



# Flies and Lies



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This 35-kilogram (77-pound, 2-ounce) fish is the largest wahoo ever caught on fly and submitted to the IGFA. The impressive catch set the IGFA Men's 8-kg (16 lb.) Tippet Record, and was caught by David Long on February 23, 2006, while fishing the Bank Islands in Vanuatu. David was able to get this wahoo to the gaff after an exhausting 3-hour and 10-minute fight.

-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 day of the month to be published in the next month's issue.

**DVFF Facebook Page**

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

## From the President's Fly Tying Desk

Dear DVFF Members,

Hoping this newsletter finds you doing well. I hope everyone survived the Blizzard of 2026. I hear we might be getting some more snow this week. I am glad we are getting this precipitation but wish it was rain and not snow. I am sure our favorite streams should get plenty of run-off.

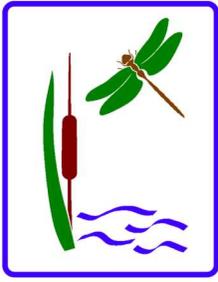
Our March speaker is Bart Lombardo; he will present Fishing Soft Hackle flies. This is a new presentation.

The Lancaster Fly Show is scheduled for March 14 – 15, 2026. Johnny Kaminsky is coordinating this event and could use some volunteers to help with the FFI Learning Center. Please contact him ASAP.

In this month's newsletter we are starting a section called Swap or Sell (SOS) Fly Gear. Members will be able to advertise Fly Fishing or Tying Equipment/Materials to Swap or Sell. You send a picture/description of the item you want to swap or sell to our newsletter editor at the club email address ([Delawarevalleyflyfishers@gmail.com](mailto:Delawarevalleyflyfishers@gmail.com)). You will be allowed to advertise an item for 2 newsletters, then it will be taken down. It will be your responsibility to coordinate your transaction. The club is not responsible for your transaction. We will not have table to display your items.

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



This presentation explores the timeless effectiveness of soft hackle flies and shows anglers how to use them to consistently catch more trout. The talk focuses on practical, fish-centered tactics, including when to fish soft hackles, where they excel, and how to present them using proven methods like the swing, dead drift, and lift. Attendees will learn which patterns to carry, how trout respond to emerging insects, and how to apply these simple flies in real fishing situations. Whether you're new to soft hackles or looking to use them more effectively, this program will give you the knowledge and confidence to make them a regular and productive part of your trout fishing.

Bart Lombardo has been fly fishing and fly tying for over forty-five years. He enjoys teaching others about fly fishing and the art of fly tying. He has been a fly fishing guide for South Branch Outfitters (formerly Shannon's Fly & Tackle) in Califon, NJ, for over 12 years and was on staff as a fly fishing and fly tying instructor for Orvis in Princeton, NJ. He regularly conducts classes and presentations for organizations such as Trout Unlimited and participates in various fly-tying shows on the East Coast.

He has been a featured guest on numerous podcasts, including Ask About Fly Fishing, The Warm Water Fly Fishing Podcast, Tenkara USA's Tenkara Cast, Fish Untamed, The Wet Fly Swing, Working Class Fishing, and The Orvis Fly Fishing Podcast with Tom Rosenbauer.

Bart is an avid fly tier whose passion is developing new patterns to target trout, panfish, bass, and other warm-water species. He is a member of several pro-staffs in the fly-tying industry, including Regal Vise, Semperfli, Solarez, Renomed, and Ewing Hackle.

Bart is also an outdoor writer with articles published in Fly Fisherman Magazine and numerous online magazines, and is currently writing a book titled Panfish On The Fly: The Definitive Guide To Fly Fishing For America's Favorite Fish.

He can be found on social media platforms as Panfish On The Fly. His website is [www.panfishonthefly.com](http://www.panfishonthefly.com), and he can be contacted via email at [info@panfishonthefly.com](mailto:info@panfishonthefly.com)

## Upcoming Meeting Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bart Lombardo	Fishing the Soft Hackle
April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Anita Coulton	Pocket Fishing & Working Out for Fishing
May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Hamilton	Fly Fishing Jersey Coast - Stripers
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Casting Clinic	Dave Zamos and Jay Kapolka
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	George Fallon	Dreamcatcher Lodge
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	

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## SOS (Swap or Sell) Fly Fishing Gear

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. Provide contact information such as email or texting.

