



TROUTLINE

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

MARCH/APRIL 2022

CALENDAR

Next Meeting
3 March
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.

March

3 March
 7:30 Virtual Member Meeting
10 March
 7:30 Virtual Board Meeting

April

7 April
 7:30 Virtual Member Meeting
14 April
 7:30 Virtual Board Meeting

May

5 May
 7:30 Virtual Member Meeting
12 May
 7:30 Virtual Board Meeting

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



Since there haven't been many fishing opportunities this colder than usual winter, I have been spending more time taking advantage of the information that comes from TU National, both online and in Trout Magazine. Whether it's participating in webinars,

watching recorded presentations, reading the member's Forum or learning things in The Tackle Box section of the TU National website.

The winter is of course the time to refill my fly boxes, trying new patterns or tying old faithful ones. I hope many of you have followed John Hadley's "Fly of the Month" in the newsletter and tried those patterns.

Board member Bill Errico is stepping down after many years as a chapter leader. Bill ran our Merit Badge Program, overseeing all facets from finding locations, lining up volunteers, getting material and equipment donated and taking part in the instruction. Bill also volunteered at river restoration projects including the

Conewago and Big Spring. Bill stepped up when volunteers were needed for kids' fishing days, Casting for Recovery or to help man a table at events where the chapter had a presence. Bill was constantly looking for ways to help push the chapter's message and for opportunities for fundraising. Bill always stood up for any opportunity to help veterans as befitting a proud 11B. He will be around to give advice and occasionally fish, but we will miss his leadership. I know he inspired others to volunteer and will continue to do so.

If you don't already, please follow us on Facebook and share your fishing tales and pictures.

A reminder that through the TU Service Partnership, free introductory memberships are available to current service members, veterans and first responders, including police, fire, and EMS.

I'm looking forward to our upcoming events, which you can read more about in the following pages and in the informative chapter email messages sent out by Carl Jordan or in the new calendar section of our website. Hope to see you at an event.

-- Tony Hill

NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

During the March Member Meeting the chapter will hold elections. Up for reelection this cycle are two board positions: Terry Lowe and Suzanne Malone. Both Terry and Suzanne have agreed to re-nomination. Bill Errico had decided to step down from his board position. If you are interested in becoming involved with the chapter leadership we will take nominations from the floor or you can send an email to: pres-vicepres@novatu.org.

NEW MEMBERS

December 2021

William Bisset	Arlington
Betsy A Cody	Arlington
Hilary Gladstone	Arlington
Peter Lord	Broadlands
Tyler Sluss	Arlington
Jessenia Stoch	Alexandria
James Zenyuh	Chantilly

January 2022

John Barthell	Alexandria
Ken Beltinck	Ashburn
Nathan Brookshire	Arlington
Bernard DuCharme	Annandale
Paul Gibson	Arlington
Drew Hammitt	Vienna
Matthew Hracho	Alexandria
Paul Jones	Arlington
Eric McPherson	Stafford
Michael Pobat	Reston
Patrick Zember	Reston

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

MARCH SPEAKER

Patuxent Riverkeeper



Fred Tutman, Patuxent Riverkeeper, will provide a description of the historical track of the movement to save the Patuxent that started in the 1950's and how the Save the Chesapeake Bay movement actually spun off from the Patuxent cause. Seventy years later the river gets a D- in water quality and its best-known champion and activist Senator Bernie Fowler passed away at the end of 2021 at aged 97. Meanwhile its Riverkeeper has been banished by the Governor from the State's Patuxent River Commission. What's the next for future of the Patuxent movement?

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

APRIL SPEAKER

Browne Academy's TIC Program

Eric March will talk about Browne Academy's TIC Program and their aquaponic setup. In November 2021, teachers Eric March and Kristen Oberhofer at Browne Academy in Alexandria presented at the National Science Teacher's Association conference in National Harbor, MD. "Plants from Fish Poop: Exploring Classroom Aquaponics and Raising Trout," to science teachers from all over the country.

