

THE SINGING REEL

Dusty Wissmath Yellowstone DIY

Thursday May 23, 2013
Cocktails: 6:00PM

Salisbury Country Club
Dinner: 7:00PM



Want to fish out West on your own? Then you need to be sure that you come to the May Dinner meeting to hear what Dusty has to tell us. He went to college and guided there, so he has all the inside information to get you started in the right direction.

Please note that
this meeting is a
week later than
normal.

Special Afternoon Session
Casting Rodeo and Instruction with Dusty
3:00pm-6:00 at the Salisbury Club

NEXT MEETING: July 18 2013 Carp On The Fly

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Letter from the President

Fly Fishers of Va. has a long history of its members sharing the skills and knowledge they have learned with one another. When the members doing the sharing are Brian and Colby Trow of Mossy Creek Fly Fishing with a timely and highly informative Brook Trout Symposium the results are another March Dinner Meeting with record setting attendance. On behalf of the club I would like to thank Brian, Colby and Seth Coffman for sharing their knowledge and expertise which made this program such a great success.

Member support through Meeting attendance, buying of Raffle tickets and bidding on Silent Auction items generate the funds necessary to support our Conservation, Education and Service Projects. FFV Board of Directors at the April meeting approved support for youth programs, Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock, Colonial Height Middle School Fly Fishing Club, TU Youth Camp Scholarship and TU Trout in the Classroom programs. FFV will continue to support Project Healing Waters, Casting for Recovery, Coastal Conservation Association and the Mossy Creek Restoration Project. Several other projects have been taken under advisement.

Project Healing Waters held its first Wednesday evening fishing trip at Salisbury on April 17. These trips are scheduled from 5pm to 7:30pm on the third Wednesday of each month. The next trip will on May 15th. They are an excellent opportunity for club members to come out and support this great program. If you can help contact either of PHW McGuire Program Leaders, David Hall (804-349-6789), John Paramore (804-739-6414) or e-mail phwmcguireva@gmail.com to get on the Program Information contact list.

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President's Letter Continued

Spring brings many fly fishing opportunities. A time to test your Brook Trout Symposium knowledge on the Rapidan or other mountain streams. Warmer days and rising water temperature will bring action for Bass and Sunfish. Shad fishing on the James can be very exciting. Club trips to the Rapidan River, BOJC Campfire, Penns Creek, Pa. and Mossy Creek will take place in May. Planning for additional trips and activities is ongoing and information can be found in the Singing Reel, at our regular Dinner Meetings and by club e-mail messages.

Please note the change of date for this month's Dinner Meeting. It will be the fourth Thursday, May 23th. Guest speaker Dusty Wissmath, fly fishing guide and instructor, will present an afternoon Fly Casting Rodeo and Instruction program. His evening program will be a "Do It Yourself" guide to fishing the Yellowstone Park Area.

Fishermen must be near, in or on water to fish and sometimes may take this for granted and become complacent. Water in any form or type can and will in an instant put a fisherman in a dangerous and life threatening situation. I recently found myself in one these situations and am truly blessed to be writing this now. We all must respect the fact that water, the giver of life, can also be a taker. Know and be mindful of your limitations and those of your equipment. Have and use appropriate safety devices for the type water you will fish. Be vigilant of changes to your location, water conditions and the weather. I always like the term "Gone Fishing" but now I prefer "Home from Fishing Safely".

Fish Safely,

Steve Lewis

About Dusty

Dusty grew up in Missouri, started fly fishing at age eight, and spent his formative years highly distracted by the sport. He began guiding and teaching fly-fishing in the early seventies while working on a degree in Wildlife Biology at the University of Wyoming. Living in Jackson, WY after graduate school he tied commercially for High Country Flies and guided on the Snake, Green and New Fork Rivers and in Yellowstone National Park.

After working as a Biologist in Wyoming and East Africa, Dusty started his fly-fishing school and guide service in 1995. He also served as the lead instructor at the L.L. Bean Fly Fishing School in Virginia and still teaches at the Wulff School of Fly Fishing in New York. He is a Federation of Fly Fishers Certified Casting Instructor and is a member of the Board of Governors of the F.F.F. Guides Association. When he's not teaching or guiding, Dusty gives casting demonstrations and workshops at sports shows from Montana to Virginia. His articles and photographs can be found in several outdoor magazines.

Dusty is on the pro staff of the Scott Fly Rod Co., Hatch Reels, Hyde Drift Boats and is a Guide/Ambassador for Simms Fishing Products.

