



Flies and Lies



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A Charter Club of Fly Fishers International*

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Most of the group of fly fishers attending the DVFF trip to Kettle Creek April 23-26. Unfortunately there are some people missing because they departed before this photo was taken on Sunday morning. This is an extremely popular trip and it fills up within a day or two of becoming open for deposits.

-All Fish All Waters-

The Delaware Valley Fly Fishers an charter club of Fly Fishers International and is a **non-profit** 501 (c) (3), conservation and educational organization that has been promoting the sport of Fly Fishing and Fly Tying since 1984.

We meet the 2nd Thursday of the Month

Articles for the Flies and Lies newsletter must be submitted by the first week of the month to be published in the next month's issue.

DVFF Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/DVFlyFisher/>

From the President's Fly Tying Desk

Dear DVFF Members,

Trout Season is in full swing. I hope everyone is finding time to hit the water. Our first overnight trip was completed, and everyone had a good time. Everyone caught fish from beginner to the seasoned angler. I want to thank our seasoned anglers for assisting our beginner members on the water and showing them the ropes. We have many fishing trips coming up I hope everyone takes advantage of these and join your fellow members on the water.

For our May meeting we are changing direction from cold water trout to saltwater surf fishing. "All Fish All, All Water". Andrew Hamilton will be presenting Jersey Shore Striper Fishing. Andrew has been chasing stripers for over 25 years from Virginia to Maine. If fishing the salts is of interest to you this is the meeting for you.

We are still in need of volunteers for the picnic, holiday banquet and collecting for the basket of cheer. For the picnic see Bill Fretz; holiday banquet see Scott Griffith and for the basket of cheer see Johnny Kaminsky or myself.

Be Safe and Stay Well.

Dale Jones



Meeting Location

Churchville Nature Center
501 Churchville Lane
Churchville, Pennsylvania 18966
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 pm
MEETINGS START AT 7pm

This Month's Presentation



Andrew Hamilton is a veteran NE saltwater fly fishing angler. Growing up in South Jersey, he has spent his youth chasing striped bass, bluefish and fluke around Barnegat Bay and Cape May county. As he grew into an adult, his quest for the striper has taken him along the striper coast from Virginia to Maine. Previously working with the Orvis Company, Andrew enjoys sharing his passion and knowledge of striper fishing with everyone. Now, he spends most of his NE saltwater fly fishing in the northern coast of NJ between Island Beach State Park and Sandy Hook, NJ. With 25+ years chasing stripers with a fly rod, he has also pursued other famous NE fish species including bluefish, false albacore and, the most challenging and rewarding, the bluefin tuna. Learn everything you will need to get started to fish the Jersey Coast, when, where, what and how.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
May 14 th	Andrew Hamilton	Fly Fishing Jersey Coast - Stripers
June 11 th	Casting Clinic	Dave Zamos and Jay Kapolka
July 9 th	George Fallon	Dreamcatcher Lodge
August 13 th	TBD	

SOS (Swap or Sell)

This space is reserved for listing items that members wish to trade or sell.

Fly fishing related items only.

Items can be described and a photo can be included.

Send your item listing to be added to the newsletter to: delawarevalleyflyfishers@gmail.com

Listing will be limited to 2 consecutive newsletters.

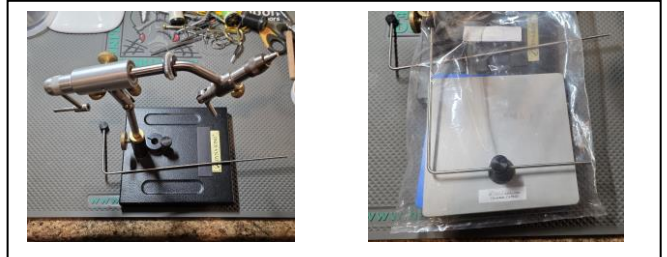
Transactions will not be permitted during the general club business meeting.

The parties should arrange to meet after the normal business meeting.

