

# THE SINGING REEL

## Canadian Grand Slam

Hermitage Country Club  
Wednesday, November 15, 2023  
7:00pm



**Robert  
Thomas**  
Northern Pike  
Lake Trout  
Walleye  
Arctic Grayling

Afternoon Program 4-6pm  
Mike Bednarski & Alex McCrickard  
Winter Fishing Opportunities in Virginia

NEXT MEETING: Virginia Smorgasbord  
Friday January 19, 2024  
Derek Hutton Virginia River Guides

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## Letter from the President

As we approach year end 2023 and prepare for our final dinner meeting November 15th, there is much to be thankful for. Our club is financially sound, we have settled into our new venue for club dinner meetings, we have added new members and our members in waiting list continues to grow. Thanks to excellent attendance at our dinner meetings and support for our fundraising efforts our board again authorized \$7,000 to be donated to ten worthy organizations whose missions align with our club's founding purpose: "To promote the art of fly rod fishing; to foster good sportsmanship; and to promote conservation and preservation of the nation's natural resources including reclamation of environmentally degraded waters and watercourses." In addition to money contributions our club continues to support several organizations with volunteer hours, Project Healing Waters, Reel Recovery, Boy's to Men, Bellemeade Kids, James River Association are some of the organizations receiving volunteer support from FFV.

After receiving outstanding response to our membership survey the board of directors has acted to continue where we received affirmation (dinner meeting location) as well as address opportunities identified. Our women's fishing group has re-started, fly tying and casting clinics have taken place with more scheduled, and work has begun on refreshing our club's web site.

We made some progress with members led fishing outings; opportunity still exists. Cost challenges are ongoing as we addressed the increase in food and food service prices by adjusting our menu selection and format to keep down the amount passed on to membership. The board decided to keep our traditional menu for the annual banquet, realizing the cost for a reservation would be a concern. To offset this the board authorized a no charge event funded from our treasury allowing members to meet and socialize as well as swap some equipment. We intend to offer a similar event in 2024. We anticipate cost challenges to continue in 2024. We want to offer a quality speaker menu, which will result in higher reimbursements. We want to continue with donations to worthy organizations. We have been notified food prices will increase starting in January 2024.

Members will receive an email notification of annual dues and payment process. Our membership dues have not changed since 2009. The board has voted to increase our annual dues to \$85 for 2024. We appreciate your continued support of Fly Fishers of Virginia.

Tony Scrimizzi

President

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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](mailto:rtphotography@comcast.net) or they may be mailed to: Editor, "The Singing Reel," P.O. Box 9311, Richmond, VA 23227.

# November Programs

**Fly Fishers,**

**With our continuing commitment to bring to you a wide variety of programs for our dinner meetings, we again have a combination of local destinations and an international one.**

## **Afternoon Program**

**Cold Weather Fishing in Virginia**

**4pm—6pm**

**Mike Bednarski & Alex McCrickard**

**Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources**

**Mike and Alex will be discussing all the wonderful opportunities that are available to us during the late Fall, Winter, and early Spring. Some of the best fishing is to be had during the cold weather months, ie. Trout and Musky just to name a couple but all fish have to eat so they are all available.**

## **Evening Program**

**Canadian Grand Slam at Gangler's North Seal River Lodge**

**Robert Thomas**

**FFV Director of Communications**

**Robert will be discussing the fantastic fishing to be had in the far north of Manitoba, Canada. This is a "Bucket List" destination that all fishermen should experience at least once in their life. Trophy Northern Pike, Walleye. Lake Trout and Artic Graying are all there for the catching.**

## **Fly Casting Clinic**

**Crump Park**

**All Skill Levels Welcome**

**Saturday, November 4th 1pm-3pm**

**Contact Robert Thomas [rtphotography@comcast.net](mailto:rtphotography@comcast.net)**

## **Fly Tying Class**

**St. Michaels Catholic Church**

**All Skill Levels Welcome**

**Wednesday, November 1st and Wednesday, November 8th**

**7pm-9pm**

**Contact Ed Landry [ed.landry.rva@gmail.com](mailto:ed.landry.rva@gmail.com)**

# Super Special Raffle

## Winston Rod & Bauer Reel



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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Tickets at \$25.00 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 2024 Meetings**

**Friday January 19th**

**Thursday March 21st**

**Thursday May 23rd**

**Thursday July 18th**

**\*\*Friday September 20th  
Annual Banquet\*\***

**Thursday November 14th**

## **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



**Denton Kent**  
**Red Drum**  
**Fishing with Capt. Josh Saunders**

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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)**

**Robert Thomas ♦ Lynn Spurlin**  
**Gangler's North Seal River Lodge**  
**Manitoba, Canada**  
**Northern Pike ♣ Lake Trout**  
**Walleye ♣ Artic Grayling**



**2024 Canada Trip Opportunities**

**Ice Out Trip**

**June 15-22**

**Northern Lights Trip**

**August 17-22**































## The Singing Reel

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Taylor Turner  
Redfish  
South Carolina





