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Who is

The Kanawha Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited

By Ernie Nester

The following article is from 1999, it has been edited slightly to remove the dated material. It does seem appropriate to reprint to welcome the newest members of KVCTU from the recently de-chartered Greenbrier chapter.

Trout Unlimited has helped to bring about some positive changes in West Virginia since the KVCTU was formed in 1972. In spite of the fact that we continue to lose streams due to acid mine drainage, acid precipitation, poor logging practices, road construction, and in the near future risks to the streams from Marcellus shale drilling, trout fishing is generally better today than in 1966.

The purpose of the Kanawha Valley Chapter is to protect, improve, and expand the wild trout fisheries in West Virginia. Some of the activities that members engage in to meet these objectives include:

Brown Trout fingerling stockings

We have been working with the WVDNR since 1976 to stock thousands of brown trout fingerlings in many miles of streams yearly. The objective has been to develop wild brown trout fisheries in streams that do not receive regular trout stockings by the WVDNR and are within reasonable driving time of Charleston. A few reproducing populations have been established, and the success of this program has exceeded everyone's expectations.

Stream Chemistry

Since 1979 KVCTU has been involved in on-site testing of stream water chemistry to locate streams suitable for the reintroduction of native brook trout, streams suitable for brown trout fingerlings, streams where rainbow trout might be able to reproduce, and to locate streams that may be impacted by acid precipitation. Several hundred

streams have been tested and the data is shared with the WVDNR and the USFS.

Stream Habitat Structures

Chapter members have installed stream improvement structures in Milligans Creek, Rich Creek, and Elkhorn Creek. The purpose of the structures is to provide good cover for trout.

Limestone Fines

KVCTU has vigorously supported WVDNR projects to use limestone fines to increase the alkalinity of streams that have been impacted by acid mine drainage or acid precipitation. Several native brook trout streams have been restored or improved.

Native Brook Trout

KVCTU members have worked to reintroduce native brook trout into streams that have recovered sufficiently to support the natives

Electro-Shocking

Members have assisted the WVDNR in electro-streams in our region. This is done to document reproducing populations and to determine the success of fingerling and regular stockings.

Litter Clean-up

KVCTU has been involved in cleaning up litter on Rich Creek, Paint Creek, Cranberry River, Elk River, Elkhorn Creek, Seneca Rocks catch and release section, Ridenour Lake, and more.

Catch and Release Regulations

KVCTU has supported catch and release TU has been dedicated to the protection, conservation,

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Next Chapter Meeting
January, 10th 7:00 PM
South Charleston Library
Program: Shawn Weaver
from Elk Springs Resort
Next Board meeting
January 24th 6:30 PM
South Charleston Library

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**The 2012
HUNTING AND FISHING SHOW
CHARLESTON CIVIC CENTER
JANUARY 20,21,22, 2012**

The Hunt Show is coming up and less than a month away. This is a great opportunity to meet and interact with people who enjoy one of our favorite pastimes. You don't have to know everything about fishing or all the ins and outs of Trout Unlimited. The only thing you have to have is the willingness to help meet and greet people offering a friendly smile. If you have wanted to help before and have been unsure this is a good one to help with. It is also a good way for the first time volunteer to meet some people in the chapter.

There will be several activities going on in the KVCTU booth. My favorite part of the booth is the selling of the flies. Many of our members have been tying flies for the booth throughout the year. There is also a shotgun raffle that shows great profit every year. We will also be selling TU memberships. For first time members they will be able to join the first year for \$17.50. Stream guides will also be offered for sell. These are invaluable for people wanting to be put on trout fast.

What we sell at the Hunt Show will go directly back into our resource. Programs such as placing limestone sand in streams to buffer acidic water, our stream stocking program, the Save our Stream Program, Project Healing Waters and my personal favorite Trout in the Classroom. The Kanawha Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited is doing great things to make a difference not only in our cold water fisheries in the state but also what we are doing for our people.

We will also be helping to man the Project Healing Waters booth. Many working have already said they would help pull a double shift. Working this booth provides funds to go into helping veterans in our area. Project Healing Waters is very active in our area with veterans.

If you would like to help please let me know as soon as possible and we will have a place for you.

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We are going to have another fly tying session on January 16 at Poca Middle School. The last one was great and looking forward to another great gathering. Bring something to snack on and drink. We will go from 6:00-9:00.

To get to Poca Middle School get off at the Nitro exit and from Charleston turn right and go past Poca High School and we are located in downtown Poca right across from the grocery store. If you are coming from the Huntington direction get off turn right and follow the above directions. If you have any questions shoot me an email cdcaldwe@gmail.com.



ELKHORN CREEK

S.O.S.

BY LARRY ORR

A 7500 gallon diesel fuel spill occurred on Elkhorn Creek between Kyle and Powhattan in mid 2007. The WVDEP with the assistance of KVCTU conducted Save Our Stream (SOS) surveys in September of 2007 and April of 2008 in an attempt to determine the impact of the spill on the aquatic life and habitat conditions in Elkhorn Creek. An additional survey was conducted on November 8 – 9, 2011. The results of all surveys can be found on the Volunteer Data Base in the SOS section of the WVDEP website.

