

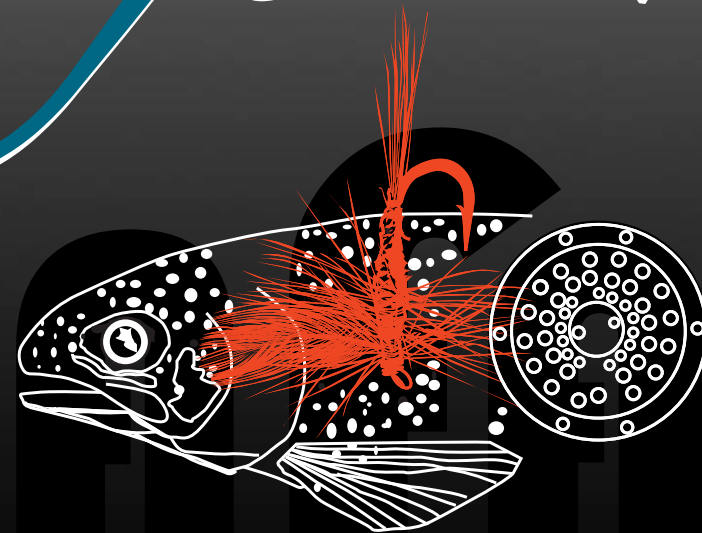
March 2019 Newsletter



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Shout-out!

Euro- Nymphing Video Presentation
Mike Saylor's video presentation was well received and informative. All came away with a better understanding of the advantages of Euro-Nymphing along with the equipment and techniques needed to perform this version of fly fishing. Thank you Mike.



March meeting:

Doug Huzell to speak on trout update in the local watershed.

Antietam Fly Anglers Meeting Minutes 4/15/18

Attendance was taken; 10 members were in attendance.

Minutes from 4/15/18 Meeting

Minutes were not summarized by Ken Oldham because business items were discussed at the immediately preceding Board Meeting. The entire meeting was devoted to Mike Saylor's video presentation on Euro Nymphing.

Election of Officers

A motion was made to continue the current officers for another term; the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.. Ned Strange is also to serve as Board member.

Antietam Fly Anglers Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 2/21/19

Board, Officers and Committee Chair Members in Attendance:

Bill Ruland, Walt Lachenmayr, Dave Hellane, Ned Strange, Ken Oldham, Bob Davis, Scott Robinson. Don Fine, Doug Hutzell.

Planning Discussions

Potomac Float: The plan is to float the Potomac from Taylors Landing to Snyders Landing. Darren Wishard is to organize; a date not set. PA Lake Fishing at Shawnee State Park. A one day trip is to be planned by Scott. It is about a 1 ½ hour drive to the lake from Hagerstown. Scott is to provide details.

Conservation Projects:

Fisherman's Parking Lot -Doug reported that the Jackson House near Beaver Creek discussed at the last Board meeting has been razed and debris removed. Plans are to have a Fisherman's Parking lot for 3 or 4 cars on DNR property on or near this site.

Beaver Creek and Tributaries Water Sampling

Doug requested volunteers to participate water in sampling of Beaver Creek and tributaries. Sampling will be conducted using the Bendix water sampling system according to the Chesapeake Bay protocol. Sampling will take place on Fridays and Saturdays. Doug will provide details of the program.

Maryland Fly Fishing Show Towson University on March 16.

Volunteers are requested to setup an AFA Booth at the show. Volunteers get free admittance. Table skirt is available and FFI brochures and AFA Rendezvous Brochures are to be displayed.

AFA Picnic:

1. A picnic date was suggested to be sometime in June. Last year's picnic was the last Saturday in June. Another suggestion was September after folks are back from vacations. June seemed to be the better month. Bill to call Bob Abrahams to see what date best works for him.

2. Last year's providing a Spot-a-Pot at the site needs to be repeated.

3. The admission fee was suggested to be increased from \$5 to \$10/ family; that met with general approval since we have limited fund raising opportunities. Participants will still be asked to bring food and supplies to the picnic.

4. Darren will need to be asked if he would supply cooked BBQ meats as he has in the past.

Fund Raising Raffle:

1. Chances will be sold for \$5.00. First prize will be a fly rod. Bill has offered to donated a St. Croix Avid Fly Rod; Doug volunteered to provide a reel and perhaps Beaver Creek Fly Shop might be persuaded to provide the appropriate fly line; Bill to handle. Second prize would be a fly line offered by Bob. Scott will see if he can get raffle tickets printed once all is agreed upon.

2. Bucket raffle and silent auction was suggested.

Rendezvous Planning:

1. Rendezvous flyer is ready for publishing; Dave to provide 75 copies.

2. Sound system needs to be improved.

3. Further planning will take place at Saturday Breakfast meetings.

Committee Chair Selections: Conservation: Doug Hutzell
Fly Tying: Scott Robinson – Rendezvous: Bob Davis:
Membership: Scott Robinson

Project Healing – Waters Don Fine is to provide information regarding changes to program and leadership.

Future Presentations

Tenkara- Bill is to contact Vernon from Beaver Creel Fly Shop to see if he would be willing to give a presentation.



President's column.

People we need articles for the Newsletter!!

The articles could be reviews of fishing books, the fly fishing film festival, fishing spots (real fishing spots), flies, etc., as long as it is fishing related.

We could also use equipment reviews.

Tight lines,

Bill





Doug Hutzell's Beaver Creek Projects

The removal of the Jackson house and shop has started this week. Once removed, a new parking lot will be installed later in the year.

Seneca Valley TU Chapter is installing signs along the Beaver Creek, from the fly shop downstream to the end of the fly fishing area. The signs ask fishermen to be cautious of redds during the months of October through April. The signs will be removed in the spring and reinstalled again in October of each year.

Benthic sampling will start in mid April, we will be following DNR Fisheries protocol for sampling. Once we establish the locations of the sampling we will schedule the dates.

Looking for volunteers during the week. Beaver Creek Watershed Association has all the equipment needed to conduct the samples.



AFA 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

Calendar:

March— Doug Hutzell to speak on trout update in the local watershed.

March 16— MD Fly Fishing and Collectible Show
<https://marylandflyfishingshow.com/>

April 9— fly casting instruction day with PVFF, at Middletown Park, where AFA instructors will be coaching fly casters starting at 6 pm.

April 18— Scott Robinson, lake fishing in PA

April 27th—10th Annual Fly Casters' Rendezvous. Once again, Phil Gay, MCI, will be helping us! Tell folks that they should contact Bob Davis to volunteer.

May 16— fishing at Mt. Aetna Retreat Center

June 8— The picnic is now scheduled for June 8th (confirmed with Bob Abraham). Rain dates will be the following Saturdays.

July— annual Potomac River float trip

August 24-25— C&O Canal Days, Byron Park, Williamsport, MD (possible fly tying booth and introduction to casting)

Dates TBD--a trip to PA for lake fishing? A WV fly fishing trip? Any other ideas?

Just a reminder. Bob Davis organizes the Bob Abraham Fly Casting Club every Saturday at River Bottom Park at 9 a.m., weather and other fishing plans notwithstanding. We typically go to breakfast beforehand at 7:45 a.m. at the Farmers' Market in Hagerstown, Come join us. All you might lose is your tailing loops!

Scott Robinson is the contact for the fly tyers' roundtable and beginners' fly tying instruction. Come to the meeting, meet Scott, and arrange for some fly tying instruction!

Don't forget to support your local fly shops:

Beaver Creek Fly Shop 301-393-9090
Hunting Creek Outfitters 301-668-4333
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