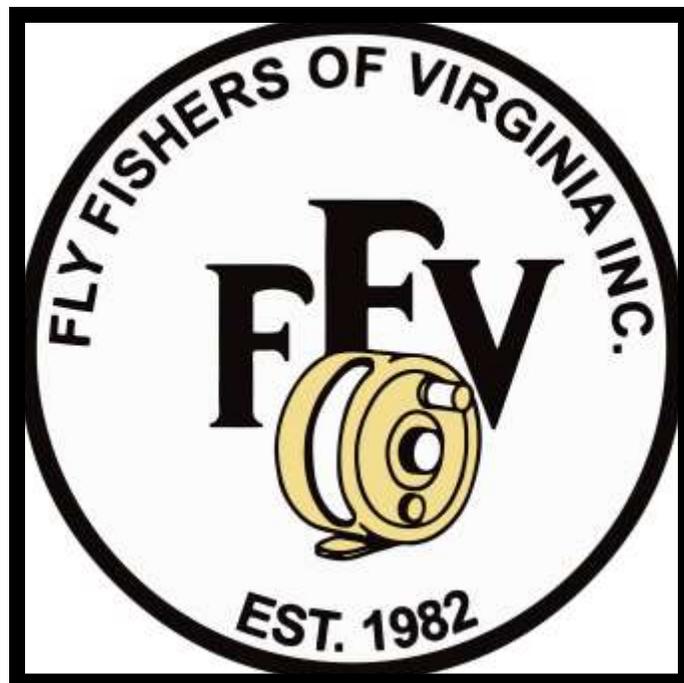




THE SINGING REEL

September Meeting
Picnic at VA. Cliffe Inn
5:00-8:30pm



Swap Meet
At The
September Meeting

NEXT MEETING: November 5, 2021 Annual Banquet at The Place

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Letter from the President

I am confident that most of you are looking forward to some cooler fall weather and more pleasant days on the stream – I know I am! As you think about fly fishing this fall, don't forget about the upcoming swap meet at our outdoor September 16th picnic that will be held at the Virginia Cliffe Inn. This will be an excellent way to pare down your pile of fly fishing gear – as well as build the pile back up with some new-to-you items!

Our annual banquet will take place at The Place on Friday, November 5th. I am delighted that Jim Klug, the CEO of Yellow Dog Outfitters, will be our guest speaker. Jim has presented to FFV in the past, and those of you who heard him then know what an outstanding speaker he is. Those of you who have not heard him are in for a real treat! The Salisbury Country Club will complete their renovations later this year and our treasurer, JoAnn Lindstrom-Gibbons, has already reserved dates back at Salisbury Country Club for our 2022 dinner meetings.

Fly Fishers of Virginia conducted a second Frontline COVID Worker Fly Fishing Retreat on June 25 at Duck Down Inn. Seven Richmond area health organizations participated – St. Mary's Hospital, Richmond Ambulance Authority, Walter Reed Hospital, Central Virginia VA Hospital, VCU Hospital, American Medical Response (ambulance service), and the Memorial Regional Hospital. These organizations sent twelve participants – seven RNs, one surgeon, one paramedic, two EMTs, and one VCU flight unit administrator. A shout-out to our club members who volunteered to serve as fly fishing coaches and buddies: Jon Arnold, Chuck Jochen, Rusty Jeter, Steve Lewis, Steve Lindsey, Mac Myers, Tom Mlot, David Piotrowski, Tony Scrimizzi, Robert Thomas, and Marvin Williams. This retreat, as well as the first retreat that occurred in May, were the idea of club members Steve Lindsey and Ed Landry and were intended to show our immense appreciation of the work of the Richmond-area health care workers during the pandemic. Well done, folks!

The Board and I look forward to seeing you at the September swap meet and picnic – and in the meantime, tight lines and screaming reels

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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.

Swap Meet

At The

September Picnic

Have some unused/rarely used equipment that you would like to turn into cash money? Bring it to the first ever FFV “Swap Meet” and for a **20% fee**, with proceeds going to our conservation projects, we will sell it for you.

Here is how it will work:

Your item(s) will be tagged with your name and the price you dictate.

*Remember the 20% fee so please price accordingly so you can get the amount of money you desire.

