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By Colby Trow

My name is Colby Trow. I am 31 years old and own and operate Mossy Creek Fly Fishing with my twin brother Brian. Brian and I opened the fly shop, guide service, and our fly fishing school 8 years ago when we just turned 23. The shop is located in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley in Harrisonburg, Virginia. We're originally from Richmond, VA where our roots in fly fishing took hold under the watchful eyes of the members of the Fly Fisher's of Virginia Club. Brian and I have been fishing together most of our lives. The fly fishing bug caught us both when we were around 10 years old. Since then we have been traveling all over in pursuit of fish on a fly. I started guiding and instructing fly fishing at 18 while attending James Madison University. Brian and I decided to stay in the Valley to pursue our passion and dedicate our lives to the sport. We guide and instruct year round. We target brook, rainbow, and brown trout in the spring creeks and mountain streams that surround us as well as big smallmouth bass, carp, and musky on the Shenandoah and James Rivers. When we aren't guiding or fishing, most of our time is being spent working with our local TU chapter and other conservation clubs restoring and improving stream habitat as well as organizing fundraising events for Project Healing Waters.



<b>Club Executive Board</b>	<h1>Upcoming Items</h1>	
<b>President</b> Randy Chandler (h) (301) 253-6092 <a href="mailto:president@prsc.org">president@prsc.org</a>	<h2>Potomac River Smallmouth Club</h2>	
<b>Vice-President</b> Peter Pfothhauer (H) (540) 710-1275 <a href="mailto:vp@prsc.org">vp@prsc.org</a>	Swap Night - March 30, 2011	
<b>Secretary</b> Dave Lockard (h) (301) 656-1964 <a href="mailto:secretary@prsc.org">secretary@prsc.org</a>	Not only will Colby Trow be speaking, but PRSC will be holding Swap Night. Please turn to page 3 for more information.	
<b>Treasurer</b> Jamie Gold C (571) 213-4699 <a href="mailto:treasure@prsc.org">treasure@prsc.org</a>	Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 27, 2011. I am pleased to announce that our speaker in April will be fishing guide Capt. Dennis Flemming. He was scheduled for our January meeting, which was cancelled because of the weather.	
<b>Trip Coordinator</b> Steve Adams (703) 409-3846 <a href="mailto:trip_coordinator@prsc.org">trip_coordinator@prsc.org</a>	<h2>Virginia Fly Fishing Festival</h2>	
<b>Program Chair</b> Dee David C (703) 850-5046 <a href="mailto:Programs@prsc.org">Programs@prsc.org</a>	April 16 - 17, 2011	
<b>Conservation Chair</b> Herschel Finch (H) (540) 635-7636 <a href="mailto:Conservation@prsc.org">Conservation@prsc.org</a>	Long time PRSC friend and supporter Beau Beasley asked me to include this information in the Buzz, and I was happy to do so. Please turn to page 4 of this issue for more information.	
<b>Librarian</b> Chip Comstock <a href="mailto:Librarian@prsc.org">Librarian@prsc.org</a>	<h2>Potomac Conservancy - Spring Events</h2>	
<b>Additional Programs</b>	<b>23rd Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup</b> - April 9, 2011, 9am - 12pm.	
<b>Fishing Contest</b> Jack Cook H (703) 573-4403	The highly anticipated 23rd Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup will be held SATURDAY APRIL 9TH, 2011 from 9 am - 12 pm. Since 1989, more than 60,000 volunteers have teamed with 375 partner organizations to tug over 3 million tons of trash from the watershed's streams, rivers and bays. For more information and to find a participating site near you, visit us at <a href="http://www.potomaccleanup.org">www.potomaccleanup.org</a> .	
<b>The Buzz</b> Jamie Gold (C) (571) 213-4699 <a href="mailto:Buzz_Editor@prsc.org">Buzz_Editor@prsc.org</a>	<b>Volunteer River Center Guide Training</b> - Sunday, April 17, 12pm - 3pm.	
<b>Merchandise</b> Boyd Post H (703) 281-9309 <a href="mailto:Publicity@prsc.org">Publicity@prsc.org</a>	This summer, Potomac Conservancy seeks volunteer River Center Guides to represent the Conservancy on weekends from May through October at the River Center, and share their knowledge of the C&O Canal and the Potomac River with visitors. This meeting will train new volunteer guides and welcome back previous ones for a meet-and-greet. Come and enjoy refreshments, see new and old friends, and enjoy an afternoon on the towpath. For more information contact Deanna Tricarico at <a href="mailto:tricarico@potomac.org">tricarico@potomac.org</a> or <a href="tel:301.608.1188">301.608.1188</a> x.204.	
<b>Past President</b> John Lipetz C (703) 609-8083	<b>Earth Day Cleanup at Lock 8</b> - Friday, April 22, 10am - 3pm.	
<b>Publicity</b> Ernie Rojas H (703) 729-0128	Don't stay inside on Earth Day—join Potomac Conservancy along the C&O Canal for a day of environmental stewardship instead! Cleanup activities include picking up trash, pruning vegetation along trails, and repairing the towpath and trails. Stop by for a few hours with friends, a group of coworkers or your family, and make an impact for the environment. Wear clothes that can get dirty—the Conservancy will provide all the necessary tools and equipment.	

