



TROUTLINE

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022

CALENDAR

Next Meeting
3 February
7:30pm on Zoom

The Chapter Meeting will be hosted on Zoom at 7:30 pm starting with our guest speaker and followed by Chapter business. To participate in the meetings you must register. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing instructions and the confirmation number needed to join the meeting. See the website for the Zoom link.

January

January

7:30 No Member Meeting

13 January

7:30 Virtual Board Meeting

February

3 February

7:30 Virtual Member Meeting

10 February

7:30 Virtual Board Meeting

March

3 March

7:30 Virtual Member Meeting

10 March

7:30 Virtual Board Meeting

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



Happy New Year to all!

While we were not able to hold many of our events in 2021 and were constrained doing others, there were some positives. We learned that having our monthly membership meetings on Zoom allows for more members to take part and allows for a broader

pool of possible speakers, it can be someone from anywhere in the world with an internet connection. It also encouraged us to work on our digital applications.

The events we did hold included: a BSA Merit Badge Program, Our 2 Fly Tournament, participation in the decennial Virginia Trout Stream Sensitivity Study with UVA, helping with Kids Fishing Days in several of our towns, restarting our Fish With A Member (FWAM) trips, Trout In the Classroom (TIC) in some of the schools, working with our partners from the Adams County Chapter on the restoration of Conewago Creek, an education program with Thomas Jefferson High School for Science, the release party at Crooked Run Fermentation, a Fortieth Anniversary event at Double Spur Outfitters which included lunch for all, and group trips to Mossy Creek.

In 2022 we plan to hold most of those events, and we want to add some in person events similar to the Family Fishing Day we held two years ago. We plan to do some river clean ups and possibly removal of invasive growth from some local streams.

Our friends at Crooked Run plan to brew two batches of Let It Fly Lager this year, so there will be two release parties.

Last year several of our chapter members were recognized by the Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited for their achievements.

- * Rob Cain and Chris Rich organized and handled the NVATU involvement with the Virginia Trout Stream Sensitivity Study, lining up two dozen volunteers, instructing them on the process, giving out the supplies, collecting the samples and getting the samples to the experts at UVA.
- * Daniel Lazenby set us up with Zoom, scheduling, hosting, and providing data analysis of the meetings. Also, he set up our new Google Workspace for Non-Profits which will transform the way the chapter conducts business.
- * Gregg Rockett was recognized for his diligent work on and use of the chapter's Constant Contact account, ensuring accurate member data and timely chapter communications.
- * Bill Errico received the Youth Education Award for his tireless work on the BSA Merit Badge Program and Scout University.

With the new programs we are starting and due to some retirements, we will be asking for volunteers. See the help wanted section for details. Please consider helping.

Thank you to those who have donated to our end of year fundraising and if you have not yet donated, please consider doing so.

-- Tony Hill

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

In March, the chapter will hold elections during the general membership meeting. Up for reelection this cycle are two board positions: Terry Lowe and Suzanne Malone. Additionally, the chapter will vote on new board member nominations. If you are interested in serving on the board send an email to: pres-vicepres@novatu.org.

NEW MEMBERS

September 2021		October 2021		November 2021	
Kevin Beach	Leesburg	George Bagnall	Arlington	David Anderson	Arlington
Christopher Howell	Alexandria	Andrew Boyd	Arlington	Heather Anderson	Arlington
David Moore	Vienna	Tracy Campfield	Arlington	Daniel Avedesian	Arlington
Wesley Pendergist	McLean	Scott Dueweke	Leesburg	John Baer	Arlington
Kelly Roberson	Alexandria	William Garrahan	Alexandria	Judy Branting	Alexandria
Donald Treadwell	Lovttsville	Edward Hanley	Reston	Luke Coffey	Woodbridge
Christopher Buchen	Fairfax	Emil Kobylarz	Sterling	Jesse Gigler	Fairfax
Dylan Hitt	Arlington	Grace Liu	Alexandria	Mary Heilman	Fairfax
Kenisha Houston	Arlington	Kirk Miller	Clifton	Eriksen Johansen	Falls Church
Lisa McKenna	Arlington	Josh Piemme	Centreville	Matt Johnson	Lovettsville
Michael Milano	Alexandria	Matthew Self	Alexandria	Todd Jones	Fairfax
Charles Rowe	Great Falls	Ken Slattery	Annandale	Chelsea Miller	Fairfax
Robert Sabo	Arlington	Sean Wargo	Falls Church	Graham Wood	Alexandria
		Joshua Wenger	Herndon	Robert Woods	Chantilly
		Jonathan York	Springfield	Ricardo Zuniga	Annandale

FISH WITH A MEMBER

JANUARY

No FWM Trip in January

FEBRUARY

Conway — Virginia

When: Saturday, February 5

Depart: 8:00 a.m.