The buyer will take the item to one of the cashiers for payment.

We will accept cash, check or PayPal

The tag will be removed and saved for bookkeeping and payment to you. If the buyer pays cash you will receive your money that night. If the buyer pays by check or PayPal you will receive payment by check within 30 days. *If we have enough cash on hand it is possible we might be able to pay you that night.

If at the end of the night your item has not sold you have 2 choices:

A: Take your item home with you.

B: Donate your item to the FFV to be used as a raffle prize at a future meeting or sold through Ye Olde Fly Shack.

The Swap Meet will be held in lieu of the regular raffle. We will have a “**Special Raffle**” of a large SA fly box with 100 warmwater flies with a \$500.00 retail value to be drawn that night. You do not have to be present to win. Entry form available in this Singing Reel or via PayPal on the FFV website:

www.FlyFishersofVirginia.org

“Ye Olde Fly Shack”

Fly Fishers

We are going to try something new. In addition to the regular Raffle Table we are opening “Ye Olde Fly Shack”. It will consist of items that are new or lightly used and will be available for direct purchase by cash or check. Many of the items have a specific “size” and therefore are not suitable for the regular Raffle. All items will be “priced to sell” and will constitute a real bargain. A sampling of items for the meetings consists of wading boots, fly reels, fly lines, packs, neoprene booties, and other gear. As always the proceeds will go toward our conservation efforts so be sure and bring some extra money with you. You just might come away with something you didn’t know you needed.

**Open for Business
At the
September Picnic**

****We will also take donations to Ye Olde Fly Shack. If you have some new or lightly used equipment that is gathering dust please consider making a donation. Some other member would probably love to put it to good use. Please contact Robert Thomas at (804) 307-7122 or rtphotography@comcast.net to make a donation****

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**PayPal is now available for
Dinner Reservations and Special Raffle Tickets**

Special Raffle

Will be drawn at the September Meeting



Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

_____ Tickets at \$10.00 each

Total: \$ _____

**Tickets may also be purchased via PayPal at
www.FlyFishersofVirginia.org**

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HIGH STICK



Dick Chapman
Largemouth Sandy River Reservoir



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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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Lake Amelia

Robert Thomas



Kootenai River

Mac Myers & Rick Henderson

A few pictures from our trip to fish the Kootenai with Linehan Outfitters in Libby, Montana. The water was great since it is a tail water stream...couple of days we started just below the dam. And for the summer fishing season they keep it at a constant 9,000 CFS. 14-15 inches is considered the typical nice fish..couple of these were that.

I had a couple of firsts: West Slope Cutthroat and Cutbow. The weather was still hot - low 90's and the fishing was slow. The guides were all really surprised at how slow it was.....could not believe we were not pulling fish out of a number of places/holes. So much so, at times they rowed back upstream and covered it again. Linehan's is a small outfitter and May best the best I have ever had the privilege of fishing with - go back in a heartbeat.
Mac Myers







