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## September 11<sup>th</sup> Program: An Evening with Mike Klimkos & Fishing the Letort Spring Run

By Dan Neuland

*"If you go into a fly shop anywhere: Maine, Montana, Miami, Beijing or Warsaw and mention the Letort, people have heard of it. It is on most fly anglers' 'bucket list.' If you stand along the banks of the stream, sooner or later the entire fly fishing world will pass by."* – Mike Klimkos

The September 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PVFF will feature author, Mike Klimkos from Carlisle, PA. Klimkos will be speaking about the Letort Spring Run – world-famous trout fishery at Carlisle – and the ongoing efforts to conserve the headwaters are covered in *The Letort: A Limestone Legacy*, a new book published by the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy and compiled and edited by Klimkos.

*"The Letort is the quintessential limestone stream found in the limestone-based valleys of Pennsylvania,"* said Klimkos, who compiled and edited the 106-page book, and wrote in the forward: *"It is the reason that James LeTort settled in the area. The water was clean and plentiful – and it made good beer and whiskey. It still does. The stream also provided power for grist mills and other industrial uses. The town of Carlisle sprang up around the stream and it was important to the community; sometimes for good reasons and sometimes for bad reasons."*

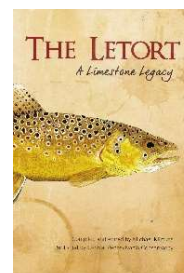
*"It was on the Letort that Vince Marinaro did his research and began a new chapter in fly fishing when he published his groundbreaking "A Modern Dry Fly Code" in 1950. Marinaro is one of the legends of the Letort profiled by other, current legends in the book. Others are Charles Fox, "Dean of the Letort," and Ed Shenk."*

Klimkos, who is the former editor of the *"Mid Atlantic Fly Fishing Guide"*, has pulled together an in-depth section on research and monitoring of the stream and a comprehensive Letort timeline starting at 1720.

*"It is important to remember the history of this stream, so we know where we are going in the future,"* he said. *"The Letort is perhaps one of the most historic trout streams in America."*

Mike will have copies of the book available to purchase at our Meeting. Proceeds from this book will be used to support the purchase of land along the Letort, by the [Central Pennsylvania Conservancy](#), particularly the 30-acre parcel on the east branch at the headwaters, which functioned as a watercress farm since the 1880s and contains the southern trailhead of the Letort Nature Trail.

Hope to see you on the 11<sup>th</sup>!



## Beginner's Fly Tying – September 17<sup>th</sup>

By Don Fine

The Beginner's fly tying class will be held on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Either Ray Ouellette or Don Fine will lead the tying that evening. The pattern chosen for the Beginner's tying event will be the fly used by Ray to win the recently held PVFF "One-Fly" Contest on Catoctin Creek. Call it a terrestrial, call it an attractor pattern or simply call it 'Ray's Bug', Ray 'blew' the other contestants away with landing 28 fish that day. We all will be indebted to Ray for sharing this fly pattern with those in attendance. 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.

## Fly Tying Roundtable – September 19<sup>th</sup>

By Jon Thames

Join us at this month's Roundtable as we welcome back Ray Gano as our guest tier. "The Wiggler" is our fly of the month just in time for fall bass fishing. Note the optimism that we will get to do some fall fishing. Ray will be demonstrating how to "marry" 2 colors of foam to create a variegated body. This gives us the ability to do Red heads and White bodies or the Chartreuse head with the Black body as shown below and countless other variations. Please bring 6/0 Black thread with you. The Roundtable will start at 7:00 PM in room 109 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 703 West Patrick Street. Loaner vices and equipment are available. All material to tie the "Wiggler" will be supplied by the club. New tiers are encouraged to attend the Roundtable.



