

TROUT TALK

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Next WNY TU Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, May 29, 2018, 7:30 pm, at the Donovan American Legion Post, 3210 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, New York. [Fly- tying details are not available at “press time”.]

Our presenter, for the “entertainment” portion of the chapter meeting, will be Mr. Damon Newpher, of Adventure Bound on the Fly, who will discuss “Stand Up Paddle Board Fly Fishing: Using a SUP to Explore New Water.” Please join us for what promises to be an informative talk.

President’s Message:

The next WNYTU chapter meeting (May 29, 2018, 7:30 p.m., at the Donovan Post) will feature Damon Newpher, a guide/staff member from Adventure Bound on The Fly in Ellicottville. He will be doing a presentation on "Stand Up Paddle Board Fly Fishing: Using a SUP to Explore New Water. Go Where Big Boats and Waders Don't Go. " I would encourage everyone to come to see this outstanding presentation.

At our May Board meeting, the Board voted unanimously to sign on to the following document: *Scoping for DOE/NYSERDA SEIS for Decommissioning and/or Long-Term Stewardship at the West Valley Demonstration*

Project and WNY Nuclear Service Center, which was a statement of public comment to the USACE at West Valley supporting complete cleanup and removal of all nuclear waste at the West Valley Demonstration Project.

Please don't forget our chapter picnic, on June 16, at Como Lake Park in Lancaster. The people who have attended the last few years agree that a good time was had by all. Reservations are not necessary, but please let Chuck Godfrey (steelheader03@hotmail.co) or Dave Bollman know if you can attend so we can plan adequately for food and drink. Hot dogs, hamburgers, sausage, water, and pop provided. Also, please bring a dish to pass. [Editor's Note: A Picnic Flyer is being sent as an attachment to this newsletter, except in the case of those of you who have requested no such attachments.]

The DEC has an annual presentation on updating the public on Lake Erie. It will be held in June at Woodlawn Beach State Park on a date to be determined. Watch the Buffalo News for announcements on this. {Editor's Note: Mr. Godfrey has kindly forwarded an updated stocking list. It is attached to the newsletter except as noted above.}

Trout in the Classroom: All fish have either been released or are about to be. Reports and pictures will appear in future newsletters as information is provided to us by the participating schools. We have one new school interested in participating next year.

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs: The Federation cooperates with the DEC to sponsor two free "Teach Me to Fish" clinics each year in June. The first is on June 9 at Tiffit, and the second is at Chestnut Ridge Park on June 23. Details can be obtained on the Federation's website eriectyfsc.org. The Federation also has a year-long free raffle for lifetime licenses for youngsters who reside in Erie County. Information on the Joseph Jemiolo, jr. Youth Lifetime License Program is available at eriectyfsc.org

Chuck Godfrey, President

Announcements:

- **Stream Projects: A Report from Mr. Joseph Morgan.**

On Saturday, May 5, 2018, nine volunteers removed approximately 400 tree tubes from past tree plantings on the North Branch of Wiscoy Creek and on the "No Kill" section of the Main Branch of Wiscoy Creek. DEC biologist Scott Cornett coordinated and assisted in the work. I would like to thank the following volunteers for their help: Dave Unetich, Gene Romanyshyn, Spencer Schofield, Tom Piwowar, Dave Labiak, Kevin Morgan, Sawyer and Burr Hall. The Halls came from Rochester to help out. I was impressed.



On Wednesday, May 30, at 9:00AM, we will be building six "Lunker" structures which will be installed on Elton Creek sometime in June. As mentioned before, this is a joint project with the Red House Brook Chapter. The site is located at 10682 Delevan-Elton Road, which is also County Route 21. It is about ½ mile north of the junction of County Rt. 21 and Stone Quarry Road. DEC and WCCWD staff will also be participating in the construction, so we should be able to make quick work of it. If anyone is interested in helping out on this project or any other, send me an email at joephmorgan@msn.com to get on our volunteer list. Thanks. (Editor's Note: Please see Photography section, later in this Newsletter, for more images.)

