

Free State Fly Fishers Monthly Meeting

Minutes

April 3, 2024

30+ participants

New Folks at tonight's Meeting

Irv Groat – He joined in Jan. Fairly new to ff.

Doug Waterman, Longtime ff - bass, trout, BGs, former Islamorada resident.

Fishing Reports:

- Andy Grosko
 - Patapsco – 60 in 1 day
 - 2 nymphs at one time
- Rich Batiuk
 - Smithville Lake
 - Slow
 - 23" pick with a chunk taken out of it, probably a raptor, in 3' water
 - Many pads already. Picks in pads, BGs outside of pads
 - Dam work is finished.

Door Prize Tonight

- A Joe DeMeo box of trout flies, ff necklace, dry bag backpack.

Raffle Prize Tonight

- 50/50 and a Joe DeMeo box of poppers

Report on Previous Months Activities:

- Grey/Santiago talk on Lost Lake and Adirondacks. Next Adirondack trip in June: Signed up so far: Gary, Luis and Frank
- FF 101 Catoctin Cr. Met George who had much info and a FG rod.
- Mark Bange BG fly tying class – excellent.
- Joe Bruce Pickerel class – excellent.
- Duber Winters Fly Fishing School in VA – 6 students, 2 instructors. Everyone hooked into fish including Sandy who is new to ff
- Towson FF Show – Mark and Rich at our booth. QR Code picked up new members.

Upcoming Club Activities:

- Fly Tying
 - 4/6 Adam Bange – Stacked deer hair flies
- W MD Outing
 - Casselman, Savage, N Branch, some blue line

- About 10 have signed up
- 4/18-4/21
- Little cel service in campground
- Fri 4:30 pm dinner at Casselman Inn or Penn Alps

New Outing Coordinator Report:

- Rich Batiuk, new coordinator
- We used to have 25-30 trips/yr
- Please volunteer to lead a trip. Sign-up sheet going around.
- Trap Pond water has dropped. 5/18 Picnic/outing is changed to Lums Pond, DE. It has a campground.
- Need a volunteer to coordinate picnic.

Announcements:

- Mike Mattia
- “PUF” – **Pick Up Five** pieces of trash
- Wear tick repellent. Very bad this year.
- Pondzilla and Pondmageddon returning this year. Stay tuned.

Tonight’s Meeting Presentation: Mike Slepisky– ***10 Great MD/PA Places to Fish***

Door Prize Winners:

- Doug Waterman. Donated his 50/50 winnings to club.

Raffle Winners:

- Don Vance, Bill, others.