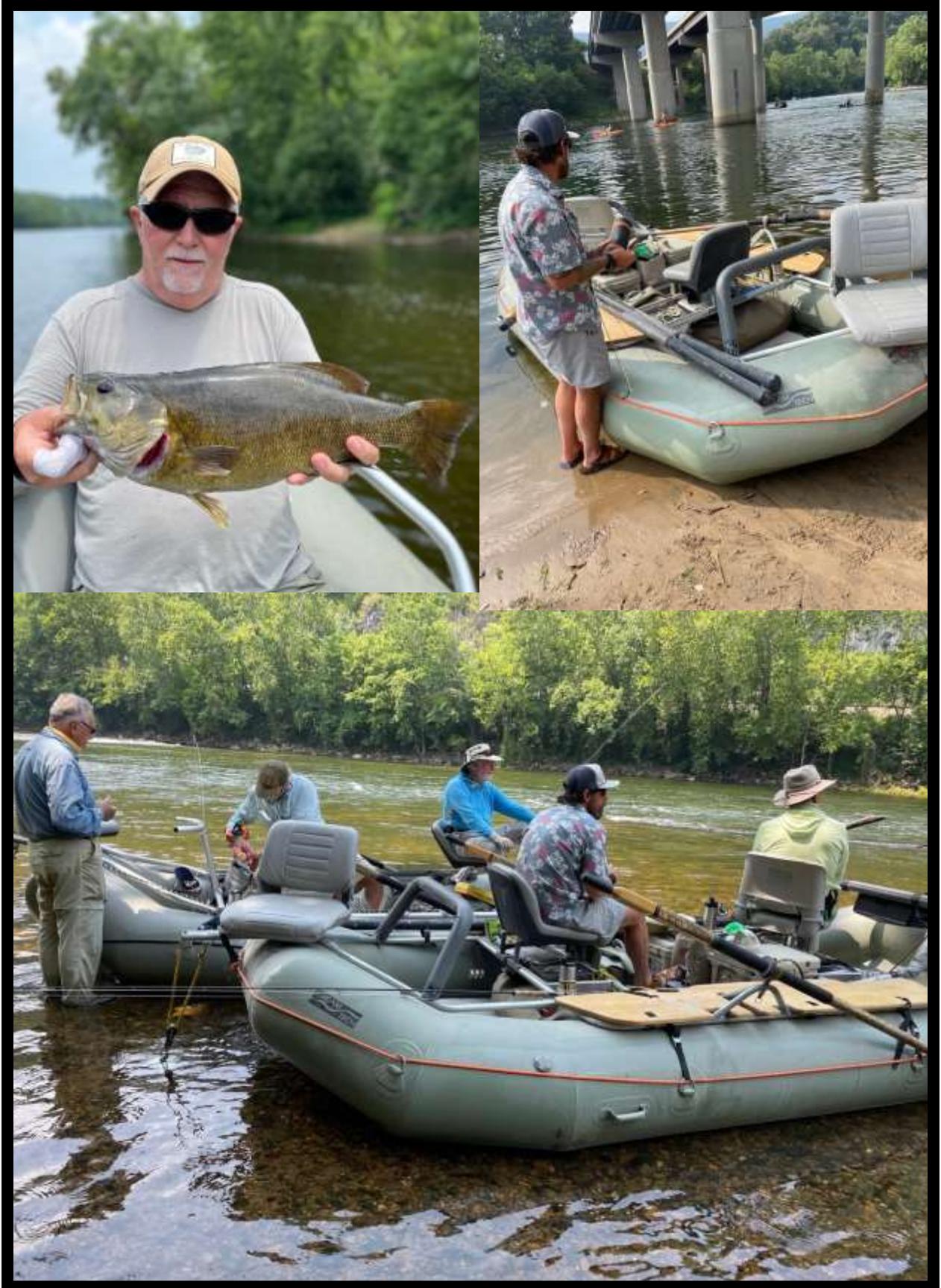


Last week, my son, myself, Mac Myers and his grandson flyfished the Kootenai River for 5 days. We stayed at their River house and the wife, Joanne cooked for us. The accommodations were great and the food was excellent. The guides were great with beginners and experienced alike. They provided the rods, reels and flies. They fish on 40 miles of the river and work in 8 mile stretches each day. There are rainbows, cutthroat, cut bows, whitefish, brown, brook, bull and pike minnows. Majority is rainbows, cuts and whitefish. My largest rainbow was an 18" and I caught a 22" pike minnow. We had a great time and would go back again.
Rick Hendrickson

