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May 8th Program: Project Healing Waters & “Celebrating Lefty”:

By Larry Forte

I hope you can join us at our next monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 8th. We have a fun and busy evening planned for everyone. First, our guest speaker will be David Folkerts, David is the COO of Project Healing Waters (PHW) and we are interested in starting a PHW program at Ft. Detrick. After David’s presentation, we will watch a video presentation about Lefty Kreh created by Dan Neuland.

Project Healing Waters, the National Organization, has over 210 partnership agreements with clubs like ours throughout the US. The organization is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities. David was one of the first on the staff. Plus, he is a PVFF member.

For the past 5 years, we have been hosting an annual Project Healing Waters event at Otter Camp, near Thurmont, Maryland (MD). The majority of folks that attend are from Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. Right

now, there is not a program at Ft. Detrick. Dave and our Board have been talking about starting a PHW’s program at Ft. Detrick.

At our next meeting, David will talk about the program and what’s involved with starting a PHW’s program. My hope is that we can find the club volunteers over the next several months to make this a reality.

Following David’s presentation, we will watch a new presentation called, “Celebrating Lefty”, produced by Dan Neuland that celebrates the life of Lefty Kreh. This will include some cool photos of Lefty when he lived and fishing in the area.

Hope to see you on the 8th!

Beginner’s Fly Tying – May 21st

By Don Fine

The fly selected for the May 21st Beginner’s fly tying session will be “Dave’s Damsel Nymph”. I learned to tie this nymph over 20 years ago and have used it successfully to catch Smallmouth, Trout and Panfish in still waters where Damselflies are prevalent. This pattern developed by Dave Whitlock significantly imitated the nymph stage of a Damsel fly. It is a killer pattern when fished along weed beds close to the shore line in the early spring and summer, when fish are foraging on insects and small baitfish in those areas of still water habitat. For those who may not be aware damsel and dragonfly larvae are predatory in

themselves and often feed on smaller aquatic insects and bait fish. As usual, the Beginner's fly tying will begin at 7:00 PM in room 207 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 703 West Patrick Street.



Fly Tying Roundtable -- May 16th By Jon Thames

Dan Neuland will be the guest tier for our May meeting. He will be tying a pencil popper and we will be offering many paint and feather options for this fly. Dan and Bill Kulp have come up with this fly for breaking stripers and they feel it will work great for large and Smallmouth Bass. That makes this a very versatile fly for many of our club members. Join us at 7:00 PM in room 109 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 703 West Patrick Street. As always, all materials will be supplied so bring your tying equipment, loaner vices and basic equipment will be available. New tiers are always welcomed and encouraged to attend the Roundtable.



Project Healing Waters – June 16th

The PVFF will host a Project Healing Waters event for our Veterans at Otter Fish Camp near Thurmont, MD on June 16th from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. We will act as companions with each wounded warrior to assist with any needs they may have. This is a very special opportunity to give back to our veterans for all they have given to protect our country. Our club will provide lunch. If you are interested in helping as a guide or providing a covered dish or desert please contact Larry Forte, lbforte@verizon.net or 301-943-7533. In the event you have not heard about Healing Waters, here is a short introduction from the PHWFF web site (<http://www.projecthealingwaters.org>):

White Fly Outfitters Break-in

In early April, White Fly Outfitters in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia was broken into and the thieves stole a large amount of merchandise. Owner, Brian Kelly has been a longtime supporter and friend of the PVFF and we are saddened by this crime. Please be on the lookout for anyone selling TFO, Redington & Aleka Rods, Abel Reels, Simms Waders, Wading Boots and Clothing at a reduced price. If you have any information on the Break-in, please contact Brian at (304) 876-8030.

SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE 2 IMPORTANT EVENTS!

a.) Tuesday, June 12th – Club Picnic & Second Annual “One – Fly” Competition

This is the time for a family picnic meaning the club family. Our June meeting will be the club picnic at Catocin Creek Park & Nature Center in Middletown, MD starting at 6:00 PM. The club will supply burgers and hot dogs. Please plan to bring a dish to share with everyone. More details to follow.

