



Flies and Lies



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DVFF trip to Neshaminy Creek July 16, 2026

-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,

Well folks, summer is half over and the weather has been very crazy, very hot and humid one week then back down to the 70's. Very dry then very rainy. Fish when you can.

Our August presentation, discussing Nymph Fishing, will be presented by our very own Johnny Kaminsky. Johnny spends a lot of time on the water so this should be very informative. Nymphing is a style of fishing you either love or you don't. Or maybe you just never tried it. Maybe this presentation will inspire you. Hope everyone can attend. We also have our Dreamcatcher trip this month. George Fallon gave a presentation on the Dreamcatcher at our July meeting. If you have any questions about this trip please reach out to George. Some of our members are going up a day early to get some extra time on the water.

We will also present at the August meeting our plans for the upcoming membership year, regarding how dues will be structured and collected.

Be safe and stay well,

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DVFF Webpage

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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



Our own member, Johnny Kaminski, is speaking tonight and his program is entitled:

Euro-Nymphing: Legitimate or a Work of the Devil.

Johnny has been a rock climber and mountaineer since the early 1970s with major climbs in Colorado, New York, New Hampshire, West Virginia, and the Pacific Northwest.

Johnny picked up fly fishing during covid, when he had to stop all climbing with friends. A couple years prior, he had inherited a small fly collection from his wife's step dad, who was an avid fly fisherman in Massachusetts. Since then, Johnny has Fly Fished throughout the Northeast and some in CO.

Johnny is typically out on a creek 2-3 days per week throughout the year and is currently a Guide for Mainstream Outfitters in Doylestown PA, where he also teaches fly tying, fly fishing, and works periodically as a shop employee.

Johnny is a member of Bucks County TU, Delaware Valley Fly Fishers (DVFF), and Fly Fishers International (FFI).

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
August 13 th	Johnny Kaminski	Euro-Nymphing: Legitimate or a Work of the Devil
September 10th	Brian Braudis	The Ageless Angler – A Guide to Fly Fish More as You Age
October 8th	Tim Flagler	TBD
November 12th	Workshop	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.

Dale Jones has listed the following rod. Contact Dale at dalemjones@optonline.net

This is an Orvis Clearwater 10' 3WT rod. Asking \$200.00 oboe.



Member Reminder- You can get a listing here by sending an email to delawarevalleyflyfishers@.com

The DVFF Holiday Banquet is on Thursday evening December 10th this year. The event is being held at Georgine's Restaurant in Croydon PA.

Scott Griffith is coordinating the event and he needs some volunteers to perform tasks necessary for this event to proceed smoothly.

Contact Scott at mrgrif3888@gmail.com

_____: Door check to issue admittance based on paid reservations.

_____: Raffle Ticket dispenser of pre-ordered raffle tickets.

_____: Raffle Ticket seller for persons to buy the night of the Banquet.

Michael Epstein: Basket of Cheer collections

Members can contribute bottles of Wine and Spirits at General DVFF meetings. (Items that require refrigeration not accepted)

Delaware Valley Fly Fishers Overnight Trips

August 21-23	Dreamcatcher Lodge	Sold Out	
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For Overnight Trips information contact Bill Fretz

Delaware Valley Fly Fishers Weekday Trips

DATE	DAY/TIME	WATER	GPS Coordinates
*August 18 th	Tues 9AM	Perkiomen Creek	40.331690,-75.483180
September	?	?	
October 15th	Thurs 9AM	Brodhead Creek	41.012034,-75.195858
November	?	?	

***PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE AND LOCATION**

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

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>



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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We now have a DVFF Coffee Mug available for sale at \$10 each. Contact Scott Griffith to place an order or to check current availability. (This is not available through the apparel website above)



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 DVDs you can access the list using the below link.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1abTvoBO0A-fsDL41pzHK8_mPugXXXisO/view?usp=sharing

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

20	Fishing Across America, Little Lehigh, Utah's 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

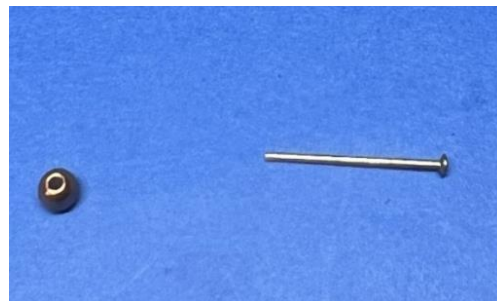
FLY OF THE MONTH

Balanced Leather Leech



The balanced leech is a highly effective fish catching fly that is meant to be fished suspended below an indicator. Because of the bead being extended beyond the eye of the jig hook it rides horizontally and moves up and down with the chop on the surface of the water giving a very lifelike appearance that fish really react to. There are many variations and they can be tied with a variety of tailing materials and colors. For this fly I am using UltraSuede material for the tail and dyed seal fur for the dubbing.

You can purchase short pins known as sequin pins, or you can cut whatever pins you have. If you cut them you will need to file/sand the rough end or you will continually break your thread. I use an emory board to smooth the pin after cutting.



