



## MARCH 2014 NEWSLETTER

I never lost a little fish—

Yes, I am free to say.

It always was the biggest fish

I caught, that got away.

--Eugene Field (1850-1895)

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

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### FLYTYERS' ROUNDTABLE REPORT

John DeMars is the coordinator. He can be reached at (304) 263-5470 or [jdemars71@comcast.net](mailto:jdemars71@comcast.net). Please call him and confirm that you are still willing to tie on the evening listed and let him know which fly you will be tying, if you haven't already done so. This year, John has asked the tyers to demonstrate a particular skill when they choose a fly to tie. The Roundtable is held at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month as listed below, at the Mount Aetna Retreat Center.

March 6	Doug Alexander	Nymphs
April 3	John Adams	Yuk Bug, a beadhead fly
May 1	Don Fine	Wet fly – dubbing loop CDC/reg. dubbing

**February Meeting Minutes** – James Harris, our new president, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m., with 14 members attending. The treasurer's report was read and approved as written. James reviewed what had been discussed at the recent Board of Directors' meeting, held on February 10, 2014.

Items discussed included (not listed elsewhere):

Three fishing trips are planned for later this year. First, the last weekend in September, staying overnight on Friday and Saturday at Herrington Manor State Park near Oakland, MD. This would be to fish the North Branch of the Potomac, the Youghiogheny, and the Savage River. Second, a Potomac River float trip from Paw Paw, WV, to Bond's Landing, TBA. Finally, Bill Lewis is planning a trip to Roscoe, NY, for which you need to call Bill Lewis.

Also, the Board discussed recruitment of new members, annual outreach activities, and getting more robust participation at meetings. The Board will meet quarterly to plan activities.

For the program portion of the meeting, James gave a presentation on fishing the Cumberland Valley Spring Creeks. He discussed where to park, fishing locations and strategies.

Doug Hutzell reported on improvements to Beaver Creek.

### **UPCOMING MEETINGS/ 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.asp>

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

**March 1-2** – Fly Fishing Show, Lancaster, PA.

[http://www.flyfishingshow.com/Somerset\\_NJ.html](http://www.flyfishingshow.com/Somerset_NJ.html)

IFFF will be providing casting instructors continuing education at the show at an off-site venue. This is for instructors but you do not need to be certified to participate.

**March 9** – The National Capital Chapter of Trout Unlimited Angling Show at Hanley Field House of the Georgetown Preparatory School in North Bethesda, Maryland. The AFA will be staffing a booth at the show. Come join us!

**March 20** – Tyler Nonn from Chesapeake Bay Charters, will be discussing fishing for Shad and Stripers in the Chesapeake and surrounding area.

**March 28-29** – AFA's Bob Abraham Casting Club will be once again sponsoring the Fly Casters' Rendezvous. It was very successful last year. See the attached flyer. This year there will be a youth program.

**April 12, 2014** – Annual Banquet. Here are the details:

The Banquet will be held in Hagerstown on Saturday, April 12, 2014 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 Beef Tips Burgundy over Noodles, Chicken Marsala and Stuffed Pasta Shells. Hot vegetables will be Au Gratin Potatoes and Steamed Broccoli, along with Cole Slaw and a House Salad. The dessert will be Sherbet. There will also be an assorted Cheese tray during social hour. Total cost with tax and gratuity will be \$30.00 per person.

The Club will be selling chances on a Custom made fly rod by Ray Gano

The Rod will be a Lamaglas, 9 ft, 2 piece, 4 weight with Black and Silver windings. Tickets will be \$5.00 each. The winner does not have to be present to win. Tickets will be available at Club meetings or at the Beaver Creek Fly Shop. Take some tickets and sell them to your friends and neighbors.

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. Darren Wishard of Hagerstown won in 2013.

The rod is a two section, 5 ½ ft, 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.

We will have two custom displays by Ray Gano and boxes of flies tied by Bill Lewis, Frank Thompson and others. We will also have a Glass fly rod with assorted antique bass plugs. 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 Buz know.

If you do plan to attend, please let Buz know by calling (717) 762-2235. We must know by the 1<sup>st</sup> of April so final arrangements can be made with the Hotel

**April 17** – Program TBD

**April 26**-- Youth Fly Fishing Camp:

Antietam Fly Anglers and Potomac Valley Fly Fishers will hold the annual Youth Fly Fishing Course at Fountain Rock Nature Center. Youngsters and teenagers, ages 10 through 16, are invited to receive instruction in basic equipment, Fly Casting, Entomology, and stream techniques. Students will have the opportunity to fly fish with experienced fly fishing instructors. This fun program will run from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Contact John Brognard if you are interested.

**May 15** – Program TBD

### **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**

#### **Eric Stoup Web Instruction**

Mike Saylor discussed the below item at the February meeting so I'm repeating this item from last month. He has been visiting a web site, [www.ericstroupflyfishing.com](http://www.ericstroupflyfishing.com), and he's found it very interesting. It's called, "Face Time Flyfishing". Eric is a guide from central PA and on the site he has a weekly online show every Wednesday at 12:20 p.m. that has a lot of relevant information for fly fishers that we all could use. He also has a pay-to-view service for which he publishes two videos per week. One comes out Monday on fly tying and the Friday version has stream techniques and other related information.

The site has the information about the cost of the videos, which is currently \$10 per month. You might want to give it a try.

### **Alaska Trip**

John Brognard passed along the following item:

Below is the web site address for Aniak River Lodge, Alaska. You will see that the cost for a week on the Aniak is currently \$5600. If you book during the first three weeks of July, the cost is \$3700. Still a lot of money and you still have to fly there.

Several years ago Don, Ruby, Donna and I went on this adventure twice and Chris King went on another trip. This was the best fishing adventure ever. Eleven species of fish, although the the Silvers will not be in during July. I think everyone mentioned above caught at least 8 of the 11 and a couple of us managed all 11.

I am not selling the trip. I just wanted to tell you about the opportunity because it is such a wonderful adventure. I will be glad to answer any questions about the trip (301-371-4205) or you may contact Commander Ron Previ (703-743-1167) who lives in Virginia, books trips for the owner and goes on a trip every year. Ron will also be at the Lancaster fly show this coming weekend (March 1&2). <http://www.aniakriverlodge.com/>

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.

### **Members Who Could Use Your Contact**

Louis Kish, a member of Creekside Anglers, is ailing and is being treated with chemo. Louis' address is 1816 Paynes Ford Road, Martinsburg, WV 25405. Drop Louis a note of encouragement.

Frank Thompson was scheduled to tie in April as he has for several years. He has had to decline because of a recurrent back problem. He said he is worse off now than he was before he had surgery and spent several weeks in a rehab clinic. Anyone who wants to "talk" to Frank can send an email to [phylsfrank@comcast.net](mailto:phylsfrank@comcast.net) or phone at 301-572-4154; his address is 3210 Dunnington Road, Beltsville, MD 20705. Frank has been tying for us and supporting our banquets for years.

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**

133W German St, Shepherdstown, WV  
<http://www.kellyswhitefly.net/>

**HUNTING CREEK OUTFITTERS**

29 North Main St, Frederick, MD 21701  
<http://www.huntingcreekoutfitters.com/>

**BEAVER CREEK FLY SHOP**

9720 Country Store Lane, Hagerstown, MD 21740  
<http://www.beavercreekflyshop.com/>



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