Two years ago, Browne Academy started participating in the Trout In the Classroom program to complement its existing aquaponic setup. Students from kindergarten up to 8th grade used the tank to learn not only about the life cycle and stewardship of the trout themselves, but also other important scholastic concepts such as heat transfer, water chemistry, and art. Eric's presentation will focus on how Browne Academy originally set up its tank with help from NVATU and the curriculum connections that were made possible in the hopes of encouraging expansion of what Eric considers a tremendously beneficial program.



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

6TH NVATU 2-FLY TOURNAMENT

Mark your calendars for Saturday April 23rd! Double Spur Outfitters in Star Tannery, VA will be the site of our event on Cedar Creek. Last year as always there were lots of fish caught including several at 20". We expect to see the same this year.

We will have teams of two anglers, with beats assigned by random drawing, and will switch beats after lunch, which is provided by the chapter.

Benefits: Supports NVATU programs, *Project Healing Waters*, Kids Fly Fishing Camp, stream restorations, Merit Badge classes, *Casting for Recovery*, *Stream Girls*, *TU Service Partnership* and much more.

Rules: Use only two flies per angler, Points awarded for three measured fish, number of fish caught, not losing your two flies

Donation: \$250 per team of two anglers.
To Register Contact: Tony Hill thill@novatu.org M (914) 420-4311 Please reach out to fellow anglers and spread the word!



LET IT FLY SPRING EVENT

Northern Virginia Chapter Trout Unlimited Service Partner & Beer Release Event

Crooked Run Fermentation (Sterling)

Date: 19 March 2022
Time: 1:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Location: Crooked Run Fermentation (22455 Davis Dr #120, Sterling, VA 20164)
<https://www.crookedrunbrewing.com>



Members, Family, Friends, and Service Partners are invited to join the Northern Virginia Chapter for this special event!

On Friday, 18 March, things will kick off with the re-release of *Let It Fly Lager* by the crafters at Crooked Run Fermentation in Sterling. If you are so inclined, join Chapter members as we get a taste of this special brew.

On Saturday, 19 March, the chapter will have the Barrel Room and the adjacent outdoor space prepared for education, socialization, thirst quenching, eating.



This event will showcase the TU Service Partnership program which is designed to introduce our local first responders and military community, and their families, to the healing power of our waters, with a goal of thanking them for their service and engaging them in our Chapter activities.

We will have information about Trout Unlimited and Chapter activities as well as casting and fly-tying demonstrations.



In addition to special release of *Let It Fly Lager*, Crooked Run offers a wide selection of beers, seltzers, and wine (yes, wine!). The Chapter will receive a portion of the proceeds for sales of *Let It Fly Lager*, not just during this event but until all the beer is gone!

The food options at Crooked Run are Senor Ramon Taqueria (www.senorramon.com/) and Daybreak Kitchen and Biscuit (www.daybreakbiscuit.com/).

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

MARCH

Piney Branch - Virginia

When: March 2

Depart: 8 a.m.

Return: Whenever

Meet: Starbucks in Fair Lakes Shopping Center ([map](#))

Depending on the weather, we will go either the top or the bottom of the Piney.

The only license you need is a current Virginia license. The terrain can be steep at times, so pack light and bring water to keep you hydrated. Hip boots will be all you need to fish this stream. It will take few warm days to get the fish moving. If we get lucky, you may see some black winter stoneflies, and if trout are rising it is a good bet they are taking these small stoneflies. These small (size 18-20) flies can be fished behind a larger dry fly or piece of poly yarn. Both serve as a visual reference because you won't see be able to see the stonefly. If a fish rises in the vicinity of your fly, set the hook. Small parachute Adams work well even when fish aren't rising. Working upstream with short casts and keeping the slack out of your line works best. Try to keep the end of your fly line pointed upstream. If the line stops or moves upstream, lift your rod to set the hook. I would suggest trying an ant pattern like Orvis foam Look-Up ant in size 14 or smaller as the trout appear to mistake them for winter stoneflies. Another fly that works well is the green weenie, which imitates caddis larvae that are common in Park streams. Carry flies in several different sizes. A final tip to avoid getting lost on the return: stay on the [Piney Branch Trail](#), and don't turn onto the Piney Ridge Trail. Remember that fish live in "branches" but not on ridges!

