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2012 WEST VIRGINIA HUNTING AND FISHING SHOW



Larry Orr (facing away left.) and Bill Todd man the TU booth at the entrance to the show

The West Virginia Hunting and Fishing Show was presented January 20-22 by the WV Trophy Hunters Association at the Charleston Civic Center Grand Hall. The name in the recent past was WV Hunt Show but, now there seems to be as many fishing charters, and out door adventure organizations along side the hunting guides to really make the show a success for all who came. The show visitor could see anything from an African safari to an Alaskan guided fishing vacation.

At times the crowd could be a little overwhelming, but if you cared to brave it, you could get a look and put your hands on the latest offerings from many of the numerous outdoor product manufacturers. All the while gnawing on your favorite flavor of jerky, then wash it down with a frozen lemonade. The skill and talents displayed in the paintings, woodwork, and handmade cutlery just amazes me.

One of the busiest areas of the show year in and out is the Whitetail hall of fame. There seems to be a line nonstop to see the mounts along with their story, and to have this falls rack scored by the WVDNR biologists. And, at the opposite end of the

aisle is the "Wall of Shame" (kinda sounds like my fishing). This display is sponsored by the DNR's law enforcement, it also tends to draw a crowd and the officers will gladly tell you the story behind each mount.

Saturday also has the auction which is cool to watch and maybe make a bid or two, if you don't have a lot of time to sit give the silent auction a spin.

This year I really wanted to attend the Coyote calling and hunting seminar after seeing pictures from a game camera taken in August of 2011, that buck while still in velvet would have definitely scored well. I was scheduled to man the booth from 6PM to 9PM and prior commitment rules, when mamma aint happy, aint no one happy.

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Next Chapter Meeting

February 14th 7:00 PM

South Charleston Library
Program: Bring your gear
for fly tying

Next Board meeting

February 28th 6:30 PM

South Charleston Library

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Gary Chancey of Hurricane demonstrates the art of fly tying

PROJECT HEALING WATERS FLY FISHING



Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. 2012 WV hunting and fishing show [Www.projecthealingwaters.org](http://www.projecthealingwaters.org)

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing had a very successful fundraising experience at the WV hunting and fishing show. Many thanks to all the KVCTU members who helped with the booth. With the help of KVCTU members and the veteran/warriors from the Huntington and Beckley programs we had a spectacular show. Veteran/warriors Billy Davis, Todd Marcum, and Jerry Flynn were instrumental in generating overwhelming support from the visitors to the show. Billy was a master at getting the word out about PHWFF and Todd and Jerry dazzled the crowd with their fly tying. Todd and Jerry tied and sold over 30 Pistol Pete flies. Their patterns were unique and very popular.

The biggest fundraising item was the raffle of the fly

rod. It was a TFO 5 wt. 9 foot fly rod, Project Healing Waters edition.

Billy was a master at selling the tickets and getting veteran/warrior to sign up for our programs.

I should probably explain a few things about PHWFF. We are located within the VA Hospitals in Beckley, Clarksburg, and Huntington. This program is open to all disabled veterans and wounded warriors with a disability. The difference between a veteran and a warrior might be summed up as follows. A warrior is a man or woman who has been in direct combat (shot at) and has sustained injuries while in combat. A veteran is a man or woman who has served this country and did not sustain a combat injury but have suffered from numerous combat related or noncombatant disabilities. This could be physical or emotional. Many of our members are veterans who have sustained non-combat injuries or disabilities and also

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Winner of the PHWFF Fly rod Del. Ron Walters accepting his rod from Bob White



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served in combat, I refer to these men and women as warriors also. This program depends on the volunteers and fundraising that allows us to provide the men and women with a fly fishing experience at absolutely no cost to them. All the money we raised at the hunting and fishing show will be equally divided between the Beckley and Huntington programs.