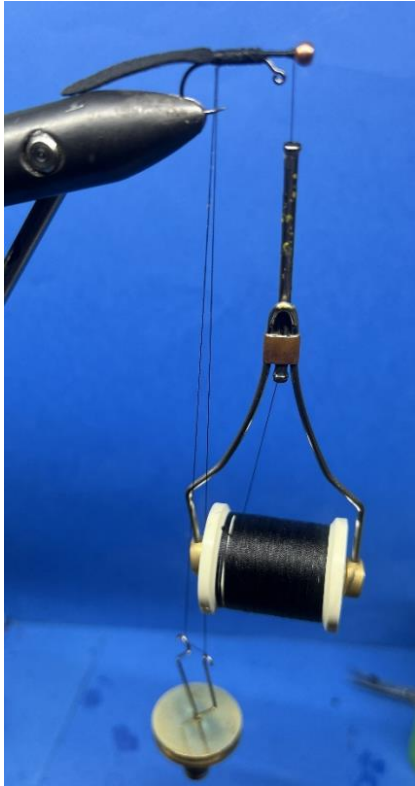
Lash the shortened pin with a tungsten bead to the top of the hook. The larger hole of the bead should go over the head of the pin. The pin should extend about long enough to fit two additional beads on the shaft of the pin. Bind the pin down to the hook and then run the thread up the pin and build up thread to hold the bead in place and return your thread towards the rear. Cement if you like.



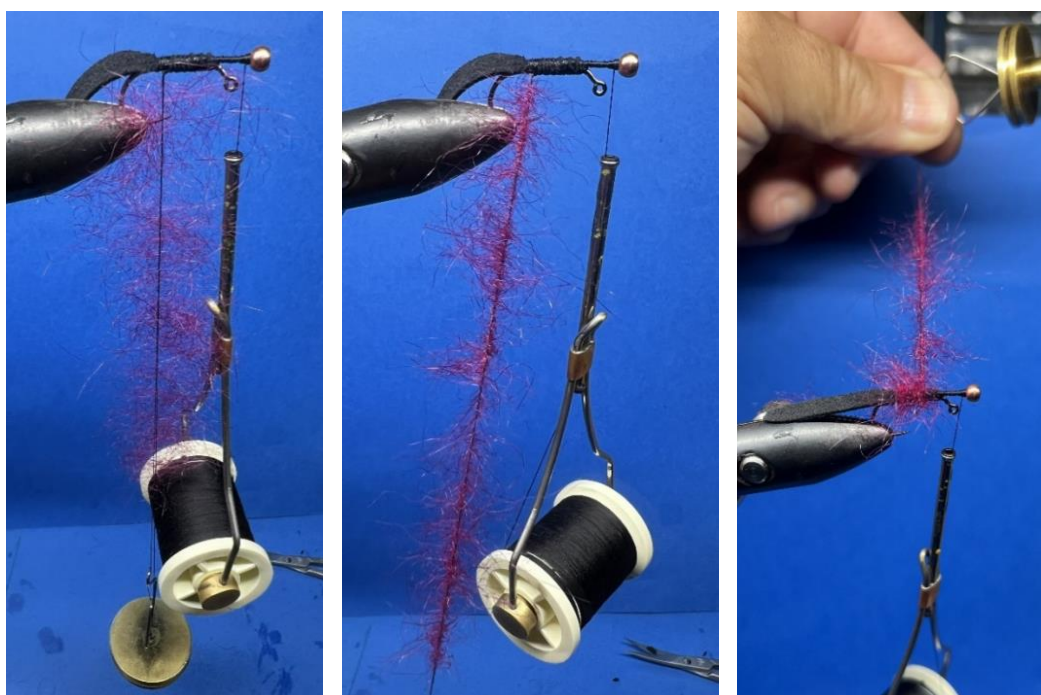
Cut a narrow strip of Ultrasuede and shorten it to about as long as the body with the pin. Bind the strip to the top of the hook.



Make a dubbing loop towards the rear then wind the thread up to behind the bead. I hang the loop wide open on my vice until I start inserting the dubbing.



Before placing your dubbing of choice into the loop, you want to orient the dubbing fibers in the same direction. It's helpful to pull the dubbing thru your fingers to accomplish that. You want it to be sparse and spikey. It's good to brush the dubbed noodle before wrapping it up the hook. Wrap the noodle like a palmer loosely up the hook shank stroking the fibers rearward as you go and then onto the pin. Stopping behind the bead at the pin head.



Tie the dubbing noodle off behind the bead and whip finish. Brush out any trapped fibers with a stiff brush or velcro.



The brushed out dubbing should be like a veil around the body.



Here's a sampling of different materials and colors. The tail can be marabou, rabbit strip, ultrasuede or any material of your choosing, and in any color. Experiment and toss one under an indicator on some moving water. The more chop on the water the more the fly undulates. Another fish approved pattern.



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 it 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