

# THE SINGING REEL

## Canadian Shield Fishing Hermitage Country Club Wednesday, November 16, 2022 7pm



**Ted Putnam**  
Owner



**Afternoon Program**  
**4pm-6pm Hermitage Country Club**  
**Lake Smallmouth Techniques Ted Putnam Hawk Lake**

**NEXT MEETING: January 19, 2023**

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## Letter from the President

We had a terrific Annual Banquet this year, and those of you who attended heard an excellent update from Bill Street, the President and CEO of the James River Association (JRA), on the health of the James River and the specific issues with its Shad populations. All of us have likely fished in the James, Virginia's longest river, or some of its many tributaries. Bill's program covered the many JRA programs and advocacy efforts that have taken the James from one of the nation's most polluted rivers to one of its most improved over the past four decades. We also had a very informative afternoon program presented by Alex McCrickard, Aquatic Education Coordinator for the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources, who talked about fishing opportunities in the Richmond area. We had an outstanding line up of silent auction and bucket raffle items, and those of you won them are going to enjoy some great days of fishing! Our thanks to the many FFV corporate sponsors and individuals who made these donations – please be sure to patronize them when you plan your fishing trips.

FFV is participating in some water conservation and fly fishing programs to serve a number of young people in the south Richmond Bellemeade Park area. This outstanding and comprehensive program has been developed largely through the efforts of FFV member Bob Argabright. After receiving a training program from the DWR, FFV had a session on September 18th at Bellemeade Park in which the young people seined the creek for aquatic insects and learned the basics of fishing. This was followed up with a second session on October 16 with a day of fly fishing at a private pond in Hanover County. A special shout out to the FFV members who helped with what will be an ongoing FFV partnership with Bellemeade Park – Bob Argabright, Tony Scrimizzi, Tom Mlot, Jim Mattson, Marvin Williams, Gary Green,, Art Girard, Tony Escalona, Andre Holcomb, Dale Clark, Gary Andrejco, Chuck Davis and David Skove. We look forward to additional activities and continual engagement with the young people of Bellemeade Park.

My thanks to Dick Chapman ([chap65@verizon.net](mailto:chap65@verizon.net)), our VP of Fishing Activities, for expanding our spring Shenandoah Valley trout stream club trips to the fall.

I hope you have been able to get out on the water on some of these glorious fall days!

David Skove  
President

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PROMOTION OF FLY FISHING, SPORTSMANSHIP,  
CONSERVATION, AND THE ENJOYMENT OF ANGLING.

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**Experience some of the best freshwater fishing in North America at Hawk Lake Lodge. World record catch and release walleye and smallmouth bass as well as pike and lake trout on 17 private lakes in world class accommodations. Carefully designed as a private retreat for twenty-four guests, Hawk Lake Lodge offers not only the wilderness and solitude you hope for but a quality angling experience topped by what many other destinations overlook... the finest in accommodations, personal service and dining as well as access to some of the best, unspoiled, light tackle sport fishing lakes in Canada. The lakes surrounding Hawk Lake Lodge have produced multiple catch and release world records including a walleye at 37 inches, and smallmouth bass at nearly 9 pounds! At Hawk Lake you will fish over 30 square miles of pristine, rarely fished waters. 5 different trophy species await you from pike and walleye to lake trout and even black crappie! Imagine you are the only person on a remote wilderness lake. Hear the smooth sound of your cast. Feel the quick snap of the strike and the strength of a trophy fish at the end of your line. That angling experience is at its best at Hawk Lake Lodge in Kenora, Ontario. We have spared nothing to ensure that each visit exceeds your expectations. While Hawk Lake Lodge boasts one of the best smallmouth fisheries on the planet, our waters also have without question the finest trophy walleye fishing in the world. If you have never caught a true trophy walleye then do we have a treat for you. The Hawk Lake Lodge fishery has bar none the largest collection of trophy walleye anywhere in the world. In 2017 our fishermen recorded easily more than 381 walleye 26 inches or larger with several over 34+. Also, an estimated 40+ inch walleye was lost at the boat in the summer of 2014. Many lodges count the number of 30 inch walleye caught each year on one hand. At Hawk Lake we catch dozens. Hawk Lake Lodges offers you 3 different lakes that have 30+ inch walleye while 40 inch walleye have been spotted by several fisherman and it is just a matter of time when one is caught, breaking the catch and release world record, again.**

# Special Raffle

Will be drawn at the November Meeting

Temple Fork Outfitters  
Any Current Production  
**Rod**  
Of your Choice

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tickets at \$10.00 each

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Form To: FFV PO BOX 29477 Richmond, Virginia 23242

