



## DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

...fly tying is the next best thing to fishing; it is the sort of licking of the lips that eases a thirsty man in the desert.—Arthur Ransome, *Fly Tying in Winter, Rod and Line* (1929)

### Officers and Directors of the **Antietam Fly Anglers**

President	James Harris
Vice President	John Brognard
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Director	John Quincy Adams
Director	Bob Stouffer
Director	Michael Saylor
Director	Delbert Martin
Director	John Brognard
Director	Don Fine
Fly tying coordinator	John DeMars

### FLYTYERS' ROUNDTABLE REPORT

John DeMars is the coordinator. He can be reached at (304) 263-5470 or [jdemars71@comcast.net](mailto:jdemars71@comcast.net).

Based on the recommendations made at the

December 4, 2014, Board of Directors' meeting (see below), the new schedule is now in effect. James Harris has offered to host the Roundtable starting at 11:00 a.m. each Saturday morning at the Beaver Creek Fly Shop. John DeMars will still be coordinating the Roundtable. The roundtable will be more informal but John will schedule guest tyers on an ad hoc basis. When no guest tyer is present, that shouldn't stop you from practice your tying and sharing what you know with others. Bring a friend!

### News

Doug Hutzell, Del Martin, John Adams, Dave Hellane and Doc Saylor gave an outstanding presentation of the trip to Patagonia. Dave showed

his outstanding pictures. If you missed the presentation, it was your loss (I know, I was out of town and missed it!). There were nine anglers, seven fished the Limay River, and there were plenty of guides to help us. The costs were \$4,500 for the guides and accommodations and \$1600 for the flight. Check out <http://www.andesdrifters.com/> for more information. Sounds like the trip of a lifetime.

### Board of Directors Fish for Ideas and Help

On Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, President James Harris said that the club needs people to step up and help if we want it to continue. With most of the board members attending and several interested club members, a lively discussion ensued about how to improve the club, attract new members, and get the help that's needed. Here were some of the ideas put forth:

- Change the Fly Tying Roundtable to weekly on Saturdays at the Beaver Creek Fly Shop and make it less formal. (already done!)
- Do a survey of membership to see what folks are looking for in the club.
- Reduce formal program meetings to four a year with alternate meetings on the other months (tyathons, stream clean up days, etc.)
- Explore supporting a fly fishing teaching class at Hagerstown Community College (HCC).
- Have more frequent scheduled Board of Directors' meetings, possibly one every other month.
- Organize more fishing trips; this is, after all, a fishing club.

I will be sending out a survey in early January. If you have any ideas, send them to Bill Ruland.

### Upcoming Meetings and Events

Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at **7:00** p.m. as listed, see this link:

<http://www.mtaetnacamp.com/Directions/directions>

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If you have an idea for a meeting, just respond to this e-mail and we will see that it is considered.

**January 15** – program to be announced

**February 19** – program to be announced

**February 21** – Creekside Banquet. Contact Jack DeHaven at [dehavenphoto@msn.com](mailto:dehavenphoto@msn.com) if you need more information.

**February 28 & March 1** – Lancaster Fly Fishing Show, Lancaster County Convention Center, Lancaster, PA. The Chesapeake Council of the IFFF will, again, have a presence at the Lancaster Fly Show. We will be outside of the event floor this year to give us better access to the participants. The Council will offer free casting lessons and fly-tying lessons for show participants.

**March 28** -- Annual Banquet. Here are the details:

The Banquet will be held in Hagerstown on Saturday, March 28, at the Ramada Plaza Hotel located across the road from the Halfway Blvd. Valley Mall.

We will be using the “Pen-Mar Room,” located on the lower level. Access to the lower level is on the right of the hotel, through the double doors below the Fireside Restaurant and Lounge.

Social hour will start at 5 PM with a cash bar, and dinner will be served at 6 PM. This year we will have a dinner buffet of Pepper Steak with sautéed pepper and onions, and Chicken Marsala. Hot vegetables will be Rosemary Roasted Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables, along with Cole Slaw and a House Salad. The dessert will be Sherbet. There will also be an assorted cheese and fruit tray during social hour. Total cost with tax and gratuity will be \$30.00 per person.

Bring one, Get one table

We will also have our traditional “Bring one, Get one” gift table. Each person should bring one moderately priced gift (\$10.00) for the table; and get one ticket good for a gift from the table. Be sure to include the ladies when you select your gift.

Antietam Fly Rod

The Antietam Fly Rod, custom built by Don Fine, will be raffled off at the banquet. The lucky winner will be able to keep and use the rod for a year, then return it to the Club to be raffled at the next Annual Banquet and tell how many fish were caught. Bob Stouffer of Hagerstown won in 2014.

The rod is a two section, 5 ½ foot, 3/4 weight with a Pflueger Supreme, Model 1834 reel and line, all in a wooden carrying case. Raffle tickets for \$1.00 each will be sold at the banquet.

Silent Auction.

There will be a few Bucket Raffles items, however more is needed. If anyone has any additional items for the silent auction or items for Bucket Raffles, please let Bill Ruland know. If you would like to donate something, either as a custom display or for the bucket raffles, call Bill at 301-491-5966 or email him at [whr3@verizon.net](mailto:whr3@verizon.net).

If you do plan to attend, you should call Bill by March 15th.

**March 28** – The morning of the banquet, the Bob Abraham Casting Club will hold its annual Fly Casters’ Rendezvous. Additional details will be published in the next newsletter.

**April 16** – TBD

**May 21** – last meeting until September 2015. We have fished and shared fellowship on the pond at the retreat center the past two years. Of course, we will need to check with our hosts before this is finalized.

**July date TBD – annual picnic**

**Bob Abraham AFA Casting Club**

--submitted by Bob Stouffer

The casting club meets from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. on selected Saturday mornings at the Williamsport River Bottom Park to share casting ideas, learn techniques to improve our casting. Please join us. The most useful outfit to bring, unless otherwise noted below, is a 5, 6 or 7 WT rod, 9 feet long (or your favorite outfit) with a 1X leader and yarn fly. A few of us normally meet for breakfast at the Hagerstown Farmer's Market beforehand at 7:45 a.m. Please join us or suggest this to your friends who are interested in our sport. For further information, please contact Bob at (301) 791-4594 or at [rstouf@mail.com](mailto:rstouf@mail.com).

**News You Can Use**

If you have any information that you would like to share with your fellow club members, pass it along to the editor and he'll include it.

Also, if you have fishing gear that you would like to swap or sell beyond donating it to the banquet, the newsletter is the place to be. You can post it in the newsletter without cost, which, of course, is less expensive than e-bay. Just let the editor know.

**Visit the local fly fishing stores that support the Antietam Fly Anglers.**

**KEYSTONE SPORTING GOODS STORE**

13611 Pennsylvania Ave at Maugans Ave  
<http://www.keystone-sports.com/home.html>

**KELLY'S WHITE FLY SHOPPE**

4332 William L. Wilson Highway (Route 340)  
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425  
<http://www.kellyswhitefly.net/>

**HUNTING CREEK OUTFITTERS**

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**BEAVER CREEK FLY SHOP**

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