



# Flies and Lies



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A Charter Club of Fly Fishers International*

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### Some flies Hatching in April



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, another month has passed, and a new one is upon us. We had our first Weekday Fishing Trip on March 26, 2026. More than 12 members/guests joined together at McMichaels Creek. While no fish were caught (one was hooked and lost) everyone had a great time and the weather was perfect. Our first overnight trip of the year is scheduled for April 23-26, 2026, at Kettle Creek Lodge. This is always a great trip for fishing and camaraderie. A zoom meeting will be scheduled early April to discuss our dinner plans.

Pennsylvania Trout Season opens statewide on April 4th, and New Jersey Trout Season opens April 11th. Please review State regulations for any in-season closing for stocking.

Our April speaker is Anita Coulton; she will present Fishing Pocket Water. She will also speak of Exercising for Fishing.

Be Safe and Stay Well.

Dale Jones

#### **DVFF Webpage**

Our website has recently been updated by Chuck Raudonis please check it out at

[www.delawarevalleyflyfishers.org](http://www.delawarevalleyflyfishers.org)



### Meeting Location

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

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### This Month's Presentation Pocket Fishing & Working Out for Fishing



**Anita Coulton**

Anita's journey with a fly rod began at age 3 when her father, an avid outdoorsman, sat her on the bank with a tattered Zebco rod. A deep love for the outdoors was born, and more importantly, a passion to pursue anything that could be caught with a fishing rod. Her extensive fly fishing experience spans over 20 years and she is comfortable in both fresh and saltwater. A former competitive angler, she has fished alongside some of the World's best. In 2017, she earned the title of NJ Flyfisherman of the year. Anita is a graduate of Reel Women Guide School, based in Montana. She is proud to be an Orvis Endorsed Guide with Cross Current Guide Service, and in season you can find her navigating her Clackacraft on the Upper Delaware River, chasing some of the toughest brown trout around. In addition to guiding, Anita is active with Casting for Recovery and has been involved for over 10 years. She is also an avid writer and contributor for magazines such as Dun Magazine and Fly Fisherman.

## A Fishing Report

Contributed by Johnny Kaminski

"Chasing Cold Water - DVFF Day Trip to McMichaels Creek

Didn't sleep well last evening all in anticipation of DVFF's first day trip of the season. We had one planned last month by unfortunately, had to be canceled due to the weather.

Up at 5:15am with coffee already made (yup, I always set up the night before and have it on a timer), I was sipping my cup-of-life moments after hitting the kitchen.

As always, my fooling wastes time in the morning and before I knew it, it was 8:15am and time for my friend Larry to arrive and us to be hitting the road.

Larry, as usual was punctual and we were on the road. The drive was a quick 1 hour and 10 minutes made faster by great conversation with a good friend. Both of us were anticipating landing monster trout.

Lot was already filled with DVFF members when we arrived, which I was excited to see. Between the hustle-and-bustle of gearing up we made the rounds of greeting and talking to everyone. With a little coaxing, we were able to take a group photo.

For the day I carried two rods - and 8'6" 4wt with a streamer, and a 10' 3wt Eurorod with 2 flies ... a Waltz Worm on point and a Caddis soft hackle about 10 inches up.

Creekside, I could see the water was up due to the rain we had. A quick reading showed the temperature to be a cool 44 degrees.

Myself and two others decided to head downstream that normally holds good trout water. We dropped off in sections and each did our own thing. I did alternate between rods but took no hits.

Decided to head further down to a deep pool I that has held trout in the past. Due to the higher water, was thinking it would be a better bet.

FFed the pool and took no hits ... switched out flies and still nothing. Hiked downstream to the next lot and hit all spots where I've caught in the past but again took no hits. FFed back upstream and it was more of the same.

Back in the lot I finally caught up with the others. One person had one on but lost him. So for this evening each of us are sitting at The Bench of Reflection. More importantly, I feel we are all in good company.

Regardless, it was a beautiful day out with a wonderful group of friends. The hiking we all did and the time spent on the creek was a great diversion from all the craziness that is out there."

- JohnnyK



## Upcoming Meeting Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
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>	Brian Braudis	The Ageless Angler – A Guide to Fly Fish More as You Age

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## 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](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.*

### **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](mailto:rivrat60@gmail.com)



### 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
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 16 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



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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>

## 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)

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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/1abTvoBO0A-fsDL41pzHK8\\_mPugXXXisO/view?usp=sharing](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

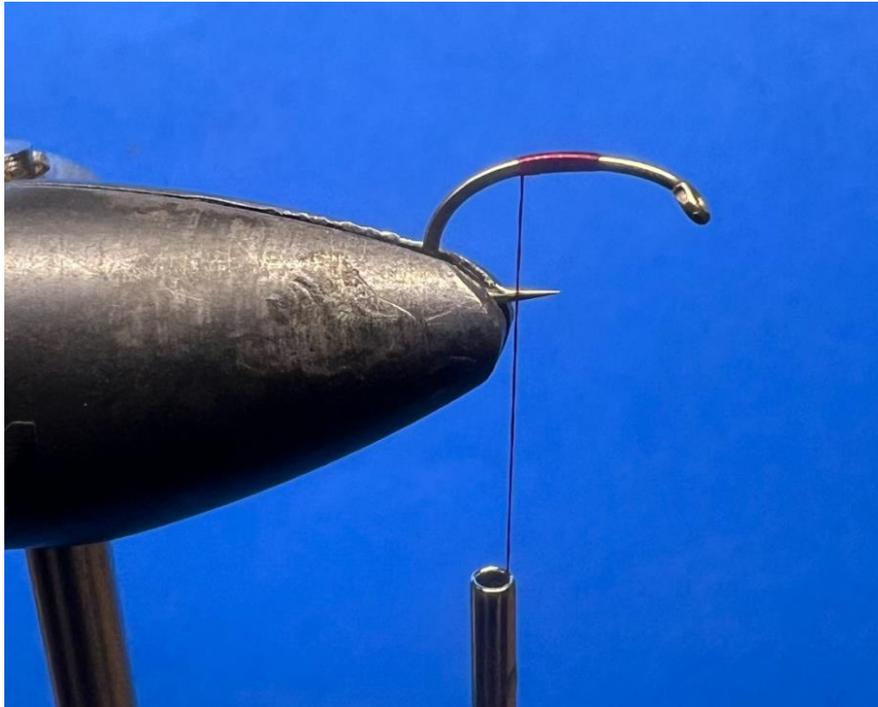
## Half and Half CDC Emerger

Contributed by Larry S.

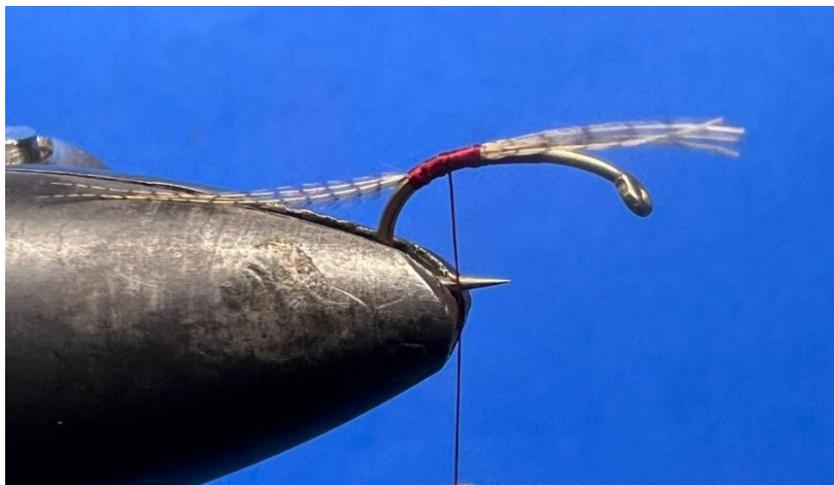


This pattern is one of Henry Ramsay's and he ties them on Daiichi 1130 size #14-18 or similar curved light wire hook.