Return: Whenever

Meet: Starbucks at 12957 Fair Lakes Shopping Center, Fairfax, VA 22033

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This trip requires a vehicle with good road clearance as it entails a rough road.

Since you will be on the east slope of the mountains, the sun will dip behind the mountain by midafternoon and leave you in the shade an hour or two before it actually sets. The nicest part of the day will be late morning and the early afternoon. Ordinarily bright sun spooks the fish but brookies start moving more after the sun warms the streambed.

As usual on our mountain streams, light rods and hip boots will suffice. If you prefer waders, that's fine, and they allow you to sit on wet rocks while keeping your backside

dry and free of moss. Make sure the waders do not restrict your ability to move around. I prefer waist high waders for those reasons. Since the terrain is steep, the less stuff you carry, the less fatigued you will become. A gravel road parallels the Conway for most of the stretch you will be fishing so it will be possible to return to your vehicle to warm up or have lunch.

A floating line and a leader tapered to around 5X are all you should need. Water temperature will most likely be somewhere in the thirties. The quarry is native brook trout, but there are browns in the Conway.

The little winter stoneflies could be about, and you could run into a few midges. It's a little early for the slightly larger brown stonefly. A warm day may see a few terrestrials about, but numbers will be sparse, but a black ant imitation sometimes works, possibly because trout mistake them for little black stoneflies. Most trout food will be beneath the surface. There won't be enough



of it to make the fish selective, so you can have fun with your favorite underwater patterns. The colder the water, the less effort the fish will be willing to expend to strike your fly. Short line nymphing, slow and near the bottom, will most likely be the order of the day. If you are lucky enough to see a fish rise, that fish will also be unlikely to be selective. An attractor dry like a Patriot or Royal Wulff, or a #18 Adams to imitate blue winged olives should be fine. If you can't interest the fish in your fly, change it; but changing size, usually to a smaller size, may be more effective than changing patterns.

-- George Paine

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

JANUARY SPEAKER

No membership meeting in January. Time for tying flies!

FEBRUARY SPEAKER



Fly Fishing Montana

Brian Neilsen, Executive Committee Chairman, Montana TU, will describe the fishing scene in Montana.

<https://montanatu.org/who-we-are/>

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. As before, registration information will be sent to all members.

FLY OF THE MONTH [FLY RECIPES AND PHOTOS BY JOHN HADLEY]

January: Scud/Sow Bug



Originator: Unknown, but is used with success on western streams.

In the continuing fly tying techniques and materials series lets tie the Scud/Sow Bug fly. Often called the “Ray

Charles” fly as even a blind man could catch a fish with this fly.

Techniques and materials to be learned:

- * Attaching the flash back material to the hook
- * Selecting, preparing, and tying in Ostrich Herl
- * Using ostrich herl to form the body
- * Using Flashabou, large pearl tinsel, Mirage sheet or xx wrapping film for shellback
- * Using red thread to make a head and whip finish

Recipe:

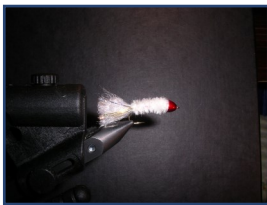
Hook: Any nymph or wet fly hook size 12 to 22
Thread: Red 6/0
Body: Ostrich Herl, one to four strands depending on hook size, various colors
Wingcase: Flashabou, large pearl tinsel, Mirage sheet or xx wrapping film for shellback
Head: Red Thread, whip finish

Fishing Tips:

I once saw a local fisherman on Big Springs, PA, just cast and let

a scud fly settle to the bottom on a relatively clear patch of sandy bottom so that nearby fish we could see swimming along in the feeding lane would see it. When he saw a big rainbow trout approach the scud fly he got ready, waited until the trout opened his mouth, then as soon as the trout sucked up the fly he set the hook, landed and then released a nice big rainbow trout.