We owe a lot of thanks to three warrior/veterans that put in two full 8 hour days tying flies and talking to numerous warrior/veterans that stopped by our booth. Two warrior/veterans from Huntington, Jerry Flynn and Todd Marcum tied and sold over 30 flies which were included in the proceeds. One Warrior/veteran from Beckley, Billy Davis was a relentless pursuer of warrior/veteran attendees and signed up many of the more than 30 interested warrior/veteran

attendees. wish to thank all the TU members who help us with set up and manning of our booth.

Dave Hansford

Poca Middle School Fly Tying Sessions



Joseph Harper



Steve Dean (L), Bronson Brown

Poca Middle School hosted a couple of sessions prior to the Hunt show for KVCTU members to get together to tie flies for the upcoming Hunt Show. A good time was had by all. There was also time to see how well the middle schools Trout in the Classroom project was progressing




The Remington Gun Raffle Winner Michael Sayre Picking up his Prize, Joe Means is behind the counter

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KVCTU has the premier booth for the show as most members know, as soon as you come through the door we are the first to be seen. The booth format is to have a couple of fly tying demonstrators on each side of the completed flies, and catch and release guides for sale, and, for the last couple of years a shotgun the chapter has raffled off. Flies are sold individually or by the dozen, in past years we have had spinners for sale and their non availability this year was missed.

CD Caldwell has put in a great effort to organize and make the show for KVCTU run smoothly, he has taken over the responsibility from Bill Todd and continued the great work that Bill devoted to making the show one of the Chapters yearly highlights. Although it is not a great money maker for the chapter, we tend to break relatively even, all involved feel it is a great way to get our brand name

out there and enjoy being part of the show. So keep up the good work CD and, thanks again Bill.

This years raffle winner was again one of our own, Michael Sayre is a member of 166, enjoy your prize. Altogether this years gun raffle brought in \$1933.

For the 2012 show 87 dozen flies were donated to KVCTU to sell. The number is down a bit this year from last and that could just be a sign of the times. However Charlie Krepps has been over the fly sales has put together a little math example: if fifteen minutes is used as an average time to tie a typical pattern then in 2012 for the eighty-seven dozen flies equaling one thousand forty four flies times fifteen minutes each, each fly equals fifteen thousand six hundred sixty minutes or two hundred sixty one hours. Paid attendance this year was 15177.

Check out the link below for an interesting film from 1969, Found it on the TU national website <http://www.lrctu.org/movies/TheWayofaTrout/>

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Trout in the Classroom

By Jack Williams

In 2007 KVCTU began our Trout in the Classroom program at Lakewood Elementary in St. Albans. Gene Burkett, our Youth Activities Chairman was the driving force behind this effort. He would have been proud to see what TIC has become. It was described by one of our Teachers in an Outdoor Life article as the best interactive learning experience she had ever been involved with. We made almost every mistake in the book at Lakewood, but we learned as we grew, and grow we did.. The Virginia Council as a



group and Rochelle Gandor personally were always there eager to help and provide council when needed.

The program works very simply like this. We provide schools with a 55gallon tank and all the equipment necessary to keep the temperature at 55 Degrees and to ensure that the water is filtered and treated so as to allow for Trout Life and Growth. The students are then given the responsibility of the daily care of their Trout. The program culminates in the spring with the schools stocking their fingerlings into the wild.

Teachers advise that in addition to biology and chemistry and the environment, the students learn about teamwork, responsibility, record keeping,

math, and communications., to name a few.

The incredible financial and physical support of Chesapeake Energy and American Electric / Appalachian Power has allowed us to grow from the one school in 2007 to eight in 2008.. We have continued that growth to twenty three schools this year. In addition to which we were asked to present this program to the WV State Council a few years ago, and we have provided Trout Eggs to both the Parkersburg and Morgantown Chapters who are now involved in their own successful and rewarding TIC programs.



This years TIC Team consists of 21 KVCTU Support Staff members and 46 Teachers

It can be estimated / calculated that this program reaches out to at least 7500 people each year with the messages of conservation. With the Newspaper, Television, and Radio coverage that KVCTU receives, TIC has become one of our most visible billboards and one our most effective recruiting tools.



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