Dyna King Ultimate Indexer Rotary Vise (retail \$795.00).

Includes bobbin hanger, material clip, both standard items, and (2) profile boards with hanger, [1] grey & [1] blue (retail \$65.00).

The vise has been lightly used and works well. It is being sold because it is an extra; I prefer my Regal Vise. A magnetic strip has been added to the base; see the picture. Asking \$500.00. Contact Sheldon at rivrat60@gmail.com



Fly Casting Practice Sessions

Being held at Twin Streams Park, Chalfont PA, GPS Location: 40.284739, -75.207416

May 5	Tues	6PM
May 12	Tues	6PM
May 19	Tues	6PM
May 26	Tues	6PM
June 9.	Tues	6PM

Delaware Valley Fly Fishers Overnight Trips

May 13-15	Mink Pond	Sold Out	
June 5-7	Upper Delaware	Open	
August 21-23	Dreamcatcher Lodge	Sold Out	

For Overnight Trips information contact Bill Fretz

Delaware Valley Fly Fishers Weekday Trips

DATE	DAY/TIME	WATER	GPS Coordinates
May 6th	Wed 9AM	Tulpehocken Creek	40.372674,-76.008779
May 28th	Thurs 9AM	Little Schuylkill River	40.810495,-75.990823
June 18th	Thurs 4PM	Pohopoco Creek	40.847177,-75.642830
July 16th	Thurs 4PM	Little Lehigh Creek	40.564990,-75.506322
August 20th	Thurs 9AM	Neshaminy Creek	40.245379,-74.977891
September	?	?	
October 15th	Thurs 9AM	Brodhead Creek	41.012034,-75.195858
November	?	?	

For Day-Trip information contact Johnny Kaminski

Shops Supporting Delaware Valley Fly Fishers

Mainstream Outfitters 1121 N. Easton Rd. Doylestown, PA 18902 Phone: 215-766-1244 www.mainstreamoutfitters.com	Fretz's Furled Leaders www.fretzfurledleaders.com www.fretzfurledleaders.com	Anita Coulton Guiding from Cross-Current Outfitters 6048 Hancock Highway Starlight, PA Phone: 570-635-5151 www.crosscurrentguideservice.com
Tulpehocken Creek Outfitters 525 West Lancaster Avenue Haverford, PA 19041 Phone: 610-527-3388 www.tcoflyfishing.com	Ray Miller The Wandering Sportsman www.riversageoutdoors.com/	
	Sky Blue Outfitters www.skyblueoutfitters.com/	

SPECIAL EVENTS

DVFF member Volunteers Wanted



Friends of the Borough Dam
C/O Borough of Doylestown
10 Doyle Street,
Doylestown, PA 18901

DERBIES

- **Youth Derby: Saturday, April 4,** 8:00 AM. FREE for kids 16 and under. Free burgers, hot dogs, and refreshments provided.
- **Derby for Seniors (65+), Disabled Veterans, and People with Physical Disabilities: Saturday, May 2, 8:00 AM** Free food and refreshments. (Rain date 5/3)

CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, March 21
8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Volunteers needed!
(Rain date 3/22)

FISH STOCKING

Wednesday, March 25, 11:00AM
Bring your kids to help stock the dam!
Free pizza, donated by Delizia, Nat's, & Dominick's
(Second stocking Thursday, 4/30, at 10:00AM)
Volunteers needed!

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT AGAIN!

Help us keep the programs at the Borough Dam free! Donate today! Volunteers needed for all events!



CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Friends of the Borough Dam
10 Doyle Street, Doylestown, PA 18901

Scan QR code to donate via GoFundMe:



“Please Give a Dam!”

January 22, 2026

We need your support for the two fishing derbies, again!

