

# TROUT TALK

The Official Newsletter of Western New York Trout Unlimited ([www.wnytroutunlimited.org](http://www.wnytroutunlimited.org)) March, 2013

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**Next WNY TU Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, April 30, 2013, 7:30 pm at the Donovan American Legion Post, 3210 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, New York. Fly tying starts at 6 p.m. Please note that there is no Chapter Meeting in March. Instead, we will be holding our annual banquet on Saturday, March 23, 2013, at Lucarelli's. See you there! And, instead of our traditional chapter meeting "entertainment", attached, in PDF, is an old Chapter Newsletter. (Each PDF file is a separate page.) Hope you enjoy it. (Ed.)**

## President's Report:

Hello everyone! It has been a very busy month for Trout Unlimited, and here are the highlights.

On March 5, 2013, I attended the Scoby Dam meeting in Springville. The Army Corps of Engineers did a great job in reporting the results of their study and fielding questions afterward. The DEC was also available to discuss the impact of fish passage on the current fish populations above the dam. The meeting lasted a little over two hours, and several important points were discussed. First, Options 2, 3, and 4 will probably be in the cost range of 3.1 to 3.5 million dollars. The second, Option 2, seems to be the one that will give us the most "bang" for our buck in fighting the current and future invasive species found below the dam.

A TU Council meeting was held on March 16, 2013. Chuck Godfrey attended as our representative.

The Expo held March 7<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> was a success. ‘Thank you’, to everyone who helped at the booth and at the kids’ fly-tying session held on Sunday. Eighty-two kids participated! Owen Manning was the winner of the fly fishing outfit. (Please see photo, later in the newsletter. Ed.)

Gene Parzych is looking for help with the fish stocking at the end of March and beginning of April, if anyone is interested in participating.

The State of the Lake Meeting for Lake Ontario will be held on March 19, 2013 from 6:30 to 9 PM at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Bldg., 4487 Lake Ave., Lockport, New York. The State of the Lake Meeting for Lake Erie will be held on April 11, 2013, from 7 to 9 PM, at the Southtowns Walleye Association Club, 5895 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg, New York.

We now have six schools participating in the Trout in the Classroom Program, and a few schools have contacted us about running the program next year. Hopefully, soon we will have eight! Brockport is scheduled to release their fish at the end of March.

The annual WNYTU banquet will be held on March 23, 2013 at Lucarelli’s. Bill Jedlicka and committee have done a great job on all the preparations! I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Finally, I invite everyone to be a part of the spring clean-up to be held on earth day, April 20th, 2013. The clean-up is being sponsored by the Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper. Anyone can go to their website and sign-up to clean along the waterways. There are many sites available as part of the clean-up. Join up to clean one near you.

Antoinette Grote, Chapter President.

## **Announcements**

- **A Report from Mr. Len Bigaj:**

**Shows:** The Western New York Sport and Travel Expo was a great success. We made \$684. I would like to thank Gary Coons, Bill Koerner, Jim Stachowski, Dave Bollman, Jeff Kohler, Tom Dewyer, Bill Kellman, Dave Unitech, Antoinette Grote and Jerome for staffing the booth and tying with the kids on Sunday. Again, thanks to all! Len (Editor’s Note: Please see photos later in this newsletter.)

**Project Healing Waters:** We will be fly-tying with the veterans at the V.A. on 4/1/2013. The start time is 6pm; and the location is Freedom Hall, third floor. If you would like to help, just show up or give me a call. Thanks, Len.

- **From Stream Projects Committee Chairman, Mr. Chuck Godfrey:** The Chapter’s first stream project work this year will take place on Sunday, April 28. We will be planting approximately 250 trees and live stakes along sections of the Wiscoy Creek where it needs more large trees for shade and/or bank stabilization. All of these will be tubed and staked. I (Chuck) will send out notices to my e-mail list when details as to time and place are finalized. The information will also be published in the April newsletter.

