



# THE SINGING REEL

## Captain Paul Rose Sight Fishing for Carp

Thursday July 18 2013  
Cocktails: 6:00PM

Salisbury Country Club  
Dinner: 7:00PM



Big, strong, and with highly developed senses, Carp are one of the most challenging fish that swims in freshwater. Sight fishing for them in clear, shallow water is an ex-

citing and often humbling experience. Capt. Paul will tell us how to better our chances to tie into one of these great gamefish. The skills you learn stalking the wily Carp are very useful when you make that trip to the saltwater flats.

[Bio on page 3](#)

### Special Afternoon Session

Low Country Redfishing

5:00pm-6:00pm at the Salisbury Club

NEXT MEETING: September 19 2013 The Gunpowder River

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## Letter from the President

**Rain!** Could we be having too much of a good thing. This year's heavier and more frequent spring showers have continued as flood producing summer rain storms which have caused less than desirable water conditions in our rivers and streams. We all hope for abundant spring rains to provide good conditions in our streams and rivers to insure a quality spawning season. DGIF fisheries biologist Scott Smith has reported that they are expecting a complete failure of smallmouth bass spawning this year in the entire James River because of the high water conditions.

This year's weather and water conditions have made the timing and scheduling of fishing trips somewhat challenging. As a result some trips have been cancelled or had to be rescheduled. Current club trip information can be found in the Singing Reel, at our regular Dinner Meetings and by club e-mail messages.

This year's abundance of rain has also had a good side. Sustained water levels have maintained excellent conditions in our smaller, higher elevation, mountain streams which continue to provide some of the best Brook Trout fishing in recent years. Brook Trout fishing on the FFV Trip to the Rapidan in May was the best day fishing there I have had in several years.

The Rapidan needs our help. The Madison County Board of Supervisors has passed a resolution to establish an entrance to Shenandoah National Park via the Rapidan Road. Their proposal would build entrance stations and would require you to pay a fee to use the road. The Rapidan Chapter of TU, on their website ( [www.rapidantu.org](http://www.rapidantu.org) ), has full information on the resolution and proposal. The FFV Board at our June meeting passed a motion that FFV would oppose this Resolution.

Congratulations to Ron Sakach the winner of the BOJC James River Special Rod Raffle. He received a TFO 9' 8 wt. rod, Reel with extra spool and 2 lines. I would like to thank all those members that purchased tickets for their support for BOJC.

Sight fishing for Carp, this month's dinner program, is on my fishing bucket list. Join us as Captain Paul Rose shares his knowledge of Carp and his expertise for landing these big, strong and exciting gamefish. He will also give a special afternoon session on Low Country Redfishing from 5:00pm to 6pm.

FFV's Board and Committees strive to provide trips, programs and activities of interest to our members. We welcome suggestions and ideas from all club members' for trips or activities they feel would be of interest to the Club. I hope each of you will join me July 18<sup>th</sup> at **OUR CLUB'S** next meeting.

**Fish Safely,  
Steve Lewis**

**Join the "Members Only" FFV Group on LinkedIn**  
**Contact Ed Landry [Ed.Landry@verizon.net](mailto:Ed.Landry@verizon.net)**



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# Captain Paul Rose

Get ready to meet the most challenging "trash fish" that will humble you, excite you and keep you coming back for more all in a morning of flyfishing.

My name is Paul Rose, licensed fishing guide and USCG Captain. I am a proud, active member of both CCA and FFF. Flyfishing for more than 25 years, my experience started in western PA fishing rivers and streams for trout and bass. As a Pittsburgh native it is OK to associate me with Steeler football, Mario Lemieux and a Permanti's sandwich.

After my anesthesia training (pays the bills, refer to children below), I relocated to Austin, TX and became a longhorn fan and a saltwater junkie on the famed TX coast. Starting out with a tunnel jon boat with the highest platform you ever saw, I learned to saltwater flyfish. The passion still burns bright as ever, but the boat has been upgraded a bit to [Hells Bay Waterman](#).

Three children later (all girls and all can flyfish), I moved back east to Charlotte, NC to be closer to family and friends.