We are happy to announce it is that time of year for the Borough Dam Fishing Project fundraiser appeal. Last year's Youth event was a **GREAT SUCCESS** and enjoyed by all who attended. We estimated about 500 attendees of all ages. About 1,200 trout (12"-15") were stocked including 20 tagged fish, 20 trout (16"-20") and 5 trout over 21", with a few that were 6 pounds. Our second derby for three regional Veterans Homes, one local nursing home, community members with disabilities, and local seniors was also a **great day for everyone**. Over 450 trout were stocked for this second derby with everyone catching fish. The leftover food & drinks were donated to a local Food Pantry. **See our enclosed 2026 Fishing Derby Schedule for the dates and times of all this year's events on this flier.**

These derbies are possible because of your generous donations each year. Thanks so much in advance! (All donations are tax deductible under section 170 C (1) of the Internal Revenue Code through the Doylestown Borough.)

We need your support again to keep this community project going!!! Please help us by lending a helping hand and sending in your donation. Scan the QR code to donate via GoFundMe. Checks may be made payable to "FRIENDS OF THE BORO DAM" and mailed to Doylestown Borough at 10 Doyle Street, Doylestown, PA 18901. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Gerry Higgins, Co-Chair at 267-266-5687 (leave a message & he will call you back) or Gene Houck, Doylestown Rotary Chairman of these events, at -267-374-5185.

Thank you for your support in advance.

Dave Windholz

Dave Windholz - Chairman Emeritus - Friends of Boro Dam
And supported by the Rotary Club of Doylestown



Rotary Club of Doylestown
People of Action



Contact Gerry Higgins for information about the Friends of Borough Dam events above.

Save the Date: FlyFest 2026

September 24–26, 2026

Redding Civic Auditorium, Redding, CA

FlyFest brings the fly-fishing community together for learning, connection, and time with people who care deeply about the sport and the waters we love. Expect inspiring presentations, fly tying and casting demos, a vibrant consumer trade show, and plenty of space for fishing, food, fellowship, and fun. All under one roof!

For those who want to dive deeper, the weekend also includes small-group seminars, plus a community dinner and fundraising auction in support of Fly Fishers International.

Registration opens to the public on March 16. More information: <https://www.flyfishersinternational.org/flyfest>

Help Inspire the Next Generation: Fly Tyers & River Mentors Needed (Sept 2026)

The iFishiBelong All Kids Fish program gives kids ages 8 to 18 the chance to explore fly fishing while connecting with nature, learning conservation, and building confidence and problem-solving skills. Launched in 2019 by Becca Sue Klein in partnership with the Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, The Orvis Company, and United Women on the Fly, the program has grown into a national iFishiBelong initiative. Its goal is simple: to help more kids discover fly fishing, feel welcome on the water, and enjoy hands-on, day-long outdoor experiences.

The day begins with a warm welcome and an introduction to volunteers, followed by an overview of what's ahead. Twenty-five participants rotate through hands-on learning stations, guided by experienced instructors, to build their skills. Stations include rod assembly, casting, knot tying, entomology, and fish handling. After a provided lunch, each child is paired one-on-one with a River Mentor for an afternoon on the water, putting their new skills into practice. This personalized experience builds confidence, deepens their connection to the environment, and helps spark a lasting love for fly fishing.

Through the generous donations of our volunteers and sponsors, each participant receives:

- **Hands-On Educational Sessions** with take-home learning materials
- **One-on-One On-the-Water Instruction** with a dedicated river mentor
- **Loaner Waders and Boots** (if needed)
- **Orvis Fly Rod, Reel, and Fly Line** to take home
- **Box of Flies with 10 flies**
- **Welcome Bag** including a reusable water bottle and sunglasses
- **Lunch**

All Kids Fish is excited to host its 2nd annual Pennsylvania program on Saturday, September 26, 2026, along the banks of Stoney Creek in Norristown, PA. Delaware Valley Fly Fishers Association members are invited to join us in creating a fun, welcoming, and memorable experience for our youth participants.

