



October 2014 NEWSLETTER

...spending more time with my fly firmly attached to the branches of trees and almost none of it attached to the lips of the trout.—Tom Sutcliffe, M.D., *Reflections of Fishing* (1990)

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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. If you already know that you are interested in volunteering anytime from October to next May, please contact John and let him know. **NOTE: due to the sparse turnout in September and October, we ask you to contact John DeMars by the Sunday before the roundtable session to let him know that you will be attending. This will give the tyer and John an opportunity to cancel if the turnout is low. Thank you for cooperating with this change.**

October 2 – Buz Buzzell was the featured tyer.

November 6 – Ray Gano or a substitute, fly TBD

December 4 TBD

January 8 TBD

February 5 TBD

March 5 TBD

April 2 TBD

May 7 – Don Fine

News

Wishard Snags Second

During the second annual PA State Fly casting championship held on September 6, our own Darren Wishard finished second in the Angler category while Bob Davis and Bob Stouffer, who both competed in the Expert division, gave it the old college try. The competition was jointly sponsored by Cumberland Valley TU, the Chesapeake Council of IFFF, and the AFA. Derek Eberly of East Petersburg, PA, was overall high scorer as well as champion in the Expert Division. Angler Division first place went to Tom Miller of Carlisle, PA. For more information, follow the link to the Cumberland Valley TU newsletter: <http://cvtu.homestead.com/files/TightLines1014.pdf>

Project Healing Waters Helped Vets

Supported by over two dozen club members, guests, and others, this year, on September 20th, seven vets from Walter Reed Hospital enjoyed fishing and the picnic on the normally closed section of Beaver Creek. They all caught fish and had a wonderful time. Thanks to all for supporting this great annual event. See you next year!—Doug Hutzell

Jerry Armstrong Shares Tips on Steelheading

For the September program meeting, Jerry Armstrong was the headliner and passed along Steelheading tips (see <http://www.antietamoutfitters.net/index.html> for contact information). About 10 AFA members attended this informative presentation. See the attached

information sheet for a summary of the discussion.

The Views Were Spectacular

The Western Maryland trip had beautiful scenery as usual but there were three hurdles to jump over on the way to fishing success this year. First, we were not able to secure a cabin and had to call Quality Inn our home for the weekend. Second, the weather was cool to cold on Friday, with the added bonus of copious quantities of rain. Saturday was cool and windy, but also sunny and warmer than Friday. The third hurdle was the damnable fish. The water of the North Branch was full of autumn leaves which, according to some anglers, deter the fish from feeding. It was too confusing for them to settle into a feeding lie and too frustrating for us. There were some fish caught and returned. The five of us (Darren, Ned, Pete, Jim and Bob fit nicely around Brenda's table. (See Bob Stouffer to find out who or what Brenda is.) We will do it again next year and all are welcomed.—Bob Stouffer

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.

October 16 – Mike Heck, author and fly fishing guide from south central PA, will be speaking about fishing in Pennsylvania's spring creeks. Come out and support this fine presentation and fisherman. If you have stopped in to Beaver Creek Fly Shop, you could have purchased flies tied and recommended by Mike. For additional information about Mike, see his web site at <http://www.fallingsprings.com/>

November 8 – Clean-up day on Beaver Creek. It starts at 9:00 a.m. and should end at 3:00 p.m. We will be trimming trees and shrubs, picking up trash and checking tree protection tubes and wire cages.

Bring waders or rubber boots, pruning equipment, gloves and wire cutters. Meet at Doug Hutzell's house. Contact Doug for more information at 301-491-1330 or Doug.Hutzell@myactv.net.

November 20 – Doug Hutzell and Doc Saylor will be giving a presentation on fly fishing in Patagonia. Yes, that's the South American location where they and other members of the AFA went fishing earlier this year. By all accounts, it was a once in a lifetime trip. Come hear about it and maybe you might start thinking about it yourself.

December 18 – No meeting

January 22 – TBD

February 19 – TBD

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 19 – no regular meeting. See you at the banquet!

March 28 – Antietam Fly Anglers Fly Casters' Rendezvous and the Annual AFA Banquet. As many of you know, this is our biggest fund raiser each year and a great time for fellowship with club members. For the past several years, we have used the legacy of the late Al O'Keefe to auction to raise funds for club activities. At the 2014 Banquet, we auctioned the last of Al O'Keefe's fly tying material and other fly fishing equipment. We looked into purchasing some excess material from someone but it proved to generally be second rate. So, to help make the banquet a success, we are asking the membership to donate fly fishing related equipment, books, and similar items to be auctioned off at the banquet. Also, we are asking the fly tyers to tie flies to be auctioned at the banquet. In the past, we have had a

number of folks contribute. Please contact me, Bill Ruland, at either 301-223-6806 or via e-mail at whr3@verizon.net if you would like to help out.

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, weather permitting. Please join us. The most useful outfit to bring, unless otherwise noted, 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 the rest of October and into November, we will work on Spey casting both on grass and on the water. 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.

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

BEAVER CREEK FLY SHOP
9720 Country Store Lane, Hagerstown, MD 21740
<http://www.beavercreekyshop.com/>

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
29 North Main St, Frederick, MD 21701

<http://www.huntingcreekoutfitters.com/>

Editor's Note: Submissions should be made to Bill Ruland, Editor, by email (whr3@verizon.net), or 10800 Honeyfield Rd, Williamsport, MD 21795, or by phone 301-223-6806, no later than the 25th of each month.

STEELHEAD TIPS

FLIES: Streamers-Eggs-Nymphs Use weighted eyes and beadheads—heavywire hooks
A must! For egg patterns use scud hooks in place of egg hooks—I use #14
Most of the time for my egg patterns

TIPPET: Use a high quality Fluorocarbon

FALL FISHING: Oct. and Nov. Are best for fresh fish from the lake—After rain and
Cold fronts a great time to fish—Big Browns are a bonus!!
DO NOT FISH LATE OCT. DURING LEAF DROP

SPRING FISHING: March to mid April—fewer fishermen in the Spring

UP TO DATE STREAM INFORMATION:

Fish Erie.Com—fishing reports-maps-stream descriptions

Eastendangler.net—current fishing reports

Unclejohinselkcreekcamp.com—live web cam of Elk Creek

Waterdata.usgs.gov/pa—current stream conditions Walnut Creek
and Brandy Run which is near Elk Creek

SUGGESTED READING:

STEELHEAD GUIDE Fly Fishing Techniques and Strategies
For Lake Erie Steelhead John Nagy 4th Ed.

Great Lakes Steelhead Salmon & Trout Karl Weixlmann

Advanced Fly Fishing For Great Lakes Steelhead Rick Kustich

Fishing Tandem Flies Charles Meck