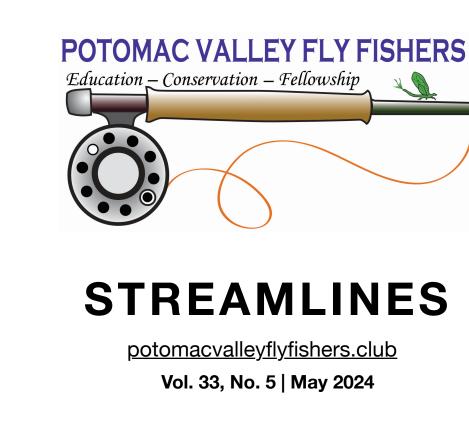
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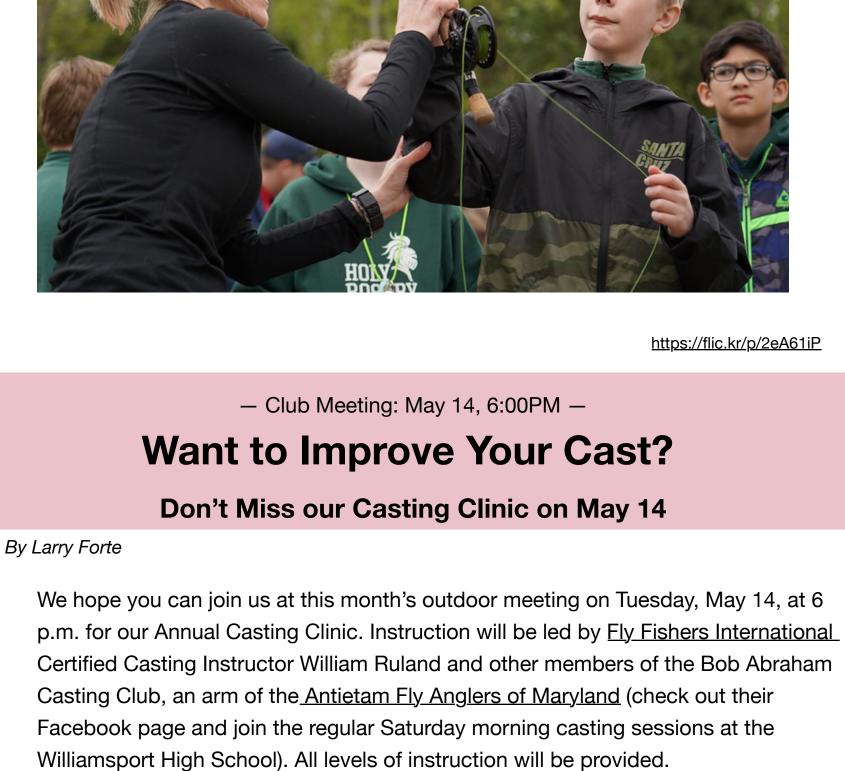
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### We hope you're enjoying the new email newsletter. We'd love to have your feedback, good or bad, on the new format for "Streamlines," and also to have more members writing for the newsletter. If you have feedback, questions, or submissions please

send them to <a href="mailto:pvff.newsletter@gmail.com">pvff.newsletter@gmail.com</a>.



Improving your casting techniques can help you catch more fish and will certainly make your time on the water more enjoyable. While we can't guarantee you will cast

like a Rajeff after this clinic, we can guarantee you'll walk away with improved skills that will help you make better casts on the stream.

This casting clinic will be held at the same location as last year. Meet at 6 p.m. at the upper parking lot of the Catoctin Creek Park & Nature Center (2929 Sumantown

There is plenty of room on the upper field to spread out and keep a safe distance. So bring your fly rod, a sturdy leader, and a bit of yarn and join us for a great opportunity to improve your fly casting. Also, it may be hot so you may want to bring something to drink. Hope to see you on the 14th!