**Tickets may also be purchased via PayPal at  
[www.FlyFishersofVirginia.org](http://www.FlyFishersofVirginia.org)**



## **Dates for 2023 Meetings**

**Thursday, January 19**

**Thursday, March 16**

**Thursday, May 11**

**Wednesday, July 19**

**\*\*Annual Banquet\*\***

**Friday, September 22**

**Wednesday, November 15**

## **Special Note to Friends of the FFV**

**Fly Fishing Enthusiast,**

**You have received this copy of the Singing Reel because you have expressed an interest in the Fly Fishers of Virginia. As you may know the FFV is a private club and as such has some protocols in place that we must follow.**

**One such is that the use of the PayPal option on the FFV website to pay for Dinner at our bi-monthly meetings is restricted to club members and members-in-waiting. We are always up for meeting fellow anglers who share our passion for “the quiet sport”. If you would like to join us at a Dinner Meeting we ask that you contact:**

**Robert Thomas at [rtphotography@comcast.net](mailto:rtphotography@comcast.net) or (804) 307-7122 so he can facilitate you being a guest.**

**Membership in the FFV is by invitation only and we do require that any prospective member attend a Dinner Meeting so everyone can make sure there is a good fit. The FFV only wants active, responsible members and not just someone looking to pad a resume. By Charter, the FFV is restricted to 150 regular members and at the moment the membership is full. We do however keep a waiting list--our “members-in-waiting”- that has no number restriction. Being a MIW does come with a number of perks and does not include any financial obligations.**

**For more information please contact Robert.**

# HIGH STICK



**Robert Staples**  
**Snakehead**

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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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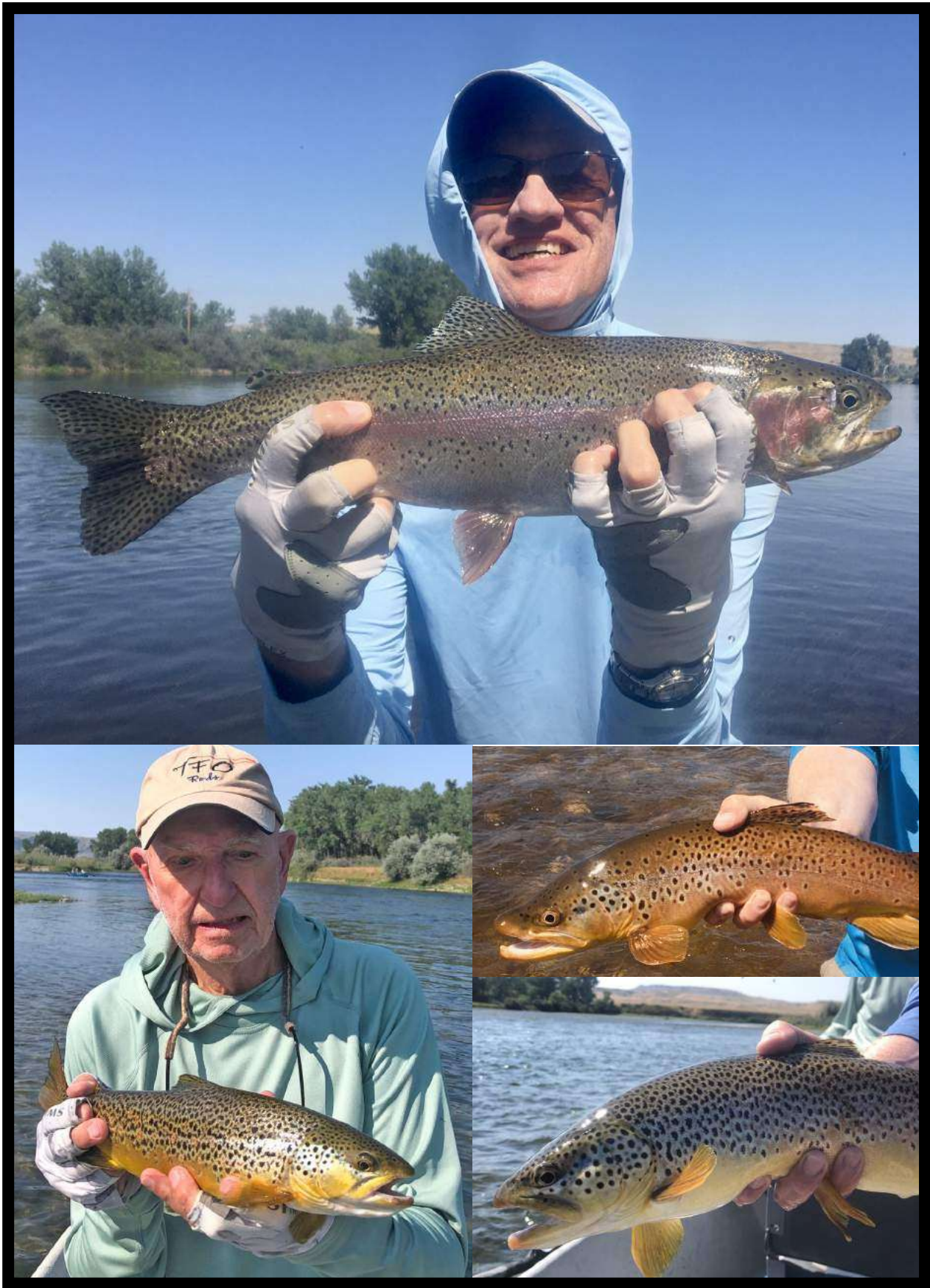
# David Skove & Mac Myers