# PRSC Swap Night

By Randy Chandler, President PRSC

## PRSC First Fishing Equipment Swap Night

As part of our PRSC club meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> we will facilitate a swap meet for members. This event will allow our members to sell or swap any fishing related equipment. This is your chance to sell or swap those extra rods, reels, lures or whatever items you may have that are taking up needed space. PRSC will have several tables set aside for the swap and there is no charge to reserve a table.

Set up starts at:	6:45 pm
The swap meet begins at:	7:00 pm
And ends at:	7:30 pm (break during the meeting)
Final swap business	9:00 to 9:15 pm

The general concept is to have the PRSC members self-run the swap meet. We are running this on a trial basis. After the event we will evaluate the success of the swap and make a decision on future swap events. If this works well we hope to have another swap night in September.

# VA Fly Fishing Festival

By Beau Beasley

Fly anglers from across the country will celebrate the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia Fly Fishing Festival on April 16-17, 2011. Held on the banks of the South River in Waynesboro, the Virginia Fly Fishing Festival is the largest outdoor fly fishing event in the country that offers on-stream instruction. Only here can you learn all the latest techniques from the experts and then walk right over to the river and try them for yourself.

This year, our festival sponsors include Temple Fork Outfitters, Dominion Subaru, Orvis, Hanover Fly Fishers, Augusta Health, DuPont Community Credit Union, *Eastern Fly Fishing*, the City of Waynesboro, Montana Fly Company, Blue Ridge Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, *Virginia Sportsman*, Appomattox River Company, *The Georgetownner*, Mid-Valley Press, Tidal Potomac Fly Rodders, and Waynesboro Downtown Development Inc.

The highlight of the weekend is the Festival Foundation Dinner sponsored by Dominion, at which the festival committee presents the 2011 Virginia Fly Angler of the Year Award. Tickets for the all-you-can-eat prime rib buffet are \$50 apiece and sell out well in advance of the festival.

Last year many attendees enjoyed small-group casting classes with fly fishing and fly tying expert Bob Clouser. Bob's classes are back—don't miss out! A new set of casting classes with master casting instructors Ed Jaworowski and Wanda Taylor will also be offered for \$75.

The 2011 festival will feature noted fly anglers from across the Mid-Atlantic, including fly fishing icon Lefty Kreh, Ed Jaworowski, Bob Clouser, Wanda Taylor, King Montgomery, Dusty Wissmath, Capt. Brian Shumaker, Mike Smith, Eric Stroup, Gordon English, Colby Trow, Tom Brtalik, Bryan Kelly, Paul Rouse, and festival artist Maurice Mahler. Several expert fly tyers will also be on hand, including Captain Tommy Mattioli and Walt Cary. Kayak expert Captain Cory Routh will autograph copies of his book, *Kayak Fishing: The Complete Guide*, and provide riverside kayak demonstrations. Festival director and author Beau Beasley will also be autographing copies of his new book *Fly Fishing the Mid-Atlantic: A No Nonsense Guide to Top Waters*.

