

THE SINGING REEL

New River Outdoors James River Outdoor Company Smallmouth & Muskie

Thursday March 20, 2014 Salisbury Country Club
Cocktails: 6:00PM Dinner: 7:00PM

The James River above Lynchburg and the New River near Blacksburg are relatively easy trips from Richmond and the rewards can be great. Citation Smallmouth and big Muskies await. Area natives, Britt Stoudenmire and Andrew Fenstermaker, have made it their mission to get to know these fish on a “first name” basis. They will be sharing their knowledge of these great fisheries at the March meeting. Flies, tackle, and techniques will be discussed.

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Special Afternoon Sessions

4pm Shad & Stripers in Downtown Richmond

5pm Flies, Tackle, & Techniques for The New & James Rivers

NEXT MEETING: MAY 15 Rick Pope Designing Fly Rods

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Letter from the President

I wrote my first FFV President's Letter in March 2013. One year later, as I write this March Letter, there are so many people I have to thank for making 2013 another very successful year. First I would like to thank the club's Officers, Board of Directors, and Committee Members who, through their hard work, provided the great trips, activities and interesting meeting programs that we all enjoyed. I would especially like to thank all those members that accepted my invitation to join with fellow members and who more actively participated and supported OUR CLUBS meetings, trips and activities last year.

Thanks to the hard work of our 2014 Banquet Committee and its Volunteers we all enjoyed another outstanding Annual Banquet. I would especially like to thank all those corporate sponsors, guides and individual club members who so generously donated the trips, raffle table, and silent auction items for this year's banquet. Thanks to the support of those Club Members and the guests in attendance for their generosity purchasing raffle tickets and silent action items this year's banquet was a great success. As a result, at the February Board meeting, one of our largest ever allocations of funds to support our Conservation, Education, Youth Outreach and Service Programs was approved.

I am once again happy to report that we will be welcoming 14 new club members at this month's meeting. Please make your plans to come out and join us in welcoming our new members and enjoy an evening program on Smallmouth & Muskie fishing on James & New Rivers by Britt Stoudenmire and Andrew Fenstermaker. Britt and Andrew will also discuss flies, tackle and techniques at the afternoon session. With shad season fast approaching we are also pleased to have club member Robert Thomas at this session discussing Shad & Striper fishing in the James River in downtown Richmond.

My 2014 Shad season started early when I caught a nice Hickory at the Hot Ditch on February 19. I am truly thankful for this quite different start to this year's season as opposed to the one I experienced in 2013. We all must respect the fact that water can put us in a dangerous and life threatening situation in an instant. Please be vigilant of changes to water and weather conditions and know your limitations and those of your equipment. Trust me when I say please fish safely.

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THE FLY FISHERS OF VIRGINIA IS DEDICATED TO THE
PROMOTION OF FLY FISHING, SPORTSMANSHIP,
CONSERVATION, AND THE ENJOYMENT OF ANGLING.

"The Singing Reel" is produced by the Fly Fishers of Virginia for its members and friends of the organization. "The Singing Reel" welcomes articles, news items, photos, and other items that may be of interest to club members. Items may be sent by email to rtphotography@comcast.net or they may be mailed to: Editor, "The Singing Reel," P.O. Box 9311, Richmond, VA 23227.

2014 Meetings

March 20

New River

Britt Stoudenmire

**Afternoon Programs Upper James River
Shad & Striper**

**Andrew Fenstermaker
Robert Thomas**

May 15

Rod Building

Rick Pope

Afternoon Casting Rodeo with Greentop Sporting Goods

Afternoon Program Live Bait Chumming Captain Chris Newsome

July 17

Rivers of Virginia

Bruce Ingram

Afternoon Program Warmwater Fishing

September 18

Fishing Virginia Saltwater

Mike Buss

Afternoon Program Flies of the Virginia Coastal Fly Anglers

November 20

Conservation Program

TBA

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

****President's Message Continued****

Along with dinner meeting and club trips, FFV offers numerous opportunities for club members to actively participate. Ongoing information on activities such as Project Healing Waters, Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock and the Colonial Height Middle School Fly Fishing Club can be found in the Singing Reel, at regular Dinner Meeting and through e-mail messages. Your support and participation at these activities is greatly appreciated. As always please feel free to contact me or any board member with any questions or suggestions for the Club you may have.

I look forward to see you at Salisbury on the Thursday the 20th at this months Meeting.

