

# THE SINGING REEL

## Central Virginia

Hermitage Country Club

Friday, January 19, 2024

7:00pm



Derek & Margaret  
**Hutton**



**Afternoon Session**

**Matt Balazik James River Sturgeon Update**

**4-6:00pm**

**NEXT MEETING: PANFISH**

**Thursday, March 21, 2024**

**Bart Lombardo**

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## Letter from the President

# Happy New Year and Best Wishes in 2024

Fly Fishers of Virginia ended 2023 in excellent standing with membership renewals and new members at 147 and 21 members in waiting. Our club is in solid financial shape. Energized by our engaged membership, based on the feedback received from our survey in early 2023, the Board has focused on delivering the quality experiences our member's desire.

Fishing outings (see Robert Thomas communication, 12/2/2023), regarding upcoming fishing opportunities. Dick Chapman has informed me that we have a record response to our Mossy Creek outings (4) in 2024.

Ed Landry has taken the lead on establishing scheduled fly-tying sessions with a wonderful venue at St. Michael's Church. Sessions started in November and December and will continue with winter sessions starting in January. Thanks to those attending the initial sessions and to those volunteering to demonstrate favorite fly patterns. (Attendance has been excellent).

Our Women's Group has re-scheduled their clinic (postponed due to inclement weather in September) for March 30. They also announced a fishing outing to Harman's Cabins in WV for May.

On occasion we receive requests for guests (non-Member or Member in Waiting) to attend a FFV activity. A Waiver of Liability must be signed by any guest attending a FFV activity. (Non-dinner activities).

I look forward to getting back together for our first dinner meeting of 2024, January 19. Thank you for your attendance.

Respectfully,

Tony Scrimizzi, President Fly Fishers of Virginia

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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.

# Meet the Outfitters

Derek and Margaret Hutton own and operate Virginia River Guides. They have nearly two decades of outfitting, organizing and leading fly fishing excursions both domestically and abroad. They have the knowledge and experience you are looking for.

VRG specializes in fly fishing the headwaters of Virginia's most productive rivers. The diverse fishery and scenic beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains are truly world-class. There are few places where cold water trout streams transition into renowned smallmouth bass rivers that also harbor the chance of a trophy musky. We fish the most productive sections of the best rivers at the best times of the year. Our focus is on your successful experience.

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See you soon!  
*The Huttons*