# Mark Neale

## Alaska













# Larry Baron

## James River

### Fishing with Wes Hodges



# **El Pescador**

**Ambergris Caye, Belize**

**Mac Myers ♠ Gregg Gochnour**

**Rodney Miner ♠ Greg Johnson**

**Nick Secrist ♠ David Secrist**



















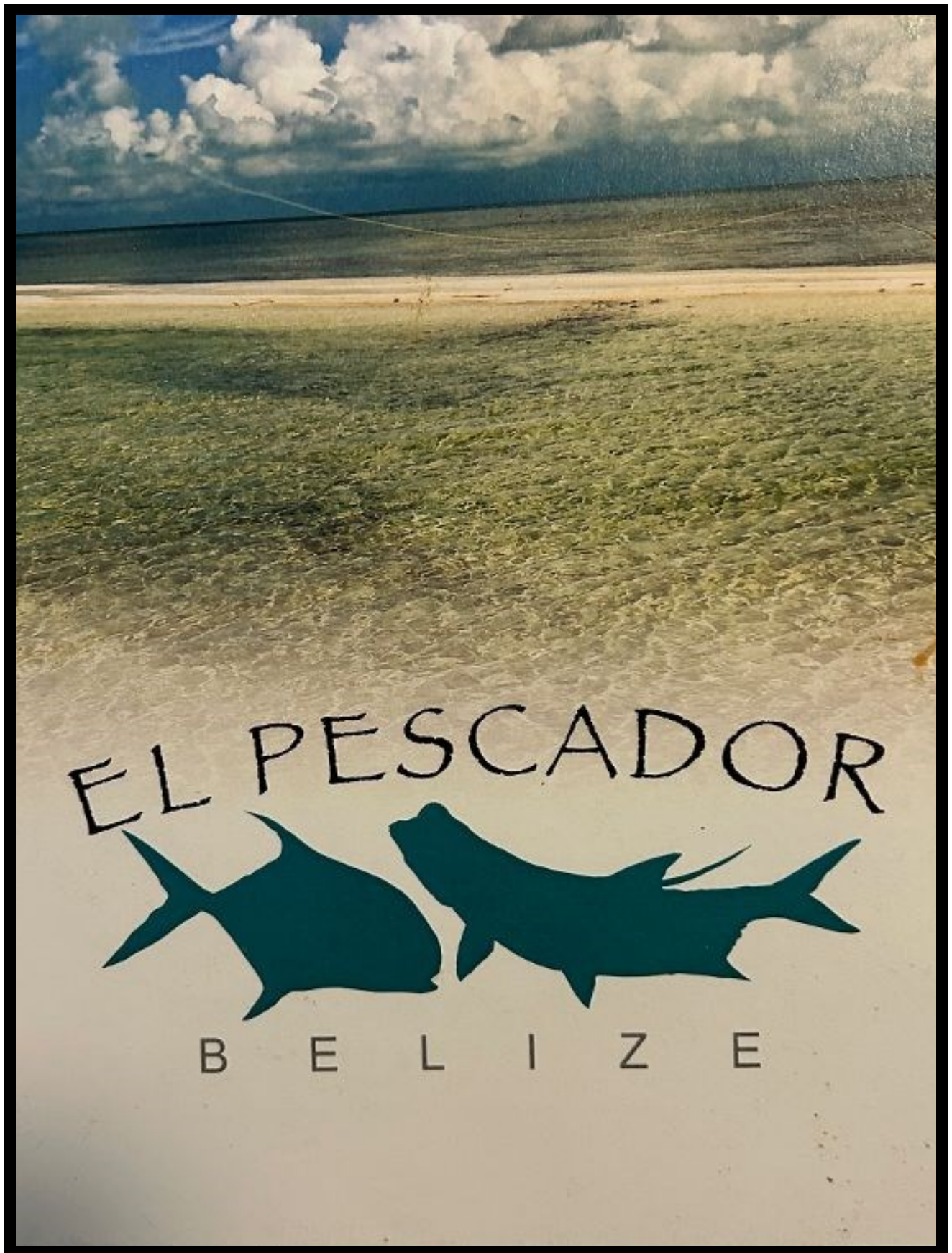














# Salmon River

## Chuck Davis ♦ Rick Ridpath Kevin Whitley

































## Bob Cramer Receiving the B. Randy Tucker Award





# Artists

The FFV would like to show off members creative work.

Please email a JPEG to [rtphotography@comcast.net](mailto:rtphotography@comcast.net) and we will publish it in *The Singing Reel*







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If you can help out in any way please contact:

Tony Escalona

Tony.escalona27@gmail.com



# Menu for November 15, 2023

## Roasted Pork Loin

with Cabbage & Apples

## Chicken Piccata

Hermitage House Salad

Berry Spinach Salad

Roasted Seasonal Vegetables

Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes

**Dessert: Assorted Dessert Bars,  
Cookies & Fruit**

RESERVATION - NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 49.00

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 10, 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  
**Reservations may also be made via PayPal at  
[www.FlyFishersofVirginia.org](http://www.FlyFishersofVirginia.org)**





Fly Fishers of Virginia  
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Richmond, Virginia 23242

#### FFV OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2023

**PRESIDENT:** Tony Scrimizzi  
**VP Fishing Activities:** Dick Chapman  
**VP Conservation Activities:** Millie Neagle  
**VP Membership:** Chuck Davis  
**Secretary:** Gary Green  
**Treasurer:** JoAnn Lindstrom-Gibbens  
**Director at Large:** Dale Clark  
**Director at Large:** Jim Mattson  
**Director at Large:** Tom Mosely  
**Director at Large:** Millie Neagle  
**Director at Large:** Mac Myers  
**Director at Large:** Jon Arnold  
**Director at Large:** Judi Edwards  
**PHW Coordinator:** Tony Escalona  
**Technical Director:** Brian Trow  
**Technical Director:** Colby Trow  
**Webmeister:** Doug Walden  
**Asst. Webmeister:** Taylor Turner IV  
**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 Fly Fishing, Reel Recovery, Casting for Recovery, and The Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock.