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John Hayes, a guide with [Mark Kovach Fishing Services](#), will be our speaker on February 27th. John has been guiding on the Potomac since 1993 and enjoys teaching clients the finer points of finding and catching fish. John is equipped to



John Hayes...with his pipe...on the water.

guide and talk about both spin and fly fishing--he is a certified fly casting instructor.

John's endless pursuit of the smallmouth bass and a love of flowing water fuels his desire to share experiences with other anglers. Fly or spin fishing combined with instructional gab, good food, and a fine cigar make for a special day on the river. Join us for what promises to be a very informative evening.



PRSC's own Larry DiJoseph with a 22" smallmouth he caught while fishing with John Hayes on the Potomac River last year.

John - can you promise us a fish that big if we go with you this year?

Club Executive Board	<h1>Upcoming Items</h1>
President Steve Moore (h) (703) 494-8208 president@prsc.org	
Vice-President Kristen Sorensen vp@prsc.org	
Secretary Dave Lockard (h) (301) 656-1964 secretary@prsc.org	Potomac River Smallmouth Club - Next Meeting Join Us Wednesday, March 27 for PRSC's next meeting. Juan Veruete will be the guest speaker at the March 27 meeting of the Potomac River Smallmouth Club. He is an accomplished angler with over 40 years of on-the-water experience in Pennsylvania and beyond. His specialty is kayak fishing for smallmouth bass in moving water.
Treasurer Jamie Gold C (571) 213-4699 treasure@prsc.org	Fishing Shows and Fundraisers PRSC will have a booth at two upcoming fishing shows. First is the Rapidan Chapter of TU's annual fishing show on March 2. Second is the National Capital Chapter of TU's annual fishing show on March 10. Please see pages on these events in this issue of the <i>Buzz</i> .
Trip Coordinator Steve Adams (703) 409-3846 trip_coordinator@prsc.org	Both the Friends of the North Fork and the Potomac Riverkeeper will be having fundraising events in the near future. Please see the pages on these events in this issue of the <i>Buzz</i> .
Program Chair Bill Amshey Programs@prsc.org	Potomac Conservancy Troubled Waters: State of the Nation's River Report—2012. Potomac Conservancy has released its sixth annual report on the Potomac, outlining the consequences of four main pollutants of the Potomac River. Last year, the Conservancy scored the river's health at a barely passing "D" grade, a downgrade from the group's previous "D+". The Conservancy believes that to address the pollution of our waters and the inevitable development of our land, widespread changes must occur. Download the report at http://www.potomac.org/site/wp-content/uploads/pdfs/sonr12_finalreport.pdf
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Merchandise Ernie Rojas H (703) 729-0128 Publicity@prsc.org	Canal Stewards at River Center. Sunday, March 10 - 10am-12pm. Join the Canal Stewards at the River Center! They will be meeting at 10 am at the River Center to clean up the lockhouse area and the nearby towpath. This cleanup is open to all ages, and the Stewards will provide all the necessary supplies - just wear clothes that can get dirty. This event is part of the National Park Service's Canal Stewards program, engaging volunteers to become long-term caretakers of a site within the C & O Canal National Historical park. Typical activities include picking up trash, pruning vegetation, or repairing the towpath and trails. Contact Lien Vu at(301) 608-1188 x215 with any questions. For directions to the River Center visit: http://www.potomac.org/site/directions/index.php .
Past President Randy Chandler	Canal Stewards at Fletcher's Cove. Sunday, March 10 - 10am-12pm. Help the Conservancy clean up Fletcher's Cove in the C&O Canal National Historical Park! This monthly cleanup day is part of the Canal Stewards partnership with the National Park Service, engaging volunteers to become long-term caretakers of a designated site within the park. Typical activities include picking up trash, pruning vegetation along the trails, and removing invasive plants. This event is open to all ages. For questions, contact Lien Vu, at vu@potomac.org or call (301) 608-1188 ext. 215. We hope to see you there!
Publicity Ernie Rojas H (703) 729-0128	For more information go to their website at www.potomac.org .