# January Special Raffle Certificate

For any

## Temple Fork Outfitters 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 2024 Meetings**

**Friday January 19th**

**Thursday March 21st**

**Thursday May 23rd**

**Saturday July 20th Swap Meet/Picnic**

**\*\*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:**

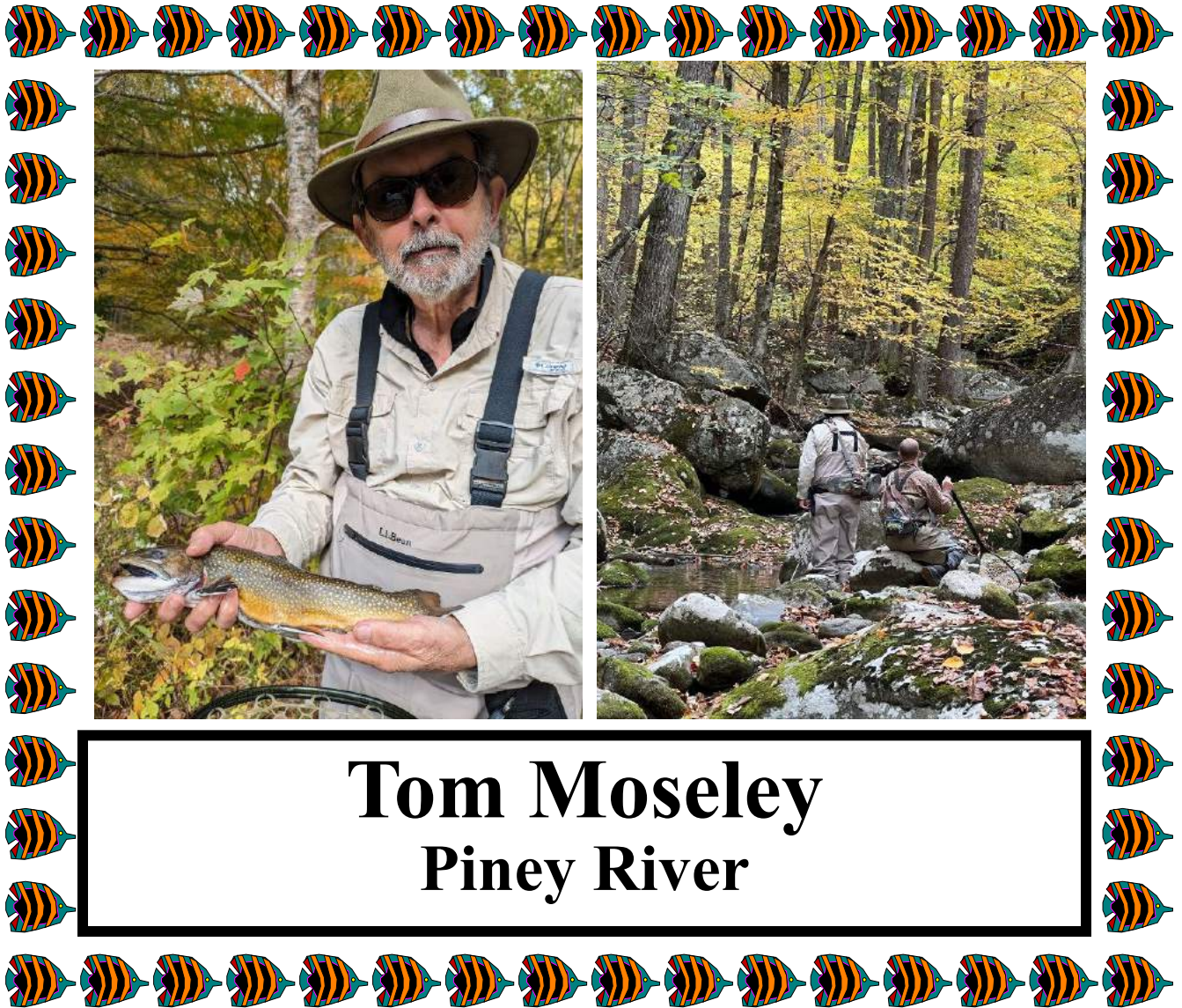
**Robert Thomas at [rtphotography@comcast.net](mailto:rtphotography@comcast.net) or (804) 307-7122 so he can facilitate you being a guest.**

**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



**Tom Moseley**  
**Piney River**

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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)**

# Matt DiNardo









**2023**

**Oak Orchard**

**Bill Pearsall ♠ Steve Lewis**

**Chuck Davis ♠ Ray Ward**

**David Piotrowski ♠ Tom Mlot**

**Robert Thomas ♠ Pete Shinnamon**

**Lynn Spurlin**



2024 Trip: October 20th-26th  
Contact Robert Thomas to signup  
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# Steelhead





