



Virginia Coastal Fly Anglers

APRIL 2011

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: APRIL 21, 2011

Louis Guillingham will talk about the fish tagging program

Fly of the Month: Hollow Fleye

NOTE: The April meeting will be in room 508, not the regular meeting room.

The construction of our new website is underway. You can visit vcfa.org to see the progress and get club information. We will have a photo gallery, meeting and trip information, links, articles, and other information about our club and related fly fishing resources. If you have something to submit, you can do so by sending the material to VirginiaCoastalFlyAnglers@gmail.com. The photo gallery and club news will be rotated as new things are submitted. We will use our facebook page for discussion and real time communications. You can visit us at VCFA on facebook. The full website should be up and running by June 1, 2011 and is being designed by Pat Hirsch.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE:

Thanks again to all of you who attended the March meeting. Bill Campbell, Chris Burbage, and Mike LaHorner all gave some great information about their quests for freshwater trout all over Virginia and West Virginia and some of the historical trout streams in Upstate New York. Most of us that target saltwater fish might not have been aware of the great freshwater trout fishing that is available to us within a short drive, but after listening to Bill, Chris and Mike I know that I'm going to plan at least one trip to target them. This month our speaker will be Louis Guillingham from the Virginia Fishing Tournament, who will talk to us about their fish tagging and citation programs. It should be very informative. Don't forget that we have fly tying and fly casting sessions prior to the main meeting. These sessions start at 6:30 pm and this month the fly of the month will be the Hollow Fleye. We will be casting in the grass in front of the church, so if you want to improve your casting stroke or just get some helpful casting tips, bring your rod and we will be able to help. The shad are running in all of our Virginia rivers and many of us have been out after them. I've been up to Fredericksburg once and have had a couple of trips "blown" out by the weather.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Mike Buss, President; Ed Owens, Vice-President; Kendall Osborne, Treasurer;
Mike Lahorner, Secretary; **MEMBERS AT LARGE:** Chris Burbage, Lawrence Clemens,
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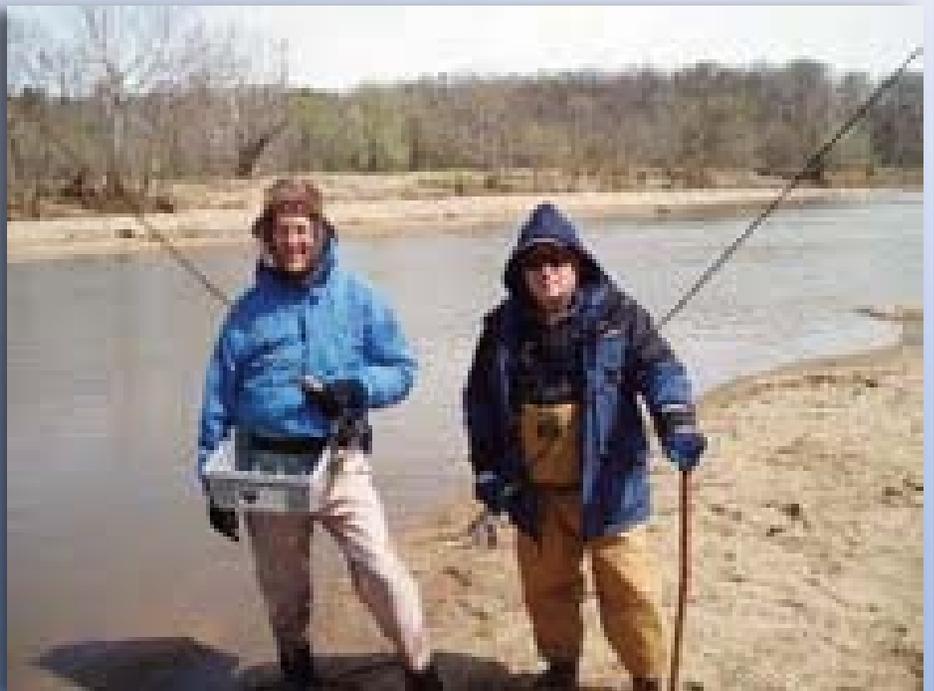
The pictures on the previous page were taken by Mike Buss. On March 8, he helped the Fly Fishers of Virginia with their outing for the Wounded Warriors program through Project Healing Waters. There were twelve warriors who participated in fishing the the Rose River. The group caught approximately fifty Trout with a mix of rainbow, brown and brook. The largest fish taken was about three pounds.

The next PHWFF outing is a shad trip in Richmond and they have a monthly fly tying session at Ft Eustis. If anyone wants to help out with these events, contact Mike Buss.



Greg Brown sent this picture taken on March 28, 2011. It shows Mike Buss hard at work fishing in his dreams. We are naming this area Mike's Rest Stop on the Rappahannock River.