-- George Paine

We have planned a number of Fish With a Member Trips for 2022, and we hope that many of you can make it to at least some of them during the year. These are good ways to find new places to fish. They also help to meet and stay in touch with other members, particularly since we have not held any in-person general membership meetings due to COVID since early 2020. Here is the list of what we have planned for this year.

Before each FWAM trip we will send out a Chapter Communication to give you an idea of the river we plan to fish, suggested flies, where to meet, etc. But sometimes things change, such as the weather or heavy seasonal flooding. So this list is not written in stone, but we have found in the past that we can generally stick to it pretty well.

APRIL

Rapidan River - Virginia

When: April 2

Depart: 8 a.m.

Return: Whenever

Meet: Starbucks in Fair Lakes Shopping Center ([map](#))

The first trip in April is to the Rapidan River. *If the road to the middle section is still in bad shape, we will fish the Rapidan/Staunton near Graves Mill near where the Rapidan leaves the Park.*

Make sure you have a current Virginia license, and remember this is a catch and release only stream. Spring is officially here so there should be plenty of bug life. We've had better precipitation this year and as a result park streams are up for the moment.

You should find a variety of medium, and even some larger bug hatches. You can always do well with a size 12 Quill Gordon, or a size 14 or 16 Mr. Rapidan, Blue Quill, or Royal Wulff. As for insects, look for ants --big Carpenter Ants. Don't know what it is about ants that make trout go nuts. If you like dry fly fishing, the ant is probably the easiest hatch to match. There is something about a splashy and voracious take on an ant that is addictive. Even, if nothing is rising, brookies will often hit a dry fly. If you nymph, a size 14 or 16 Hare's Ear, flash-back Pheasant Tail, and Prince nymphs, fished deep and allowed to tumble along the bottom, or a soft hackle fished on a swing will usually take fish.

Bring some water along because you will be doing quite a bit of hiking. Short rods, 5x or 6x tippets, and hip boots will be all you need to fish this stream. The terrain can be steep at times, so I suggest packing light and bringing some water to keep you hydrated. A backpack can slow you down, so if you can fit lunch and water in your vest or on your belt you'll be able to wade and fish more efficiently.

-- George Paine

Rose River - Virginia

When: Friday, April 8, 2022

Depart: 8:00 a.m.

Return: Whenever

Meet: Starbucks at Fair Lakes Shopping Center ([map](#))

This is a Friday trip.

This freestone stream runs through the Shenandoah National Park and wild Brook Trout are the target. We will be going to the lower park boundary. Please park as close to the park gate as you can. The landowner that shares this road has a bit of a temper and has been known to express himself freely with those he thinks are parking too close to his property. As always, be respectful of all landowners. Being a good fisherman means being a good neighbor as well. If you see some trash out it might earn you some points with him if you take the time to remove it. Carpooling also cuts down on the number of cars.

The Rose River is one of the streams that fall under the SNP Brown Trout removal program. In an attempt to return the Rose and other streams to pure Brook Trout streams, the SNP made it illegal to return any Brown Trout to the river. Any Brown over 7 inches must be harvested. Any Brown that is less than 7 inches must be discarded away from the stream and trails. There are still some ill feelings about this regulation, but as conservationist and sportspersons we don't pick and choose the rules we follow.

Recommend light rods and short leaders for this stream. A 7' 4-weight rod is more than enough. If you decide to use a longer rod, select one with a mid or full flex. This will allow you to load the rod with as little as 6-8" of fly line extended beyond the tip. With clear water use the finest tippet material you can see. Casts are generally short, calling for a rod that can roll cast well. Like many of the Park's streams, the Rose is mostly pocket water. A shorter leader, 5-6' long with 18-24" of tippet material, works well for the shorter casts and drifts. The stream is shallow enough in most places that you can get away with hip waders if you have them ordinarily, but we have higher water this year. You should see hatches of size #12 and #14 Quill Gordons and March Browns, and possibly some #14 and #16 olive caddis. Ants and beetles (especially Harry Murray's deer-hair or foam beetle) always do well. A #14, #16, or #18 Blue-Wing Olive, Mr. Rapidan, or "Wulff" dry-fly patterns work well. Elk Hair Caddis and small Stimulators can also be quite effective.

