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# STREAMLINES



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## Andrew Trelease and Fly Fishing Spruce Creek

It seems every year, my fly fishing bucket list continues to grow. However, not much gets crossed off my bucket list. That is probably not a good thing.

One thing that has been on my bucket list for a while, has been to fish the beautiful waters of Spruce Creek, in central PA. I have heard great things about size of its trout and the challenge to catch them.

I hope that you can join us for our September meeting and discover one of Pennsylvania's premier limestone spring fisheries, Spruce Creek. On September 12<sup>th</sup>, we welcome Andrew Trelease, owner and operator at Trout Haven. Andrew will be discussing his favorite trout fishery, its fish, its pools, and its hatches.

By anyone's definition of great eastern or western fisheries, Spruce Creek is premier trout water. This is a private stream, with a lot of fish – BIG fish. Rainbows, browns and brook trout – they're all here. Fish in the 20-inch class are common, and insect hatches are year-round. No need to book airline tickets for an exotic trip, just travel a few hours northwest to Spruce Creek and you'll have a world-class fly fishing experience.

Andrew Trelease is a licensed Pennsylvania fishing guide. He has been fly fishing for 11 years and he currently owns Trout Haven, an exclusive fly fishing guide service in central Pennsylvania that hosts fly fishing adventures on a spectacular private trout stream. Andrew was raised in the Catskill region of New York where he grew up fishing some of the northeast's most renowned trout streams, including the two branches of the Delaware River, i.e. the Beaverkill, and Willowemoc Creek. Andrew is also an accomplished musician and avid fly tier; you can often find him practicing both pursuits when he's not guiding.

Check out some more of Andrew's work at his website, [www.trouthavenguide.com](http://www.trouthavenguide.com).



ant. Any successful fly fisher needs to have an ant pattern available when the opportunity presents itself.

## Monthly Roundtable and Beginners Fly Tying by Jon Thames and Don Fine

The September monthly Fly Tying Roundtable will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup>. That evening's program will feature Rick Loose as our guest tier. We are pleased to have Rick back as our lead tier providing instruction and guidance on tying the Clouser Crawfish.

Bob Clouser designed his crayfish pattern for Susquehanna River smallmouth bass. Its success in tricking smallmouth has made the Clouser Crayfish a staple in the bass-fishers fly box for many years. However, Rick and many other fly fishers tie a smaller version and find it a great trout fly. Join us and tie this fly for your trout and bass fishing needs. Please bring 3/0 or 6/0 light tan thread. All other materials will be provided.



Both the monthly Roundtable and the Beginners Fly Tying classes meet at 7 PM in room 109 at Trinity United Methodist Church, 703 West Patrick Street, Frederick. Fly tying equipment is always available for use in both of these monthly meetings, for those who do not have their own tying equipment.

## SPECIAL ARTICLE REPRINT TO CELEBRATE OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY by Larry Forte

*As part of our 50<sup>th</sup> celebration, we are reprinting articles this year from past PVFF Newsletters. I found the following article in Past President Jim Gilford's PVFF portfolio. It's an article from the November 1968 Newsletter about the second annual PVFF banquet. Very timely. Hope you enjoy it.*



The Beginners Fly Tying session will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Bill Kulp will lead this month's fly tying session. Bill will provide instruction and guidance on tying an enticing ant pattern. Throughout the summer and especially into the fall ants, like other terrestrials, are very prevalent on the water. Fish (especially trout) will gorge themselves on ants, when they are present and you don't need to "match the hatch" to fish a terrestrial like an



## **PVFF Banquet – November 1968 Newsletter**

*It is banquet time for the Potomac Valley Fly Fisherman. Our second annual banquet will be held on Tuesday, December 10th, at the Frederick Izaak Walton*

*League club house on the Reels Mill Road, starting at 6:30 pm.*

*John Nutter and his banquet committee have planned a fine evening to mark our club's first anniversary as a chartered organization.*

*Activities will start with a ham and turkey dinner served family style with all of the*

*The tab for the evening and the ham and turkey dinner this year is \$4.00. You can expect a fine evening. It's one that will be important to the Potomac Valley Fly Fisherman. We need your support so please make every effort to be there. And sure, if you want to bring a friend with you, we'll make him welcome.*

*So that we will be able to complete arrangements, all club members will be*

*trimmings. A short business meeting will follow. Lewis Boyer, chairman of the nominating committee, will present the slate of officers to be elected for the coming year; the enclosed constitutional amendments will be voted on; a brief financial statement will be read and a short summary of the club's activities and progress during the past year will be delivered to close out the business portion of the evening.*

