

September 2023 Newsletter

The Tight Loop

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Antietam Fly Anglers Calendar:

September 21: Zoom board of directors and general membership meeting. 7 pm.

Link will be sent out closer to the meeting.

October: Last Adopt-A-Highway cleanup for 2023. Date TBD.

October 19: Swap meeting. Bring your excess gear to sell or trade.

Please email Bill prior to the meeting so we can let others know what you are bringing.

October 22: Fly Casting Skills Development Workshop, Ashburn, VA (see flyer)

November 6 to 9: Steelhead trip to Erie, PA

November 16: Members share this year's fishing stories.

December 21: No meeting

January 13-14: Virginia Fly Fishing and Wine Festival, Ashland, VA

**January 18: Aston Boone, Fly Fishing team USA, Zoom call about nymph and drop shot rigging
(needs board approval)**

February 15: Meeting TBD

March 2-3, 2024: Lancaster Fly Fishing Show.

March 21: Meeting TBD

April 27, 2024: Fly Casters' Rendezvous

May 16: Last meeting, fishing in Retreat Center Pond.

Meeting Agenda:

- 1 Call to order, approve financial report (see attached), discuss replacing treasurer and vice-president.**
- 2 Review calendar, solicit meeting and trip/activity ideas.**
- 3 Discuss upcoming change to the FFi casting program.**
- 4 Discuss the Member Engagement Toolkit**
- 5 Other new business**

Financial Report May,2023

Revenue			Expenses		Balance
Starting Balance 01/01/2023					\$2,621.17
Raffles			\$211.00	Advertising	\$22.26
Bucket	11			Flier	\$22.26
Silent Auction	200			Printing	
Programs/Workshops			\$352.00		
Picnic					
Rendezvous	352			Postage	
Contributions			\$231.00		
Rendezvous subsity	200				
50/50 Donation	31				
Merchandise Sales			75	Facilties	
Caps	75			Insurance	
				Merchandise Costs	
				Hospitality	\$0.00
				Rendezvous Food	\$90.00
				Picnic Pavillion	
				Program Costs	\$0.00
				Rendezvous	
				Information Technology	
Total Revenue			\$869.00	Total Expenses	\$112.26
				Net Income	\$756.74
				Ending Balance	\$3,377.91

From the President:

I hope everyone had a great fishing season this year! Our club did a float trip on the Potomac from Cohill Station to Hancock. As you may be aware, as Michael Kashiwagi from DNR gave us a presentation about smallmouth on the Potomac. They are seen substantial drop in population below Dam 5, primarily attributed to past year high flows during the smallmouth spawn. This year we avoided the May-June high flows so maybe the smallmouth population will start to recover. DNR is stocking smallmouth and is continuing to monitor the situation. Check out Mike's presentation on our website. I hope to see you at our meeting. We need to re-invigorate our club. Fly fishing is always better when shared with others.

Bill



Fishing quote of the month:



Mayflies—by Richard Wilbur

In somber forest, when the sun was low,
I saw from unseen pools a mist of flies
 In their quadrillions rise
And animate a ragged patch of glow
With sudden glittering—as when a crowd
 Of stars appear
Through a brief gap in black and driven cloud,
One arc of their great round-dance showing clear.

It was no muddled swarm I witnessed, for
In entrechats each fluttering insect there
 Rose two steep yards in air,
Then slowly floated down to climb once more,
So that they all composed a manifold
 And figured scene,
And seemed the weavers of some cloth of gold,
Or the fine pistons of some bright machine.

Watching those lifelong dancers of a day
As night closed in, I felt myself alone
 In a life too much my own,
More mortal in my separateness than they—
Unless, I thought, I had been called to be
 Not fly or star
But one whose task is joyfully to see
How fair the fiats of the caller are.

AFA information:

Just a reminder.

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

The Feathered Hook Fly Shop 814-349-8757

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