2013 Meetings

May 23

Yellowstone Park "DIY"

Dusty Wissmath

****Afternoon Program Casting Rodeo and Instruction**

July 18

Flyfishing for Carp

Capt. Paul Rose

****Afternoon Program Carolina Redfishing**

Sept 19

Gunpowder River, Maryland

Capt. Jeff Lewatowski

****Afternoon Program Susquehanna Flats**

Nov 21

Conservation Program

Jeff Kelble

****Afternoon Program Speckled Trout Fishing in and around Mobjack Bay
with Capt. Ed Lawrence of Gloucester, VA.**

**2014 Annual Banquet Saturday January 25
Kelly Galloup**

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

UPCOMING FISHING OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Dave McMahon at (804) 358-2290

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 Dave. Get more involved with the FFV and go fishing more often.

James River Special Raffle

We are having a special raffle to benefit The Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock. The BOJC is “our” youth organization with many FFV members, past and present, taking an active leadership role in promoting the sport of fishing to the next generation. Please see Bill Pearsall’s article on page 5 of this newsletter for more information on the BOJC and how to participate yourself. The sale of 100 Raffle Tickets will fully fund the BOJC for the year.

The “James River Special” outfit will allow you to fish the James from Irongate to the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel. The outfit consists of a Temple Fork Outfitters 9 ft 8wt 4pc Lefty Kreh Professional Series flyrod, rod bag, cordura covered rod case, an Albright GPR 7/8 fly reel and an extra spool, an Albright WF8F EXR fly line and an Albright 275gr XXT sinking fly line. Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass, Carp, Gar, Shad, or Striped Bass—this outfit will handle any fish that swims in the James and you will be prepared to fish from top to bottom. Suggested Retail for this outfit is \$825.00



James River Special Raffle Tickets Form

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

_____ Tickets @ \$10.00 Total Enclosed: _____

Mail this Form to:

