



# Free State Fly Fishers Newsletter

Davidsonville, Maryland



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## A Message from the President

**WOW!** is all I can say. We have gotten off to a really great start in 2012.

The Officers of FSFF have worked together during these last months to create a terrific program for the enjoyment of the membership. Read all about these programs in this newsletter.

Be sure to check out the monthly programs that Denis LaCroix has put together bringing in outside, recognized speakers and with getting our own members to speak. Rich Batiuk has coordinated a Calendar of Club Outings that offers something for everyone throughout the year. Clubhouse coordinator, Glenn Davis continues to enhance the clubhouse as an excellent venue for our meetings and programs.

Many more members have stepped forward and come together to help. Frank Bowne is contacting previous members to rekindle their involvement in FSFF. Bruce Morse takes care of our publicity and gets the word out to the media regarding club meetings and activities. Bob Ruck has been selling 50/50 raffle tickets at club meetings and Jim Pryne continues to represent FSFF at DFRC meetings. Cheryl Findlay continues handle finances as treasurer for another year and Tom Gooding as secretary is keeping the minutes of our meetings. In an effort to expand the knowledge of those interested in fly fishing, Bob Smith will lead a fly fishing class in April open to members and to the public. A club Swap Meet is planned for the same day as the class.

**Read all about these programs and outings in this issue of the newsletter.**

But, more work still needs to be done to incorporate an outreach program to mentor less talented fly fishers and youth and a conservation project, as we to provide an opportunity for others to become a members in our club and create a congenial atmosphere where our senior and most gifted fly fishers can meet new members and mentor them without the new members feeling they can't participate. 🌻

**- George Vincent**

### 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, June, 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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## Spring 2012 Treasurer's Report - Cheryl Findlay

As of 5 February 2012, the FSFF account has a balance of \$4281.81. Recent expenses include the payment of 2012 dues to the Federation of Fly Fishers of \$232.00, supplies for the fly-tying class of \$86.80, and supplies for clubhouse maintenance of \$94.52. So far this year the Club has received \$315.00 in dues, \$15 from raffles and \$40 from sales of hats. Form 900-N for the IRS Federal Taxes has been filed for the year (no payment is needed). State tax forms will be filed in March.

Free State Fly Fishers hats are now available for sale at the monthly meetings for \$20.00. They are very nice quality Adams brand with a cool-mesh liner and leather-buckle strap. FSFF coffee mugs and cooler bags are also available at the monthly meetings for \$3.00 each. 🍄



## Monthly Programs for Spring 2012

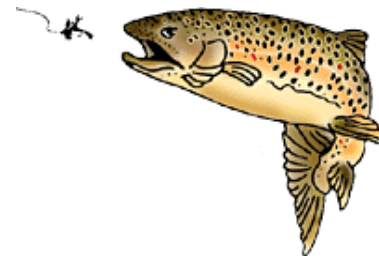
- Denis LaCroix

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, author Steve Moore, will share topics from his new book "Maryland Trout Streams."

On April 4<sup>th</sup>, Don Cosden, of Maryland Department of Natural Resources will discuss "Savage River Brook Trout."

And on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jim Evans, MD-DNR & club member Ken Moser, will chronicle their trip and present "Winter 2012 Bonefishing."

Be sure to mark your calendars and check your email to watch for monthly meeting reminders. 🍄



## Club Outings for 2012 May be Subject to Change

- Rich Batiuk

As spring arrives, fishing opportunities abound and as outings coordinator, my goal is to have at least one club outing every month of the year. We have trips lined up for most months — see looking for trips in August and September — and even some months with two, even three trips scheduled. We are a flyfishing club, aren't we!?! 🍄

So please show up, go fishing, and be sure to mark your calendars and check your email to learn the details.