## Big Horn River

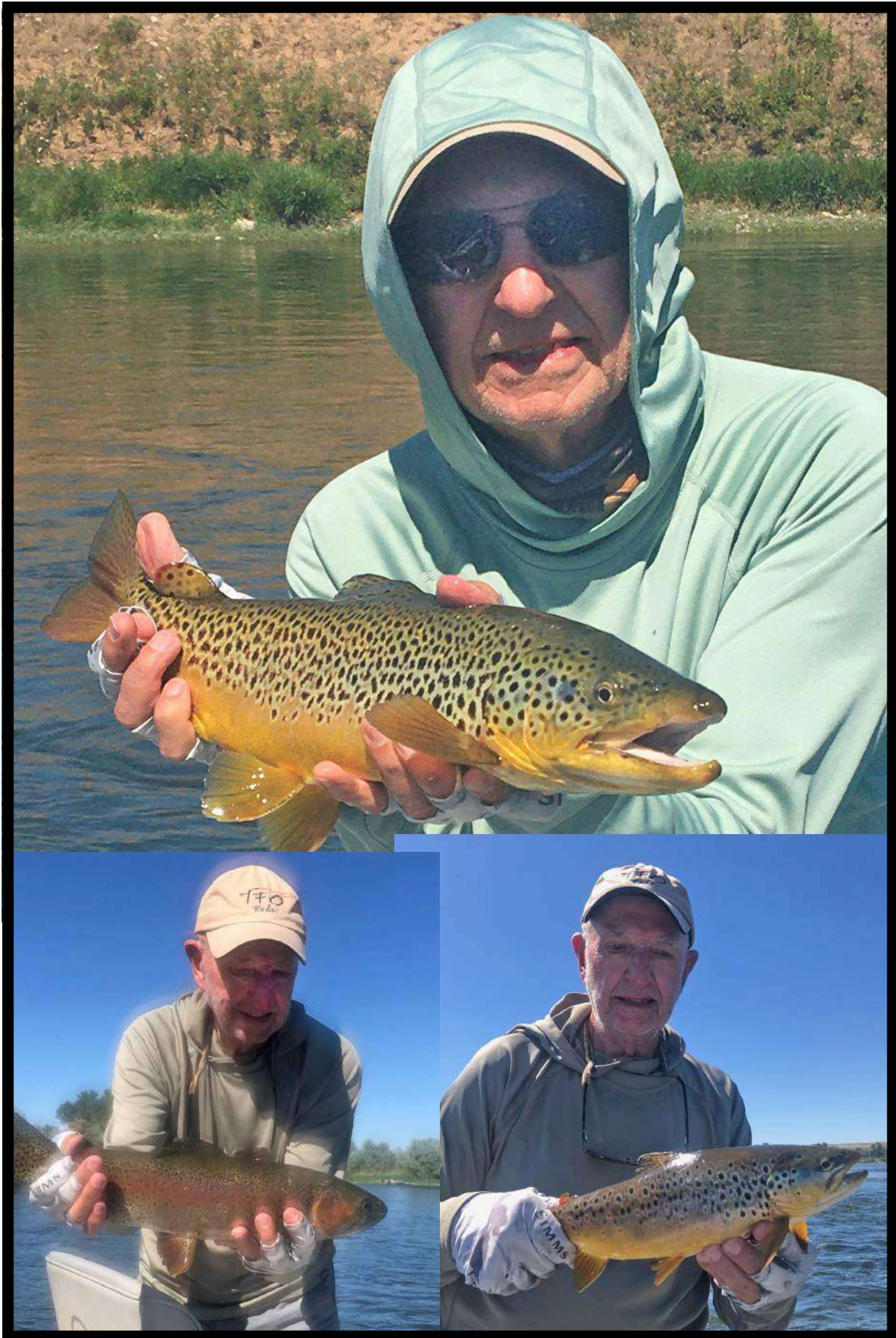
### Ft. Smith, Montana

















# Emy Iacob Fishing with Anglers lane





# Salmon River New York

**Rick Ridpath, Kevin Whitley, and Chuck Davis spent four days fishing the Salmon River in Pulaski, New York in early October with a group of 7 friends. Everyone in the group caught king salmon. Many of them also caught Coho Salmon, Atlantic Salmon and Brown Trout. Chuck caught a nice little steelhead while Kevin had an epic fight sitting on his butt in the river to land a good brown trout. Fall foliage was at its peak there and the river was full of fish. Great time had by all.**







