



Beau Beasley

Who Owns The River

Thursday November 19, 2015
Cocktails: 6:00PM

Salisbury Country Club
Dinner: 7:00PM



Beau will fill us in on all the latest developments concerning stream access issues in Virginia and surrounding states. This is information you need to know.

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Afternoon Session
Essential Fly Fishing Knots
Salisbury Club 4:30-6PM

NEXT MEETING: Annual Banquet January 23, 2016

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Letter from the President

Fall is a wonderful time to be hitting the outdoors for hiking, hunting and fishing. On our latest trip to Back Creek we were witness to all three of these activities sharing the same outdoors space. That being said, we have entered the part of the fishing season when the hunters fill the woods and the evenings come much sooner. It would be wise for anyone fishing public land to wear some blaze orange just as the hunters do.

There have been several good outings for the membership so far this fall. A special thanks goes out to our trip leaders for making great fishing opportunities possible for our membership. The Singing Reel should have a bunch of great pictures from these trips. If you have not taken part in one of the club sponsored trips you are missing a great opportunity. There is no better time to get to know more about your fellow club members. Planning for trips is ongoing and we welcome new ideas and input. We are also looking for new trip leaders. There is a possibility of another trip to Back Creek in the spring but we need a trip leader for it. If you are interested in leading and have never lead a trip then contact Dale Clark or myself and we will help you work out the details of leading a trip.

November is the meeting we usually designate for a conservation related presentation. It is a reminder that while our club has a social aspect we also have a responsibility to be participants in outreach, conservation and education. As many of you know we raise money with our raffles and dues so that contributions can be made to organizations engaged in outreach, conservation and education. We have contributed or made money available to the following organizations this year: Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock, Casting for Recovery, Coastal Conservation Association, Colonial Heights Middle School Fishing Club, Reel Recovery, Shenandoah River Keeper, VCU Rice Center (Sturgeon Research), Trout in the Classroom, and we fully funded 4 children to attend the TU Trout Camp. We also recently approved enough money to fund the startup of two more Healing Waters projects. Thank you to our membership for making this possible.

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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.

President's Letter Continued

This club also has several individuals who are always willing to lend an extra hand. I will not list them here but fellow club members show up regularly to teach fly tying to injured veterans, hold casting classes, guide on trips for PHW, raise money for PHW, and sponsor third Wednesdays fishing at the Salisbury Club for PHW during the warmer months. We are currently looking for people who have experience with rod building to help with PHW also. The Colonial Heights Middle School fishing club (CHMS) is run by FFV members and they can always use our support. There are other short term outreach opportunities being examined by the board. As those possibilities take form, the board will be sending requests to see who may be able to help with the projects to ensure we can perform before making any final commitments.

All these events require time and membership participation for it to happen. Please take time to get involved in these activities, we need your participation. Contact Steve Lewis or Ray Babineau to see where you can fit in with PHW, Rick Ridpath, Chuck Davis or Ray Ward for CHMS, or any board member to see where your talents may be most helpful. These activities are great way to give something back, make new friends, and make a positive difference in someone's life.

Please take note that Annual Dues were due on November 1st. Please contact Ed Landry, ed.landry@verizon.net if you did not receive your notice. The final date for Dues payment is December 1st.

I once again invite you to join us on November 19th for a dinner presentation by Beau Beasley, who will talk about stream access issues. We will be drawing the winning ticket for our Special Musky Trip Raffle with Mossy Creek Fly Fishing, and you do not have to be present to win. The proceeds from this Special Raffle and from the night's regular raffle will be donated to Project Healing Waters in memory of Carter Lewis, the son of FFV Past President Steve Lewis.

Fish On,

Jay Armstrong

Beau Beasley Bio

Beau Beasley is the Mid-Atlantic states field editor for Eastern Fly Fishing, a contributing editor for Fly Fish America, and an editor at large for Southern Trout. His work has also appeared in Fly Fisherman, American Angler, Fly Tyer, Mid-Atlantic Fly Fishing Guide, Virginia Wildlife, Flyfisher, Virginia Living, Blue Ridge Outdoors, Virginia Sportsman, and Fly Rod & Reel. Some of his articles on menhaden as well as his work on public access and use issues have also appeared in the Baltimore Sun, Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star, and Roanoke Times.

In 2005 the Mason-Dixon Outdoor Writers Association honored Beasley with the Talbot Denmead Memorial Award for Best Environmental Writing (sponsored by Bass Pro Shops) for his work on the Chesapeake Bay. His first book, *Fly Fishing Virginia: A No Nonsense Guide to Top Waters*, won the M-DOWA Book Award as well as the prestigious Excellence-in-Craft Award in 2009. *Fly Fishing Virginia* is currently in its second printing and is one of L.L. Bean's best-selling fishing books nationwide.