## PVFF to Start Project Healing Waters Program

By Larry Forte

I am happy to announce that the club and Project Healing Waters have agreed to start a new program at Ft. Detrick starting this Fall. As you know, we have been working towards this goal since the beginning of the year. This is a great thing for the Club to do for the military personnel at Ft Detrick and the disabled veterans in the area. Our first meeting is planned for Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The PVFF team will be led by Dave Wooster and he will be the Program Lead. Jim Lowell will be the Assistant Lead. David Folkerts will also be a big part of the team. Several Club members have also volunteered to help. This includes Andrew Frutiger, Lynn Ashe, Colin Flournoy, Tom Dorsz, Maria Wilson and Pat Staley. Without all of their efforts and help, we could never make this happen.

At this point, the first goal is to start getting the word out about the Program at Ft. Detrick and to plan for our first meeting. In the future, we will meet monthly at Trinity United Methodist Church. In addition, we hope to schedule an outing every couple of months.

While we have a great team in place, this will take much more help in the future. If you would like to help and get involved, please contact Dave Wooster ([dwooster2@gmail.com](mailto:dwooster2@gmail.com)) or Larry Forte ([lbforte@verizon.net](mailto:lbforte@verizon.net)).

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

### Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> – PVFF 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Banquet

By Jon Thames

Our 51<sup>st</sup> Birthday Celebration and Annual Banquet is less than 2 months away and I really hope you can join us this year.

It is always a fun evening. Great friends and fellowship, plenty of Bucket and Silent Auction items, the Winston Rod & Reel raffle, the Travel Rod and much more! We already have some exciting items for you to bid on and win!

The Banquet will be on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the AMVETS Valley Memorial Post #9 in Middletown, MD. As a reminder, all items in the Bucket Raffle and Silent Auction are donated by both members and friends of PVFF. This tradition has served us well and it is amazing what is donated every year. This year the list includes several fly rods, bake goods are promised (not delivered), selections of flies and the list goes on. Another thing to consider is that we have items that are not fish related and many are tasty items. Bring your spouse or friend and see what he or she can find to win and take home.

This year, we are adding a couple of new activities to the evening, including a contest to see who can tie the best fly – while blindfolded!!

You can sign up to attend the Banquet by filling out the enclosed form and mailing it with your check to Ruby Fine at your earliest convenience. The cost is \$25.00 per adult. This will help us get an idea of the number we need to accommodate for this party. The Banquet is also open to family and friends and is a great place to bring someone interested in getting into fly fishing. As in the past years children under 18 years of age are free, but be sure to put the names on your registration form so we can have name tags made for them.

Banquet tickets will be available at the September and October Meetings. Also, you can bring your donation items to September and October's meetings.

### **Banquet Donations Needed**

By Jon Thames & Andy Mekelburg

As mentioned in the article about our Annual Banquet, the monies raised comes primarily from donations by Club members. The Banquet is our main fundraiser for the year and these funds help pay for the various activities we offer throughout the coming year. The

\$12.00 annual Club dues that everyone pays, does not cover all of our expenses.

Donations can be a fly rod or some other piece of fly fishing equipment that you are no longer using, but it doesn't need to be fly fishing related. It could be a bottle of wine or a gift basket. Please consider donating to the Banquet.

If you would like to make a donation, you can bring your donation to the September or October monthly meetings or to one of the fly tying classes this month.

### **Upcoming Outings**

We currently have 2 outings planned for September and October. Here are the details for these outings:

#### **#1.) Big Run State Park; Swanton, MD**

**Date: Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

By Larry Forte & Troy Kitch

We will make a day trip to fish the small streams of the Savage River drainage inside the Park for Brook Trout in Garrett County, MD.

#### **Departure Time:**

We will leave the Frederick area between 6:30 – 7:00 AM and return by early evening. There are campsites in the park if you would like to go up early on Friday or Saturday. Anyone interested in attending this outing can contact Larry at: ([lbforte@verion.net](mailto:lbforte@verion.net)).

#### **#2.) Salmon River; Pulaski, New York**

**Date: Thursday to Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>**

By Dan Neuland

The annual PVFF trip to the Salmon River in Pulaski, New York (NY), will be held on the second weekend of October 2018. Now is the time to book campsites at Selkirk Shores State Park and reserve passes at the Douglaston Salmon Run (DSR). Most PVFF members will be camping on Loop A.