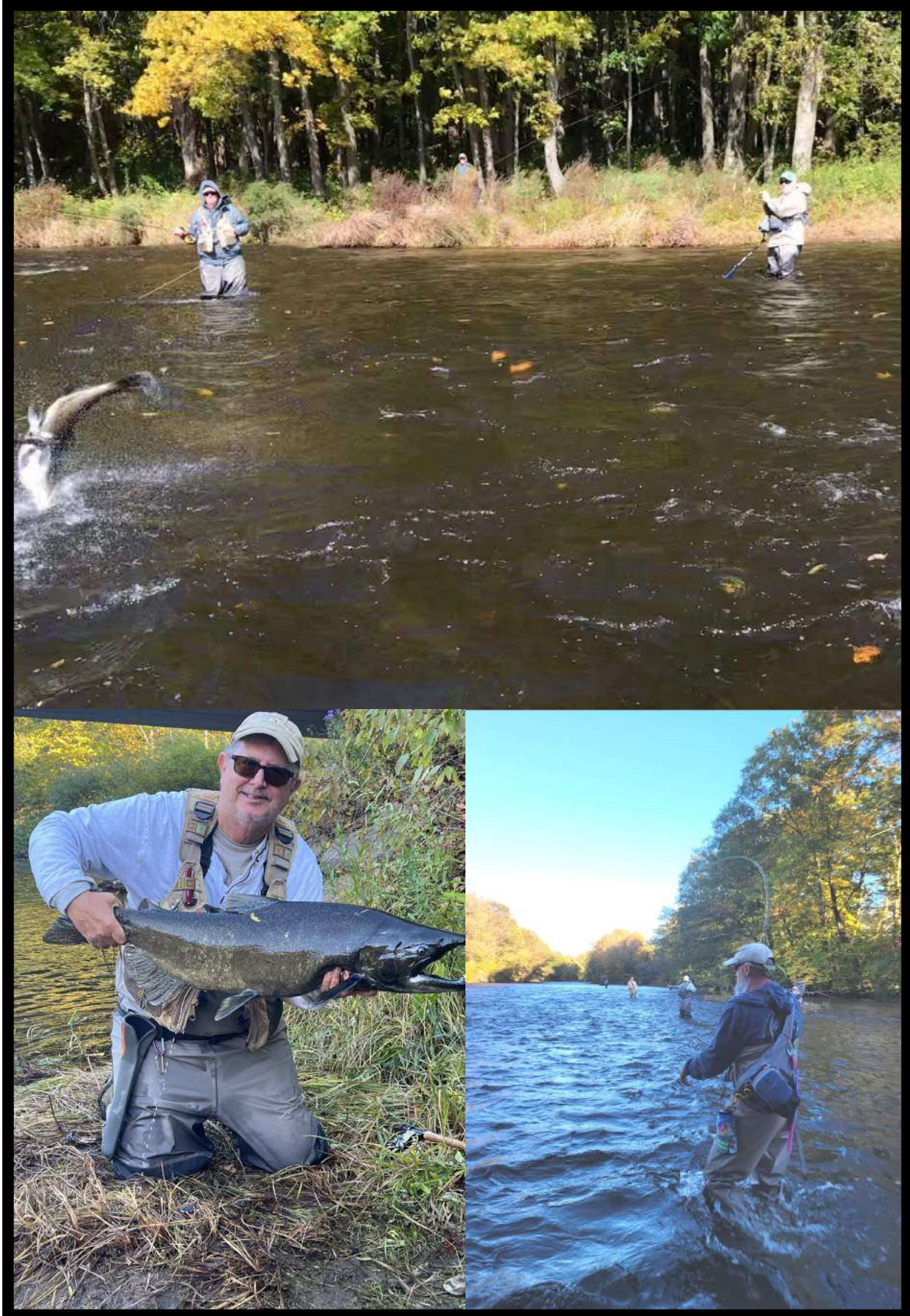






















# **James River Smallmouth Fishing with Wes Hodges Pete Barnes ♦ Mark Dozier Robert