

THE SINGING REEL

Fly Fishing Extravaganza

Thursday May 15, 2014 Salisbury Country Club
Cocktails: 6:00PM Dinner: 7:00PM

Capt. Gary DuBiel Oriental, NC

Capt. Chris Newsome Gloucester, VA

Brad Whitaker Temple Fork Outfitters Rep

Gabe Beverly Green Top Sporting Goods

Tyler Bruce Green Top Sporting Goods

Afternoon and Evening Sessions
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NEXT MEETING: July 17 Bruce Ingram Virginia Destinations

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Letter from the President

It is with deep regret that I must report the untimely passing of fellow club member Tyler Potterfield on Friday May 25. Tyler began his active participation as a club member in December 2010. Last year he hosted a great club trip to Penns Creek, a trip he was once again planning this year. His passing is a loss to FFV and we send our sincere condolences to his family and loved ones.

Spring has finally sprung, bringing many fly fishing opportunities. Unfortunately the cooler weather and water temperatures combined with spring rain high water have greatly limited my available time for fishing. This combination has made river fishing for Shad and Stripers challenging once again this year. This winter's snow melt and abundant spring rains have given us another year with excellent water levels on our mountain streams. On the April 13th club Rapi-dan trip, I enjoyed one of the very best days' dry fly fishing for Brook Trout that I have had in many years. Reports on our April club trips and information on all currently planned trips can be found later in this newsletter. If you have not enjoyed one of our club trips you are missing one of the greatest opportunities your membership has to offer. Planning for additional trips and activities is ongoing and we welcome all new ideas and input. Additional information can be found in future Singing Reels, at our regular Dinner Meetings and by club e-mail messages.

Have you ever cast or fished a Temple Fork Fly Rod? Join us at this month's meeting for our "Casting Rodeo" from 3 to 5 pm. Green Top Sporting Goods will have a good selection of TFO rods for you to try. At 5 pm, following the Rodeo, Captain Chris Newsome will have a program on salt water live bait chumming. Our dinner program will feature Capt. Gary Dubiel discussing flyrod techniques for Redfish. Brad Whitaker from Temple Fork Outfitters will draw the winner of the TFO custom blueprinted flyrod for the "Alan Hoover Memorial Fund" raffle. Raffle tickets are still on sale and the proceeds will be used to recognize exceptional volunteers or warriors of Project Healing Waters.

I am once again inviting you to join me and follow members attending OUR CLUB'S meeting this month. Please feel free to contact me or any board member with any questions or suggestions for the Club you may have.

Fish Safely,
Steve Lewis

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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.

Fly Fishing Extravaganza

Casting Rodeo

3-5pm

**Sponsored by
Green Top Hunting & Fishing
And
Temple Fork Outfitters**

Our third annual Casting Rodeo is shaping up to be the best one yet. Gabe Beverly and Tyler Bruce from the flyfishing department of Green Top Hunting & Fishing will be bringing a number of Temple Fork Outfitters fly rods for you to sample. They will be joined by TFO factory representative Brad Whitaker and TFO Pro Staff member Captain Gary DuBiel. You are also welcome to and encouraged to bring your own favorite rod(s). The rodeo is the perfect place to hone your casting skills as well as learn some new ones. Here is your opportunity to learn how to double haul, throw a curve or a reach cast, increase your accuracy, and just plain improve your overall casting ability.

Everyone attending the Casting Rodeo will receive a door prize ticket good for a chance for one entry into the raffle for the custom rod donated by TFO for the Alan Hoover Memorial Fund.

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Live Chumming in and around Mojack Bay 5-6pm

Capt. Chris Newsome



Capt. Chris Newsome specializes in fly and light tackle fishing charters on the Chesapeake Bay of Virginia. The region is blessed with a variety of saltwater fishing opportunities from shallow water fishing on the Middle Peninsula to open water fishing at the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel.

