



TROUTLINE

NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2022

CALENDAR

September

1 September
7:30 Virtual Member Meeting

8 September
7:30 Virtual Board Meeting

October

6 October
7:30 In-Person Member Meeting

13 October
7:30 Virtual Board Meeting

November

3 November
7:30 Virtual Member Meeting

10 November
7:30 Virtual Board Meeting

December

1 December
7:30 In-Person Member Meeting

8 December
7:30 Virtual Board Meeting

The In-Person Chapter Meetings are held at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department:
400 Center Street S. Vienna, VA 22180

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

The chapter has begun to hold in person meetings at the Vienna Volunteer Firehouse again, scheduled for every other month. It was great to see all those who were able to make it to the August meeting, including a number of first time attendees and fun to give away the door prizes. A bunch of you shared the stories of your travels this summer, great trips out west, north to Alaska and to the southwest. A lot of helpful information was shared with folks planning future trips.

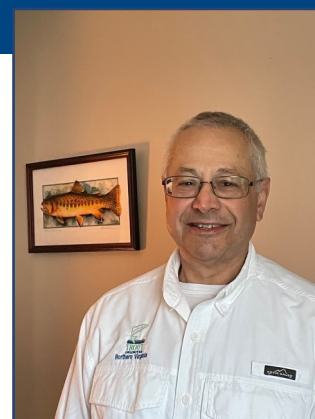
We talked about activities the chapter has been involved with, including our inaugural Girl Scout Stream Girls event and the ongoing projects with Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. We talked about starting the early planning stages to take part in next year's "Plant For Our Future", the TU initiative to plant trees to protect streams.

In late July I traveled to Maine for CX3 Portland, (Community, Coldwater Conservation) the first Trout Unlimited in person national event since covid began. It was a wonderful long weekend with many opportunities to see old friends, make new friends and network with folks from all over the country.

There were seminars on the positive effects from dam removal, climate change, communications, partnering with land trusts to preserve land and protect rivers, restoration projects, using mapping and data to protect fish and other species. There were trips to see completed projects on local streams or to participate in a clean-up or a planting. They had films under the stars and many opportunities to meet people. There were also several early morning fishing trips, including trips to fish for large brook trout. I got to striper fish for the first time in several years.

There was Chris Wood's State of TU message where he talked about the work done by TU in the past year: protecting 1,402 miles of rivers; reconnecting 533 miles of rivers; restoring 347 miles of rivers. Chris discussed in detail projects from Maine south through Georgia, from Alaska down through New Mexico in well over a dozen states. There was dam removal, acid mine mitigation, riparian buffer and in stream improvements.

Dr. Shefali Mehta gave the keynote speech, she talked about the importance of building resiliency into natural resources, the importance of regenerative



agriculture, the need to get more and diverse groups of people interested and involved in protecting nature. She discussed the fact that many conservation organizations are aging out and the need to get younger people into helping to protect our shared resources for the future. Dr. Mehta talked about leveraging the private sector to work on finding common goals in protecting nature. Also, she mentioned that through her experience as a deputy secretary of agriculture she learned that large numbers of citizens reaching out does have an impact.

The videos of both Chris Wood and Dr. Mehta can be viewed on the TU National website.

-- Tony Hill

Annual Activity Report

Every year the chapter reports on Activities and Volunteer Hours. In an effort to collect this information in a timely manner, we kindly request you report your participation and hours upon completion of the volunteer event. This will allow the chapter to have a more accurate accounting and not have to rely on end of year memory. You can send an email with the details of your volunteer work (Activity, Date, Location, & Hours-including travel time) to treasurer@novatu.org.

-- Scott Allen

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER (ZOOM)

Justin Fischback



Founder and Head Guide of Virginia-based [Middle River Outfitters](#), Justin was introduced to the sport of fly fishing industry at the age of 12 through a non-profit organization, the Brotherhood of the Jungle Cock, that focuses on teaching youth and conservation projects. Over

the past 20 years, he has worked as a guide, sales rep, instructor, clinician, and currently dedicates his time as president of the Virginia chapter of the aforementioned nonprofit.

Originally hailing from Shepherdstown, West Virginia, Justin has fished extensively throughout the Potomac, Shenandoah, and Savage Rivers. Justin is a graduate of the Sweetwater Travel Company Guide School, an Orvis-endorsed guide, and an instructor for the master's class of BOJC in Maryland.