Mainstream Outfitters in Doylestown, PA has generously donated 25 fly boxes. We need fly tyers to fill those boxes with:

1. Wooly Bugger 6. Clouser Minnow
2. Elk Hair Caddis 7. Parachute Adams
3. Pheasant Tail Nymph 8. Hare's Ear Nymph
4. Zebra Midge 9. Griffith's Gnat
5. San Juan Worm 10. Foam Hopper

In addition, we are seeking River Mentors to guide youth participants - offering hands-on instruction, encouragement, and a sense of stewardship - so they can grow into the next generation of fly fishers through a truly personal outdoor experience.

Members interested in fly tying for this event are encouraged to reach out to Johnny Kaminski at jskaminski2011@gmail.com. If you'd like to volunteer as a River Mentor, please contact Carol Bigham at carol@ifishibelong.org or visit <https://ifishibelong.org/allkidsfish/pennsylvania/> to learn more and get involved.

Delaware Valley Fly Fishers Merchandise

Share your support of DVFF by wearing Shirts, Hats, Jackets, Vest, Beanie's, Etc.



Link below for the DVFF Store, Any issues or questions contact Scott Griffith at

mrgrif3888@gmail.com

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Video Library - Marie Roarty

Marie is the new Library Chair, she will bring the DVD's to the meeting for you to borrow.

If you would like to see the list of the DVD;s you can access the list using the below link.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1abTvoB00A-fsDL41pzHK8_mPugXXXisO/view?usp=sharing

Below are a few of the DVD's in the Library

20	Fishing Across America, Little Lehigh, Utahs Green River Trout	
21	Fly Tying- Favorite Flies Volume 2	Paul Jorgenson
22	Nymphing	
31	Fly Tying Made Clear and Simple	Skip Morris
33	Fly Tying- Favorite Flies Volume 1	Paul Jorgenson
39	Rene Harrop's Favorite Flies, Extra Terrestrials	Harrison Steeves
42	The Best of New Zealand, Trout in Stillwater	
45	Trout Strategies, Fly Fishing for Trout	Gay Borger
46	Life cycle of the Mayfly, Steelhead Patterns	Rene Harrop
48	Saltwater Fly Tying	Lefty Kreh
49	Shad Fishing, Bass Buggers	John Punola
52	Fishing Knots, Essence of Flycasting	
53	Classic Dry Flies #1, Learning to Tye Flies	
59	Favorite Flies, Innovations of Modern Fly Tying	Dick Talleur
60	Hair Trout Flies, Spinning Deer Hair	Chris Helm