New & James River Trip **With** **Wesley Hodges Fly Fishing**

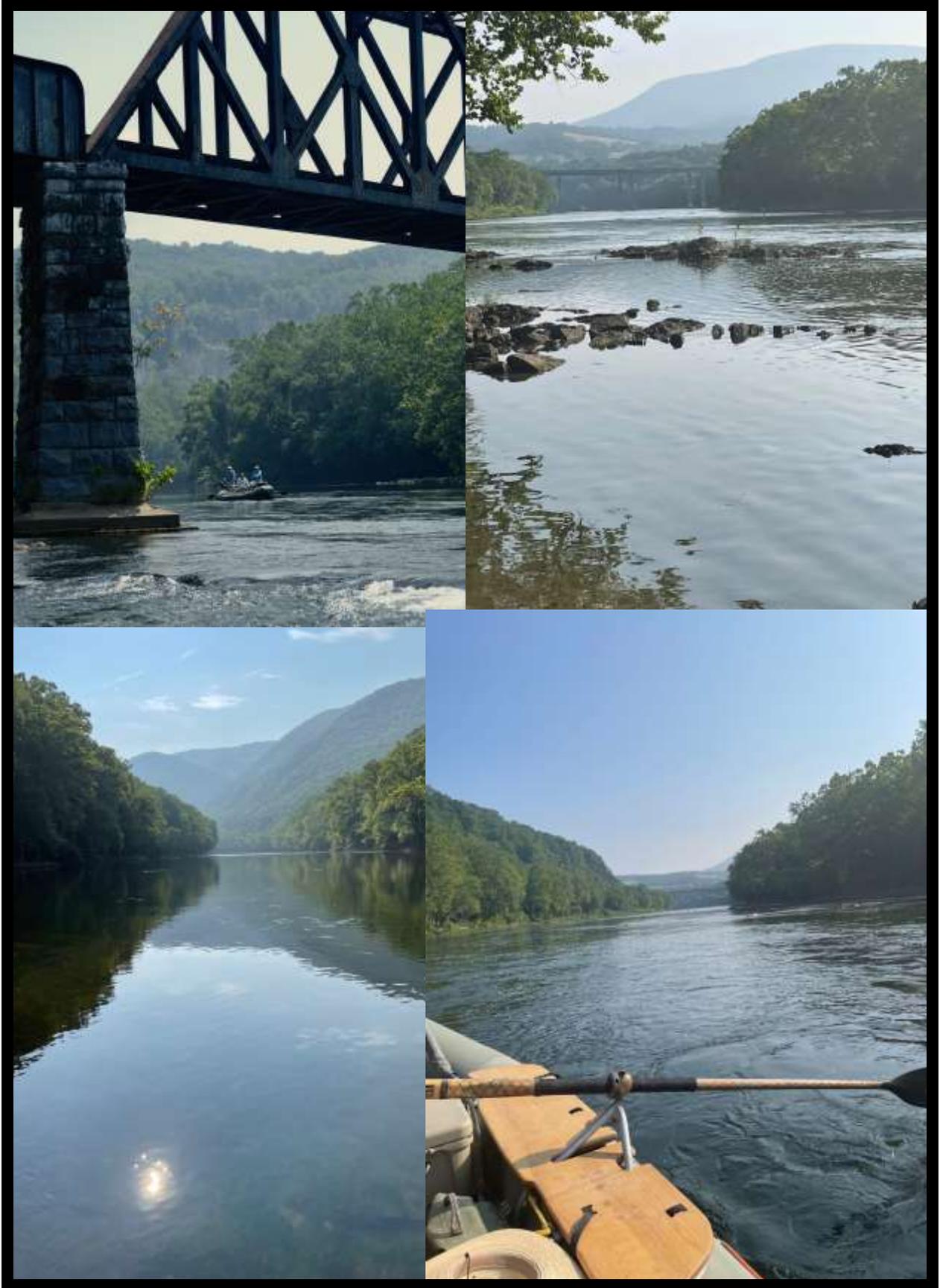
Pete Barnes ♦ Tony Scrimizzi
Mike Snider ♦ Robert Thomas





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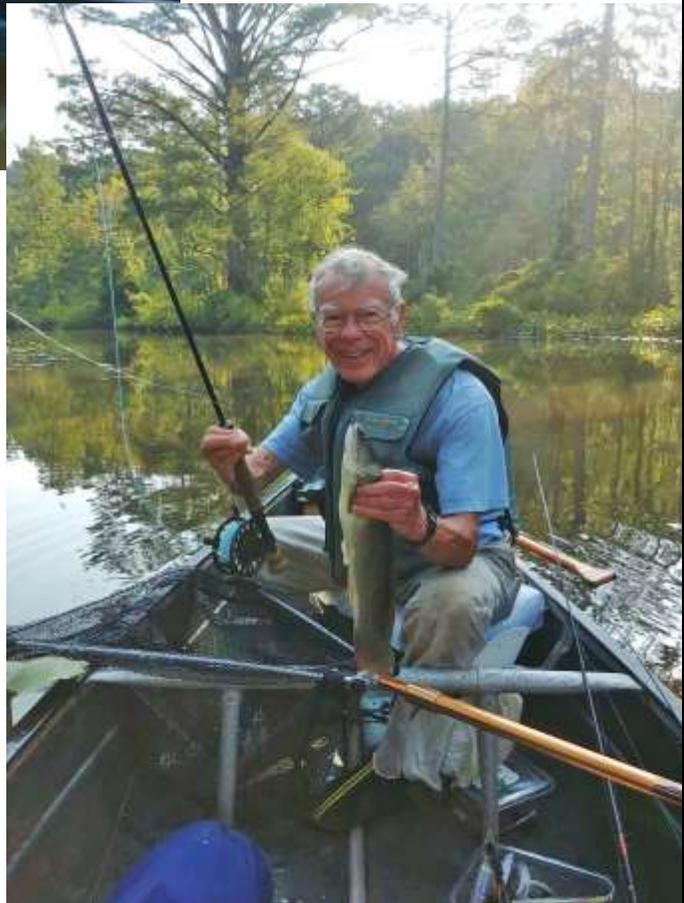