Between lectures, classes, and lunch, sample fine wines from a number of noted Virginia wineries (tastings included with festival admission). Attendees can wash down their wine with live riverside music.

Members of the Federation of Fly Fishers will help children catch native brook trout from an on-site Children's Catch and Release Trout Pool and then release them into the South River (with the help of their parents). Members of the Tidal Potomac Fly Rodders Club, the largest FFF Club in Virginia, will also provide paid spey casting classes and offer basic fly tying tips to beginners.

Feeling lucky? Try your hand at winning over \$10,000 worth of raffle prizes. This year's Grand Prize is a week's fishing at Alaska's Alagnak Lodge, compliments of Hanover Fly Fishers. One lucky winner will get to fish in the wilds of Alaska for multiple species of salmon, beefy rainbow trout, and grayling. Other prizes include kayaks, high-end rod-and-reel outfits, artwork, and guided trips.

If walking around the festival grounds sounds tiring, consider taking a break in a 2011 Subaru: The conservation-minded company will be showcasing some of their newest models at the festival. Interested anglers will be happy to learn Subaru will be giving away custom-made popping bugs tied in Subaru colors by Walt Cary, the best known popping bug maker in the Mid-Atlantic. We'll also hold a private drawing for one lucky angler to spend a weekend in the City of Hampton with a day's fishing on the Chesapeake Bay with Captain Tommy Mattioli.

The Virginia Fly Fishing Festival is a one-of-a-kind event: Monies received from sponsors, vendors, ticket sales, and raffles are used to cover the cost of next year's festival with the remainder going to the Virginia Fly Fishing Festival Foundation, which promotes conservation and stream restoration projects. Daily admission to the festival is \$15 per person, and the festival runs from 9 AM-5 PM on Saturday and Sunday. For more information about the festival, visit [www.vaflyfishingfestival.org](http://www.vaflyfishingfestival.org).

# Smallmouth Trip Report

By Peter Pfothenauer

Bill Pearl, Jack Cook and I recently went on a smallmouth fishing trip. We fished 6 hours or so hitting deeper water with rocky bottoms. Rumor was there were big smallies to be had. We didn't find anything until after lunchtime, when the water warmed up to around 45-46 degrees based on Bill's temperature gauge. We caught several largemouths in a short flurry of activity, with Bill and I both landing fish one right after the other. Bill found them with tubes, and I got strikes on a Bandit 300. Jack hooked into a nicer greenie on an Al Winco Chilly Willy, but the fish came unbuttoned.

Bill ended the day with a pair of fish, including his March smallie in the picture below. I landed 3 fish, 2 greenies and a smallie that we did not photograph. It was nice to confirm some rumors that a nice population of tidal stretch smallies is growing down on the flatwater below the Rt 1 bridge in Fredericksburg. Several recent tourney reports sent us hunting bronze in greenie infested waters. I plan to return to a couple of spots with my kayak, as the places where we found smallies were within paddling distance of plastic boat access spots.

Riding all day in the back of Bill's jetboat listening to him and Jack give each other the business is a tough job, much tougher than paddling a small plastic boat in leaky waders, but someone had to do it.

The Sunday before Valentine's Day, George Thurston and I tried finding some big fish in more traditional smallie haunts. We launched our yaks around 8:30am and fished till the wind drove us off the water about 3. I lost a very nice fish on the second cast, which I didn't think was bad luck. It only had the tentacles of the Smelly Jelly smeared tube in it's mouth because the bite was so light I mistook it for a log. It swam by the yak so close that if the net had been ready I could have landed the fish, but she opened her mouth and came off after swimming past my hips. 6 hours later I managed the only fish of the day on a Lucky Craft Pointer 78 dead drifted after a few sweeps to get it down to depth. That 15 incher bit immediately after George said he was ready to head for the vehicles. It was one of only 3 bites I had all day.