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

OCTOBER SPEAKER (IN-PERSON)

Burr Tupper & Mary Weiss



We have been members of TU for over 20 years. Mary was the NLC rep from NH and was also on the TU national board of trustees. Burr was the Chairman of the NH Council and former NLC rep from NH. Both of us worked with the Kids Trout Camp in NH for many years,

taught fly fishing at Dartmouth college and worked with Project Healing Waters. We both have worked on conservation projects in New England. We are certified fishing instructors with the state of NH. We have fished throughout the USA and Canada. Most recently fished in Scotland and Argentina. We are both members of the Winchester Chapter and Burr is Vice-Chairman of the Virginia State Council.

The presentation will cover our trip to Patagonia by way of Buenos Aires in January 2022 for sea run brown trout and native brown trout. We were fished the Rio Gallegos in southern Patagonia. We were primarily fishing with Spey rods.

This meeting will be in-person at the firehouse. The presentation will start around 7:45 following fly tying and a brief welcome.

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

September/October: Minibugger



John Hadley will be demonstrating this fly at the October meeting starting about 6:30 p.m. Bring your vise, bobbin, black 6/0 thread, and other tying tools. He will furnish the hooks and tying materials. We should have time to tie two or three flies. John will also bring a couple of vises and tying tools for those who would like to try their hand at fly tying. This is a good, easy pattern to start with. I request any fly tiers who are just

looking in to help the new fly tiers learn the tying techniques.

Originator: Lance Putney, Arlington, VA.

This is my favorite "go to nymph" for stocked trout, pan fish, and small mouth bass and one I teach to scouts earning the Fly-fishing merit badge. It is basically a small bead-head Woolly Bugger without palmered hackle. I think the smaller size, which probably is seen by the trout as a crayfish, leech, or minnow, when used on smaller streams doesn't scare the trout as much as a big Woolly Bugger hitting the water. This is a very easy and quick fly to tie and is very effective in catching trout and other fish.

Tying techniques to be learned are:

- * Fixing a bead head onto the hook
- * Tying in a marabou feather tail
- * Using Krystal-Flash to add accent to the

tail

- * Using various colored chenille for a body

Recipe:

Hook: TMC 105 # 8, #10 or any Egg Hook (or use any size 12 hook)
Head: 5/16 Gold Bead Head (can go up or down a size if you want)
Thread: Black 0/6
Tail: Black or other color Marabou and Krystal-Flash or some other synthetic material
Body: Olive, Black, White or any other color small chenille, can also use bushy dubbing (leave in guard hairs) in a variety of colors.

Fishing Technique:

Dead drift with an indicator then drift with short strips. If you are getting hits from fish nibbling on the tail, but no hookups, trim the tail.

Trout in the Classroom Report 2021-22

TIC Teachers, eager to be back in the classroom, performed impressively this past school year. We had 26 tanks operating in Fairfax, Loudon, and Prince William counties. Allowing for a few teachers who hadn't reported, we had roughly a thousand brook trout fry released into Passage and Catharpin creeks with great support from the U.S. Forest Service and the Virginia Outdoors Foundation. One Forest Service

official even met a new mother with her husband and baby to assist on Passage Creek! Another heart-warming story comes from the Fairfax Juvenile Detention Center where an experienced TIC teacher from the San Francisco Bay Area inaugurated the program with full chapter financial support. She described to me how committed the troubled students were to "their" fish.

A huge thanks to my fellow coordinators who delivered fish, assisted teachers, and managed releases including Dan Cunningham, John Davey, Jim Galvin, Bob Parker, Peter Mecca, and Tim Toole. Also, to my wife who beat me up whenever, after checking my email, she noticed that I failed to realize a teacher had a problem!

-- George Paine

FISH WITH A MEMBER

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

Rapidan-Rappahannock Rivers-Virginia
When: September 3
Depart: 8:00 a.m.
Return: Whenever
Meet: Starbucks in Fair Lakes Shopping Center ([map](#))

This trip will be to the lower Rapidan or Rappahannock River. **Bring plenty of water.**

Because this drainage is highly variable, we often miss optimum conditions. We have planned 3 visits this year. We'll pause enroute at Kelly's Ford on the Rappahannock and see if the water is low enough to wade. There are two possible access points. If Kelly's Ford is not wadeable, we'll drive down to Ely's Ford (on the Rappahannock's "little sister," the Rapidan).