-- George Paine

FWAM Trips

Dates	Location
1/1/2022	No FWAM trip
2/5/2022	Conway River (VA)
3/5/2022	Piney Branch (VA)
4/2/2022	Rapidan River (VA)
Friday, April 8, 2022	Rose River (VA)
5/7/2022	Piney Branch (VA)
Friday, May 13, 2022	Rapidan (VA)
6/4/2022	Lower Rapidan/Staunton (VA)
7/2/2022	Rapidan (VA - Smallmouth)
8/6/2022	Rappahannock (VA)
9/3/2022	Rappahannock (VA)
10/1/2022	Little Stony Creek (VA) - Note: a national forest permit is required for anyone who must have a license, except for seniors who are 65 or older.
11/5/2022	Hughes River (VA)
12/3/2022	Robinson River (White Oak Canyon) VA

March: Turkey Flat Sulfur with orange Egg Case



A few years ago while fishing one of my favorite Shenandoah National Park (SNP) streams I noticed a hatch going on, that is I saw three or four mayflies at one time. I was able to grab one; it was a Sulfur Mayfly with an orange/red egg sack so I used a little red/orange salmon egg yarn to represent an egg laying sulfur. I split the turkey flat wings but you don't have to. I've had good luck with this fly while fishing for Brookies when I've seen two or more yellow mayflies on SNP streams in the spring, "That's a hatch on these streams".

Originator: I'm sure someone has tied this before, there is very little new under the sun and I just combined commonly used materials and tying techniques to represent what I observed.

Techniques to be learned:

- * Tying in hackle and/or microfibett tails
- * Dubbing an egg sack
- * Dubbing the body
- * Tying in and splitting turkey flat wings
- * Tying in and wrapping hackle
- * Whip finish head

Recipe:

Hook: TMC 100 #16-12 (any 1x dry fly hook)
 Thread: Yellow or white 6/0, 8/0
 Tail: Microfibetts or hackle: yellow or dun
 Wing: White Turkey Flat
 Butt: Red/Orange dubbing (salmon egg wool)
 Body: Superfine Pale Yellow
 Hackle: White, Dun, or Ginger

Tying Instructions:

First: Start by laying down a thread base on the hook shank from the eye to the bend. Wrap it tightly; see how tight you can wrap until the thread breaks. Tying convention is that all wraps are over the top (clockwise looking down the shaft from the eye) as this gives you the best view of material being applied to the shaft. Remember if you mess it up just unwrap and try again.

Second: Wrap a bump at the bend to help lift the tail hackles.

Third: Tie in the tail hackles, separating them on either side of the bump but still providing a little lift.

Fourth: Tie in the turkey flat wings about 1/3 of the length of the shaft from the eye, wing length should be 1 1/2 to twice the hook's gap. Tie the wings laid out facing forward. Bend the wings up and wrap thread in front of the wing until they stand straight up. Separate the turkey flats and wrap your thread three or four time around each bundle then spread the bundles apart crisscrossing the thread between them to keep them apart. Make wraps in front or behind the wings as necessary so that they stand vertical.

Fifth: Twist a "little" bit of orange/red yarn around your thread and wrap it around the shaft at the tail, don't make it two big.

Sixth: Twist the body dubbing on the tread. I

like to use a little dubbin wax on the thread "very sparely" and leave my fingers a little tacky; then wrap the dubbed thread up to the wings; leave just enough room to wrap the hackle behind the wing twice.

Seventh: Measure hackle (one to 1 1/2 hook gap but not higher than the wings); strip the hackle of webbed barbs; if it is a short hackle you can strip leaving webbing that is less than half the length of the barbs. Trim the length of the bare stem so that it will not extend to the eye when tied in. With the concave (dull) side of the hackle facing you tie in the hackle bare stem just forward of the wing (four wraps) with one or two thread wraps aft of the wing.

Eighth: Attach hackle pliers to the tip of the hackle if necessary and wrap the hackle with the concave side facing forward; two wraps behind the wing and four wraps in front of the wings; tie off the hackle and cut off the excess.