At least we got our exercise paddling against the wind and current. Here we are finding a spot to eat lunch (see it in PRSC on the water). Ever since the trip with Bill and Jack, all the rivers have been too high for safe fishing from the kayak, so the boat has been high and dry.



Bill Pearl and friend. Photo by Pete Pfothenauer.

# PRSC on the Water

By: Jamie Gold

Members of PRSC have been busy this past month catching and photographing some awesome fish. Enjoy, and feel free to submit pictures of fish that you've caught for next month's Buzz.

18", 3 lbs.+ Potomac River Smallie.



Fish caught and photographed by Bob Ward.

Beautiful Rose River Farm Trout.



Jamie Gold. Photo by Steve Adams.

From the Smallie Report - Landing Spot for Lunch.



George Thurston. Photo by Peter Pfothenauer.

Working a Nice Trout Hole at Rose River Farm.



Steve Adams. Photo by Jamie Gold.

Great Striper.



Anthony Taitz.

First Fish on a Fly Rod - Congratulation and Great Job



Fish caught and photographed by Anthony Taitz.

Nice Fish. And Notice the Engine on the Back



Anthony Taitz on his newly motorized kayak.

Another Picture of Anthony's Motorized Kayak.



Photo by Anthony Taitz.

Working a nice trout lie on the Patuxent River.



Steve Graves. Photo by Jamie Gold

Fletcher's Cove Striper. See the article for more pictures.



Loni Darr. Photographer unknown.

# Motorizing Your 'Yak

By: Anthony Taitz

There are two main reasons for adding a motor to your kayak. First, it will double your range of fishing, so if you paddle 3 miles when you go out this will enable you to go twice that. Second, this is a "chick magnet"; no

I am not kidding as I have been stopped by so many ladies it is unreal.

Back to the fishing. I had a regular kayak and bought a trolling motor kit from

[www.bassyaks.com](http://www.bassyaks.com) (it was around \$700 for the kit with the EM option).

While you can get different horse power arrangements, keep in mind that the more power you get the less battery life you will have.

With this in mind, I got a 36 lbs. motor as I am not really in a hurry to go anywhere and would rather have more time

on the water. The kit is essentially a Minn Kota trolling motor with a short shaft. The kit includes the bracket and all the cables and parts needed to turn your kayak into a stealthy fishing weapon. How it works is you have the motor attached to the back of your kayak. There are steel cables that run from the back of the motor through the hull and connect to pedals in the front which is used for steering. There is an accelerator knob which can be turned in either direction to go backwards or forwards. The EM option essentially allows you to control the speed of the motor and saves battery life. The motor runs off a 12 v battery and will last about 3 hours of continuous use.





I use it sparingly so I don't go at full throttle and paddle as well as use the motor so it tends to last me 6 to 8 hours. This will vary depending on the current etc. You will need a paddle as I have run out of "juice" before and have had to paddle home a few times ( I guess I am addicted and always seem to have my last cast which can take an hour or two :)

