies and donated them for a raffle and the winner of those flies was Dave Dowiak and the winner of the 50-50 money collected was Paul Dobson. For those who have not paid their dues, please send them to me to the address shown on the membership/renewal form included in this newsletter. Thank you and Happy New Year!

**The story of Lefty's Deceiver, as told by Lefty Kreh**



**Over the years people asked me when did you develop the Deceiver?**

Few people were fly fishing in Chesapeake Bay in the latter part of the 1950's. Tom Coefield and I used to go to Crisfield, Maryland. Tom was the outdoor editor of the Baltimore News America. There was a crab packing-house at

the end of the dock in town. About 5:00PM whatever crabs not packed in cans were shoved off the dock, creating an unbelievable chum line.

The local rockfish knew the schedule and assembled in incredible numbers to gorge on crab parts. The basic flies usually had a chenille body and a feather wing which would constantly foul during casting. If the wing did not foul and fell into this striper orgy it was like rolling the wine bottle into a jail cell. But if the wing fouled - the rockfish ignored it.

During the long drive back home I said to Tom, "I'm going to design a fly shaped like a fish, with feathers at the back and something in front to keep it from fouling and can be made in different lengths." The next time we went to Crisfield I had some simple white Lefty's Deceivers - just white saddle feathers on the back with a buck-tail collar forming a fish shape. The fly rarely fouled and offered a minimum of air resistance so it cast easily. It worked incredibly well.

All The Best - Lefty

**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. If you are interested helping with Programs call Larry Forte at 301-943-7533 or email – [lbforte@verizon.net](mailto:lbforte@verizon.net).

## Monthly Calendar of Events

- Jan 9th**      *Monthly Club Meeting  
Tuscarora High School  
Ballenger Creek Pike  
Frederick, MD  
7 PM - Room A170*
- Jan 15th**      *Beginners Fly Tying  
Trinity U.M. Church  
703 W. Patrick Street  
Frederick, MD  
7 PM – Room207*
- Jan 17th**      *Fly Tying Roundtable  
Trinity U.M. Church  
703 W. Patrick Street  
Frederick, MD  
7 PM – Room 109*
- Jan 20th**      *Streamer Saturday  
Trinity U.M. Church  
703 W. Patrick Street  
Frederick, MD  
7 PM – Room 207  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED*
- Jan 24th**      *Board of Directors' Mtg.  
Trinity U.M. Church  
703 W. Patrick Street  
Frederick, MD  
7 PM – Room 109*

### Meeting Cancellations:

When weather conditions are bad and schools are closed on the day of our regularly scheduled monthly meeting, there will be no meeting. Please be sure the membership chairperson has a contact number in case the meeting is cancelled for other reasons. This policy complies with county public school closing. As such it applies basically to the monthly club meetings held at Tuscarora High School. Decisions regarding cancelling of

monthly fly tying sessions and roundtables will be made by the roundtable coordinator and dependent on whether the church parking lot has been plowed and the facility is accessible.

### PVFF Election Results:

At the December meeting, we held our annual elections for 2018. Congratulations to the following elected officers for the club.

Andy Mekelburg – 3 Year Director

Karen Baker – Secretary

Paul Dobson – Treasurer

Jon Thames – Vice President

Larry Forte – President

Thank you for your help and commitment to the club in 2018!

### Support Your Local Fly Shop:

#### Beaver Creek Fly Shop

9720 Country Store Lane

Hagerstown, MD 21740

301-393-9090 [www.beavercreekyflyshop.com](http://www.beavercreekyflyshop.com)

#### Kelly's White Fly Shoppe

4332 William L. Wilson Highway (Rt 340)

Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

304-876-8030

[www.kellyswhitefly.net](http://www.kellyswhitefly.net)

#### Hunting Creek Outfitters

29 North Market Street,

Frederick, MD 21701

301-668-4333

[info@huntingcreekoutfitters.com](mailto:info@huntingcreekoutfitters.com)

### Last Cast

By Larry Forte

Happy New Year! As I sit down to write this column, I can't believe how fast 2017 went by. It feels like just a few days ago that I wrote my initial Last Cast as President a year ago. What a great year we had as a club and it was exciting to be part of our 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration.



For 2018, I am just as excited and looking forward to another great year for PVFF. So for my Last Cast, I thought I would put together a few PVFF New Year's resolutions as many of us do at this time of year (you can call them resolutions or goals!!)

Here they are:

**More club fishing outings:** For me, a big part of what makes this club so enjoyable is the ability to get out on a stream or lake with fellow members to do a little fishing. I would like to see more outings this year. Even if we do more "spur of the moment" type outings.

**Find someone to be Programs Chairman:** We have great programs for the first half of 2018. However, it's important for the club to fill this position soon to make sure we have great programs in the fall. I can't continue to look for speakers with my schedule.