**Kevin
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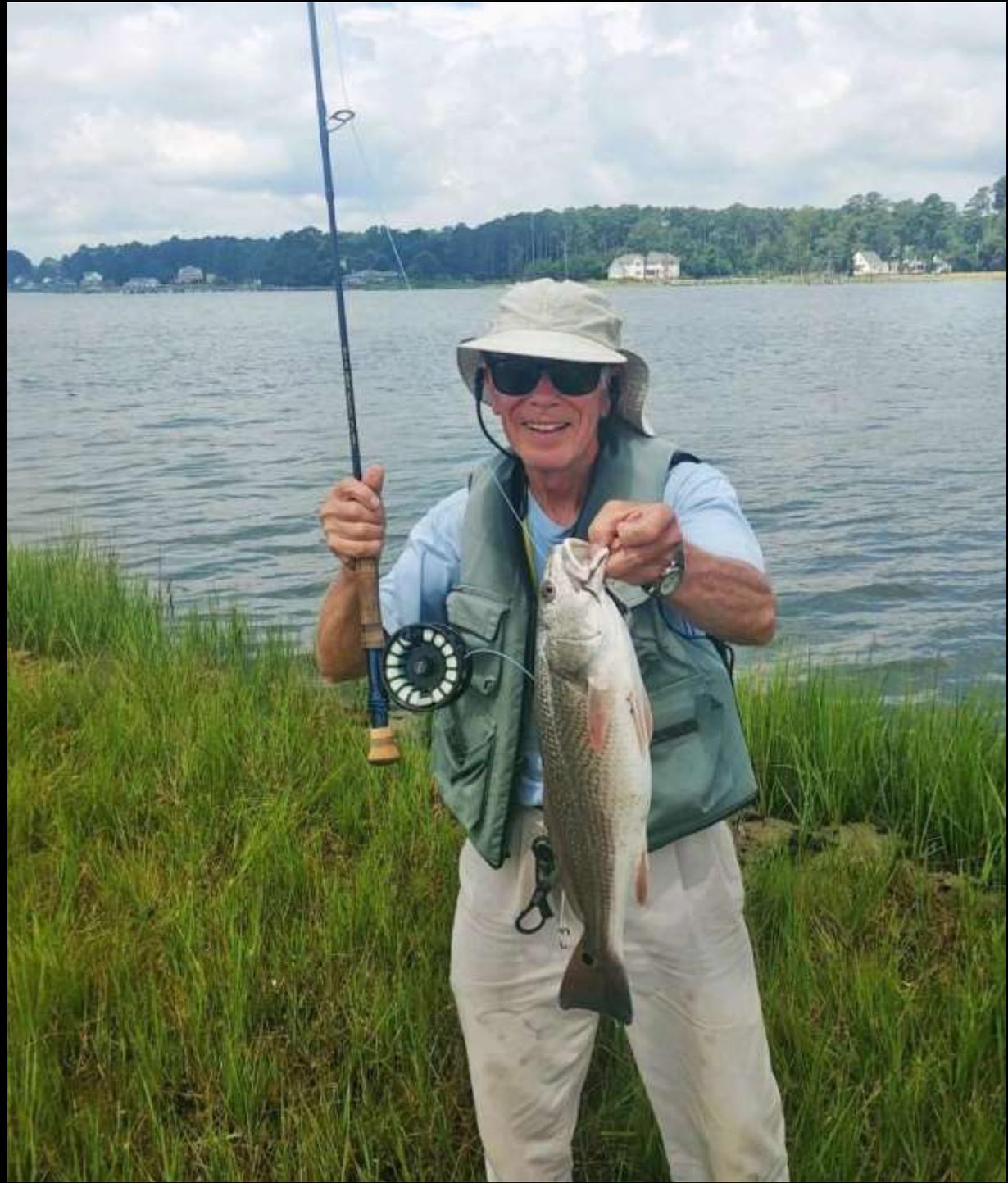
Bowfin

**Marvin
Williams**

Bowfin



Marvin Williams Redfish



Montana

Ken Eastwood

On Monday, August 9, my better 80% and I arrived in Philipsburg, Montana for fishing and relaxation. Philipsburg, population 927, is a typical western Montana town where everybody knows everybody and strangers aren't strangers long. Bonnye and I were right at home after a few nights down at the local brewery. We stayed at the Broadway Hotel and our host Scott and hostess Tricia were very accommodating.



On Tuesday morning we met up with our fishing guide, John McKinnie. If his name sounds familiar it is because he was our dinner speaker in November, 2019. We (Bonnye, John, and I) ventured out to wade Rock Creek. On the way there we experienced a “Montana Traffic Jam” that stopped traffic for at least a minute (see image). Route 102 parallels much of Rock Creek providing numerous public access points although some stretches of the river are rather difficult to access due to private land ownership. Regulations do not allow floating on the river beginning July 1. The place we fished in the morning had to be accessed over Montana BLM land...through two fences and a thicket where Bonnye and John saw the south end of a north bound moose. I was last in line and missed the action. It would be easy to assume that the river could not be accessed from where we parked. As a result, the stretch of water we fished had obviously seen little pressure (the knowledge