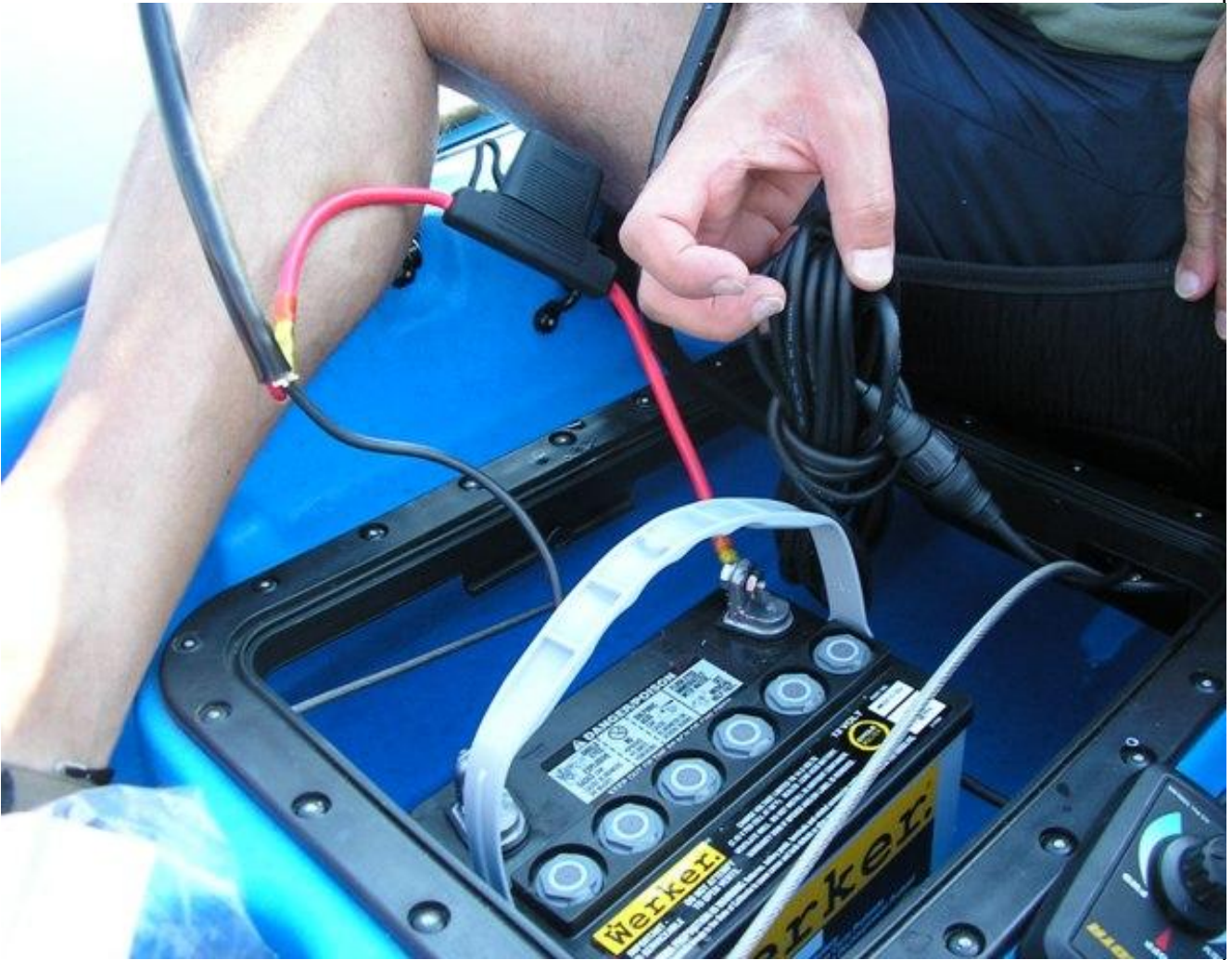
The motor has a lot of advantages. I will use it mostly

to go upstream and then float down. The motor can be lifted by pulling a release cord and pushing both feet forward. This will allow you to go over Hydrilla or shallow areas or when going through riffles where there are rocks. When you pass the obstacles release the cord and the motor will go back down to the ready position. You can also adjust the height of the motor so if there are reeds below you can adjust so the propellor is just below the water.

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I have attached a few pictures showing how I cut a hole in the kayak and added a hatch so I was able to get the batteries in the kayak. (See the first picture in the article to see the hatch, and the picture on the right to see the battery).



Also batteries are heavy so you would want to remove them so you can get the kayak on your

car. The kit comes with instructions and will take you 6 hours to complete. This will more than likely be two sessions as you will want to seal certain holes that you make. You will also need a battery charger; mine charges my batteries in about 8 hours. I have two wheelchair batteries in mine as I could not fit one battery through the hatch.