Attach your thread (I'm using 8/0 wine uni-thread) at the mid point of the hook.



Next select three or four wood duck fibers and secure them at the mid point about 2 -2 ½ times the hook shank in length.



Prepare 8 -10 fibers of brown Z-Lon about 2" long and tie them in at the mid point of the fibers over the wood duck.



Pull the folded fibers back wrapping down a third of the way around the hook bend and trim them to about the hook shank length.



Trim off the butt ends of the wood duck fibers and move the thread back to the rear. Select three or four fibers from a dark brown mottled turkey tail, trim off the tips and tie them in at the rear.



Wrap the thread forward slightly and tie a fine gold wire to the underside of the hook and move the thread forward.



Wrap the turkey fibers forward just short of the mid point, tie them off and trim the butts. Take care not to hit the hook point when wrapping so as to not break a fiber.



Wrap the wire forward evenly creating a reinforced segmented abdomen and tie it off.



Move the thread to the midway point, select two or three full natural dun CDC feathers, stack them evenly and tie them in with the tips extending about 1 ½ times the hook gap long.



Trim off the butts and pull the CDC into an upright position with a few wraps of thread in front.



Take wraps around the base of the CDC to create a post by wrapping up about 1/16" and then back down.



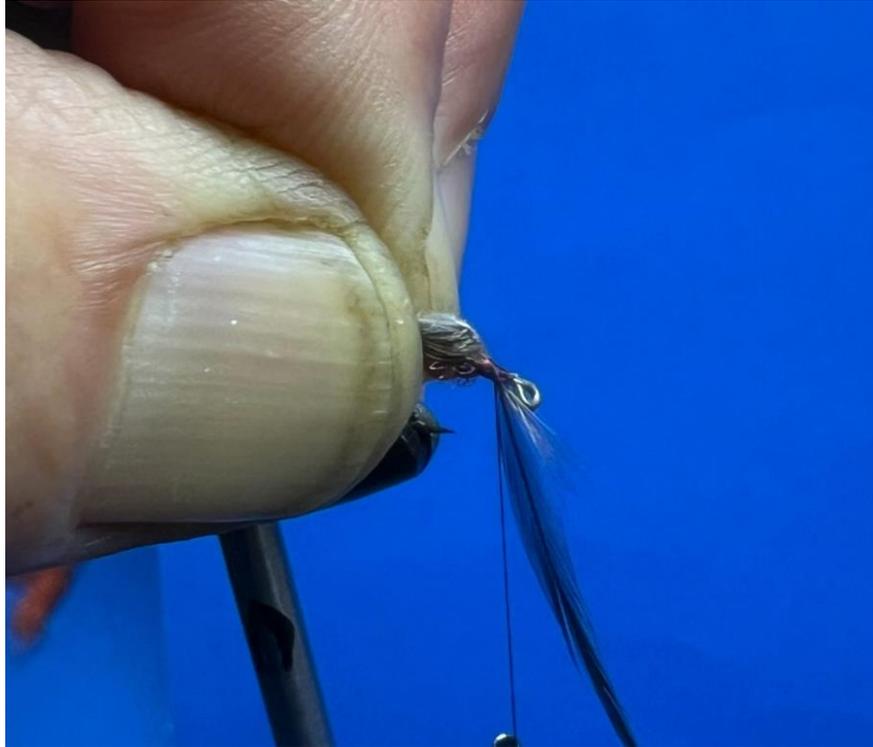
Wrap the thread back to the abdomen, apply dubbing and wrap a thorax stopping at the base of the wing.



Select a natural or bronze dun hackle, remove the webby fibers, fasten the stem leaving about an 1/8" of bare stem exposed and trim off the hackle stem.



Take an open wrap up the CDC wing and then wrap back down the post in close turns each wrap under the previous, then pull all the fibers back and tie the hackle tip off directly in front of the wing.



Trim off the hackle tip and dub the forward part of the thorax holding the hackle fibers back.





Whip finish and manipulate the parachute fibers back into position.



These can be tied in various colors and sizes to imitate different emerging mayflies.

## 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.

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