

“Trout Lines”

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Southern Trout Fishing

Most trout fishing publications cover the western or the northern USA. Here is a publication from the South and it has some interesting information about trout in that area.

Their website is:

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

Their magazine/newsletter is at

<http://www.southerntrout.com/mag>

The December/January issue has 206 pages, but winter is a good time to read anyway.

A Reminder About The March Banquet

Our annual banquet will be held on Tuesday evening March 8th, 2016. The caterer will be Rollin' Smoke BBQ. I have eaten their fare many times and if you like BBQ it is some of the area's best. It is Texas style.

We need sponsors and donations of prizes for the raffle/auction. For information contact Jeff Nelsen at 304-768-3933 or jeffnelsen@suddenlink.net

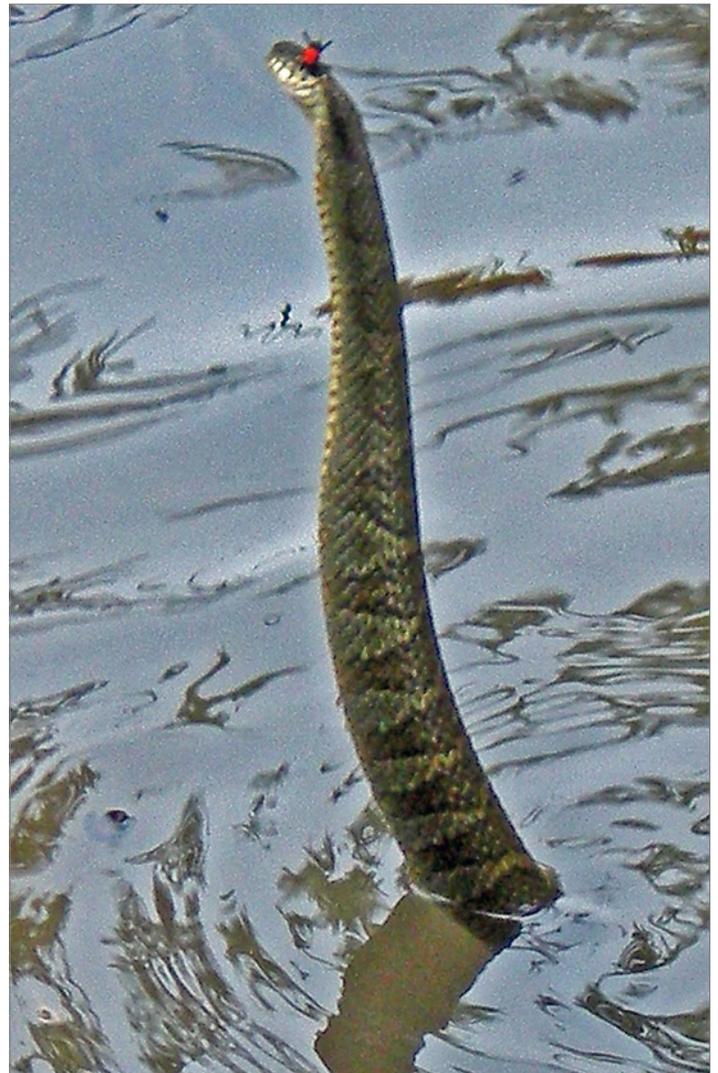
"The difference between fly fishers and worm dunkers is the quality of their excuses."

~ *Anonymous*

The Longest Catch

In the spring of 2014, my brother and I went on a fly fishing trip and we decided to compete to see who hooked the longest catch. My brother, Jerry, won hands down, as you can see from this photo of his catch.

Harry Moran



Can Trout Really See Color ?

From the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute research, here are some interesting facts:

QUICK READ:

- 1 To improve angling success, consider how fish see and eat.**
- 2 Lure colors that are visible to fish change with increasing water depths.**
- 3 Bright colors look drab to a fish if presented in deep water.**
- 4 In clear water, longer color wavelengths (like red) are visible in the shallows and shorter wavelengths (like blue) are visible in the depths.**
- 5 On clear days, light penetrates deeper into the water than on cloudy days or at twilight.**
- 6 Cloudy or turbid water will reduce the depth that light can reach.**

Most fish see colors. As with people, the retina of a fish's eye contains two types of cells: cones and rods. Cones are used for day vision and are the cells that discern color. Rods are used for night vision and cannot distinguish colors, although they can discern light intensity. In most freshwater fish, the eyes possess both rods and cones, although night feeders like walleye or fish that live at greater depths have more rods.

Research suggests day feeders like bass, trout and salmon are more sensitive to color than night feeders like walleye. Studies have shown that rainbow

trout and Pacific salmon have color vision similar to that of humans. They can distinguish complementary colors and up to 24 spectral hues. Other studies have shown that brown trout are capable of sharply focusing on near and far objects at the same time and can clearly see different colors at different distances.

Remember this when choosing what to wear and what to carry on a trout stream. Our clothing and tackle colors can spook trout, especially brown trout. Seeing blue, dark green, and brown might seem natural to a trout. Seeing yellow, orange, or red could cause them to take off, especially around small shallow streams.

Also take this into consideration when choosing a fly for the surface versus the depths.



