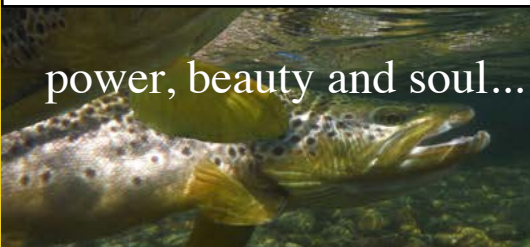


THE Antietam Fly ANGLERS

Newsletter

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a charter club of the Fly Fishers International

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Antietam Fly Anglers Information:

Next AFA Meeting

Mt. Aetna Retreat/Nature Center 7:00 PM. Mt. Aetna is located off I 70 at Exit 35. Take Route 66 N and then Right on Mt. Aetna Road. Address is 21905 Mt. Aetna Road

February 15—monthly meeting with Brian from Mossy Creek Fly Shop, Harrisonburg, VA. He will give a presentation on “Fly Fishing the Shenandoah”

March 3-4—Lancaster Fly Fishing Show
The Chesapeake Council will have a booth at the show. The AFA will be supporting the show. Also, on Sunday, there will be a CI Continuing Education session at the Environmental Center south of town.

April 5— **Board meeting-discuss annual report et al**

Creekside Tie-A-Thon has been cancelled

April 19—Monthly meeting Mike Saylor will be showing the second half of the Euryonymphing video.

May 5—The Fly Casters’ Rendezvous
Fly Casters’ Rendezvous, with Phil Gay, MCI, leading the way. More information and the flyer next month. See Phil’s web site: <http://troutandabout.com/>

May 17—Last meeting of the year, fishing at the Retreat Center

June 9—Project Healing Waters at Beaver Creek Mill also **September 8.**

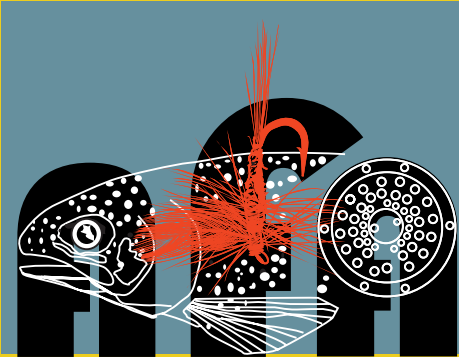
July—Picnic similar to what was done this past July. Bill spoke with Bob and he will give us several dates from which we could choose.

Dates TBD—Susquehanna or Potomac float trip organized by Darren Wishard.

Information on Herrington State Park--Ten of the 20 cabins are currently being renovated to update appliances and bathroom fixtures as well as some minor cosmetic updates. They are still 100 year old cabins in the woods so they'll never be like a modern home or hotel. They do have full kitchens and a full bathroom. Renovations are currently underway and are scheduled to be completed by the end of the summer. We do have ten cabins are rentable.

They have two four and six person cabins. All cabins have a queen bed in the main living space. The four person cabins have an additional two twin beds in a loft area that only has a partial wall for privacy. The six person cabins have an additional room that sleeps two in bunk beds, or a full upstairs with four single beds.

Let me know of any interest and we can propose dates.



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Antietam Fly Anglers Minutes:

1/18/18

Attendance

Attendance was taken, sign-in sheet circulated; 13 members were in attendance.

Minutes from 11/16/17 Meeting

- Minutes were summarized by Ken Oldham. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ned Strange, seconded by Scott Robinson and membership approved by voice vote.

Budget

- Walt Lachenmayr advised that although the past report was titled a budget report, it was actually an income statement. Walt advised hat sales was at a break even stage and the remaining sales would be profit. Four hats are left for sale.

By-Law Discussion

- Bylaws have been completed and sent to IFF.

Conservation Report

- Doug Hutzell reported that he will be meeting with a member of SHA's Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) staff, Harmony Miller, to discuss mitigating runoff impacts to Beaver Creek from the MD 66 Park and Ride. Also that a grant from DNR is requested for \$250,000 to improve 1,800 feet Beaver Creek near the foot bridge. It has been reported that SHA may have purchased the Fulton property for reforestation purposes. Doug will confirm.