PRSC Updates

By Steve Moore

President's note

We are in the middle of that agonizing time of the year where it is too cold for all but the most thick-skinned of us to go fishing yet, at the same time, we are being tantalized by the early-season fishing shows. Sadly, the only cure for this is the rare warm day that makes winter fishing tolerable. Otherwise, resign yourself to the basement to reorganize your gear for the millionth time. That said, the club leadership is working hard to develop the program for the year with a great layout of river trips and compelling speakers that can only make the wait for warmer weather even harder. Knowing what is coming makes it even more difficult for me as I realize that this will be the last month I can participate in the club. As a result of the expert real estate marketing skills of Jay Lovering (President of the Northern Virginia Trout Unlimited), my home sold the third day it was on the market and will close on March 25; precipitating my migration south to North Carolina and into part-time retirement.

I truly enjoyed my time as the club's president and know that my replacement, when elected, will have an equally easy time as a result of the knowledge, dedication and willingness of the club's board to actually do all the work. We have been beating the drum looking for a volunteer to replace me for the last several months and now is the critical time for you to make a personal decision. Please think long and hard and take this opportunity to step forward, join the leadership team, and help create the club's future. With the dramatic rebound of the smallmouth population on our local rivers, there is no better time to be in this position. After all, you can influence when and where we do the river trips! Please contact any board member if you are willing to help us fill this gap.

PRSC Library Update

By Chip Comstock

The following books have been checked out from the library. Please check to see if you have a long forgotten book checked out from the PRSC club library.

Title	Author
The Field & Stream Bass Fishing handbook Copy 1	F&S
L.L. Bean Fly Fishing for Bass	Dave Whitlock
An Honest Angler	Patricia Miller Sherwood
Virginia Fishing Guide	Bob Gooch
The New River Guide	Bruce Ingram
Fishing The Upper Potomac River	Ken Penrod
Them Ol' Brown Fish	Billy Westmoreland
Fishing the Rivers of the Mid-Atlantic Copy 1	Bill Anderson
Fly Fishing Virginia	Beau Beasley
Trout Streams of Virginia	Sloan
Smallmouth Bass: An In-Fisherman Handbook Copy 1	Al Linder
Smallmouth Bass Secrets	Dan Aura
Smallmouth Bass: An In-Fisherman Handbook Copy 2	Al Linder
Small Stream Bass	John Allen Gifford
Ken Penrod's Tidal Potomac River Bible	Ken Penrod
Shad Fishing	Pfeiffer
Washington D.C. Area Trout Fishing (A Guide to Day Trips)	
Virginia Whitewater	Roger Corbett
Stalking River Smallies	
The C&O Canal Companion	Mike High
Knowing Bass	Dr. Keith A. Jones
Wade & Shoreline Fishing the Potomac River for Smallmouth Bass	Steve Moore
L.L. Bean Fly Fishing for Bass	Dave Whitlock
The Fly-Tying Bible	Peter Gathercole
River Smallmouth Bass	Dan Gapen
Where Bass Live	
In Pursuit of Trophy Smallmouth Bass	Jeff Little

Potomac Riverkeeper Event

Raise a Glass to Clean Water: A Benefit for Potomac Riverkeeper

Sunday, April 28, 2013 | 3:00pm--6:00pm

SNR Denton Penthouse

1301 K Street NW | Washington, DC 20005



This year, the Riverkeeper will be hosting its 11th Annual Event at the SNR Denton Penthouse in Downtown Washington DC. They are excited to offer tastings from local breweries and wineries this year, in addition to a light buffet generously provided by Clyde's.

There will also be a small live auction, music, awards and more!

[Buy Tickets or Become a Host!](#)

More information to come, make sure to save the date!