I love my kayak with a motor. People say to me "you have a MOTOR on your kayak," to which I normally reply "are there any other kinds?" You will still get a workout trust me. The main disadvantage is weight. This adds about 40 pounds to your kayak, so it is something to consider. Also it is a lot of stuff to "schlep" along so if you are putting in near a ramp it's ideal. If you have to walk half a mile to put it in I would not go there. You can elect to not bring the motor and the batteries for the half mile hike, which would mean there is only the EM option, which is attached to the inside of the kayak and weighs about 5 pounds. So if its a long hike to the put in I would leave the motor at home.

I also have a fish finder on my kayak as well as 2 Scotty rod holders and a light. I also attach a cooler and my tackle bag, so it's a pretty neat setup. The only other thing to note when you add a motor is that you will need to register you kayak with DNR and put letters and numbers on the kayak. You can see pics of other Kayaks with motors online or watch a video on u tube. If you have any questions you can ask me at the meetings or e-mail me at [kessev@gmail.com](mailto:kessev@gmail.com).

# Fletcher's Cove

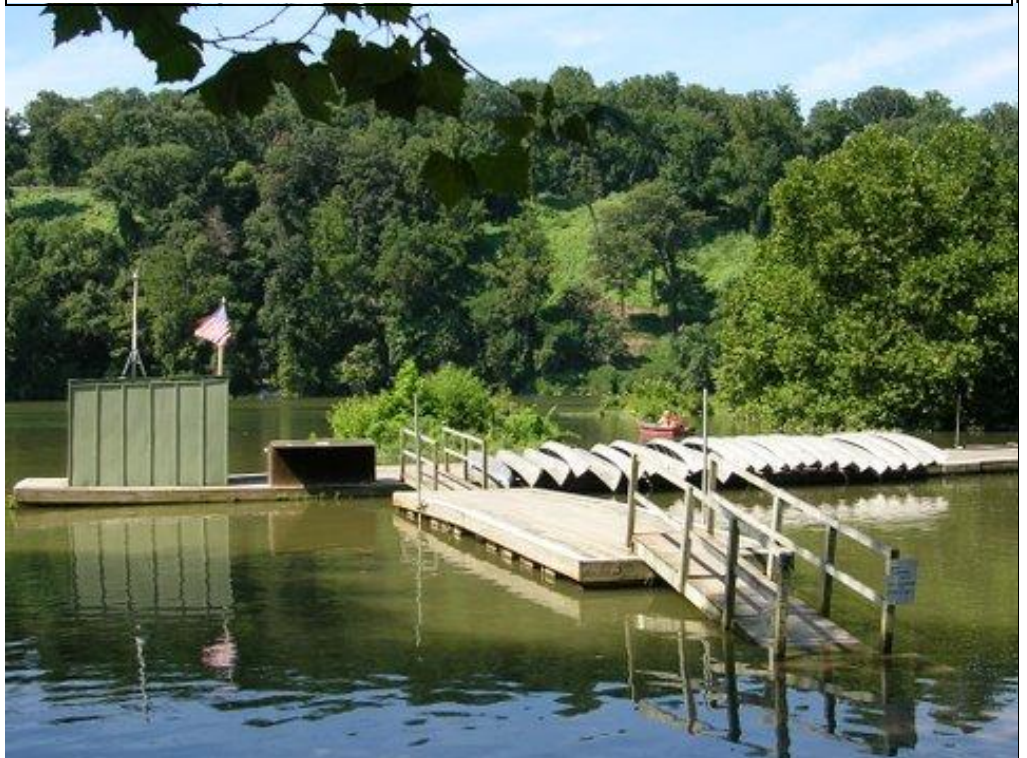
By Dan Ward

If you have never fished from The Boathouse at Fletcher's Cove, you are missing out on a prime angling opportunity right in your back yard. Fletcher's is a Washington institution and dates back to the mid 1800's. From the days of the working C & O Canal through four generations of the Fletcher Family, hand constructed wooden rowboats (as well as canoes, bikes and now kayaks) have been available for those wishing to venture out onto the Potomac River and the canal.

