

# October 2019 Newsletter

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## Antietam Fly Anglers

### Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 9/19/19

**Board, Officers and Committee Chair Members in Attendance:** Bill Ruland, Walt Lachenmayr, Dave Hellane, Ned Strange, Ken Oldham, Bob Davis, Scott Robinson, Doug Hutzell, Mike Saylor

#### Planning Discussions

**Budget:** Walt reported on the current budget.

#### Fly Casters' Rendezvous:

Bob is to check with River Bottom Park to ensure the date for the Rendezvous has been reserved.

#### Fly Tyer's Roudtable:

After discussion, there appears to be little interest in workshops; no meetings are planned.

#### Bob Abraham Casting Club:

A flier advising of weekly casting workshops has been prominently posted at the Beaver Creek Fly Shop. A web address needs to be added to the AFA sign that is displayed when casting instruction is taking place on Saturdays. We discussed two options: 1. Have web addressed printed on a adhesive decal to be placed at the top of the AFA sign; six decals would cost \$60 or 2. Web address could be added by freehand. Dave Hellane advised that he would give freehand a try.

#### Conservation:

Doug Hutzell reported that the Beaver Creek Watershed Association received a grant of \$800 to be used for watershed monitoring equipment. Doug hopes to have two teams performing benthic analysis next year.

The proposed kiosk at the new DNR parking lot is currently being held up in bureaucratic **red tape**; no progress. Project Healing Waters at Beaver Creek is no longer functioning. Doug referenced that there has been discussions about linking the ACWA, TU, AFA and other non-profits in collective effort. More on that to come.

## Program Ideas:

**October meeting;** Mike Saylor has arranged for a presentation on Fly Fishing Safety.

**November meeting:** Bill Ruland is to arrange for Vernon Wilson from Beaver Creek Fly Shop to give a presentation on Tenkara.

Other Ideas: Bill advised that we could possibly afford a guest speaker from a guiding service; Heck (?) was mentioned. Mike Saylor could in the future report on his upcoming fly Fishing trip to Argentina.

### Adopt a Highway

Bill suggested participating in an Adopt a Highway Program in the Hagerstown area. The sponsoring organization can have their name prominently posted on an Adopt a Highway sign placed at the limits of the adopted highway. The program requires litter pick up four times a year and safety training. This effort could fulfill one of FFI's three pillars (community service). Bill to investigate further.