Greg Brown and Steve Eisenberger on their feet. They were also fishing the Rappahanock River in Fredericksburg on March 28.



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The Falmouth Flats Fly Fishing Club's website reported that one of their members caught 69 shad in a little over 2 hours of fishing last week. The run is definitely on up there for any of you who want to make the trip. Plus there is some good news about the parking situation up there, the gate to the parking area is now open until 7 pm daily. You only need a permit if you will be staying past that time. Our new and revamped web site will be up shortly and in the meantime and after it is up and running, be sure to check out our Facebook page. Just go to Facebook and type in v and hit the search button and you will see our page. Click on that and you will be able to post and read other posts. You can use it to see who is going fishing, how they have done, and post your own fishing trip if you want to have company and someone to fish with. I've been asked by the VA Hospital in Hampton if we would be interested in helping them start a Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF) program for the vets who use the hospital. As many of you know, I am also a member of the fly fishing club in Richmond, Fly Fishers of Virginia (FFV). They have a very active PHWFF program that has been a very rewarding experience for all who have participated. It would involve a couple of dedicated evenings/days every month where we would go to the VA Hospital for a few hours and help the vets with fly tying and also just talking about fishing. We would also have a couple of outings with them to go fishing throughout the year. It will require about 6 to 8 of us who would be willing to put in some time each month. I will be talking more about this at our upcoming meetings, but in the meantime, if any of you are interested in helping us get this started, please let me know. With the shad in the rivers, it can't be too much longer before Mother Nature has warmed the Bay waters to the temperatures favored by all of the fish we target. While we are waiting for that to happen, now would be a good time to get out your tackle from the corner of the garage where you stuffed it all after your last outing last fall and check it out. Rods and reels need to be cleaned, lines need to be cleaned and checked for nicks and repaired as necessary, hooks need to be sharpened, and all kinds of other stuff may need to be done so you will be ready to roll when the fish do finally arrive. Thanks again to all of you who helped out with our table at the Bass Pro Spring Fishing Festival and also our fly tying and casting workshop with the Living Museum. We were able to raise over \$800 for the club from these two events! I hope to see you all at the April meeting and Tight Lines to all until then! mike buss

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On March 19, the club ran a one-day fly fishing and fly tying workshop at the Virginia Living Museum. We had fifty persons who paid to attend the day. Thanks to Kevin Du Bois, Greg Brown, Mike Buss, Nick Nickerson and Larry Clemens for helping out and making the day a success. The group started off inside with a welcome and overview of the club. The split the group. Half started outside with casting and rigging help from Mike and Kevin and Greg, while the other half remained inside for fly tying with Larry, Dave, and Nick. We stopped for lunch, switched groups and continued the sessions. All in all we made over \$700.00 for the club and possibly picked up a few new club members.



Larry, showing one of the procedures for a fly tied in the morning session



Mike welcoming everyone to the workshop and telling them about the club.

Virginia Coastal Fly Anglers MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Date: _____

Membership is \$30.00 annually and includes all family members. Please complete this form with a check made payable to VCFA. You can bring the completed form and check to the next meeting, or mail it to or club treasurer at VCFA, P.O. Box 2866, Virginia Beach, VA 23450-2866

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Please Circle: **New Member** **Renewal**

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SMALL BOATS NEEDED FOR CLEAN THE BAY DAY

HAMPTON ROADS, VA - The Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) and its partners are now recruiting volunteers to clean up shoreline litter for the 23rd Annual Clean the Bay Day, Saturday, June 4, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Clean the Bay Day is a hands-on opportunity for individuals, families, businesses, and groups to join CBF, municipalities, concerned organizations, and businesses in one of the largest volunteer cleanup efforts in Virginia. The annual project, managed by CBF, involves thousands of Virginia citizens working on foot and by boat to restore and protect the Chesapeake Bay, its rivers, and streams. The event also raises public awareness about pollution issues beneath the surface. Last year, 7,430 volunteers removed 217,641 lbs of debris at 245 sites along 419 miles of Chesapeake Bay watershed shorelines.

Cleanup sites are available throughout Hampton Roads, Virginia's Eastern Shore, Northern, and Central Virginia. To register, visit cbf.org/clean, send an e-mail to ctbd@cbf.org, or call 1-800/SAVEBAY.



This month's fly of the month will be the Hollow Fleye as designed by Bob Popovics. The fly is tied to give a very wide profile with a minimum of materials. The fly is all bucktail which is tied in reverse and pushed back, but not tied down. Rather, you use the tread to build up a foundation to sweep the hair to the rear while maintaining a significant angle to the perpendicular to the hook shank. This leaves virtually no material close to the shank and creates a fly with a hollow center, thus the name "Hollow Fleye". The fly usually does not have eyes, but this example is for the fisherman/woman.