

# THE SINGING REEL

## Annual Banquet

Hermitage Country Club  
Friday, September 22, 2023 5-9pm



**MS.GUIDED  
Fly  
Fishing  
Kiki  
Galvin**

**NEXT MEETING: CANADIAN GRAND SLAM  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023  
TYLER LEARN & ROBERT THOMAS CANADA**

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## Letter from the President

Our Annual Banquet will take place at Hermitage Country Club on September 22, 2023. We look forward to a great evening and as in past years a sit-down dinner with two entre options will be available. Our previously announced guest speaker, Mr. Bob Clouser unfortunately will not be able to join us as he is recovering from a recent health issue. We all wish Bob a speedy recovery and hope he will be able to join us when he is able to travel again.

Thanks to Robert Thomas and Judi Edwards for collaborating on a possible alternative guest speaker and confirming Ms. Kiki Galvin, owner of Ms Guided Flyfishing, Fairfax, VA will speak to our members and guests attending the banquet. In addition, Kiki will help conduct a women's fly-fishing skills clinic on Saturday, September 23rd at Duck Down Inn. Contact Judi Edwards for details: [jse56@mac.com](mailto:jse56@mac.com)

We mentioned at our last dinner meeting that a women's group has re-formed and is planning activities. Millie Neagle and Judi Edwards are leading this effort. Contact Millie ([mneagle2@verizon.net](mailto:mneagle2@verizon.net)) or Judi ([jse56@mac.com](mailto:jse56@mac.com)) for more information.

Response to the Rose River fishing outings were well received as spots were quickly filled. This was my first attempt at organizing a fishing outing. If I can do it... well you know. Member initiated trips are encouraged. Dick Chapman, Robert Thomas, myself and others will help with any questions. Dick has also been in touch with Colby Trow for potential dates for Mossy Creek Fall fishing outings and will communicate to membership when confirmed.

Our July dinner meeting format was well received as attendance exceeded our projections. Thank you for your feedback and we will continue to look at format and menu options for future meetings, yes, cookies/deserts will be included!

Lastly, please pay attention to deadline registration date for our Annual Banquet. We have made great progress in avoiding last minute requests. This is especially important for the sit-down dinner at our Annual Banquet. We look forward to another great turnout.

Tony Scrimizzi

President

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

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### **Bio: Kiki Galvin, Owner, Ms. Guided Fly Fishing**

I have been fishing in some capacity for 60 years, having learned as a young girl growing up near the Finger Lakes Region in New York State. My passion for fly fishing, however, began after I took a one-day course in Leesburg, Virginia in 1994. Wanting to share that passion with others, I attended the Montana-based Reel Women Guide School in 2002 and returned home to begin my guiding business. In recognizing the importance of being a part of the greater fly fishing and conservation community, I joined Trout Unlimited in 1996 and, for several years, served as Vice President and Publicity Chair for the Northern Virginia Chapter. My involvement with TU has been varied, including stream cleanup and restoration projects, casting instruction at the National Capital Fly Fishing Show, the Boy Scout Merit Badge Program, and Virginia Heritage Fishing Days, among other activities. In 2006, I was named "Stream Champion" and featured in "TROUT" magazine. I am presently a member of the Trout Unlimited Guide and Business Association. In both 2010 and 2019, I was honored to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the Virginia State Council of TU for my volunteer participation.