Ninth: Wrap a head and coat with head cement or clear nail polish.

Fishing technique:

Stay low and go slow on SNP or any small streams, cast to a likely spot in a pool, try for a soft landing or a puddle cast and let it drift. If your fly starts to drag,k lift and cast again to another spot. Observe the action of egg laying sulfurs; they generally just dip down and touch the water to lay some eggs then pop back up and dip down again, you may want to try to imitate that action but you risk spooking the fish with all that action of your fly line so guess it is a tradeoff of letting it drift or popping the fly around the pool like a real mayfly. Good Fishing!

NVATU Wants Your Pictures

Would you like to see a picture you have taken published in the TroutLine? The Chapter is looking to build a library of member photos.; we will keep the picture in a repository and may use it in our newsletter or other media. If you are not the only one in the picture or the picture is of someone else (not a minor) make sure you have permission to share the picture. Also, make sure to include caption data Make sure to include caption data (name, date, location, etc...). Send your photos to: media@novatu.org.

TU National Mail and Email

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April: Mr. Rapidan Parachute



It is time to restock my fly box with my favorite spring fishing fly for brook trout in the Shenandoah National Park streams and is good fly to learn how to tie any parachute pattern.

Originator: Harry Murray from Edinburg, VA. Designed through systematic trial and error to attract Brook Trout and is representative of a fair number of flies found in a Shenandoah National Park or any brook trout stream. Visit Harry Murray’s website and his fly shop/drugstore in Edinburg for the latest conditions on the Shenandoah Park Steams and nearby stocked streams. You can buy #34 Fly Rite “Quill Gordon/Brown Drake Yellow” dubbing at his store.

Techniques to be learned:

- * Tying in Moose Hair tails; precut, stack and glue butts to the lid of a medicine bottle to speed up tying
- * Dubbing the body
- * Tying in post of calf hair and other

materials

- * Tying in and wrapping parachute hackles and different ways of tying off the hackle
- * Using two half hitches to tie off the thread at the head

Recipe:

Hook: Standard Dry Fly, TMC 100 #12-16

Thread: Tan 6/0, or 8/0 for #16 if you wish

Tail: Moose body hair

Body: #34 Fly Rite “Quill Gordon/ Brown Drake Yellow” dubbing

Hackle: Grizzly and Brown, three wraps each, one size larger than the hook size

Wing/Post: Yellow calf tail (optional pink or other color synthetic material to improve visibility in various lighting conditions)

Tying Tips:

- * Wrap thread tightly to the hook shaft from the eye to the bend.
- * Moose hair tail should be about the length of the shaft. Many like a thick/heavy tail like some western fly patterns, others like a sparse tail like many eastern fly patterns.
- * Wing should be 1 ½ the hook gap. I recommend stacking the calf tail hair but you don’t have to; you can trim any extra long scraggly hair fibers if you want to. Make several wraps around the hair fibers to make a post that the hackle will be wound around.
- * Apply dubbing as thinly as you can to the thread. The body is usually rather thick so wrap dubbed thread up and down the shank a couple of time; tapered from the tail to the wings.

- * Hackle should be twice the hook gap (one size up on a hackle gage) I usually make four wraps of the heaviest hackle on first (grizzly hackle) and then four wraps of the lighter brown hackle; but you can wrap them together.

Fishing Tips:

I use size #14 and #16 flies, mostly in the spring when fishing for brook trout whether or not there is a hatch. Check the water level, normal or a little above normal is optimum. Best right after a rain so the water is a little turbid (not the normal crystal clear which gives the fish a better chance of seeing you). Cloudy days are best in the spring and early summer. Approach a pool slowly and keep low. Cast first to a big brook trout that may be lurking in a prime feeding lane at the lip of the pool. Next cast to the likely spots to the left and the right side of the pool, especially above large boulders, and then up to the head of the pool letting the fly drift through the entire pool. Talk to experienced small stream fishermen as to how to identify spots where brook trout are most likely to be found. In a small pool, especially in low water conditions, you may only get one or two casts before the trout are spooked. In a larger pool you may be able to hook a couple before they are spooked. Keep casting if you are getting strikes but when they get shy, don’t waste your time; just move onto the next pool. I’ll cast into likely skinny water spots between pools but it is more luck than skill to pick up a small fish here and there, but that’s better than just letting a possible hookup go by.

