



STREAMLINES



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Got Questions – We got Answers: December Monthly Meeting – Learning Stations by Larry Forte

One of the great aspects of fly fishing is that there is always something new to learn, even if you have been fishing for many years. At our December meeting, the goal is to help our members learn something new about the sport we all enjoy.

Join us on Tuesday, December 12th for some hands-on learning. We did this last year and it was a fun evening.

This year, we will have several “Learning Stations” for our members. For example, do you want to learn more about entomology? –we will have a table for that. Are you interested in building a new fly rod or restoring an old bamboo rod? –we will have a table for that. Questions about fly tying vises? –we will have a table for that. Are you interested in catching salmon and steelhead in NY? –we will have a table for that. Have general questions about fly-fishing? --we will have a table for that.

These are just a few of the tables that we will have at the next meeting.

Our “senior” club members will be on hand to share their knowledge on a variety of subjects. Hope to see you on the 12th!

Roundtable and Beginners Fly Tying - by Jon Thames and Don Fine

Join us at the Roundtable on Wednesday, December 20th for a session featuring Bill Kulp as our guest tier. For those who were at our November meeting you got to see the many fish that Bill boated on the Chesapeake Bay. Now you can learn to tie the "hollow fleye", one of the flies Bill claims is a positive producer on the Bay! All materials will be supplied by the club so bring your equipment and enjoy an evening of tying this fly with Bill Kulp.



Hollow Fleye

This month the Beginners fly tying will be held on December 18th. The fly chosen for that session will be Mike’s Everything Nymph which was featured in the winter 2017 issue of *Fly Tyer*.

Mike Hogue, the author and seemingly the developer of the fly describes his nymph as ‘*One Fly That Does It All*’.



Nymph

Both the monthly Roundtable and Beginners Fly Tying sessions meet at 7:00 PM in room 109 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 703 West Patrick Street, Frederick.

Monthly Calendar of Events

- Dec 12th* **Monthly Club Meeting**
Tuscarora High School
Ballenger Creek Pike
Frederick, MD
7 PM - Room A170
- Dec 18th* **Beginners Fly Tying**
Trinity U.M. Church
703 W. Patrick Street
Frederick, MD
7 PM – Room 109
- Dec 20th* **Fly Tying Roundtable**
Trinity U.M. Church
703 W. Patrick Street
Frederick, MD
7 PM – Room 109
- Jan 3^d* **Board of Directors' Meeting**
Trinity U.M. Church
703 W. Patrick Street
Frederick, MD
7 PM – Room 109

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 return to me along with your payment. You may renew for more than one year if you wish. Your dues must be paid up before or at the December

meeting to participate in a special drawing for a one-year free membership and if you're the winner, you'll receive a box of flies as well. Hope this is your lucky year.

Streamer Saturday by Don Fine

You might recall the cork popper workshop that PVFF held last January. That event was well received by all who attended, so we are planning a similar fly tying event on January 20, 2018. If you can't go fishing, but want to get out of the house on a cold winter day for a day of fly tying with other club members, plan on attending our *Streamer Saturday*. Attendees will have the opportunity to tie either their favorite streamer fly pattern or design their own 'dressed up' standard streamer pattern. As an example, there are literally a hundred variations of tying and enhancing the effectiveness of a 'woolly bugger'.

This session is open to tiers of all levels (beginner, intermediate, and advanced). As in any fly tying 'circle', participants at *Streamer Saturday* will have the opportunity to share experiences, thoughts and strategies which make streamer fishing one of the more successful approaches to catching fish of all species with a fly.



The event will be held in room 207 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 703 West Patrick Street, Frederick, starting at 10 AM until 3:30 PM. An assortment of tying materials and lunch will be provided. Basic tying equipment will be available for participants who are just learning to tie flies, along with instruction for beginners. Don't hesitate to call either Don Fine (301-371-5617) or Jon Thames (301-788-2482) to enroll for *Streamer Saturday*; the class will be limited to the first 20 persons who sign up.

Conservation News by Dave Keane:

Below are some dates to put in your calendars for 2018:

- Two events at Catoctin Creek Nature Center- “Our Home Waters”

April 14 - Project Clean Stream 10 AM-12 PM

April 21 - Nature Fest 10 AM-2 PM
- **September 8** - International Coastal Clean Up 10 AM-12 PM
- **October**- Potential stream assessment performed by volunteers. This activity still needs to be confirmed.

If you would like to volunteer to help with any of these events, just let me know. We will have sign-up sheets at the monthly meetings.

