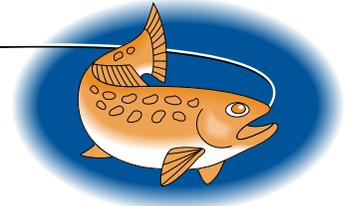


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OCTOBER MEETING



DETAILS

October 5, 2017
6:45 p.m. Fly tying demonstration
6:45 p.m. Boy Scout Merit Badge group
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.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Jim Cummins on North Branch of the Potomac.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

5: Members Meeting
7: FWAM Trip to White Oak (VA)
12: Board Meeting, 10306 Eaton Pl., #120 Fairfax
28: FWAM Trip to Morgan Run; Self-Guided

WHAT'S COMING OFF

JIM CUMMINS

North Branch of the Potomac Trout History

Jim Cummin's Oct. 5 presentation will be about "When Trout and Trees Were Old – Humans and Environmental Change in the Potomac and its North Branch."

It will be an entertaining and educational overview of how changing landscapes from 1700-to-present have and still do affect trout and fishing in the North Branch, Potomac River.

Please come prepared to be surprised. For instance: Learn what an 1850s North Branch trout fishing trip was like.

Your future trips to the North Branch should be with new perspectives.

Jim's impressive bio, below, has more details.

Formerly the Director of the Living Resources of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin. I have a Masters of Science (1985) in Biology from George Washington University. My projects included biological assessments of streams in WV, MD, PA and DC, environmental flow studies, habitat restoration and fish passage, especially in regard to the Little Falls Dam near Washington, D.C. and a linked American shad stocking program with integrated student and volunteer involvement. During the 1980s and early 1990s I conducted ecological and fisheries surveys of the North Branch. Authored "Flowing to the Future," a 1995 plan for improving the North Branch, Potomac River which mitigating long-standing acidic mine drainage problems, developed an exceptional trout fishery, and helped improve the economy in that watershed (region). In the final years of my career I chaired the North Branch Potomac River Advisory Committee. Managed and was the primary



author for a multi-disciplinary planning project which produced "The Potomac River Watershed Visions Report." This report became the foundation for the nomination and eventual designation of the Potomac River as one of the nation's Heritage Rivers. Principal ecologist for Anacostia River restoration (urban/suburban impacts).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- Association of Mid-Atlantic Aquatic Biologist. Founding Board Member (2005).
- President 2006, 2012. Maryland Water Monitoring Council Board Member 2002-2007.
- Co-Chair, Monitoring and Assessment Subcommittee, 2003- 2015.
- Jefferson County, WV, Public Service District. Board Member 2008-2013, Chair 2012 – 2013.
- The Jefferson County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, 2006 to present.

RECOGNITIONS INCLUDE:

- 1) Field and Stream Magazine: 2006 "Hero of Conservation" award, Finalist in its first year.
- 2) American Sportfishing Association's 2006 "Future of Fishing" Award.
- 3) Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation and American Fly Fishing Tackle Association's 2004 Award for American Shad Restoration, presented by then Secretary of the Interior Gale Norton.
- 4) The Potomac River Smallmouth Bass Club's Conservationist of the Year (1998).

TRIP 1

White Oak Canyon Run

VIRGINIA

When: October 7, 2017
Depart: 8 a.m.
Return: Whenever
Meet: Dick's Fair Lakes parking lot

THIS WILL BE A SELF-GUIDED TRIP

The first trip will be to White Oak Canyon Run on the east slope of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Shenandoah National Park.

At the time of writing water levels are quite low in hopes that one of the recent hurricanes will throw water our way. I'll be in Idaho on the Snake, probably in winter garb

White Oak has several well-known waterfalls that attract anglers and non-anglers alike. Don't expect a day of solitude if the weather is nice and leaf watchers are about. In the Park, you will not need a trout stamp, but you still need a state fishing license. Your lightest rod will be in order. Rods less than eight feet long are effective, on most of our headwater native brook trout streams. Don't bring your Tenkara as one member verified!

Hip boots will suffice, but you will probably be more comfortable wading wet if the weather stays warm. I just use my regular wading shoes, but I tighten them up by wearing a pair of neoprene booties or heavy socks. If the water is low, the fish will be very spooky and

you won't be doing much wading anyway. You will be sneaking up to the stream using whatever cover you can find, and dropping your fly into the water with a minimum of motion.

One trick that I have found useful is to fish downstream. You won't have to worry so much about lining fish. At times like that I try and get near the chute flowing into the head of a pool and drop my fly into it and the shakeout enough leader and line to get the fly down to the fish. Since the fish are facing upstream, you have to stay down pretty low, hopefully leaning against a rock or tree so they won't see you. Having said that, I think that even when they are real spooky like this, it is not the sight of you that alarms the fish as much as it is movement, especially sudden and rapid movement. 6X should be in your vest under low water conditions.

You will be in steep country and excess weight will be unwelcome. Plan to carry water and your lunch. Your fly box should include: a few attractor dries like a beetle with a bright back, a Royal Wulff, or a #16 Adams. You may also want a few crickets, a bright green caddis larva, and maybe some stonefly nymphs. Soft hackle flies with orange or lime-green bodies work well in the deeper water.

