

THE SINGING REEL

Belize Flats Fishing Dennis Stanley

Hermitage Country Club
Thursday, May 11, 2023 7pm



**Dennis
&
Diane**
At
El Pescador
Ambergris Caye
Belize

Afternoon Program
4pm-6pm Hermitage Country Club
Tying a Deer Hair Frog with Colby Trow

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 Brazil Peach Fly Fishing

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Letter from the President

Happy Spring! The dogwoods and azaleas are blooming, and Shad and Strippers are returning to our local waters. May the wind be mild or at least at your back as you cast for these amazing fish. Hopefully you will be enjoying getting out on the water fishing for your favorite species.

Thank you to all members that took time to fill out our member survey. The response was fantastic, my last update showed 112 responses. Our board will review responses at our upcoming April board meeting, and I will provide a recap at our May dinner meeting. Two questions received a majority positive response, our location at Hermitage CC, 89% yes, and our approach to addressing the rising cost of food, 81% yes.

Our March dinner meeting was well attended, and Capt. John Mauser spoke about his home waters in coastal North Carolina and the nearby Roanoke River for Shad and Strippers. See Robert Thomas' update on our May dinner speakers where we will have both a local and destination fishing focus.

Our Spring Mossy Creek fishing outings were well subscribed, and Dick Chapman is working on setting up fall trips with the Mossy Creek team. Survey feedback indicates a desire for more club fishing trips and our board will discuss how to engage more members willing to lead trips.

April is the time when the board reviews our annual donations to worthy organizations supporting our club purpose for advancing fly rod fishing, sportsmanship and conservation. Jon Arnold leads this effort for the club and will provide an update to our club's donations for 2023.

Conservation is an area that board member Millie Neagle is working to increase the club's opportunities to support, particularly with our local James River. Millie will update the club at our May dinner meeting.

Best Wishes and hope to see you at our May 11 dinner meeting.

Tony Scrimizzi
FFV President, 2023-2024

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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.

Dennis Stanley

Dennis Stanley has loved the woods and waters since childhood. Hunting and fishing with his father across Virginia instilled a love of the outdoors with his earliest memories including fishing for bream and bass. When he was 12 years old, his first quail hunt ignited a passion for wing shooting.

Dennis is the owner of Safaris Unlimited Adventures, is a NRA and National Sporting Clays Association certified shotgun instructor and a Master Instructor for the Baskerville Wing-shooting School.

As an outfitter, Dennis has taken friends and soon to be friends on adventures around the world. Whether bird hunting in Argentina, fly fishing in Belize and South Africa or hunting Cape Buffalo in Zimbabwe the addiction to adventures, both big and small, is never quite satisfied.

The first fly fishing experience came early with a Pflueger fly rod with a wind up” automatic” reel chasing brim with popping bugs. Another passion was ignited! Jump ahead several decades and a friend “forced” him to take a trip to Mosquito Lagoon in Florida in which he could barely get the fly out of the boat on the first day. But, by day three he got two “nice cast” comments from the guide. Most recently, the passion has been tweaked just a bit to include fly fishing salt water flats.

Since then, Dennis has loved fly fishing in streams of South Africa for huge browns, the flats of Florida and Belize for bones, snook, tarpon and permit, the western streams of Virginia and West Virginia for trout and smallmouth, wet wading some of the famous streams of the West for browns, rainbows and cutthroat trout and local ponds and lakes for bream, bass and crappie.

He is a recently retired pharmacist whose specialty for over 20 years has been the education and vaccination of international travelers.