- **Fund Raising: Mr. Bill Jedlicka,** who has been diligently prospecting for banquet contributors, would like to acknowledge the sponsors and supporters to date. They include:
  - “Trophy Level (\$1000 and up) Sponsor”: **Praxair.**
  - “Steelhead Level (\$500 - \$999): **Bass Pro Shops – Auburn Store; Geico; Oak Orchard Fly Shop; Orvis; Parkview Health Services.**

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“Emerger Level (\$50 - \$99) Sponsor”: **Above and Beyond Hair Studio; Delta Sonic; George Welsh; Niagara Gun Range, Patagonia.**

This year’s annual banquet, one of our chapter’s most important fundraising events, will take place on **Saturday, March 23, 2013, at Lucarelli’s Banquet Center, 1830 Abbott Road, Lackawanna, N.Y.** A cash bar opens at 6 pm, and the Dinner Buffet begins at 7 pm. An announcement is included in the newsletter. Please attend.

- **Treasurer’s Report for the Period Ended January 31, 2013 (Submitted by Mr. Anthony Messina, Treasurer):**

		prior period thru 01/31/13	this period thru 02/28/13
(CHECKING ACCT)			
BALANCE AT	JANUARY 1, 2013	<b>\$623.18</b>	
BALANCE AT	FEBRUARY 1, 2013		<b>\$1,551.81</b>
INFLOWS:	50/50 DRAWING	\$121.00	
	SHOWS	\$1,331.00	
	Void Check #1224 (5/31/11)	\$300.00	
	TOTAL INFLOWS:	<b>\$1,752.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
OUTFLOWS:	50/50 DRAWING PRIZE	\$61.00	
	FEDERATION DUES		\$90.00
	MONTHLY MEETING	\$70.00	\$70.00
	WEBSITE DOMAIN NAME		\$335.76
	NEWSLETTER POSTAGE	\$191.00	\$292.50
	DONATION	\$140.00	
	OUTGOING PRES. RECOGN. SHOWS	\$125.00	
		\$236.37	
	TOTAL OUTFLOWS:	<b>\$823.37</b>	<b>\$788.26</b>
BALANCE AT	JANUARY 31, 2013	<b>\$1,551.81</b>	
BALANCE AT	FEBRUARY 28, 2013		<b>\$763.55</b>
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BALANCE AT	JANUARY 1, 2013	<b>\$26,012.56</b>	
BALANCE AT	FEBRUARY 1, 2013		<b>\$26,013.44</b>

INFLOWS:	INTEREST	\$0.88	\$0.80
		<b>TOTAL INFLOWS:</b>	<b>\$0.88</b>
OUTFLOWS:	NONE	\$0.00	\$0.00
BALANCE AT	JANUARY 31, 2013	<b>\$26,013.44</b>	
BALANCE AT	FEBRUARY 28, 2013		<b>\$26,014.24</b>



**Articles:**

*Editor’s Note: Here is the second installment in a fascinating series of articles on fly-tying by WNY TU member, Mr. Jeffrey Kohler. This month’s subject is the Woolly Bugger*

**All Tied Up (Vol. 2, March 2013)**

The Woolly Bugger is one of those flies that an experienced trout angler keeps a bunch of in his or her fly box. Since it was first tied in 1967 by Russell Blessing of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, it’s become a favorite of legions of fishermen on early March outings when you can’t stand to be inside anymore but you know water temperatures are still down in the low 40’s. Tied in hundreds of different color combinations, this fly has a habit of making you feel like a fish vacuum on that first warm, sunny day of spring. Fortunately, it’s also a simple fly to master.



To tie the Woolly Bugger, you’ll need the following:

- Hook: Daiichi #1720 or similar, 3x long size 6 or 8
- Thread: 8/0 Uni Thread or similar, black
- Body: Medium thick Chenille, olive
- Tail: Marabou, black
- Hackle: Saddle type, black
- Weight: Lead wire, 0.15” dia.
- Rib: Flat Embossed French Tinsel, silver

Begin with the hook securely in your vise. From a point slightly behind the eye, wrap your thread back to the hook bend and stop. Weight is optional but highly recommended. If you add weight, cut about 8” of lead wire from the spool and wrap it onto the hook shank about ¼ “ behind the eye with 15 to 20 tight wraps. Add a drop of Zap-A-Gap to keep the lead in place and spiral wrap the thread forward over the lead and then back to the hook bend again. It pretty much locks the whole thing together.