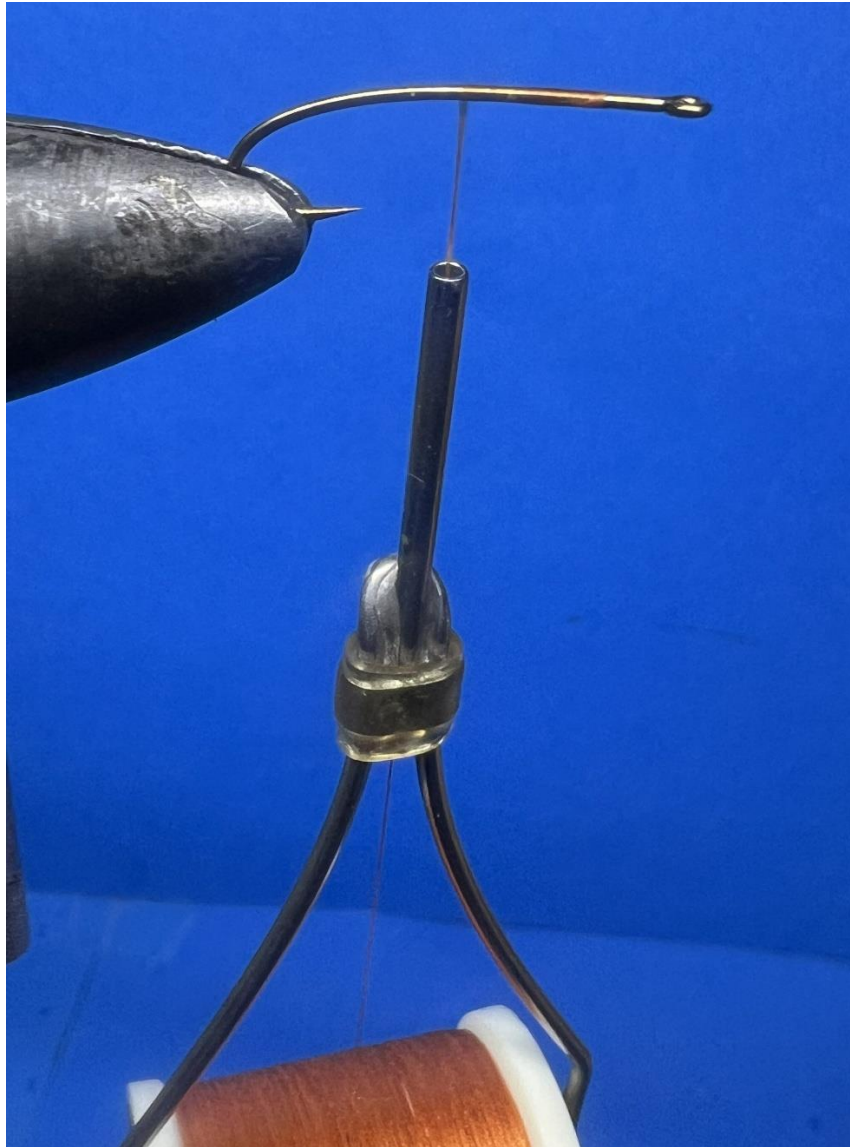
FLY OF THE MONTH

March Brown Emerger



This fairly simple pattern claims to be truly effective even on fussy Upper Delaware trout. It's tied on a 3X-long nymph hook sizes 10-12 (I'm using a Daiichi 1270 #10)

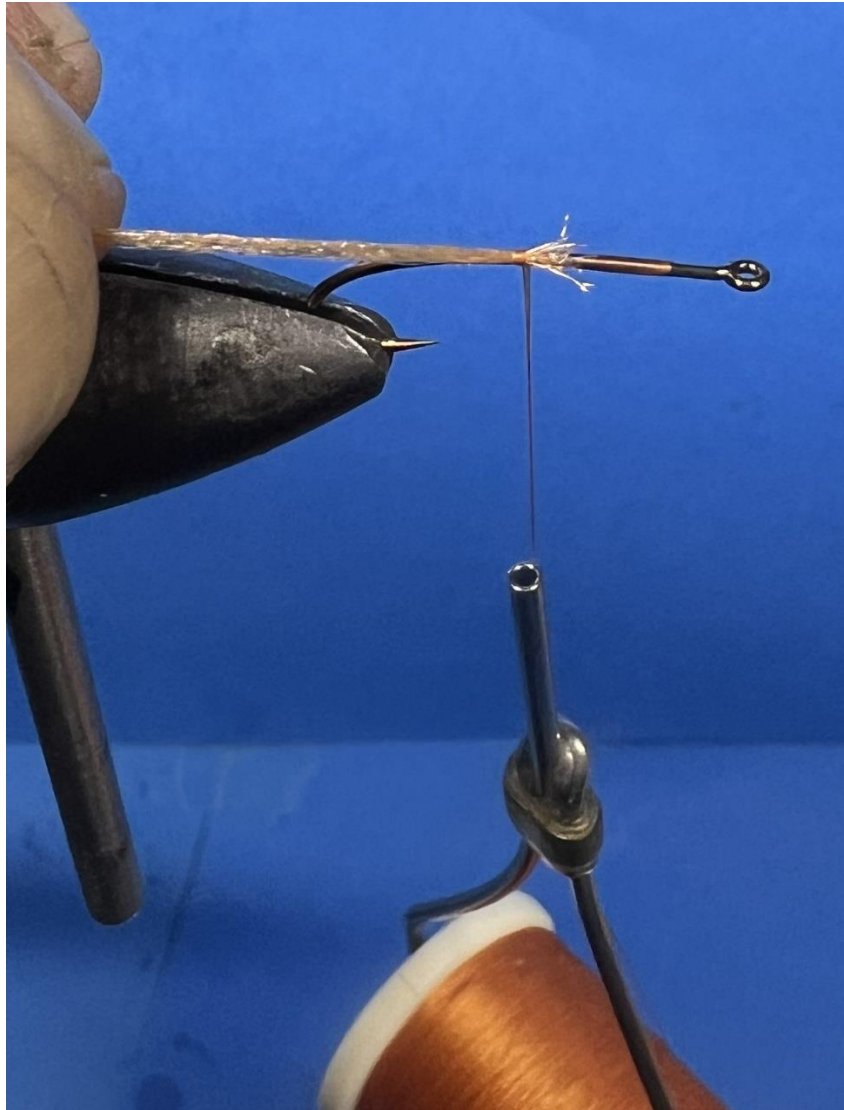
Attach your thread (I'm using Danville's 70 denier Orange) about two eye lengths back from the front of the hook and stop a few wraps back.



