

Free State Fly Fishers Monthly Meeting

Minutes

May 1, 2024

25+ participants

New Folks at tonight's Meeting

John Bilotta, FFI CCI
Brent Anderson, recently from AZ
Name?

Fishing Reports:

- John Keough – Edgewater Pond bass
- Gary Grey – Blairs Pond BG
- ?Name – Potomac @ Harpers Ferry – 1st SMB on Fly
- ?Name – Chain Bridge, DC, Shad on Sinking Line
- Duber W with Walleye Pete on Chesapeake, 40" rocks on spin and fly

Door Prize Tonight

- A Joe DeMeo box of large poppers.

Raffle Prize Tonight

- 50/50 and a Joe DeMeo box of medium size poppers and a fly rod

Report on Previous Month's Activities:

- W MD Outing
 - Tom Barnes and Andy Grosko led
 - Shout out to Ed W. for helping
 - Everyone caught
 - Good to have 2 outing coordinators.
 - Next yr – 4/24/25 – 4/27/25, avoids interference with PPTU trip
 - Fri dinner at Penn Alps included birthday cake for new member
- Fly Tying Stacked deer hair flies with A Bange 4/6/24
 - Fun
 - Beautiful flies

Upcoming Club Activities:

- Swap Meet 5/4/24 9am-1pm
 - Fill bag with fly tying material for a nominal price
 - Rods/Reels
- Hands On Session 5/11/24
 - Joe Bruce's **Using Different Fish Catching Retrieves with Your Fly Rod**. Bring a fly rod with reel and line to practice the retrieves.
 - Annual Picnic 5/18/24 -Lums Pond DE
 - Casting Clinic 6/5

- Casting Clinic Part 2 on water 6/8
- Adirondacks NY Outing 6/22

Announcements:

- Joe DeMeo Birthday yesterday
- Bill Smith will send a thank you to Amy H for her \$25 donation

Tonight's Meeting Presentation: R Batiuk - *MD Fly Fishing Trail*

Door Prize Winners:

- Larry Oakey, Don Cochran, Bill Smith

Raffle Winners:

- John Keough, Rich Batiuk