



Free State Fly Fishers Newsletter

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A Message from the President

Spring can't come soon enough this year. We have suffered through a winter of record low temperatures and plenty of snow to keep us indoors. If we think that we have suffered, those north of Maryland have had it much worse with snow measured in feet instead of inches.

This certainly has put a damper on fishing. Many club members have been spending their

Saturdays tying flies at the club house waiting for the snow to melt. Fishing season is just around the corner for Maryland anglers and members of Free State Fly Fishers.

Wayne Blake-Hedges and Luis Santiago have been getting us ready with a variety of fly patterns while John Donnelly and Jeff Bahr have been putting together another calendar of outings and Denis LaCroix providing speakers to wet our appetite for getting back on the water and doing what we enjoy most.

Spring weather may not be ideal, but it will come as a welcome relief as shad fishing in Deer Creek starts in mid April followed by warming streams for trout fishing

As always, your participation in our meetings, outings and events will provide many opportunities for you to share in our fly fishing sport. So do yourself a favor, and go fishing often. Go with a friend or join club members on one of our scheduled outings and you'll have twice as much fun.

So spread the word and enjoy your membership in FSFF. 🍷

You can read more about these programs and outings in this issue of the newsletter.

Be sure to read about our SWAP Meet!

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.

Monthly Programs - Denis LaCroix



Once again Denis has lined up an interesting list of speakers to provide informative and interesting programs for our monthly meetings that include in **March 04: Joe Bruce;**

“Snakehead Fishing.” Joe will have his new books available.

April 01: R. Getty Browning, St. Croix; “New Fly Fishing Products.”

May 06: Bob Sikorsky CCA-MARYLAND; “Updates on Fisheries Management.”

June 03: John Veil & Mark Bange; “Light Tackle Kayak Fishing.”

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

SWAP MEET



The Free State Fly Fishers will hold a **SWAP MEET** in the FSFF clubhouse on Saturday March 28th from Noon to 2:00 PM following the morning fly tying session. 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 🌸

2015 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 why not set aside Saturday mornings to join us for fellowship and innovative tying at the clubhouse with tyers of all levels to tie new patterns, improve techniques and hone skills? 🌸



2015 Membership Renewals

It is time to renew your membership for 2015. Membership fees are \$15 or \$10 for members over 55. 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 and email notification when a new on-line newsletter is available on the FSFF Listserve and you will receive an email reminding you of the monthly meeting.

If you 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. 🌸

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> 🌸

Club Outings- John Donnelly and Jeff Bahr

Check out the **Outings** schedule to see what is planned to date, from trout in the Upper Delaware in New York to Pennsylvania limestone trout to Shenandoah smallmouth bass.

Got an idea for an outing? Please contact John Donnelly or Jeff Bahr, FSFF Outing Coordinators.

You can reach John at 410-570-1493 or john.w.d60@gmail.com.

You can reach Jeff by phone at Home: 301-805-6985, or Work: 410-854-0771, bahrjt@hotmail.com

jeffrey.t.bahr2@usace.army.mil 

Free State Fly Fishers Club Outings for 2014

Date	Location	Target Species	Outing Coordinator(s)
March	South Central PA	Trout	
April 1-May 15	Salmon River, New York	Steelhead	
April	Muddy Creek, Pennsylvania	Trout	
April TBD	Morgan Run, Maryland	Trout	George Vincent 301-249-6399 k3gv@verizon.net
April	Deer Creek, Maryland	Shad	
May	Clarks Creek, Pennsylvania	Trout	
May 10 (tentative)	Trap Pond, Delaware	Bluegills, Bass, Pickerel	John Donnelly 410-570-1493 John.w.d60@gmail.com
	Unicorn Pond, Maryland		
May	Patapsco River, Maryland	Smallmouth Bass, Sunfish	
June TBD	West Branch Delaware River, New York	Trout	John Donnelly 410-570-1493 John.w.d60@gmail.com
June TBD	Casselman River/Western Maryland Streams	Trout	
Early Summer – tentative	Lower Juanita River, PA	Trout	Rich Batiuk 410-268-5226 rbatiuk@aol.com
June	Monocacy River, Maryland	Smallmouth Bass	
June	Beaver Island, MI	Carp	Luis Santiago lmsantiago05@yahoo.com
June – July TBD	South Fork Shenandoah River, VA (float trip)	Smallmouth Bass	Rich Batiuk 410-268-5226 rbatiuk@aol.com
July	Monocacy River, Maryland	Smallmouth Bass	
July	Potomac River, Maryland	Smallmouth Bass, Sunfish	
August	Rappahannock River, Virginia	Smallmouth Bass, Sunfish	
September- October TBD	West Branch Delaware River/Susquehanna River, New York	Trout/Walleye	John Donnelly 410-570-1493 John.w.d60@gmail.com



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!!



FREE STATE FLY FISHERS, INC.

2015 Membership Application

Name: _____
(First) (MI) (Last)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip code: _____

Home Phone: _____

Email: _____

If renewal → Is this a new address, phone number or email address?
___ Yes or ___ No

Type of Membership:

___ Senior (55 or older) \$10.00
___ Junior (16 or younger) \$10.00
___ Regular \$15.00

Payment Method: Cash ___ Check ___

Make checks payable to: FREE STATE FLY FISHERS, INC

Renewal _____ **or New Member** _____

May we share your contact information with other club members? ___ Yes ___ No

Send Application and Payment to:
Frank Bowne
3523 Tallyho Ct.
Davidsonville, MD 21035-2436



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