February: Shad Dart



Originator: Newell Steele, Angler’s Lie. Newell showed me this fly when I first went on a NVATU chapter’s “Fish with a Member” trip for Shad on the Rappahannock River several years ago and I caught lots of Shad with this fly.

It is an easy, simple and fast fly to tie. It can be tied with white or any other color chenille. A

good fly for beginner fly tiers.

Techniques and materials to be learned:

- * Attach a cone head
- * Use slinky fiber and holographic fiber for a tail
- * Attach various color chenille bodies

Shad Dart Recipe:

Hook: TMC 3769, TMC 3761 (Sproat Bend), Orvis 122J or any 2X Long hook
Thread: White 3/0 or 6/0, some use mono-thread
Head: Red Cone 3/16” or ¼” inch. Or use other colors: brass, pink

Tail: White Slinky Fiber, craft fur or other synthetic fiber Silver/Gold Holographic Fly Fiber – four to eight strands on each side, Optional: Flashabo or Krystal Flash)
Body: Pearl/White Speckled Chenille or other colors: light green

Fishing Tip:

I start with the original white Shad Dart but if it is not working I try another color. In my limited Shad fishing experience, I’ve found Shad fishing is best in the early morning, late afternoon or on a cloudy day and worse on a bright sunny day. Cast out about

45 degrees out from straight down stream and let the fly sink and drift to dead downstream then strip in the line. Add a few yards with following casts, and then add weight to get deeper if necessary. In wadable water I fish with a floating line and a sinking tippet. From a boat, in deeper water, I fish with a sinking line. The fish run in schools so if fishing from an anchored boat and other boats are catching fish but you aren’t you need to up anchor, move a few yards to one side or the other, and try again until you get over a school and start catching fish. I like using a seven weight rod the best.

HELP WANTED

BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE COORDINATOR

NVATU has been conducting Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge events for over 15 years. The program was initiated by Suzanne Malone and the baton was passed to Bill Errico in 2013. This successful program has not only provided the opportunity for scouts to fulfill the requirements for the Boy Scout Fly Fishing Merit Badge, but it has also taught dozens of young men and women the importance of conservation to the sport and environment. Scouts not only discover the experience of fly fishing but also learn the fundamental skills and responsibilities that will enable them to enjoy the sport and become responsible fishermen.

NVATU is seeking a coordinator for the Merit Badge Program. Bill is stepping down after eight years of service but will be available to guide and coach the new coordinator. The coordinator is responsible for scheduling events, organizing the activities and volunteers, and supervising the actual events. It is anticipated that there will be around four activities each year, but that number will vary. The groundwork for this activity is well established. NVATU has equipment, locations, volunteers, and contacts with Boy Scouts of America. The coordinator will have to become certified by BSA to offer an approved merit badge program. This activity has been a significant personal reward to the members who participated and has been well received by the scout troops involved.

STREAM GIRLS COORDINATOR

This coming spring, in June, NVATU Education is planning to initiate a Stream Girls program targeted primarily at Cadet level girl scouts. Stream Girls, www.tu.org/streamgirls, is sponsored by Trout Unlimited on a national basis. There are ongoing activities in many parts of the country including Washington, Colorado, and Pennsylvania. However, NVATU will be the first chapter to offer this activity in the Northern Virginia area.

The program spans one or two days and is held in a venue that supports fly tying, fly casting, macroinvertebrate identification, fly fishing, and educational activities where scouts interact with the urban stream environment. Scouts receive a workbook which they must complete during the event to receive a patch for their sash.

Stream Girls enables scouts not only to learn about the importance of conservation of our local stream habitats but also to experience fly fishing by learning the fundamental skills and responsibilities that will enable them to enjoy the sport and become responsible fishermen.

NVATU is seeking volunteers to help with this program and is also looking for a coordinator to handle the event logistics. The coordinator is responsible for scheduling events, organizing the activities and volunteers, and supervising the actual events. It is anticipated that there will be around two activities each year, but that number may vary. The groundwork for this activity is well established by Trout Unlimited. NVATU has equipment, possible locations, potential volunteers, and contacts with Girl Scout troops. The coordinator will have access to coordinators for other chapter Stream Girl activities and can tap their considerable experience.

