

Welcome New Members and Visitors

- Michael, Duber's neighbor introduced himself

Rich Batiuk, President of FSFF conducted the meeting and reminded us that we are Selling Raffle Tickets for Some Special Donated Raffle Prizes

- Rich reminded members that they can purchase raffle tickets, one for \$1 or six for \$5, from Bob Ruck or Mike Mattia for a chance to win one of the prizes laid out on the back table at the end of the business meeting

We Have New Chairs for the First Time Since the Wheel was Invented Thanks to Tom Gooding

- Thanks to Tom G for researching the most comfortable, good quality and inexpensive chairs for the clubhouse.

Looking Back on 2019 and Forward to 2020

- Rich recognized everything we have accomplished as a club in the past year
- Rich laid out goals for the club in the coming year
 - Keeping our membership at 100 with a goal of growing to about 150
 - Making further improvements to the clubhouse, inside and out, over the coming year
 - Expanding our hands-on sessions, putting more emphasis on learning by doing as well as just hearing about all the aspects of fly fishing
 - Scheduling more multi-day and longer distance outings led by club members
 - Resolving long standing concerns about liability of the club, its officers and its members

Thanks to Luis's Idea, we have Two New Bulletin Boards

- Please feel free to share photos, notices, articles of interest to other members via these two new big bulletin boards
- And be sure to look over what's posted on both of them during each meeting and club sponsored event at the clubhouse as we will use them as a means of sharing info on upcoming activities

Reminder—We Have Club Hats, Patches, Coffee Mugs and Stickers on Sale

- Please see Frank Bowne our club secretary and membership coordinator.

2020 Club Membership Dues are Due

- Your club membership dues are due for 2020.
- We were over 100 paid members in 2019

Updated Club Logo

- Thanks to Luis Santiago, Bob O'Donnell has done some outstanding work in cleaning up the club's electronic version of our logo.
- Working with Bob, Luis and Rich are presenting four different options for an updated club logo to be used in printing a new clubhouse sign next to the front door as well as for use in club correspondence, flyers, future banners, etc.
- Luis displayed 4 versions
- Decision requested: which version of the updated logo to select as our 'new' logo
- We'll vote on logo at Feb meeting
- Audience suggestions:
 - At bottom: change "Annapolis MD" to "Maryland"
 - Place star at Annapolis on map
 - Change state map to MD flag

Thanks for Approving the Club's New Bylaws

- Thanks to the more than 70 members who all voted to approve the proposed updated club bylaws.
- The updated bylaws have been posted on the club's website.

Schedule of Saturday Hands-on Sessions for 2020

- In response to requests by a number of club members, the Leadership Team has been working to line up and start scheduling a series of hands-on demonstration sessions for Saturday throughout 2020.
- The line-up for the coming months is as follows —please note that we are asking members to sign up to participate in several of the sessions where we need an advance count of participants
 - Cold Weather Fishing Class 1/18/20
 - Steve Grisham and a Dr.
 - Short film
 - Steve will show some equipment
 - Kayak Class 2/15/20
 - M Bange to teach a version of his AACC class
 - Tailored to fly fishing
 - Lunch included
 - Dyeing with Joe Bruce
 - We may also include new buck tails
 - 20.00 materials fee
 - Trout Fishing 101 4/4/20
 - Condensed version of Orvis class
 - Duber will bring other guides to assist
 - Ideal time for Gunpowder Browns
 - More info to come re. Time, Lunch, etc.
 - Tying Clousers 5/9/20
 - Joe DeMeo to teach
 - Casting 6/3/20
 - Duber Winters and Joe Bruce to teach
 - Dinner included

- Finally, with one exception, ALL these Saturday Hands-on Sessions are free to club members. The only exception is our March Icelandic Wool, Feather and Hackle Necks Dyeing Session where the \$20 fee is going to pay for the purchase of the Icelandic wool hides like we did last year.

Scheduling a Rod Building Class/Hands-on Session or Series of Sessions

- Rich raised the idea of the club hosting a rod building session given the interest expressed by several club members.
- Thanks to Ray Robi for asking for other members who have built rods.
- John Keough is willing to teach and lead the rod building session (or sessions).
- J DeMeo has rod building equipment to sell
- Luis will coordinate potential session dates and times with John. An email notice will go out.

Club Meeting Speakers Lined Up through November 2020

- Thanks to Mark Bange, we now have speakers lined up to present at all of our 2020 club meetings!
- Our winter newsletter includes short descriptions of each of the speakers.

Upcoming FSFF Sponsored Activities and Events

- **Open fly tying sessions the second, third and fourth Saturdays during January and February.**
 - Luis Santiago described plans for open fly tying sessions on the 2nd through 4th Saturday mornings, 10 AM through 12 PM, with no formal instructor
- **Saturday, January 18 Heroes on the Water Flea Market, Odenton Firehouse, Odenton, MD**
 - Mark Bange described plans for a FSFF club table at the Flea Market and need for members to help man the table and tie at the table during the day
- **Friday, January 24 Fly Fishing Show, Edison, NJ Ride Sharing**
 - Members need to sign up if they are interested in sharing a ride to the Fly Fishing Show
- **Saturday, February 1 Fly Tying Session:** Dick Friis to lead and teach
- **Wednesday, February 5 Meeting**

Upcoming FSFF Sponsored Outings in Winter and Spring 2020

- Gary Grey asked for people to lead more outings especially multi-day
- Scheduled Outing: 9/25/20 - 9/27/20 Janes Island, MD

Winning Raffle Tickets

- Winning raffle tickets
 - Gary Grey
 - Craig Singleton
- Winning door prize tickets
 - Luis
 - Ralph Stites

Tonight's Meeting Presentations

- Mark B and Luis S – Reds in Laguna Madre, TX
- Mark J and Frank B – Cobias at Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, VA