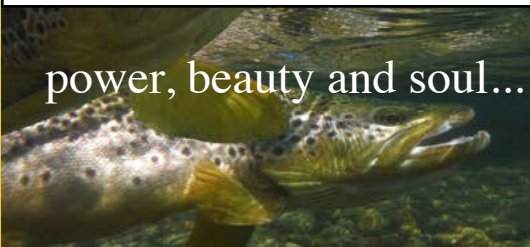


THE Antietam Fly ANGLERS

Newsletter

October 2017



a charter club of the Fly Fishers International

www.flyfishersinternational.org

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

October 19—monthly meeting with a presentation...**on Trout in the Classroom by Chuck Dinkel. This is a great program to seed the next generation of fly fishers. Come and hear how you can help.**

November 2—next board meeting

November 16—monthly meeting with Bill Ruland leading a general discussion on knot tying. All are welcome to give their own knot-tying experience.

December—no meeting due to Christmas holiday

January 5 to 7—Edison, NJ, fly fishing show

January 18—monthly meeting with Mike Saylor giving a presentation on entomology. Elections will be held at the January meeting.

February 1-board meeting-discuss annual report et al

February 15—monthly meeting with James Harris giving a presentation on fly fishing equipment, new and old.

March—Monthly meeting, program TBD

March 3-4—Lancaster Fly Fishing Show

April—Creekside Tie-A-Thon

April 19—monthly meeting with guide Tom Martin (or another guide) doing a fishing tips presentation for local streams.

April 28—The Fly Casters' Rendezvous
We are pleased to announce that Master Casting Instructor Phil Gay will be the headline casting instructor. Phil is a great instructor and has a focus on teaching casts that will help you fish. Imagine that! More details will be provided in the coming months. See Phil's web site: <http://troutandabout.com/>

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

July—picnic similar to what was done this past July. Bill to call Bob Abraham to schedule.

Dates TBD—WV trip to Harman's (www.wvlogcabins.com) to be organized by Scott; Susquehanna or Potomac float trip organized by Darren Wishard; Scott to arrange dates and times for beginners' fly tying classes.

Conservation and PHW support—Doug Hutzell said that DNR is interested in building a kiosk near Beaver Creek on the recently purchased property. We will monitor progress to see how we can help. October 21st (rain date 28th) is the date when AFA and Seneca Valley TU plans to work on Beaver Creek. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Doug Hutzell at doug.hutzell@myactv.net



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Antietam Fly Anglers Minutes:

Draft Meeting Minutes, to be approved at the October meeting.

9/21/17

Discussions Regarding Annual Banquet

- Bill Ruland advised that John "Quincy" Adams was willing to plan the Banquet but could not attend meetings. Bill advised that he is not able to take on that task given other responsibilities. Discussion was requested. Nobody stepped forward to volunteer to take on the responsibility of the banquet.

- Cost of Banquet at Redmen's was discussed. A ballpark figure discussed was \$1490. Assuming 40 attendees, and a \$30.00 ticket, that would be \$1200 income without any fund-raising money. A motion was made by Walt Lachenmayr to hold a picnic in lieu of a banquet. A picnic would be easier to plan and cost would be less. Motion seconded and it was approved by voice vote. Bill agreed to plan the picnic again with help from others in the club.

- Auction of Fly Rod (maybe complete outfit) was discussed. Top grade TFO 5wt and using club funds to purchase was met with approval. Club has \$75 credit from new members signing up.

Fly Caster's Rendezvous

- Bob Davis reported that April 28th is the date for this event. Phil Gay, MCI, has agreed to participate. Having Phil as the headliner ought to enhance attendance. The club needs to pay Phil's travel expenses. Bob will schedule the next planning meeting in October.