MERCHANDISE / MARKETING MANAGER

The Chapter is looking for an enterprising individual to take on the role of managing and marketing the Chapter's merchandise. This role plays a key part in promoting the Chapter and is a positive source of revenue. This role does not require an extensive amount of time to execute. Responsibilities include maintaining custody of the Chapter merchandise, maintaining an accurate and up-to-date inventory of all items and associated values, providing merchandise for sale at monthly meetings, events, direct purchase, and web (future), procuring merchandise (e.g., Chapter logo items), coordinating with the treasurer for billing, payments, and purchases, and reporting the value of fiscal inventory levels for Chapter year-end reporting. Taking on this role is practically turnkey.

BUG COUNTERS

A critical component of NVATU's education program is assessing the health of our local streams. One approach to this assessment is macroinvertebrate sampling that is typically done twice each year. Whether you are a biologist with macroinvertebrate knowledge or a Flyfisher interested in knowing what that fly at the end of your line is supposed to imitate, please join us as a volunteer and we will help you learn about the creatures in our streams and assist you in becoming certified. Your involvement is essential to the success of our data collection in support of our youth education programs.

NVATU hopes that you will consider stepping up to support these important program. For more information, or if you wish to volunteer for the Boy Scout Coordinator, Stream Girls Coordinator, or to become a Bug Counter, please contact Bob Parker at bparker@nvatu.org. If you are interested in the Merchandise/Marketing position, you can contact Scott Allen at sallen@novatu.org to discuss details.



FISHING FESTIVALS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Even though it's cold and cloudy, before you know it ... Spring weather will be in the air and local Northern Virginia Municipalities will be sponsoring Fishing Festivals for their citizens and especially for their youngsters during the months of March and April.

Over the past years, the Northern Virginia Trout Unlimited (NVATU) has provided support for each of these Fishing Festivals. The support consists of manning a table at each location to provide fish cleaning services and distributing Trout Unlimited brochures and information. The chapter also provides "Stream Walkers," who travel up and down the stocked waters to help amateurs get their rigs in the water, bait hooks, net catches, untangle rig birds' nests, pull rigs out of trees, and generally provide expert help.

Our volunteers assume the rank "Master Fisher Person," and are looked upon with awe by the citizen participants. Volunteers do require a modicum of diplomatic skill to persuade ambitious amateur anglers that they don't really need a 12-foot surf rod to fish a seven-foot-wide stream; that a size four hook may be just a little too big for a 12-inch rainbow, and that an overly excited child can't really eat a creek chub at home.

Volunteering for these Municipal Fishing Festivals is actually a lot of fun. Volunteers leave with a sense of pride, a renewed hope in the younger generation. The local Fishing Festivals have become so popular that they are expanding each and every year to new

locations. Last year, volunteers were stretched so thin that we actually missed participating in one of the festivals.

If you want to have some fun and help spread the pleasure and enjoyment of fishing to new people, please consider volunteering. The only equipment volunteers need is a pair of boots, a small knife, some nippers, and knowledge of the clinch knot.

Dates are:

- **March 19: Herndon**
- **March 26: Vienna & Reston**
- **April 16: Fairfax City**

Please contact George Paine at 703-860-0862 (ppafish@hotmail.com) or John Davey at 703-281-5293 (jr.davey@verizon.net) to indicate an interest in these worthwhile efforts.

Stocking volunteers will also be needed a day or two in advance of the events.

Also, check the website calendar <https://www.novatu.org/calendar> for details as we get closer.

-- George Paine

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM VIRGINIA STATE RESOURCE JOB

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) offers students of all ages a chance to raise Salmonids in a classroom setting and then release them into a nearby stream or river. Caring for the fish fosters a conservation ethic in the students, and the act of walking to a streambank and directly releasing the fingerlings into the water makes a concrete connection between caring for the fish and caring for the water.

The tasks that are currently being performed by the acting coordinator are not time consuming and mainly involve computer work. The main tasks are:

1. Maintain a list of Chapter TU contacts
2. Using the Chapter contacts, gather information and maintain a spreadsheet of statewide TIC participation
3. Share the spreadsheet with DWR so they can develop a statewide release permit, and send the permit to all chapter contacts
4. Respond to requests for TIC information that are received through the VCTU web page.

Following are some details about each task.