Billy Noland - Native Brookie

**Project Healing Waters** 

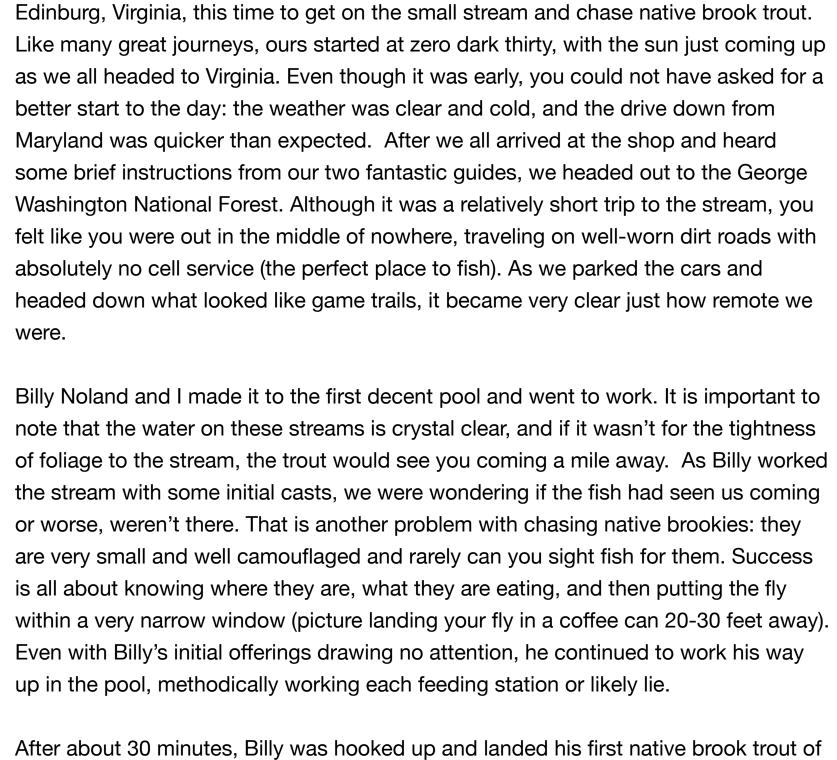
Still Got It

This past month, we had the opportunity to head back to Harry Murray's Fly Shop in

by Andrew Frutiger

area.

Rd, Middletown, MD 21769).



the day. He would go on to connect with many more. What made this incredibly

impressive is that he did this all within a 20-yard range, proving that the wily veteran

But like all great days, this one had to end. After meeting everyone back at the cars,

still has it. It could even be argued that he caught the most fish within the tightest

Realize, too, that leeches and aquatic annelid worms are prevalent in most ponds,

on attending and do not already have your own basic equipment for fly tying, please contact Don Fine (301-371-5617, or dfine1443@gmail.com) prior to the session so



**Spring Fly Swap** As we have for the past few years, our club will host a spring fly swap for 2024. Here are the details: tie twelve flies of the same type to be shared with other members participating in the swap. Bring your finished flies to the May 14th meeting, or you

Support the Club: Volunteers Needed As we are a member run organization, we always are looking for members that want to volunteer to help. Whatever your imagination or talents can contribute to your

May 4, 10 a.m. — Home Waters Stream Clean Up

May 14, 6 p.m. — Club Meeting (Casting Clinic)

Trinity United Methodist Church, Room 108

Catoctin Creek Nature Center, Upper Parking Lot

Catoctin Creek Nature Center

May 15, 7 p.m. — Advanced Fly Tying

subject line.

Holland

### May 21, 7 p.m. — Beginner's Fly Tying Trinity United Methodist Church, Room 207 May 23, 7 p.m. — Board of Directors' Meeting Trinity United Methodist Church, Room 109

Rd, Middletown). Gather at 4 p.m. to participate in the fishing contest; the categories this year are biggest fish and most fish (with no restriction on the number or types of flies). The contest this year will be fly casting for accuracy and speed; feel free to bring your rig or use a loaner rod. At 6 p.m., we gather for hamburgers, hot dogs, and friendship. Burgers and dogs are furnished. Members are encouraged to bring chips and desserts, but you are also welcome empty handed. Wives, children, friends, all are welcome. Questions? Call Dennis Allen 301-606-7998.

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Catoctin Creek Nature Center, 2929 Sumantown Road, Middletown, MD 21769

By Martyn Holland It is always great to see new members at our Beginner Fly Tying sessions. We start out new tiers with the basics of tying and then they gradually progress to a point where they can join the main group to enjoy fly tying somewhat independently. All of

Please note: We will soon be starting a program where Beginners Kits may be

borrowed so that members can practice tying at home.

the materials are provided, and beginner vises and tools are available for the session.

The session in April was quite different for me as both my wife and grandson came to

she expected it to be difficult and really only came along to accompany my grandson,

the beginners' table. My wife chose this for the first time ever tying a fly. I know that

who by the way has been tying with me for a couple of years. Amy loved the tying

(along with getting to meet some of the people with whom I enjoy spending time) and was quite enthusiastic about how relaxing it was to focus on making something that then could be used for fishing. She also then had the "best night's sleep in years" and Perhaps a new star is born!

system, this would be the ideal time to join the Board of Directors as Membership Chair and help us move forward. Let me know if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity to be part of the PVFF growth process. Members report that the fishing on our "home waters" on Catoctin Creek is pretty elsewhere in this newsletter, we will be holding a Casting Clinic there on Tuesday,

Treasurer.....Rick Baseley 3 year Director.....Kevin Haney

2 year Director......Dave Dowiak 1 year Director.....Russ Hanson

good, with fish being seen. Give it a try and let us know how you do. As you will see May 14, which also serves as our May club meeting. Perhaps one of our late summer meetings will be held there to afford members the chance to do some fishing before and after. I am sure that some of the members who fish there often will be happy to offer some tips. As always, find time to get out there and fish and send us your stories and pictures.