By-Law Discussion

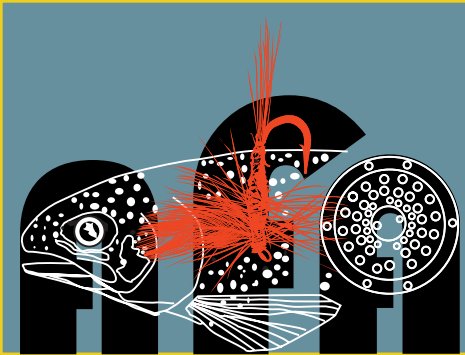
- Scott Richardson advised that he added Walt's addition regarding anti-discrimination.
- E-Mail voting was discussed. The subject had to do with decisions being made when AFA is not holding meetings during the summer. That led to discussions about what authority does Board of Directors have to make decisions when club meetings are not held. Discussion led to Board having authority to can make decisions in lieu of club meetings if attending to previously approved budgeted items. All this had to do with the \$443 needed to purchase hats. E-mail voting was not met with much approval; too difficult to manage.

Fly Tyer's Roundtable

- Scott Robinson advised that he would like to start a beginner's fly tying workshop. Scott asked about interest and there were several people that were interested. A list of interested people was compiled. Scott recommended meeting twice a month for about 1 hour. James from Beaver Creek Fly shop would supply materials at a minimum cost. Scott recommended the first and third Thursday of each month. The last date would conflict with the AFA monthly meeting. Dates were not set.

AFA Schedule

- There was some discussion regarding filling the AFA schedule. Good speakers and the cost associated were discussed. For certain speakers, PVFF spends \$250 for the evening. It was suggested that speaker presentations be timed according to the appropriate time of year. Bill Ruland suggested Mike Heck be approached for the March 15th meeting. Also, Bill was previously schedule to do a presentation on knots for the October meeting but he may be out of town.



Antietam Fly Anglers Minutes:

Harmons Fishing

• Club fishing trip on private waters/resort in Harmons, WV met with approval. Member consensus of a May date met with approval. Scott advised that reservations need to be made well in advance; no later than January was suggested.

AFA Budget Report

• Budget report was distributed to members; there was little discussion. It was tabled for next meeting.

Presentation by Bill Ruland on European Nymph Style Fishing.

Bill handed out a detailed sheet on leader/tippet arrangement for European Nymph Style Fishing and demonstrated how the arrangement looked. Also, there was discussion regarding how the technique is applied; excellent, informative presentation.

David Hellane Travelogue of Montana Fishing Trip

Dave presented a slide show on a recent fly fishing trip to Montana. Dave showed pictures taken from the Montana Spirit Lodge (<http://www.montspirit.com/>), Yellowstone National Park, and the surrounding vicinity. Dave's photos showed the natural beauty of the area. A perfect spot for a fishing trip! Thanks to Dave for the substantial effort to make the presentation. Bravo!

Secretary

The club still needs someone to step forward to do this important job.



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. bob2soni3@myactv.net**

Darren Wishard - October 6 at 5:49pm · Today is our last day here in Montana. Robert Stouffer & I fished in the Little Blackfoot River. A tributary of the Clark Fork. I caught 6 fish. The pic is of a nice Brown Trout. Headed back home tomorrow. Beautiful 65 degrees here today.



President's Fly by Line

“Cada escritor es hijo de sus obras.” —Cervantes, as quoted in the frontispiece in Datus C. Proper's *What the Trout Said*. Translated: Each writer is the son of his works.

I love books. I love looking at them, buying them, storing them, dipping into them now and again, even sometimes reading them beginning to end. I marvel at authors who put years, even decades of their lives into a book. And I don't seem to be able to absorb it all. Am I giving them the respect that they deserve? It seems I can only apply fly fishing knowledge gleaned from a book a little at a time. But once used, once made physical, it's with me and I have made that part of the author mine.



Bill Ruland on alpine Sheep Lake, Montana

I'd like to highlight two upcoming events. On October 28th, Potomac Valley Fly Fishers is having their 50th Anniversary Banquet. See <https://www.potomacvalleyflyfishers.club/> Also, the Beaver Creek Fly Shop is holding a trout spey clinic on October 21 at <http://beaver-creekflyshop.com/shop-blog/>



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Other Dates of Upcoming Events

Don't forget to support your local fly shops:

Beaver Creek Fly Shop 970-926-0900

Hunting Creek Outfitters 301-668-4333

White Fly Outfitters 304-876-8030

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