



Ernie Nester
Chapter 166



2014 HUNT AND FISH SHOW, CHARLESTON CIVIC CENTER



Left to right, Charlie Nichols, Bill Todd, Paul Skaggs, Larry Orr (behind post) and Jeff Nelsen.

Many thanks to the ENCTU volunteers who helped with the West Virginia Hunt and Fish Show at the Charleston Civic Center. Members arrived pre-show to set up the booth Thursday and to man the booths during the three day event. Most volunteered for the three hour shift arriving early or staying late to visit with the others or, to stroll through the show visiting the many booths. The shows vendors displayed everything from bulk candy to exotic safaris in Africa. And the first organization after coming through the front door is the Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Special thanks to Bill Todd who put in quite a bit of time well before the show lining up and scheduling the volunteers, Larry Orr probably spends just about all weekend manning the booth and counting pennies. Bill Murray, who also belongs to the West Virginia Trophy Hunters, is there all weekend also helps tremendously, even making sure the coffee is fresh. Paul Skaggs has been in charge of securing our hunt show raffle items and this he did well again. The Spring Hill Rod and Gun Shop has been a partner with the chapter since we added the raffle.

This year we didn't seem to have quite the turnout as in previous years but, we were in "tough" competition with another event going on concurrently with

the hunt show. The Civic Center was also hosting the annual Tough Man contest which had been rescheduled from the previous weekend do to weather and we definitely saw a loss of visitors to it. Total revenues for the weekend again exceeded expenses so the chapter came out with a small profit. SUCCESS! It was decided long ago the hunt show was, and still is an event ENCTU will be apart of.

We always pick up a few new members every year and sell a few flies and guides, but it is just a downright joy to watch the youngsters gather around the fly tiers who in between conversations do occasionally tie one up, (a fly, not a kid!). The children are sometimes slack jawed in attention watching whoever and asking questions, Brent Best was giving out every one of his creations to one happy kid. We even took in an order to tie some special gig heads from one visitor. Ellie May Dean came over from the Elk Springs Resort to guest tie some flies and it quickly became apparent that she is a very talented tier. We are all looking forward to next year, see ya at the show!



Elisabeth Dean showing everyone how it's done.



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2014 Hunt and Fish Show raffle winner, Wes Caruthers of Red House, WV (holding gun) with Joe Means, Spring Hill Rod and Gun.

ENCTU EDUCATION CLASSES



Steve Young and Ed Crumb review a student's videoed casting techniques with him in the Intermediate Fly Fishing Class. Space still remains for the Intermediate Rod Building, Advanced Fly Tying and Fishing the Four Seasons for trout in WV. All start on March 13. To register email: ENCTUClasses@gmail.com

ENCTU'S SAVE OUR STREAMS S.O.S 2014 DATES SET

The Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited will conduct Save Our Streams (SOS) surveys for Loop Creek on May 3 and October 11. We will meet at 10 AM at the bridge on Camp Branch Road. More details will follow as they develop. Please mark your calendars and contact Larry Orr if you plan to participate, edhorse@suddenlink.net

To register for the upcoming water quality monitoring training class to be held February 15th, 9:AM-2:30PM at the South Charleston Public Library contact Jaimie Holmes at 304-614-6699 or jholmes@tu.org. Please register by February 12th. Sponsored by:



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Email: wvflyfishr@gmail.com



You are cordially invited to attend the
**2014 Annual Banquet of the
Ernie Nester Chapter of
Trout Unlimited**



The Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its Annual Banquet on the evening of Tuesday, March 11th, 2014, at the Elks Club in Charleston, WV. The evening begins with a social hour starting at 5:45 P.M. Joe Zando will again be catering our dinner. There will be a cash bar with wine and beer during the evening.

Please help us extend our reach. Invite family, friends, and business acquaintances to the Banquet.

Our Master of Ceremonies will be Steve Young, Chapter President. Steve will guide us through the evening events. Awards will be presented to individuals and groups in recognition for their service to this past year. Reservations are required, so please fill out and return the reservation form below. Along with bucket raffles and auctions we will have a Special Raffle Drawing with Premium Prizes. Raffle tickets are being sold by chapter members prior to and during the banquet for \$2 each. ***"You are not required to be present to win the special raffle."***

"Friends of ENCTU" sponsorships are available at \$200.00. Included in the sponsorship will be (2) food tickets, 20 bucket raffle tickets and a special drawing just for our sponsors.

There will be a variety of trips, equipment, and miscellaneous items to raffle off. See attached list. Please contact Jeff Nelsen at (304) 768-3933 or email: jefflnelsen@suddenlink.net with interest in selling the special raffle tickets, being a sponsor, helping with banquet or any other questions.