In 2011 the M-DOWA honored him again by awarding him the Talbot Denmead Memorial Award for the Best Article on Conservation and/or the Environment for "Where Have All The Menhaden Gone?" The Fly Fish America cover story chronicled the challenges of managing this very important baitfish. This honor was particularly gratifying since one magazine after another had refused to publish the article for fear of angering one or another stakeholder. In the end, however, both the conservation community and the commercial fishing industry lauded the piece as in-depth and even-handed.

His last book, *Fly Fishing the Mid-Atlantic: A No Nonsense Guide to Top Waters*, is similar in layout to the Virginia book but includes 45 fresh and salt waters across seven Mid-Atlantic states. Though most of the photographs are his own, collected from fishing each and every piece of water covered in the book, he was delighted to be able to include photography from pros like Jack Hanrahan, Mark Sargent, and Jim Graham. Alan Folger contributed the vivid, original wildlife art that brings the book to life.

Beau is a retired career fire fighter with the Fairfax County (Virginia) Fire and Rescue Department, where he served for 30 years. His last assignment was as captain and lead medic of Engine Company 427 in West Springfield.

He is currently working on a new book chronicling the work of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, a projected publication date is late 2016.

Beau also serves as the director for the Virginia Fly Fishing & Wine Festival which will be held just outside of Richmond this coming April.

Beau will also have copies of his books available for purchase at the dinner meeting for \$30 each...

Fly Fishing Virginia and *Fly Fishing the Mid-Atlantic*

Special Raffle

To be drawn at the November Meeting
Do not need to be present to win

Musky Fishing Trip

Hosted by Mossy Creek Fly Fishing
Fly or Conventional Tackle
All Tackle, Flies/Lures, Lunch Included
One or Two Anglers



Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

_____ Tickets @ \$10.00 each Total: \$ _____

Mail this form to:

FFV PO Box 29477 Richmond, VA 23242

All proceeds from this Special Raffle will be used to make a donation to Project Healing Waters in the memory of Carter Lewis, son of FFV Past President Steve Lewis.

HIGH STICK



Art Girard
Roosterfish Costa Rica

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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Stripers Steve Lindsay & Mac Myers





