



Free State Fly Fishers Newsletter Davidsonville, Maryland



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An Important Message from the President

It has been a sincere privilege to serve as president of FSFF for the past 4 years.

And as we conclude another year, I look back with grateful appreciation to those who have helped to make the club a success. It is always a dangerous thing to thank those who have worked so hard to make our club enjoyable for fear of leaving out someone who deserves to be recognized.

We have been most fortunate to have a terrific membership and many members who have devoted a great deal of effort to make FSFF a success.

I have tried over the past 4 years to involve the entire membership with a variety of opportunities. I have been teaching the fly tying classes since I started the classes 12 years ago and have seen the class size increase from 6 tyers to almost 24. We used to get together every Saturday in January and February and after a few years we also added March. Now we get together the first Saturday of every month and each Saturday in January and February. Luis Santiago and Wayne Blake-Hedges are planning on continuing to teach the fly tying and after 12 years I am at a loss for new patterns.

We started with a few outings to offer opportunities to members to go fishing and it has increased to include trips not only in MD, but DE, PA, NY and beyond. Luis Santiago has sponsored trips to various locations and Mike Mattia offered to have pond of the month trip.

Denis LaCroix has invited speakers to the meetings that have offered a varied mix of topics and made the monthly meetings enjoyable and Joe Slayton has stepped forward to continue obtaining speakers for the monthly programs to provide members with a variety of topics related to our sport.

Frank Bowne has done a superb job of maintaining the membership roster and sending reminders for dues.

Glenn Davis has done an excellent job maintaining our clubhouse and leading work days to keep things in order and served as our contact with the county to keep the building in shape.

Tom Gooding has done a yeoman's job maintaining the treasury and seeing to it that our Federation dues are paid and tax documents are taken care of. Prudent management of our funds has allowed us to lower our dues for both regular and senior members and to make contributions to various River Keepers to help keep our waters clean.

Cheryl Findlay has continued to put together the Holiday (Christmas) Party for many years for the enjoyment and , and I know she would like to see someone else step up to continue the event.

Bruce Morse has seen to it that our meeting notices get in the newspapers.

Rich Batiuk, Jeff Barr and John Donnelly in addition to Luis Santiago and Mike Mattia have really been the backbone of the outings that make it possible for you to be able to share in our fly fishing sport.

Jim Flannery has tirelessly represented us at DFRC where we must have a representative to continue to use the facility.

Bob Ruck has faithfully handled the monthly raffles.

These are just a few of those who have stepped up and have helped to make FSFF a viable and enjoyable organization. If I have missed anyone, my sincere apology, I know it takes more than the efforts of a few, but an entire membership to keep us going. I wish to thank all those members of FSFF who look took the time to help make our club what it is and I look forward to another year, under new leadership at the helm and a terrific membership committed to keep us on course.

We are fortunate to have an active membership with many members devoting a great deal of effort to make FSFF an enjoyable club worthy of your attention as I look forward to many continued opportunities for everyone to participate and our membership continues to grow and new ideas emerge to enhance our enjoyment of Fly Fishing, I know that our membership offers a wealth of untapped talent that just needs to be encouraged to get involved.

Let's not forget that this year is not yet over and we still have the Holiday Party to look forward to on December 2nd. The Holiday Party is organized by the tireless efforts of Cheryl Findlay and her husband Bruce. If you missed this fantastic event in the past, you should make a resolution to put it on your calendar for 2015, you will not be disappointed! 🌸

Monthly meetings are held in the FSFF Clubhouse

The **Free State Fly Fishers** meet the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM except December, July and August. The meeting site is located in Davidsonville, MD at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center (DFRC) in the Clubhouse behind Ford Hall, on Queen Anne Bridge Road off of MD Route 214.

DIRECTIONS TO THE DAVIDSONVILLE FAMILY RECREATION CENTER

From Rt 50/301: Take Davidsonville Rd (Rt 424) south 3.2 miles to Rt 214. Go right 0.7 miles to 3727 Queen Anne Bridge Rd. Turn left and go 1.2 miles to the DFRC.