Fly Caster's Rendezvous

No report, but a May 5 date has been selected for the Rendezvous.

Fly Tyer's Roundtable

- Scott Robinson advised that the last of the planned fly tyers workshops is scheduled for 1/25/18. About 4 members have been regularly attending. There is interest in continuing the workshop and Scott recommended establishing monthly meetings in lieu of the current weekly meetings.

Harmons Fishing

- The Harmon's fishing trip has been cancelled due to inadequate interest.

Presentations

- Brian Trow's from Mossy Creek Fly Shop presentation on "Fly Fishing the Shenandoah" is set for the February 15 meeting.
- Tom Martin's April 15 presentation on fishing local streams has been cancelled. Substitute presentations were discussed; alternatives include Bill Ruland's presentation on knot tying and the second half of Mike Saylor's DVD presentation on Euro Style Nymphing.

Program Ideas

- Ideas for a club outing were requested. One possibility was going back to Herrington Manor State Park. Bill Ruland will investigate cabin availability and cost. Another idea would be a local float trip on the Potomac.



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Fund Raising Ideas

- Scott Robinson advised that two members (Charlotte and Sandy) expressed an interest in forming a committee for the purpose of making saleable fishing items such as cloth rod sheathes; all proceeds would go to club. A motion was made by Mike Saylor to approve the action; was seconded by Bob Davis and membership approved by voice vote.

Office Elections

- Membership by voice vote unanimously reelected all current Office Holders.
- In addition a new position was created for Assistant News Letter Editor. Scott and Sandy will share that position and a vacant position on the Board of Directors will be assumed by Doug Hutzell.

Website Development

- The current AFA website is no longer functioning and a new site will need to be developed if we are to have one. There was discussion about the need of a website. Bill Ruland feels a website is absolutely necessary. Bill suggested that he would like to investigate cost and options for developing a new website. Walt Lachenmayr moved to approve Bill's request to investigate website development options; Ned Strange seconded and the motion was approved by voice vote.

Power Point Presentation on Mayflies and Aquatic Insects

- Mike Saylor provided an excellent power point presentation on Mayflies and Aquatic Insects. The emphasis was on the chronological hatching of mayflies and their habitats and developmental stages. This was a very informative presentation and was appreciated by all.

Bob Abraham Casting Club



Bob Abraham Casting Club will continue to meet every Saturday for breakfast at 7:45 am and casting at River Bottom Park in Williamsport, MD, at 9 a.m. **Bob Davis will continue to coordinate, also those interested can contact Bob Davis by email.**
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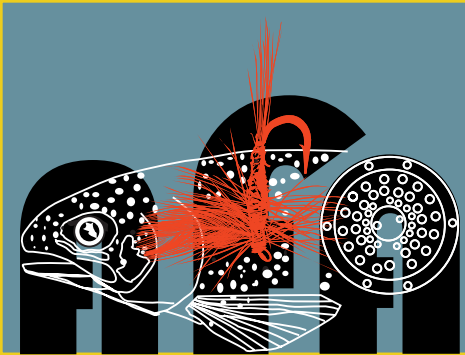


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The Perfection Loop, The Single/Double Surgeon Loop & The Bimini Twist. In addition, this video shows the correct way to make a loop-to-loop join. [Click on the above Link to watch the video.](#)



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2 Ways to Determine the Sex of a Trout BY LOUIS CAHILL and Kent Klewein

Is that trout male or female?

One of the things I love most about being a part of Gink & Gasoline, is educating our readers. Today's post, talks about two ways to determine the sex of a trout. Over the years, I've found that the majority of my clients have a hard time determining whether a trout they catch is a male or female. Below are two ways to quickly identify the sex of a trout.