Fish Safely,

Steve Lewis

UPCOMING FISHING OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Dave McMahon at (804) 358-2290



Britt Stoudenmire is in his eleventh season as a full-time smallmouth guide. A graduate of Virginia Tech and The Citadel and a former college baseball pitcher, Britt is an avid outdoor enthusiast and has hunted and fished his entire life. With over 200+ days a year on the water guiding and fishing, Britt is respected as one of the most knowledgeable and hardest working

river guides in the country.

A lifetime catch-and-release angler with a firm belief in respecting and protecting our watersheds, Britt is both an accomplished spin & fly angler and fly tier. He focuses the majority of his guided trips on targeting mature river smallmouth and musky on both spin and fly gear and teaching his clients the techniques needed to effectively pursue these fish. Britt has guided his clients to over 1000 "Virginia State Citation" river smallmouth (20" or larger) over the past nine seasons.



Andrew is a lifelong sportsman who spends every possible minute in the outdoors pursuing his passion for hunting and fishing. He has continuously pushed his skill, knowledge, and love for this lifestyle since the age of 6. His first exposure to the inevitable addiction was thanks to a neighbor and very dear friend Billy Via, who introduced Andrew to the art of trout fishing. Growing up in

Giles County, Virginia there were plenty of fishing opportunities, and trout streams were just the beginning. While attending Virginia Tech University, Andrew was fortunate enough to work as a fishing guide for New River Outdoor Co. He spent 5 years learning from some of the best, including Britt Stoudenmire who is a great mentor and friend. Upon graduation Andrew decided to pursue his true passion for the outdoor world, and will be heading up the development of James River Outdoor Co.

Special Raffle

Alan Hoover—Fly Fisherman, Fly Tyer, Charter Member of FFV, and Mentor to many was very active in PHW since its inception. To honor his memory we have created the “Alan Hoover Memorial Fund” with the money being used to recognize exceptional volunteers and/or wounded warriors. This raffle will be used to raise the seed money. Temple Fork Outfitters has generously donated one of their new custom rods for the raffle. These rods are truly custom. You choose the line weight, reel seat, handle style-you send them a tracing of your hand for a perfect fit-, inscription of up to 20 letters, and the blank goes through a unique “blueprinting” process to make the action silky smooth. To learn more about TFO custom rods go to:
<http://www.tforods.com/fly-fishing/custom-fly-rods.html>
Our May Speaker, Rick Pope, Founder of Temple Fork Outfitters, will draw the winning entry at the dinner meeting. Greentop Sporting Goods will have lots of TFO rods on hand for you to try at the afternoon “Casting Rodeo”.

Alan Hoover Memorial Fund Raffle

Name: _____

EMAIL: _____

_____ Tickets at \$20.00 Total \$ _____

Drawing to be held at the May Meeting

Do not need to be present to win

Mail To:

Fly Fishers of Virginia PO Box 29477 Richmond, VA 23242

Mossy Creek Private Water Trips

Due to the overwhelming popularity of these trips the Board of Directors have decided the fairest way to handle the matter of who gets to go is to do it by lottery. You can enter one or both dates but if you win you will only be allowed to go on one of the trips. The drawing will be held at the March Dinner Meeting. Winners will be notified by email. A list of alternates will be kept in case someone has to cancel at the last minute. Mail your entries to FFV, PO Box 29477, Richmond, VA 23242.

Trip Cost: \$75.00

Payable to Mossy Creek Fly Fishing on day of trip



Mossy Creek Private Water Guided Trip
Friday, April 4

Name: _____

Email: _____



Mossy Creek Private Water Guided Trip
Thursday, April 17

Name: _____

Email: _____

Annual Banquet Awards Ceremony



Phil Johnson

**The Nat Burgwyn
Lifetime Achievement
Award**



Clint Peters

**Charter Member
Lifetime Membership
in FFV**



Matt Balazik

**The Taylor Turner
Conservation Award**



David Hall

**Brent Golladay
Award**



Mark Sargent

**Brent Golladay
Award**



Ray Babineau

**PHW
Volunteer of the Year
Award**

HIGH STICK



The FFV volunteering at the CHMS Fly Fishing Club
This is the future of our sport

WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS

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

MAIL: PO Box 29477, Richmond, Va. 23242

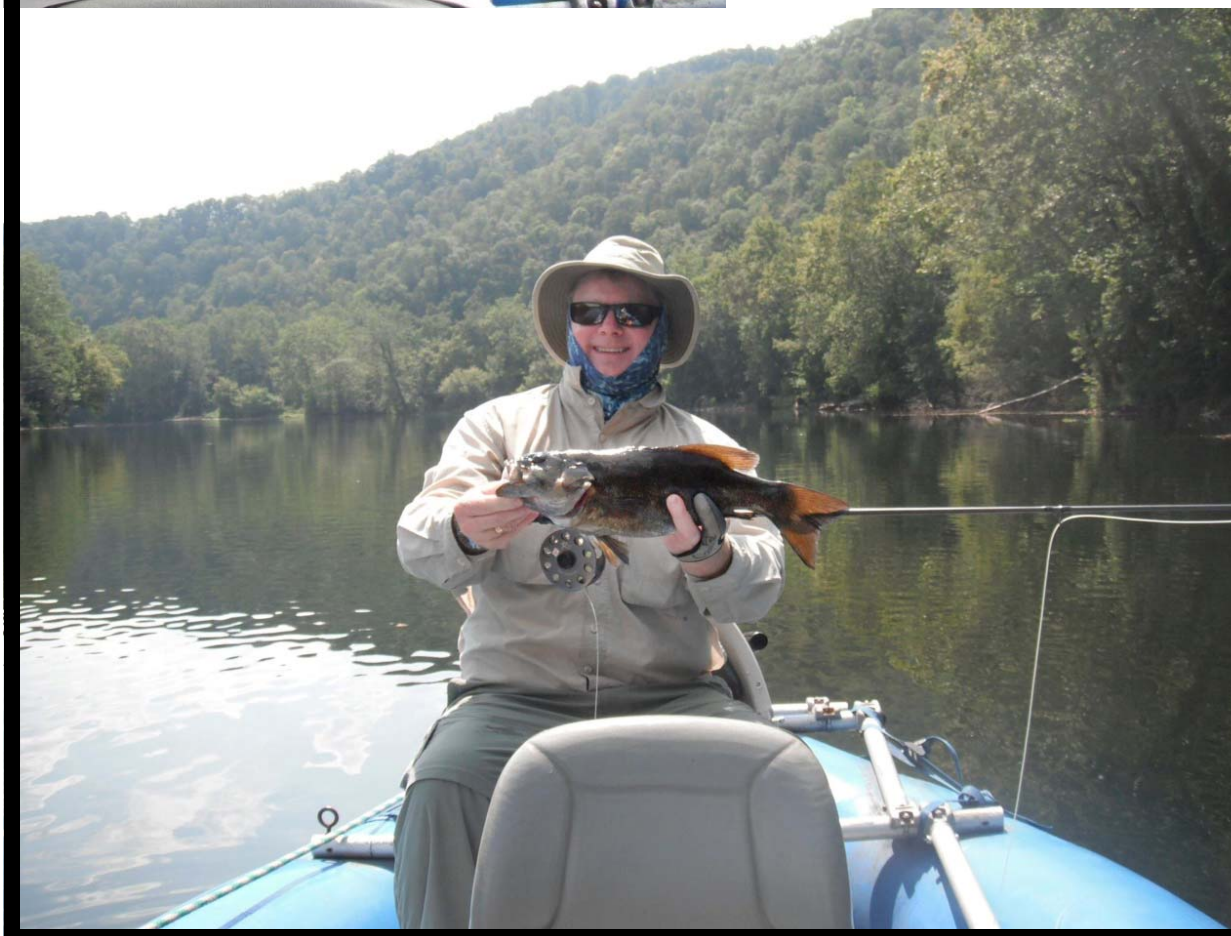
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**Noble Bichara
&
Eric English**

Smallmouth Bass

**Fishing with
New River
Outdoors**



The Brothers Trow “Blood Knot” Two Fisted Heart Productions



Any time we told a hardcore fly fisherman that we were making a film about the Shenandoah Valley, they undoubtedly would ask, “So you’re going to have musky, right?” It came down to our last day of filming, but thankfully, we can answer, “Yes”. The temps held on for us and the water was crystal clear. As we floated slowly, it was like looking at an aquarium — monster bass, catfish, and carp kept us entertained while we scoured the depths for musky. Musky fishing is a game of patience and persistence. I still don’t know how Brian and Colby casted 11- and 12-weight rods with full sinking lines for 8 hours that day. We still had to drag Colby off the water as the darkness of night set-in. We were fortunate enough to get a musky catch on camera and avoid hypothermia while filming the underwater portions. The musky took a chunk out of Brian’s thumb and put new meaning to the title, “Blood Knot”.

March Special Afternoon Session

Shad & Stripers in Downtown Richmond

Join your fellow flyfishers for a seminar/open discussion led by Rob Thomas on the fantastic spring fishery that occurs in our own backyard. We will discuss the tackle, flies and techniques needed for a successful day on the water. A map will be provided to mark the “hotspots”. Learn all the rules and regulations as well as identification of species. Historically the Shad show up mid-March and stay until the first of May. Stripers sometimes stay into June. And there are big Stripes in the River. 2011 there were 14 citations(20lbs or greater) issued and 2012 saw 8 citations. Last year a 75 pound fish was caught at Rocketts Landing.

