

June 2021 Newsletter

# The Tight Loop



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ANTIETAM FLY ANGLERS

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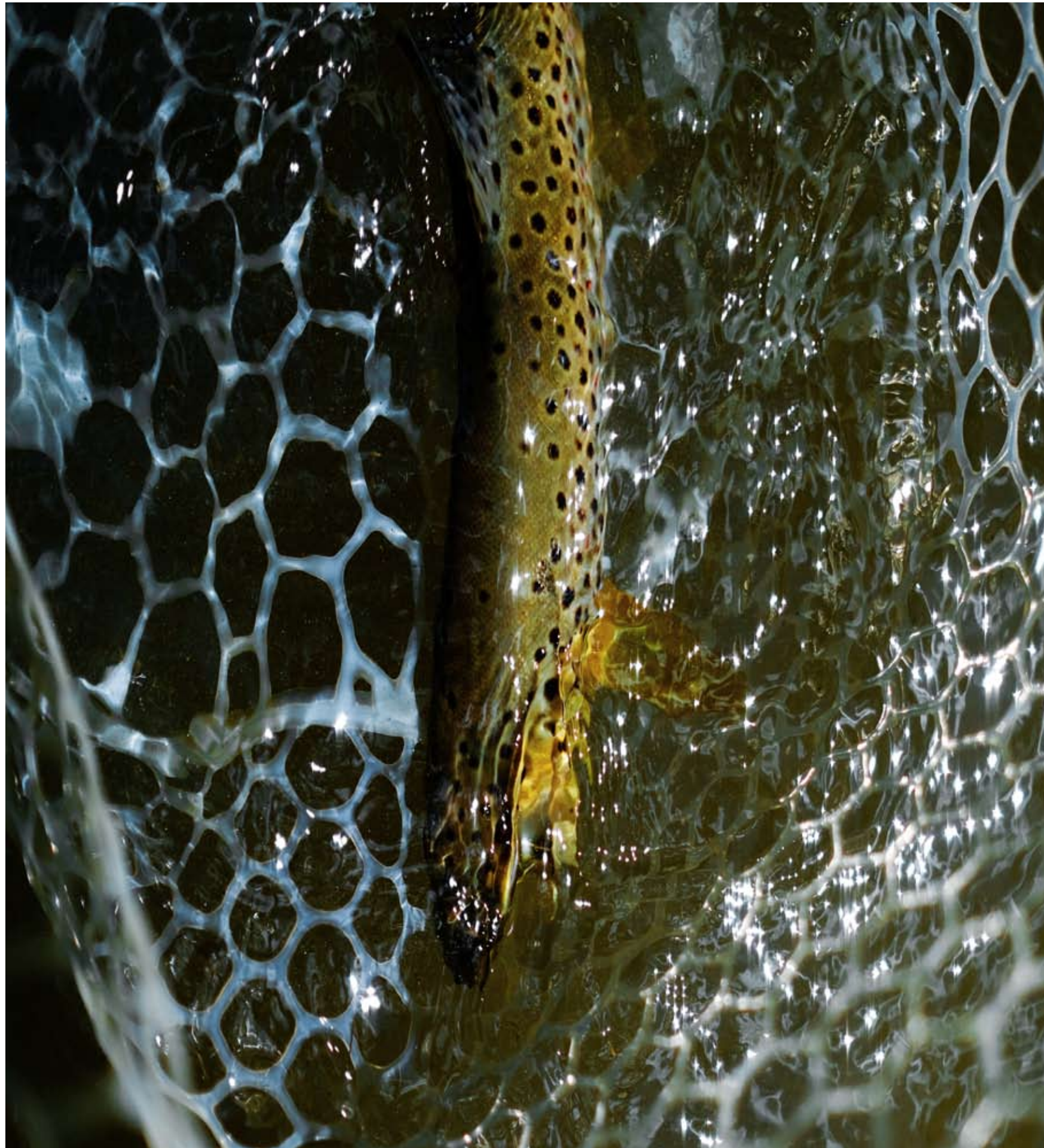
**Antietam Fly Anglers Calendar:**

