

# THE SINGING REEL

## Lake Erie Steelhead

Joe Tregaskes

Thursday September 20, 2012  
Cocktails: 6:00PM

Salisbury Country Club  
Dinner: 7:00PM

**STEELHEAD**—the fish of obsession for many anglers—will be the topic of a presentation by long time FFV member Joe Tregaskes. The Lake Erie Tributaries are only a day's drive from Richmond. Learn from one of the best how you to can enjoy this world class fishery.



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**Special Afternoon Session**  
*The River Rat*—Capt. Art Conway  
**Fly Fishing Chickahominy Lake**  
**4:30-6:00pm**

**NEXT MEETING: November 15 Dargan Coggeshall Jackson River Lawsuit**

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## Letter from the President

Cooler weather and fall fishing in the mountains! What a great combination. It won't be long before we can try to outsmart those trout, both native and stocked, in our Virginia mountain streams and rivers. Don't get me wrong, fishing for our local bass and bream in the summertime is fun, but fishing for trout in the serenity of a mountain stream is one of my favorite pastimes.

If you missed July's dinner you missed great presentations by Lee Walker and Chris Dunnivant with the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. Thanks guys. We always look forward to hearing from the department and appreciate what you do for our sport.

There are a lot of great things happening with Fly Fishers of Virginia and this issue of the Singing Reel shows that we have a great club with many dedicated folks working on a number of worthwhile projects. I want to thank Ed Landry for organizing the Casting Rodeo that was held the afternoon of our July dinner meeting. Also, thanks to Colby Trow and Mossy Creek Fly Fishing for providing various weight and brands of rods for us to try out. Plans are to have another rodeo next spring when the heat is not so brutal. There is also talk of organizing a semi-regular tying night starting this fall and we will keep you informed via email as things materialize.

This is an election year for the Fly Fishers of Virginia and in this issue of the Singing Reel you will see a list of officers for the 2013-2014 term. These individuals have been contacted by the nominating committee and are both willing and well qualified to serve on the board. At the September 20 dinner meeting I will present these candidates and then the floor will be open for additional nominations if any. The November Singing Reel will contain a ballot of all the candidates. This ballot should be completed and sent to the FFV post office box or brought to the November dinner meeting.

Also, dues notices will be going out on or around the first of October. When you receive yours, take a second and return it promptly. If we do not receive your dues payment you will be sent an email reminder, however anyone who has not paid by December 1, 2012 will be dropped from the roster without further notice.

The Annual Banquet Committee is organized and has begun their early planning stages for this event. The date is January 19, 2013 and the place is Salisbury Country Club. The program will be presented by Jim Klug of Yellow Dog Flyfishing. It should be entertaining and fun so, mark your calendars now. As usual, we will have a number of valuable raffle prizes as well as silent auction items.

If you have any questions about anything that is going on in FFV or would like to offer some suggestions about what you would like to see us do in the future, please feel free to give me a call.

Tight lines,

Ken Eastwood

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# 2012 Meetings

**Sept 20**      **Lake Erie Tributaries**      **Joe Tregaskes**  
\*\*Afternoon Program    Captain Art Conway    Chickahominy Lake\*\*

**Nov 15**      **Conservation Program**      **Dargan Coggeshall**  
\*\*Afternoon Program    Colby Trow    Bonefish School\*\*

## January 19, 2013 Annual Banquet

If there is a Speaker that you would like to have at a meeting  
please just let someone on the Board of Directors know.

Join the “Members Only” FFV Group on LinkedIn  
Contact Ed Landry    [Ed\\_Landry@comcast.net](mailto:Ed_Landry@comcast.net)

### UPCOMING FISHING OPPORTUNITIES

**Freshwater: Phil Johnson (804) 748-0881**

**Saltwater: Bill Green (804) 560-1122**

The trips for the 2013 fishing seasons are in the scheduling stage. We are always looking for new adventures to pursue and different places to explore. If you have a trip you would like to lead please contact the appropriate Vice President. Get more involved with the FFV and go fishing more often.