Special Raffle

Will be drawn at the May Meeting

“Frogging for Bass”

Umpqua Fly Box with 17 Frog Flies

Bass LOVE Frogs!!!—so do Pickerel, Snakeheads, Pike & Bowfin

Orvis 8’ 9” 8wt Fly Rod

Perfect for casting Bass Bugs

IGFA Certified Accurate BogaGrip

Legal weights for Citations, State Records & World Records

See Photo Page 35



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**

Dates for 2023 Meetings

Thursday, May 11

Wednesday, July 19

****Annual Banquet****

Friday, September 22

Bob Clouser will be the Speaker

Wednesday, November 15

Special Note to Friends of the FFV

Fly Fishing Enthusiast,

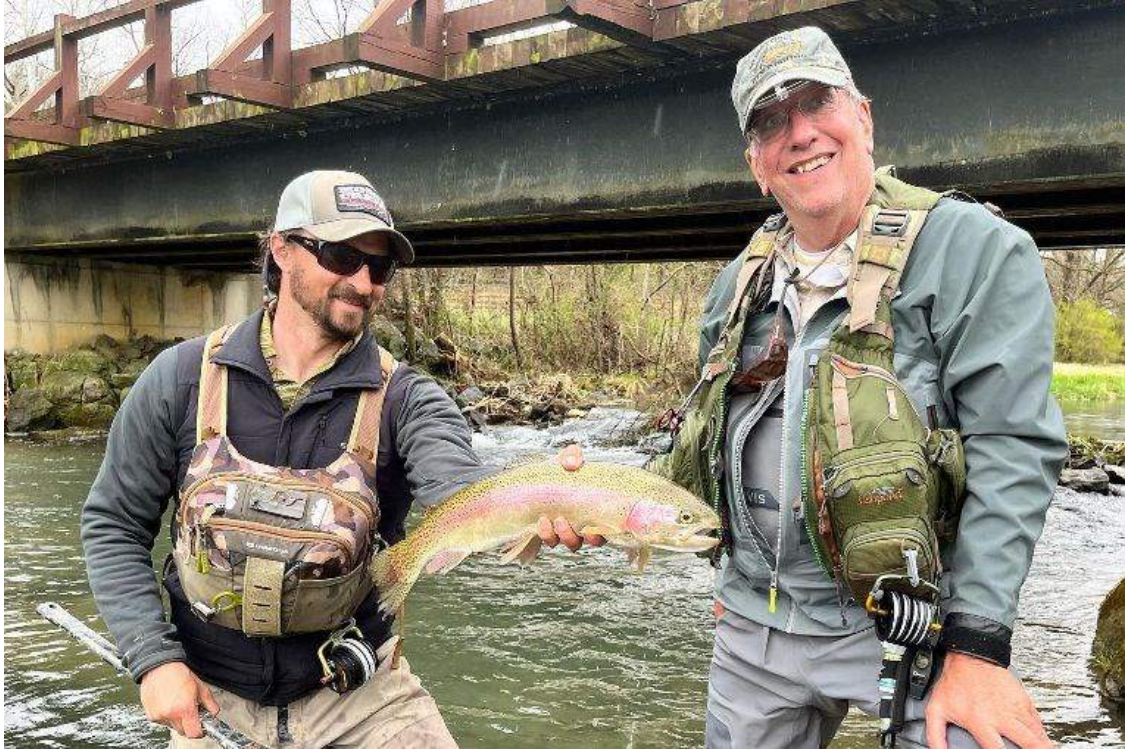
You have received this copy of the Singing Reel because you have expressed an interest in the Fly Fishers of Virginia. As you may know the FFV is a private club and as such has some protocols in place that we must follow. One such is that the use of the PayPal option on the FFV website to pay for Dinner 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 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



Tim Wildt
Fishing with Mossy Creek Guide
Wayne Paxton

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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David Skove & Pierre Decker