Newsome guides anglers using fly, spin and bait casting tackle for numerous species including striped bass, speckled trout, redfish, flounder, bluefish and more. Enthusiastic and patient, Capt. Chris welcomes all skill levels from children to accomplished anglers. Widely regarded as an expert in his craft, Newsome works hard to create a memorable fishing experience for his clients.

www.bayflyfishing.com (804) 815-4895

****All seminar attendees will receive a door prize ticket to win 6 of Chris's hand tied signature flies for fishing the Bay.****

Giant Redfish on the Fly

8:15pm

Capt. Gary Dubiel



Gary is the originator of the popping cork craze and inventor of the float-n-fly rig for Neuse River and Pamlico Sound giant red drum! You may have seen him on ESPN 2, WFN, UNC-TV, NBC Sports, the Sportsman Channel, Discovery Channel (Europe), a local or national fishing show, the Saltwater Sportsman's National

Seminar Series, or perhaps in any major sports fishing magazine.

www.specfever.com (252) 249-1520

2014 Meetings

May 15

Giant Redfish

Capt. Gary Dubiel

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

Afternoon Program Mountain Trout Fishing Matt Thomas

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



HUNTING & FISHING



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UPCOMING FISHING OPPORTUNITIES

Contact Dave McMahon at (804) 358-2290

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>

Brad Whitaker, Temple Fork Outfitters Rep, 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

HIGH STICK



Rob Thomas
Striper James River
Downtown Richmond

WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS

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

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EMAIL: rtphotography@comcast.net

James River Shad



**Rusty
Jeter**



**Rob
Thomas**



**Art
Girard**



**Dave
Skove**



Al Janousek
Snook

Stuart Lee
Sailfish



Steve Love Redfish



The Girards



**Lisse
Rio Gallegos
South America**

**Art
Stocking Island
Bahamas**

Rapidan Brook Trout Trip

By H.W. Leathers

On April 13, H.W. Leathers, Kyle Leathers, Steve Lewis, Billy Pearsall and Ray Ward met at Graves Mountain Lodge to kick off the FFV annual native Brook Trout trip to the nearby streams. Breakfast at the Lodge consisted of the usual light fare: scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, sausage gravy, fried potatoes, apple fritters, rolls, toast, apple butter, milk, coffee, juices, etc. Fortified for the next several hours, we turned our attention to the beautiful mountain scene, warm temperatures and sunshine outside with high hopes for a good day of fishing.

We were not disappointed by the fishing, but the road into the Rapidan was another story. The winter weather we complained about in Richmond was nothing compared to the snowfall and frigid temperatures the mountains had received, and the moonscape we drove over once we left the paved road showed the wear. I highly recommend a vehicle with plenty of clearance and preferably four-wheel drive if you plan to fish the Rapidan anytime soon.



Once we finished bumping and banging up over the mountain and down to the stream, things looked great. The water level was excellent, and the stream was clear. There were some other fishermen present, but not too many. Best of all, there were *lots* of bugs buzzing around the stream. We observed different types of small mayflies, a few March Browns, some terrestrials, and a bunch of tiny bugs we couldn't identify. When we met for lunch with Ray, the outside temperature was 78 degrees!

Around mid-afternoon, Kyle and I took a little road trip up to the top "parking lot" to check on Steve and Billy and see how they were doing. While we swapped stories, the bugs were just everywhere.

Small ones swarmed around our eyes, ears, and noses. We had to shoo away larger ones while we talked. Kyle even got stung by some kind of bee. Yikes! On the bright side, the trout also noticed all the insect life and proved cooperative.

These wonderful conditions provided the opportunity to fish either dry flies or nymphs, or both. I only fished a single dry fly pattern all day, while some of the other folks fished nymphs or dries with a dropper. Everyone did well and caught some real nice brookies from different stretches of the stream.