In 2001, I became involved as a volunteer with Casting for Recovery, a therapeutic fly casting and support program for women recovering from breast cancer. For 20 years, I served CFR in a variety of capacities, including Retreat Coordinator, Lead Casting Instructor, and River Helper. For five years, I was also Tournament Director for the CFR 2FLY4HOPE event, a major Mid-Atlantic CFR fundraiser. During this time, I became President of Chesapeake Women Anglers and served for three years. As I concluded my term as President, I was honored to receive the Gardner-Stevenson Award in 2007 in recognition of my contributions to women in the sport of fly fishing. At present, I contribute to the newsletter and website and on the topic "Fitness for Fly Fishing." "Between 2004 and 2010, I worked for L.L.Bean Outdoor Discovery School as a flyfishing instructor and taught fly casting at River Bend Park for the Fairfax County Park Authority. In 2007, I became involved with Project Healing Waters. Over the past 13 years, I have been a guide for the PHW 2FLYevent and travel to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center once a week to work directly with our wounded men and women vets, once again using the therapeutic benefits of fly casting and fly tying to help them deal and heal with their injuries, seen and unseen. I joined the PHW Board of Trustees in 2012, and that same year, was honored as Volunteer of the Year for the National Capital Region. In 2015, I was awarded PHW's highest civilian honor, the Patriot Award. In addition, I was a member of the International Women Fly Fishers (IWFF) and monitored the organization's Topica Talk website for four years. I was also a member of the Federation of Fly Fishers. In the past several years, I have been a speaker and presenter for many TU chapters and casting instructor at the Virginia Fly Fishing and Wine Show, and in 2017, received the Angler of the Year Award from Beau Beasley, the show director. In recent years, I have been a Women's Forum panelist at the event. Several years ago, I joined the Temple Fork Pro Staff and represent the company at fly shows in the Mid-Atlantic area. In 2022, I became involved with the May Fly project, an organization that extends the healing and supportive benefits of fly fishing to foster children ages 13-17.

# Special Raffle

Will be drawn at the Annual Banquet

Potts  
Creek  
OUTFITTERS

**2 Anglers**

**2 Days  
Fishing**

**2 Nights  
Lodging**



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**  
**\*\*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 160 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



**JoAnn Lindstrom-Gibbens**  
**“The Birthday Girl”**

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## 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**

**EMAIL: [rtphotography@comcast.net](mailto:rtphotography@comcast.net)**

# Colby Trow

## Gangler's North Seal River Lodge Manitoba, Canada



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*“We only measured fish the entire week just to know they were over 40” and better.... lord knows! I know I landed 20 fish on 35 casts the 1st half day we fished in the 1st bay. 1 fly out day I’d say we released over 300 pike and that is being conservative as we caught them non-stop with dozens and dozens of doubles.” –Colby Trow*













