

THE SINGING REEL

The Amazon

Hermitage Country Club

Thursday, May 23, 2024

7:00pm



Colby Trow

Amazon Trip
To Upper
Xeruini River

Afternoon Session
The Shenandoah Valley Colby Trow
4-6:00pm

NEXT MEETING: Picnic/ Swap Meet
Saturday, July 20 2024
St. Michaels Catholic Church

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Letter from the President

Our March dinner meeting featured a visit from Bart Lombardo, guide, fly tyer, and expert on fishing for warm water species. Bart conducted a fly-tying session for our club on Wednesday evening prior to our dinner and followed up with an education/fly tying session before he addressed our dinner meeting. I hope you enjoyed his insights and tying demonstrations.

At our April board meeting we discussed and updated our annual donations list to confirm organizations that will receive contributions from FFV. Thanks to board member Jon Arnold for leading this effort. Any feedback regarding potential organizations to add to our list should be sent to Jon. We also received an update from Taylor Turner and Doug Walden on the status of our web site refresh. We hope to preview the updated site prior to our June dinner meeting.

On April 1st several of our FFV members volunteered for the third annual "Boy's to Men" outing at Duck Down Inn. Thanks to Lisa Powell for making the wonderful venue available. Casting skills were demonstrated and reinforced throughout the day. Considerable progress was made by the boy's as they enjoyed a first-time experience with fly rods. Thanks to the volunteers that contributed flies and instruction for the boys.

Reminder to members, if you work with or know of an organization, school fishing club etc. that might enjoy having FFV conduct an introduction or expand knowledge of fly fishing, contact Gary Andrejco or Tommy Naumann, board members leading Outreach and Education.

Our first two dinner meeting speakers of 2024 discussed fishing opportunities that we could enjoy locally or a short drive away. For our May dinner meeting we will welcome Colby Trow. Colby will revisit his recent destination fishing trip to Brazil, and we will learn of the fishing experience and species encountered during he trip. I hope you will join us for a fun evening, note the date: Thursday May 23,

Lastly, do you have any lightly used equipment, favorite flies you want to part with and pick up a few bucks? FFV will again have our second annual Picnic and Swap meet in July. Details to follow in the Singing Reel.

Tony Scrimizzi

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

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Dates for 2024 Meetings

Thursday May 23st

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 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



Dick Chapman
Michigan Steelhead



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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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James River
David Piotrowski ♠ Robert Thomas
Tom Mlot



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Bob Filler North Carolina Shad



Clare Novak



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Matt Enderle Peacock bass Lake Ida, Florida