Please notice this reservation form will **not be mailed** but will be available in the February newsletter "Trout Lines" and on our website at www.enctu.org. Please print and send in the reservation form below to Tom Moody (**Make checks payable to ENCTU**)

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<p>Please reserve ____ place(s) for me at the ENCTU Annual Dinner.</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p>	<p>Names</p> <p>(My name) _____</p> <p>(1st guest's name) _____</p> <p>(2nd guest's name) _____</p> <p>(3rd guest's name) _____</p>
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Amount enclosed at **\$32.50** per person: \$ _____.00 (**Make All Checks Payable to ENCTU**)

Return by Monday, March 3, 2014 to: Tom Moody
212 Sutherland Drive
South Charleston, WV 25303

If you have any changes to your reservation, please call Tom Moody immediately at (304)744-4083 or email: scpeeod@yahoo.com.

Committed prizes for the 2014 for the Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited Banquet as of 2-2-14

Bamboo fly rod 6' one piece 3 / 4 weight built and donated by Randy Lemon

6 day /6 night trip to Legend Lodge on Lake Iliamna, Alaska for ½ price

Framed 14x20 Roger Lucas print of a rainbow trout fighting a fly with 3 actual trout flies embedded within the print donated by Maria Cormany in memory of Aubrey Cormany.

4 night lodging for 2 on the South Branch of the Au Sable River near Roscommon, MI. in memory of Ernie Nester donated by Ben Pinti

200 flies of WV stream patterns with fly box from Cutthroat Anglers, Silverthorne, CO

All day float fishing trip for 2 on the Bitterroot River, Montana with guide Jim Mitchell compliments of Montana Hunting and Fishing Adventures, Hamilton, MT

Harman Cabins – 2 night stay for 4 at one of their cabins

Spring Creek Outfitters- Float guided day trip for 2 on the North Branch of the Potomac

2 nights stay at Elk Springs Resort Lodge and two (2) half day guide service for two people at Elk Spring Resort, Monterville, WV compliments of Lisa & Daron Dean, owners

Fishing themed Scentsy Warmer from Elk Springs Resort

Gift Certificate for 2 at Cass Scenic Railroad – Cass to Whittaker Station trip – Mike Sayre

Under Armor WVU Mountaineer Rain Jacket - Larry Orr

2 filled fly boxes – Charlie Krepps

Custom made wooden fishing net – Larry Riffie

Custom made wooden fly box – Larry Riffie

Winterplace Ski Package – Paul Skaggs

Cabela's – prizes to be determined later

Smoke Hole Resorts – basket

FYAO hat/shirts – Greg Cox

Financial Planning Session - Heritage Investment Group

WVDNR – Blackwater Falls State Park – 1 night lodging for 2 people mid week

WVDNR – Pipestem State Park – 1 night lodging for 2 people mid week

Cabela's reel, line and 2 dozen flies donated by Max Robertson

Fly-in fishing trip with Dave Hansford to Randolph & Pocahontas County donated by Dave Hansford

KVCTU Shirts & Hats

ENCTU Shirts & Hats

WVCTU Hat

Chuck Ripper Print

Simms Fishing Shirt w/ Madison River Outfitters logo, W. Yellowstone, MT – Bill Todd

Treetops Canopy Tour – Adventures on the Gorge – Mike Sayre

Fishing Themed Embroidered Shirt created and donated Paula Clem

Save our Stream kick net and associated equipment donated by WVDEP SOS coordinator Glen Nelson

Half Day guided trip for 2 by Fastwater Fly Fishing owner Mike Snyder – Mike Sayre

Further information for the below referenced prizes provided in additional pages.

Special raffle tickets – 5 prizes

Live auction – 2 prizes

Sponsor Prize – 1 prize

**Ernie Nester Chapter Trout Unlimited
Charleston, WV**



Annual Fundraising Banquet
March 11, 2014
Special Raffle Ticket \$2

1st Prize: 2 nights stay at Elk Springs Resort Lodge and two (2) half day guide service for two people at Elk Spring Resort, Monterville, WV compliments of Lisa & Daron Dean, owners. <https://sites.google.com/site/elkspringsresortwv>



2nd Prize: All day float fishing trip for 2 on the Bitterroot River, Montana with guide Jim Mitchell compliments of Montana Hunting and Fishing Adventures, Hamilton, MT <http://www.montanahuntingfishingadv.com/>



3rd Prize: Full day float trip for 2 on the North Branch of the Potomac, WV/MD with guide, Harold Harsh compliments of Spring Creek Outfitters, Oakland, MD
<http://www.springcreekoutfitter.com/>



4th Prize: 2 night stay at Harman's Log Cabins for 4 located on the North Fork of the South Branch of the Potomac near Cabins, WV compliments of Harman's Log Cabins, Todd Harman, owner

<http://www.wvlogcabins.com/>



5th Prize: 200 flies of West Virginia stream patterns with fly box compliments of Cutthroat Anglers, Silverthorne, CO.

<http://fishcolorado.com/>



Major Auction Items

The bamboo rod is a hand-split and hand-planed six foot one-piece rod for a 3/4 weight line. It comes with an aluminum tube and custom rod bag. It will have an uplocking nickel silver reel seat, red silk wrappings tipped with black, and four coats of polyurethane for protection. Retail value is \$1000. Built and donated by Randy Lemon.

