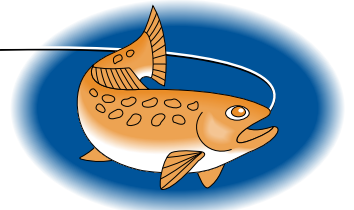


TROUTLINE



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SEPTEMBER MEETING



DETAILS

September 1, 2016
6:45 p.m. Fly tying demonstration
7:30 p.m. Chapter meeting

WHERE

Flame Room of Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street, SE, Vienna.

GETTING THERE

Chain Bridge Road (123) becomes Maple Avenue in Vienna. Turn south on Center Street. Continue on Center Street past the athletic field on the left; note the fire station on the left at the intersection with Cherry Street. Turn left on Cherry and park behind the building. Go in the side door at the corner of the building and proceed up the stairs to the meeting room.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Albert Spells
Habitat Restoration

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

3: FWAM Trip to N. Fork of the Shenandoah (VA)
24: FWAM Trip to Patuxent (MD)



WHAT'S COMING OFF

ALBERT SPELLS

Brook Trout Connectivity



Albert Spells to speak about bringing brookies back to historic habitats.

Albert Spells is the project leader of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Virginia Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office in Charles City, VA, assuming that post in 1992. He has been a fish biologist with the service for more than 36 years.

His job responsibilities are to work with partners (private, local, state and federal agencies) to establish cooperative working relationships to address management and

restoration of native, and inter-jurisdictional fish and shellfish, and their habitats. Albert has worked in fish passage and habitat restoration arena since 2004 and has worked with partners to re-open nearly 350 miles of rivers and streams in Virginia to fish and aquatic species migration. Albert holds a BS degree from South Carolina State University and a Masters Degree from Tennessee Technological University.

Honoring New Members

We would like to welcome aboard our newest members! We look forward to seeing you at our Chapter events.

Eric Bleich, Dulles, VA
Barry Brown, Oakton, VA
Katie Garman, McLean, VA
Luke Garman, McLean, VA
James Gatto, Vienna, VA
George Gillian, Alexandria, VA
Devie Guixaro
Masies De Voltrega

Christopher Johnson, Woodbridge, VA
Robert Murphy, Arlington, VA
Lawrence Putnam, McLean, VA
Colin Rahe, Centreville, VA
Juan Rodriguez-Quesada, Alexandria, VA
Ben Werchowsky, Arlington, VA
Edwin Williams, Reston, VA

TRIP 1

N. Fork of the Shenandoah
VIRGINIA

When: September 1, 2016
Depart: 8 a.m.
Return: Whenever
Meet: Dick's Fair Lakes parking lot

The first trip, originally listed as a Rappahannock trip, will be determined by water conditions. This unusual summer has created opportunities and challenges. Usually water is low in September so we have gone for Smallmouth Bass.

We'll be wet-wading to keep cool but bring water to drink. The usual mix of poppers and streamers should work.

As always, **check with me at ppafish@hotmail.com** the day before if you are unsure which tackle

to bring... or bring equipment for either scenario.

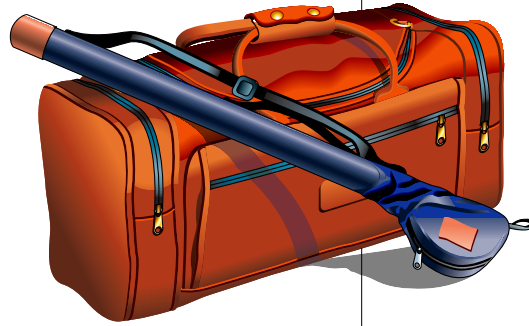
TRIP 2

Patuxent River
MARYLAND

When: September 24, 2016
Depart: 8 a.m.
Return: You decide
Meet: North of Vienna Fire House Parking Lot

THIS IS A SELF-GUIDED TRIP

The second trip this month is to the Patuxent River in Maryland. There are two special regulation areas on different branches of the Patuxent. I suspect you will be going to the catch and release water above Triadelphia reservoir. This stretch must be over ten miles long and it forms the boundary between Montgomery and Howard counties. There are also a couple of miles of



delayed harvest water on the Middle Patuxent River further east.

You will be fishing in mostly wooded parkland. The stream is accordingly less steep than those in Shenandoah Park. The stream is stocked with rainbows and browns, and there are some naturally reproducing browns. You can expect to see a predominance of brown trout.