Four years ago I decided to combine all of my experiences with some new ones from the Carolinas to create a quality guide service. This service is dedicated to teaching and to customer service. That's a guarantee along with hard fishing and hard guiding. In fact I never even wear a watch on the water. When you're satisfied we can go home.

While the service offers a variety of trips, I am a warm water specialist particularly enjoying carp and bass on the fly, not to mention trout and redfish. Check things out send some feedback, ask for info or send a tip.

[See the July/August issue of Eastern Fly Fishing for an article on Carp fishing in Lake Norman by Captain Paul Rose.](#)

# 2013 Meetings

**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.

# HIGH STICK



Winn Will Cohoke Pond  
22.5in Largemouth 4wt Rod Red Popping Bug

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**Stuart Lee  
Roosterfish**

**Rusty Jeter  
Largemouth  
Lake Amelia**







**Rick  
Ridpath**

**Florida**

**Spanish  
Mackerel**

**Snook**

**Bill Pearsall  
Shenandoah Tarpon aka Fallfish**

**Liz Cole  
Bonefish Cayman Islands**





# Lake Anna Carp

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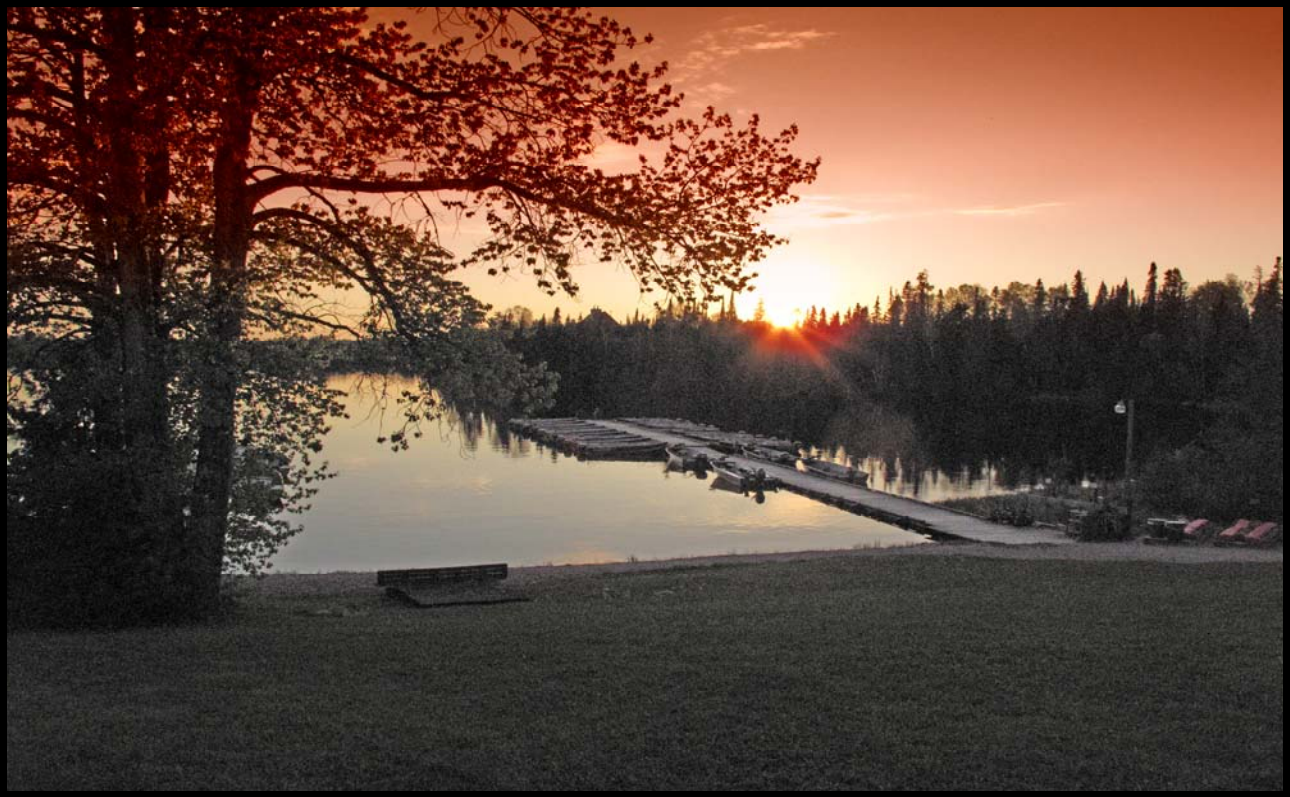