COMMUNITY—CONSERVATION—EDUCATION

FISHING FESTIVALS
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

A TU CONSERVATION SUCCESS,
40 YEARS IN THE MAKING: CONEWAGO CREEK 1982-2022

This year we celebrate forty years of Conewago Creek conservation partnership with the Adams County Trout Unlimited (ACTU) Chapter in Pennsylvania. Following our first twenty years of partnership, in 2002, Trout Unlimited National recognized the ACTU-NVATU partnership for our unique and exemplary interstate/interchapter partnership. This hasn't been just about fishing. It's been about conservation and partnership that started small and brought us - just weeks ago - to a tremendous conservation success for ACTU, NVATU, and the fly-fishing public.



During our Conewago Creek partnership, the chapters have installed an impressive number of conservation devices using volunteers from both chapters working with local businesses, and funded by regional grants, and private donations. Volunteers from our chapters worked side by side to optimize trout

habitat by deepening channels to improve aeration, shaping the streambed to improve cover, and planting trees to deepen the protective layer of canopy over the stream. There was a time when cool, clean waters encouraged thriving native species, but active conservation techniques are needed to sustain Conewago Creek.

As a warm water stream, the Conewago depends upon stocking to maintain fishing opportunities, and NVATU has been there supporting ACTU activities. Both Rainbow and Brown Trout stocking takes place several times each year and this catch and release stream is actively supported by TU member-volunteers.



Located in the gentle hills north and east of Gettysburg, PA, Conewago Creek offers a different fly-fishing experience. As close to northern Virginia by car as the prized Brook Trout streams of the Shenandoah, and as close as the Rainbow and Brown Trout streams of central Virginia, the Conewago offers another high-quality option for those looking for a quiet day on good water.

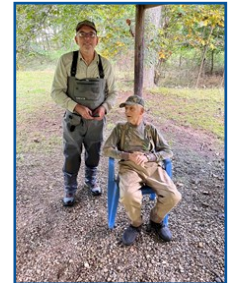
Access to the stream was originally afforded by an agreement with landowners giving fly-fishers access to the stream via paths along the stream's riparian boundary. In 2019, good relations between ACTU, their Conewago landowners, local government, businesses, and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PAF&B) paid off with an opportunity to improve Conewago Creek access. Under a new setup, landowners agreed to deed Conewago-bordering land to the State of Pennsylvania if financing could be arranged for purchase of the

landowner's property along the Conewago.



ACTU took up the challenge and are on their way to achieving that goal through a grant expected to PAF&B from the Western Conservancy in early 2022. As that arrangement began to move forward, Knouse Foods, a local business offered to sell their 58 acres of land along the Conewago.

Seeing an opportunity to conjoin the land parcels to assure permanent fishing access, and not wanting the land to sell to unsympathetic owners, ACTU leaders mounted an ambitious grant and donation campaign to arrange purchase of ALL the land adjoining the fly-fishing area along the Conewago. More than \$500k was needed to complete this arrangement; a daunting task for ACTU but one they rose to achieve. The total project is expected to complete in early 2022.



I don't have space here to describe the hard work and lucky breaks, but hard work, management skills, and creative thinking, across the ACTU partnership played big roles. (NOTE: TU Chapters cannot own land, making the ACTU accomplishment even more challenging, as they were facilitating arrangements between government organizations and landowners.)



ACTU took a big step toward achieving their lofty goal at the end of 2021, when the Conewago Access Planning Association, led by ACTU members and supported by NVATU, succeeded in buying the contiguous parcels of riparian and surrounding land, passing

it into Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission ownership for the permanent enjoyment of all. This year we celebrate not only our 40-year partnership with ACTU, but we celebrate achievement of a dream to provide enduring conservancy standards and access to the Conewago for TU members and public alike.