The quarry will be smallmouth bass. Wet wading with boots and aqua socks, water-shoes, or closed-toed sandals with good grip is recommended as it will keep you a lot cooler. Depending on the water clarity, these sites require cautious wading due to irregular bottoms, as well as silt and algae, and wading staffs are recommended.

I like a 9' 6- or 7-weight rod, but a 5-weight will definitely work. Use a 0X to 2X leader and consider carrying a polyleader for pools between 4'-8' deep. In low water like we usually see in early September, foam bugs and poppers will work on the surface, while Clousers or other minnows, crayfish, and hellgrammite patterns work in deeper pockets.

-- Owen Williams

Little Stony Creek - Virginia
When: October 8
Depart: 8:00 a.m.
Return: You Decide
Meet: Starbucks at Fair Lakes Shopping Center ([map](#))

Little Stony Creek, west of Woodstock, is the planned destination. As always, weather may dictate some changes so if it is a really cold day, we may divert to one of the park streams on the "morning side of the Blue Ridge."

As the stream is in the national forest, unless you are over 65 you will need a National Forest permit. It is only a few dollars and obtainable on the DGIF website: <http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/fishing/regulations/licenses.asp#national-forest-permit>

As far as flies, I like foam ants, which double as little mountain stoneflies (a #18 nymph), green weenies and olive flashback nymphs (an Orvis pattern). Also, a few midges are always a good idea in winter.

Hip boots will suffice but waders will be warmer. Light weight rods work best for brookies.

This freestone stream extends for two miles above the Woodstock dam.

-- George Paine

Conococheague Creek—Pennsylvania
When: October 15
Depart: 8:00 a.m.
Return: You Decide
Meet: Orvis-Leesburg Parking Lot ([map](#))

The Conococheague Creek, west of Gettysburg Pa, is the planned destination. Weather may dictate some changes so we may divert to another stream if the conditions are not favorable.

The section we will be fishing is located within Caledonia State Park, Pennsylvania. There is a stable wild brook trout population in the upper sections of the creek as reflected by a recent fish survey that Adams County Trout Unlimited assisted with this year. The lower sections have club stocked and state stocked brown and rainbow trout.

Dry flies are very effective this time of year including a hopper pattern. Green and red worm patterns, wooly buggers, attracter patterns as well as stone fly patterns are effective.

Hip boots will suffice but waders will be warmer. Light weight rods work best for brookies but some of the fish can be big so a 3 to 5 weight rod should be fine.

-- Matt Kozak

NEW MEMBERS

June 2022

Emma Balliet	Arlington
Tanner Cox	Arlington
Kyle Dankert	Arlington
Grant Flaming	Arlington
Nicholas Gann	Arlington
Ashlynn Goody	Arlington
Jack Grizzard	Alexandria
Larry Harrison	Falls Church
Andrew Harvey	Waterford
Donald Henney	Lorton
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James Hughey	Arlington
Robin Johnson	Arlington
Peter Joyce	Arlington
Jared Koenigsberg	Arlington
Julie Koo	Arlington
Ryan Leary	Arlington

Skip Maginniss	Alexandria
Gary Marston	Arlington
Aaro Maxwell	Arlington
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Phil McGovern	Arlington
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Tim Neall	Dumfries
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Grant Robinson	Arlington
Steven Saddler	Arlington
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Daniel Sirias	Alexandria
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Abby Vogelsang	Arlington
Robert Williams	Sterling

July 2022

Karen Bendorf	Centreville
aul Brinkley	McLean
Neil Chilson	Arlington
Jonny Dutrow	Herndon
Dan Fisher	Arlington
S Keating	Alexandria
Gabriel Mendoza	Fort Belvoir
John Metz	Vienna
John Nikiforakis	Burke
Cody Presny	Springfield
Joseph Stratton	Alexandria
Milan Sturgis	Springfield
Chris Sullivan	Ashburn
Rob Teitelbaum	Falls Church
Jeana Wood	Stafford

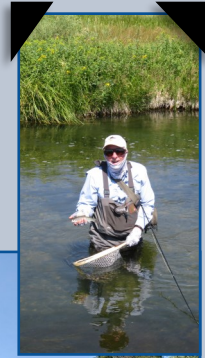
MEMBER PHOTO ALBUM

Gregg Rocketts Great Montana Adventure 2022



Avoiding Moose on O'Dell Creek in Ennis, MT

Rainbow caught on O'Dell Creek in Ennis, MT



Rainbow caught on Hebgen Lake near West Yellowstone, MT



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