As we did last year, Larry is going for a repeat of the "One – Fly Contest" and this will begin

at 4:00 PM. Catch fish and let us know how you did. Lose your one fly, and you are done for the day. Winner to receive a \$25.00 Gift Certificate to Beaver Creek Fly Shop! Last year, one fly landed 13 fish for the best count. Rachel Bernard was the big winner.

More details to follow but SAVE THE DATE!

Any questions please contact
Jon Thames at:
Jonthames24@gmail.com
or call 301-788-2482

b.) Saturday, October 20th – PVFF 51st Annual Banquet

It is not too early to mark your calendar for the annual Banquet and Club Celebration. It will be held on October 20th, from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the AMVETS Post #9 in Middletown, MD. Great friends, Bucket and Silent Auction items, Winston Rod raffle and much more!

Upcoming Outings

We have 1 outing planned for May. Here's a description of the outing:

Gunpowder River: On Thursday afternoon, May 17th, we will fish the Gunpowder River's Sulphur hatch in northern Baltimore County, MD.

Departure Time: We will leave Frederick at 2:30 PM

If you are interested in attending this Outing, just send me an email. Thanks – Larry,
lbforte@verizon.net

Conservation News

By Dave Keane
Davidkeane1968@gmail.com

PVFF “Home Waters” Clean Up

On Saturday, April 14th members from the PVFF gathered along the banks of the Catoctin Creek to participate in the annual “*Project Clean Stream*”.

Every spring, tens of thousands of volunteers come together to pick up trash from local

streams, creeks, rivers, parks, and neighborhoods as part of the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay's *Project Clean Stream* — the largest cleanup event in the Chesapeake Bay region! Cleanups take place across the entire Chesapeake watershed, in all 6 Bay states and the District of Columbia (DC).

As the fishing season heats up, take a few minutes out of your trip and pick up some trash on your way out of the stream. When I was in the Boy Scouts, we were always taught to leave your campsite cleaner than you found it. Just imagine if everyone had this instilled in them at an early age. Nothing is more frustrating than visiting your favorite fishing spot only to find discarded worm containers, beer cans and cigarette butts!

Thanks to the following members that came out and participated:

Jon Thames
Donald Lee and his Granddaughter
Troy Kitch
Lynne Ashe
Dave Keane
Larry Forte

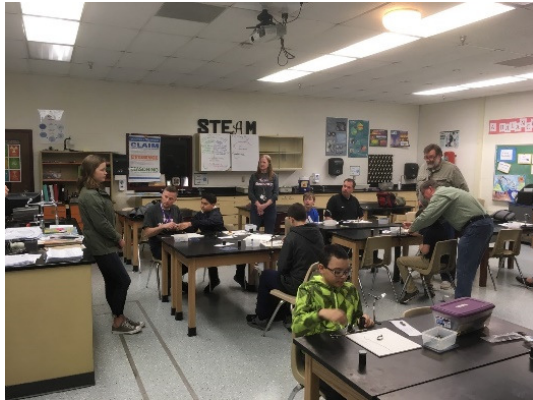


PVFF members cleaning up the shores of the Catoctin Creek

PVFF Teaches Fly Tying at Monocacy Middle School

For the past 3 weeks, several PVFF members have been teaching fly tying to 12 very interested students at Monocacy Middle School as part of Trout Unlimited's “Trout-In-the-Classroom” Program. Great job goes to Chuck Dinkle for leading the class. A big “*thank you*” also to Rachel Bernard, Bob Eichler, Ray

Ouellette and Bill Cunningham for helping instruct the students. I helped one afternoon and these kids were having a great time and were very proud of the flies they got to take home with them!



