



Ernie Nester
Chapter

"TROUT LINES" December 2013



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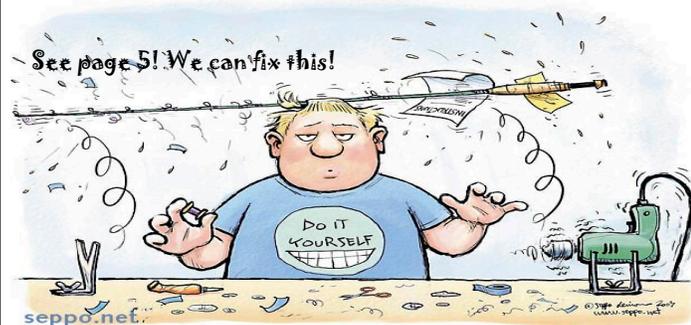
By Larry Orr

Did you know – that ENCTU (formerly KVCTU) had 275 members in March of 1996? I came across this fact while scanning hard copies of the newsletter from Ernie Nester's files. I said that the effort would take 168 beers, but I have only consumed about a case, and I have scanned 97 issues from 1980 to 1996. I have not found a newsletter from the 1970s.

This exercise has been interesting as I pick up tidbits while scanning each issue. I found that I was elected to the KVCTU Board in the winter of 1982, the year after I joined. The chapter started monitoring stream chemistry in 1979 under the tutelage of Dr. Don Brannon. Our first participation in the annual WV Hunting and Fishing Show was in 1988 (the first Hunt Show was in 1987). We cleared \$20 during the 1992 show and declared success.

The first issue with photographs that I found was in 1985, showing pictures of Ernie and Ed Hayne at the banquet with black hair and no bellies. The Almost Heaven Chapter in Beckley (now defunct) was started in 1992.

These scanned newsletters will be added to the Archives set up by Ian McQuinn, along with the remainder to take us up to date with the electronic versions already in the Archives. We are fortunate that Ernie was so fastidious with filing of these historic items.



October Loop Creek Save-Our-Streams (SOS)

By Larry Orr



Eight ENCTU members and one member from the Ol' Geezers Faction participated in one of the bi-annual Loop Creek Save-Our-Streams (SOS) surveys on a splendid partly cloudy day on Saturday, Oct. 5.

The stream flow was low at 7.5 cubic feet per second (cfs). The lowest we have seen was 6.3 cfs in Sept. 2010 with the highest being 81 cfs in April 2011.

The alkalinity and conductivity were unusually high at 262 ppm and 739 uS. This was suspected to be due to mining activities or to the upstream wastewater treatment facilities. The stream was sampled upstream, where the mining and wastewater treatment would have no impact, and the alkalinity was 224 ppm and the conductivity was 536 uS. These values are also unusually high, so the high values downstream can not be totally attributed to mining and/or wastewater treatment activities.

The total number of bugs found was 504 with 15 different types resulting in a "good" biological stream integrity index of 79.9. A high number of common netspinner caddisflies (400) and non-biting midges (30+) kept the rating from being higher. The abundance of these species is usually an indication of marginal quality water.

The sand level found from the "pebble count" was 3 ppm, the lowest we have found in any survey. This is

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Charlie Nichols, Alvan Gale and Ralph Douglas



colors and catching brookies above the lake named after the main stem stream. That day hike did two things for me: One, remind me I need to update my hiking blog and two, put the Upper Shavers bug back in my brain."

an encouraging trend that seems to show that sand from the past wastewater collection stream crossings and mining roads is washing downstream.

These SOS surveys will continue twice per year and the next will be scheduled for April or May of 2014. We welcome and look forward to additional participants.

Chris Shockey, WV TU, NLC Representative, will be December's Membership Speaker

Chris Shockey's June trip into the Shavers Fork headwaters will be the topic for December. Among the fishing tales Chris was able to see first hand the restoration work to repair the stream bed and to replace culverts that prohibited trout from migrating upstream to spawn. This should be a very good program for all to enjoy, and if you see Bill Todd be sure and thank him for a great job!