Rapidan TU Show

Rapidan TU Fishing Show - PRSC Booth Volunteers Needed

Saturday, March 2, 2013, 9:00 AM

Fauquier County Fairgrounds

6209 Auburn Road, Warrenton, VA ([map](#))

The 25th annual Rapidan TU show will be next weekend on Saturday, March 2 from 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM at the Fauquier Fairgrounds. It looks like another great program with good speakers, giveaways and plenty of vendors

We will have a booth at the show to recruit new members and need volunteers to staff it.

Please shoot me a note if you can sign up for a slot.

We need: 9 - 11, 11-1, 1-3, 3-4:30.

You will be busy all day given the program:

- 9:30 Capt Lawrence Fishing for Spotted Trout
- 10:15 Tom Brtalik Prospecting for Trout
- 11:00 William Heresniak Fishing Streamers for Trophies
- 11:45 Jeff Murray* Mountain Trout Fishing
- 12:45 Rich Farino Fall Stripers & False Albacore
- 1:30 Marcia Woolman Fishing Yellowstone Park
- 2:15 Tony Dranzo Fall Steelhead in Lake Erie
- 3:00 Tee Clarkson Fly Fishing Honduras

To volunteer at PRSC's booth at the show, please visit our MeetUp page and look for the event on March 2 on the calendar.

For more information about the Rapidan TU Annual Fishing Show, please visit their website at www.rapidantu.org/.

NCC TU Fly Fishing Show

NCC-TU Fishing Show - PRSC Booth Volunteers Needed

Sunday, March 10, 2013, 10:00 AM

[Georgetown Preparatory School](#)

10900 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD ([map](#))

The National Capital Chapter of Trout Unlimited presents its 38th Annual NATIONAL CAPITAL ANGLING SHOW Sunday, March 10, 2013 with the renowned LEFTY KREH!

The show runs from 10-5:30 and we need volunteers to staff the PRSC booth. Please send Steve Moore (president@prsc.org) a note if you can help in any of these slots: 10-12, 12-2, 2-4, 4-5:30

2013 SHOW PROGRAM:

LEFTY KREH:

“Why We Fish: Around the World in 50 Minutes,” and “Better Digital Photography;”

PANEL: DIANNE TIDY, KIKI GALVIN and CAROL STEVENSON;

"Fly Fishing Opportunities For Women," featuring three expert woman anglers from our region
TOM ROSENBAUER:

“How to Read Streams,” and "Trout Fishing in Small Streams;”

DAVE ROTHROCK:

“Pennsylvania Fly Hatches and Life Cycle Imitations;”

COLBY TROW:

“Shenandoah Valley Spring Creeks;”

GUY TURENNE:

“High Country Angling–Trout Fishing in Northern Colorado;”

MARK SNYDER:

“Getting Started in Fly Fishing;”

CAPT. C. D. DOLLAR:

“Fly and Light Tackle Kayak Fishing on Chesapeake Bay and its Tributaries”

To volunteer at PRSC’s booth at the show, please visit our MeetUp page and look for the event on March 10 on the calendar.

For more information about the NCC TU Annual Fishing Show, please visit their website at www.ncc-tu.org.

Friends of th

By Jay Eiche

My wife and I are active members of the Friends of the North Fork of the Shenandoah River. Our mission is to enhance and protect the beauty, purity and natural flow of the incredible North Fork of the Shenandoah River and its watershed. My wife is the co-chair of the Friends' DC area fundraiser which will be held April 11th (see save the date flyer below). On the next page is the ticket form. Basic tickets are \$50 a person, \$90 a couple and this event is being held at the Georgetown Boathouse, where a few of the Potomac Riverkeeper events have been held in past. There will be some fishing items in the silent auction as I've spoken to Harry Murray at Murray's Fly shop and Walt Cary about some poppers as well plus maybe a guided fishing trip or two. Hope to see you there.