# Special Events

## Chickahominy Lake Flyfishing

With

### Capt. Art Conway aka *The River Rat*

Close by and with multiple boat launching facilities, the Chickahominy Lake is some place you need to be fishing. Large-mouth Bass, Crappie, Bream, Gar, Bowfin, etc. are all there waiting to mangle your fly. Bring your lake maps, as Art, who fishes it close to 300 days a year, will show us all the hotspots and tell us the best times to fish them.

4:30-6:00 pm Thursday September 20 Salisbury Club

## Colby's Bonefish School

4-6pm Thursday November 15 Salisbury Club



Have a Bonefish trip planned this Winter? Dreaming of your first trip to the land of endless sand flats, blue skies, and fish that will show you your backing and test your knots? Come absorb some knowledge from one who has made numerous excursions in quest of the "Silver Ghost". Rods, reels, lines, leaders, flies, clothing, and accessories—Colby will answer all your questions and have you making plans to escape to the Bahamas, or maybe Belize or the Yucatan.

## FFV Saltwater School Fall of 2013

Due to the positive response received from the membership, the Board of Directors has decided to move forward with setting up a school. Dan Genest is leading the effort and is in the first stages of making plans.

## Joe Tregaskes -- Steelheader

I grew up in western PA where hunting and fishing were the primary outdoor activities for a kid. I started fishing for trout around the age of 8 and early on, worms, minnows, and Mepps spinners were considered the only sensible "bait". The introduction to fly fishing came in my late teens.

My interest was mainly trout until I caught my first Steelhead. This was 15 years ago on the Anchor River near Homer, Alaska and I can still visualize the event like it was yesterday. As fortune determined, when I returned home I found an article in Fly Fisherman Magazine which featured Steelhead and Brown Trout fishing on the Salmon River in Pulaski, NY. A month later I was there and the addiction was fully embedded.

While early on I focused on the Lake Ontario tributaries, for the last 10 years or so it has been solely on the Lake Erie tributaries from western New York through eastern Ohio where I usually do 3-4 trips per year.

## Expeditions and Outings

**\*\*\*September 22 Dan Genest (804) 378-8262\*\*\***

**Mossy Creek Crabs & Camping**

**Cancelled Due To River Restoration**

**October 12-14 Jay Armstrong (804) 779-3870**

**Jackson River Camping Trip**

## **Fall Season Striped Bass**

The Virginia Marine Resources Commission has lowered the recreational striped bass possession limit for this fall. The simplified regulation removes the no-take slot limit of 28-34 inches that has been in place since 2005. So, when the fall season opens Oct. 4 recreational anglers will be allowed to keep two stripers per day with a minimum size of 18 inches and a maximum size of 28 inches, although one of those two fish may be greater than 28 inches. This loosening and simplification of the striped bass is possible because anglers have been under their catch quota for the past few years.

## **Colonial Heights Middle School Fly Fishing Club**

FFV Member Rick Ridpath, a teacher at the Colonial Heights Middle School is in the process of forming a fly fishing club for the students. As part of our commitment to furthering the sport of Fly Fishing by bringing in new participants, especially young anglers, the Board of Directors voted to purchase 10 outfits to get this wonderful endeavor on the ground. A special “Thank You” goes out to Rick Pope, owner of Temple Fork Outfitters, for allowing us to purchase the outfits at a modest price. As an individual you can help by donating your excess consumables. Flies, Popping Bugs, Leaders and Tippet, etc are all welcome. Bring them to the September meeting or contact Rick directly at (804) 520-0429. Your contribution, no matter how small will go a long way to ensuring the future of our sport.

## **Board of Directors Invitation**

Election time is here—as if you needed a reminder. This is also an election year for the FFV. The Nominating Committee has come up with a slate officers but we are always looking for new, energetic people who want to take a more active role in the club by becoming an assistant director. These are appointed, not elected, positions—a kind of internship if you will. If you have an interest please contact any Board Member. We would love to have you and you will get much more from your participation than you will ever give.