**Dottie  
Shuman  
&  
Millie  
Neagle  
Shenandoah  
Smallmouth  
Bass**





# **Eric English & Kevin Noreika Snook Everglades**







# The Jeters

## Rusty ♠ Kirk ♠ Trois

### The Everglades









# **North Anna River Float**

**Matt Enderle ♦ Steve lewis**

**Tim Jackson ♦ David Livesay**







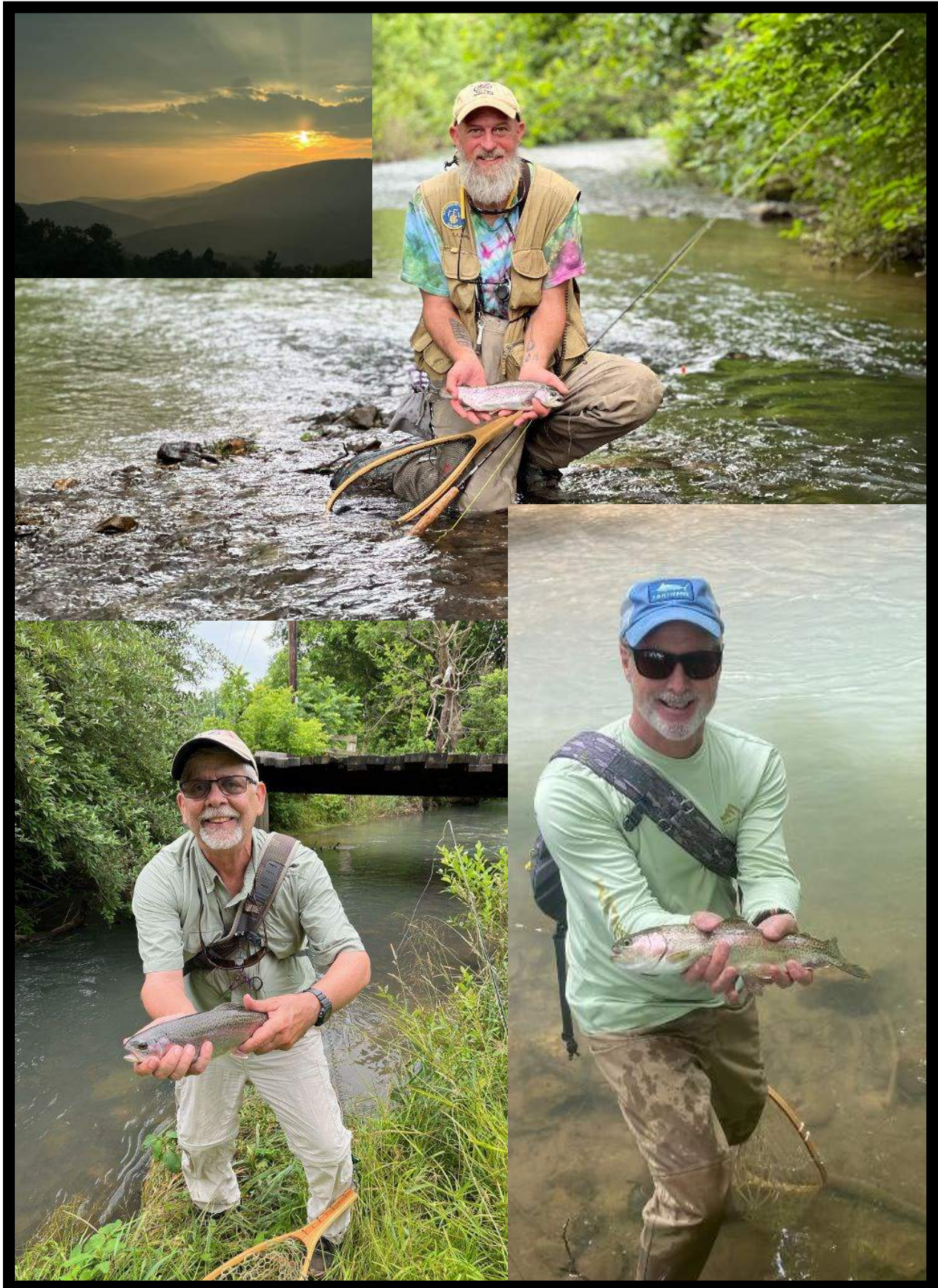


# Beaver Creek

Ray Ward ♣ Kevin Whitley  
Rick Ridpath









# Yellowstone National Park

I am including a Google photo link below to some photos from a camping trip I made to Yellowstone in July in the Lamar valley and Slough Creek. I thought you could use a few for the Singing Reel. We fished the Slough Creek upper and lower meadows, Soda Butte and the Lamar rivers. I went with my wife Betty, my brother and law (Charlie) and his wife Ginny. We had some fantastic dry fly and terrestrial action and great weather (no smoke thank goodness). Lots of bears and bison!