What makes Fletcher's unique is its location just below the tidal threshold at the base of the Little Falls rapids. Here the Potomac moves with substantial current, but is at the same time subject to tides averaging three to four feet. This zone, where the tidal river meets the free flowing water from upstream, is a natural mecca for both resident species and anadromous fish. In the spring and early summer, waves of white perch, hickory and American shad, and striped bass will populate the waters just out from our landing. Large-mouth and smallmouth bass, trophy sized catfish and occasional wall-eyes and snakeheads are the marquis resident species. As is true anywhere, fishing at Fletcher's can vary between amazing and awful, but if you "hit it right" you will be richly rewarded.

David Policansky and American Shad.

Boat Dock at Fletcher's Cove. Photo by Dan Ward.



# Fletcher's cont'd

Alex Binsted and huge striper. Photo by Mike Bailey.

As for fishing for hickory and American (white) shad, now's the time! All you need is light spinning tackle and/or a medium weight fly outfit, some darts or brightly colored flies and a little luck with the river conditions. Shad fishing is clean, simple, and fosters great camaraderie among anglers. The two basic ways to shad fish at Fletcher's are to cast and retrieve (better for hickories) and the old "set-line" technique where one locates a riffle or chute, anchors the boat and suspends the darts in the current behind the boat. Shore casting for shad is also popular, but spots are limited and back casting a fly line is often impossible. For more secrets, you will just have to visit and get out on the water. No instructions can replace experience! The first cast you should make when fishing is with your eyes to a successful angler. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery!

Now operated by Guest Services, Inc. as a U. S. Park Service concession, the 'old-timers' at Fletcher's have strived to maintain that rough-around-the-edges feeling that harkens back to an earlier era. "Forget" your cell phone in the car and tweet only back at the many birds you will see while here. This little oasis feels much further out of town than it is.

Anglers 16 to 65 years of age need a D.C. fishing permit to fish the area around Fletcher's. Permits are sold at the tackle shack and are currently in stock as is a selection of basic fishing tackle. Fletcher's offers a good assortment of shad darts from multiple producers as well. Please visit the web site at [www.fletcherscove.com](http://www.fletcherscove.com) for detailed information, phone number and fishing reports which are archived back to 2005 for a frame of reference on fishing at different times of each season.



Angus Phillips with a Fletcher's shad. Photo by Mike Bailey.

# Conservation Corner

By Herschel Finch

Trying to decide about what this issue of the Conservation Corner was going to be about was kind of tough. I had three or four timely ideas all percolating from things I have seen and read over the past month. I know...how boring you think. How dull a life I must lead to sit and read nothing but articles about conservation, pollution, good works by others that deserve our support...I know... But it's what I do, I'm a giver. I do it so YOU don't have to. No need to thank me...your readership and comments are all the reward I need. But really Mr Lepitz...was the comment about my mother really necessary last month?

Heads up for you fly-fisherman, waders and early season paddlers who wear waders, and just in general...anyone who gets their feet wet wearing felt-soled wading boots/shoes/sandals or whatever else may have felt soles. The Maryland DNR has BANNED the use of felt-soled shoes in MD waters starting with THIS year. That means, all you VA guys who are fishing the Potomac better be finding some other foot wear for use when wading the Potomac. Remember, Maryland claims all the way to the southern bank or, River-Right, of the Potomac as her jurisdiction so if you're wading at Algonkian or River Bend, they can cite you for having felt-soled shoes. Parking up at Point of Rocks won't help either. You may live and be parked in Virginia, but as soon as you walk out into that water...you're on Maryland turf (or water, as the case may be). Word to the wise.

