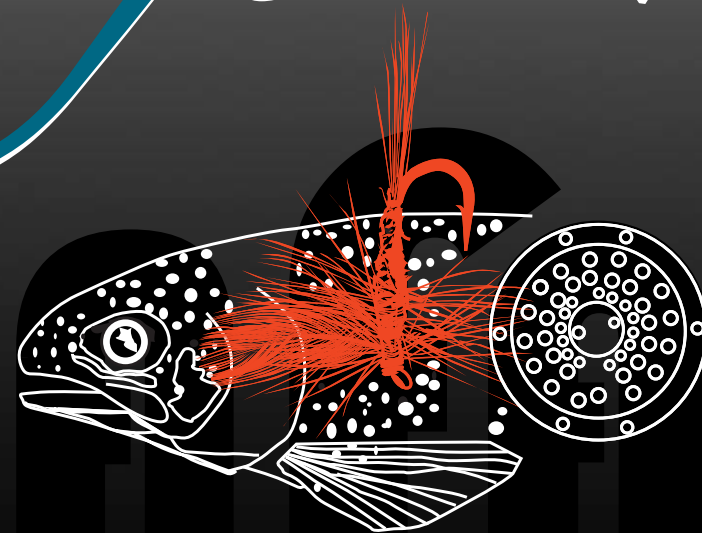


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Shout-out!

Doug Hutzell gave a presentation on showing past results of benthic samplings in the Beaver Creek Watershed.



April meeting:

Scott will be making a presentation about lake fishing in PA. This is a great opportunity to try this type of fishing.

Antietam Fly Anglers Meeting Minutes 3/21/19

Attendance

Attendance was taken; 8 members were in attendance.

Minutes from 2/21/19 Meeting

Minutes from the February meeting were approved without correction by voice vote. No further business matters were discussed and the entire remainder of the meeting was devoted to Doug Hutzell's presentation on the Beaver Creek Watershed.

Beaver Creek Watershed Presentation

Doug presented tables showing past results of benthic samplings in the Beaver Creek Watershed. Typical of spring creeks, Beaver Creek had high numbers of scuds and cressbugs whereas freestone creeks in the watershed had higher numbers of stoneflies, mayflies, caddis and other larvae. Benthic samplings follow a set of standards established by DNR to allow for statistical comparisons. Benthic samples are strained through sieves and insect and animal samples are placed in vials filled with alcohol which are sent to DNR for identification. This year's first sampling was cancelled due high water. Doug is requesting volunteers to help with future benthic surveys.

Doug is requesting financial support to purchase seine trays for benthic surveys; Bill Ruland asked Doug for an estimate of what would cost and AFA would consider supporting the purchase.



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





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:

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:

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