The Passing of Patrick F. McManus / Outdoor Humorist

By Don Fine

In reading an Associated Press article recently, I saw an obituary that struck a sad note for me. It announced that Patrick F. McManus, famed outdoor humor columnist passed away on April 13th at the age of 84. For those of a younger generation, or who were not into reading *Field and Stream* or *Outdoor Life*, you may never had heard the name; Patrick McManus. But for folks somewhat older (speaking of myself now), his name is revered among those who treasured reading his experiences both on the water and in the field. As a younger man, I regularly subscribed to the above two periodicals, and with each issue looked forward to reading Pat McManus' columns. Then later in life I read many of his books, "*They Shoot Canoes Don't They*" and "*Never Sniff a Gift Fish*", and "*Rubber Legs and White Tail-Hairs*" to name a few. I suppose that many, like myself appreciated Pat's stories because we all (who hunt, fish or just enjoy being amongst nature), can relate to his wacky tongue-in-cheek tales of a sportsman's life in the "*Great Outdoors*".

On a bad day, Pat McManus could make us laugh at ourselves, and help us remember some of the strange encounters that have had over the

years as sportsman or woman in the great outdoors.

Many of us have shared past experiences with our hunting or fishing buddies, some of which related to the odd characters we encountered in pursuit of our favorite pastime. Patrick McManus rekindles our memories by bringing to life a number of such characters; Rancid Crabtree* (a loner living in the woods who only cared about fishing and hunting and has no one telling him to go to school), Milt Thumbscrew, and Retch Sweeney, to name a few. In his article, "*My First Deer, and Welcome to It*" (**They Shoot Canoes, Don't They**), Pat relates to being with Retch Sweeney when the latter shot his first deer. Pat recalls his first impression was that Retch had killed a large jackrabbit, closer examination revealing it to be a large spike buck. In the following paragraph, Pat notes that within a month following, Retch told some of his friends that his first deer was a nice-four point buck.

Perhaps those of you reading this article may recall someone who likewise stretched the truth; was that trout really 21", did that buck really dress out at 160 pounds? Perhaps my favorite Pat McManus verbiage (and one which I often use when teaching fly tying) goes like this. McManus was once asked, what was the most successful fly that he could recommend to a neophyte fly fisher? McManus quickly replied "*an Adams dry fly with a night crawler trailing from the hook*".

Patrick Francis McManus was born in Sandpoint, Idaho on August 25, 1933. His father died when he was six years old. McManus taught journalism at Eastern Washington University, then later gave up teaching when he found that he would make more money as a humorist. Many will miss reading his humor, but I am sure he will be long remembered for his contributions as an outdoor humor columnist.

*The obituary relates that McManus based his character, Rancid Crabtree, on a real person that he found in the hills around Sandpoint as a child.

2018 Boy Scout Spring Camporee

On Saturday, April 21st, several PVFF members, along with folks from the Brotherhood of the Junglecock (BOJC), helped teach over 300 Boy Scouts from Frederick County fly tying and fly casting at their big Spring Field Sports Camporee held at the Thurmont Conservation & Sportsmen's Club in Thurmont, MD. It was a beautiful day and it was fun watching many kids cast a fly rod for the first time. A BIG "THANK YOU" goes to the club members that helped make the event a big success for the Boy Scouts.



Membership

By Ruby Fine

Thanks to all of the members who have rejoined PVFF for 2018!

If you are reading this newsletter after picking it up at one of the fly shops in the area and are interested in becoming a member of PVFF, please fill out the membership form on the last page of this newsletter and mail it to me along with your payment to the address indicated on the form.

