

## Letter from the President

It seems summer is here with a vengeance! As I write this, it is over 90 degrees outside and the forecast is calling for another week of similar conditions with little or no rain in sight. Trout streams and rivers are starting to really lose their flow and I am sure fish populations are starting to feel the stress of the ongoing drought. Let's hope some relief comes soon in the way of some much needed rain! At the other end of the spectrum, saltwater fishing is really picking up. Just about all of the varied species in the Bay are being caught as prime fishing season is getting under way.

Our club has had some successful fishing trips so far this year. The most recent being at two classic bass ponds, Cohoke and Custis Mill, and on the Chesapeake Bay for stripers. We have the annual James River float trip from Wingina coming up just about the time you receive this newsletter, so if you are interested you better call Bill Pearsall pretty quick and see if there are any spots left! We will have a couple of more fishing outings planned for this year so keep your eye on the Singing Reel or our club web site ([www.flyfishersofva.org](http://www.flyfishersofva.org)) to get more information.

Another upcoming event is our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Meeting in September. Our speaker this year is Lefty Kreh, so be sure to plan on attending this milestone event in our clubs history. For any organization to achieve a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary is quite an accomplishment and I expect the FFV to continue on for many more anniversaries to come! This will be a special event and we are working on having a couple of 'extras' that I will tell you about in our next newsletter.

Our speaker for this month's meeting is King Montgomery. It has been a while since King was our guest, but we are really looking forward to hearing what he has to say. He is a prolific author and has a wealth of knowledge on fishing in the Old Dominion. I hope to see you at our July Dinner Meeting at Westwood Racquet Club!

Tight Lines  
Doug

### FFV 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet

The Fly Fishers of Virginia will be celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the September dinner meeting. This meeting will have no other than the legendary 'Lefty' Kreh as the guest speaker. Lefty has been our guest at several past meetings including key anniversaries and we are happy to have his company once again. Because of ongoing renovation work at the Westwood Racquet Club, this meeting will be held at a different venue. The dinner will be held at 'The Place at Innsbrook'; directions are on our club web site and we will also print them in the September 'Singing Reel'. Be sure to mark you calendar for September 19<sup>th</sup> and be sure to attend this special event in our clubs history!

### Revised FFV Web Site

Be sure to check out the revised FFV World Wide Web site. The address is [www.flyfishersofva.org](http://www.flyfishersofva.org). All our club dinners and fishing trips are listed as well as club related news and links to interesting fly fishing and conservation oriented web sites.

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