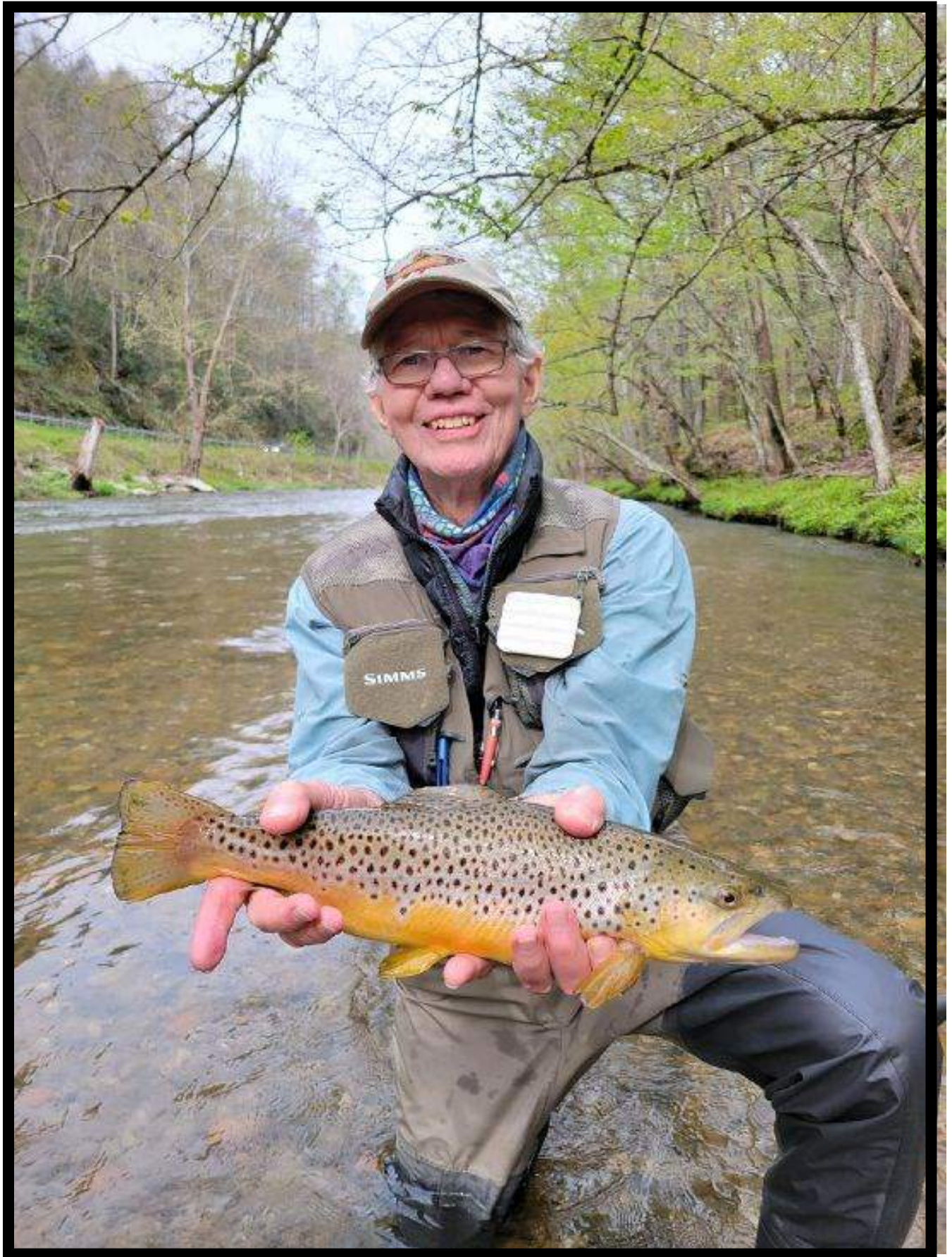


Caroline Naumann Golden Trout



Dick Chapman Laurel Creek North Carolina





Mac Myers Rose River



Beaver Creek Veteran's Outing

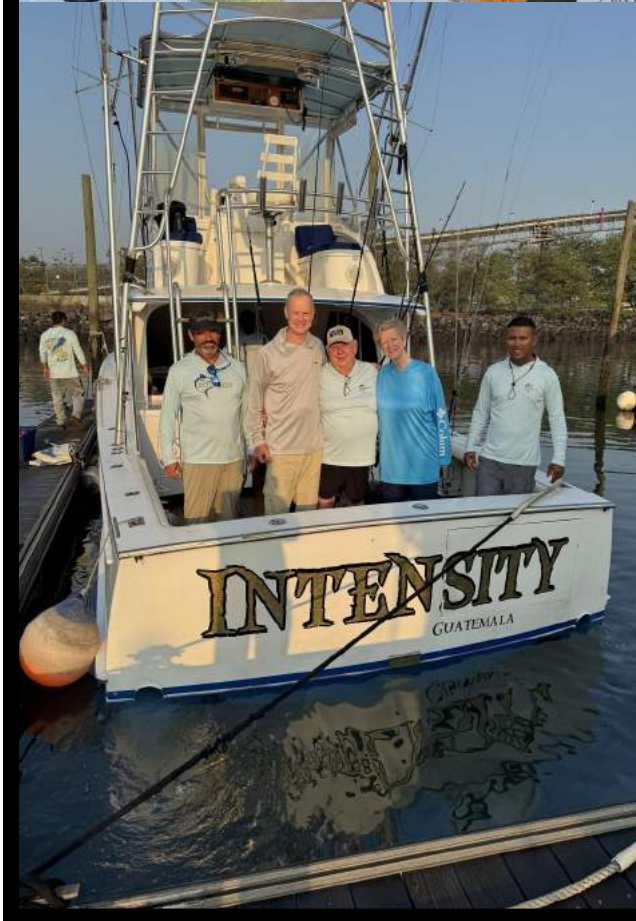
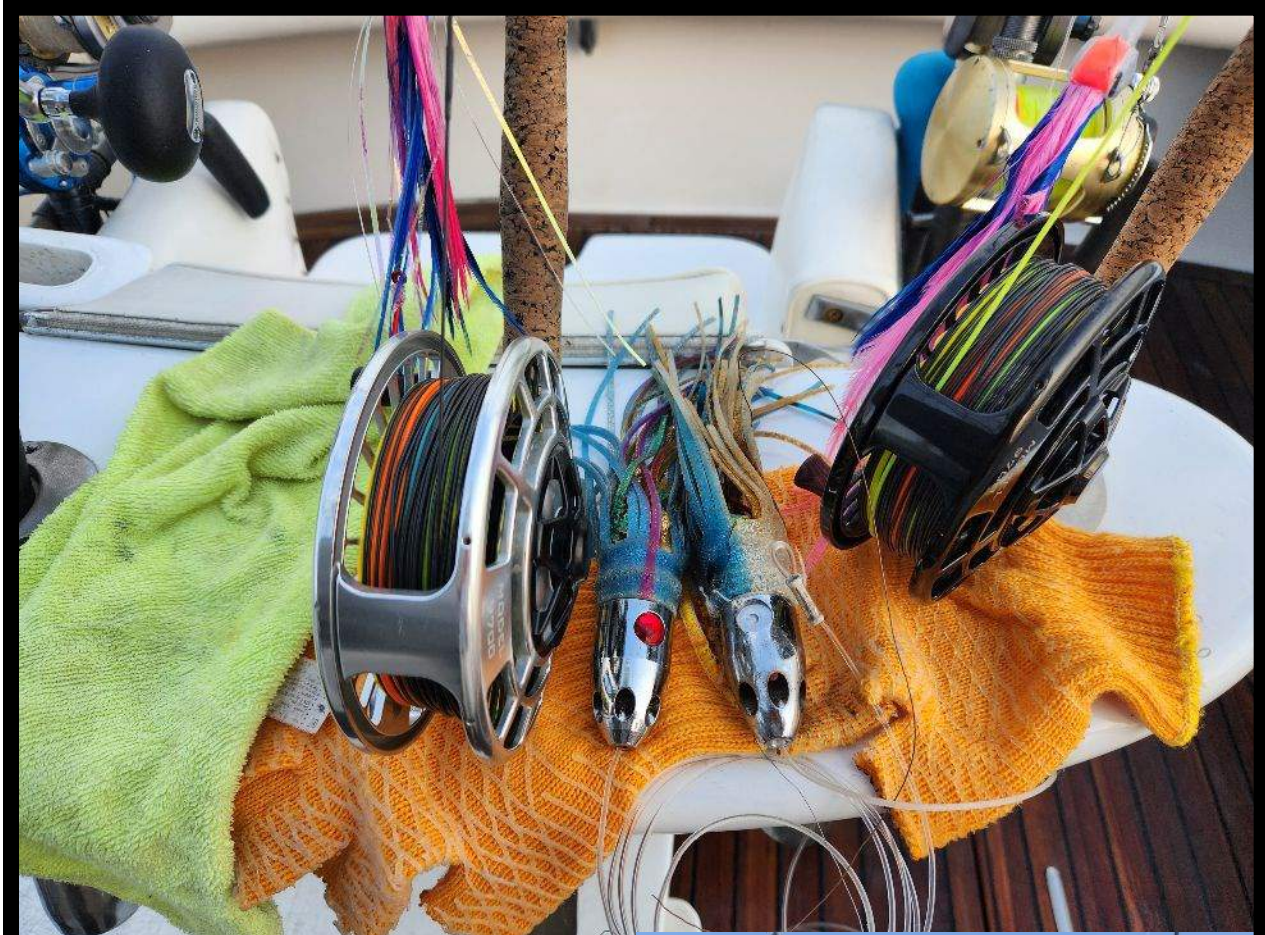




Bob and Barb Filler

Here are some photos of our fly fishing trip to Guatemala for sailfish. We spent three days and caught 16 sailfish all on flies aboard the Intensity with Captain Mike Sheerer and Jake Jordan out of Puerto San Jose.