Four- and five-weight rods will be the order of the day, with most anglers preferring them in the shorter lengths. Hip boots will

suffice, but I recommend lightweight chest waders. Look for fallen trees and other obstacles or tangles with overhead cover. Don't neglect overhanging banks either. Terrestrials and midges will be the flies of choice

on top. As an alternative, try drifting a large, dark, wet fly by their noses.

No mention of the Patuxent River would be complete without reference to a favorite local fly, the Patuxent Special. This fly is a cousin to a Woolly Buzzer and with the oversized hackle and fox-squirrel tail it is a pretty good crayfish imitation. If you prefer flies with marabou, try a #10 or #8 Eddie Shenk's White Streamer. Don't hesitate to experiment.

— A vintage Mike Daly article

2016 Trout in the Classroom Report

The NVATU TIC program continues to grow at a steady pace. Gary Beard, Dan Cunningham and Tim Toole and I managed the release of over 700 brook trout fry by 21 regional schools at Wildcat Hollow in the Thompson WMA and in Passage Creek in the GW National Forest. Below are some photos from Belvedere ES, whose teachers and supportive parents self-funded their program, cobbling together equipment from various sources. Last year had many unexplained fish losses but they persisted this year proving they weren't going to be deterred. Following is a link showing video of one girl with a broken leg being lowered to the stream in the wagon her class pulled down the muddy trail: https://a.gfx.ms/Emoji_1F609.png and https://a.gfx.ms/Emoji_1F60A.png



SEPTEMBER FLY OF THE MONTH: DEMONSTRATED BY JOHN HADLEY

Foam Beetle Plus



I need to refill my fly box with one of my favorite flies for late summer and fall, and a sure winner for brookies in the Shenandoah National Park streams. It is also a hit with pan fish and smallmouth bass.

This is a combination of several recipes, is quick and easy to tie, and adds a wing sticking out from under the back shell of a struggling beetle; recommended in an article by A.K. Best.

Techniques to be learned:
• Attaching white Z-Lon wing tip

- Preparing peacock herl – snapping off wing tips before tying
- Wrapping peacock herl body with thread reinforcement
- Using moose hair stubs for legs
- Preparing and tying down a foam wing case back
- Attaching colored indicators
- Finish with half hitches

RECIPE

Hook: Standard dry fly hook, TMC sizes 12-16
Thread: Black 6/0
Wing tip: White Z-Lon or yarn

Body: 4 strands of peacock herl
Legs: Moose or deer hair, pheasant tail fibers or black rubber
Wing case: 1/4-inch strip of black foam the width of hook gap
Indicator: Yellow calf's tail or various synthetic material colors visible in low light and water flow conditions

Fishing Tip:

This terrestrial fly is best fished in summer and fall. Apply your favorite floatant, dead float once through a likely lie and then float with occasional twitching.

2nd Annual NOVA TU FLY

By Kiki Galvin

Mark your calendars for Saturday April 22, 2017! Levi Pitcock from Double Spur Outfitters will be hosting our event on Cedar Creek. For those who competed in our inaugural event we were most grateful and the TU FLY committee hope to increase our team participation in 2017 and we look to our



members to take part in this wonderful event as well as other members from neighboring chapters. More details to come and reach out to fellow anglers and spread the word!

Donation: \$250 per team of two anglers.

To Pre-Register Contact: Art Brantz, (703) 980-5776 or e-mail to abrantz@aol.com.

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CONSERVATION CALENDAR

Unless otherwise noted:

• **Chapter meetings:** Vienna Volunteer Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.

• **Board Meetings:** Century 21 Office, 6631A Old Dominion Drive, McLean, VA, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER

1: FWAM Trip to White Oak (VA)

29: FWAM Trip to Morgan Run (MD)

NOVEMBER

5: FWAM Trip to upper Rose River (VA)

26: FWAM Trip to Gunpowder (MD)

DECEMBER

1: Chapter Meeting

3: FWAM Trip to Little Stony (VA- Need Natil Forest Stamp if under age 65) Final Trip for 2016.

8: Board Meeting

JANUARY 2017

5: No Members Meeting due to holiday

7: FWAM Trip to Hughes River (VA)

12: Board Meeting

28: FWAM Trip to Conewago (PA)

FEBRUARY

4: FWAM Trip to Conway River (VA)

25: FWAM Trip to Big Spring (PA)

MARCH

2: Members Meeting

4: FWAM Trip to Piney Branch (VA)

9: Board Meeting

25: FWAM Trip to Mountain Creek (PA)



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MEMBER ALBUM



Summer Smallmouth: Steve Long and a 21½ incher caught on the James River in August using a "wobble minnow" on a 6-WT.