1. Email the Chapter contacts in August to update. Most remain the same from year to year.
2. Gather information on TIC participation in the fall and after the New Year. Chapters send me their spreadsheets or sometimes just an email with their participation. I collect the name and address of each school, the teacher in charge, and their trout release site and enter it on our Master Spreadsheet. Most Chapters raise Brook Trout. The eggs are usually ready by early October, so those chapters pretty much know their participations by October. A few Chapters in SW Virginia raise Brown or Rainbow Trout and start later and will not

have their participation finalized until after the New Year. There is only a little turnover from year to year so maintaining the Master Spreadsheet involves deleting a few schools and adding a few for most chapters. The only issue that arises occasionally is that some chapters are slow to respond.

3. Have the Master Spreadsheet complete by the end of February. Forward it to Jason Hallacher and Steve Reeser. They review it and share it with the fish biologists in the trout regions. Steve prepares a Statewide release permit that is distributed to the Chapter contacts to share with their teachers.

Another purpose of the Master Spreadsheet is to serve as a record of our TIC teachers having wildlife in the classroom. Teachers may or may not know that DWR requires teachers to have a permit for keeping wildlife in the classroom. By maintaining the spreadsheet and sharing it with DWR, our teachers are exempt from filing the forms.

4. I am listed on the VCTU website as a contact for TIC information. I only receive about a dozen requests from teachers each year, mostly during the summer. I send them a generic response that I copy to the appropriate chapter contact. The teachers are advised to contact their local chapter for the status of the program in their area. If there is no chapter in their area, I suggest they contact the Education folks at DWR for the availability of other programs.



If you have questions about what this position involves, please contact Chuck Hoysa—the acting coordinator—who will assist during a one-year transition period (choysa1@comcast.net). If are interested in serving as the

TIC resource person—please contact Jim Wilson—the VA Council Chair—via email: jhw210@juno.com.

October 6, Conewago Creek Stocking

Members of the NVATU and the Adams County, PA chapters of Trout Unlimited (ACTU) teamed up for a “float stocking” event on 6 October 2021 celebrating our 39th year of mutual friendship, conservation, and enjoyment of fly fishing. The team stocked over three hundred 12” rainbow and about a dozen 16” trophy class browns in the “fly fishing only” section of the Conewago Creek near Gettysburg, PA. Trout were provided by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

NVATU chapter members Konrad, Don, Zac, and Bob met ACTU members Dave Swope, Frank Kozak and Ed McGlaughlin at the Bowling Alley at 08:00, then moved to the Apple Bin Restaurant to talk about plans for the day and to catch up on local news. Carl was waiting at the Apple Bin when the balance of the team arrived at about 08:15. After breakfast, Dave Swope took the team up to one of the local fish hatcheries to see an operating hatchery and to educate volunteers on the practices of growing trout to stocking age.

After the hatchery tour, the team visited the Knouse Foods acquisition property of 58 acres that is in the final phase of purchasing and preserving in perpetuity. Once this purchase is completed it will join contiguous parcels of land along the Conewago. The conjoined properties will then be owned by the PA Boat and Fish Commission and managed in cooperation with ACTU. Future plans include addition of an entry road and parking lot just upstream of Gladys Pavilion (near the mid-point of the fly-fishing section of Conewago Creek) to make access easier and to reduce the need to use the Bowling Alley parking lot as the only access parking.

After the tour of the hatchery and property, the team moved to the Russell Tavern Bridge and were met by seven members of ACTU plus Russ Short of NVATU. The stocking truck arrived at about 11:30 and the NVATU team moved to the creek for a quick orientation then manned the float stocking boxes. Volunteers from ACTU handed large nets full of trout down-slope to the teams and boxes already in the creek. Once loaded, Frank Kozak of ACTU led the NVATU float stockers downstream in the stocking operation with two volunteers assigned per box with Carl Jordan taking pictures.

Conditions on the stream: 62-degree F water temperature; 70 to 75-degree air temperature, slightly low water, good current flow through the stocking area with numerous habitat improvement devices, deep pools, and riffles.

Though water was slightly low on Conewago Creek, wading was easy, and the stocking operation provided a perfect venue for learning about the creek. Frank Kozak talked about changes in the habitat over the years and pointed out holes where larger trout were likely to be found. Frank described the aeration devices that, while posing obstacles to easy stocking, provided improved habitat for trout, and added to the aesthetic appeal of the stream. The woods had not yet taken-on fall colors, but the entire fly-fishing stretch of the Conewago was beautiful, with easily accessible entry-exit points along the course to accommodate fishing.