SAVE the DATE! - Shenandoah Spring Fling Thursday, April 11 from 5:30-8:30pm

Help Friends of the North Fork kick off our 25th Anniversary of Water Protection at the Beautiful and Historic Potomac Boat Club in Washington D.C. on Thursday, April 11, 2013 from 5:30-8:30pm.

**Join us for an evening of music, a light buffet and wine and a silent auction including a canoe/kayak clinic and rentals,
B and B stays and more.....**

Invitation to follow soon.

the North Fork

**Come Celebrate the 25th Anniversary of
Friends of the North Fork of the Shenandoah River at our
Shenandoah River Spring Fling!**

When: Thursday, April 11, 2013

5:30 - 8:30pm

Where: Potomac Boat Club in Georgetown

3530 Water Street NW

Washington, DC 20007

**What: Enjoy beautiful springtime views from the
balcony of the historic Potomac Boat Club,
delicious food, beer and wine, and a silent
auction to kick off Friends' 25th year of river
protection.**

Silent Auction items include:

Guided fishing trip on the North Fork of the Shenandoah by Jay Eiche

Rustic Fort Valley cabin getaway from The Knipling Family

A day on the river with Front Royal Canoe Company & Lucky Star Lounge

Kayak (or canoe) clinic & float for 4 by Skyline Canoe & Lucky Star Lounge

Autographed fly fishing book from Harry Murray's Fly Shop in Edinburg

A dozen fishing "Poppers" from Walt's Poppers

Signed print of Scotts RUN in Virginia from Frank Morgan

Fishing and hunting prints by Roy Mason, America's "Sporting Artist"

Framed fishing art from The Pink Elephant in Woodstock

Two one-hour massages from Woodstock Massage

Two hour landscape consultation by Copper Forest, LLC

Please Join us - More information on sponsorships and tickets at www.fnfsr.org

Thank You Letter from



Martin O'Malley, Governor
Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor
John R. Griffin, Secretary
Joseph P. Gill, Deputy Secretary

January 30, 2013

Survey Participant,

On behalf of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Inland Fisheries Division, thank you for participating in the 2012 Potomac River Smallmouth Bass Catch Rate Survey. The information provided by the catch rate survey will better enable us to monitor trends in the smallmouth population and evaluate the quality of fishing this resource provides. Ten winners were selected by random drawing from the pool of returned creel cards and each was offered a \$50 check or fishing tackle valued at \$50.

The survey area covered 39 river miles and included two sections: Route 340 to the Monocacy River (Statewide regulations – 12" minimum size, 5 bass/day, March 1 through June 15 catch and release season) and from the Monocacy River downstream to Seneca Breaks (year round catch and release for large and smallmouth bass). A total of 137 usable cards were returned (79 Rt 340 to Monocacy, 58 Monocacy to Seneca). Due to the variability of wading opportunities in the study area and the low number of cards returned by wading anglers, only the information from boat anglers was summarized.

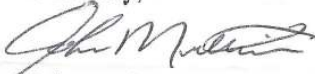
There was no difference in the total catch rate of smallmouth bass or the catch rate of smallmouth bass \geq 12 inches between the two sections, which suggests that even when regulations allow, bass fishermen keep very few bass. The survey results support this as none of the respondents reported keeping a bass. Since there was no difference between the two sections, the data was combined and a summary of the results is presented below:

Number of Survey Cards	117
Average number of Smallmouth caught per hour	2.9
Average number of Smallmouth \geq 12 inches caught per hour	1.2
Average number of Smallmouth caught per trip	14.0
Average number of Smallmouth \geq 12 inches per trip	5.7
Average hours of each trip	5.2
Percent of Smallmouth \geq 12 inches in catch	41%

from the Maryland DNR

Using information provided by fishermen is cost effective and an important part of managing fisheries. Creel surveys provide insight into angler success, harvest attitudes, and the effectiveness of regulations. The creel survey will be expanded in 2013 to include the entire Potomac mainstem. Thank you for your participation in 2012 and please consider participating in future surveys. All survey participants will be entered into a drawing to win prizes. You can help us further reduce costs by participating in the survey on line by visiting this address: <http://dnr.maryland.gov/fisheries/survey/index.asp>. Postage pre-paid cards can be mailed to you if you prefer to use that method. If you have any questions or comments I can be reached through the contact information below.

