



# "Trout Lines"

November 2016



## **November Membership Meeting**

Our November 8th meeting will be at Cabela's. Our guest speaker will be John Shank. He will be showing how to tie flies with materials you have on hand, such as fur and feathers from your hunting trips, leftovers, and scraps.

Bio: John has been fly fishing for almost twenty-five years and tying flies for almost as long. He has been fortunate enough to tie with notables like Chris Helm, the deer hair expert, and Oliver Edwards, the English tyer known for his highly realistic flies. ***When he's not busy following his son around the college wrestling circuit, he likes to read, write and fish. He has been on the staff of the fly fishing department at Cabela's since the Charleston store opened in 2012.***

### **Program:**

***"Simple flies from all that stuff."***

Everyone has materials lying around where you say to yourself, "What can I do with it?" Scraps of fur, bird skin with the soft hackle feathers used up – that sort of stuff. We'll look at some ways to utilize those scraps and stuff to tie simple

but effective flies, some with as little as two materials beyond the hook, and utilize your materials more effectively.



## **Helpful Tips For Protecting Rubber Legged Flies**

Coating the rubber legs on flies with linseed oil provides UV protection and keeps them soft and flexible. Pour a little linseed oil in a shallow bowl and rub the oil into the legs of each fly. The oil is all natural and won't contaminate the stream.

Switching from latex rubber legs to silicone legs, when tying, will prolong the life of the fly.

Once The legs have deteriorated, don't throw the fly away. Remove the old legs and tie on new ones. That will save your money and restore your old favorites.



### **December's Membership Meeting**

Remember that December's meeting will be at the Black Sheep Burrito & Brews, at 702 Quarrier St, in Charleston. There will be fly tying, socializing, swap meet, & sales.

### **A Review Of Catch & Release Regulations for West Virginia**

1. Fishing permitted during daylight hours only.
2. Only artificial flies and lures made of metal, wood, feathers, hair, or synthetic material may be used or possessed on catch-and-release trout streams during the catch-and-release season. No lure or fly with any scent, oil, or edible enticement added onto, or impregnated into (regardless if the scent is added in the manufacturing process or applied afterward), may be used or possessed on any catch-and-release trout stream.
3. Multiple hook lures must have barbless hooks.

4. Single hook lures may have barbed hooks.
5. All trout caught must be returned to the water at once.
6. No trout shall be in the angler's possession while on stream sections designated as catch-and-release streams.

***Powerbait, Gulp and other manufactured scented baits are considered illegal under this section and may not be used or possessed on catch-and-release streams.***

### **To spin anglers – C & R**

I suggest single hooks -- easier to unhook fish and fewer non-lethal injuries. Hooking ability? I don't see any difference compared to trebles.

However, on a crank bait you may have to experiment with hook size and type to maintain the right action.

Please, get rid of the extra belly and front treble hooks, too. On a larger crankbait, they only translate into a catch-release nightmare - one in the jaw, one in the gill cover or body, and one in the eye. The fish might recover but will likely carry the dis-figuration of a bad bar fight.

*Frank Pratt, fisheries biologist,  
Hayward, WI*



### **Spin Cast Fishing For Trout**

Spinning gear with artificial lures will generally work best after snow melt has occurred and as water temperatures warm in early to late April. Fishing the warmest part of the day should increase your catch rates in the early season due to warmer stream temperatures, which will make the trout more active. The bigger trout will also be on the feedback after snow melt has occurred as water temperatures continue rise. Some of the biggest fish of the season can be caught on spinning gear in mid to late April if the conditions are right. A light weight rod with 6-8 pound test will work well.

Spinning gear can also be very effective after a warm rain fall event when the water is a little turbid because trout can readily see the spinner blade in the water compared to other types of lures. Any spinners with a silver or gold blade seems to work best especially if the water is a little turbid. Any top floating lure that imitates a minnow in a silver, black or brown color seem to work best and will best imitate many of our common stream forage species such as chubs and shiners. –

*Heath Benike, fisheries biologist, Barron, WI*



## **Trout Fishing Records**

Listed below are the world record trout caught by fishermen just like you. This data comes directly from the IGFA (International Game Fish Association). Hopefully one day we'll see your name listed below for a record trout!

Llyod Bull caught a lake trout (*salvelinus namaycush*) in Great Bear Lake located in Canada on August 19th, 1995 that weighed 32.65 kg (72 lbs. 0 oz.)

Sean Konrad caught a rainbow trout (*oncorhynchus mykiss*) in Lake Diefenbaker located in Canada on September 5th, 2009 that weighed 21.77 kg (48 lbs. 0 oz.)