I have included a few excerpt's from Chris's blog (shocchris.blogspot.com) be sure to check it out.

"After fishing the trib where I caught my first native brook trout during my WV Trout Bum adventure in early June, this stream has been on my mind since.

The weekend before, I spent a day hiking the extreme headwaters of this watershed; taking in the fall



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WINNING TICKET WILL BE DRAWN 5:00 PM, JANUARY 19, 2014 AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE
WEST VIRGINIA HUNT AND FISH SHOW
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Tickets available at the December membership meeting see Paul Scaggs

A new shirt? Fishing hat? A Catch and release Guide for Christmas?

If you have been looking for a great stocking stuffer for that fishing buddy on your Christmas list, Maybe even for yourself. The Ernie Nester chapter has some great ideas. Take a look at the Chapter's great looking shirts and caps that are available now along with the always never fail Catch and Release Guide.

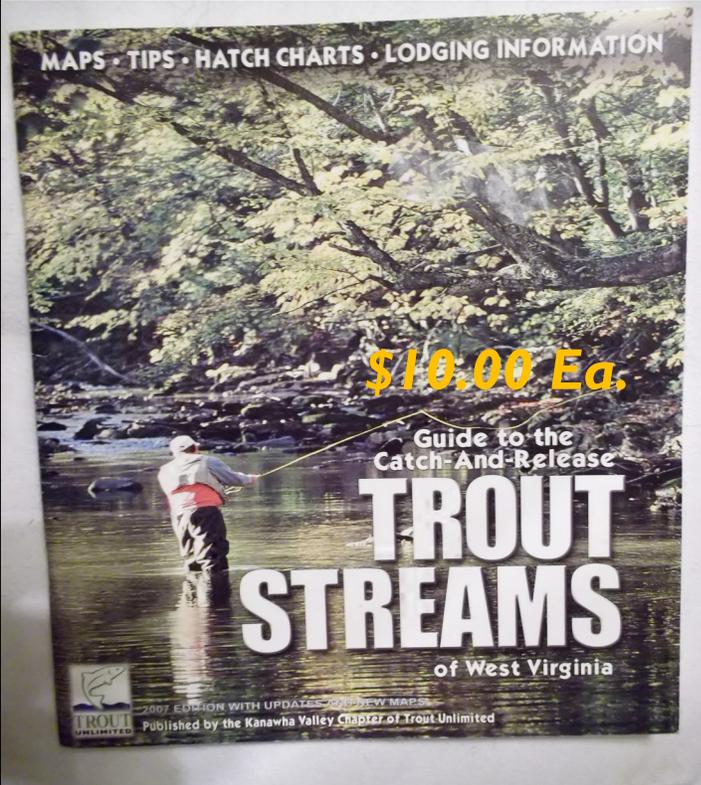
Many sizes and colors of the shirt are available along with a couple of different hat styles, all embroidered

and other helpful information that all fly fishing enthusiasts need today.

All proceeds benefit the Ernie Nester Chapter. And as we are a non-profit entity the shirts and caps will only be available certain times of the year so don't miss out this Christmas! Items will be on display and for purchase at the next membership meeting December 10th.



\$25.00 Ea.



with the new Ernie Nester TU logo. The stream guide is chock full of maps and information on the more than twenty catch and release streams in West Virginia. The guide has hatch charts of the aquatic insects that inhabit our streams



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2014 Angling Arts Classes Announced

As in past years, the Ernie Nester Chapter will offer Angling Arts Classes to its members and nonmembers alike. The traditional classes, *Introduction to Fly Fishing*, *Beginning Fly Tying*, and *Beginning Rod Building* will be presented. These will be augmented by *Intermediate Fly Fishing*, *Intermediate Rod Building*, and *Intermediate Fly Tying*. Further, two more specialty classes will soon be announced based on a survey of the Chapter members and of persons who recently took classes.