# Board of Directors Nominations

The Nominating Committee has chosen the following individuals to be placed on the ballot for the 2013-14 time frame. This slate of officers will be presented at the September Meeting. At this meeting the members are allowed to make nominations from the floor. After the meeting the nominations are considered closed. You will receive a ballot at least 10 days prior to the November General Membership Meeting. You can return the ballot by mail or you can bring it to the November Meeting

The following individuals have been nominated for elected office:

President	Steve Lewis
Vice President – Fishing	Dave McMahon
Vice President – Conservation	Jay Armstrong
Vice President – Education	Ray Ward
Secretary & VP Membership	Ed Landry
Treasurer	JoAnn Lindstrom-Clark
Director at Large – PHW Coordinator	Phil Johnson
Director at Large	Larry Baron
Director at Large – Fund Raising	Tim Wildt

The following individuals will be serving as appointed Assistant Directors:

Asst. Vice President — Education	Dale Clark
Asst. Vice President — Conservation	Steve Love
Asst. Director at Large	Tom Mlot
Asst. Director at Large	Mike Hatfield
Asst. Director at Large	Brittan Quinn

The following individuals will be serving as Operations Directors:

Webmeister	Doug Walden
Communications Director	Rob Thomas
Ex-Officio Officer	Ken Eastwood
Technical Advisor	Brian Trow
Technical Advisor	Colby Trow

The following Past Presidents will be serving as Advisors to the Board:

Bill Pearsall  
George Crosby  
H. W. Leathers  
Dan Genest

# HIGH STICK



**Bill & Scott Green**  
**Bahamas Bonefish**

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## WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS

*"The Singing Reel"* is always looking for photos of members with their catch. Deliver photos to:

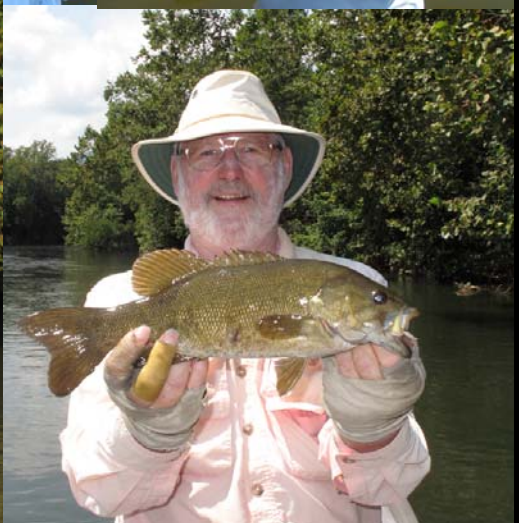
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# “Oh Shenandoah”