Stocking of 300 rainbow trout and a dozen or so large brown trout took about 3 hours, with the float stocking teams dipping out trout in approximately equal numbers from the fly-fishing cable below Russell Tavern Bridge at to the take-out point just upstream from the Biglerville Road Bridge. After the stocking operation, participants gathered in the Bowling Alley parking lot for after action

comments, with several members grouping for lunch in Biglerville.



Pictured during the float stocking are Don Grattan and Bob Krieger, (Bob is the NVATU Conewago Project Coordinator). Manning the second float box are ACTU founding member Dean Simpson and NVATU member Russ Short. NVATU members Konrad Wessel and Zac Smith are releasing trout from the 3rd float box. The 300+ fish were evenly distributed along the 1.1 mile length of the stream. Not pictured were Carl Jordan from NVATU plus Dave Swope and Frank Kozak from ACTU

-- Bob Krieger



Trout Stocking Crew



Jim Wilson, NVATU accepts the engraved knife from Bob Kreiger NVATU for catching and releasing the largest trout on the Conewago Creek during the 2nd outing of "Fishing with Partners". Bill Errico looks on. Frank Kozak ACTU caught the most trout that day.

November 19, Accotink Creek Stocking

Volunteerism is an important part of the NVATU chapter. Thanks to Peter Cary for orchestrating support for the DWR stocking of Accotink Creek on Thursday, November 19 and to the 10+ members that assisted. Please email the chapter at contact@novatu.org if interested in participating in future stocking events.

-- Gregg Rockett



Trout, fresh from the farm



Trout Stocking Crew

Want to know more about Virginia trout stocking...

Virginia contains over 3,500 miles of trout streams, in addition to numerous ponds, small lakes and reservoirs. The total includes over 2,900 miles of wild trout streams and about 600 miles of water inhabited with stocked trout. Virginia's diversified trout habitat offers a wide range of trout fishing opportunities. For more details go to: <https://dwr.virginia.gov/fishing/trout/>

NVATU Education - Thomas Jefferson High School field event

In late September, NVATU with support from Fairfax County Soil and Water Conservation District hosted a student field trip at Indian Run Stream. The goal of the field trip was to supplement the students' biology curriculum with hands-on exposure to the ecological environment of a local stream. Emphasis was placed on the challenges facing our local urban streams and on the importance of improving and protecting these environments. Students were also told about TU programs and volunteer opportunities in our local area.



Students visited the stream in four groups of 80 students each. While at the stream, students were organized into small groups each responsible for a different environmental or chemical test. Students also visited the NVATU

as well as the Fairfax County Soil and Water Conservation District. The NVATU education program will not only work with local schools to complement their academic curriculum with practical outdoor laboratory experiences but will also work with youth organizations such as the girl scouts through the TU Streams Girls program, the boy scouts through the merit badge program, or after-school conservation or environmental clubs.



NVATU's goal is to make youth aware of the environmental challenges facing our urban stream and then to engage them in follow-on education and conservation activities. To accomplish this goal NVATU needs active chapter volunteers. To volunteer, or if you have any questions about the NVATU education program please contact bparker@novatu.org

-- Bob Parker

macroinvertebrate sampling table where they learned to identify bugs and to process the bug population and species data to create a biological score for the health of the stream. This biological score combined with the results of chemical testing provides a comprehensive snapshot of the health of the stream. This field event is a prototype for future NVATU youth education activities in collaboration with Izaak Walton League, Save Our Streams program

Let It Fly Lager Collaboration with Crooked Run Fermentation a Huge Success!

On October 19th, Scott, Jay, and Tony met with Lee, McKinnen, and Zak to pick up a check for \$633, the proceeds from sales of “Let It Fly” lager. Thanks to everyone that purchased the beer and participated in the release party.

Keep an eye out for more events at Crooked Run Fermentation, including a re-release of the lager in the Spring.

--Scott Allen



Show your TU Membership Card to receive 15% off Beer and Merchandise at both Crooked Run Locations

Trout in the Classroom Recovers!

After dropping to 8 tanks last year, TIC schools in our region recovered to host 25 tanks this Fall. Bob Parker, John Davey and Jim Galvin met with me in Centreville to collect and disburse brook trout eggs to eager teachers and excited students. The school at the Fairfax Juvenile Detention Center joined our roster after your board voted to fund the program led by a TIC experienced teacher from California.