Special pricing for up to 7 people at Alaska's Legend Lodge

www.legendlodge.com

Trip includes:

Air flights from Iliamna, AK to Legend Lodge and back

Fully guided, lodging and food included

Up to 7 people included on this special

6days, 6nights in either 2014 or 2015

Special rate of \$2579 per person which is half the normal rate.



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“FRIENDS OF ENCTU” SPONSOR

The Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited is currently accepting corporate and individual sponsorship for our 2014 Annual Awards Banquet and Fundraiser to be held March 11th, 2014 at the Charleston Elks Club beginning at 5:45 pm.

The cost to be a sustaining member of our sponsor team is \$200. This includes 2 dinner guests, 20 bucket raffle tickets and **a special drawing for 4 night stay for 2 on the South Branch of the Au Sable River near Roscommon, MI.** If you are unable to attend the banquet please still consider the opportunity to contribute to the chapter's many activities or visit the web site at www.wykvctu.org. You will still be eligible for the sponsor prize if not present.

Come join us for a casual evening of fun, fishing stories, fundraising for a great cause. Contact Jeff Nelsen at 304-768-3393 (home), 304 -951-2247 (cell) or jefflnelsen@suddenlink.net for more information.

SPONSOR NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NAMES OF DINNER GUESTS: _____

Make checks payable to ENCTU (Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited) and mail to Jeff Nelsen, ENCTU Banquet Chair, 1403 Princess Drive, South Charleston, WV 25309

Friends of ENCTU Sponsors' Raffle Prize

Jeff Nelsen

In honor of the late Ernie Nester, Ben Pinti, a TU member originally from West Virginia who now resides in Michigan is offering 2 guests, a 4 night stay at his cabin located on the South Branch of the Au Sable



River and just upstream from the famous "Mason Tract" property. George Mason who was president of the Nash Car Company donated this property to the State of Michigan upon his death in the 1950's, before his death George Mason is also recognized for inspiring his friend George Griffith to form a new organization to protect trout streams. In 1959 George Griffith fulfilled George Mason's dream with the creation of Trout Unlimited.

Ben's cabin near Roscommon, MI features 3 bedrooms & is located on the riverbank of the South Branch of the Au Sable near Chase Bridge. Each guest will have their own bedroom, Ben will also provide dinner for the 2 guests for each evening of their stay or he will provide dining at one of the local restaurants. Ben's kitchen will be open to the guest to bring & prepare their own food & drinks for break-

fast & lunch. It is also recommended that they provide their own alcoholic beverages. Ben will stay at the cabin with the guests & will either fish with the guests or point them in the right direction for public access sites along the South Branch or the main-stream of the Au Sable River.

The time frame for the trip will be for four nights beginning on April 28 & ending on May 9, 2014. The booking with Ben should be made before March 24, 2014. Ben's contact information will be provided to the sponsors' raffle winner.

Fishing at this time of the year is for brook and brown trout to the blue wing olive or hendrickson hatches. A word of caution however, the South Branch can be very high in the early spring, however the nearby mainstream of the Au Sable & the North Branch of the Au Sable almost always provide wade fishing at this time of the year.

Ben recommends that the guests consider hiring a guide during their stay for at least one of the days. A guide early in their stay could provide a good overview & experience on the different tactics and techniques for fishing the waters of the Au Sable. The Au Sable river system has not been stocked with trout since the 1960's, these trout are wild and can be difficult to catch. A guide would float the river with clients in an Au Sable River Boat & provide lunch for around \$350 plus tip.

At this time of the year a guide could also be hired to fish for Great Lakes Steelhead on the lower Au Sable River, this water is about a 1.5 hour drive from Ben's cabin. Ben can suggest guides for either of these trips. With or without a guide Ben will do his best to capitalize on his over 30 years experience on fishing these waters with the sponsors' raffle winner.

UPCOMING ENCTU EVENTS

February 11th, Membership meeting SCPL 7:00PM-9:00PM, Program speakers, see right.

February 15th, WV Water Quality Monitoring training, SCPL 9:00AM- 2:30PM, call 304-614-6699 to register

February 22nd, WVCTU winter meeting, Flatwoods Amphitheater R/O Days Inn Hotel, 9:00AM-2:00PM

February 25th, ENCTU Board meeting South Charleston Public Library, 6:00PM-8:30PM.

March 11th, Membership meeting Annual Banquet, Elks Club Charleston. Social hour starts 5:45PM

FEBRUARY'S PROGRAM SPEAKER IS
TERRELL ELLIS AND BRENT BAILEY
FROM THE WEST VIRGINIA LAND TRUST



Land is a resource vital to our health, our environment and our future. The West Virginia Land Trust protects special pieces of land FOREVER. 5,000 acres of land vanish each day in the United States. Join with us to assure future generations know the scenic beauty of our beloved mountain state. If you won't help us protect special places in West Virginia, who will?

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