Floating the River with the Brothers Trow





**STILLWATER RIVER      ABSAROOKE, MT**  
**MIKE HATFIELD**



# Art Girard International Angler



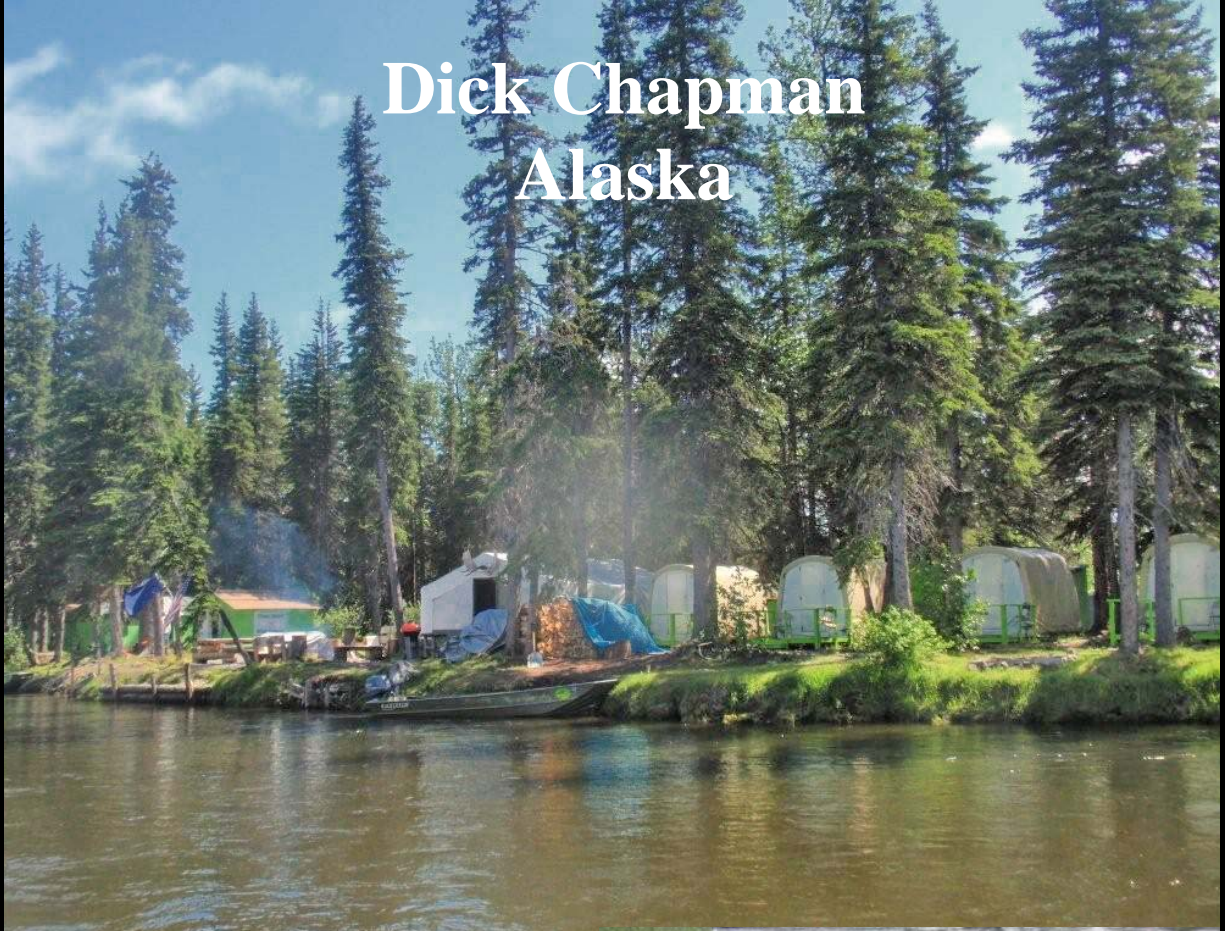
**20in. Smallmouth  
Vermillion Lake, Ontario, Canada**



**Permit  
Turneffe Atoll, Belize**

## **Tigerfish Zambezi River, Africa**





# Dick Chapman Alaska





**Rick Ridpath**

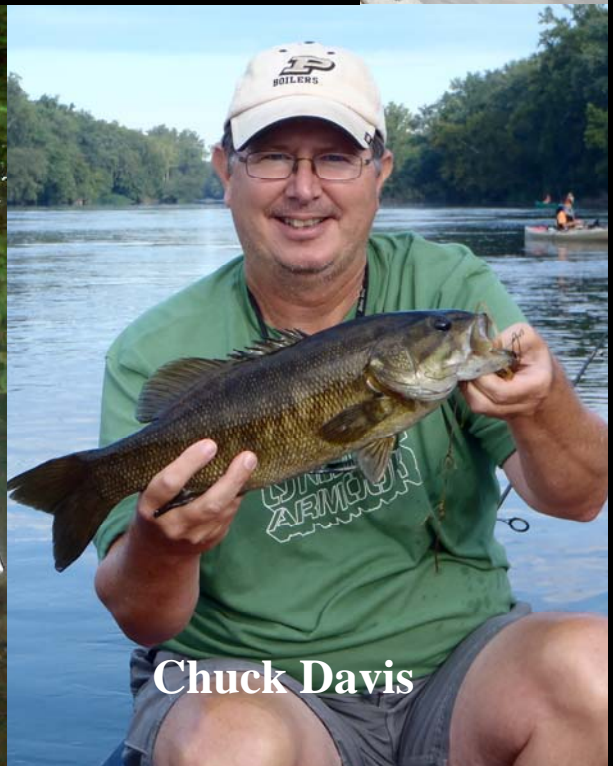


**Smallmouth Bass  
King of the River**

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**Dexter Wade**



**Chuck Davis**

# FFV & Dominion Power

The Youth of Today will be the Stewards of our Rivers Tomorrow





Best of luck to Captain Jacob Goodine, Program Lead ,McGuire VAMC , heading back to school.