# O' Canada

## The FFV Invades the Northwoods

Report by Dick Chapman

On June 4, Larry Baron, Art Girard, Robert Thomas, and Dick Chapman ventured about three hours north of International Falls, MN, to the Fireside Lodge on Little Vermilion Lake, Ontario, to fish for muskie, northern pike, and smallmouth bass. Our hosts at the Fireside Lodge, Alan and Audrey Brandys, were attentive, professional, and, most importantly, fish savvy. The staff couldn't have been more helpful and were willing to assist us in every way. Our fairly new cabin was immaculate with a spacious deck facing the lake. The deck was our workshop where we repaired and rigged our assault weapons for the next day while telling lies and drinking unsweetened prune juice. Our boats equipped with both 4-cycle outboards and electric trolling motors were clean and in great shape. All meals were provided including a packed lunch. We guarantee you will not walk away hungry. The weekly dinner menu is shown on the website.—[www.firesidelodge.com](http://www.firesidelodge.com).







Now, for the fishing: We were whacked with the double-edged sword. The fish weren't quite where they were suppose to be due to the late thaw, but the weather was fantastic. We had five bluebird days and only one overcast day with a dash of mist. Art, due to his visit last year, was our guide and did an A-1 job putting us on fish the very first morning. In a lake as large as Little Vermilion this was no easy feat. He took us to a weed bed which produced both pike and

smallmouth on streamers as small as two inches. Of course the most enjoyable fishing was provided by those fish which would come up for our poppers. At first it was the northernns that came crashing out of nowhere as we vigorously stripped the poppers through the reeds and weeds. Later in the week it was the large smallmouth that responded to subtly twitched poppers sitting next to banks and dead-falls.





It didn't take us long to wear out one spot, so we were constantly searching for new areas. Alan, the proprietor, was a big help as he marked our charts and shared secrets. Still, it was a challenge and required quite a bit of exploring which provided some pleasant surprises. Larry caught six bass on seven casts along a small island, and Art hooked into a muskie but lost it at the boat. One afternoon Robert and Dick

investigated a shallow flat with little vegetation. A small log was spotted and upon investigation turned out to be a pike. Robert launched a surface device which the creature followed and followed with no results. Venturing further into the flat they spotted a larger log which Robert hooked with a Barr's Bou-Face. After 20 minutes the "pike" was boarded and cleverly became a 40" muskie weighing 15 pounds. This was the only muskie landed the entire week. Others were sighted, one weighing an estimated 50 pounds.







Even though the late thaw slowed the fishing to less than expected, everyone caught a good many. There were a few frustrating moments, such as when the wind kicked up, but certain areas could always be relied upon for fish. The sight fishing for bass and pike added another pleasant dimension to the fishing and the size of the fish was as advertised, large. We landed pike up to 37 inches with quite a few in the 30 inch range, and the average bass was probably 16-18 inches weighing 2 to 3 pounds or more. These large bass did not hesitate to break the surface, jump and thrash much like we see with the small bass in Virginia.







The last day, with the weather change, proved to be the most productive for the smallmouth. Robert and Dick worked the shoreline for nine hours catching a steady stream of 16-19 inch fish on drifting poppers. As Robert said, "It was a brochure type

day". Probably 50 fish were landed and the largest was landed on the last cast of the week by Robert. It was 19 inches and weighed 4 pounds.



## *Hey Mon'---Can't you see the fish??*

Report by Bill Pearsall

That was the first part of the learning curve for me, the newbie. The guide, Wilson, and Colby worked with me and finally, yes, I could see the fish. Next problem, cast to the fish and anticipate where to put the fly in front of them--that too I worked through with their help. And lastly, setting the hook with a strip & strike was really hard for me to conquer. But finally, with Wilson

gritting his teeth, I did it right. I had a fish on and landed it, whoopee.