Also, here is a Press release from the Maryland DNR that I thought would be of interest to club members.

Press Release from Maryland Department of Natural Resources:

\$21 Million Available for Chesapeake Bay Restoration Projects

Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund Focuses on Water Quality; Local Governments and Nonprofits Encouraged to Submit Letters by Jan. 19
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources invites local governments and nonprofit organizations to apply for funding to help restore the Chesapeake Bay and improve water quality. Through the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund, the department plans to allocate and award about \$21 million to local projects aimed at reducing nonpoint source pollution caused by excess nutrients and sediment.

Governor Larry Hogan has lauded the program and demonstrated his commitment to

Chesapeake Bay restoration by becoming the first governor in Maryland history to fully fund the Trust Fund for two consecutive years.

“The Trust Fund focuses on shovel-ready projects that achieve the greatest environmental benefit at the best cost,” Natural Resources Secretary Mark Belton said. “The program works with our partners in local governments and nonprofits to maximize benefits, targeting funds geographically, engaging communities and holding everyone accountable to the results.”

The Trust Fund helps the state accelerate bay restoration goals by focusing resources on specifically designed and implemented projects, and has directed over \$400 million to over 2,100 projects while supporting 2,200 jobs. It directs critical grant funding to the most cost-effective and efficient water quality improvement projects in the state that result in the highest level of pollution reduction as a return of the state’s investment.

Interested applicants for funding in Fiscal Year 2019 are encouraged to submit letters of intent by Jan. 19, 2018, with full proposals due March 30, 2018. Awards will be announced by July 2018.

Fly-Fishing Podcasts: Give one a try!

by Larry Forte

I spend a lot of time in my car. When you add my commute to work, plus the time I spend driving to visit my clients I am in my car a couple of hours a day. At this point, I am bored with the radio, whether its music or talk radio. Also, I am not a fan of audio books.

Lately I have been listening to fly-fishing podcasts. In fact, it’s pretty much all that I listen to. First, they provide great technical information on how to fly-fish different types of water. For example, before my recent trip to Montana, I found several podcasts about fly



fishing in Montana that were very helpful. In addition, you will also find great interviews with prominent members of the fly fishing community, like Joan Wulff and Joe Humphreys.

The first issue for me was to learn how to access the podcasts and to get them to play in my car. I have a basic iPhone. Since I am not very tech “savvy”, my youngest daughter helped me out. By accessing iTunes or the PODCAST app on my phone, I was able to easily search “fly-fishing” podcasts. With Bluetooth in my car, I can play them through the radio.

You will find many shows and after listening to just about all of them, there are four that I like the most. They are described below. Some podcast shows provide a new episode every week. Others less frequently. The cool thing about the Podcast app is that you can have new episodes automatically downloaded to your smartphone or tablet when released.

I recommend you give one a try. You might be pleasantly surprised.

Here are the Podcasts that I like.

2 Guys and a River: This podcast is about 2 friends based out of Chicago, and they do a weekly podcast. It’s short – typically about 25 minutes – and they cover a wide range of fly-fishing topics. They are about my age – mid 50’s -- and they don’t take themselves very seriously. When I listen to them, it feels like I am hanging out with my buddies having a beer. They provide good, basic tips about fly fishing while at the same time they are not afraid to make fun of themselves.

The Fly Fishing Consultant Podcast with Rob Snowwhite: I started listening to Rob’s podcast this summer and really enjoy what he has to say. Rob is local, from Northern Virginia, and many of his topics focus on our area. For example, he has several podcasts about shad fishing on the Potomac. You can also find him discuss snakehead and carp fishing in the area. Plus, he takes you on his fishing trips. Very

cool. His podcasts can range from 1-2 hours long. Plus, he has an extensive archive of podcasts that you can listen to. Also, Rob will be our guest speaker in March.

The Orvis Fly Fishing Podcast with Tom Rosenbauer: This is a great podcast and each episode is about 90 minutes long. Half of each episode is devoted to listener questions. Tom has written many books on the subject and his answers are very informative and extremely helpful. The second half is typically an interview with a guest and his topics usually cover techniques for targeting certain species, like bonefish, steelhead and carp. He has an archive of podcasts going back over 9 years so it easy to go back and listen to previous episodes.

Anchored by April Vokey: April’s podcast typically involves either in-depth interviews with someone in the industry, like Gary Loomis and Joan Wulff or destination topics like steelhead fishing in British Columbia. She is very knowledgeable and conducts a good interview.