# Brown Trout























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2023/10/26







# Atlantic Salmon









# Chinook Salmon

















# Jamie Bennett





# FFV FLY TYING CLASS





# Ray Ward OBX





# Duck Down Inn

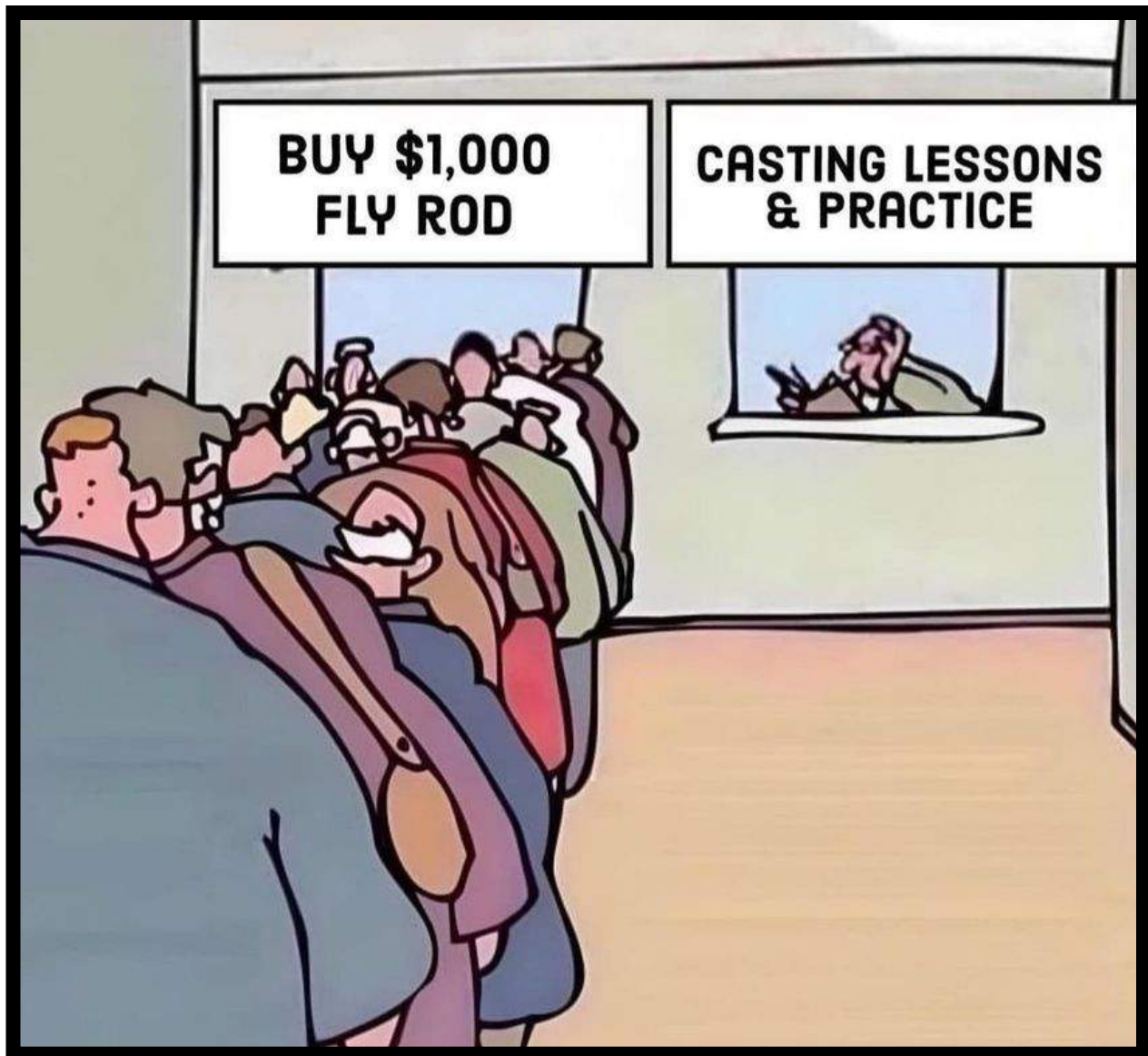
**Ed Landry ♣ Steve Lindsey**  
**Contact Lisa Powell at (804) 240-1559**  
**To book your date**











If you can help out in any way please contact:

Tony Escalona

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# Menu for January 19, 2024

**We will have individual Carving Stations offering a variety of options. There will be something for everyone**



**RESERVATION - JANUARY DINNER MEETING  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024**

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, JANUARY 12, 2024** 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  
P.O. Box 29477  
Richmond, Virginia 23242

#### FFV OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2024

**PRESIDENT:** Tony Scrimizzi  
**VP Fishing Activities:** Dick Chapman  
**VP Conservation Activities:** Millie Neagle  
**VP Membership:** Chuck Davis  
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**Director at Large:** Tom Mosely  
**Director at Large:** Millie Neagle  
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**Director at Large:** Judi Edwards  
**PHW Coordinator:** Tony Escalona  
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**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.