****All seminar participants will be entered into a drawing for a dozen flies that have proven deadly for this fishery.****

Upcoming Trips

April 4: Mossy Creek Private Water

April 17: Mossy Creek Private Water

April 13: Graves Mountain Brook Trout

May 5-10: SW Virginia Camping

May 10: Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock

May: Panning for Fish

June 3-10: Canadian Smallmouth/Muskie/Northern Pike

August 9: Shenandoah Smallmouth

October: Jackson River Camping

October 26-Nov 1: New York Brown Trout/Steelhead/Salmon

April 2015: Nicaragua Jungle Fish

****Trip details will be emailed as they become available. We are always looking for new trips and new trip leaders. Please contact VP of Fishing Dave McMahon—(804) 358-2290/(804) 370-9929; pacerdave@gmail.com—to volunteer your services and/or make your needs known. The more you participate the more you will benefit from your membership.**

FFV Native Brook Trout Trip to Madison County / Shenandoah National Park

Trip Date: Sunday, April 13

Meet: Graves Mountain Lodge, Syria, VA at 9:00 AM for breakfast (\$9.95 plus tax, plus tip – bring cash). For more information on Graves Mountain Lodge, and directions, you can go to www.gravesmountain.com.

Cost: There is no cost to attend (besides the price of breakfast).

Most of the time, most of the group heads to the nearby Rapidan River after breakfast, but the Rose River, White Oak Canyon Run and other native trout streams are also available to those who would like to try a different stream. Please bring your own lunch and drinks. Those who head to the Rapidan usually meet for lunch beside the stream, but this is your trip and there is no set agenda or schedule. Fish as long as you want and head home when you're ready.

Bring some basic dry flies (Adams, Royal Wulff, Mr. Rapidan, etc.) and basic nymphs (Prince, Hare's Ear, CKs, etc.) in sizes 12 – 18. You can get more creative and check with your local fly shops, if you'd like.

The road into the Rapidan can be pretty rough, so a 4 wheel drive vehicle with some clearance is a good idea. The streams are relatively small, and the fishing requires climbing around and over brush, fallen trees, boulders, etc. The temperature in the mountains can be warm or extremely cold in mid-April, so please check the weather and plan for it to be 10 degrees colder than the Richmond forecast.

High water, extremely cold weather, horrible road conditions into the Rapidan, Polar Vortex, etc. will lead to postponement (hopefully not cancellation) of this trip.

There is no limit on the number of FFV members who can go on this trip. We need to give Graves Mountain Lodge an accurate head count for breakfast, so if you do sign up to attend, please let me know if your plans change and you cannot go on the trip. Thanks!

H.W. Leathers

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VDGIF has several issues/proposals where they are looking for input from the public. To view and comment on the on these please go to:

<https://www3.dgif.virginia.gov/web/issues-2014/details.asp?id=1>

Please let them know your feelings.



If you can help out in any way please contact:

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CHMS Fly Fishing Club



Colonial Heights
Middle School
Colonial Heights, Virginia



**Presentation of a Plaque of Appreciation to Greg Bulkley
of Bass Pro Shops for their generous support of the
Colonial Heights Middle School Fly Fishing Club**