**White Amur
aka
Grass Carp**

**Larry Ricks
&
Rob Thomas**



Al Janousek
9lb Bonefish East End Lodge Bahamas



**Beaver
Creek
Rainbow**

**Released
By
Thom
Wheeler**

Redfish Beaufort, SC

Bill Pearsall Art Girard Dan Genest

David Piotrowski Rob Thomas



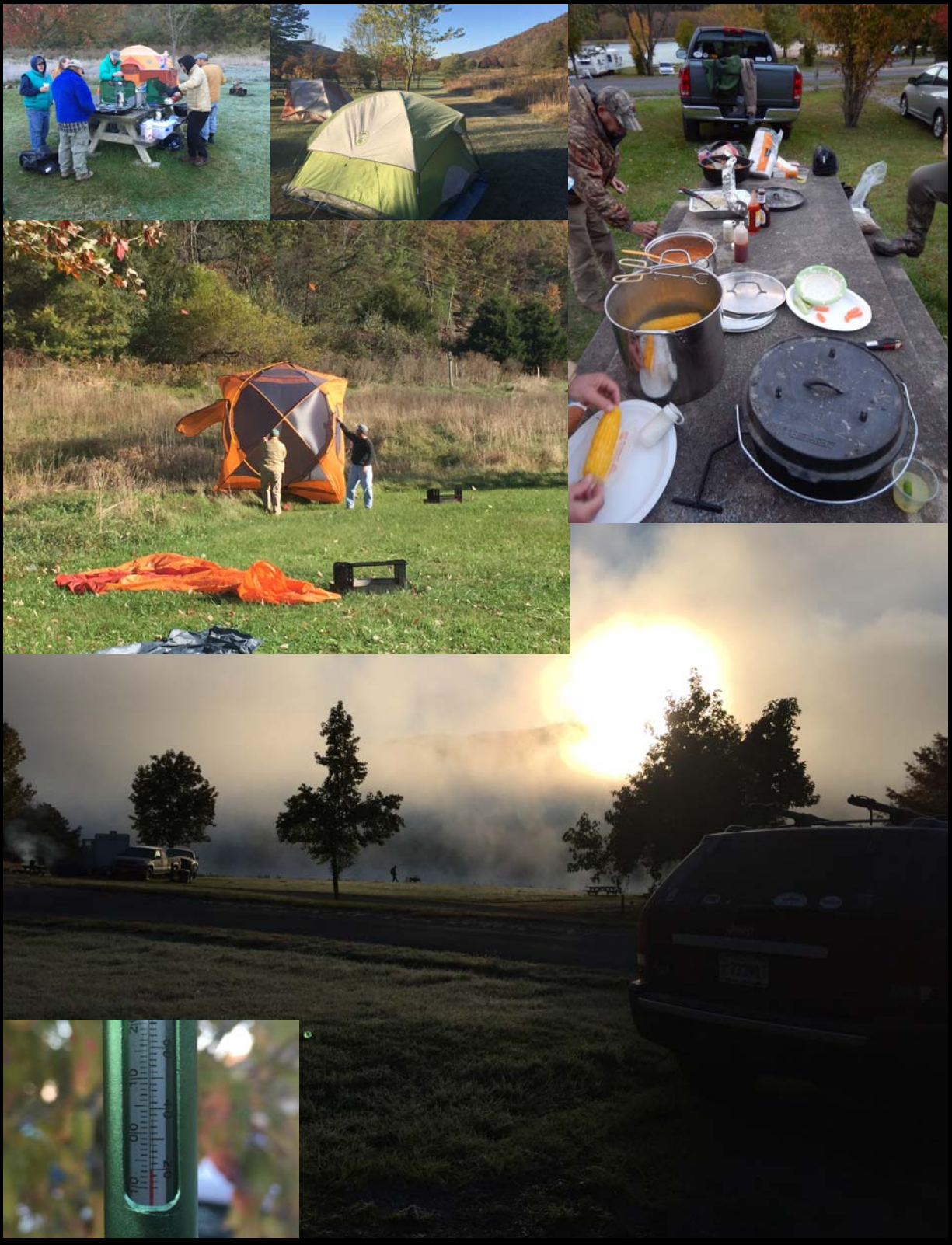


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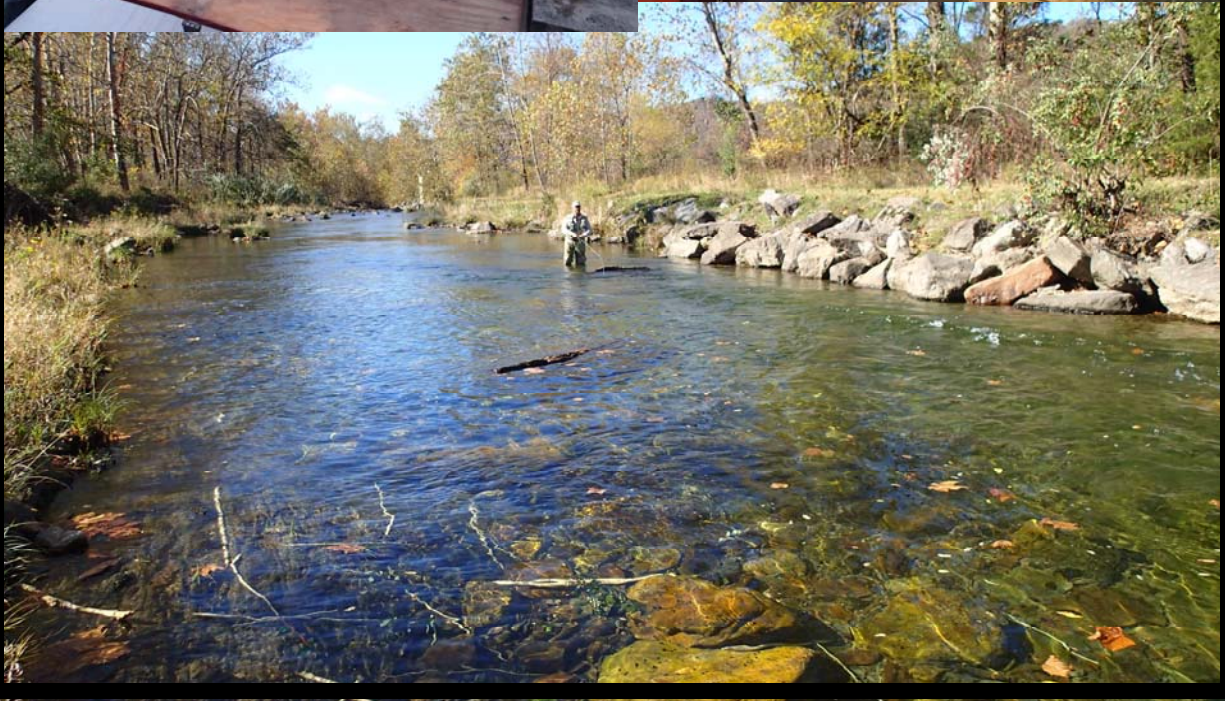
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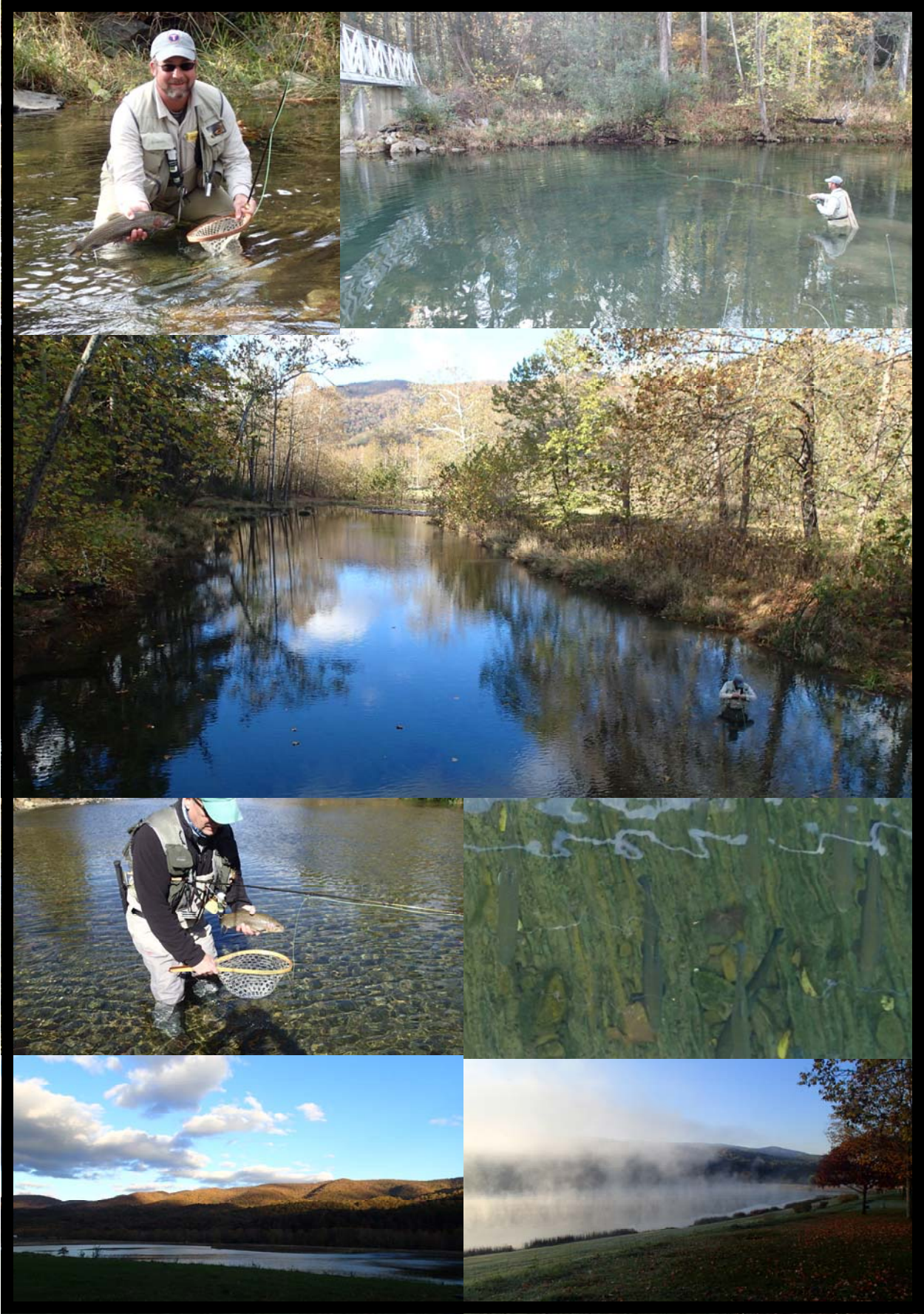


Back Creek











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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



Reel Recovery Retreat Graves Mtn Lodge



Menu for November Meeting

Salad
Carved Prime Rib
Shrimp Stir Fry
Rice Pilaf
Vegetable Medley
Rolls
Ice Cream Bar

RESERVATION - FFV DINNER MEETING
Thursday November 19, 2015

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 November 17, 2015** 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 # _____



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Richmond, Virginia 23242

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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, The Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock, Reel Recovery, Trout in the Classroom, and the CHMS Fly Fishing Club.