Chas Reed caught a golden trout (*oncorhynchus aguabonita*) in Cooks Lake located in Wyoming, USA on August 5th, 1948 that weighed 4.98 kg (11 lbs. 0 oz.)

N. Higgins caught a bull trout (*salvelinus confluentus*) in Lake Pend Oreille located in Idaho, USA on October 27th, 1949 that weighed 14.51 kg (32 lbs. 0 oz.)

Dr. W. Cook caught a brook trout (*salvelinus fontinalis*) in the Nipigon River located in Canada on July 1st, 1916 that weighed 6.57 kg (14 lbs. 8 oz.)

John Skimmerhorn caught a cutthroat trout (*oncorhynchus clarki*) in Pyramid Lake located in Nevada, USA on December 1st, 1925 that weighed 18.59 kg (41 lbs. 0 oz.)

Otwin Kandolf caught a brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) in Oahu Canal on New Zealand's south island on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 that weighed 19.1 kg (42 lbs 1 oz.),



## **Martinsville, VA Wild Brown Trout**

About a four hour drive from Charleston is one of the best *wild* brown trout fisheries in Virginia. In the 15 mile stretch of the Smith River between Philpot Dam and Fieldale, VA is good brown trout territory.

In a recent electroshock survey, numerous 19-20 inch wild browns were found. The slot limit in the river is 10" to 24" for browns. Any fish caught in that slot must be released. The largest brown caught in the survey was 26 inches long.

Rainbow trout are stocked 8 times a year, October 1<sup>st</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup>. The river also has brook trout, large and small mouth bass, sunfish, and blue gill. Rainbow and brook trout must be 7 inches long to keep them.

Water in the Smith River fluctuates daily. Call (276) 629-2432 to hear a recorded message detailing generation times. Water levels rise quickly during generation and can travel between 3 to 5 miles per hour.

The Smith River was named one of the best fishing rivers in Southwestern

Virginia by the readers of Virginia Living Magazine.

Both a non-resident trout fishing license, which was \$47 in 2016, is required if fishing stocked trout waters from October 1st through June 15<sup>th</sup> and a non-resident fresh water fishing license is required in Virginia waters. It was also \$47 in 2016. There are also non-resident general fresh water fishing licenses for 1 day at \$8, 5 consecutive days at \$21, and a combination fresh/saltwater 5 consecutive days license for \$31.

A very good lengthy article on the river and fishing there is located at:  
<http://www.perfectflystore.com/wsmithr.html>

## **Trout In The Classroom**

The 2016/2017 Trout In the Classroom program is going well so far this year, with most schools praising the quality of the eggs this year. They have hatched and are now *alevins*. New Haven has provided a video link to their egg basket at:

[New Haven TIC Trout Tank](#)

Take a look at the alevins and how healthy they look.

We need more volunteers to work in the Trout In the Classroom program as soon as possible. With well over 400 members in our chapter, we should be able to get a dozen volunteers to help the kids out in the schools. There is not a lot of time involved. If you can help, call *Homer Sweeney at 304-546-9328 or Ralph Douglas at 304-776-6462.*



## **2017 Hunt Show ENCTU Gun Raffle**

**Henry Lever Action, Octagon Barrel, Open Rifle Sights**

- **Caliber:** 22 magnum
- **Model:** Goldenboy
- **Finish:** Blue
- **Stock Frame/Grips:** Wood
- **Receiver:** Brasslite
- **Made in America**

Proceeds go to the **Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited** supporting conservation, restoration, preservation and reconnection of coldwater streams

**Provided by and Pickup Location:**

Spring Hill Rod & Gun  
4901 MacCorkle Ave SW  
South Charleston, WV 25309  
304-768-2090

Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by parent/guardian

**\$1.00 per ticket**

**6 tickets for \$5**

12 tickets for \$10

18 tickets for \$15

24 tickets for \$20

30 tickets for \$25

36 tickets for \$30

42 tickets for \$35

48 tickets for \$40

54 tickets for \$45

60 tickets for \$50

**Winning ticket to be drawn at 5:00 PM January 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
(Need not be present to win)

**Tickets available at the membership meetings**



Scheduled Events

Chapter Meeting – Nov. 8th 7 PM- 8:30 PM Cabela's Conference Room.

Board Meeting – Nov. 22nd 6:30 PM- 8:30 PM South Charleston Public Library

Chapter Meeting – Dec. 13th 7 PM-9PM at Black Sheep Burrito & Brews, Meeting, swap meet, and sale.

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Guide To The Catch and Release Trout Streams Of West Virginia

Maps, Tips, Hatch Charts, & Lodging Info. \$10.00 Each

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