Gadget Of The Month

The Ketchum Release Tool by Waterworks is a must have Catch & Release fly fishing tool for those who fly fish in the winter. This tool is designed to make hook removal easy & keep your hands out of the water! To use the Ketchum release, simply place the leader in the groove on the tool, slide the tool down to the hook and pop it out!

Recent Warming Is Affecting Brook Trout

Recently released results from a 15 year study of factors affecting brook trout populations, written about on The Fish Site, show the new higher temperatures of summer air have a large influence on the smallest brook trout fry and on brook trout eggs. The study, done by Mr. Ben Letcher, fish biologist at the U.S. Geological Survey, and his colleagues sampled four streams and over 15,000 individual brook trout. They predict that if the fish do not evolve, in 15 more years the trout could be gone from the study streams, if the increase in summer temperatures continues.

The findings were reported in Global Change Biology. The report is expected to help nonprofit watershed organizations, and government wildlife managers identify, prioritize, and protect habitat most likely to support fish in the future. One of the study streams in western Massachusetts is perhaps the most studied native brook trout stream in the world, according to Mr. Letcher. The stream is about a mile long and has 3 tributaries. The stream was not named in the article.

Brown Trout records



Wild brown trout do grow very large. A 64.8 lb. brown trout was netted in Lake Maggiore, Switzerland in 1928.

The British record rod caught wild brown trout is 31lbs 12oz caught on Loch Awe by Brian Rutland.

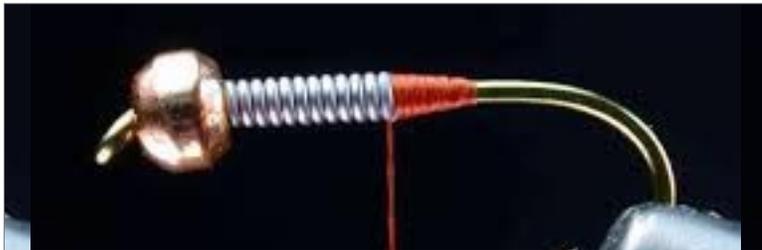
A 41.45 lb brown trout was caught by Tom Healy in 2009 in the Manistee River system in Michigan, setting a new all-tackle world record for the species.

The current world record is a 42 pounder caught by 71 year old Otwin Kandolf on the South Island of New Zealand. It was caught on a lure.



The Newsletter Needs Your Input

Submit your articles and photos for the newsletter to help make it a better publication for the whole chapter. We need your fishing stories and your "how to" articles.



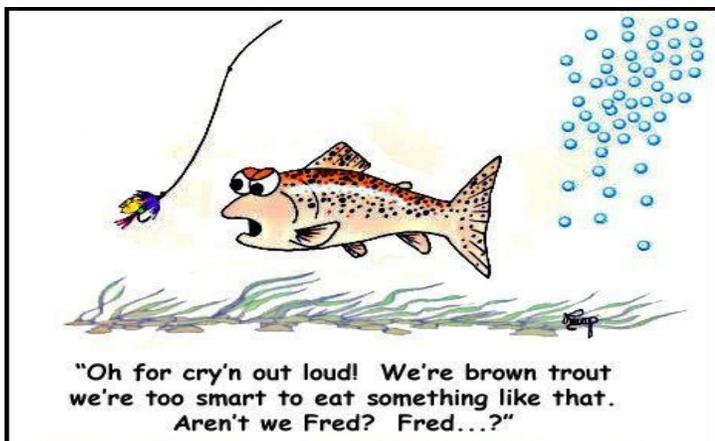
Warning, there is a new "no lead" regulation in Yellowstone National Park

According to a report in Southern Trout Magazine, the National Park Service now has a "no lead" regulation in the park. They do not know if this regulation has been put in place in other national parks. Here is the regulation wording.

SECTION 7.13 SPECIAL REGULATIONS (e) (2) line 50 where it says:

Leaded fishing tackle such as leaded split-shot sinkers, weighted jigs (lead molded to a hook), and soft lead-weighted ribbon for nymph fishing are prohibited.

There were some restrictions on lead previously, but apparently those didn't satisfy the NPS.



Welcome to those who joined our chapter at the WV Hunting and Fishing Show

The new members are:
Michael A. Turkaly, Brian Scott, Pamela Dunlap, Gary Walker, Tyler Booth, Steve Mallory, and Jimmy Easter.



Mr. Ed Crum won the raffle for the Remington 870 Wingmaster at the West Virginia Hunting and Fishing Show this year. We had sales of \$1608 including \$218 pre-show per Larry Orr. That is gross income, not net.

Thanks to all those chapter volunteers that worked at the show and made it another successful year. We gained 7 new members and had two teachers ask to become part of the Trout In the Classroom program. Several people made donations to the organization and others are now interested in volunteering.

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Scheduled Events

January 26, Board Meeting at 6:30 PM at the South Charleston library.

February 9, Members meeting at 7 PM at the South Charleston Library.

February 23, Board meeting at 6:30 PM at the South Charleston Library.

February 26, The Fly Fishing Film Tour at the Capital Theater. http://www.flyfilmtour.com/ for more information.

Be sure to attend membership meetings.

Guide To The Catch and Release Trout Streams Of West Virginia

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

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