



“Trout Lines”

January 2017

West Virginia Hunting and Fishing Show

The annual West Virginia Hunting and Fishing Show will be held on January 20th, 21st, and 22nd this year, at the Charleston Civic Center. Our booths are directly at the front, opposite the entrance doors, which is a prime location. This is great exposure for our organization and an opportunity to sign new members to our chapter. We raise money via sales of flies, stream guides, and our gun raffle.

If you haven't volunteered to work a few hours in our booth yet, contact Larry Orr. His email is edhorse@suddenlink.net .





ENCTU ANNUAL BANQUET 3-14-17– Save the Date!!!

The Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its Annual Banquet on the evening of Tuesday, **March 14th, 2017**, at the Elks Club in Charleston, WV. Rollin Smoke BBQ will be catering the banquet again. The banquet committee asks your help reaching out to your contacts for raffle/auction prizes and/or sponsors.

Obviously all fishing items, lodging at fishing lodges/camps and guided trips are the most desirable. Other great prizes given in the past have been gift certificates from restaurants, bed and breakfasts, other outdoor events and trips, such as for skiing, golf, whitewater. Tickets to sporting or musical performances are welcome.

If you are interested in providing a banquet prize for our raffles and auctions or being a sponsor please contact Jeff Nelsen at (304) 768-3933 or his email: jeffnelson@suddenlink.net

The banquet serves as our annual fundraising event and also recognizes our chapter members and others, who contribute to our mission to protect, conserve and restore the trout fisheries of WV.





Angling Art Classes

Remember that the 2017 Angling Art Classes start on January 26th on Thursday nights. For registration or information email ENCTUclasses@gmail.com. See December's Trout Lines for the complete schedule.

December's ENCTU Meeting

December's fly tying and swap meet was a great success! A lot of fly tying experience was shared and we learned many tricks of the craft from each other. I think we should have more meetings of the same type. Charlie Krepps also shared some of his knowledge and tips for caring for your gear and making the sport easier. Don't miss the January meeting as we prepare for the WV Hunting and Fishing Show.

What is your favorite winter season fly?

Let's find out what is the most popular fly used during the winter season in West Virginia by our members. Please email me your choice at enctu.newsletter@gmail.com by January 20th and I will put the top choices in next month's newsletter. We will need as many responses as possible for this to have any meaningful outcome.

Surplus Trout Were Stocked

West Virginia DNR hatcheries had some surplus trout in December of last year. Between December 5th and December 9th approximately 17,000 pounds of rainbow trout were stocked in 20 streams. The locations were given on the WV DNR stocking line daily. Though the trout stocked were slightly smaller than those normally stocked, they will still provide a lot of fishing enjoyment. These along with January stockings should provide a lot of opportunity for trout fishermen. The stream flows have been excellent. Current stocking updates are available by calling 304-558-3399. **January 3rd stockings were Glady Fork, Larenim Park Lake, Shavers Fork (upper section), Summit Lake, Watoga Lake, Williams River.**

Humor: One day two guys, Frank and Bob, were out trout fishing.

A funeral service passes over the bridge they're fishing by, and Bob takes off his hat and puts it over his heart. He does this until the funeral service passes by.

Frank then said "Gee Bob, I didn't know you had it in you!"

Bob then replies "It's the least I could do. After all I was married to her for 30 years."



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 22nd
(Need not be present to win)



Winter Trout Fishing In the Southeast

While the Northeast and upper Mid-Atlantic states are suffering with freezing temperatures, the Southeast is normally enjoying moderate weather and good trout fishing. Snow is uncommon in the Southeast for most of the winter, even in the higher elevations. A lot of days are in the 50s and some in the 60s. This makes for great winter trout fishing, compared to the Northeast and upper Mid-Atlantic states.

Both North and South Carolina manage quite a few Delayed Harvest streams, where they are catch and release only, until around June. A number of large trout are stocked in these streams and many have large wild trout. Streams that are crowded in the spring and summer are sparsely fished during the winter in many areas. To successfully fish these areas, you need to do some research on available waters, their access, and the regulations.

Brevard, NC has a fly fishing only, catch and release section of the Davis River nearby. Containing large browns and rainbows, this river is normally crowded during the spring and summer, but thins out a lot during the winter. Midges are the common trout food during this period, On warm days blue wing olive flies sometimes work well.

The North Fork Mills River around Hendersonville, NC is another DH river. For a list of those go to www.ncwildlife.org. The Chattooga River in South Carolina has DH sections brimming with large trout, per the SC DNR. Starting at the Russell Bridge over State Route 28 is one section and another is a very remote one stocked by helicopter in the Sims Field area. This section is also home to some very large wild browns. Good dry fly fishing can be found in this area.

So if you want to avoid cabin fever a little this winter, the Southern trout waters can provide an alternative if you willing to invest a little research and a day's travel time each way to the areas. <http://www.southerntrout.com/> has good info on southern trout fishing. Check out the Magazine Archive on that page.



Scheduled Events

January 9th – ENCTU Membership Meeting - South Charleston Library 7 PM

January 20,21, & 22 – West Virginia Hunting and Fishing show. Charleston Civic Center

January 26th – Angling Arts classes start at Elk Center.

Guide To The Catch and Release Trout Streams Of West Virginia

Maps, Tips, Hatch Charts, & Lodging Info.

\$10.00 Each

All proceeds benefit the Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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