

#### MAY-JUNE 2014 NEWSLETTER

I doubt if I shall ever outgrow the excitement bordering on panic which I feel the instant I know I have a strong, unmanageable fish, be it brook trout, brown trout, cutthroat, steelhead, or salmon on my line.—Edward Weeks *Fresh Waters* (1968)

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

President	James Harris
Vice President	Buz Buzzell
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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. The Roundtable is held at 7 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Mount Aetna Retreat Center. The next roundtable will be on September 4<sup>th</sup>. If you already know that you are interested in volunteering anytime from September to next May, please contact John and let him know.

April Meeting Minutes -- Tyler Nonn from Chesapeake Bay Charters, discussed fishing for Shad and Stripers in the Chesapeake and surrounding area. Capt. Tyler Nonn gave a presentation titled "Four Seasons with Tidewater Charters" that outlined his adventures. He gave an amazing description of the guiding his has done in the Chesapeake as well as Florida, Alaska, and elsewhere. This guy sounds like a great person to

go fishing with. He goes after stripers, shad, bonefish, tarpon, the list goes on. Check out his website for further information: http://twcharters.com/

Also, the banquet was its usual success, thanks again to Buz, James Harris, and Darren Wishard for his talk on how fishing with the club rod worked out, and for all those who turned out to make it a great success. John DeMars recognized past President Bill Lewis for all the work he has done for the club over the years. Bob Stouffer won the club rod. We can't wait until next year when Bob will demonstrate at the banquet how to triple haul with the club rod while executing a Barneget Bay cast.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved as read. As of April 14<sup>th</sup>, our overall account balance was \$2734.58, which includes the proceeds from both the banquet and the Fly Casters' Rendezvous.

#### **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.

May 15 – The program, which was casting and, hopefully, catching on the pond at the retreat center, was cancelled due to inclement weather.

**Soon** – Our president, James Harris, plans to call a

board meeting to plan the schedule for next year's meetings. If you have any ideas, forward them to the newsletter editor or talk to James directly and we will make sure that they are part of what will be considered. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 18<sup>th</sup>.

June 21 -- Antietam Fly Anglers members are invited (by Potomac Valley Fly Fishers) to attend **Lefty Kreh Day** to be held on June 21st at

Middletown Community Park, in Middletown. The morning session that will get underway at 10:30 a.m., and is specifically arranged for PVFF, AFA and Creekside Anglers members to interact directly with Lefty. This session will include useful common sense tips and knowledge derived from Lefty's lifetime of fishing experiences. A small picnic lunch will be provided for those who attend the morning session. To plan for the picnic lunch, we ask for all PVFF, AFA and Creekside Anglers members (and family) who plan on attending to notify Don Fine in advance, the sooner the better, but no later than June 14<sup>th</sup>, at 301-371-5617, or via dfine1443@gmail.com.

The afternoon session (~1:00 PM) that is open to the general public will feature Lefty giving a fly casting demonstration and providing instruction in basic and advanced fly casting. Any who attend this June 21st event will benefit from Lefty's decades of fly fishing experiences around the world for hundreds of species of fish. Throughout the day there will be opportunities to get his autograph and ask questions. While there is no charge for any to attend, raffle tickets will be sold for and you will have an opportunity to win one of the special prizes that will be raffled\* off including: Lefty Kreh endorsed TFO fly rod, framed and signed Lefty Deceiver fly prints, or an autographed copy of one of Lefty's books. Please come to both honor and learn from Lefty Kreh.

\*Attendees are encouraged to bring cash, as we cannot accept credit cards for purchase of raffle tickets.

July 12—Annual Picnic at Bob Abraham's place. It is a joint meeting with Creekside. This is a pot luck picnic so please bring a covered dish. The meat and drinks will be supplied. We will start gathering around 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at about 1:00 p.m. Bring the spouse and kids! Also, bring your light fishing rigs because there will be catch and release fishing in the pond on Bob's property. His address is: 14405 Tower Road, Smithsburg, MD 21793, which is south off of MD77 as you approach

Catoctin Mountain National Park from the west. Please call Bill Lewis at (304) 754-3918 or Buz Buzzell at (717) 762-2235 by July 1<sup>st</sup> with your head count so that we can make sure that we have enough food and drink.

**September 6** – The second annual PA State Fly Casting Championship will be held. See the attached flyer.

September 26-28 – Overnight fishing trip to the Savage River and the North Branch of the Potomac in Garrett County, MD. Details will be provided as it gets closer to that time. There will be a forthcoming e-mail about fishing trips for this summer. Watch for them! If you would like to plan a trip, let me know and I'll send it out to the membership.

#### **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 varn 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. We will be meeting throughout the summer but if we get to go fishing. we will likely skip it. To confirm that we are meeting on a particular day, or for further information, please contact Bob at (301) 791-4594 or at 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.

<u>Visit the local fly fishing stores that support the</u> 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

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



Editor's Note: Submissions should be made to Bill Ruland, Editor, by email (whr3@verizon.net), or 10800 Honeyfield Rd, Williamsport, MD 21795, no later than the 25th of each month.





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- Chesapeake Council, International Federation of Fly Fishers
- Antietam Fly Anglers

You do not need to be a Pennsylvania resident to compete

Full event description, rules and registration form available for download from the CVTU/FFF website (<a href="http://www.pacvtu.org">http://www.pacvtu.org</a>). Mail completed registration form; must be postmarked on or before August 16, 2014

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