Like previous years, the classes will be conducted in two sessions. Unlike previous years, the *Introduction to Fly Fishing* will not be given until the second session, and it will be conducted on Monday and Thursday evenings for two weeks. Presenting this class in April allows the students to finish and go fly fishing. In the past, the class would end in February, usually not idyllic fly fishing conditions. Also, by coordinating the end of this class with the Chapter's trout fingerling stocking program will encourage the students to readily participate this Chapter activity.

First Session: Starts Thursday, 6:00pm, January 23, 2014, at the Elk Elementary Learning Center

- Beginning Fly Tying: A 2-hour, 6-week class. \$30 registration fee plus \$5.00 materials fee.
- Beginning Rod Building: A 3-hour, 7-week class. \$30 registration fee, plus the cost of materials to build any type of rod of your choice.
- Intermediate Fly Fishing: A 3-hour, 4-week class. \$30 registration fee. (Fly fishing experience req'd.)
- Specialty Class: To Be Announced: A 3-hour, 4-week class. \$30 registration fee

Second Session Has Two Starting Times. Classes Held at the Elk Elementary Learning Center.

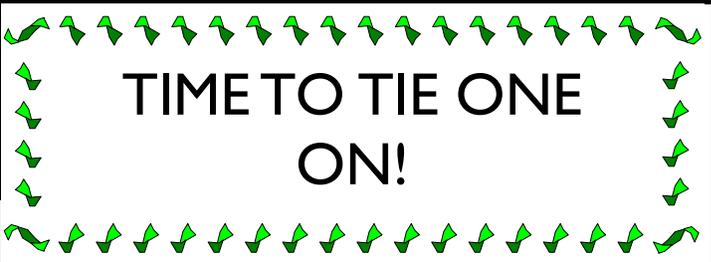
- Introduction to Fly Fishing: A 3-hour, Monday-Thursday class conducted at 6:00pm on April 7, April 10, April 14 & April 17. \$30 registration fee.
- Intermediate Fly Tying: Starts Thursday, April 12 at 6:00pm. A 2-hour, 6-week Thursday night class. \$30 registration fee plus \$5.00 materials fee. (Fly tying experience required.)
- Intermediate Rod Building. Starts Thursday April 12 at 6:00pm. A 3-hour, 4-week Thursday night class. \$30 registration fee plus \$10 materials fee. (Rod building experience required.)
- Specialty Class: To Be Announced: A 3-hour, 4-week class. \$30 registration fee

The classes are conducted in conjunction with the Kanawha County Schools Continuing Education Program, and the registration fees go to that program. Detailed descriptions of each class will be distributed to all Chapter members and recent class students via email. Other publicity will include flyers placed in locations throughout Kanawha and Putnam counties, the annual Hunting & Fishing Show and press releases.

To register for a class, please email ENCTUClasses@gmail.com



UPCOMING ENCTU EVENTS



TIME TO TIE ONE ON!

December 10th, Membership meeting, 7:00PM–9:00PM South Charleston Public Library. Program speaker will be Chris Shockey WVTU, NLC Chair. And Charlie will be peddling flies in the rear!

No ENCTU board meeting for December

January 14th, Membership meeting South Charleston Public Library, 7:00PM-9:00PM Expert Fly Tying by world renowned ENCTU fly tiers.

January 17-19th, West Virginia Hunt and Fish Show at the Charleston Civic Center.

January 28th, ENCTU Board meeting South Charleston Public Library, 6:30PM– 8:30PM

It's time to start making those flies and special lures for the annual Hun and fish Show at the Charleston Civic Center.

Each year our chapter members get as busy as elves at Christmas working on their favorite fly to contribute. We need dozens of those little creations, your contributions are needed.

The Hunting and Fishing show is one of our chapters major fund raising efforts each year. So, please help out by making some of those special little creations that you have successfully used on the stream to catch those monster fish.

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