## 2012 Calendar

Outing Date	Location	Target Species	Outing Coordinator(s)
February	Allen Pond, Bowie MD	Trout	George Vincent
March 24	Muddy Creek, PA	Trout	John Scarborough
April 17	Gunpowder, River, MD	Trout	George Vincent
April	Deer Creek, MD	Hickory Shad	Tom Gooding
May	Patapsco River, MD	Smallmouth Bass	Larry Meyer
May	Trap Pond, DE	Bluegills, Bass	Don and Gloria Fitzhugh
May	Unicorn Pond, MD	Bluegills, Pickerel, Largemouth Bass	Rich Batiuk
June	Monocacy River, MD	Smallmouth Bass	Ray Cline
June	South Fork Shenandoah River, VA	Smallmouth Bass, Sunfish	Rich Batiuk, Tom Gooding
June	Casselman River, MD	Trout	Ken Moser
July	Potomac River, MD	Smallmouth Bass	TBD
August	Ideas?		
September	Ideas?		
October	Chesapeake Bay Bridge, MD	Striped Bass	Tom Gooding
November	Lake Erie, PA	Steelhead	George Vincent
December	Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, VA	Striped Bass	Jim Jacobs

March begins with a trip to the York area of Pennsylvania in pursuit of trout on Muddy Creek and other local streams with club member John Scarborough. April brings an outing closer to home with an outing to the Gunpowder River for trout in Baltimore County with club member George Vincent, listen for more trip information at

our March meeting and a follow-up email to members in late March.

When the shad start running in mid-April, an evening a trip to Deer Creek is planned with Tom Gooding leading a club favorite outing. In May, club member Larry Meyer will lead a trip to the Patapsco River in search of smallmouth bass. As May continues, pond fishing in Trap Pond in Delaware is on the schedule and Rich Batiuk leads a return trip to Unicorn Pond in Maryland for spawning bluegills, pickerel, and largemouth bass.

Looking ahead to June, we bring back a long-held traditional outing—day long float trip down the South Fork Shenandoah River in Virginia lead by Rich Batiuk and Tom Gooding. Ken Moser will lead club members back to Western Maryland in June for trout, another traditional club outing.

If you have an idea for an outing – contact Rich Batiuk at 410-268-5226, email [rbatiuk@aol.com](mailto:rbatiuk@aol.com), or at an upcoming club meeting. Your role as an outing coordinator is quite simple: name the place, date, time, and where to meet; show up and lead the way to where the fish are biting. At the following club meeting, plan to lie shamelessly about how many fish fellow club members caught under your expert guiding, being sure to wave your arms wildly when discussing how big the one that got away was! 🎣



## Basic Fly Fishing Class



The Free State Fly Fishers will hold a basic fly fishing class on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 1PM to 4PM in Ford Hall at the Davidsonville Family Recreation Center. A nominal charge of \$15 or \$10 for members over 65 includes a year's membership.

The **Basic Fly Fishing class** consists of three parts:

1. A session on flies and bugs (entomology);
2. A session on fly fishing equipment rods, reels, lines and gadgets;
3. Hands on casting instruction.

This class is intended to those who are new to the sport or those who would like to get started in fly fishing. Participants should bring their own rod and reel if they have them. Rods and reels will be available for those who have no equipment of their own. People who want more information may contact Bob Smith: 410-544-4411 🍁

## Swap Meet

The Free State Fly Fishers will hold a **SWAP MEET** in the FSFF clubhouse on



Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> from 1PM to 4PM. This is an opportunity for members to buy, sell, or exchange fly fishing equipment. Space will be provided on a first come first serve basis. For

more information contact George Vincent: 301-249-6399 🍁



## 2012 Fly Tying Update - George Vincent

This year's class saw the highest enrollment since we first started offering a fly tying class and we gained several new club members as a result.

The clubhouse was a beehive of activity on Saturday mornings throughout January and February as tyers of all levels focused on proven local patterns and honed their skills.

Tyers were encouraged to use a variety of materials and be innovative in their application. Some tyers learned new skills while others improved techniques they already had. The results were most satisfying.

Fly boxes were enhanced with patterns representing a variety of scuds, emergers, nymphs, duns and spinners. 🍁



## 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!!**



## 2012 Membership Renewals

If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2012, it's not too late. Membership fees are \$15 or \$10 for members over 65.