The results of the latest survey indicate higher numbers of macro invertebrates collected at all three sites sampled – upstream for reference, impact site and 4 miles downstream. It was noted by WVDEP personnel, however, that since no base line survey had been conducted prior to the spill, “this inhibits us from making inferences as to whether recovery is occurring.”

Although the number of macro invertebrates collected at the impact site was higher than in April of 2008, the number was also higher in the upstream reference site, so the increase is not necessarily an indication of recovery.

Elkhorn Creek still provides good trout fishing. Anyone that has fished this creek knows that many substances other than diesel fuel are in the stream. Analysis of recovery from a specific event is difficult in a stream like this.

Glenn Nelson is the new replacement for Tim Craddock as WV SOS Coordinator and participated in the November 8-9 surveys. KVCTU looks forward to a continuation of the excellent relationship that we had with Tim

SENIOR HUNTERS AND ANGLERS REQUIRED TO PURCHASE “SENIOR LIFETIME LICENSES”

Starting January 1st 2012 WVDNR will begin the “senior lifetime licenses”. If you turn 65 in the next year you will have to purchase the \$25 dollar permits.

People who turn 65 within a calendar year are required to purchase the permits, those currently older than 65 will remain exempt. Also, during that year you are only required to purchase the license after your 65th birthday.

If you purchased a sportsman’s license earlier in the year you turn 65, it will be good until December 31st. You will then be required to purchase the one time permit.

People who buy the senior license do not have to purchase trout or bear damage stamps. Antlerless deer stamps and pistol stamps will still be required purchases.

Only seniors who have purchased the senior permits will be allowed to hunt during the annual youth seasons.

People under age 65 cannot voluntarily purchase the license

Landowners are exempt, as are people who have purchased the conventional lifetime licenses.



FLIES FOR THE HUNT SHOW

Each year the KVCTU sells flies at the annual Hunt Show at the Charleston Civic Center. These flies, which are one of the chapters primary sources of income, are donated by the fly-tying members of the chapter.

Cash donations are also accepted. Make checks payable to KVCTU, and forward to Charlie Krepps, Alice Riffie, Jeff Nelsen, or C.D. Caldwell

The following flies are still needed and can be donated up to and through out the show. Just bring them in and hand them over to the people manning the booth or, better yet contact CD Caldwell and join in the fun.

<u>DRY FLIES</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>NYMPHS</u>	<u>SIZE</u>
MARCH BROWN	12-14-16	SAN JUAN WORM	12-14-16
BLUE_WING_OLIVE	12-14-16	MUSTARD_GREEN	12-14-16
ELK HAIR CADDIS	12-14-16	HARE'S EAR	12-14-16
ADAMS	12-14-16	PHEASANT TAIL	12-14-16
QUILL GORDON	12-14-16	BRASSIE	12-14-16
LIGHT CAHILL	12-14-16	EGG PATTERN	12-14
AUSABLE WULFF	12-14-16	PEEKING CADDIS	12-14-16
ROYALL WULFF	12-14-16	STONE FLIES	12-14-16
GRAY FOX	12-14-16	TELLICO	12-14-16
RUSTY SPINNER	12-14-16	ISONYCHIA	12-14-16
GRIFFITH GNAT	12-14-16	COPPER JOHN	12-14-16
WRIGHTS ROYAL	12-14-16	ZUG BUG	12-14-16
CREAM VARIENT	12-14-16	PRINCE	12-14-16
HUMPY'S	12-14-16	WOOLY BUGGER	8-10-12
HELEN KELLER	12-14-16	ZONKERS	8-10-12
GREEN DRAKE	8-10-12	MUDDLER MIN-NOW	8-10-12



KVCTU FISHING CLASSES AT ELK ELEMENTARY CENTER

KVCTU's annual fishing classes are scheduled to begin January 19th, 2012. The courses to be offered are

BEGINNING FLY FISHING - This course will focus on the basics of fly fishing, fly selection, stream entomology, fishing knots, choosing a fly rod, and the basic techniques in casting. Classes are four weeks, from 6PM to 9PM, cost is \$30.00.

BEGINNING FLY TYING - This course teaches the basic techniques, tools, materials, and how-to's of tying flies. Classes are six weeks, from 7PM to 9PM, cost is \$30.00 plus \$5.00 for supplies.

ROD BUILDING - Build a "One of a Kind" rod of your choice; fly rod, spinning rod, bait caster, salt water, all at a reasonable cost. Course is seven weeks from 7PM to 9PM, cost is \$35.00 plus supplies.

INTERMEDIATE FLY FISHING TECHNIQUES: This class will teach more advanced fly fishing skills to students who are already fly fishing and have a good basic understanding of fly fishing and casting skills. Course is four weeks, 6PM to 9PM, cost is \$35.00.

To Register for class Contact: Charlie Krepps 304-562-9050 or cmkrepps@suddenlink.net



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and restoration of wild trout streams. This ethic is becoming increasingly popular across the country as anglers come to appreciate that a good game fish is much too precious to be caught only once.

Email addresses needed!

If you are not receiving the "Trout Lines" newsletter via email you will be missing out on all the future KVCTU news. Your local TU club is spending approximately \$2000 per year in mailing and printing cost to distribute the monthly newsletter to interested TU members and friends. If you have an email address, but continue to receive the newsletter via US Mail, please let us know. We want to convert everyone to email for TU correspondence. Please send your correct email address to drcotrill@aol.com

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