But less we back up---the trip to Sweetings Cay involved six of us, Robert Thomas, Larry Baron, David Piotrowski, Art Girard, our leader Colby Trow, and me. The plane trip, the van trip, the boat trip, and finally landing on Sweetings Cay went perfectly. The three guides in boats were there each morning to put us on fish and help us catch them. We fixed our own breakfast. Lunch and dinner were brought by boat each day. We definitely did not go hungry. The sandwiches for lunch were good.

\*\*David, did you get the turkey and cheese?\*\* Dinner that night was brought by boat and I'll bet you couldn't eat it all. Each night was different. Conch, chicken, lobster, and ribs. It was all good.





The guides would pick us up in the morning. Two per boat and off we would go. How they knew where the fish were and how to run those flats amazed me. You would look down and the bottom would seem to be 2 inches below the boat and *that was at 40 miles per hour*. You were alone out there. Hardly saw another boat all day. The scenery was perfect. Flats, mangroves, and islands.



Now the best part, the fish. The bonefish looked like marching soldiers coming through the water, and yes everybody caught them. Colby, Robert and David also caught barracuda. Lots of sharp teeth there. Colby and I saw some permit, I think I saw them sticking their tongues out at us as they left. Lots of excitement.



We fished both from the boat and by wading. It's tough to look back while wading and see your boat on the horizon and have to walk back.

Each of us had our stories about catching or not catching fish. But since I'm the one writing this, you get to hear one of mine. I'll make it brief.



We see a fish, my turn up to cast. Fish takes fly. I strip stripe. Fish takes the fly. I drop the line, bad. But the fish is still on, good. He runs around a mangrove shoot and tangles the line, bad. Larry and I untangle the line, fish is still on. He runs and the tip section of my rod comes off and goes out with the line, bad. The fish runs into the mangrove, zips back and forth through the trees and stops. Our guide, PJ, jumps out of the boat and gets the fish and my rod tip. Great ending!





There are no dull moments on this trip. You can't beat a trip with good friend, good guides and great trip leader, and fish! It proves that even an old newbie can learn.









# ***Barracuda!!!!!!***





Want to go Bonefishing this Fall or next Spring?  
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# Yankee Trout

## The FFV in Pennsylvania









# CHMS Fly Fishing Club

We want to thank you for the generous donation to the Colonial Heights Middle School Fly Fishing Club. We really appreciate what you have done. All of us in the club are enjoying learning to cast, tie flies, and hopefully soon... catch fish through fly fishing. It is donations like yours that are making this possible.

Fly Fishers of Virginia -

Thank you for all the things FFFV has done this year to make our school club possible.

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## Expeditions and Outings

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Bill Pearsall (804) 513-1586

October 11-14 Jackson River  
Jay Armstrong (804) 648-4480

### \*\*\*Possible Future Trips\*\*\*

Fall2013/Winter2014 Bahamas Bonefish  
Colby Trow (540) 434-2444

June 2014 Canada  
Rob Thomas (804) 262-9218

August 2014 New River  
Rob Thomas (804) 262-9218



## Menu for July 18, 2013

**Carved NY Strip  
Fried Oysters  
Parsley Redskin Potatoes  
Southern Style Green Beans  
Salad  
Rolls  
Ice Cream Bar**

**RESERVATION - FFV DINNER MEETING  
THURSDAY JULY 18 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, July 16, 2013** to insure that you have a reservation.

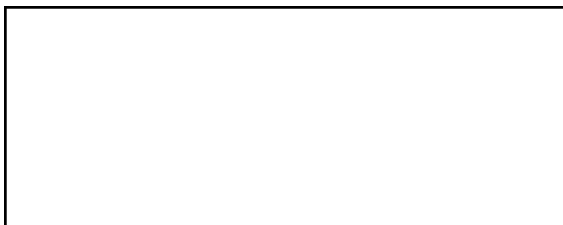
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#### **The Fly Fishers of Virginia (FFV)**

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.