**Next meeting will be  
September 16th, agenda TBD.**



Darren Wishard with a nice brown





## *The Song of Wandering Aengus*

*I went out to the hazel wood,  
Because a fire was in my head,  
And cut and peeled a hazel wand,  
And hooked a berry to a thread;  
And when white moths were on the wing,  
I dropped the berry in a stream  
And caught a little silver trout.*

*When I had laid it on the floor  
I went to blow the fire aflame,  
But something rustled on the floor,  
And some one called me by my name:  
It had become a glimmering girl  
With apple blossom in her hair  
Who called me by my name and ran  
And faded through the brightening air.*

*Though I am old with wandering  
Through hollow lands and hilly lands,  
I will find out where she has gone,  
And kiss her lips and take her hands;  
And walk among long dappled grass,  
And pluck till time and times are done  
The silver apples of the moon,  
The golden apples of the sun.*

*William Butler Yeats*



## **Antietam Fly Anglers Meeting Minutes @ Mt Aetna Retreat Pavilion 5/20/21**

### **Attendance**

Attendance was taken; 11 participants attended the meeting plus two MD Natural Resource Officers, Acting Sgt Laura Albreck and Officer Mills. Those in attendance were Bill Ruland, Pat Brezler, Frank Morrissey, Ken Oldham, Scott Robinson, Luke Becker, John Hershey, Bob Davis, Dave Hellane, Ned Strange and Tom Scally.

### **Kula Cloth Fund Raiser:**

Bill advised that the sample of the custom designed Kula Cloth is expected in the near future.

### **Bamboo Fly Rod Raffle**

Scott reminded us about buying and selling raffle tickets. The winning raffle ticket will be drawn this coming June 27.

### **AFA Meetings**

Today's May 20 meeting will be the last meeting until September 16 when we again begin the regular meeting schedule.

### **AFA Fishing at the Mt Aetna Retreat Center Pond**

The club will meet at the Mt Aetna Retreat Center pond at 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 17 for an evening of fishing.

### **Maryland Fly Fishing and Collectable Tackle Show**

Maryland Fly Fishing and Collectable Tackle Show that was cancelled this past spring will be held on October 2, 2021. The club decided not participate this Fall but will likely participate next April at the Spring, 2022 show.

### **Adopt -a-Highway Program**

AFA has agreed to pick up litter along MD 66 four times per year. AFA has completed the first cleanup in April and cleanups will take place every other month through September. The next cleanup will be in June. Bill will provide some optional dates for a Saturday pickup in June.

### **AFA Picnic**

AFA Picnic that was cancelled this past Spring will be held this coming September; details to be provided later.

### **Md Natural Resources Police Presentation.**

Acting Sargent Laura Albreck and Officer Miller gave an overview of the scope of MD Natural Police activities. The force is made up of about 280 members. Their responsibilities are diverse including tactical teams including K9 teams involved in search and rescue, drug enforcement, and searching for bodies. Some teams are involved in searching ships in the bay in conjunction with Coast Guard. There are special dive teams and they are even involved in undercover, covert activities. One of our AFA members was concerned about how much time, given all these responsibilities, is given to fish and game law enforcement. The officers assured us that local Natural Resource Police Officers spend 95% of their time involved with law enforcement. Activities that they are involved in include policing state lands. We learned that park rangers do not have any law enforcement authority. They locally are involved with responding to distress calls such as lost or injured hikers and sometimes body searches in conjunction with other emergency response teams. We were advised that boat safety inspections and checking for compliance fish and wildlife regulations are routinely conducted. The Officers encouraged people to report natural resource violators or just to request natural resources information to call the DNR Dispatch any time of day at (410) 260-888.

AFA would like to thank the Officers for taking the time to meet with the club. The presentation was very informative and we certainly have a greater understanding of the responsibilities of the Natural Resources Police as a result. Thank you again.