Flyfishers of Virginia PO Box 29477 Richmond, VA 23242

FFV Native Brook Trout Trip

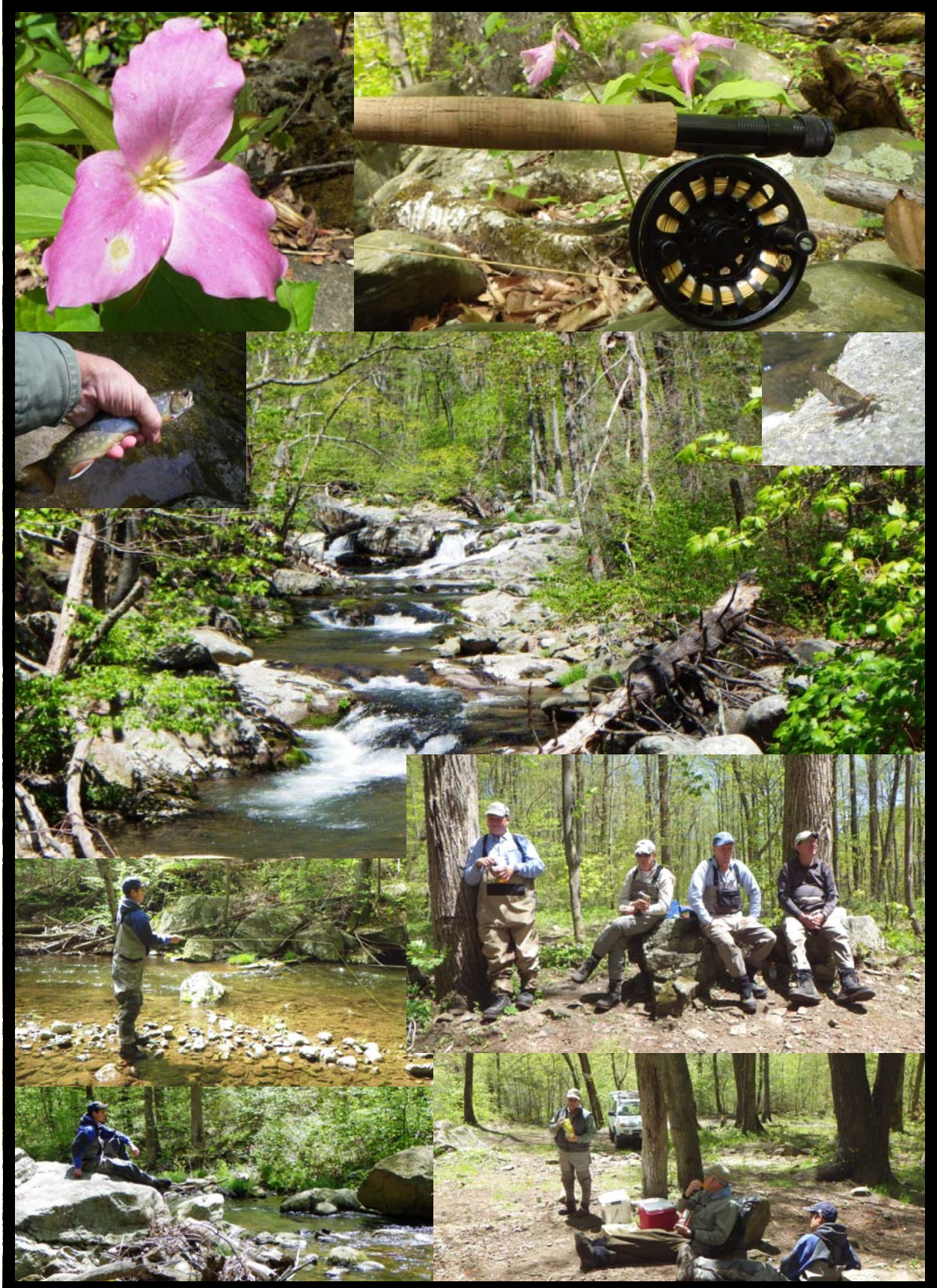
By H.W. Leathers

Around 8:30 a.m. on May 5th, we drove through the little town of Banco under cloudy skies, and then turned west toward another tiny town – Syria, VA. The views of the mountains in Shenandoah National Park and the farmland along this stretch of road were beautiful, with just the tops of the higher mountains socked in by clouds. The outside temperature read 45 degrees, and it felt more like early April than early May.

FFV members Chuck Davis, H.W. Leathers, Steve Lewis, Dave McMahon, Ray Ward, Tim Wildt, and Davis Wrinkle, and guest Kevin Napier, met at Graves Mountain Lodge for our traditional, pre-fishing breakfast. We were seated next to the windows overlooking the nearby mountains, and enjoyed a meal of scrambled eggs, bacon, pancakes, rolls, toast, coffee cake, oatmeal, and orange wedges. After breakfast the entire group drove up and over the rocky road to the Rapidan. By the time we arrived at the river, the clouds had moved east, clearing the way for blue skies, sunshine, and a light breeze.

The water was at a healthy level, clear and cold for early May. A few bugs started to show by mid-morning, and there were a variety buzzing around by mid-afternoon. We identified March Browns, Little Yellow Stoneflies, and dark and lighter colored Caddis, among others. There were also a variety of beautiful wildflowers along the road and beside the stream. Ray saw a ruffed grouse. Our group agreed that the fishing was pretty difficult in the morning, but improved in the afternoon as the day warmed up. Although the brookies I caught were on dries, I saw only one fish rise to a natural insect all day. Most of our group caught some trout, mainly little fish with a few nicer ones mixed in.

The mountain brook trout streams are a wonderful place to spend a Spring day. Water levels are currently in great shape and, given the continued cool weather, the season seems to be about two weeks behind normal. We returned from the Rapidan thinking the fishing should hold up well for the next couple of months. Hope you can take advantage of the water and weather conditions, and get out to enjoy our native trout streams this year.



HIGH STICK



Liz Cole Brook Trout

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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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Acklins Island Bonefish



Eric English



Noble Bichara



Sweeting's Cay Barracuda

Rob Thomas

Full Story Next Singing Reel

Everglades



**Joan
Pearson
Spanish Mackerel**



**George
Pearson
Redfish**

**Guide
John Stark
Naples, Florida**

Anne Marie Lake - Labrador

Mac Myers
7lb Brookie



Birthday Smallmouth



Brian Trow



Colby Trow



Rob Thomas

All 4lb+ Fish

**Want to catch the
biggest Smallmouth
of your life? Book a
trip with Mossy
Creek Fly Fishing!**

Steelhead



Dan Genest



Dave McMahon

Club members Dave McMahon, Russ Handy, Bob Argabright, Dan Genest and Stamford Niou followed Interstate 81 north to Pulaski , New York, for thee days of steelhead fishing on the Salmon River during the last week of April. Everybody had big fish on that took them down to their backing and a few were landed. Stamford was the hot hand catching 13 over three days.

Shad



Bill Heindl

Phil Johnson



Rick Ridpath



Rick Ridpath

Chuck Davis



More Shad



Rusty Jeter



**Rob
Thomas**



David Piotrowski

CHMS Fly Fishing Club Outing







The guides at Mossy Creek Fly Fishing tying flies for the “Invitational” to be held on June 1, 2013 in Bridgewater.



Menu for May 23 , 2013

Carved Prime Rib
Shrimp and Pasta with Lobster Sauce
Baked Potato
Broccoli au Gratin
Salad
Rolls
Ice Cream Bar

RESERVATION - FFV DINNER MEETING
THURSDAY MAY 2013

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 **Tuesday, May 21, 2013** to insure that you have a reservation.

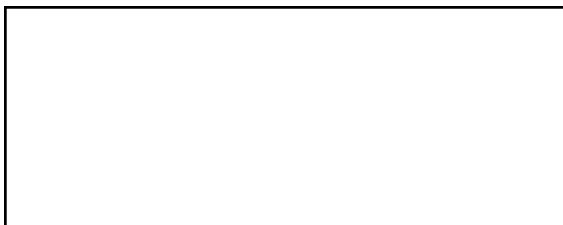
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The Fly Fishers of Virginia (FFV)

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.