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June 12th Program: Annual Family Club Picnic and “One – Fly” Competition

By Larry Forte

I ask you – who does not love a picnic??? Great food, great people, beautiful environment plus a chance to fish. I hope that you can join us at our June Meeting, which will be our Annual Family Picnic at the Catoctin Creek Park & Nature Center, 2929 Sumantown Road, Middletown, MD. This will be held on Tuesday, June 12th and the fun will begin at 4:00 PM, with dinner starting at 7:00 PM. This is a family event so please bring your family. We will start at 4:00 PM with our Second Annual “One – Fly” Competition. This will be a contest to see who can catch the most fish, of any species, on a single fly of their own choosing. You may not change flies during the contest, and if you lose your fly, then you’re finished in the competition. A \$25.00 gift certificate will be awarded to the winner. The competition will start at 4:00 PM and end at 7:00 PM. Good luck Rachel Bernard as she defends her 2017 victory!

The Club will provide Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, and all members are asked to bring either a covered dish, or desert to share.

Please RSVP, you can do this a couple of ways. First, you can sign-up on our website through the “EVENTS” page. Here’s an easy link:

<https://www.potomacvalleyflyfishers.club/>

You can also send me an email at:

lbforte@verizon.net with the number people

who will attend, and what food item you are planning to bring.



PVFF “Yard Sale” @ the Family Club Picnic

By Jon Thames

Yes, you read that correctly...YARD SALE. Our June Meeting is our Annual Picnic and this year with a little twist. I have heard from more than a few members who have fly fishing "stuff" that they would like to sell, trade or just get rid of, but don't know how! Imagine a chance to bring the other vice you have and don't use, the other 5-weight rod or reel, etc. and you get the idea. So collect your "good quality stuff", think about a fair price and bring it to the Picnic. Remember you are selling to your fly fishing family so put a price on it to sell to a friend and make room in your house for the “new” stuff that you will find at this Yard Sale! Be sure everything you bring is priced and your name is attached so members can find you for payment.

See you June 12th at the Picnic! I'll be there early to help set up and look at the Sale stuff.

Beginner's Fly Tying – June 18th

By Don Fine

The Beginner's Fly Tying will be held on Monday, June 18th. The featured flies for that session will be two flies developed by one of Pennsylvania's legendary fly fishers and fly tiers, Ed Shenk. That evening we will be tying the "Letort (or Shenk's) Cricket" and "Letort (or Shenk's) Hopper". As such, they are considered terrestrial patterns since Crickets and Grasshoppers live their life cycle on land. Both of these patterns are relatively simple to tie* in comparison to other Hopper and Cricket patterns. Nevertheless, they are just as effective. Even though Ed created these two and several other patterns primarily for fishing Eastern streams, such as the Letort Spring Run in Southcentral Pennsylvania, I had success with both of these patterns on hot summer days when fishing rivers in Montana. As in past months the Beginner's fly tying will be held in room 207 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 703 West Patrick Street, Frederick.

*Perhaps as a note of interest, a PVFF fellow member and I took a one-day course on tying these two patterns some years ago at the now closed Cold Spring Anglers Fly Shop. Ed Shenk was our instructor that day.



Additional information about Ed Shenk can be found later in this issue of *Streamlines*, entitled "Great Fly Tiers I Have Known".

Fly Tying Roundtable – June 20th

By Jon Thames

Mike Saylor will be our guest tier for our Wednesday, June 20th session. Mike will be tying the "Dorato Hare's Ear", originally tied by Bill Dorato from Albany, New York. This fly is a great imitation of a newly emerged Caddis or a May fly. Mike has an interesting variation he plans to demonstrate so join us to learn this fly. Please bring 6/0 Tan thread with you. Join us at 7:00 PM in room 109 at Trinity

United Methodist Church, 703 West Patrick Street, Frederick. As always, all material will be supplied so bring your tying equipment, loaner vices and basic equipment will be available. New tiers are always welcome and encouraged to attend the roundtable.



Project Healing Waters – June 16th

PVFF will host a Project Healing Waters event for our Veterans at Otter Fish Camp near Thurmont, MD on Saturday, 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 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 dessert please contact Larry Forte, lbforte@verizon.net or 301-943-7533. In the event you have not heard about Project Healing Waters, here is a short introduction from the PHWFF web site (<http://www.projecthealingwaters.org>):



SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR THIS IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENT!