Although the famed Salmon River has miles of public water, anyone interested in attending the outing should consider purchasing a DSR daily pass online on their website **now** as they will be sold out soon if not already for the days our trip is planned.

The DSR offers a quality experience to a limited number of anglers for the price of a daily rod fee (\$75.00, kids under 15 years of age 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. Chest waders and Boots with studded soles are highly recommended. NY State Non-resident Fishing License fees are: \$50.00 annual, \$28.00 for 7 – day and \$10.00 for 1 – day.

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.

Fishing the Salmon River is an experience you will never forget! For more information and anyone interested in sharing a campsites should contact Dan Neuland at: [danneuland@verizon.net](mailto:danneuland@verizon.net) or phone 240-422-1299.

### **Trip Details:**

**What:** PVFF Salmon River Outing

**Where:** Pulaski, New York

**Arrive:** Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

**Depart:** Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>

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

**Equipment:** 8, 9 or 10 weight Single-hand Rods & matching Big Game Reel with a solid Drag System is a must!

The number of anglers using two-handed Spey equipment has increased over the past several years. You have plenty of room to use it! Chest waders with metal cleats or studs also are essential for maintaining footing while fighting a fish.

**Flies:** Simple Estaz egg patterns in size #4 or #6 have been the top producers.

**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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*Thank you to PVFF for  
supporting the 2018 Natural  
Resources Careers Camp!*

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The Natural Resources Careers Camp (NRCC), was held on July 22<sup>nd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> at the Hickory Environmental Education Center in Garrett County, MD. Forty-two students attended, representing 17 Maryland counties. Both Frederick and Washington counties each sent five students. This was the first year in many that the camp enjoyed full enrollment!

Throughout the week, students learned about forestry, wildlife management, fisheries, ecology, arboriculture and watershed management. Activities included measuring trees, sampling plots, visiting saw mills, electro-shocking fish, climbing trees and using GPS and GIS.

I traveled to camp on Thursday to assist with the Urban Forestry and Arboriculture panel discussion and led the tree planting activities throughout the afternoon. I have been assisting with camp for fourteen years volunteering in all sorts of aspects.



On college night, students interacted and learned about Natural Resource Programs from Allegany College of Maryland, Garrett College, Pennsylvania State University, University of Maryland, West Virginia University and the University of MD Center for Environmental Science Appalachian Lab.

As the week progresses, students work on a Forest Management Plan that is presented to the staff, parents and landowners on the last day prior to graduation.

NRCC is sponsored by Maryland's Forest Conservancy District Boards, Allegany College of Maryland, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources – Forest Service and the Maryland Forestry Foundation. The camp has been held annually for over 45 years.

Students who will be entering grades 9 through 12 next year and are interested in Natural Resources careers are eligible to apply. Applications will be available for 2019 beginning in January at: [www.marylandforestryboards.org](http://www.marylandforestryboards.org). Local Forest Conservancy District Boards interview, recommend and offer scholarships for students to attend the camp. Space is limited so interested participants are encouraged to apply online today!



Students sampling fish with MD DNR Fisheries Biologist Alan Klotz.

## Membership

By Ruby Fine

This is just a reminder that dues for 2019 can be paid at the monthly meetings or can be mailed to the address shown on the PVFF application form. Please fill out the form so I can update my records. Please provide a phone number so you can be reached in the event of

cancellation of our monthly meetings or other functions due to bad weather, etc. Please circle whether you are a member of FFI (Fly Fishers International).

## Women's Fly Anglers Event

By Jon Thames

Join us on Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Beaver Creek Fly Shop located along the banks of Beaver Creek in Hagerstown, MD.

This is a new event for our women members and will be of interest to both experienced fishers as well as anyone interested in getting into fly fishing. James Harris, the owner of the shop, said that there will be many Dealer Representatives showing women's boots, waders, and clothing as well as fly rods and related equipment. This is a great chance to try on a variety of boots and waders designed for women. Dealer Representatives will also have fly rods available to try on the lawn in the back of the shop.

PVFF will have a table at this event so stop by and see your fellow club members and say, "Hello"!

There will be a free grilled lunch and soda available.

See you at Beaver Creek Fly Shop!