*The banquet committee has some fine door prizes lined up for those at the banquet tables. A Fenwick FF 85 will be raffled off to help raise funds for club activities. And there'll be a special surprise, too. This one will be of interest to all of the club members – but more about that on the night of the banquet.*

*We are expecting Gene Anderegg, National President of the Federation of Fly Fisherman to be with us for the evening. Also attending as guests of the club will be Mr. George Shields, Director of the Department of Game and Inland Fish and Mr. David Woronecki, the Cold Water Biologist for the game and fish department.*

*We also hope to have several good fishing films (fresh and salt water angling) on hand for showing after the evening program. There'll be time for everyone to mix and meet the guests; name tags will be passed out at the door so you won't have to worry about remembering names.*

*contacted by phone shortly after receiving this newsletter to see how many plan to attend the dinner. Please confirm your ticket by filling out the attached tab and returning it to the address shown no later than Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.*

## **PVFF 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday and Annual Banquet** by Jon Thames

In reading the September issue of Streamlines we hope that you have saved the date of October 28, 2017 and are planning on attending the PVFF 50th BIRTHDAY PARTY AND BANQUET. If you haven't already done so, please mark your calendar. The banquet reservation form will be on display at the September meeting. You can fill it out at the meeting, make check payable to PVFF and give to Andy Mekelburg who will be filling in for me at the meeting. I will also send out a separate email to all members with the form attached in case they cannot attend the September meeting. Please follow instructions on the form to reserve your space at the banquet.

### **Donation Items for the Banquet:**

As you know, PVFF's Annual Banquet is our primary fundraising event for the year. We rely

on the generosity of our members for donations for the bucket raffle and silent auction to help raise funds for operating expenses. If you have any article/s that you feel would be a great gift for our bucket raffle or silent auction for our October 28th Annual Banquet, please give Larry Forte a call at 301-943-7533 or bring your donation items to the September or October club meeting. Gifts could be either fishing or non-fishing related items that anyone could enjoy.

### **Last Cast:**

By Larry Forte

I hope everyone had a great summer. I certainly did. My only regret is that I did not get to spend much time on the stream. Fortunately, that will change in a couple of weeks when I head off to Montana for a week. Several college buddies and I are going to try our luck fooling some cutthroat trout near Glacier National Park. Hopefully, I will have some fish stories to share in October's Streamlines.

Since our last club gathering at the June picnic, the Board has been very busy over the summer planning for upcoming PVFF events. To start, we have some amazing programs coming up this fall, and which I will now describe. This month, we take a "trip" to Spruce Creek, in central PA. On September 12<sup>th</sup>, we welcome Andrew Trelease, owner of Trout Haven, a guide service, who will talk about fly-fishing Spring Creek.

In October, we take a fly-fishing "trip" to the Everglades with club member Fred Doddy. Fred has been fishing the Everglades for several years. Bill Kulp will share his fly fishing tactics for the Chesapeake Bay in

November. I have had the pleasure of fishing with Bill and he knows how to catch fish!

All evenings will be fun and informative. It is great when club members share their fishing knowledge and expertise. If you would be interested in doing a presentation at a monthly meeting, just let me know.

As noted above the banquet committee has also been busy planning our big **PVFF 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party and Annual Banquet** at the end of October. Actually, Jon Thames has been doing most of the work. He has already put together some amazing bucket and silent auction items. This includes the chance to win a

full-day guided trip for 2 on a local river. Plus, the winner of the Winston Rod and Reel will also be selected that night.

We are also starting a new tradition at the banquet. Enter to win the "Travel Rod", which entitles the winner to use a new Scott 6wt fly rod and reel for 2018. It will include a journal for you to document your fishing adventures with the fly rod during the year. The plan is to do this every year, so at the following year's banquet another club member can win the same fly rod for a year. As we celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, we thought this would be a cool way to start a new club tradition with this "Travel Rod".

Also, at the banquet, we will have on display a collection of PVFF documents and photos from the very beginning of the club. These are provided by Jim Gilford, the club's first President and an original founding member. I had the pleasure, along with Chad Baker, to spend an evening with Jim this summer. It was

a fun evening as Jim told us stories about how the club first started (a traveling camera salesman gets some of the credit) including how we got our trout pen. At the banquet, I encourage you to spend some time looking through Jim's PVFF portfolio. His family put this together for him and it's an invaluable collection of club history.