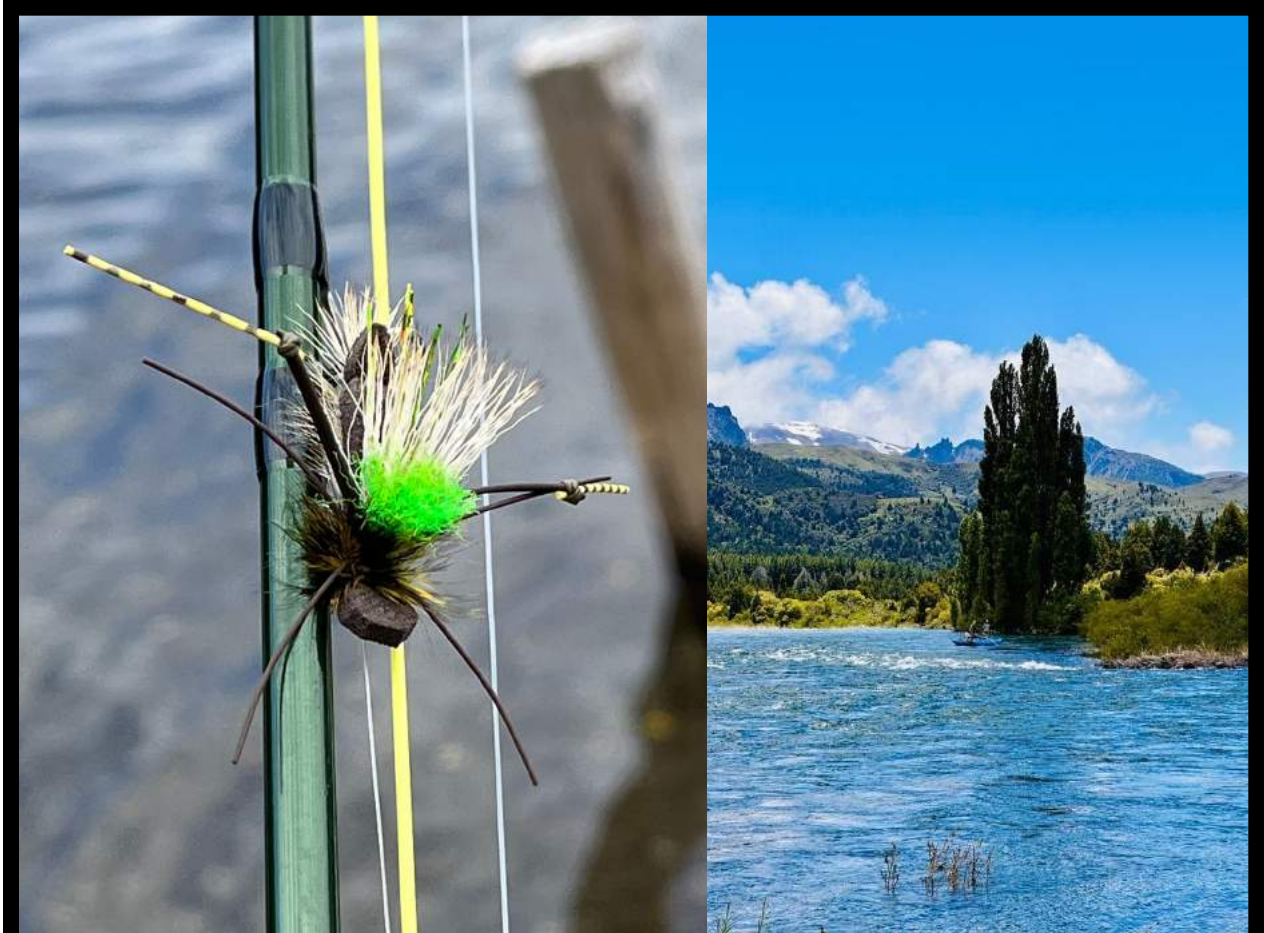




Mark Sargent Argentina













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Dan Honsberger
James River Stripper
Fishing with Reid Parker
Current Culture Fly Shop

Mossy Creek Dale Clark ♣ Mike Kelley



Greg Lumpkin Fishing the Pond



Chuck Davis Staunton River ♦ Mossy Creek



FFV Women's Event

FFV held its first women's fly fishing clinic on March 30 at the Varina library and Dorey Park. There were 15 women in attendance, with 5 being new to fly fishing. Kiki Galvin presented great information on equipment, entomology and gave casting demonstrations. There were donations of rods and reels, vests, boots and shirts so all the new fly fishers went home with some fishing equipment. Everyone worked on a simple forward cast and a roll cast with Kiki teaching and our experienced women giving one on one coaching. Lots of smiles all around!