Conewago fly fishers now park in an exposed bowling alley parking lot and must cross a busy highway to access the stream. But soon, through partnership with PA F&B, these ACTU/NVATU partners and fly-fishing public will park their cars safely in an off-road lot with access to the stream using maintained trails.



ACTU is currently working to construct the parking lot and access road for anglers taking advantage of the Conewago's qualities. Construction is set to complete in time for a PARTNERSHIP CELEBRATION this summer.

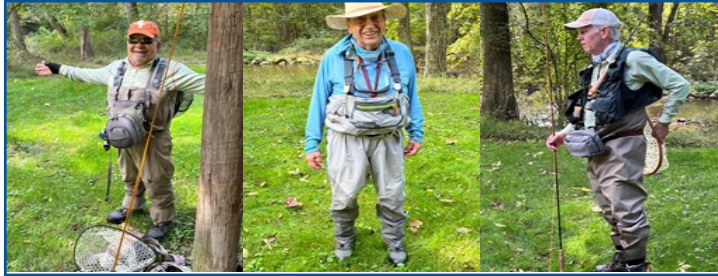
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A TU CONSERVATION SUCCESS, 40 YEARS IN THE MAKING: CONEWAGO CREEK 1982-2022

We hope you will join us for the 40th Anniversary celebration, and we hope you will take advantage of the opportunities to volunteer and fish on the Conewago this year and beyond. Working trips to the Conewago for stocking, stream management, and trail maintenance are available several times each year as are several fun fishing outings. Watch this newsletter and our Facebook site for details.

My thanks to Dave Swope/ACTU and Daniel Lazenby/NVATU for their help with this article.

-- Bob Krieger



DECEMBER 30, 2021 CONEWAGO CREEK KNOUSE SIGNING

Finally, after a 2-year volunteer effort for some, the Knouse agreement signing took place on December 30, 2021 at Attorney Barley Snyder office. Its magical. Just a huge, huge project with plenty to do yet. Congratulations, ACTU and NVATU for their fundraising efforts and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) as our new landowner. The ACTU chapter will be signing a 25-year license agreement with the PFBC to maintain the 58 acres for the future. Presently working with engineering on a plot plan, after approval working with Conewago Enterprises on parking area and gated access road to the street.

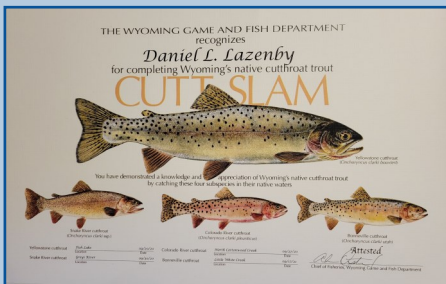


-- Bob Krieger

Attending the official signing of the 58 acres over to the Land Conservancy of Adams County and directly to the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission for ownership from right to left: Richard Lewis, Ken Farabaugh, Attorney for Knouse Richard DiFrischia, Charlie Bennett, Dave Swope, Mark Clowney, Dave Salisbury and Jerry Glatfelter



Wyoming Native Cutthroat Trout Cutt-Slam Success



The Wyoming Cutt-Slam (<https://wgfd.wyo.gov/Fishing-and-Boating/Cutt-Slam>) involves catching Wyoming's four native (Yellowstone, Snake River, Colorado River, and Bonneville) cutthroat trout within their native and historical watersheds. Accomplishment is based on submitting photographs of each cutthroat, the location and date of each catch to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department for review and approval.

On January 12, 2022 the Wyoming Game and Fish Department recognize one of our chapter members, Daniel Lazenby for completing the Wyoming Native Cutthroat Trout Cutt-Slam.

Daniel's path to Cutt-Slam success was over a 12-month period, involved two DIY trips to Wyoming, 9,000 miles, four weeks disbursed tent camping in three different National Forests between 6,800- and 9,300-foot elevations and fishing four western watersheds.



Daniel says with this slam under his belt, his plans are to work on six native trout across at least four western states Master Caster level of the Western Native Trout Challenge (<https://westernnativetrout.org/>).

-- Daniel Lazenby

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Ralph Nappi with Rainbow on Ruby River, July 2021



Owen Williams, FWM Rapidan, December 2021



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