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## Scott Hesaltine



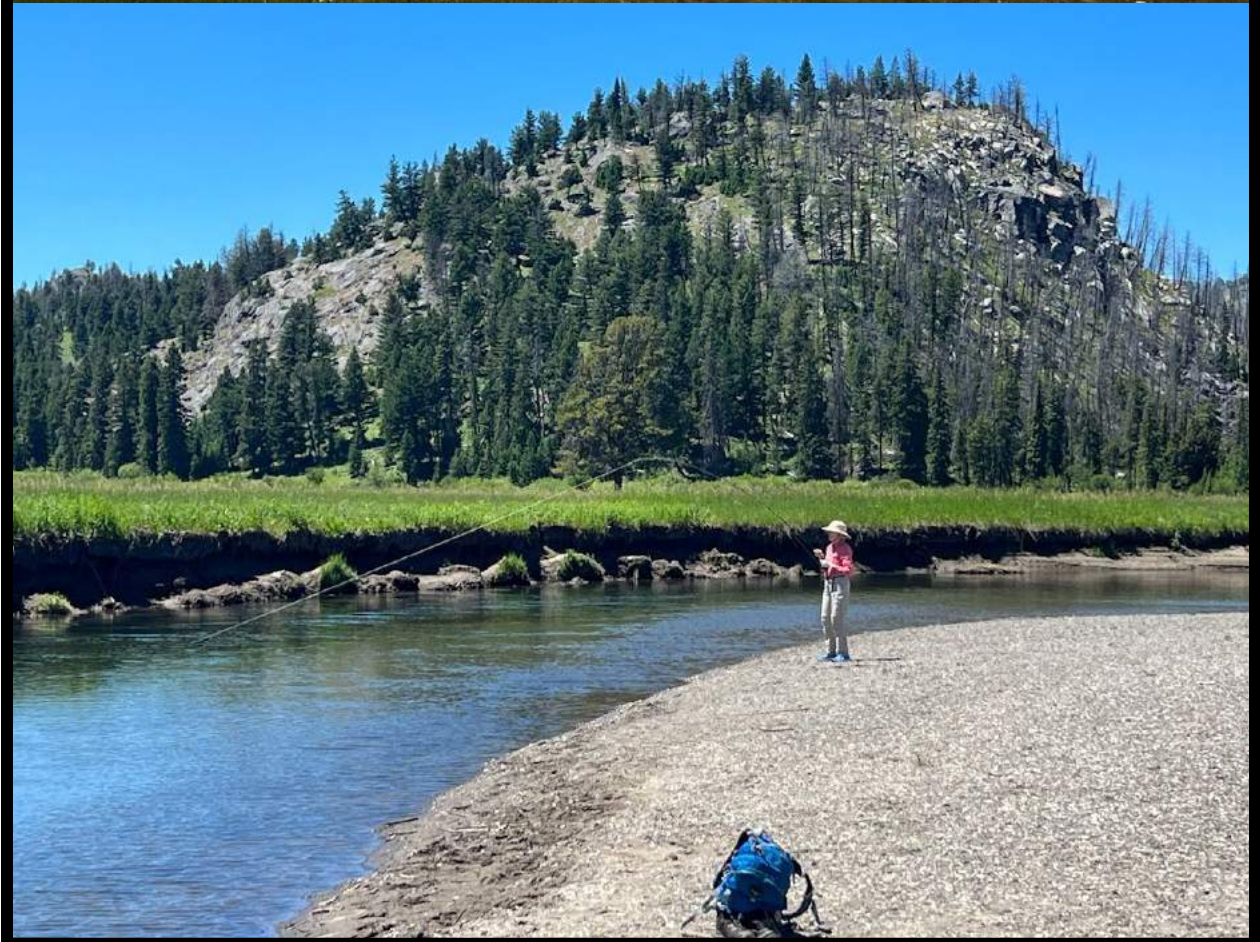


















# Steve Love

Redfish ♥ Moonfish  
Spanish Mackerel









# **Tim Pitcher**

## **James River Smallmouth Fishing with Wes Hodges**









# Denton Kent Sheepshead



Reid  
Parker

28 Musky





# Scott Hesaltine

**Photos from another fishing trip from the Adirondacks in June. I took my son-in-laws out on the West AuSable River to teach them how to fly fish. We had a great time and caught some nice Brown Trout, Rainbows and a Brookie. It's a really nice river with lots of fish and a good catch and release section east of Lake Placid.**









# FFV

## James River Cleanup

Taylor Turner ♥ Clint Edwards

Judi Edwards ♥ Pat Hammick

Millie Neagle ♥ Dottie Shuman

Denton Kent





# **FFV President Tony Scrimizzi Teaching Fly Casting At Bass Pro Shops**







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If you can help out in any way please contact:

Tony Escalona

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# Menu for Annual Banquet

**Field Green Salad  
Rolls & Butter  
Filet Mignon  
Crabmeat Stuffed Shrimp  
Green Beans Almondine  
Lyonnaise Potatoes  
Sour Cream Apple Pie**

**\*\*This is a “Sit Down” Dinner\*\***

RESERVATION - ANNUAL BANQUET  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 75.00

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

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

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

Please make the following reservations for me for the Fly Fishers of Virginia Annual Banquet at The Hermitage Country Club. We must receive your reservation and check by **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 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**

\_\_\_\_ Please check here if you need a Vegetarian Meal  
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#### FFV OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2023

**PRESIDENT:** Tony Scrimizzi  
**VP Fishing Activities:** Dick Chapman  
**VP Conservation Activities:** Millie Neagle  
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**Director at Large:** Tom Mosely  
**Director at Large:** Millie Neagle  
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**Director at Large:** Jon Arnold  
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**Technical Director:** Colby Trow  
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**Director of Communications:** Robert Thomas

#### FFV PAST PRESIDENTS

David Skove—2021, 2022  
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 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.