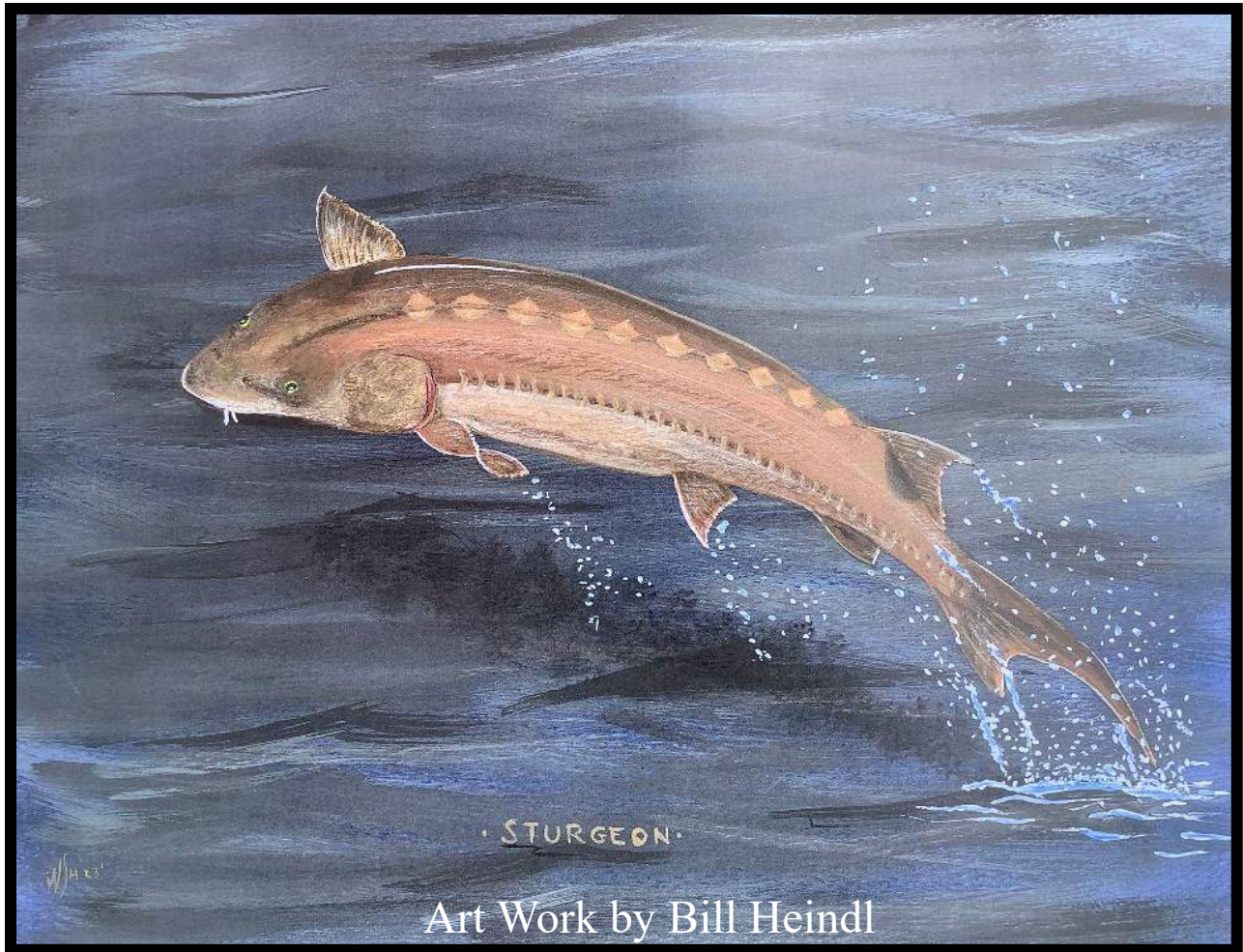
Rose River



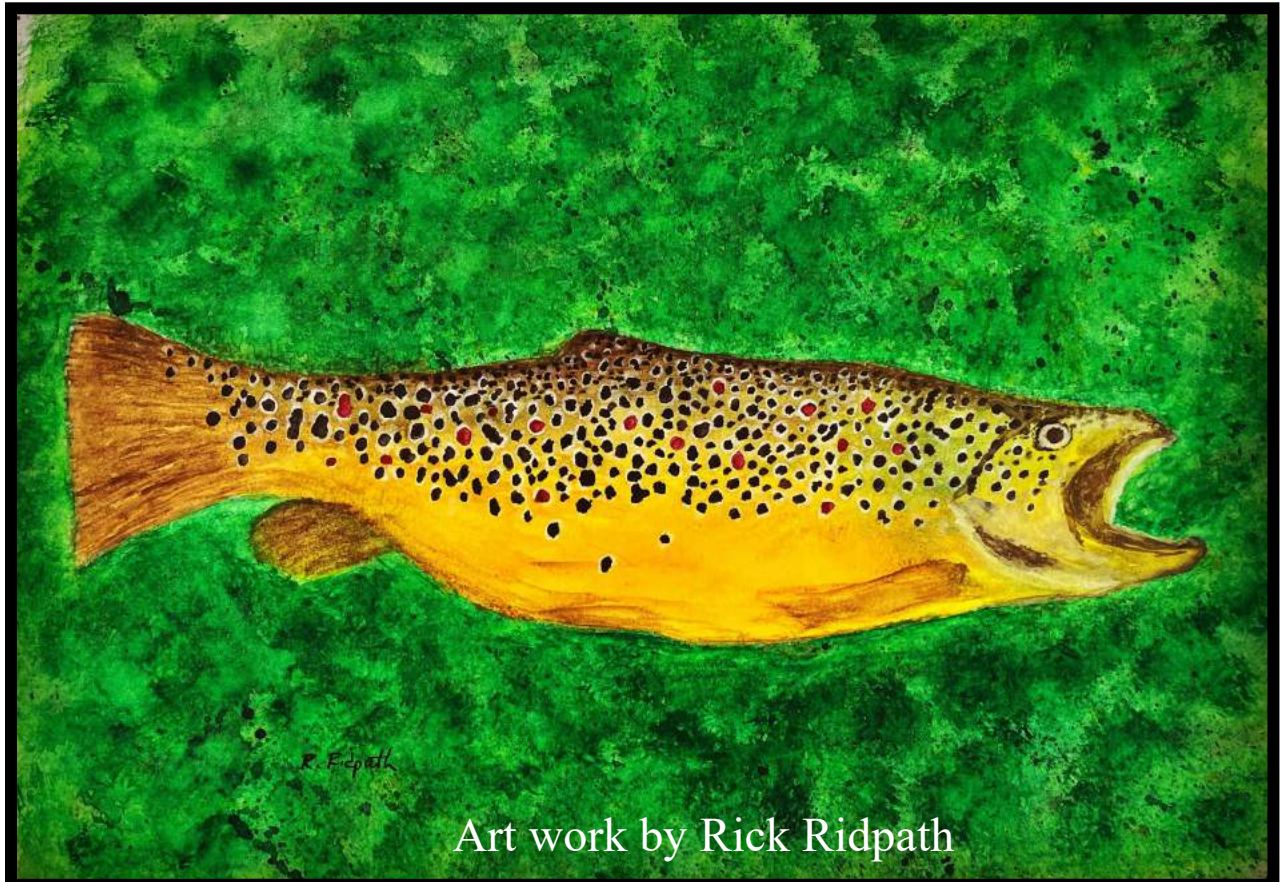