## PVFF 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "One Fly" Competition; Ray Ouellette is the Winner!

By Larry Forte

On Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, we held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "One-Fly" Competition on Catocin Creek. The weather was great and everyone

had fun. Ray Ouellette was the winner as he caught 28 fish during the 4 hours of the competition. Below is a picture of Ray's fly and a bunch of pebbles. Why the pebbles you ask? Every time Ray catches a fish; he puts a pebble in his pocket. When he's done fishing, he knows how many fish he has caught by the number of pebbles in his pocket. Congratulations Ray!

Andy Mekelburg came in second with 10 fish caught.



### **A Float Trip with Brian Kelly** By Paul Dobson

I was the very lucky winner, at the PVFF's Annual Banquet, of the fishing outing donated by Brian Kelly of White Fly Outfitters in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. I scheduled my outing for a day in August. As you all know it rained a lot in our area this Summer, making fishing the rivers and streams a real challenge. When Brian called me the night before I was sure he was calling to reschedule. I was surprised when he said the Shenandoah River was only up a couple of feet and the water was still clear. He suggested we proceed with the outing if I did not mind getting a little wet.

At 7:00 AM the next day we met at his fly shop. It rained pretty steady while we were traveling to the launch area. I was able to stand under the bridge and remain dry while Brian launched the raft. Proper clothing was the key to enjoying this day. Fortunately, we were both prepared. Shortly after we launched the rain stopped and we were able to catch fish and enjoy the warmth of Summer. The fish were difficult to pattern and lucky for me the best way to catch them was with a top water fly. I know this is a little vague about the fly used but

I do not want to give away all of Brian's secrets.

Brian's wife had prepared a tasty muffin for a mid-morning snack. Then there was fried chicken and cut fruit for lunch. It is a good thing Brian rows that raft most of the Summer. Eating food like that will quickly pack on the pounds because it is so tasty you cannot stop eating!

I would like to thank Brian for his donation to the Silent Auction and his knowledge of the river and the conditions that made this day possible. We did not see another boat on the river all day. We literally had the river to ourselves. Just goes to show the value of a good guide.

### **Bill Kulp & Carl Miller – Get Well Soon!**

By Larry Forte

We recently learned that long time PVFF members Bill Kulp and Carl Miller have been having some health issues. Please keep Bill and Carl in your thoughts and prayers. It sounds like the worst is behind for both and they now are on the road to recovery. We wish them a speedy recovery and hope to see them soon!

### **Lefty Kreh “Celebration of Life” Event**

Reprinted from “*All the Best for Lefty Kreh*” Facebook Page

On Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, starting a 12:00 PM until whenever, there will be a Celebration of Lefty Kreh's life. It will be held at the Bass Pro Shops (BPS), at Arundel Mills Mall in Hanover, MD.

Bass Pro will be serving the “*Lefty Menu*”, featuring Burgers burnt to unrecognizable black chunks, grilled cheese and PB&J sandwiches! Lefty is currently looking down on us and is probably super upset this event is being held, but he was loved by everyone that met or knew him and the community needs this. Keeping that in mind, there will be a list of speakers and then anyone and everyone will have a chance to get up on stage and say what Lefty meant to them.

For those traveling from far and wide, there are multiple hotels within walking distance of BPS and it is a short ride from BWI Airport.

## Last Cast

By Larry Forte

I hope everyone had a great Summer. I certainly did. However, given all of the rain, fishing has been a challenge this Summer.

For this month's column, here's a recap since June and a look at what's coming up this Fall.

Since the last Club gathering at the June picnic, the Club has been very busy. The big news is that we are going to start a **Project Healing Waters Program (PHW)**, at Ft. Detrick! I am very excited about this. It is awesome that we can do this for the servicemen and servicewomen at Ft. Detrick. We have assembled a great team of volunteers; led by Dave Wooster as the Program Lead and Jim Lowell as the Assistant Lead. Plus, David Folkerts, National Programs Officer for PHW has been an incredible help getting this started and will be a big part of our team. A big *"Thank You!"* goes to these three gentlemen for making this happen. Going forward, there is a lot of work to do and we could not do it without other members helping out. This includes Colin Flournoy, Lynn Ashe, Andrew Frutiger, Maria Wilson, Patrick Swarsz and Pat Dorsz.