HUMOR (reprinted from *Streamlines* May 2004)

Seven Basic Laws of Fishing From *Reel Lines* the newsletter of the Arizona Flycasters Club

1. Results are proportional to time spent. That doesn't mean that if you fish more than me you will catch more than me. It simply means the more you fish the more you will catch.
2. The best time to go fishing is whenever you get the chance. Remember the results of rule #1.
3. The sun sets faster when fishing than at any other time. Another way to say this is as often we see on car bumpers – the worst day fishing beats the best day working.
4. Don't practice when fishing. You can practice another time. Don't waste time when fishing. Remember rule #1.
5. The best fishing is often done in the telling. Who wants a great day fishing if you can't tell someone about it from time to time?
6. Fish are caught when your fly is in/on the water. Don't spend time fishing "not fishing".
7. The single, most effective technique in fishing is "one more cast, just one more cast." So go fishing often, stay late. Don't stop because the weather is bad, it will get better soon. Don't stop because you're hungry; eat while you keep on fishing. Don't stop because they're not biting, that will change soon so keep on fishing. Finally, when you can't see, your friends have left, your spouse has disappeared, your dog is gone, remember there is always time for "one more cast, just one more cast."

Last Cast – Help Needed!!

By Larry Forte

Today's date, as I write this, is April 25th, 2018. It looks like spring has finally arrived.

However I have been thinking more about next year and I must admit, with some concern. I consider myself very lucky to be part of such a great club. It's a vibrant organization with a growing membership with plenty of activities to offer our members.

For example, the recent Casting Clinic held earlier this month had the highest turnout of any other casting clinic in the past. This past weekend, several members and I spent a day with over 300 Boy Scouts helping them learn how to cast a fly rod. This coming weekend, our club will be helping at the "*Frank Smoot Commemorative Stream Cleanup Project*" on Big Hunting Creek – our second stream cleanup in a couple of weeks. Add the fly tying classes and fishing outings, and you have a pretty special organization.

This is all made possible by a great Board and many awesome volunteers. Our volunteers are a big reason we have such a great club. Without them, it would be a rather boring club. Now, why am I concerned? Looking ahead to 2019, as a club we face some challenges. Unfortunately, several volunteers will be resigning from the Board.

This includes:

Bill Kulp, Director, is retiring and moving to North Carolina in June.

Jon Thames, Vice President, is stepping down at the end of this year.

Paul Dobson, Treasurer, is stepping down at the end of this year.

In addition, my tenure as Club President will end at the end of this year.

First, I cannot thank these gentlemen enough for all of their hard work and dedication to PVFF while I have been President. They have made my job a lot easier.

Our club is not unique. This is just part of what volunteer organizations like ours deal with all of the time (The nerve of some folks to actually have a life and interests outside of PVFF☺). The key is getting new folks to step-up and help.

So, now, more than ever, our club needs your help and we are looking for new volunteers for next year. Here are a few selling points for you to consider if interested:

1. It's very, very rewarding.
2. It's a great way to learn more about the sport we love.
3. No experience required.
4. Plus, you will get to know some awesome individuals in the process.

I encourage you to get involved and help the club that you enjoy being part of. The reality is that in order to continue to be the active club, we need your help. Without the help of its members, we will need to eliminate some of what we do and offer.

Believe me, you will not regret getting involved.

Send me an email (lbforte@verizon.net) or give me a call at (301-943-7533) if you would like more information.

Thanks and hope to see you at the May monthly meeting.

Larry

Monthly Calendar of Events

- May 8th** **Monthly Club Meeting**
Tuscarora High School
Ballenger Creek Pike
Frederick, MD
7:00 PM - Room A170
- May 16th** **Fly Tying Roundtable**
Trinity U.M. Church
703 W. Patrick Street
Frederick, MD
7:00 PM – Room 109
- May 17th** **Club Outing – Gunpowder**
Falls River
Baltimore County, MD
Leave Frederick at 2:30
PM
Contact Larry Forte
- May 21st** **Beginner's Fly Tying**
Trinity U.M. Church
703 W. Patrick Street
Frederick, MD
7:00 PM – Room 207
- May 23rd** **Board of Directors' Mtg**
Trinity U.M. Church
703 W. Patrick Street
Frederick, MD
7 PM – Room 109

PVFF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

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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

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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.

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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 / Town) (State) (Zip Code)

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
8712 Baltimore National Pike
Middletown, Maryland 21769-9401

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