Based on a Mike Daly vintage article edited to express my



preferences.

— George Paine

TRIP 2

Morgan Run

MARYLAND

When: October 28, 2017
Depart: 8 a.m.
Return: You decide
Meet: Vienna Community Center parking Lot

THIS WILL BE A SELF-GUIDED TRIP.

The second trip will be to Morgan's Run in Carroll County, Maryland. The fish here are stocked browns and rainbows, and the browns seem to last longer than the rainbows. It isn't clear if the rainbows are easier for poachers to catch, or if they suffer increased risk of mortality during the summer when the water warms.

Light rods (3 and 4 weight) work well and there is plenty of room to cast. Hip boots will do for most of the stream, but there are some holes where chest waders won't save you.

Morgan's Run has both flat-water sections with undercut banks and log jams, and fast-water sections with rocky bottoms, boulders, chutes, and runs. For the flatter water, have some midge patterns along and be alert for midge activity. Midge fishermen carry a wide selection of midge patterns because the Browns can become damnably selective to minor differences in midge patterns. Take your terrestrial box and make sure you have some black ants #16-20. In addition to terrestrials, you might also see some small #18-20 blue winged olives.

In the pre-spawn period trout become aggressive toward their own spawning colors. In the case of brown trout that color is yellow. The Patuxent Special (#6-10), is pattern that is very popular (because it works) on stocked trout streams, including Morgan's Run. The Patuxent Special is similar to a Woolly Bugger so bring a few and don't worry about color. This stream is also good for fishing nymphs.

It's not too wide which allows anglers to keep most of their line off the water. #14-18 Gold-ribbed Hares Ears, Pheasant tails, a few tan or olive bead-head nymphs, and some caddis larva should suffice. Natural colors (white, tan, yellow, and black) work best. You can also strip the streamers through the larger pools and if all else fails, tie on a soft hackle and start probing the most likely water.

Most of these anglers fish the easy-to-reach spots. You can find virgin water if you avoid the locations where casting is easiest and investigate those fishy looking spots that most anglers pass by.

OCTOBER FLY OF THE MONTH: DEMONSTRATED BY JOHN HADLEY

Griffith Gnat



The Griffith Gnat is a must have addition to your fly box for winter fishing. Bring your vice, bobbin, black thread, scissors, etc. Materials will be provided to tie a fly or two. I'll try to be there by 6:30 p.m. so you may be able to tie more than two as it is a quick and easy fly to tie. Fly imitates an adult midge or a cluster of midges.

Originator: George Griffith, one of the founding fathers of Trout Unlimited.

Technique and material to be learned:

- Making peacock herl bodies
- Palmer hackle

RECIPE

Hook: Standard 1X Dry, sizes 14 – 22, TMC 100 or 101

Thread: Black or Olive, 6/0, 8/0

Rib: Fine gold or copper wire, optional but helps bullet proof the wraps of peacock herl and hackle

Body: Three or four pieces of Peacock herl, snap weak tips off strands

Hackle: Grizzly palmered

Fishing Tip: This is my best winter fly for brook trout on the

Shenandoah National Park streams. *Please stay off the loose gravel in the streams which may contain eggs of future brook trout from mid-October until March.* Cast to the head of a small pool, mend to prevent drag, and dead drift the length of the pool. On a large pool, cast first to the lip, then the sides, in front of bolders, and over submerged ledge/shelf rock formations, and finally to the head of the pool on either side of the plunging water inflow and in the back eddies.

Flyfishing Festival January 13-14 in Doswell

The following announcement for this popular event is from:
<http://www.vaflyfishingfestival.com>

The Virginia Fly Fishing Festival is the largest event of its kind in the country and attracts fly anglers from across the United States and the Mid-Atlantic in particular. Nowhere

else can anglers learn about the quiet sport in such a beginner-friendly environment. Our unique event combines fine wine tasting, microbrewery beer, and everything you ever wanted to know about fly fishing but were afraid to ask.

The mission of the Virginia Fly

Fishing & Wine Festival is to introduce as many people to the sport of fly fishing as possible, and to raise the level of awareness to the many pressing conservation issues facing Virginia. We do this believing that people, who are connected to the outdoors in their

recreational activities, are more inclined to protect the natural resources they enjoy.

Event location:
Meadow Event Park
13191 Dawn Blvd
Doswell, Va. 23047

Casting For Recovery Graduation



On Sunday, Sep 24, several chapter members participated in a Casting for Recovery retreat on Beaver Creek in Maryland. A huge thank you to the members who participated and donated flies!

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CONSERVATION CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 2:** Members Meeting
- 4:** FWAM Trip to Rose (VA)
- 9:** Board Meeting, 10306 Eaton Pl., #120 Fairfax
- 25:** FWAM Trip to Gunpowder; Self-Guided

DECEMBER

- 2:** FWAM Trip to Little Stony (VA) (final trip for the year)
- 7:** Members Meeting
- 14:** Board Meeting, 10306 Eaton Pl., #120 Fairfax



CALLING ALL STOCKING VOLUNTEERS!

NVATU is looking for **eight** volunteers to help DGIF Stock Holmes Run and Accotink Creek on **October 17, 2017**.
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