If you are looking for something different to listen to, these 4 podcasts are very enjoyable. If you have any questions about how to access these podcasts, just let me know.

Annual Elections at the December Meeting

At our next meeting, we will hold our annual elections. If you are interested in running for a position on the Board, please let me know.
Thanks,
Larry

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 Lou Stohlman from the November 2011 issue of Streamlines. Hope you enjoy it.

Last Cast by Lou Stohlman

I had a rewarding experience recently and wanted to share it. A few weeks ago my family and I went to our favorite campground in western Maryland, Big Run. The campground is named for the creek that runs through it, that is full of native brook trout. It's a beautiful spot between three mountains. The excellent fishing only adds to the experience of being there. It is one of my favorite places to be, especially with my family.

We usually take some of my nieces and nephews along when we go camping. On this trip, my nephews Paolo and Francesco joined us. Paolo is 10 and Francesco is 6.

On Saturday afternoon Paolo and my son Jack were off exploring the creek; Francesco and I were relaxing by the campfire. I asked Francesco if he would like to go fishing. He jumped at the opportunity. Francesco had some questions while we walked from the campground to the fishing spot. "What kind of fish are we going to catch?" I loved this question because it illustrated the optimism of youth.

He had no doubt that our angling would produce results. I explained that we were after brook trout. "What are brook trout?" I should have seen that one coming. I thought for a moment, trying to come up with an answer that would make sense to a 6 year old. I replied, "Uncle Lou's favorite fish". His response was, "oh, good". I got off easy on that one. "Can we eat them"? He eats anything you put in front of him.

I explained that it was not legal to keep brook trout from this stream. His next question was predictable, "Why?" I explained that these trout were special and the fact that they are in Big Run is an indication of how the creek is both healthy and special. I told him that it is important to keep the fish there, so other people can experience nature at its best. He paused, looked at me and seemed thoughtful. His only reply was "OK".

While Francesco is fluent in both English and Italian he is a boy of few words, at least while he is fishing. He did not ask many more questions during our hour-long fishing trip. Although he did seem to pay extremely close attention when I explained the proper lure retrieve or showed him best spots to fish.

We fished for an hour and Francesco's optimism did not fail us. We caught two brook trout, one was about 5" long and the other about 7". He did not say much but he was beaming with pride when we returned to the campground and shared the pictures of his fish. The look on his face while he recreated the experience for his Aunt said more than any words could.

While our trip was short and contained no stories of catching trophy-size fish, it was still special to me. I will remember that afternoon for many years. I hope Francesco will also.

Good fishing.

Lou

LAST CAST by Larry Forte

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving Holiday with family and friends. Mine was great and I even had a chance to fish a little. Unfortunately without much success. Over the Holiday weekend, I started thinking about this month's Last Cast column. What a fun year it has been for our club! To turn 50 is a huge milestone for any organization and we certainly celebrated in style at our annual banquet.

For those of you at the banquet, I talked about what makes our club so successful and thriving after 50 years. It was a simple plan that Jim Guilford and the other 9 original members had: provide your club members with many ways to get involved, such as raising trout, club outings and fly-tying classes. That will give them a reason to continue being club members. This year we did a good job sticking with the original plan. PVFF has a lot to offer members that enjoy our sport and want to learn more. This would not be possible without our Board members and other volunteers. Again, thank

you for your help making this year a great success. For me, it was a privilege to be the club's President for such a special year.

Looking ahead at 2018, I expect another great year for PVFF with a lot of club activities for everyone. We have some great speakers scheduled for the next 3 months. Plus, we are working on another fly-tying event next month, like we did last January that will focus on streamers. See previous "Streamer Saturday" article by Don Fine.

Interested in getting more involved with PVFF? We are always looking for help, more so going into next year. It is very rewarding and it's a great group of people to work with. Come to our next Board meeting and see for yourself.

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 Holidays!
Larry Forte
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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.

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Vice President	Jon Thames
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1yr Director	Ray Ouelette
Past President	Don Fine



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: _____
(First) (Last)

If family membership, other names _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail address for e-mailing newsletter _____

Applicant's signature: _____

Are you a Fly Fishers Int'l (FFI) member? Yes or No **Yearly Dues:** __ \$12 single __ \$17 family \$ _____ **Donation**

Interested in a 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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Middletown, Maryland 21769-9401

Dues for calendar year Jan 1-Dec 31
Cash _____ Check# _____ Amount _____ Date _____
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A Few Photos from the Banquet



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