Split a strand of Z-Lon to about a third and tie it on top of the hook keeping tension towards the rear. I'm using amber only because I don't have brown.



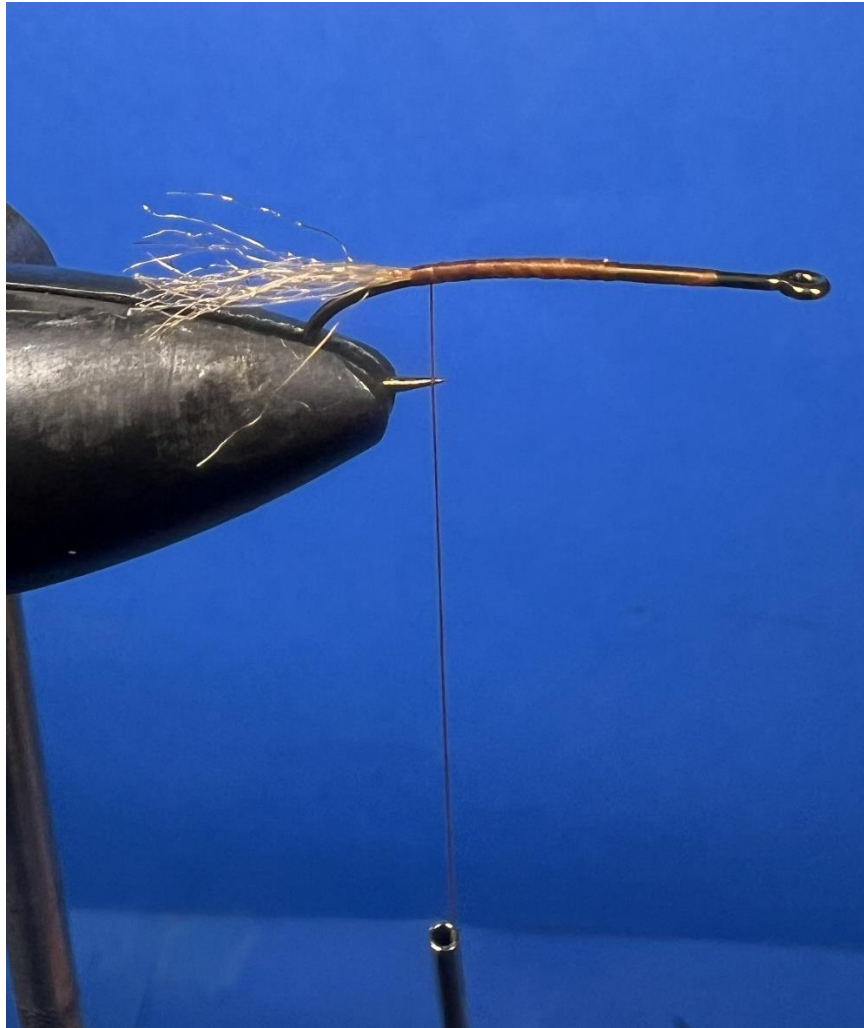
Keep tension on the thread and pull the Z-Lon fibers back until a minimal amount of the butts are exposed.