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> Past President.....Andy Mekleburg Copyright (C) 2024 Potomac Valley Fly Fishers. All rights reserved. Want to change how you receive these emails?

The annual picnic will be held on Tuesday, June 11. As in the past, it will take place on PVFF's home waters: Catoctin Creek Park and Nature Center (2929 Sumantown

will provide trash bags.

Creek Nature Center to clean up our Home Waters. We will meet at 10 a.m. at the Nature Center and head out to the road and stream. Please email Dave Keane to register for the event at <a href="mailto:davidkeane1968@gmail.com">davidkeane1968@gmail.com</a>. Members should wear long pants, waterproof boots, and gloves. The nature center

**Last Cast** 

when we are in Asheville, NC. I will do my best to help her catch her first trout! After four years of sterling service to PVFF as Membership Chair, Dave Dowiak has decided to step down. This means that we have an opportunity for someone to step into that position. As we are looking to revamp the membership process with a new

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we got to hear some great stories from all of the veterans about the fish they caught and what an amazing time they had. If you have any questions or would like to make a donation to the program, please reach out to me at any time or go to our Facebook page Project Healing Waters -Frederick Chapter. To support the local community please check out: Donate to PHW - Frederick Chapter. **Beginner Fly Tying Cone-head Bunny Leech** By Don Fine The fly pattern selected for our May beginner's class will be the Bunny Leech, one of my favorite "streamer" patterns for pursuing larger trout and smallmouth bass. Now that the water temperature of our local streams and rivers is getting warmer, these freshwater species are looking for natural foods which pack more energy than the tiny insects which are the more prevalent food forms in the cooler months. Just imagine how many more calories of energy are in an earthworm or leech than in a tiny mayfly. lakes, streams, and rivers. The particular leech pattern which I chose for this month's session is the Cone-head Bunny Leech. The additional weight of the metallic cone at the head of the fly provides an undulating motion to the fly whether it is being slowly stripped crosscurrent or fished with a high stick. So please join us at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, at Trinity United Methodist Church, 703 West Patrick Street, Frederick. As always, we welcome those who have never tied an artificial fly to join our Beginner fly tying classes. Equipment and materials are provided to both newcomers\* and PVFF club members. \* Our PVFF fly tying instruction has been broadened to provide monthly instruction for those who might never have tied a fly (i.e., true beginners), as well as for those who have some experience in fly tying and wish to expand their skills. If you are planning that he can ensure a tying vise and tools will be available for your use.

# Plus, it is a lot of fun! the church.

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Forte at <a href="mailto:lbforte@verizon.net">lbforte@verizon.net</a>.

By Larry Forte

can mail them to my house. After I get everyone's flies, I will mail you a bunch of

different flies tied by club members. The deadline to have your dozen flies to me is

May 15. If you would like to participate or if you need my address, please email Larry

if you need the Zoom link. You can sign up on our website or you can email me at

In addition to monthly in-person fly tying instruction, PVFF has a YouTube

channel with a bunch of easy-to-follow step-by-step instructional videos.

PVFF YouTube Channel

Save the Date for the Annual Banquet **October 19, 2024** 

**AMVETS Valley Memorial Post 9** 

409 West Green Street

Middletown, MD 21769

https://flic.kr/p/2hJ6BXE Outings 2024 Club outings are a great way to meet people, learn from fellow members, and have a fun day out on the water. Upcoming outings include: • May 2 - East Branch Antietam Creek, Waynesboro, PA • June 8 - Fishing Creek and Little Fishing Creek • June 9 - Smith Creek, Broadway, VA • July 20 - Owen's Creek • Aug 17 - Monocacy River And more! Click the button below for the full schedule of planned outings. If you want to join an outing or have any questions, please email Andy Mekelburg at andymekelburg@outlook.com, and make sure to put the title of the outing in the

Join an outing

fellow members. If you can spare an hour or two a month, join the effort! — Martyn

## **Upcoming Events** Check our website for the latest club events.

## June 11, 6 p.m. — Annual Picnic Catoctin Creek Nature Center (Fishing contest at 4 p.m.)

**Annual Picnic** 

**Tuesday, June 11** 

**Conservation News** 

**Annual Stream Clean Up at Our Home Waters** 

On Saturday May 4th, from 10 a.m. to noon our club will be gathering at Catoctin

has been tying flies since then! Do you know someone who might enjoy sleeping better???? Amy has also committed to fishing with me on the Davidson next week