of a professional guide is invaluable). We finally dialed in on what the trout wanted; size 24 trico spinners. We used a Dry/Dry dropper rig. The upper dry indicator fly, an 18, let me know the approximate vicinity of the trailing dry fly. I strained to see the indicator and am convinced only the fish can see a size 24 trico spinner in current.

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Where we fished after lunch had to be accessed along a private land owner's fence, dodging cow pies. If one did not read the very fine print on a rather small sign posted on one of the fence posts at the access point stating that this was indeed a river access point, they would assume the small sign read "No Trespassing" like others along the road...guide knowledge to the rescue again. Fishing was great for both Bonnye and me. John worked with Bonnye and, truth be known, she probably exceeded my fish count. Not bad for someone who had not fly fished in 5 years. We didn't leave the water til about 5:30 or 6:00.

Wednesday was a day of site seeing around Montana and arm recovery. On Thursday we floated the Black Foot River from Corrick's River Bend to our takeout at Whitaker Bridge. This stretch of the river had not been subject to Montana's "Hoot Owl Hours" which prohibits fishing after 2:00 PM due to rising river temperatures causing undue stress on the fish. I had fished the Black Foot River five years ago almost to the day. Awesome float and awesome scenery, when one takes their eyes off their fly long enough to take in the surroundings.