Select a clump of Marabou for the tail and tie it to the hook with 6 or 7 firm wraps. The standard length of the tail is the length of the hook shank. Trim the excess off flush. Len Bigaj likes to tie in a few strands of Krystal Flash with the tail-I think it makes the fly more attractive.

Cut a piece of chenille about 7" in length. Scrape a little fuzz off one end of the strand and tie the core to the hook just above the bend. Tie in a similar length of silver tinsel at the same place. Next, choose a saddle hackle that has barbs about 1 ½ times the gap of the hook in length and stroke the barbs toward the butt end so that they stand out at an angle from the quill. Tie in the hackle about 1" from the narrow end of the quill.

Now the fly really comes together. Spiral wrap the chenille forward to a point about ¼ " behind the hook eye and tie it off with a few tight wraps of thread. You don't want to crowd the eye of the hook during this step as you won't be able to get your tippet through it on the stream! Next, palmer the hackle forward as shown in the photo. Follow the wraps of chenille and let the hackle sink into the soft material. Make sure to wrap the pretty or shiny side forward. Gently stroke the fibers back toward the hook bend. Before you tie it off, make two or three wraps of hackle at the head of the fly. Now do the same thing

with the silver tinsel except wrap it in the opposite rotation than you did with the chenille. Again, this step optional. Tie off the tinsel and make several tight wraps. Make 3 or 4 half hitches and whip finish to complete the fly and apply a drop of head cement for durability.

If you're just beginning to tie your own flies and don't have the right materials, drop by the Oak Orchard Fly Shop or Orvis and ask Nick or Adam for help.

Russ had some specific advice on how to fish his favorite pattern, starting by "dead-drifting the Bugger, 'to see what happens.'" If that doesn't produce, add jigging motions on the strip, jig it back at the end of the drift ... and across the current and let it swing, using hand-strip retrieves. 'Sometimes,' he said, 'it takes fast strips. Some of the guys around here will strip it as fast as they can.

I hope you enjoy tying and fishing several different versions of the Woolly Bugger this spring. It's one of "those" flies that will put a solid bend in your fly rod and a smile on your face.

Jeff Kohler  
WNY TU

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**On the next couple of pages are photos from the Western New York Sport and Travel Expo.**

## Western New York Sport and Travel Expo



Owen Manning (at left), winner of the fly-fishing outfit, proudly displays his prize. (Photo submitted by Antoinette Grote.)





Youth fly-tying in action. TU members include Dave Unetich (nearest the camera), Dave Bollman (at the very far end of the second table). Chapter president, Antoinette Grote (right) keeps an eye on the proceedings. (Photo by Chuck Godfrey)



Here, future fly fishers receive able instruction, while Dave Bollman (left) and Jim Stachowski (right, at end of table) and other volunteers assist. (Photo submitted by Chuck Godfrey.)

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# **WNY TROUT UNLIMITED ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BANQUET**

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**Saturday, March 23, 2013**

**6:00 pm Cash Bar/7:00 pm Dinner Buffet**

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**Lucarelli's Banquet Center**

**1830 Abbott Rd., Lackawanna, NY**

**Tickets to the event: \$30.00**

**Grand Prize Drawing Tickets: \$10.00 or 3 for \$20.00**

Winners do not have to be present to win!

## **GRAND PRIZE DRAWING**

**1<sup>ST</sup>: IPAD**

**2<sup>ND</sup>: KAYAK PACKAGE**

**3<sup>RD</sup>: FLY ROD**

In addition to Grand Prizes, there will be Door Prizes, Bucket Raffles, Silent Auctions and more!

Tickets available at Oak Orchard Fly Shop and Orvis in Eastern Hills Mall.

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