Saturday, October 20th – PVFF 51st Annual Banquet

It is not too early to mark your calendar for the Club's Annual Banquet and Celebration. It will be held on Saturday, 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! Hope to see you there!!!

Upcoming Outings

Due to poor water conditions, our trip to the Gunpowder River in May had to be postponed & rescheduled. Here is the NEW date:

Gunpowder River: On Thursday afternoon, June 14th, we will fish the Gunpowder River's Sulphur hatch in northern Baltimore County, MD.

Departure Time: We will leave Frederick at 2:00 PM & meet at the Exit #56 (Route 144 / East Patrick Street Exit), Park-&-Ride lot off of I-70 to carpool to the Gunpowder.

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

Outing to Pulaski, New York – Thursday to Sunday, October 11th to 14th

By Dan Neuland

Now is the time to book campsites at Selkirk Shores State Park and reserve passes at the Douglaston Salmon Run (DSR), for the annual PVFF trip to the Salmon River in upstate New York. Loop A has many open sites at this time and there are a limited number of DSR passes available. For many PVFF members, the annual trip to the town of Pulaski is the highlight of the fishing season. Whether you fish the private waters of the DSR or upstream on the 13 miles of public water, landing a 15 to 30 pound Chinook or Coho salmon on a fly rod is a challenge and certainly a trophy to be admired. There is sure to be Steelhead and Brown Trout in the mix and some Atlantic Salmon as well. For access to the private water of the Douglaston Salmon Run, a daily pass must be purchased online on the DSR website

and passes will sell-out. Past experience has proven that fishing the private waters of the DSR is worth the \$75.00 a day rod fee. Youths 16 and under are free with a paying adult. The fish entering the Salmon River first must pass through the 2-mile section of the DSR where fly anglers have the best opportunity to hook one of these giants. For equipment, an 8, 9 or 10 weight rod with a big game reel is a must. The number of anglers using Spey equipment have increased over the past several years. Chest waders with metal cleats or studs also are essential for maintaining footing while fighting a fish. For flies, simple Estaz egg patterns in size #4 or #6 have been the top producers. Fishing the Salmon River is an experience you will never forget. For more information contact me at: danneuland@verizon.net

Trip Details:

What: PVFF Salmon River Outing

Where: Pulaski, New York

Arrive: Thursday, October 11th

Depart: Sunday October 14th

Fish Species: Atlantic, Coho, & King Salmon, Steelhead, Brown Trout

Camping: Selkirk Shores State Park

- <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/84/hunting.aspx>

Private Water: Douglaston Salmon Run

- <http://www.douglastonsalmonrun.com/>

Contact: Dan Neuland

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Conservation News

By Dave Keane

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Invasive Species

Fly fisherman are always trying to “*match the hatch*”. This month you may want to try using a beetle pattern that looks like the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The adults are a bright metallic green color approximately ½ inch long. Unfortunately, this beetle is a wood boring non-native invasive pest from Asia that has killed millions of ash trees in the United States. This pest accidentally arrived in Maryland in 2003 through an infected shipment of trees. Despite control efforts, the beetle has spread throughout the Mid-Atlantic and all species of ash will be affected.

During late May, the adult beetles emerge from infected trees, reproduce and the females lay their eggs on the bark of ash trees. The larvae bore into the tree and feed under the bark clogging the tree’s vascular system that ultimately kills the tree.

Why should we care about this pest? The Green Ash, *Fraxinus Pennsylvanica* is common in stream valleys and is a very important woodland tree. Ash trees were also commonly planted as street trees to replace dying American Elms that were infected with Dutch Elm Disease. The seeds are eaten by wood ducks, finches and other songbirds. The ash tree is just another victim in the ongoing struggle that is a result of global trade.

How can fisherman help? You can prevent the spread of EAB and other invasive pests by not moving firewood from your property or across state lines. If you plan to go camping this spring, purchase local firewood once you reach your destination.

Here are some other tips to stop the spread of invasive pests:

Gardening:

- When buying plants this spring, try to find trees and shrubs that are native to your area.
- Don’t throw discarded plants into the common area, woods or open space behind your property. Even though the plant may have died, dormant seeds and

disease pathogens could spread into that area.