In the Spring, we'll meet many of the classes on streams in the Piedmont and GW National Forest to release the fry.

-- George Paine

WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT

At this time of year, many of you are doing your end of year financial planning, please consider a donation to the Northern Virginia Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Your donation will support activities including: Trout In the Classroom, Youth Fishing Days, Stream Girls, Project Healing Waters, S.O.S. Education Programs, Casting For Recovery, Scout Merit Badge Programs, The Mayfly Project, Family Fishing Day, Conewago Creek and several other projects we are starting.

You can donate through the chapter website www.novatu.org, hit the menu at the upper right hand corner, then Support / Store. You can use a credit card through PayPal, we also now utilize Zelle, or you can mail a check to Northern Virginia Trout Unlimited P.O. Box 3592, Oakton, VA 22124.

All donations will be acknowledged with a letter showing we are a 501(C)(3) not for profit organization.

Shop with Amazon Smile and support the Chapter!

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. By choosing “Trout Unlimited, Northern Virginia Chapter” there is no extra cost to you, and you support the Chapter’s conservation, education, and community programs.



To donate to NVATU via Amazon Smile, complete the following steps:

1. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>
2. Log into your Amazon account
3. Select “Trout Unlimited, Northern Virginia Chapter”
4. Shop and earn money for NVATU
5. Share with your friends and family who use Amazon.

Thank you to the 33 participating members.

Your purchases have raised over \$300 for the Chapter!

Merchandise Clearance

The chapter has a few items remaining from the recent clearance sale. If you are interested in an item or items, please email: merchandise@novatu.org with your selections. Stock and sizes are limited to what is listed.

- * Men’s Polo, Dark Blue, (2XL); Men’s Polo, White (2XL)
- * Women’s Polo, Black (XL), Women’s Polo, Purple (LG), Women’s Polo, Sky Blue (LG), Women’s Polo, Sky Blue (MD), Women’s Polo, Sky Blue (SM)
- * Button Down Oxford, Blue (2XL), Button Down Oxford, Blue (MD), Button Down Oxford, White (2XL), Button Down Oxford, White (MD)
- * Eddie Baur Fishing Shirt, White (2XL)
- * Pink Baseball Caps (two)

NVATU Supports Casting For Recovery

NVATU has had a long-standing partnership with Casting for Recover. Each year we provide River Helpers at the annual retreats with the Mid Atlantic Chapter. Deb Fagan, Mid Atlantic Coordinator invited us to participate at the event taking place at the Antietam Creek in Boonsboro's Devils Backbone Park. Bill Errico represented our TU Chapter.

Casting for Recovery (CFR) provides healing outdoor retreats for women with breast cancer, at no cost to the participants. CFR's retreats offer opportunities for women to find inspiration, discover renewed energy for life, and experience healing connections with other women and nature. The retreats are open to women with breast cancer of all ages, in all stages of treatment and recovery. For over 25 years, women from all walks of life have benefitted from CFR's inspiring program model.



--Bill Errico



Jennifer C. Cochran & Bill Errico

US Youth Fly Fishing Team Member: Justin Hardie

Congratulations Justin Hardie for being awarded a spot on the US Youth Fly Fishing Team. Justin is very honored to have earned his spot on the team of only 10 youth from across the US. Justin will be representing the US in fly fishing over the next several years as a member of this team. Please congratulate your fellow chapter member!

You can check out Justin on his YouTube Fly Fishing Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmKvSwdOna1450eqIn1Gzgg>

Chapter Presents Jay Lovering with Gifts of Appreciation for his 40 years of Service

On October 19th, 2021, Tony and Scott met with Jay to present him with a few gifts of appreciation for his 40 years of contributions to the Chapter. Pictured you can see 1) an American flag the was flown over the capital, 2) a handcrafted shelf, in the shape of a drift boat, 3) a hand turned pen, with brass fittings depicting a fly fisher, in a presentation case, and 4) a Wheatley fly box containing samples of Jay's favorite fly: the Trout Magnet. Jay was deeply touched by gifts, and he looks forward to many more years of support to the Chapter as the "Ex-Officio President for life".

-- Scott Allen



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Ken Baily on the Mo, Craig MT



Jay, ever the vigilant supervisor



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