Wrap back down towards the tail securing the Z-Lon on top of the hook, stopping midway between the hook point and the barb.



Trim off the Z-Lon at about a hook shank long.



Dub a long section of the thread with fawn colored rabbit or material of your choice in a tapered noodle.



Wrap the dubbing noodle forward creating a nicely tapered body stopping at the initial thread tie in spot.



Clean and stack a small amount of deer hair and tie it on top of the hook with the tips a touch shorter than the body length.



Wrap the thread through the deer hair butts by pulling small sections back as you wrap forward and finish by wrapping a small head in front of the deer hair.



Whip finish, clip your thread and trim the deer hair butts short to leave a fairly rough head.



March browns are one of the larger mayflies that we have hatching here and the trout truly like eating them. They tend to hatch out along the edges not in large numbers but more of a sporadic occurrence. The trout can be in pretty shallow waters during this hatch looking for them so take care wading around and don't neglect fishing near the banks. Blind casting one of these emergers could get you into a real nice fish. Tight lines!

MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE

www.facebook.com/groups/

For Members to post fly fishing and fly tying discussions

A new feature has been created off the Delaware Valley Fly Fishers Facebook Page, it is a Facebook Group Page. You can find in on the DVFF Facebook page in the Group Box.

This was created because of a survey comment that asked for a way so members can communicate, comment and discuss with the group fly fishing, tying and any other topics you feel is important.

The difference between the DVFF Facebook Group Page and the DVFF Facebook Page is, the DVFF Facebook Page is accessible to the world but only comments can be left on the page. Only Admins and Editors can post to the DVFF Facebook Page. The DVFF Facebook Group Page is members only and only the members can post and comment on this page. This becomes an interactive page for our members to use for discussion topics.

This is a **PRIVATE GROUP** and if you would like to join it you need to click on the Group Page Link in the box and answer the questions and you will be accepted to the page if you are a paid member.

There are currently 3 Posted Topics in the Group Page now. **Online Meetings, September Fishing Outing** and **Online Fly Tying Workshops**, more topics will be created as needed.

DVFF Group Page rules:

Be Kind and Courteous

We're all in this together to create a welcoming environment. Let's treat everyone with respect. Healthy debates are natural, but kindness is required.

No Hate Speech or Bullying

Make sure everyone feels safe. Bullying of any kind isn't allowed, and degrading comments about things like race, religion, culture, sexual orientation, gender or identity will not be tolerated.

No Promotions or Spam

Give more than you take to this group. Self-promotion, spam and irrelevant links aren't allowed.

Respect Everyone's Privacy

Being part of this group requires mutual trust. Authentic, expressive discussions make groups great, but may also be sensitive and private. What's shared in the group should stay in the group

This page is moderated so any violations from a member, will cause the member will be removed.

Please enjoy and be responsible

Please if you have anything you are displeased with don't make public posts, a private email to the Delaware Valley Email will be the correct venue. Other Board Members have access to read those emails and would take the appropriate action.

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A Reminder on Stream Etiquette

- Always be polite on the water, respect others, and respect the environment.
- Don't 'crowd' other anglers, give people space.
- When wanting to pass a person fishing always ask if its ok to pass BEHIND them, communicate your intentions
- Don't be splashing around.
- A person has an area until they are ready to give it up, avoid jumping in immediately downstream or upstream of another angler.
- Don't litter, pack out trash if you find it
- Practice good conservation by keeping fish in the water and minimize time out of water
- Use barbless hooks for easy/safe release