Sincerely,



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Editor's Note: Below is an email I received from John per a conversation we had related to the smallmouth survey.

Hi Jamie,

Yes, it is OK to put the letter in the Buzz. As mentioned in the letter, we will be expanding the survey to include the entire Potomac this year. We hope that making the survey available on-line will help us to economically cover nearly 160 miles of river. The new survey should be up on the DNR Fisheries volunteer angler survey section by mid-February. If the PRSC could help us promote the on-line survey it would be greatly appreciated. I also have some of the cards that were used last year left over and would like to use them if possible. If I sent them to the club do you think the members would be willing to use them? I will have to add a penny stamp to each one since they were pre-paid and postage has gone up. It is my hope that these surveys will economically give us additional information that will help us monitor the smallmouth bass population and the quality of fishing it provides. I appreciate all that the club has done to help us with this project.

Sincerely,
John

Northern VA CCA Dinner

CCA Northern Virginia Chapter is pleased to invite you to our 13th Annual Dinner and Auction taking place on Saturday, March 2nd, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

WHERE: The SHRINERS KENA TEMPLE, 9001 Arlington Blvd, Fairfax, VA 22030
AUCTION items include:

12+ Charter/Guided Fishing trips
Golf Packages
Home Furnishings
Apparel – Men & Women
Dinner Certificates
Framed Artwork
Premium Fly Rod & Reel Combos
Trolling Lures, Rods & Reels
Light Tackle Lures, Rods & Reels
Custom Fly Collections

Plus much, much more – over \$20,000 worth of merchandise!!

TIME: 6:00 Social - Hors D'oeuvres, Full Open Bar
7:00 Dinner
8:00 Live Auction

SILENT AUCTIONS & BUCKET RAFFLES running through-out evening!!

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW:

\$50.00 per person, Includes CCA Membership

EARLY-BIRD PURCHASE by 2/27 and Receive a \$20.00 Coupon!!

- Coupon good for Live or Silent Auction item – one per bidder #
Plus Cash Drawing

BLUE MARLIN Sponsor Table for 8 - \$500.00
- Includes \$100.00 coupon toward live auction item

SPECIAL RAFFLE – Hand Crafted Hugh Miller Custom Fishing Rod (Fly rod, Spinning or Casting), Built specifically for you

SUPER RAFFLE
Grand Prize TBD but it was a flat screen TV last year
2nd Prize TBD
3rd Prize TBD

For Tickets, Please Contact: Carl Onesty @ [703-407-8921](tel:703-407-8921) or Rob Allen @ [703-626-2668](tel:703-626-2668)

Conservation Corner

By Herschel Finch

Back in January, I had a chance to be up at the Egypt Bend Landing with a Matt Johndrow, an old Riversmallies and kayakbassfishing.com. com friend. Matt fishes Egypt Bend solo. It had been probably 30 years since I was there last time with my brother in law. He had borrowed a johnboat and electric motor and we spent the day pounding the banks for the big Greenies that populate the deep water behind the Luray Hydro-dam.

Egypt Bend has a nice landing with a long concrete ramp, a recently rebuilt treated lumber wharf to tie off your boat as you park the truck and trailer in the parking lot large enough for the glitter-boat / Largemouth set. I was depending on Matt to sort of be my guide for the afternoon up there. He's always putting up pictures of decent Largemouth Bass on his Facebook page so I figured what the heck...Largemouth smell washes off a kayak easily with soap and water.