Thomas**









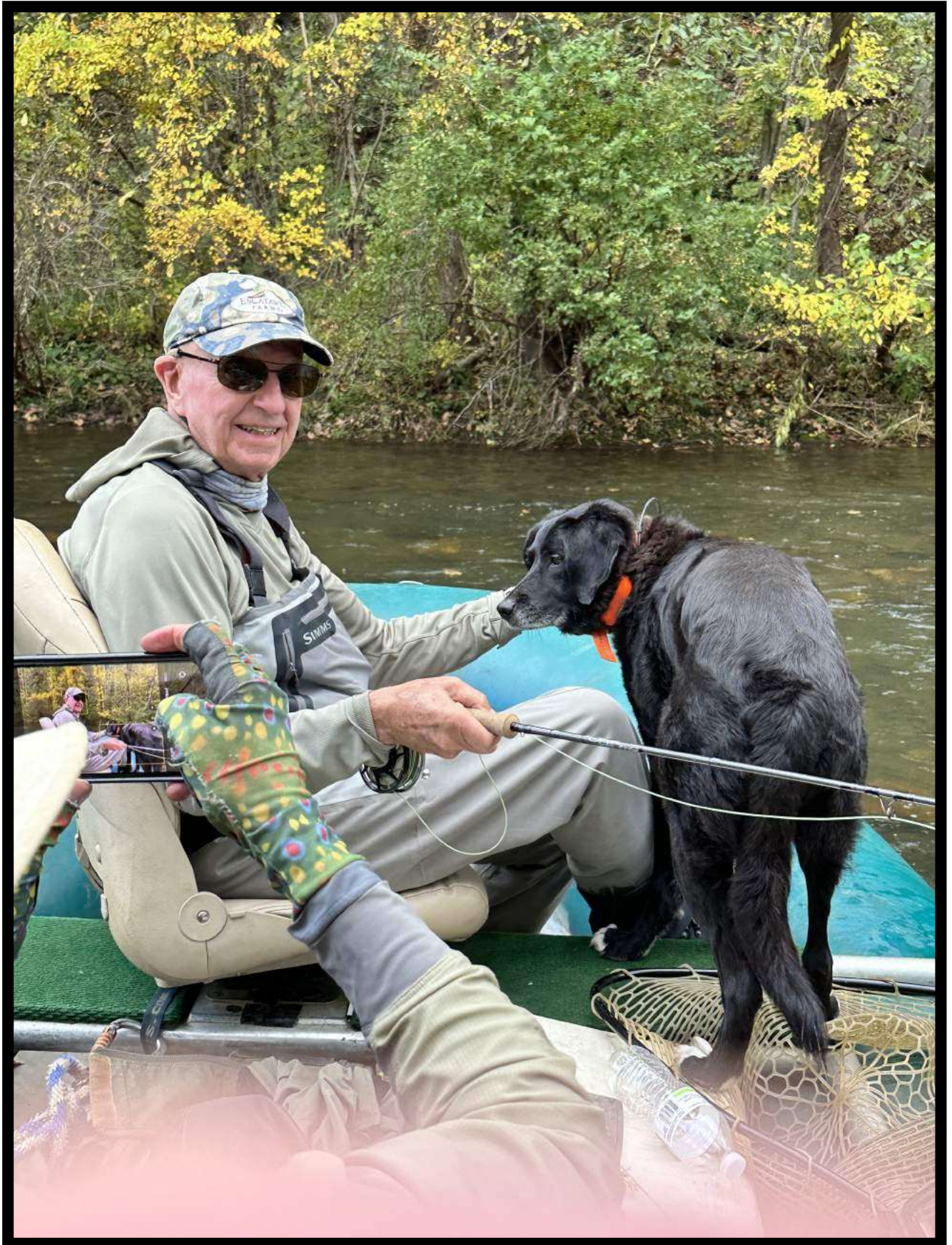
# **Jackson River Float with Doug Lane & Escatawba Wade Trip Mac Myers & David Skove**