## From the President:

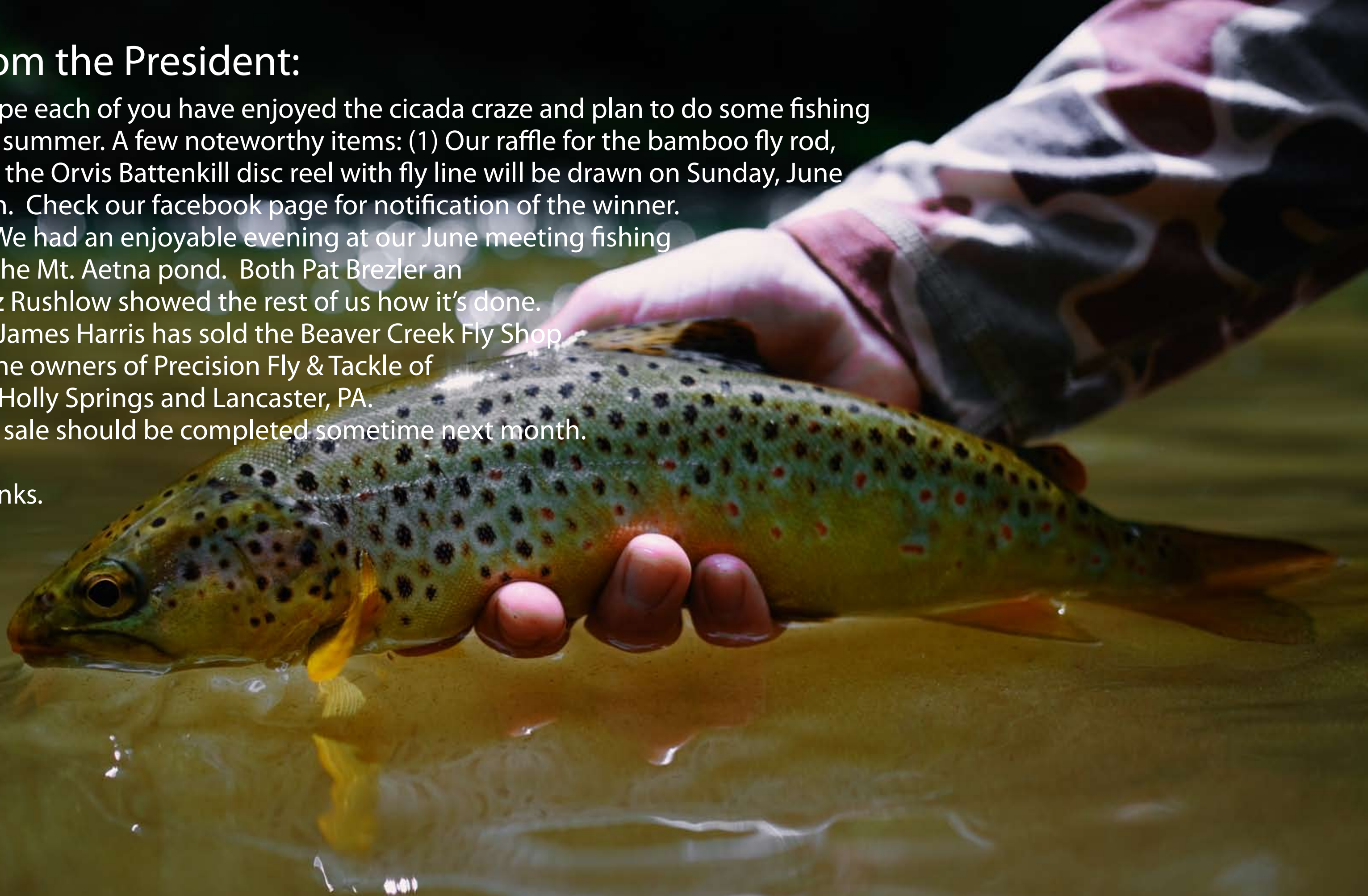
I hope each of you have enjoyed the cicada craze and plan to do some fishing this summer. A few noteworthy items: (1) Our raffle for the bamboo fly rod, and the Orvis Battenkill disc reel with fly line will be drawn on Sunday, June 27th. Check our facebook page for notification of the winner.

(2) We had an enjoyable evening at our June meeting fishing on the Mt. Aetna pond. Both Pat Brezler and Fritz Rushlow showed the rest of us how it's done.

(3) James Harris has sold the Beaver Creek Fly Shop to the owners of Precision Fly & Tackle of Mt. Holly Springs and Lancaster, PA. The sale should be completed sometime next month.

Thanks.

Bill





# AFA information:

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**Just a reminder.**

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fly shops:**

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Hunting Creek Outfitters 301-668-4333

White Fly Outfitters 304-876-8030

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