From Rt 2: Take Rt 214 west 3.7 miles to 3727 Queen Anne Bridge Rd. Turn left and go 1.2 miles to the DFRC

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2015 Holiday Party - Cheryl Findlay

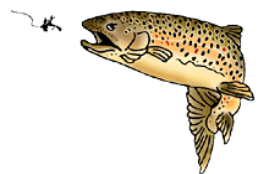
Mark your calendar now for the FFF Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at Mike's Restaurant in Edgewater. The cost will be \$37 per person which includes a selection of dinner entrees including Crab Cakes, Stuffed Flounder, Orange Roughy, Rack of Ribs, Fried Chicken, and Vegetarian Lasagna (menu subject to change). There will be a cash bar. Dessert is included.

Pre-paid reservations are required no later than 25 November. If you haven't received an invitation/reservation form via email, send a note to me at cf21403@gmail.com and I will send one out.

To make this an even better Holiday Party, we are asking member for assistance in locating items for the raffle. Now is a good time to find stores that need to make room for new inventory, so if you have a contact with local merchants, please contact them asking for donations. And, not just fishing items as we have spouses and guests that like to take chances on the raffles. Or, perhaps you have items that you would like to donate to the raffle. Donations will be acknowledged with a letter that can be used for tax purposes. Please let me know (cf21403@gmail.com) of any donations for the Holiday Party raffle and auction.



A Reservation form is attached to this newsletter.



An Invitation From

Free State Fly Fishers

to join us at our

Holiday Dinner on December 2nd, 2015

at

**Mike's Crab House on the South River
at the Riva Road Bridge**

Cash Bar begins at 6:00 pm

Dinner service to begin at 7:00 pm

For more information contact Cheryl Findlay at cf21403@gmail.com

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Dinner entrees including Crab Cakes, Stuffed Flounder, Rack of Ribs, Fried Chicken, and Vegetarian Lasagna. There will be a cash bar this year. Dessert is included.

Make checks payable to Free State Fly Fishers and mail with the following information to:

Cheryl Findlay
PO Box 3203
Annapolis, MD 21403

Checks *must* be received by **November 25th, 2015**

Name: _____ *entrée choice:* _____

Total number of tickets: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

Telephone number: _____ Email address: _____

Names of other guests in your party *and entrée choice:* _____



Help To Stop Poachers

Reminder - If you spot poaching please place a call to
Catch a Poacher Hotline at 1-800-635-6124

A cash reward is available for information leading to an arrest and conviction of a violator.

REPORT POACHERS!!



FSFF Listserve Online

The FSFF Listserve is gathering place for the members of Free State Fly Fishers. Our membership is drawn mostly from Annapolis, Bowie, Davidsonville, Anne Arundel and Prince George's Counties, Maryland.

As an added benefit of membership in the Free State Fly Fishers (FSFF), this Listserve is set up to help members stay in touch with each other. It is also a means of distributing meeting information to members. 🌸

Members must subscribe to the club Listserve (Mailing List) by sending an email to:

fs-ff-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

For more information check out: <http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/fs-ff/info>

FSFF Is On Facebook

Club member Luis Santiago has created a club Facebook page to share pictures and outing information. Feel free to join, comment and post. If you do not have a Facebook page or choose not to participate but have a photo you want share please feel free to email me directly lsantiag@arinc.com Also page feedback is

welcomed. Thank you, Luis. <https://www.facebook.com/FSFFMD> 🌸



Fly Tying Update

Fly tyers continue to gather each month on the first Saturday from 10AM til Noon to tie a variety of patterns that coincide with the particular season where Wayne Blake-Hedges and Luis Santiago continue to offer an interesting array of patterns which encourage the use of a variety of materials.

So set aside Saturday mornings and join us for fellowship and innovative tying throughout **January, February and March** at the clubhouse where tyers of all levels can tie new patterns, improve techniques and hone their skills. 🌸