- For more information on native plants, go to the Maryland Native Plant Society website: www.mdflora.org

Pets:

- Never release pet fish or turtles into the local waters.
- Introducing non-native animals to our waters can disrupt native fish populations and it is illegal.

Fishing:

- Clean your waders, boots and net before traveling to another location.
- Do not relocate fish from one body of water to another; doing so can potentially spread diseases.
- Don’t dump your left over bait into waterways.
- Clean your boat, motor and trailers. Waterlogged equipment can harbor invasive aquatic species.

Other Examples of Invasive Species:

- Flathead Catfish
- Hemlock Woolly Adelgid
- Snakehead fish
- Didymo
- Zebra Mussels

For more information on invasive species, visit the Maryland Invasive Species Council at: www.mdinvasives.org

See you in the woods,
Dave Keane

“Great Fly Tiers I Have Known”

By Don Fine

Ed Sherk was described by such fly fishers as Joe Humphreys, Charlie Fox, and Ed Koch as a consummate fisherman. As described earlier in this issue of *Streamlines*, Ed Sherk was the originator of many important fly patterns; including the *Letort Hopper*, *Letort Cricket*, *Sherk Cress Bug*, *Sherk Minnow*, *Double Trico* and the *Sherk Sculpin*. From his earliest experiences fishing the Letort Spring Run and other Pennsylvania limestone streams and

spring creeks, to his famous three-season pursuit of the gargantuan trout, "Old George," Ed Shenk has remained fascinated by the ways of trout and hopelessly in love with the waters they call home.

According to the internet reference cited below, **Ed Shenk** has fished since the age of two, catching his first trout at the age of seven. In total Ed Shenk has been fishing over 80 years and has tied flies for >65 of those years, much of that time tying commercially. Ed Shenk is considered the master of terrestrial fly patterns. It was on the Letort that Ed tested many of his fly patterns. And while he has also fished the West, including Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho for the past 36 years (22 trips) as well as streams in New Jersey, New York, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and South Dakota, Ed considers the Letort his home waters. Ed Shenk was the first to trim fur dubbing-loop-tied flies to specific shapes, such is found on the flat oval *Shenk Cress Bug* and the *Shenk Minnow*. While the late Jack Schneider of Montana first described the fur loop, Ed Shenk originated the "trim to shape".

Ed Shenk served as a Fishing Instructor for Allenberry Inc. (1987 – 2002), LeTort Limited (1978 – 1986), Orvis Allenberry Fly Fishing Schools (1965 – 1977). He also served as the Fishing Instructor under Joe Humphreys at Pennsylvania State University, during the summers of 1987, '88, '89, and '90.

Ed has fished with the late Joe Brooks and with various dignitaries including actor, William Conrad, Gov. Ray Shafer (PA) and tied flies for President Jimmy Carter.

For myself and Rick Loose, it was indeed an honor having the master himself, Ed Shenk, as our instructor when we learned to tie the *Letort Cricket* and *Letort Hopper* some years ago.

In preparing this short biography of Ed Shenk much of the information was taken from the internet and more specifically, askaboutflyfishing.com.

Membership

By Ruby Fine

Thanks to all 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 send it to me along with your payment to the address indicated on the form.

Thank You Bill Kulp!

For those of you who don't know, Bill Kulp has retired and will be moving to North Carolina later this month. Bill has been on the Board of Directors the past few years and has been a huge asset to PVFF. Thank you Bill for all of your help and assistance to the club!!!

It has been a pleasure to get to know you and to fish with you. You will be missed. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement and new home.



Special Election

Bill Kulp, PVFF Director, will be stepping down from the Board of Directors at the end of June. As a result, we will conduct a Special Election at our June Monthly Meeting / Family Picnic on June 12th. At the picnic, we will accept nominations for the temporary position of Director. The term will run from July 1st thru December 31st, 2018. The position is open to all club members.

The following was originally printing in the April 2003 Streamlines: Ron is a great guy and I wish he still lived in the area.