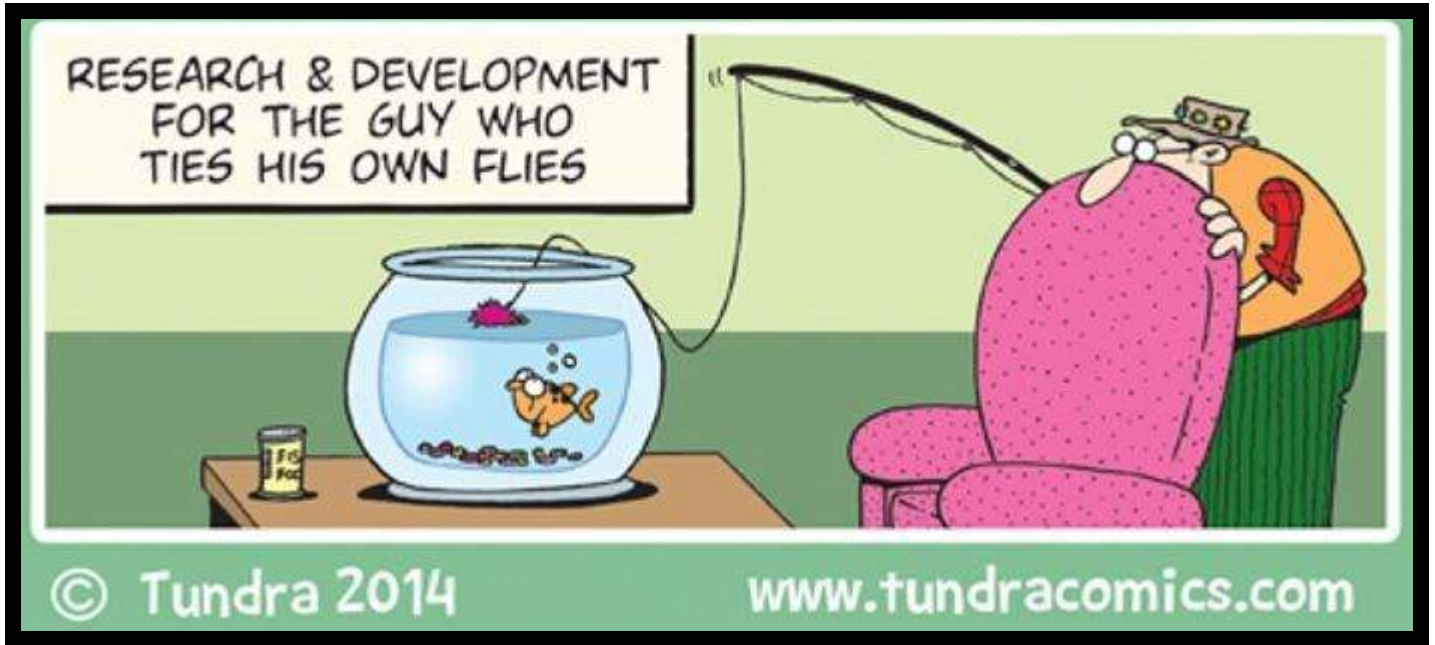
Mac Myers Rose River





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"I think you're reeling them in too slow."