From Past FFV President David Bagby

Healing the Earth A Checklist of 25 Things You Can Do

- ☐ **Reduce plastic use.** Last year, Americans threw 21 billion plastic water bottles into landfills, according to the Container Recycling Institute in Washington, DC. Fill (and refill) a container with water from the sink.
- ☐ **Lighten up!** Swap a regular light bulb for an Energy Star-rated compact fluorescent bulb. You will spare the earth 500 pounds of greenhouse gasses over the life of the bulb and save about \$30 in energy costs.
- ☐ **Lights out!** Turn off all lights, appliances, and electrical items that don't need to be on.
- ☐ **Use heaters and fans.** In winter, use a small space heater to warm a room while keeping other areas in the house cooler. In summer, use fans to cut air conditioning use.
- ☐ **Cook it small.** Use a small oven, microwave or the stovetop when preparing a small meal.
- ☐ **Set the refrigerator.** Set the refrigerator to 38° F, the freezer to 5°F, no colder.
- ☐ **Fill up dishwasher.** Run the dishwasher only when full, but don't overload. Use the "Rinse and Hold" if an option.
- ☐ **Clean the lint screen.** In clothes dryers, clean the lint screen regularly for more efficient use of the dryer.
- ☐ **Lower hot water.** Insulate your water heater. Turn it down to 121° F.
- ☐ **Shower quickly.** Take a quick shower instead of a bath to save water.
- ☐ **Cold water!** Use cold water whenever possible. Use cold water to wash clothes if not heavily soiled.
- ☐ **Switch suds.** Use chlorine-free cleaning products.
- ☐ **Buy locally.** Buy locally produced foods and products, when possible. 75% of items in a grocery store traveled 2000 miles to get there!
- ☐ **Bag it.** Bring your own canvas bags to the grocery store.
- ☐ **Recycle it.** Learn how to recycle household goods—clothing, motor oil, appliances, furniture, books, toys, etc. and, of course, bottles, cans and paper.
- ☐ **Buy recycled.** Use recycled products, especially paper.
- ☐ **Compost!** Compost kitchen and garden waste, or give it to a friend who can. Nutrients in the water (from garbage disposals) harms the bay and waterways.
- ☐ **On consignment.** Shop at consignment stores, and sell your old items at consignment stores.
- ☐ **Cut down on disposables.** Reduce your use of "disposable" items.
- ☐ **Tune up!** Maintain and tune up your vehicle regularly for maximum gas mileage. Keep tire pressure at recommended levels.
- ☐ **Leave the car.** Walk, use a bicycle, or take a bus or train whenever possible.
- ☐ **Paint it healthy.** When painting a room, use low VOC paint (no fumes) to decrease off gassing that contributes to respiratory problems.
- ☐ **Buying "things".** Buy products that will last; rent or borrow items you don't use often; maintain and repair the items you own.
- ☐ **Be a gardener.** Plant a garden.
- ☐ **Share list.** Share this list with your friends.

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The Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock is in need of fly tying material for its upcoming campfire in May. Please bring any extra material you might have to the March meeting.

Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock of VA

It's March, It's snowing----oh well. At least we can think about fishing! Thinking about shad, bass, bluegill, trout, puppy drum. Just hoping it will get here soon!

It's a good thing to organize your tackle box and car for the upcoming season. It's also a great time to remember that kids who hang around while you worked on your tackle or tied flies, always asking questions but never saying, "take me fishing".

There's always that worry in the back of your mind, can I have fun, what will his parents think? What if he gets hurt? All good reason to make you think before you ask.

We have a suggestion for you---the Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock is an organization that teaches kids how to fish---this takes the worry out of it for you. All you have to do is bring him or her along for the day and you will get plenty of help.

We teach fly tying, fly casting, bait fishing, spin casting, knot tying and lure identification. We have a Biologist there to explain aquatics in the lake. We have people walking the shore helping those who need it.

It is all day excitement, you bring lunch. We have supper and a raffle that no one leaves without a prize. You will have the advantage of adult companionship and help for the child---shoot, you will have fun!

This is the FFV youth event. Find a child and come; the both of you will have a great day and will have smiles on your faces!!

Saturday May 10, 2014 All Day
Camp Brady Saunders Boy Scout Camp-Goochland County
Don't forget thy fishing equipment, sunscreen, bug spray & water

Contact--Jeff Wrobel @ (804) 837-0941 or wrobels@verizon.net
Steve Lewis @ (804) 262-3788 or cl1231@verizon.net
Bill Pearsall @ (804) 513-1586 or billy.pearsall@gmail.com

Menu for March Meeting

Salad
Carved Roast Beef
Fried Oysters
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Rolls
Sundae Bar

RESERVATION - FFV DINNER MEETING
Thursday March 20, 2014

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, MARCH 18, 2014** to insure that you have a reservation.

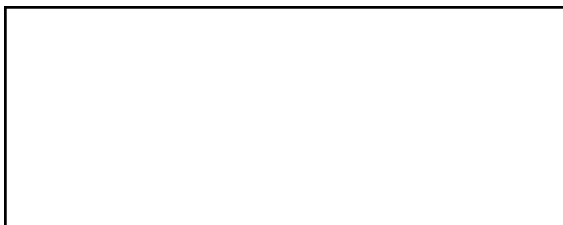
TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!
Mail to Fly Fishers of Virginia, P.O. Box 29477, Richmond, Virginia 23242.

Check here if you need a Vegetarian Meal # _____



Fly Fishers of Virginia
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Richmond, Virginia 23242

First Class



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Bill Pearsall - 1997, 1998
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Sam Goodpasture - 1993, 1994
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Charles I. Ellis - 1989, 1990
Taylor Turner - 1987, 1988
George D. Crosby, Jr. - 1985, 1986
Nat T. R. Burgwyn - 1982, 1983, 1984

FFV FOUNDERS

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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 and the CHMS Fly Fishing Club.