**Another Project Healing Waters Event:** Last June, we had a great time hosting 13 Warriors for the day at Otter Camp. Hosting another PHW's event is a big Resolution for me this year.

**Expanded Website and Facebook presence:** Since last September, our new website helped attract several new members, which is important for our club. I hope we can expand our website and increase our Facebook presence in 2018.

**Continue to Offer Great Fly Tying Classes:** At our last beginner's class, we had 16 attendees. That is awesome! I would like for our fly tying classes to continue to be a popular and growing activity for our members.

**More conservation activities:** I am looking forward to having Dave Keane as Conservation Chairman for the club and am excited that Conservation will play a bigger role in 2018 for the club.

**More Youth Activities:** Whether it's helping a local Boy Scout troop learn to fly fish or helping the City with a fishing event, I would like the club to be more involved with helping introduce and teach kids the joy of our sport.

**Finally, to fish more:** Life gets busy with family, work and club demands on your time. I need to get out on the water more in 2018!

Did I miss any resolutions? Would you like to help me with my resolutions? Just let me know. You will not regret helping out the club and getting involved!

In closing, if there is anything you would like to see improved with our club or if you are interested in getting more involved with the PVFF, please don't hesitate to contact me. Happy New Year and see you at our next meeting!

Larry Forte

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### **Fly of the Month:**

*This may be a new monthly feature to the newsletter. This was first published in the January 2005 issue of Streamlines*

### **Whitlock's Bead Head Red Fox Squirrel Nymph**



### **Materials**

**Hook:** 2x or 3x long nymph, size 4 to 16. Mustad 9671 or 9672; Eagle Claw 63 or 58; Tiemco 5262 or 5263; Daiichi 1710 or 1720

**Thread:** Brown or black 8/0 Uni-thread and 3/0 Monocord or 6/0 Flymaster

**Underbody:** Fine lead or lead-free wire

**Abdomen:** Red fox squirrel hair mixed with an equal amount of comparably-colored Antron dubbing or similar

**Tail:** Red fox squirrel guard hair

**Head:** Gold metal bead

**Rib:** Oval gold tinsel

**Thorax:** Red fox squirrel hair mixed with an equal amount of dark gray Antron dubbing or similar

**Legs:** Dark mottled partridge, grouse or hen hackle

The Red Fox Squirrel is one of Dave Whitlock's most versatile and adaptable nymphs, with or without a bead head.

### Tying Instructions

(1) Select a bead that matches the size hook you are using-note that the end with the small hole must go onto the hook first. If the bead will not slip past the barb, you may have to mash it down; if the bead will not go around the bend, try another style hook or different size bead.

(2) Secure your hook in the vise, push the bead out of the way and start your 3/0 thread behind the eye. Cover the front third of the shank with a double layer of thread, whip finish and cement the wraps. (This step is optional, but makes a more durable fly.)

(3) Push the bead to the eye of the hook, start your 8/0 or 6/0 thread behind the bead and cover the shank. Attach the end of a piece of fine lead wire behind the bead and wrap toward the rear, covering no more than the front third to half of the hook. Break off the excess wire, cover it with thread and cement the wraps.

(4) Cut a pinch of hair from the back of a red fox squirrel skin and clean away the under fur. Measure the hair to be a bit longer than the gape of the hook and tie it in. Bind the excess hair along the shank and return to the bend.

(5) Cut more fur from the squirrel and mix it with an equal amount of amber or tan Antron dubbing, cut up sparkle yarn or Aunt Lydia's Rug Yarn. Dub a small ball of the Antron/squirrel mix at the rear of the hook.

(6) Tie in a piece of oval gold tinsel in front of the ball of dubbing and bind the excess along the shank. Dub the abdomen so it tapers uniformly toward the front of the hook. The abdomen should incorporate approximately the rear two thirds of the fly.

(7) Wrap the gold tinsel over the abdomen to suggest segmentation. Tie off the tinsel and trim the excess; use a dubbing tool to tease out some of the fibers along the abdomen.

(8) Mix some more natural squirrel fur with an equal amount of dark gray or brown Antron dubbing, sparkle yarn or Aunt Lydia's Rug Yarn. Dub a full thorax, stopping just short of the bead.

(9) Tie in the tip of the bird or hen hackle you have chosen to use and stroke the barbs to the rear. Make two wraps and tie it off; then trim the excess. Spin a little more of the dark squirrel mixture on your thread and fill in the space between the hackle and the bead. Whip-finish and cement the wraps.

(Credit: Fly Tying with Al and Gretchen Beatty from [www.flyfishamerica.com](http://www.flyfishamerica.com))

### PVFF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2018

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



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

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:

\_\_\_\_\_

(Last)

(First)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If family membership, other names:

\_\_\_\_\_

Home

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(ZIP)

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (in case activities/meeting, etc. is canceled)

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

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

Are you a member of FFI (Fly Fishers International)? Yes or No

**Membership Yearly Dues: \$12.00 single or \$17.00 family**

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**  
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