I'm pretty sure that most of us know that invasive species are a BIG problem just about everywhere. And MD figures to help offset the problem by banning felt-soled wading shoes. A lot of people are pretty upset about this, not the least of which are the manufacturers of wading boots. But I think most of us are aware of the problem of 'hitchhikers' on our boots, boats and other clothing we get wet while fishing. Personally speaking, my fishing clothes, boots, dry pants and/or waders and boots get washed every time I use them, but I know lots of folks don't do their shoes/boots. But inside those little crooks and crannies, all kinds of aquatic flora and fauna can get lodged and can even survive completely dried out...only to reconstitute the next time you get them wet in a different watershed. And now YOU are responsible for the next crop of Didymo hatching out somewhere that it wasn't before. So be a responsible steward of our waters, wash your boats, shoes and clothing every time you go fishing. Be especially conscientious if you're headed to another watershed. Lets not be the ones who spread this stuff around. Mom was right, cleanliness IS next to Godliness.

### PRSC 2011 Fishing Contest Rules

The PRSC Fishing Contest is run by an honor system. The motive of this contest is to create a good-natured competition among members. Here are the general rules:

- 1) Fishing contest reporting – Please report your best fish by contacting either Jack Cook or Wallace Harvey.
- 2) Members keep track of their 5 best fish by length on a trip (single day). Tails may be pinched to make the measurement.
- 3) At the end of the year prizes will be awarded for each section of the Potomac for the best 5 fish total (see section breakdown below).
- 4) Overall largest fish of the contest will win a prize.
- 5) The fisherman with the highest total for all 3 sections of the contest wins a prize.
- 6) The largest fish caught by a new member wins a prize.
- 7) The largest fish caught by a fly fisherman wins a prize.

The sections breakdown as follows:

**Section I:** all water above Harper’s Ferry on the Potomac, and all the NF & SF Shenandoah, and tributaries flowing into these streams

**Section II:** mainstream Shenandoah and the Potomac from Harper’s Ferry to the Mouth of the Monocacy River, and all tributaries flowing into these waters

**Section III:** The Potomac River and all tributaries from the Mouth of the Monocacy south, including tributaries.

# 2011 Contest Results

**March 2011 Report By Wallace Harvey**

At our last meeting we voted to change the rules of our fishing contest. We decided to go back to the way we used to count it. The updated rules are included in this issue of the Buzz. If you are confused, send in anything. I'll get you started.

As the spring thaw occurs, we are getting the needed rain to bring the rivers up to par and a bit more. As we have been in a “moderate drought” for most of the last year, the rise in river levels is welcome. We can only hope that it really helps the spawn this spring. As I passed over the upper Potomac today, the water is clearing up, but a bit murky yet. And, I’m sure the water is still a bit on the cold side. If you venture out, stay dry and warm.

I for one am looking for a good year in 2011. The past year was a bit slow, but we still had lots of 20+ smallies for our contest. I am expecting to see a lot more this year. Let’s keep our fingers crossed that we continue to get enough rain to keep the rivers in great condition without any fish kills. We are due an exceptional year. Be safe. Be warm. Keep the line wet. Keep in touch. I’m looking for that first entry. Call Jack Cook at 703-573-4403, or email me at [wwharvey@comcast.net](mailto:wwharvey@comcast.net). We need to hear from YOU!

## 2011 Results

**Biggest Fish:**

**Potomac:**

**Susquehanna:**

**Shenandoah:**

**James River:**

**Rappahannock:**

**New River:**

**Fly Fishing:**

**New Member:**

The Potomac River Smallmouth Club was founded in 1988 as a non-profit recreational club in accordance with IRS section 501(c)(7). Dues are \$35/year. Monthly meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the last Wednesday of each month (except December) at the Vienna Volunteer Firehouse. Club by-laws and member rosters are published once a year and available during meetings or upon request. The Club newsletter, “The Buzz”, is emailed to all members prior to each month’s meeting and is available at local fishing/tackle shops. Articles, photographs and general information relating to smallmouth bass fishing are solicited. The Buzz reserves the right to edit all materials submitted for publication. Observations, conclusions and opinions expressed in The Buzz are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of the club, its officers, or the editor. All materials submitted become the property of the club. Every effort will be made to return photographs at the monthly meetings, however the printing process occasionally results in the destruction of a photograph. Send copies and make sure YOU have the negative.