But I have to say, no offense to any of our large powered craft people here, apparently those who own large full-sized pickups and large fiberglass boats are some of the messiest and most careless users of our ramps in Virginia. Since I arrived early at the ramp and Matt was going to be another hour getting there according to his voice message, I broke out the Hefty bags and proceeded to pick up trash...and bottles (both glass and plastic) and more beer bottles...bait boxes and liver containers...beer bottles...and more aluminum cans than a 7-11 beer case could have displayed. In the end, I ended up with 2- 35 gallon bags full of trash...and a lot of beer bottles. I couldn't reach the deer carcass someone had dumped over a very steep bank, and besides, the last time I picked one of those up, I spent a month trying to wash the smell out of my truck.

But it brought to mind that the ramps that those of us in the PRSC frequent with some regularity, or that are used by the outfitters, tend to be fairly free of lots of trash. I'm not sure if that's because those of us in the club tend to pick up trash at the ramps, or if kayakers and paddlers of all stripes in general tend to care more about our landings and make sure we carry our trash home. Of course I have no evidence other than simple observation but in any case, it brought to mind something that maybe we should all strive for as a personal goal.

I'm going to plan some floats that we don't ordinarily do and visit some ramps that don't usually see the membership of the PRSC. I'm thinking there's some remote ramps out there that could use our help. I'm planning to go up the Grove Hill and Shenandoah. And I haven't done a float on the North Fork in about 7 or 8 years. So if you any of you folks are up for a little adventure, drop me a line or give me a call.

And don't forget to bring some Hefty bags.

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After a hiatus to thank those who have supported PRSC, the picture of the month is back.

This is my favorite picture that I received this month. This is Capt. Dennis Fleming holding a beautiful Chesapeake Bay striper. I hope to go fishing with him this Spring and catch a few that size.



2012 Contest Results

February 2013 Report By Wallace Harvey

Here I sit on a lovely sunny afternoon sitting by the fireplace enjoying the warmth. It is in the low 30's for today and as I sit here, I know it is too cold for me to go fishing. There may be a few of you that enjoy cold weather fishing, as it usually provides the largest fish, but I do not. I'll spend my time getting my equipment ready for that first trip in warm weather.

To date, I have had no one report any fish caught for our contest. However, it has been a fairly cold and white past month. The good news is the white stuff left almost as quickly as it came down. And, of course, at our last meeting we had a small shower of rain on the way home. It did make the creeks rise. The good news is that we are getting the much-needed wet stuff for our rivers. Winter is a prime time for the Mid-Atlantic area to get its rain. Hopefully, we will see plenty of water in our rivers for the spring and summer.

As I put another log on the fire, and dream of the 24-inch smallie I plan to catch this summer, I realize that I don't know what I will catch it on. Do I use a tube? Naw, I usually can't sit still that long. How about a worm? I catch most of my fish on plastic worms. But, actually, I really wish to catch it on top water. Top water is my favorite type of fishing. Perhaps, this year, I'll get out my old fly rod and put on a popper. If I got a 20-plus inch fish on a popper I'd be so excited, I'd probably lose it. But in my dream, I bring it in very skillfully. That is one reason I like dreams. The always come out the way we want. And as it is probably the only way I'll catch a fish over 20 inches, I might as well make it a good dream. Let's hope we all have better luck in reality than in our dreams. You keep your line wet and I'll put another log on the fire.

2012 Results

Section 1, Biggest Fish: Jay Eiche - 21.5"

Section 1, Best 5 Fish: John Lipetz - 89"

Section 2, Biggest Fish: Randy Chandler - 22"
 and Larry DiJoseph - 22"

Section 2, Best 5 Fish: Randy Chandler - 92.8"

Section 3, Biggest Fish: Wayne Tate - 20"
 and Randy Chandler - 20"

Section 3, Best 5 Fish: Bill Pearl - 86.5"

Largest on Fly: Wayne Tate - 20"

New Member: No one

William Shriver Award: Randy Chandler - 255"

Grover Cleveland Award: Larry DiJoseph - 22"
 and Randy Chandler - 22"

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.