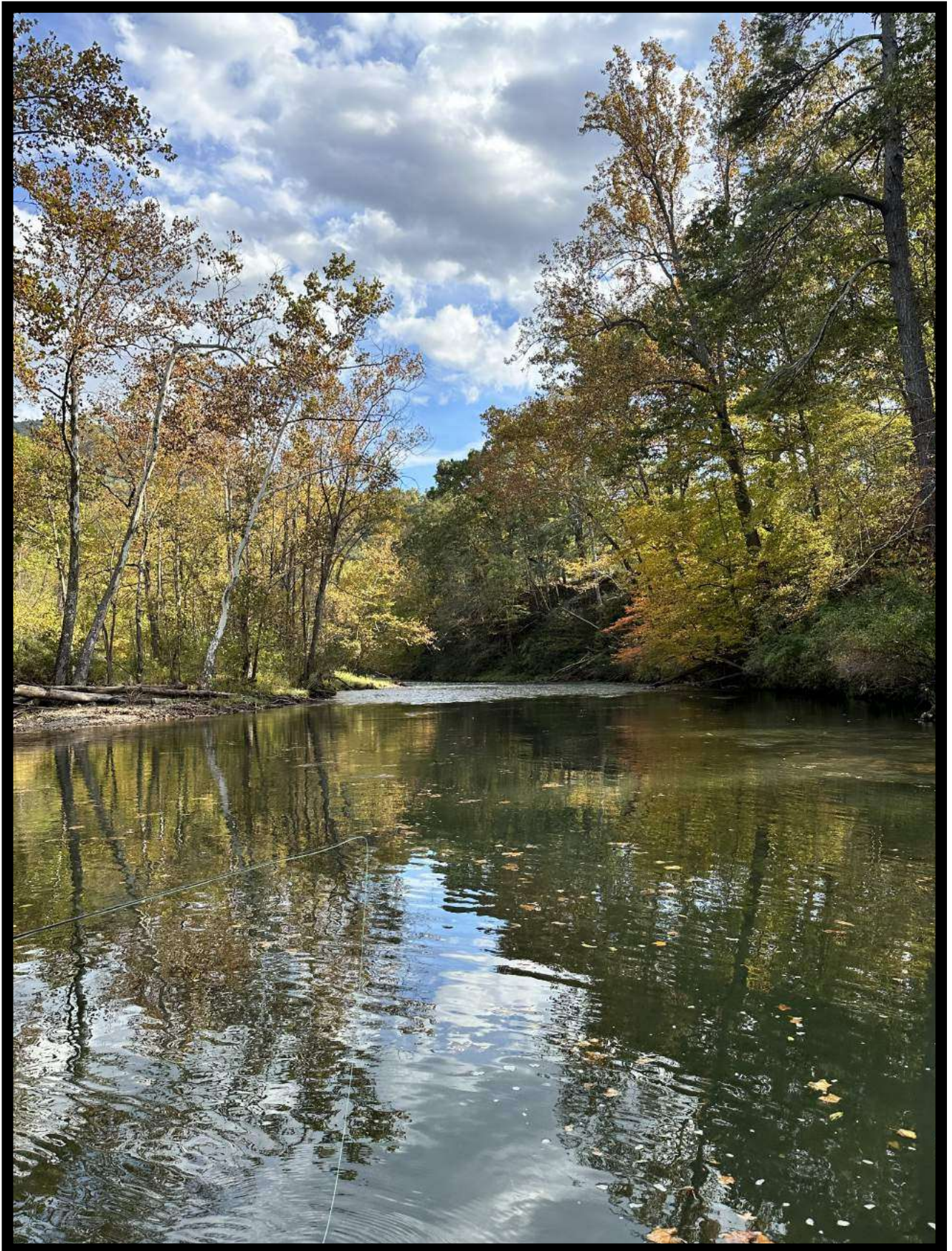
















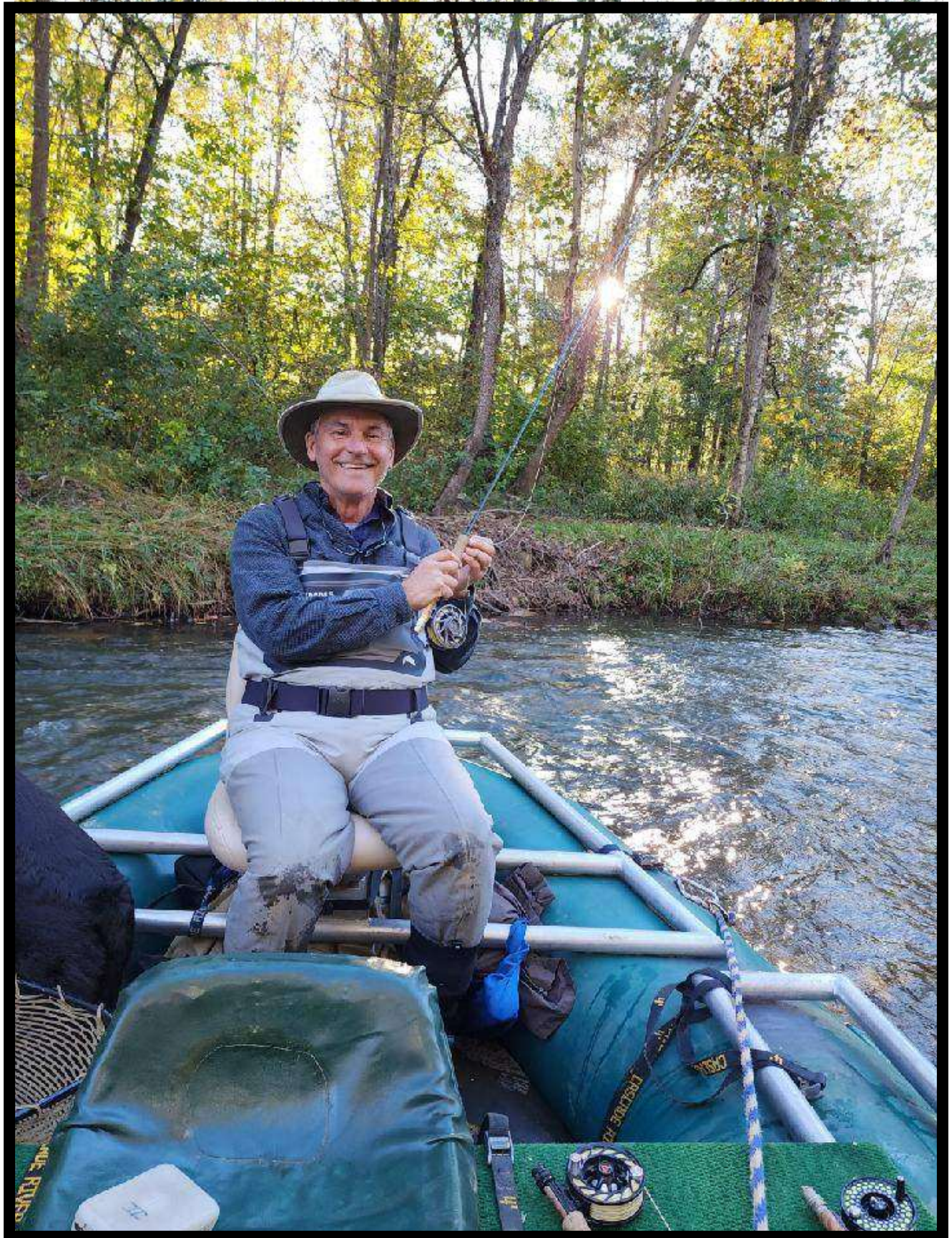


# Tomahawk Farms

## Peter Suyana & Dick Wills



















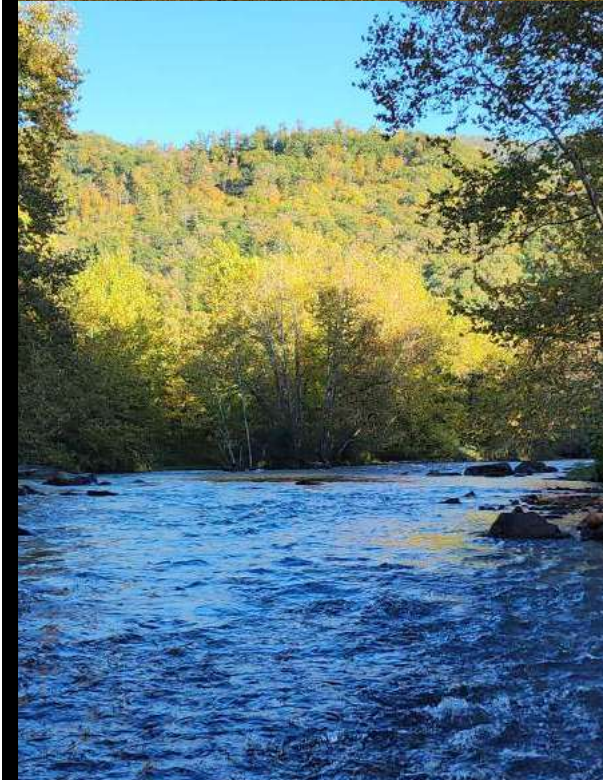






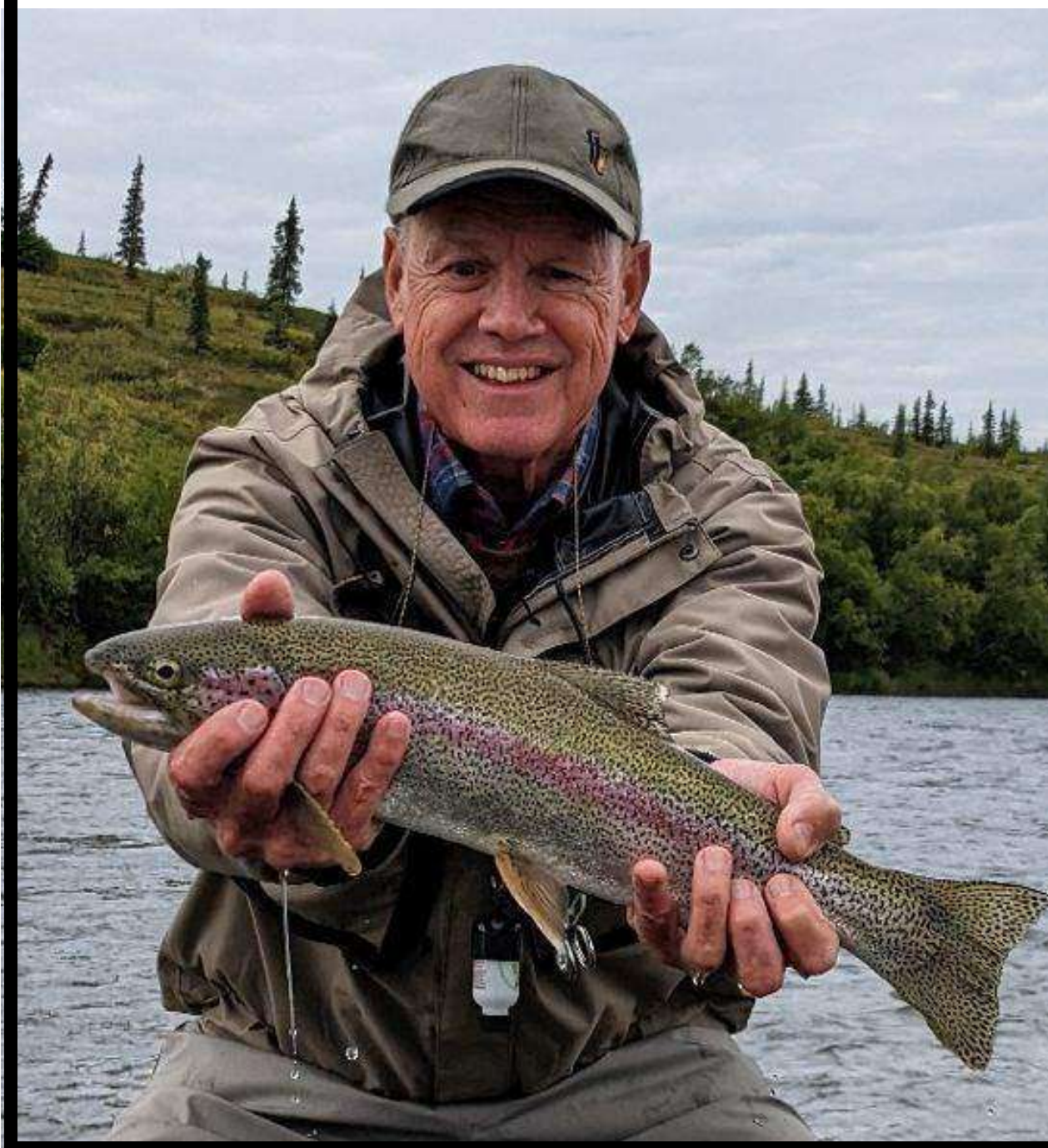








# **Bob Filler Tikchik Lake Bristol Bay, Alaska**









# Menu for November 16, 2022

Berry Spinach Salad  
Hermitage House Salad  
Chicken Chardonnay  
Salmon w/ Lemon Dill  
Sauce  
Broccoli  
Smashed Herb Potatoes  
Assorted Dessert Bar

RESERVATION - NOVEMBER MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 45.00

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make the following reservations for me for the Fly Fishers of Virginia November Meeting at The Hermitage Country Club. We must receive your reservation and check by **FRIDAY, November 11, 2022** 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.