To renew your membership, please print the membership form in the newsletter and send it along with a check payable to the Free State Fly Fishers to:

**Frank Bowne**  
**3523 Tallyho Ct.**  
**Davidsonville, MD 21035-2436**

Each month you will receive an email notification when a new on-line newsletter is available on the FSFF web page and you will receive an email reminding you of the monthly meeting.

If your address, phone number or email address have changed, please be sure to highlight that on the form.

A membership application appears at the end of this newsletter. 🌸

## Maryland has several locations which are managed as Delayed Harvest Trout Fishing Areas

As the title implies, these locations are restricted to catch and release fishing only up until a specific date. Delaying harvest offers several benefits to anglers, including a larger number of fish to be caught, and these longer term acclimated fish exhibit a more natural trout feeding behavior, allowing fly fishermen to have additional opportunities to test their skills matching hatches on the streams with delayed harvest regulations. In contrast, most put and take streams are "fished down" after several days and the fish that are stocked are often geared toward feeding on pellet food from the hatcheries. Multiple stockings of delayed harvest areas offer trout fishermen a higher success rate over a longer period of time, with the bonus of providing a late spring or early

summer five fish creel limit long after most of the put and trout streams have seen peak catches of trout. There are two distinct groups of designated Delayed Harvest Trout Fishing Areas. Check your Maryland Fishing Guide for details. 🌸

## Whirling and Other Diseases

**MDNR** is asking anglers to continue to be vigilant about not spreading whirling, other disease and invasive organisms. Please remember to clean your gear between streams or outings to prevent moving around unwanted invaders like didymo and whirling disease. Scrub all gear to remove mud and plants. 🌸

## Monofilament Recycling Program

When monofilament line is not properly discarded it becomes a major hazard to fish, wildlife and human recreation in our rivers, estuaries oceans and surrounding land. Marine ecosystems are particularly at risk to the dangers of waste monofilament. All kinds of wildlife are impacted by waste monofilament.

Everything from birds, sea turtles, alligators, manatees and of course fish! Fish and other wildlife can become wrapped in monofilament making them unable to avoid predators, hunt for food and ultimately result in their death.



We need your help! Please dispose of monofilament properly. If your line becomes tangled in trees or underwater - don't leave a mess for a bird or fish to tangle in. Remove and dispose of as much of the waste line as possible. In some communities there are active monofilament recycling programs. Your club, business or community group can bring a recycling receptacle to your favorite fishing access. The recycled monofilament is made into other useful plastic products like fishing gear boxes. 🌸



## Federation of Fly Fishers

### News and Items of Interest

Federation of Fly Fishers –  
PO Box 1688, Livingston MT 59047  
406-222-9369

### Conservation News

Conservation is one of the founding principles of the Federation of Fly Fishers. Contributing over 40 years of conservation work, the Federation of Fly Fishers is proud to continue protecting our fisheries and angling opportunities for the future.

The grassroots activities done by the work of our many Clubs and Councils are the heart of our conservation efforts. River trash pick-up, stream habitat restoration or letter drives to local government officials are all examples of conservation work.

### FFF Announcements

The Federation of Fly Fishers supports the rights of anglers to recreationally pursue fishing in the waters of the United States.

The U.S. Clean Water Act of 1972 establishes a policy of maintaining fishable waters. The Federation of Fly Fishers and its members wholeheartedly accept this provision and adopt the following pro-active policy in support of the Clean Water Act.

#### **The Federation of Fly Fishers and its members shall...**

- Support the Federal and State environmental agencies in their implementation and enforcement of water quality standards applicable to fish.
- Coordinate our volunteer activities and financial resources with other conservation and environmental organizations seeking to protect water quality;
- Participate in clean-up and restoration projects to build or improve fisheries;
- Encourage our members to monitor our favorite fishing streams and lakes by utilizing the appropriate tests from the FFF or other sources to measure temperatures, dissolved oxygen, turbidity, and other state and federal water quality measures to assure compliance with established standards;
- Report pollution events (oil and chemical spills, suspected polluting outfalls, violations of water quality standards, etc.) to emergency and enforcement officials.
- In appreciation of the quality resources gifted us by our forbearers; we shall leave these resources no less diminished to our children.