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Boys to Men Duck Down Inn









Bart Lombardo demonstrating the “Triangle Bug” at the FFV fly tying class at St Michaels Church

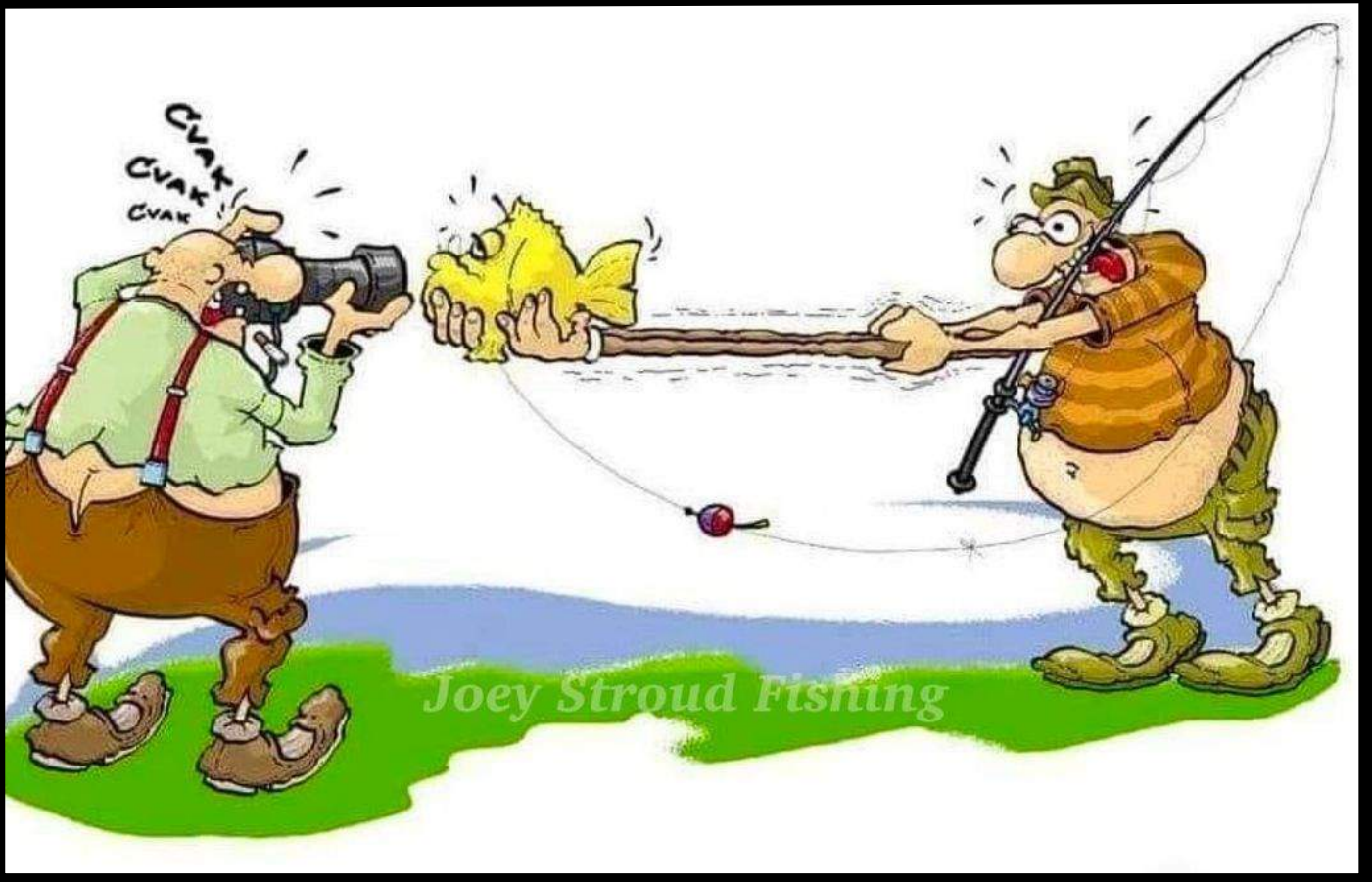
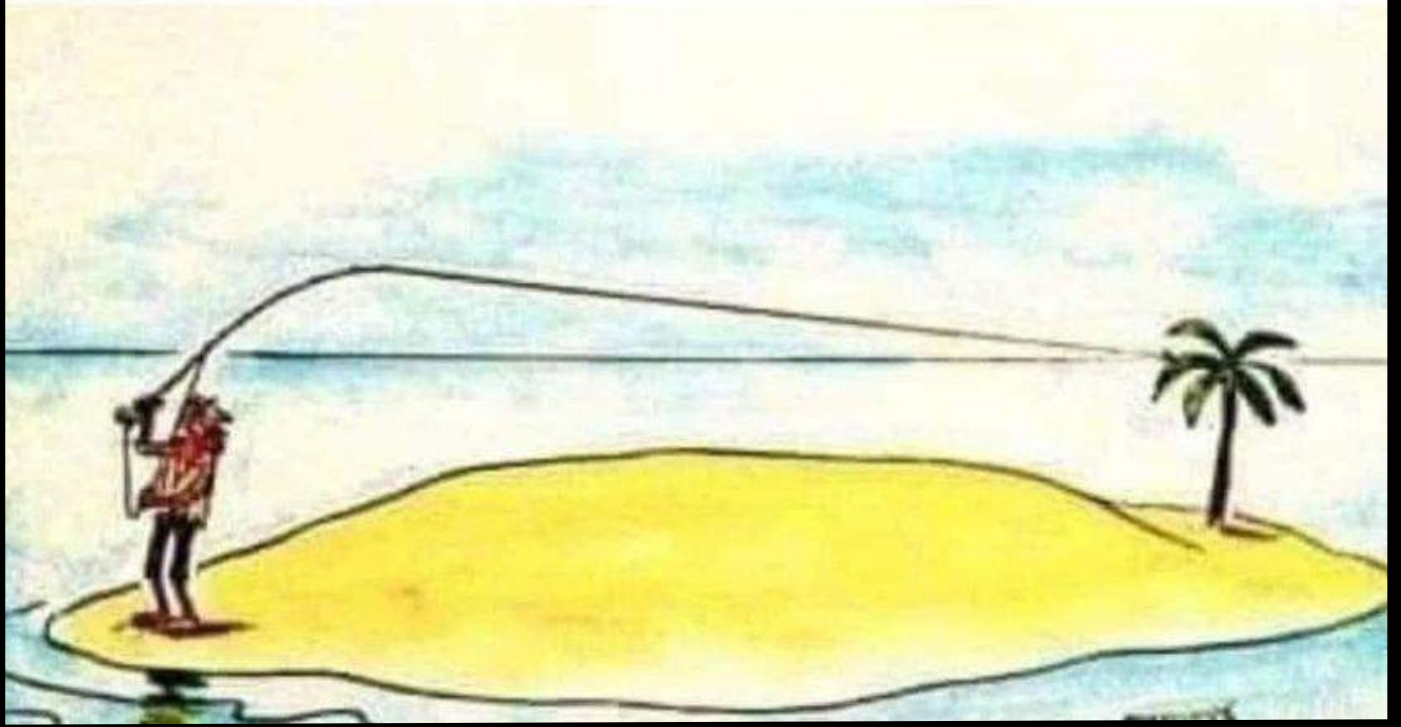
Fly tying classes will resume in the Fall



"I'm just going for the day, I don't need the tent."



When there's literally only one thing to get snagged on





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If you can help out in any way please contact:

Tony Escalona

Tony.escalona27@gmail.com

Menu for May 23, 2024

The Usual Terrific Hermitage CC Surf and Turf Buffet



RESERVATION - MARCH DINNER MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024

Member's Name: _____ \$ 49.00

Guest Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Total = \$ _____

Please make the following reservations for me for the Fly Fishers of Virginia March Meeting at The Hermitage Country Club. We must receive your reservation and check by **THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024** to insure that you have a reservation.

TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!

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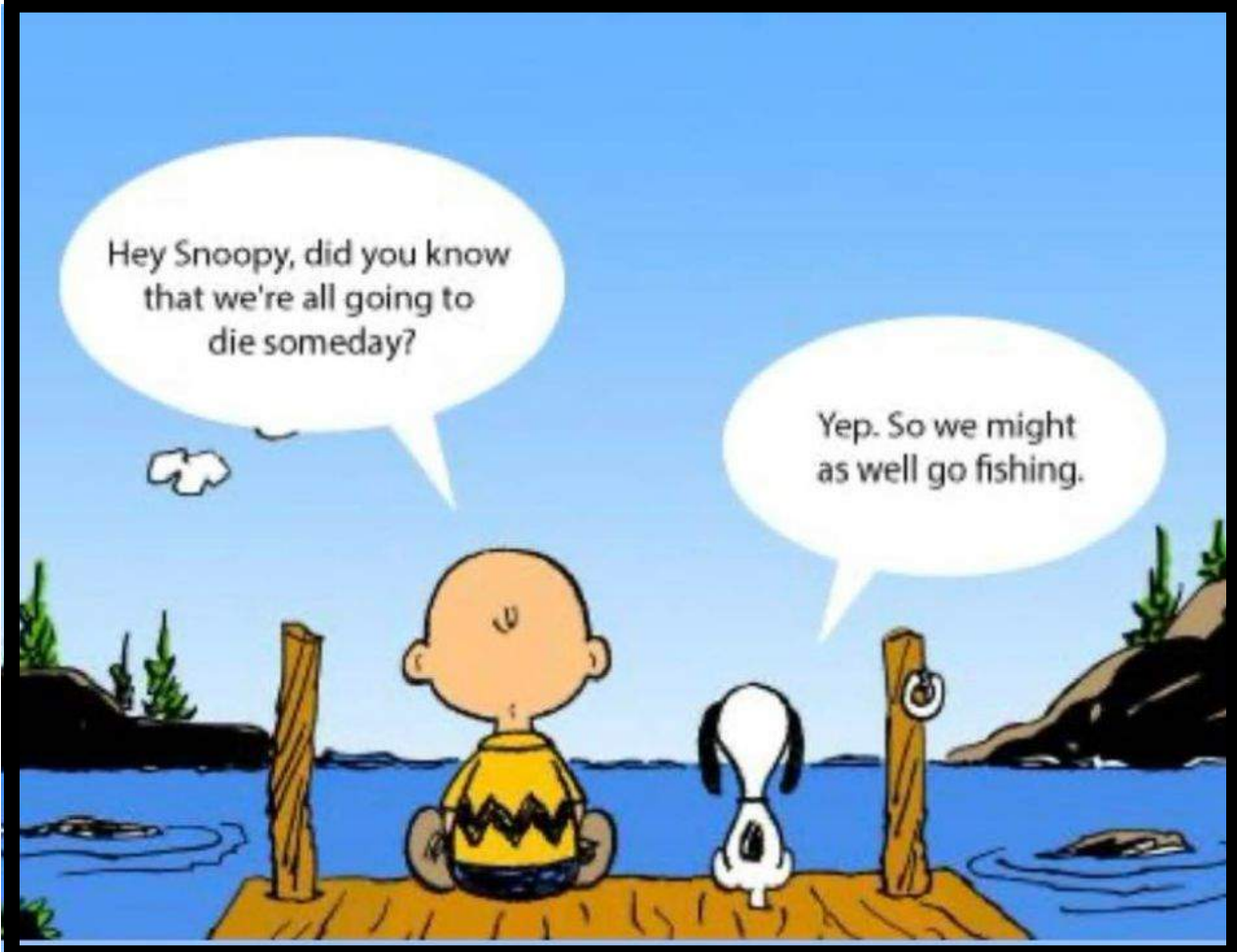
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Attention!!!!!!

The May Meeting
is the
4th Thursday
of the month

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FFV PAST PRESIDENTS

David Skove—2021, 2022
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Tom Mlot—2017, 2018
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Ken Eastwood—2011, 2012
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Dan Genest-- 2005, 2006
Richard Roadcap—2003, 2004
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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.