On August 1, 2012 Phil Johnson, Regional Coordinator-The Virginias and David Hall, the new Program Lead, at McGuire. We had a farewell lunch for Jake. Jake will be heading to graduate school to pursue a Masters degree.

Jake has been a long time participant with PHWFF, first as a Wounded Warrior recovering war injuries at McGuire. For the last two years he has head our program at the VA Medical Center. He is also a member of FFV.

We wish him well in his new endeavor.



**Menu for September 20 Meeting**

**Carved NY Strip  
Shrimp Scampi  
Salad  
Herb Braised Potatoes  
Fresh Green Beans  
Sundae Bar**

RESERVATION - FFV DINNER MEETING  
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2012

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 25.00

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make the following reservations for me for the Fly Fishers of Virginia Dinner Meeting at the **Salisbury Country Club**. We must receive your reservation and check by **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2012** to insure that you have a reservation.

**TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!**  
Mail to Fly Fishers of Virginia, P.O. Box 29477, Richmond, Virginia 23242.

**Check here if you need a Vegetarian Meal # \_\_\_\_\_**



Fly Fishers of Virginia  
P.O. Box 29477  
Richmond, Virginia 23242

First Class



**FFV OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2012**

PRESIDENT: Ken Eastwood  
First VP: Phil Johnson  
VP Freshwater Activities: Phil Johnson  
VP Saltwater Activities: Bill Green  
VP Conservation Activities: Jay Armstrong  
VP Special Events and Education: Colby Trow  
VP New Member Services: Steve Lewis  
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Director at Large: Rusty Jeter  
Director at Large: Larry Baron  
Director at Large: Vin Lacovara  
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Assistant VP Special Events: Brian Trow  
Assistant VP Saltwater: Mike Buss  
Assistant VP Conservation: Steve Love  
Assistant Director at Large: Winn Will  
Assistant Director at Large: David McMahon  
Assistant Director at Large: Tim Wildt  
Sergeant at Arms: Tom Mlot  
Webmeister: Doug Walden  
Director of Communications: Robert Thomas

**FFV PAST PRESIDENTS**

Robert Thomas—2009, 2010  
Larry Cortright—2007, 2008  
Dan Genest-- 2005, 2006  
Richard Roadcap— 2003, 2004  
Doug Walden— 2001, 2002  
H.W. Leathers - 1999, 2000  
Bill Pearsall - 1997, 1998  
Carl R. Fischer - 1995, 1996  
Sam Goodpasture - 1993, 1994  
David E. Bagby, Jr. - 1991, 1992  
Charles I. Ellis - 1989, 1990  
Taylor Turner - 1987, 1988  
George D. Crosby, Jr. - 1985, 1986  
Nat T. R. Burgwyn - 1982, 1983, 1984

**FFV FOUNDERS**

Nat T. R. Burgwyn      George D. Crosby, Jr.  
Kenny A. Grandstaff, II      Beverly R. Tucker, III

**The Fly Fishers of Virginia (FFV)**

was established in 1982 to promote the art of fly rod fishing; to foster good sportsmanship; and to promote conservation of the nation's natural resources.

During the year, six dinner meetings are occasions for informational programs pertaining to the many aspects of fly fishing and conservation activities. Programs are presented by international and local experts and celebrities in the fly fishing world, as well as knowledgeable FFV members.

Fishing trips are scheduled each year for cold water, warm water, and saltwater species.

Educational programs for members and the public, as well as seminars and workshops are scheduled periodically.

Fly tying classes are offered each winter: Beginning, Intermediate, or Advanced, depending on demand. Casting clinics are also available.

The club gives financial support to several conservation and fly fishing related organizations, including: James River Association; Wildlife Foundation of Virginia and special projects of the VDGIF; The Chesapeake Bay Foundation; Coastal Conservation Association, Project Healing Waters, and The Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock.