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A Message from the President

Summer is here and I hope that your fishing hasn't declined due to the heat and humidity.

While monthly meetings have ended until September, we continue to get together the first Saturday of each month for a fly tying and there are outings scheduled throughout the summer months

which continue to offer a variety of opportunities with trips to the Monocacy River for smallmouth bass, the South Fork of the Shenandoah and the Potomac River for smallmouth bass, the Upper Delaware where there are still some trout to be caught. The Chesapeake Bay beckons with the opportunity to catch a variety of fish and don't forget the farm ponds for bass, crappie and bluegill. Rumor has it that there is a body of water in Bowie that is virtually an untapped resource and holds some nice fish. Some of our members have reported some nice catches. **Hint: see the list of Outings**

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.

Denis LaCroix has another list of interesting speakers lined starting in September.

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

Once again, I depart for the northern climes in late August and do not return until early October. My Canadian hiatus to the Maritime Provinces offers me an opportunity for some brook trout fishing as well as an abundance of seafood to eat that is hard to beat.

I look forward to my return in the fall to join you in listening to exciting stories about your fishing experiences.

So until October, stay safe and enjoy the streams, lakes, ponds and rivers that our great state of Maryland and the Northeast has to offer!

See you in fall, if not before on the water! 🍁

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



In September Sgt. Aaron Parker; Department Natural Resources POLICE will discuss the *Role of MD-DNR Police in Fisheries Management*.

October brings Shawn Kimbro, author of "*Light Tackle Chesapeake Bay Fishing*" to discuss his book. And in November Dick Richard Friis will tell us about his *Fishing in the Russia Kampshinska Peninsula*." 🌸

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

Club Outings

- John Donnelly and Jeff Bahr

...someone just needs to tell the weather to warm up so we can go fishing! Well, to get ready for the warmer weather, we have a great schedule of outings planned to date, spanning right now from March through September, and

from trout in the Upper Delaware in New York to Pennsylvania limestone trout to Shenandoah smallmouth bass.

- A one page description of outing logistics, including when, where, meeting location/time, target species, recommended equipment, recommended flies, license(s) needed, and any other instructions, will be emailed out to all club members several weeks prior to each outing.
- 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 or jeffrey.t.bahr2@usace.army.mil.

It's easy to become an outing leader, just let the coordinator know which outing you will lead, write up a one page flyer for the outing, show up at the meeting place the day of the outing, and then catch more fish than your fellow members! It's just that easy. 🌸

Fly Tying Update

- George Vincent



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.

Wayne Blake-Hedges continues to offer an interesting array of patterns which encourage the use of a variety of materials.

So please consider joining us on Saturday mornings throughout the year at the clubhouse where tyers of all levels can tie new patterns, improve techniques and hone their skills. 🌸

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>

Free State Fly Fishers Club Outings for 2014

Updated February 3, 2014

Date	Location	Target Species	Outing Coordinator(s)
Early Summer – tentative	Lower Juanita River, PA	Trout	Rich Batiuk 410-268-5226 rbatiuk@aol.com
July 26	Monocacy River, Maryland	Smallmouth Bass	Frank Bowne
July	Potomac River, Maryland	Smallmouth Bass, Sunfish	
August	Rappahannock River, Virginia	Smallmouth Bass, Sunfish	
August 10	Janes Island State Park Crisfield, MD	Stripped Bass, Speckled Trout, Redfish	Luis Santiago (209-485-5315) Lmsantiago05@yahoo.com
September-October TBD	West Branch Delaware River/Susquehanna River, New York	Trout/Walleye	John Donnelly 410-570-1493 John.w.d60@gmail.com
January	Bahamas	Bonefish	
February	Severn River, MD	Pickerel	
March	South Central PA	Trout	
May	Unicorn Pond, MD	Bluegills	
November	Lake Erie, PA	Steelhead	
October	Chesapeake Bay Bridge	Striped Bass	
December	Chesapeake Bay Tunnel	Striped Bass	
All Summer	Farm Ponds	Bass, Bluegill, Crappie	
	Local Water Bowie, MD	Bass, Bluegill, Crappie	George Vincent 301-249-6399 K3gv@verizon.net Mike Mattia



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!!





Federation of Fly Fishers News and Items of Interest

Federation of Fly Fishers –
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Conservation...A Founding Principle

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.