David Skove ♣ Ray Lupold Mac Myers Fishing with Mossy Creek Guide Nick Secrist







Ed Landry

Smith Creek



Jamie Bennett Rainbow Trout Escatawba



Brook Trout



Dick Chapman Michigan Steelhead



Victoria Anderson James River Striper Fishing with Current Culture Fly Shop



**Grayson Harding
Receiving the
Taylor Turner Award
For Continuing Service
from
FFV President Tony Scrimizzi**



Robert Thomas

Hickory Shad

James River



Striped Bass



**Jamie Bennett
James River Shad
Fishing with Reid Parker
Current Culture Fly Shop**



Mossy Creek

Dave McMahon & Dan Genest



Ray Ward

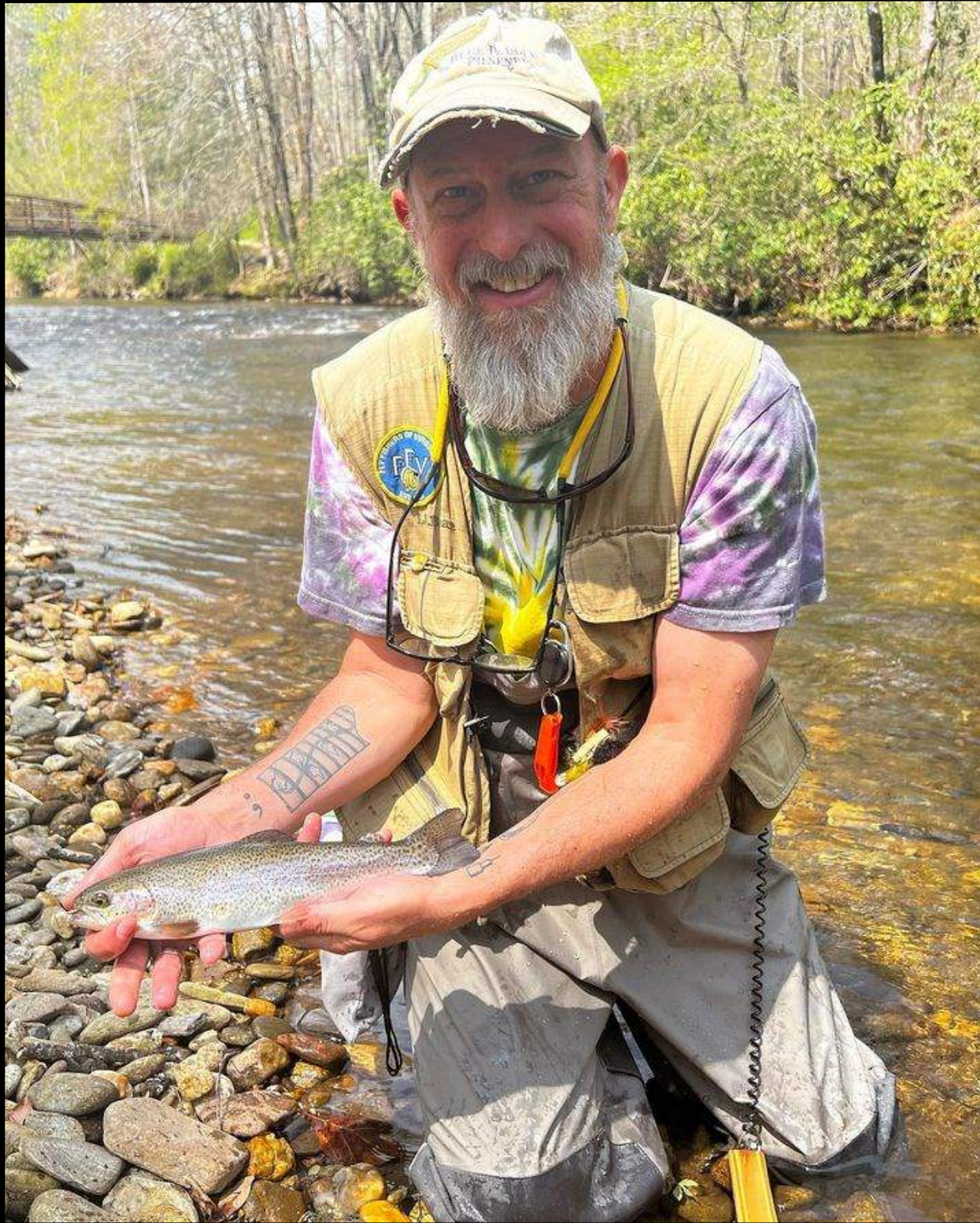


Mac Myers Potts Creek





Rick Ridpath Davidson River, NC



Boys to Men At Duck Down Inn







Bellemeade Kids At Duck Down Inn





Menu for May 11, 2023

Hermitage CC Cookout

8oz hamburgers/cheeseburgers • grilled
marinated chicken breast • all beef hot dogs •
grilled market fresh fish with vegetable relish •
bratwurst with stout onions • sauerkraut •
lettuce • tomatoes • onions • pickles • assorted
buns • condiments • potato salad • pasta salad •
house made chips • cucumber-tomato salad •
watermelon feta & tomato salad • fresh fruit •
fresh baked cookies

RESERVATION - MAY MEETING
THURSDAY, May 11, 2023

Member's Name: _____ \$ 49.00

Guest Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Total = \$ _____

Please make the following reservations for me for the Fly Fishers of Virginia May Meeting at The Hermitage Country Club. We must receive your reservation and check by **FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023** 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

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Reservations may also be made via PayPal at
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May Special Raffle

Umpqua Fly Box

17 Frog Flies

Orvis 8' 9" 8wt Fly Rod

IGFA Certified 30lb BogaGrip

Retail Value: \$400.00



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If you can help out in any way please contact:

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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 DWR; 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.