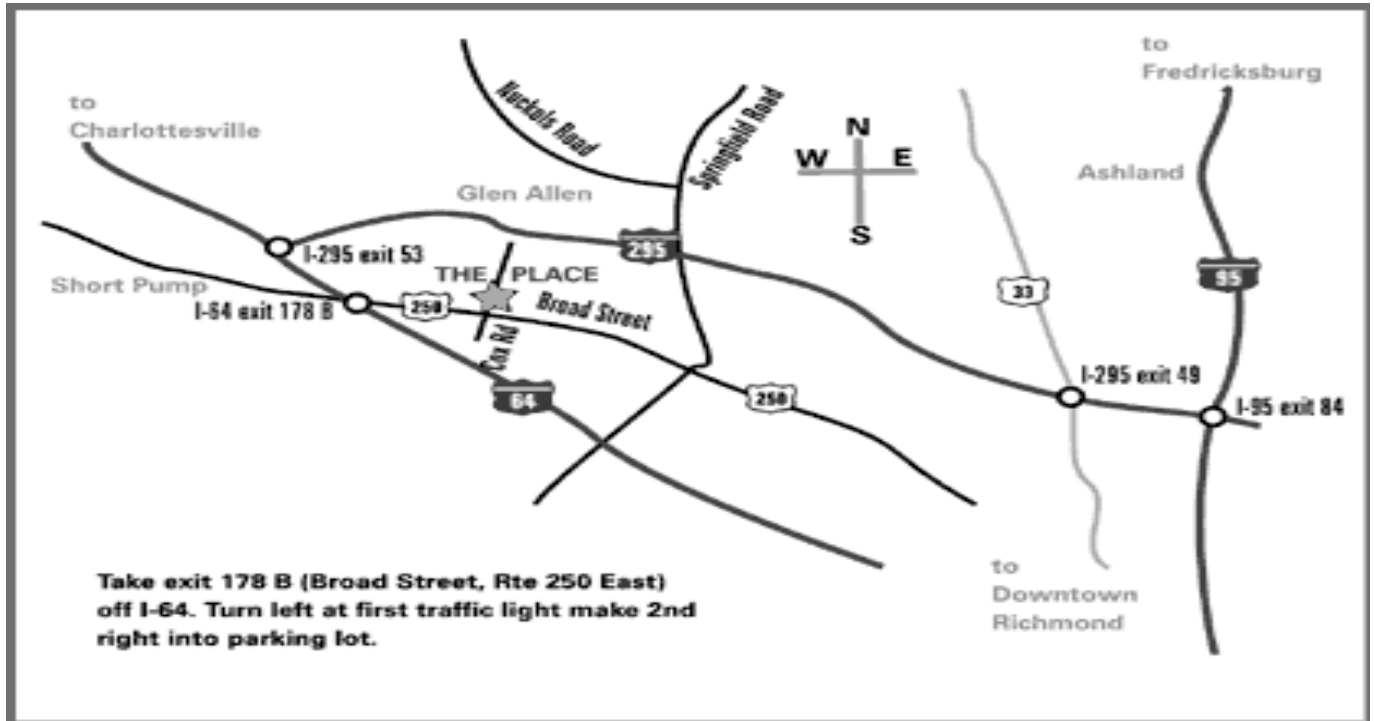


The Singing Reel



Lefty Kreh Casting Clinic

Our speaker for this month's 20th Anniversary Dinner, Lefty Kreh, has volunteered to hold an informal 'casting clinic' prior to our dinner. This clinic will take place Thursday September 19th from 3:30 till approximately 5:00 PM. Participation is limited to 12 individuals. Due to probable high demand for this event, the process for registration is as follows. If you are interested in attending this clinic, please send a check for \$40 to Doug Walden, 11909 Carters Valley Terrace, Chesterfield, VA 23838-3054. The first 12 checks with the earliest post office marks will be selected to attend. After I have received the checks I will call you and let you know the location of the clinic. Any checks received that do not meet the cutoff will be returned. In the case of rain, we will try to make alternate accommodations or, if not possible, refunds will be available. Advance phone reservations will not be accepted.

CONSERVATION NEWS

By Richard Roadcap

A bond referendum will be on the ballot Election Day, November 5, 2002. Virginia voters will be asked to approve the issuance of \$119 million in bonds for Virginia Parks and Natural Areas. Of this amount up to \$36.5 million will be used to purchase land for new and existing state parks and natural areas. Virginia ranks near the bottom of the 50 states in terms of per capita spending on state parks and recreation areas. Let's go to the polls November 5 and support this important measure.

If you're like me, you're on everybody's mailing list, and sometimes you get inundated with promotions for a lot of different organizations. The internet can a good way to keep up with news about conservation without subscribing to a lot of magazines or relying on the local paper. Some suggested websites might be:

National Wildlife Federation: (www.nwf.org) a good source of news about national and international issues.

Izaak Walton League of America: (www.iwla.org) a national organization with local chapters in most states. They focus on stream and wetland conservation with a emphasis on local projects.

Coastal Conservation Association: (www.ccavirginia.org) news about Virginia's saltwater fishing and efforts to conserve marine resources both in-state and the east coast.

The Roanoke Times: (www.billcochran.com) long-time outdoor columnist Bill Cochran has a great review of hunting, fishing and conservation news from around the state.

Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries: (www.dgif.state.va.us) last but not least, the Game Department site has lots of information, news, references, and the "Shad Cam" in season.

The FFV board of directors is asking for nominations for the 2003 Taylor F. Turner, Jr. Conservation Award. If you have someone in mind, contact any board member with your recommendation.