We are also working on the club's website. Troy Kitch is going to help with some short-term changes and help us build a new and exciting website this fall. Thank you, Troy, for your help.

I would like to thank Dave Fulton for his help as Programs Chairman the past couple of years. He did a great job for the club. Unfortunately, due to work and family time constraints, Dave has stepped down as Programs Chairman. This is a great opportunity for a club member to get involved with PVFF. No experience required. We are looking for someone to help identify and contact potential speakers. It is how I first got involved with the club 10 years ago and I enjoyed finding speakers for our meetings.

Finally, if there is anything you would like to see improved with our club or if you are interested in getting more involved with the PVFF, please don't hesitate to contact me. Plus, you are always welcome to join us at our monthly Board meeting.

Thank you for being part of this club. See you at the next meeting.

Larry Forte  
lbforte@verizon.net

### **Help Wanted: Monthly Programs**

We are looking for someone to help with our monthly Programs. This is an excellent opportunity to get involved with the club and help PVFF at the same time. You would help the Board and myself finding and contacting potential speakers for our monthly meetings. Plus, you would help write the programs article for the newsletter. NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. If you are interested helping with Programs call Larry Forte at 301-943-7533 or email – [lbforte@verizon.net](mailto:lbforte@verizon.net).

### **Membership** by Ruby Fine

PVFF 2018 membership dues can be paid at the monthly meetings or they can be mailed to me with your check at the address shown on the form at the end of the newsletter. Please remember to fill out a form so I can update my records. Phone numbers are a must in order to be notified of last minute functions/meeting cancellations. Please also mark whether you are a (Fly Fishers International) FFI member.

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## ***Monthly Calendar of Events***

- Sept 12<sup>th</sup>**      ***Monthly club meeting  
Tuscarora High School  
Ballenger Creek Pike  
Frederick, MD  
7 PM - Room A170***
- Sept 18<sup>th</sup>**      ***Beginners Fly Tying  
Trinity U.M. Church  
703 W. Patrick Street  
Frederick, MD  
7 PM – Room 109***
- Sept 20<sup>th</sup>**      ***Fly Tying Roundtable  
Trinity U.M. Church  
703 W. Patrick Street  
Frederick, MD  
7 PM - Room A170***
- Sept 27<sup>th</sup>**      ***Board of Directors' Mtg  
Trinity U.M. Church  
703 W. Patrick Street  
Frederick, MD  
7 PM – Room 109***



### **POTOMAC VALLEY FLY FISHERS MEMBERSHIP and RENEWAL APPLICATION and LIABILITY RELEASE**

**Year** \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of the Potomac Valley Fly Fishers (PVFF) is (1) to promote fly fishing as the most sportsman-like and enjoyable way of fishing and the most consistent with the preservation and wise use of our resources; (2) to provide advice, suggestions and assistance to club members; (3) to publicize the best practices and techniques of fly fishing, fly tying, fly casting and other related subjects; and (4) to maintain liaison with other organizations of sportsmen and conservationists. By my joining PVFF voluntarily, I understand there are risks involved and will not hold the PVFF club, board of directors, and officers responsible for any injuries, accidents or death as a result of participation in the activities of the Club. Also I grant PVFF permission to photograph me and/or my family at any activities and also to publish them in our monthly newsletter, at the meetings and any PVFF fly fishing functions. Website: [www.potomacvalleyflyfishers.club](http://www.potomacvalleyflyfishers.club)

The undersigned being in agreement with the above does hereby apply for membership/renewal in the Potomac Valley Fly Fishers.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Last)

(First)

If family membership, other names: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(ZIP)

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address (for e-mailing newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of FFI (Fly Fishers Int'l) Yes or No **PVFF Yearly Dues: \$12.00 single** \_\_ **\$17.00 family** \_\_ **\$ Donation** \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in volunteer position? Officer /Board of Directors \_ Committee/Chair\_ Banquet \_ Trip Organizer\_ Teaching fly tying \_ Other activities \_

**Please make check payable to Potomac Valley Fly Fishers or PVFF and mail with completed form to:**

**Ruby Fine, PVFF Membership  
8712 Baltimore National Pike  
Middletown, Maryland 21769-9401**

**Dues for calendar year Jan 1-Dec 31**  
**Cash** \_\_ **Check #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Amount** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Card given** \_\_\_\_\_ **New** \_\_\_\_\_ **Renewal** \_\_\_\_\_ **Life** \_\_\_\_\_