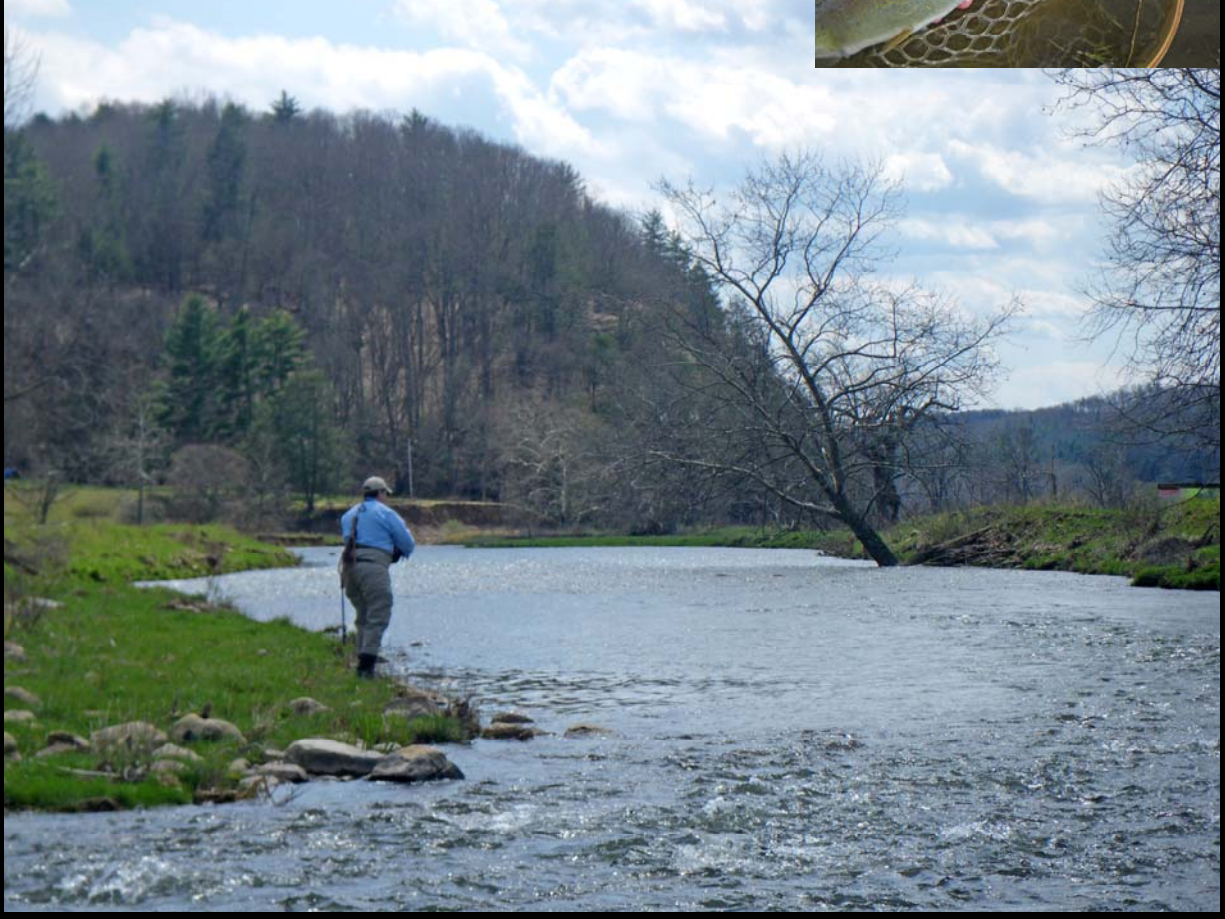
Healthy water levels should allow for quality fishing on the larger native brook trout streams for the next couple of months. The bugs are definitely out, and the fish are looking up. Enjoy!



Mossy Creek Private Water



Tomahawk Farms







If you can help out in any way please contact:

**John Paramore 13861 Buck Rub Drive Midlothian, VA 23112
(C) 443-693-3868 Johnp5286@hotmail.com**

Upcoming Trips

May 10: Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock

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

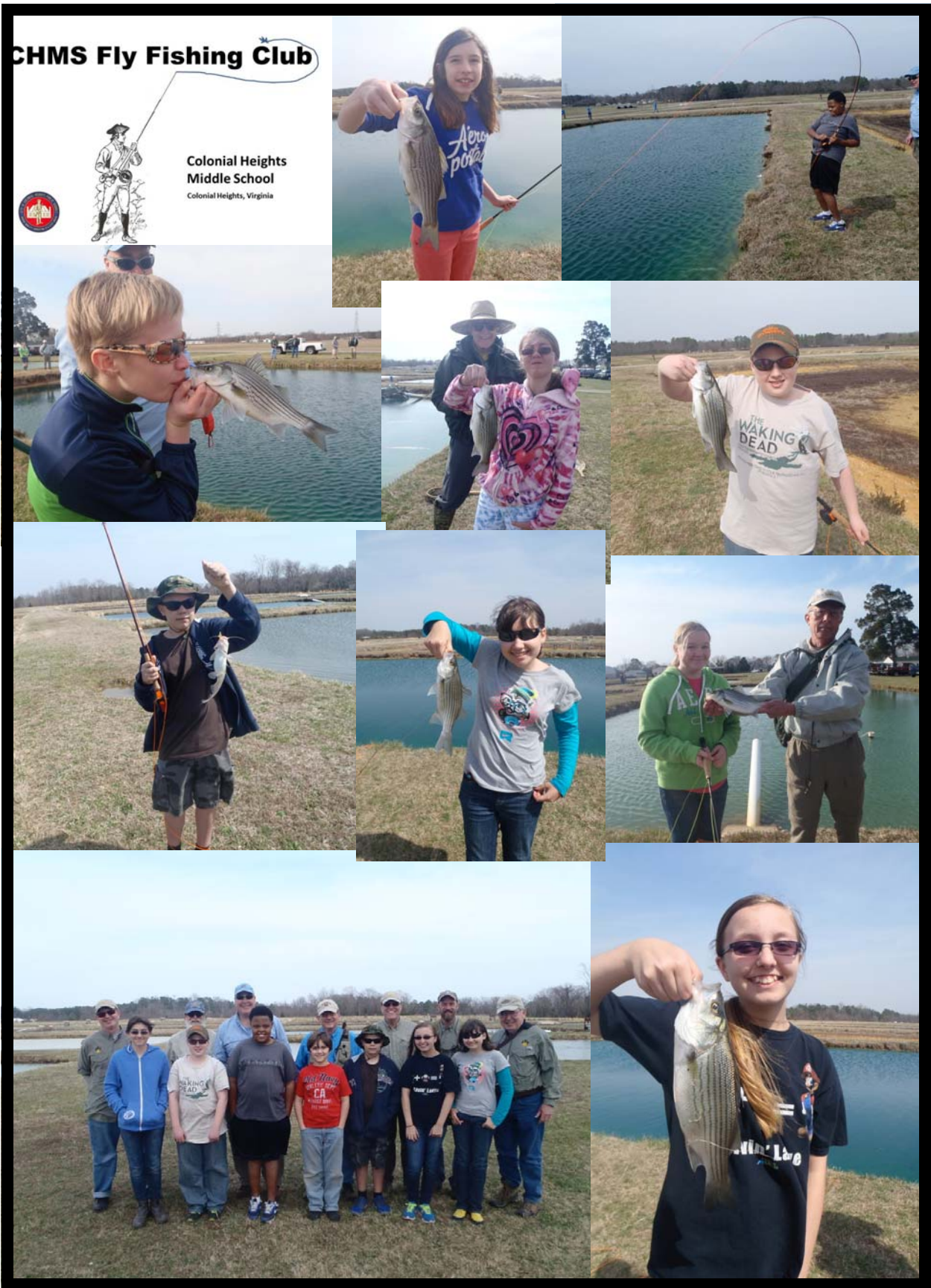
August 9: Shenandoah Smallmouth

October 10-11: 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.**



Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock of VA

It's April, It's raining----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 May Meeting

Salad
Carved Top Round
Fried Shrimp
Parsley Redskin Potatoes
Southern Style Green Beans
Rolls
Dessert



RESERVATION - FFV DINNER MEETING
Thursday May 15, 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, MAY 13, 2014** to insure that you have a reservation.

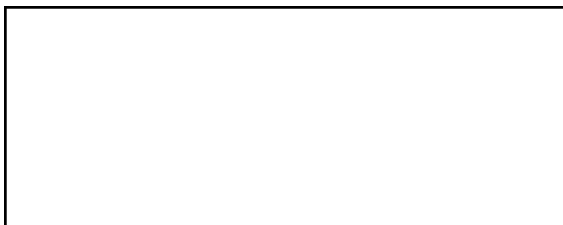
TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!
Mail to Fly Fishers of Virginia, P.O. Box 29477, Richmond, Virginia 23242.

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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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.