Send your item listing to be added to the newsletter to: [delawarevalleyflyfishers@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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## DVFF 2026 ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

June 20, 2026 8:30am to 3:00pm

Playwicki Park, Langhorne PA

YES, It's that time of year. We'll be holding our Annual Club Picnic again at Playwicki Park, Langhorne PA.

We will again have Lunch, activities and events planned for everyone's enjoyment.

We are asking for volunteers to assist with organizing the picnic. Your participation really makes for us to have a good event

Please contact Bill Fretz @ [wfretz@Fretzfurledleaders.com](mailto:wfretz@Fretzfurledleaders.com) or 267-265-0227

Delaware Valley Fly Fishers Overnight Trips			
April 23-26	Kettle Creek	Sold Out	
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
March 26th	Thurs 10AM	McMichaels Creek	40.961015,-75.249177
April 16th	Thurs 9AM	Brodhead Creek	41.032188,-75.208572
May 6th	Wed 9AM	Tulpehocken Creek	40.372674,-76.008779
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		
<b>Mainstream Outfitters</b> 1121 N. Easton Rd. Doylestown, PA 18902 Phone: 215-766-1244 <a href="http://www.mainstreamoutfitters.com">www.mainstreamoutfitters.com</a>	<b>Fretz's Furled Leaders</b> <a href="http://www.fretzfurledleaders.com">www.fretzfurledleaders.com</a> <a href="http://www.fretzfurledleaders.com">www.fretzfurledleaders.com</a>	<b>Anita Coulton Guiding from Cross-Current Outfitters</b> 6048 Hancock Highway Starlight, PA Phone: 570-635-5151 <a href="http://www.crosscurrentguideservice.com">www.crosscurrentguideservice.com</a>
<b>Tulpehocken Creek Outfitters</b> 525 West Lancaster Avenue Haverford, PA 19041 Phone: 610-527-3388 <a href="http://www.tcoflyfishing.com">www.tcoflyfishing.com</a>	<b>Ray Miller</b> The Wandering Sportsman <a href="http://www.riversageoutdoors.com/">www.riversageoutdoors.com/</a>	
	<b>Sky Blue Outfitters</b> <a href="http://www.skyblueoutfitters.com/">www.skyblueoutfitters.com/</a>	

# 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



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>



*6<sup>th</sup> Annual*  
**Fly Casting Skills Development**  
*Fun Learning and Improving*  
**Fly Casting Skills**

**MAY 16, JUNE 20, JULY 18, AUGUST 15,  
 AND SEPTEMBER 19, 2026**

**9AM - NOON**

All are welcome! Attend as many times as you wish.

**VENANGO COUNTY, PA**

**CRANBERRY HIGH SCHOOL**

**1 EDUCATION DRIVE, SENECA, PA 16346**



Casting Instruction will be by FFI Master Certified Casting Instructor Gary Kell and FFI Certified Instructors Bob Anderson, Jack Barr, and Chase Howard.

This workshop will utilize the Fly Fishers International Fly Casting Skills Development Program (FCSD). The mission of the FCSD is to give all fly anglers a guide to learning and improving casting skills that address increasingly advanced fishing situations.

It starts at the Foundation Level, for true beginners to the sport who might be picking up a fly rod for the first time. Fly rods are provided for beginners.

It progresses through 4 levels of Foundation, Bronze, Silver, and Gold. These provide a broad, relevant range of fishing casts covering skill categories of loop control, accuracy, roll cast, presentation, change in direction, and distance. Better casting skills open more fishing opportunities.