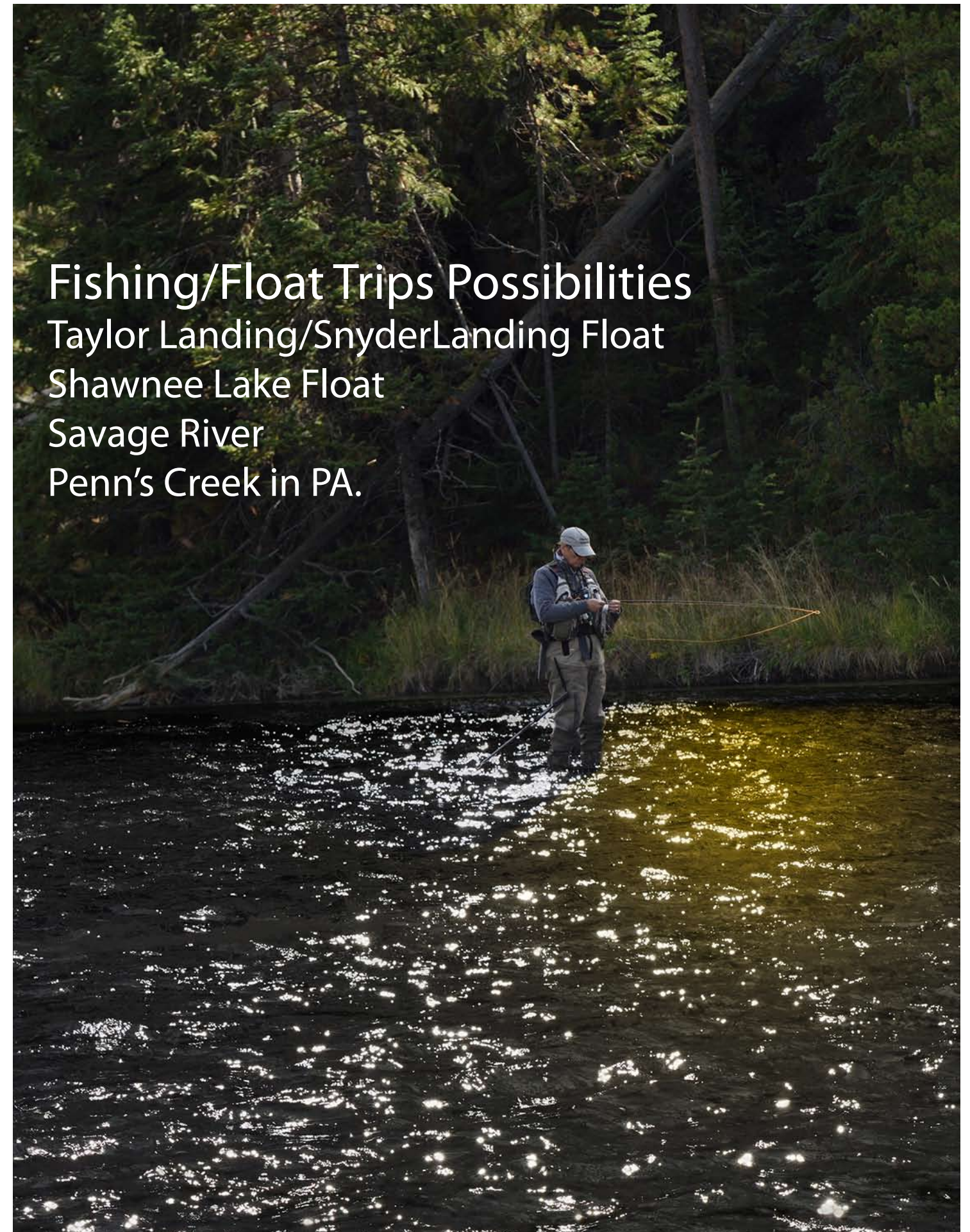
### Fund Raising Ideas

Bill has two bamboo fly rods that could be raffled off. They require repair; Bill to investigate cost. We will need to acquire raffle tickets sooner than last year's. More time is needed for raffle ticket sales. We may need more hats or greater selection of hats to sell at Rendezvous.

Bill's daughter has offered her company's Kula Cloth as a raffle item. After an explanation of what a Kula Cloth is and the merits of the product as a business venture for his daughter, the conversation evolved into ribald references to personalizing the product. Sorry Bill, but it was great fun.

### Web site, Facebook ,Mail Chimp Comments:

A concern was raised that the calendar has not been regularly updated; doesn't look like we have much planned when viewed by web browsers. Concern was raised that Facebook is now considered passé by the younger crowd and Instagram is more on the cutting edge; not much interest was noted in making the switch.



Fishing/Float Trips Possibilities  
Taylor Landing/Snyder Landing Float  
Shawnee Lake Float  
Savage River  
Penn's Creek in PA.



For the May meeting, we went fishing on the pond on the Mt. Aetna retreat center. We were doing everything we could to keep the bluegill from taking our flies, to no avail. Doug Hutzell even tried to coach Ned Strange on how to fish for them, and he failed, and Ned kept catching bluegill.

Shout out to Scott Robinson for hosting at Shawnee State Park. It's a great place to do some Stillwater fishing. Unfortunately, it rained. Both myself and Ken Oldham stopped by Scott's RV. Hopefully, we will get more participation next year.

The annual AFA picnic went off without a hitch in June. Bob and Barbara Abraham were great hosts as usual. There was about two dozen club members and their families in attendance. The weather was perfect, unlike the rain last year. Not sure how we pulled that off. There was lots of great food, including the gourmet BBQ pork and salmon cooked by our resident chef, Darren Wishard.

If you haven't tasted Darren's cooking, you are missing a big treat. We raffled off a fly rod, Scott as usual sold a bunch of raffle tickets (thanks, Scott), and we auctioned off the AFA club rod for another year. The picnic was our only fund raiser this past year due to the cancellation of the Fly Casters' Rendezvous due to high winds. Here's hoping that the weather gods look favorably on us next year.





President's column.

Why a club and why a fly fishing club? Can't we just get our tips through Youtube and the ubiquitous world wide web? Wouldn't that be more efficient? I shrink when I hear efficiency when it comes to people and fishing. We fish—I propose—to share our passion and love of nature with like-minded folks, to help each other improve or at least enjoy their time on the water more. It's a paradox that our sport is essentially a solitary endeavor yet the sharing of it makes it richer, even if we slightly exaggerate our accomplishments. There is something special about using a tip from a friend to land a fish that we would have otherwise have lost. It gives us the opportunity to be generous with our thanks, even when our thanks reveals that our friend is the better angler. So come help us share your knowledge and joy of fishing with us.

Tight lines, Bill

On behalf of the club, I presented Doug with the sieves for the benthic sampling next year. We submitted the photo to the Herald-Mail, which included it with a short description. Consider coming out and helping with the sampling next spring.





## 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:

**October 17th:** Michael Abramowitz, The theme is how to get home safely to fish another day, situational awareness ,fishing injuries, using personal locator devices and more.

**October 26th:** Potomac Valley Fly Fishers annual banquet on October 26th <https://www.potomacvalleyflyfishers.club/>

**November 21:** Tenkara presentation by Beaver Creek Fly Shop's James Harris.

**December (no meeting)** We need ideas for the programs.

January 24 to 26, 2020 –Fly Fishing Show, Edison, NJ, .

March 7 & 8, 2020 –Fly Fishing Show, Lancaster, PA, .

March 14th –Maryland Fly Fishing Show and Collectible Tackle Show, Towson, MD, .

Spring 2020—start benthic sampling

Late April, 12th– Annual Fly Casters Rendezvous

Third week in May 2020—trip to Penn's Creek?

June, AFA picnic

Shawnee State Park trip

July, Potomac float trip?



# AFA information:

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## **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

White Fly Outfitters 304-876-8030