Covid Heroes Retreat Duck Down Inn







Phil Johnson Memorial Fund Check Presentation to PHWFF

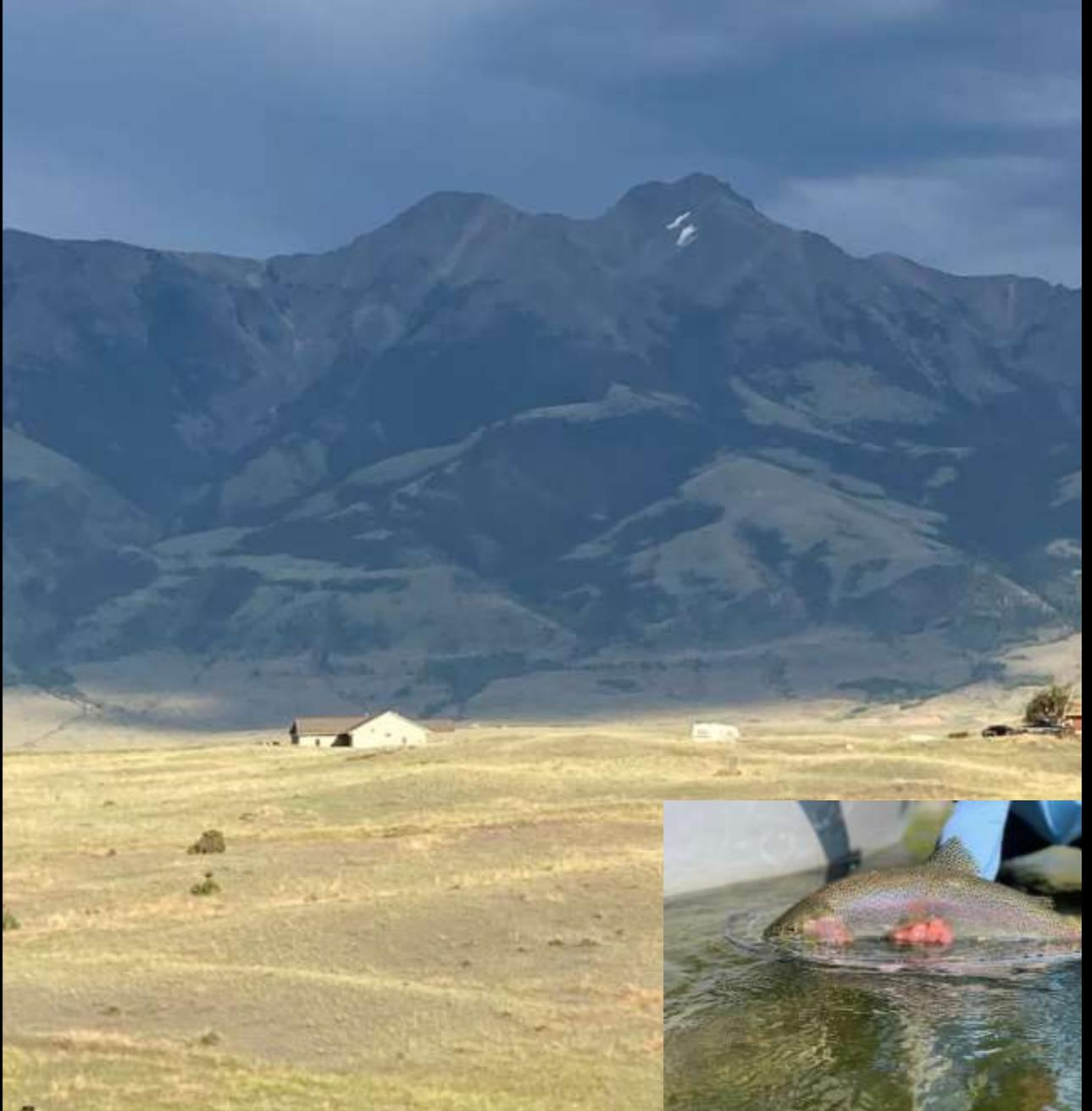


Montana

Bill Pearsall ♦ Steve Weinstein









Mike Snider
Shenandoah River
Fishing With
Mossy Creek Fly Fishing





Menu for Thursday, September 16th

****This will be a Picnic****

SMOKED MEATS
Pulled Pork & Pulled Chicken

BAKERY

Sandwich Buns

SAUCE

Memphis Belle

Smoky Mountain

NC Vinegar

HOMEMADE SIDES

Maggie's Mac-N-Cheese

Baked Beans w/ Brisket

Cole Slaw

Beverages

Iced Tea & Lemonade

Due to alcohol licensing regulations, no alcohol will be served and none may be brought in

RESERVATION - FFV PICNIC MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

Member's Name: _____ \$ 40.00

Guest Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Total = \$ _____

Please make the following reservations for me for the Fly Fishers of Virginia Picnic Meeting at the Va. Cliffe Inn. We must receive your reservation and check by **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021** 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.

**Reservations may also be made via PayPal at
www.FlyFishersofVirginia.org**

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CHMS Fly Fishing Club



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Middle School
Colonial Heights, Virginia

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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 VDGI; The Chesapeake Bay Foundation; Coastal Conservation Association, Project Healing Waters, Reel Recovery, Casting for Recovery, and The Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock and the CHMS Fly Fishing Club.