The President's Line

By Ron Graunke

Choices – Spring offers so many itches that need to be scratched. The sun is shining, the creeks, lakes and rivers beckon for someone to cast upon, especially now we have plenty of water. All those flies that I tied so carefully this winter during the snow now need to be

baptized, but which one? Which lake? Which river? Which rod? The old adage is true we bring hundreds to the shoreline only to find a dilemma of sorts. Nymphs? Stoneflies? That big gaudy pattern? Then ... a selection is made.... a small sip and the world is right. A sudden pull that you missed all winter makes it all worthwhile. You are one with the universe!!!! A magic moment that repeats itself every season opener. Reoccurring casts, more strikes and thoughts of work and schedules all melt away all in a few hours. I ask myself how come I don't do this every day or at least once a week just like the doctors golf day on Wednesday? I think it's a lot like ice cream you can't have it every day otherwise you wouldn't truly appreciate Ben and Jerry's, Haagen Daz, or Breyers. Then the cell phone rings. BAM! I swear I'm going to put that message on it. *"Hi you reached so and so he or she is not available now. He's on the other line and can't be reached at this time."* Now I know why there are boats named; UNAVAILABLE, THE OTHERLINE, OUT OF TOWN, IN THERAPY, and THE OTHER OFFICE. *"Please leave your message and we will get back as soon as possible."* Yea right, when donkeys fly...Where is that lead headed double wooly bugger in electric chartreuse?

Last Cast

By Larry Forte

Upcoming June Events:

Enough of this rain already! Finally, as I start to write this column, the sun is out and it looks like it will be a good day. Unfortunately, yard work will keep me from fishing.

However, I am looking forward to what's coming up for the club. June will be a fun month starting with our June Family Picnic, which will be on Tuesday, June 12th at the Catoctin Nature Center. Come out and join us for a fun evening. This is a family picnic so please bring your family with you. Grill Master and Astronomy Guru Russ Hanson will be manning the grill. The picnic will begin at 7:00 PM. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be provided by the club. Please bring a side dish to share. Hope you can join us. There is a large pavilion for our use so even if the weather does not cooperate for us, the event will still go on.

Come out early and do some fishing on our Home Waters. The Second Annual *"One – Fly"* Tournament will start at 4:00 PM and end at 7:00 PM, just in time for a burger or hot dog. Come out and join the fun! Pick your one fly and go fishing. The person who catches the most fish will win a \$25.00 gift certificate from Beaver Creek Fly Shop.

Plus, a new twist to the Picnic – our PVFF *"Yard Sale"*. Bring your fly fishing items to sell or trade.

A couple of days later, on Thursday, June 14th, we will fish the Gunpowder River in Northern Baltimore County. We will depart Frederick at 2:00 PM and hope to catch the evening Sulphur hatch. Let me know if you would like to join us.

On Saturday, June 16th, we will be hosting our annual Project Healing Waters event at Otter Camp, near Thurmont, MD. We will start at 8:00 AM and host between 10-13 military veterans from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, MD.

On Saturday, June 23rd, we will try our luck fishing the Monocacy River. Details to come. Also, we are always looking for club members to lead a fishing outing. If you are interested and would not mind sharing one of your favorite *"fishing spots"*, let me know.

Other Club Items:

By the time this newsletter is finished, we should be very close to having a team assembled to start a Project Healing Waters program at Ft. Detrick. Many members have expressed an interest and have volunteered to help-out, which is great.

Also, we have a great schedule of programs for the fall including a presentation about fly-fishing the Letort Spring Run in September and a look at the health of Beaver Creek in October. Finally, 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. Plus, you are always welcome to join us at our monthly Board of Directors' Meeting. Thank you for being part of this club. See you at the picnic!

Larry Forte

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Monthly Calendar of Events

June 12th	Monthly Club Meeting / Annual Picnic Catoctin Creek Park & Nature Center – Middletown, MD 4:00 to 8:00 PM
June 14th	Club Outing – Gunpowder Falls River Baltimore County, MD Leave Frederick at 2:00 PM Contact Larry Forte
June 16th	Project Healing Waters – Otter Camp, Thurmont, MD 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Contact Larry Forte
June 18th	Beginners Fly Tying Trinity U.M. Church 703 W. Patrick Street Frederick, MD 7:00 PM – Room 207
June 20th	Fly Tying Roundtable Trinity U.M. Church 703 W. Patrick Street Frederick, MD 7:00 PM – Room 109
June 23rd	Club Outing – Monocacy River More Details to come Contact Larry Forte
June 27th	Board of Directors’ Meeting Trinity U.M. Church 703 W. Patrick Street Frederick, MD 7:00 PM – Room 109

PVFF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2018

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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 / 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:

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Middletown, Maryland 21769-9401

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