• **Treasurer’s Report for the Period Ending April 30, 2018 (Submitted by Mr. Anthony Messina):**

		prior period thru 03/31/18	this period thru 04/30/18
		(CHECKING ACCCT)	
BALANCE AT	MARCH 1, 2018	\$1,015.14	
BALANCE AT	APRIL 1, 2018		\$1,144.36
INFLOWS:	SHOWS	\$311.00	\$300.00
	TU MERCHANDISE	\$45.00	
	TU REBATES		\$60.00
	TOTAL INFLOWS:	\$356.00	\$360.00
OUTFLOWS:	MONTHLY MEETING		\$75.00
	INSURANCE		\$100.00
	STREAM PROJECTS		\$289.00
	SPEAKER (March General Meeting)		\$51.54
	SHOWS	\$31.78	
	PICNIC (Shelter Deposit)	\$95.00	
	DONATION (NYSCTU - Youth Camp)	\$100.00	
	TOTAL OUTFLOWS:	\$226.78	\$515.54
BALANCE AT	MARCH 31, 2018	\$1,144.36	
BALANCE AT	APRIL 30, 2018		\$988.82

		***** prior period thru 03/31/18	***** this period thru 04/30/18
		(MONEY MKT ACCT)	
BALANCE AT	MARCH 1, 2018	\$23,260.76	
BALANCE AT	APRIL 1, 2018		\$23,261.16
INFLOWS:	INTEREST	\$0.40	\$0.38
OUTFLOWS:	NONE	\$0.00	\$0.00
BALANCE AT	MARCH 31, 2018	\$23,261.16	
BALANCE AT	APRIL 30, 2018		\$23,261.54

- Editor’s Note: Our “Trout Talk” newsletter is published in an expanded electronic format each month except for July, August, and December. In order to contain costs, the (typically brief) print version is only available twice a year (September and January). Unfortunately, even on this schedule, the financial burden, to WNY TU, of the print newsletter remains considerable. Many of our members have agreed to forgo the print edition and to accept only the electronic version (which is sent to them via email). It would help our organization considerably if more of our members agreed to this arrangement. All you have to do is send me your e-mail and surface mail addresses so that I can add you to the electronic mailing list and remove your name from the paper mailing list. I can be reached at AdkRuss@roadrunner.com



Article:

Sage Advice from One Who Has Done This Before

by

Russell Shefrin

While wandering around a “flea market”, I came upon a copy of “Hunting and Fishing” Magazine, dated May, 1937. I have not been able to find out if this magazine is still in business; but I hope, if they are, they will not mind my reproducing, for our WNYTU members, an excerpt from one of their articles entitled “Making Haste Slowly - Trout Stream Secrets” by Eugene V. Connett. (*Hunting and Fishing*, May, 1937, pages 12 – 13; this material is scanned from page 13). Some ideas just seem to stand the test of time.

The thesis of Mr. Connett’s piece is summed up in his concluding sentence: “Fish slowly, thoughtfully, and carefully for a season, and see if you haven’t learned more about catching trout in that one season than you have learned in five seasons before.”

As he had previously explained:

I REALLY think that the fisherman who takes his time, who figures out where a fish may be lying before walking into the stream, who is in good shape to take advantage of any rise that comes on during the day or evening, will get a lot more and bigger trout than the fellow who works himself to death from daylight to dark trying to accomplish by pure muscular exertion what the other man accomplishes much more satisfactorily by using his head, including his eyes and ears.

After all, in addition to the purpose of catching fish, there are the very worthy inducements of environment, or fresh air, and the joy of careful observance of nature in general. Too many of us forget that we are supposedly fishing for fun. Why make such a task of it? Why wear ourselves out physically until we are nothing but a bundle of raw nerves and aching muscles? Get the full measure of a day on the stream by taking your time and using more than just your brawn. No matter how many times you may have worked over a stream there is always something new. A freshet may have changed the course of a channel with a consequent change of natural food travel, and a different spot in which to expect a trout. Or there may be a certain hatch from which you can judge the kind of an offering which will take best. If you enjoy nature mixed in with your fishing—and many fishermen do—you will see a lot more, learn a lot more, by careful and easy going than you will by thrashing along with the speed and noise of a locomotive. And you'll catch more fish than the human dynamos who churn up a trout stream as though they were headed for a fire.

Fishing to me is a chance to regain peace of mind, health of body, to absorb tranquility, to gain repose. In my experience no other activity offers the same freedom from business and other cares,—especially if one occupies the mind with the problems of the stream. You don't rush into your dealer and grab the first rod, reel and line that comes to hand; you put real thought and judgment into the selection of your tackle. By the same token, when you are using this tackle, use it not only with what strength you have in your right wrist and forearm, but use it with the gray matter which you have in your head.

It is, I think, the one most important thing I have learned

OK, some of the wording is a bit, well, sexist, for our enlightened day and age; but I think Mr. Connett still has something to say about why we love trout fishing and why we want to preserve it.

Photography:

Wiscoy Tube Removal (Pictures submitted by Mr. Joe Morgan)



Volunteers hard at work.



Scott Cornett develops innovative method for packing down the tubes in his truck!

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