Our first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> and we are looking for more help. If you would like to get involved and help, you can contact me ([lbforte@verizon.net](mailto:lbforte@verizon.net)) or Dave Wooster ([dwooster2@gmail.com](mailto:dwooster2@gmail.com)).

Coming up on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, is our next **Monthly Meeting** and we have some great programs this Fall starting with Mike Klimkos. I am looking forward to Mike's presentation. I have never fished the Letort Spring Run but am aware of its reputation for being a very challenging stream.

In October, we will learn about Beaver Creek. John Mullican is the Field Operations Manager for the Maryland DNR Freshwater Fisheries Program. He has been studying Beaver Creek

for several years and he will share with us his study.

We do have a couple of outings to look forward to this Fall. On Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will have an outing to **Big Run State Park** in Garret County. Our goal is to fish for Brookies in the small streams in the park.

From October 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, Dan Neuland will lead our **Annual Trip to the Salmon River in Pulaski, New York** to fish for Salmon. This is always a great trip and an opportunity to catch some big fish.

If the rain ever stops and the water levels get back to normal, we will try to add an outing to the Monocacy or Conococheague Rivers.

At the end of this month, we will help at the **Women's Fly Fishing Event** at the Beaver Creek Fly Shop. This event will be held on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The day will focus entirely on women and fly-fishing. The Club will have a table there to provide information about the Club. In addition, there will be many vendors available with gear designed specifically for women. Beaver Creek will provide food. I hope you can join us. It promises to be a fun day.

On Wednesday evening, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Don Fine will help induct Lefty Kreh into Frederick High School's Distinguished Alumni Association. Don put together the application and played a big part in making this happen. Thank you Don!

We have also been busy planning our big **51<sup>st</sup> Birthday Party and Annual Banquet** at the end of October. Actually, Jon Thames and Andy Mekelburg have been doing most of the work. They are putting together some amazing Bucket and Silent Auction items. Plus, the winner of the beautiful Winston rod & reel will be drawn. There is still plenty of time to buy your tickets.

You can also enter to win the *"Traveling Rod"*, which entitles the winner to use a brand new Scott 6 weight fly rod and reel for 2019. Lynn Ashe won it last year.

It will include a journal for you to document your fishing adventures with the fly rod during the year.

It is exciting times for the PVFF given the amount of events the Club will be doing this Fall. All of this would not be possible without volunteers. Would you like to get involved with PVFF? This is a great opportunity and we are always looking for help. No experience required. Just let me know.

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. You are always welcome to join us at our monthly Board of Director's meeting.

Thank you for being part of this Club. See you at the next meeting!

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## Monthly Calendar of Events

- Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**      **Monthly Club Meeting**  
**Tuscarora High School**  
**5312 Ballenger Creek Pike**  
**Frederick, MD**  
**7:00 PM – Room A170**
- Sept 17<sup>th</sup>**      **Beginners Fly Tying**  
**Trinity U.M. Church**  
**703 W. Patrick Street**  
**Frederick, MD**  
**7:00 PM – Room 207**
- Sept 19<sup>th</sup>**      **Fly Tying Roundtable**  
**Trinity U.M. Church**  
**703 W. Patrick Street**  
**Frederick, MD**  
**7:00 PM – Room 109**
- Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>**      **Club Outing – Savage**  
**River Feeder Streams**  
**Big Run State Park**  
**10368 Savage River Road**  
**Swanton, MD**  
**Contact Troy Kitch or**  
**Larry Forte**
- Sept 26<sup>th</sup>**      **Board of Directors'**  
**Meeting**  
**Trinity U.M. Church**  
**703 W. Patrick Street**  
**Frederick, MD**  
**7:00 PM – Room 109**
- Sept 29<sup>th</sup>**      **Women's Fly Angler Event**  
**Beaver Creek Fly Shop**  
**9720 Country Store Lane**  
**Hagerstown, MD**  
**10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**

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