



No Monthly Meeting in July and August

Our next scheduled monthly meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 11th** at Tuscarora High School, room A170 at 7:00 PM. Mike Klimkos will give a presentation on fly fishing the Letort Spring Run of Southcentral Pennsylvania.

Beginners and Roundtable Fly Tying – July 16th

By Jon Thames

Join us for a combined tying session on Monday, July 16th in room 207 at 7:00 PM at Trinity United Methodist Church, 703 West Patrick Street, Frederick.

I will be leading this evening and we will be tying the “Gurgler”. This is my “go to” Bass fly especially as the weather warms and the Bass get off the spawn.

We will be using several color options and as always all material will be supplied. Please bring Black and White 3/0 or 210 denier tying thread if you have it.

If time permits we will be tying a Gurgler with a Zonker rabbit strip that I refer to as a “Zongler”.

Looking forward to seeing you in July.
Good fishing!

Club Outing to the Gunpowder River

By Larry Forte

On Thursday, June 14th, 8 Club members made the trip to Northern Baltimore County and fished the Gunpowder River. First, was a stop at *Backwater Angler* Fly Shop in Hereford and to talk with Gene Howson, our guest speaker from this past February’s Meeting. He hooked us up with his secret flies and we were off! We fished the Bunker Hill access area. The weather couldn’t have been more perfect, but the fishing was a challenge. The Sulphur hatch was coming to an end and there were few rising fish, not to mention having to deal with the occasional kayaker & swimmers.



“One-Fly” Tournament – Rescheduled

By Larry Forte

The Club’s “One-Fly” Tournament has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 11th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Catocin Nature Center. This will be a competition 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 gift certificate will be awarded to the winner. The competition will start at 8:00 AM and end at 12:00 PM. Good luck Rachel Bernard as she defends her 2017 victory.



Project Healing Waters (PHW) Recap

By Larry Forte

By now, most of you have read the article in the Frederick News Post by Dan Neuland about the PHW event at Otter Camp held on Saturday, June 16th. It was a special day. Everyone caught fish and the folks from Walter Reed Medical Center in Bethesda, MD had a great time. Thank you to all of the Club volunteers that helped as guides for the day. Also, thank you to Mountain Gate Restaurant for providing a great lunch.

We hope to have another PHW event this fall.



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

Saturday, October 20th – PVFF 51st Annual Banquet

By Jon Thames

Our **51st Annual Banquet** is rapidly approaching and I really hope you can join us this year. It is always a fun evening. Great friends, plenty of bucket and silent auction items, the Winston Rod & Reel raffle and much more! We already have some exciting items for you to bid on and win!

The Banquet will be on Saturday, October 20th, from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the AMVETS Post #9 in Middletown, MD. If the weather is nice, bring your rod and practice casting with fellow members outside before dinner.

As always, we are looking for donations for our bucket raffle and silent auction. If you are interested in donating something – just bring it to the next meeting or send me an e-mail. Items do not need to be fly-fishing related.

As you know, this is our main fundraiser every year. The money we raise at the Banquet goes towards events, like the ones we just held last month.

You can get your Banquet tickets at the September and October meetings. Tickets are \$25 for adults – kids 18 and under are free!
See you October 20th!!!

Marvin Devilbiss

By Don Fine

Marvin Devilbiss, long-time PVFF member and former Club Director passed away unexpectedly on Monday, June 25th. Many of PVFF's newer members may have never met Marvin. His failing health in recent years prevented him from attending monthly meetings, but those of us who were fortunate to know him would best describe Marvin as a quiet, friendly, gentleman, very knowledgeable about the sport that we all love. Marvin was also a generous contributor to PVFF, and an outstanding wood worker. Marvin and his wife Barbara regularly attended the PVFF Annual Banquets, donating fresh fruit baskets and intricate hand-crafted bowls and serving tools that Marvin had fashioned for the club's Silent Auctions.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, June 30th at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, New Windsor, Maryland. Contributions in memory of Marvin Devilbiss may be made to St. Luke's Lutheran Church. The family also invites others to leave messages and memories on the "tribute wall" at www.hartzlerfuneralhome.com.

Last Cast – Penns Creek & Other Musings

By Larry Forte

One of my first experiences fly-fishing was on Penns Creek in central Pennsylvania. That was 16 years ago when my friend Todd, who first taught me to fly-fish, invited me to fish the stream as an introduction to the sport. It was a great weekend. While I did not catch any fish, I was hooked on the stream. I have been going back to Penns, which is what the locals call it, every year since my first trip.

Some background information on the stream. Penns Creek is a 67.1 mile-long tributary of the Susquehanna River and is about a 45 minute drive East from State College, PA. The stream is known for its famous Green Drake hatch in late May / early

June and it offers some of the most amazing dry fly fishing I have ever experienced, including some famous rivers out West.

A couple of weeks ago, I made my annual trip to Penns and it did not disappoint. While I missed the Green Drake hatch by a couple of days, there was still plenty of bug activity to frustrate you.

The Brown Trout in Penns are very picky and will ignore your fly if the drift is not perfect or the pattern is a little off. But, that's all part of the fun. When the bugs are hatching and the Browns are feeding, many days you can stand in 1 spot and cast to 6-8 different rising fish. At dusk, it can be a feeding frenzy on the stream.

One the second day of our trip, I was fishing in the morning to several rising fish. Multiple bugs were hatching: Sulphur's, Blue Wing Olives (BWO), Midges, Light Cahills, Yellows Sallies, a few Green Drakes and Caddis flies. The challenge, as always, is trying to determine what are they taking? For well over an hour, I was changing flies every 5 – 10 minutes with the same results – no fish.

Finally, I tried a size #16 BWO Spinner, and that was the magic fly. For the next 20 minutes, I caught 5 beautiful Browns, the biggest a fat 14" Brown. All of a sudden, my magic fly lost its special powers and all of the fish in the stream stopped feeding. I was OK with that because for 20 minutes, I was having a blast!

If you have never fished Penns, I highly recommend it. The stream is about a 3 hour drive from Frederick. One of the great things about Penns is that there is plenty of public access to the stream. You can camp at the Poe Paddy State Park or you can stay at the "Feathered Hook", a B&B in Coburn, a short walk to Penns. Poe Paddy State Park has a camp ground right on the stream. Before the stream merges with Elk Creek, the stream is stocked with Rainbows. However, below the town of Coburn, Penns is not stocked because it has a very healthy population of Brown Trout.

If you would like more information about Penns, just let me know.

To wrap up this column, I hope everyone has a

great Summer. Our next monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, September 11th, at Tuscarora High School, room A170 at 7:00 PM

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 in September!

Larry Forte

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Membership

By Ruby Fine

If you picked up this newsletter at one of the fly fishing shops or saw it on our website, we hope you enjoyed reading it. If interested in becoming a member of the PVFF, please fill out the Membership / Renewal Application Form and mail it to me along with your check payable to the PVFF for the dues. Simple as that!

Monthly Calendar of Events

July 16th *Combined Beginner's and Roundtable Fly Tying*
Trinity U.M. Church
703 W. Patrick Street
Frederick, MD
7:00 PM – Room 207

July 25th *Board of Directors' Meeting*
Trinity U.M. Church
703 W. Patrick Street
Frederick, MD
7:00 PM – Room 109

PVFF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2018

President	Larry Forte
Vice President	Jon Thames
Secretary	Karen Baker
Treasurer	Paul Dobson
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2 year Director	Russ Hanson
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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 / 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 this completed form to:

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