**FEE PER SATURDAY:**

**\$10 CASH AGES 12-17 • \$20 CASH AGES 18 + OLDER**

**AGES 12-17 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.**

**PRE-REGISTRATION GREATLY APPRECIATED PRIOR TO START DATE**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US AT KEYSTONEFLYFISHERS1@GMAIL.COM,  
 CALL 814-673-5478, AND SEARCH FLY FISHERS INTERNATIONAL WEBSITE FOR THE CASTING SKILLS  
 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.**

## 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](mailto:mrgrif3888@gmail.com)

[Home](#) | [DVFF](#)

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

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

- 1 Fly Fishing Made Easy- Bass, Panfish, Trout, Saltwater Fly Casting
- 2 Tandem Fly Fishing, Come Fish With Us- Malbaie River
- 3 Learning to Fly Fish for Trout Jack Dennis
- 4 Fly Fishing for Striped Bass Jeff Mancini
- 5 Tying Western Trout Flies Jack Dennis
- 6 Fly Fishing Alagnak, AK, Iliaska Rainbows and Grayling
- 7 Tying Basics Jack Dennis
- 8 Tying Salt Water Flies Volume 1 Jimmy Nix
- 9 Tying Salt Water Flies Volume 2 Jimmy Nix
- 10 Tying and Fishing Caddis Flies Gary Lafontaine
- 11 Tying Trout Flies Gary Lafontaine
- 12 Fishing for the American Shad, Practical Fly Casting
- 13 Hoppers, Hooked on Fly Fishing-Stripper School Harrison Street
- 14 Wet Fly Waterguides
- 15 Tying Nymphs in the Catskill Tradition Floyd Franke
- 19 Anglers Guide to New Zealand Jack Dennis

FLY OF THE MONTH

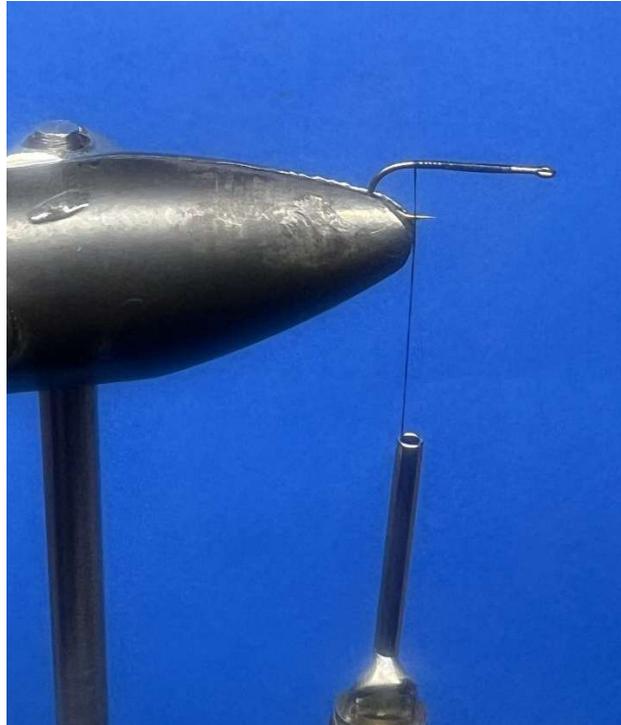
## Fore and Aft

Contributed by Larry S.