\_\_\_\_ Please check here if you need a Vegetarian Meal  
Reservations may also be made via PayPal at  
[www.FlyFishersofVirginia.org](http://www.FlyFishersofVirginia.org)



# CHMS Fly Fishing Club



Colonial Heights  
Middle School

Colonial Heights, Virginia

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#### FFV OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2021

**PRESIDENT:** David Skove  
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**Director at Large:** Millie Neagle  
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**Director at Large:** Jon Arnold  
**PHW Coordinator:** Tony Escolana  
**Technical Director:** Brian Trow  
**Technical Director:** Colby Trow  
**Webmeister:** Doug Walden  
**Director of Communications:** Robert Thomas

#### FFV PAST PRESIDENTS

Grayson Harding—2019, 2020  
Tom Mlot—2017, 2018  
Jay Armstrong—2015, 2016  
Steve Lewis—2013, 2014  
Ken Eastwood—2011, 2012  
Robert Thomas—2009, 2010  
Larry Cortright—2007, 2008  
Dan Genest—2005, 2006  
Richard Roadcap—2003, 2004  
Doug Walden—2001, 2002  
H.W. Leathers - 1999, 2000  
Bill Pearsall - 1997, 1998  
Carl R. Fischer - 1995, 1996  
Sam Goodpasture - 1993, 1994  
David E. Bagby, Jr. - 1991, 1992  
Charles I. Ellis - 1989, 1990  
Taylor Turner - 1987, 1988  
George D. Crosby, Jr. - 1985, 1986  
Nat T. R. Burgwyn - 1982, 1983, 1984

#### FFV FOUNDERS

Nat T. R. Burgwyn      George D. Crosby, Jr.  
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, Reel Recovery, Casting for Recovery, and The Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock and the CHMS Fly Fishing Club.