



Free State Fly Fishers Newsletter

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A Message from the President

January begins a New Year for FSFF and as I look forward to another year of continued success, I anticipate nothing but opportunity for our members to participate in the meeting programs that Denis LaCroix has put together by bringing interesting speakers to our meetings as well as the club outings that Rich Batiuk has arranged.

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

December concluded the year with another very successful Holiday Party organized by the tireless efforts of Cheryl Findlay and her husband Bruce. If you missed this fantastic event, make a resolution to put it on your calendar for 2013, you will not be disappointed!

I look forward to another year of growth in our membership under the guidance of Frank Browne. A membership renewal form is attached to this newsletter.

The first Saturday in January begins the Saturday morning fly tying sessions at the club house which will continue through February.

Your involvement and participation in our meetings, outings and events will provide many opportunities for you to share in our fly fishing sport.

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

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.

Monthly Programs

- Denis LaCroix

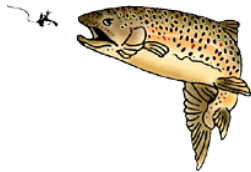
On January 7th, Tom Gooding will speak on "Trout Fishing in the Rocky Mountain Waters."

February 6th brings John Page Williams of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation to speak on the "Status of Chesapeake Bay Fishing."

March 6th Larry Meyers will present "Tricks of the Fly Fishing Trade."

And the April 3rd meeting has William Heresniak of Eastern Trophies Guide Service speaking on "Float Fishing the North Branch of the Potomac River."

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



Club Outings

May be Subject to Change

- Rich Batiuk

We need outing coordinators to sign up to lead outings in 2013. It's real simple. Just let Rich Batiuk 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. So call or email Rich at 410-268-5226 or rbatiuk@aol.com. If you have an alternative idea for where we can go fishing, just suggest it and we will add it to the outing calendar. During fishing season, our goal is to host at one if not more outings each month. We want to provide opportunities to catch a variety of fish across the mid-Atlantic region. 🌸

Location	Proposed Date	Outing Coordinator	Contact Info
Muddy Creek, Pennsylvania	March	John Scarborough	
Gunpowder River, Maryland	April		
Deer Creek, Maryland	April		
Salmon River, New York	April 1- May 15	Norm Shackleton	Shackjudynorm@verizon.net 410-266-0997
Patapsco River, Maryland	May	Larry Meyer	
Clarks Run, Pennsylvania	May	Rich Batiuk	rbatiuk@aol.com 410-268-5226
Trap Pond, Maryland	May	John Donnelly	Johnamy89@comcast.net 410-570-1493
South Fork Shenandoah River, Virginia	June	Rich Batiuk	rbatiuk@aol.com 410-268-5226
Monocacy River, Maryland	June/July	Ray Cline	
Western Maryland	June	Ken Moser/John Scarborough	
Potomac River, Maryland	July		
Rappahannock River, Virginia	August	Rich Batiuk	rbatiuk@aol.com 410-268-5226
Juniata River, Pennsylvania			
Center County, Pennsylvania		John Scarborough	
North Branch Potomac, Maryland/West Virginia			
Oregon Inlet, North Carolina			
West Branch Delaware River, New York			
Northwest, North Carolina			
Puerto Rico			
Harkers Island, NC			
Lake Erie/Elk Creek, Pennsylvania	November		
Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel, Virginia	December		



2013 Fly Tying Update - George Vincent

Last 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.

It is not too early to think about joining us on Saturday mornings throughout January



and February at the clubhouse where tyers of all levels can tie new patterns, improve techniques and hone their

skills.

This year we will tie patterns that we have never tied before in order to improve our skills and expand our fly boxes. We will continue to encourage the use of a variety of materials and be innovative in their application. 🍀



Winter 2012 Treasurer's Report - Cheryl Findlay

As of 17 December 2012, the FSFF account has a balance of \$3968.58. Major expenses since the Fall Treasurer's Report include the payment of \$304.00 to the Federation of Fly Fishers for membership dues, \$210.00 for insurance and \$70.00 for the Post Office Box. The Holiday Party raised \$512. FFF coffee mugs and patches are available at the monthly meetings for \$3.00 each and hats are available for \$15.00 each. 🍀

2012 Holiday Party - Cheryl Findlay

Thanks to all who made the 2012 Holiday Party a success. The club raised \$512.00 at the party. There were 36 guests at Mike's Crabhouse and Restaurant this year and, as always, Mike's did a wonderful job of making us feel welcome and providing wonderful food. We had a great variety of raffle items donated by club members which included: a pint of Canadian Club donated by Jim Ballantine; four tumblers hand painted by Nancy Hammond with blue herons donated by Denis LaCroix; an Orvis Fly Tying Guide by Tom Rosenbauer donated by Jim Ballantine; a bottle of Ballantine's Gold Seal Special Reserve 12 Year Scotch Whiskey donated by Jim Ballantine; a custom made sterling silver and copper setting pendant with a Blue Mountain Picture Jasper cabochon donated by Ken Moser; a William Joseph magnetic closure fishing pack donated by Bob Smith; a gift bag of wine for two donated by Bruce Morse; 3 dozen assorted trout flies donated by Ken Moser; 3 fly boxes donated by Ray Cline; a set of scissors, bobbin and whip donated by John Donnelly and a double-sided fly box donated by John Donnelly; a wooden bird feeder donated by Bruce Morse; a 1.75 liter bottle of Dry Fly Wheat Whiskey donated by Gordon Mitchell; two 16-oz. etched beer steins donated by Gordon Mitchell; a custom made copper setting pendant with a Rocky Butte Jasper cabochon donated by Ken Moser. There was also a 50/50 raffle which raised \$115.00. Mark your calendars for next year's Holiday Party on Wednesday, 4 December 2013! 🍀

2013 Membership Renewals

It is time to renew your membership for 2013. 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 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.

All members of are automatically

subscribed to the club Listserve (Mailing List) when they provide an email address with their membership renewal. 🍷

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



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 –
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.



FREE STATE FLY FISHERS, INC.

2013 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 (65 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