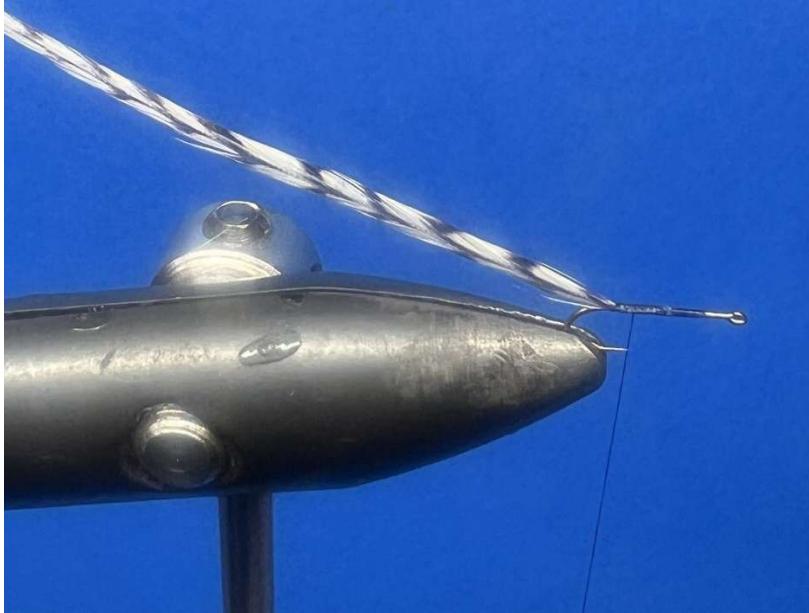


Here's an easy to tie dry fly to fish to imitate midges. It is supposed to imitate a pair of mating midges and can be tied with your choice of hackle, on this one I am using a grizzly, your choice of body, this one I'm using a stripped grizzly hackle stem, you can use just a thread body of your color choice as well and in hook sizes down to as small as you'd like, this one is on a TMC 101 size #16.

Place your choice of hook in the vice. I tend to tie these on any dry fly hook. Attach your thread (I'm using 8/0 black uni-thread) at the front of the hook and wrap back to the hook barb.



Next select a hackle feather for the size of the fly and fasten it shiny side towards you above the hook barb.



Wrap several turns of the hackle towards the front, fasten it down and trim off the excess.



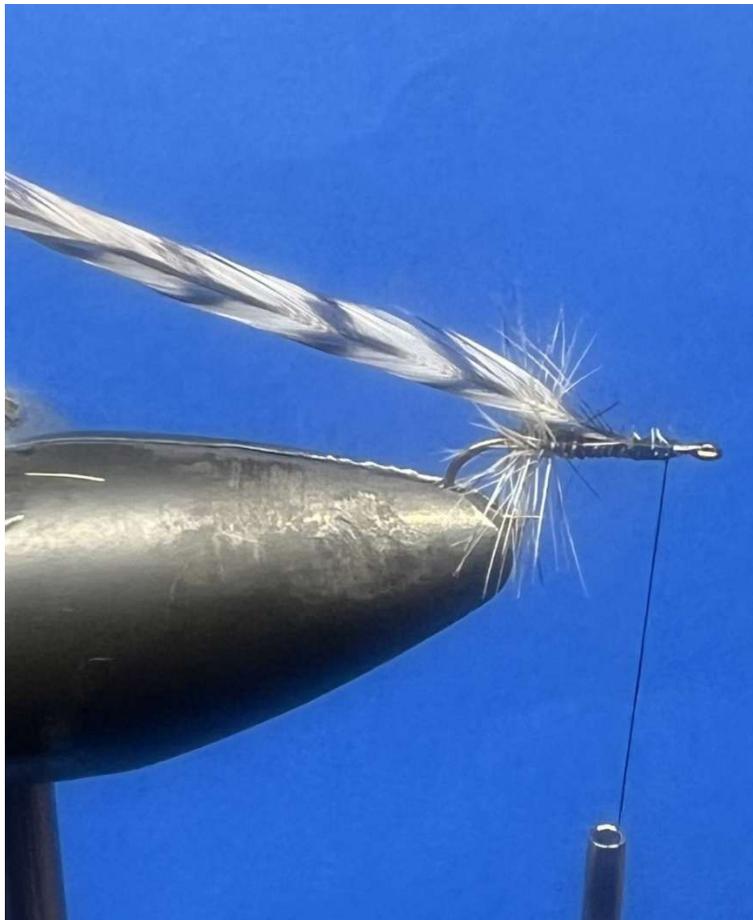
For this body I am using a grizzly hackle stem which I've stripped and soaked prior to wrapping. Tie it in at the hackle tie off spot.



Move your thread to the front of the fly and wrap the hackle stem up the hook shank, fasten it towards the front, leaving room for the front hackle.



Trim the excess stem off and attach the front hackle at the end of the body.



Wrap several turns of the front hackle, tie it off, trim off the hackle tip and whip finish.



I've caught some nice trout on this pattern. Tie some up to keep in your box for when midges are hatching.

## MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE

[www.facebook.com/groups/](http://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.

Articles for the Flies and Lies newsletter must be submitted by the first week of the month to be published in the following publication.

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