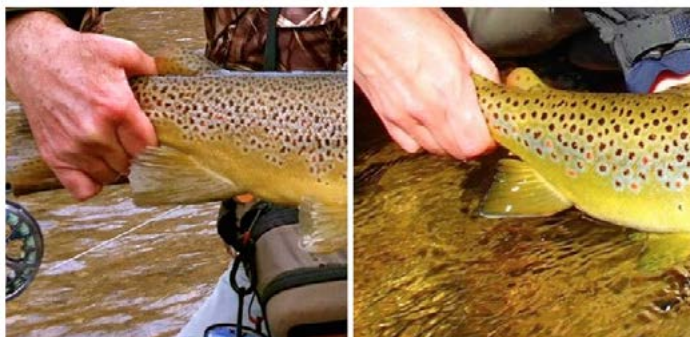
1. LOOK AT THE MOUTH sex-of-trout

One of best ways to distinguish the sex of a trout is to examine the mouth. Female trout all have a short rounded nose or upper jaw, while male trout have a more elongated snout. If your trout has a lower jaw with a kype, it's a male for sure. Although the mouth of a female trout will grow larger as it ages and increases in size, the mouth will never grow a kype



(hooked lower jaw). Upon becoming sexually mature, male trout will begin to grow a pronounced kype. At first, it will just be a tell-tale sign, but as a male trout ages, its kype will become more pronounced. It's important to point out that even for trout that aren't sexually mature, an angler can look at the mouth of a trout and see either a uniform mouth with a short rounded nose (female), or a elongated snout with a slightly longer lower jaw (male).

2. LOOK AT THE ANAL FIN trout-anal-fin (Left) Male, (Right) Female



Sexually mature male and female trout for both rainbows and browns have different looking anal fins. A male will have a slight convex anal fish "((", while a female trout's anal fin will be slightly concave ")". I'm not sure if cutthroat trout are in the same boat. I'll have to depend on the community who regularly catch them, to provide us their insight and confirm this.

IS THERE A THIRD WAY TO IDENTIFY A TROUT'S SEX?

When I was writing this post, I ran across a couple references that claimed a female trout's anus will have a round shape, while a male trout's anus will have a triangular shape. I scoured the internet and my personal book collection for a picture that would show this, but I came up empty handed. If anyone can confirm this theory, please take the time to comment on the post. Next time I'm on the water, I'm going to pay close attention to this.

Being able to determine the sex of a trout will not make you a better fly fisherman but I find it to be really cool knowing how to tell the difference. Have a grand day everyone.

Keep it Reel, Kent Klewein

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President's Fly by Line

Restlessness has set in. The weather is too cold to fish, and you've tied more flies than you could ever use in a season. The catalogs are dog-eared, and you have bought just too much stuff. Time to venture out to the stream, regardless of the weather. But the fish don't cooperate and neither do your hands. What's next? Time for a great fishing book. Here are some suggestions:

Nick Lyons—his short story *The Legacy* is my favorite. It's in his anthology, *Full Creel*, selected from his earlier work *Fishing Widows* (1974).

Datus Proper, *What the Trout Said*

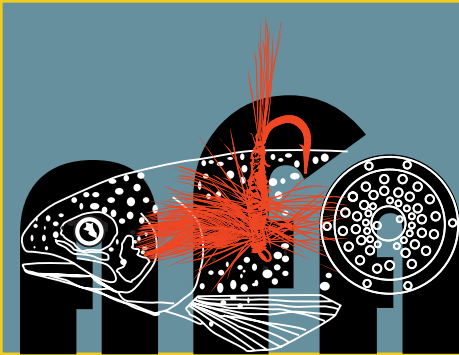
Robert Traver, *Traver on Fishing*

Sheridan Anderson, *The Curtis Creek Manifesto*, the best primer on our sport. And no list would be complete without *Norman Maclean*—*A River Runs Through It*

What are your favorites and why? Send me an email and I'll include it in next month's newsletter.

Bill Ruland





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White Fly Outfitters 304-876-8030

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