



“Trout Lines”

May 2016



Summer Break For Membership Meetings

There will be no membership meetings in June, July, and August. It is our summer break to allow for time for trout stockings, fishing, and summer fun. The next meeting will be the second Tuesday in September. Refer to last month's Newsletter for the schedules that were available at that time.



The Diawl Bach

The name of this fly is Welsh for “Little Devil”. In Europe there is some confusion over who originated the fly. Some say Jimmy Evans on the Chew in 1950 while others say it was Albert Horne from South Wales. Either way it has been used in competition on the River Chew for years.

This fly is used on quiet water with a single fly or two in tandem hanging from a booby nymph floater. It is also popular with steel head fishermen in tributaries of Lake Ontario. There are

numerous variations, just as there are with the prince nymph. In Britain, the Diawl Bach is one of the most popular still waters flies of all times.

Fished behind a booby nymph or an attractor, a trout goes after the dry fly, but upon seeing the “Little Devil” often turns and takes it. The fly has won many competitions in Europe. I discovered this fly is fairly easy to tie and needs few materials. Here is a link to a video of an experienced Englishman tying the fly:

[Tying the Diawl Bach](#)

To see many variations of this fly, visit the site at :[Variations of the Diawl Bach](#)

Kentucky Fly Fishing

Some interesting information gleaned from Southern Trout Fishing magazine is that from the 75 mile section of tail waters of the Wolf Creek Dam, that resides in Kentucky, came the state record 21 pound brown trout and a 14 pound 6 ounce rainbow trout. The first 16 miles of tail water is reportedly suitable for canoes and kayaks. There are a few mildly challenging shoals in that stretch.

Boyd's Bar is a fairly good wading area. Burkesville, KY is a great place to stay to fish in the stream. See the April Southern Trout Magazine for more information:

[S.T. Magazine](#)



What Trout Eat

Want to learn more about the insects trout feed on and their different life stages? There are many sources on the internet, but some are standouts. One that has more photos and information than any other I have come across is Troutnut.com. It has 4359 photos and a huge collection of information on what trout eat.

To be a successful fly fisherman or fisher-woman you must become familiar with the diet of the fish you are pursuing. As experienced fly fishers know, you must observe what is available to the fish at the time you arrive on the stream or lake. "Match the hatch" has become the slogan of the sport. To tie flies that are successful, they must at least resemble the available prey as much as possible. By learning exactly what these insects look like at different stages of their lives, you are aided in this endeavor.

By turning over some rocks and with observation near the stream, you can also help determine how healthy the stream is and how likely it is to support trout year round. If the water temperature and water quality supports certain species of insects and a sufficient number of them, trout may survive there.

Use all of the resources available to you to educate yourself on this subject. You'll catch more fish.

Morris Creek TIC Stocking Report

By Jack Williams



Mike King adding some fingerlings for the Capital High Special Ed students to stock.

Saturday, April 12, was a great TIC day, except it was cold. Mike King and Eddy Gray (heart, soul, and back bone of the Morris Creek Watershed Association) were ready for the crowd of students.. Over 100 well organized kids, representing; Pratt, Malden, Chesapeake and Capital stocked their sections. Big Kid Ralph saw to it that every student stocked fish. In other words, he was in the water all morning.

The Watershed provided lunch for about 150 participants including School Support Staff, Parents and Teachers. Thanks to Mike King and Mike Vigilanti for ensuring a good turnout. Participation was up significantly, boosted by the WV DEP participation. I suggest we learn more about this.

ENCTU participants were: Ralph Douglas, Charlie Krepps, Harry Moran, Louis Wilson, Michael Sayres, Mike Vigilanti and me (Although I just rode up and down the creek with Eddy.)



2016 TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

TU's Trout in the Classroom ("TIC") program has now grown from a handful of elementary and middle schools to more than two dozen schools in several counties. My personal experience has been as a volunteer with the fourth grade class at Charleston's Kenna Elementary School. This is, I think, my fourth year volunteering and I must say that I am impressed – both by the teacher, by her students, and by the level of dedicated support provided by our chapter.

Teacher Stephanie Nesius organizes her students into several teams, each responsible for monitoring, maintaining and recording the class's TIC project at specified intervals. The teams have done a great job. Through the process they have learned about aquatic biology, chemistry, teamwork and responsibility while having fun working together.

In past years we have invited the students to write up the story of their project for publication the Davis Creek Watershed Association's newsletter, with very good results.

There have been a couple of bumps along the way this year, the main ones being filter problems, but TU volunteers came to the rescue. [Thanks to our TU "network" and quick action from Ralph Douglas.] The fingerling trout have grown well and are just about ready for their release in May.

As a former classroom teacher, I am convinced that the benefits of this wonderfully educational program make the effort very worthwhile. It's truly rewarding to see and hear the students' energy and enthusiasm for their trout "project" and we are all looking forward to the BIG DAY" at the Forest.

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Davis Creek Fish

Many folks wonder if the fish we have students stock in Davis Creek, at Kanawha State Forest, survive. I ran across a small report done by a couple "Master Naturalists" about Davis Creek. It was a survey done In 2007 and included some pictures.

They shocked the fish in the portion of Davis Creek below the dam, and within the forest boundary They collected and released the following fish there:

Brook trout, brown trout, creek chub, greenside darter, bluntnose minnow, hog sucker, blacknose dace, bluegill, rock bass, stoneroller minnow, white sucker, large mouth bass, green sunfish, rainbow darter, fantail darter, silverjaw minnow, and stripe shiner.



A Davis Creek Trout

The Master Naturalist field report can be seen at:

[Naturalist Field Report On Davis Creek](#)

It is very brief and a little dated, but contains interesting information. It shows how important our work is there.

Trout Facts

About 31 days after fertilization rainbow trout eggs hatch (in 50 degree water).

About 41 days after fertilization brown trout eggs hatch (in 50 degree water)

About 44 days after fertilization brook trout eggs hatch (in 50 degree water) .

Hatching time varies, depending on water temperature.

Even though the majority of eggs hatch, 90% of wild trout fry die during the first year of life.

(Source- It's A Trout's Life)



Take a kid fishing this summer !



New Haven Elementary Trout In the Classroom students at Kanawha State Forest for their trout stocking.



Homer ready for “wet” wading



New Haven Teachers stocking the last four trout.

TU Volunteers helping the New Haven TIC attendees.



Ralph, ready for action



Charlie collected macro-invertibrates to show the students.



Bill made sure the kids didn't fall



Jim made sure the fry were ready and helped with the kids getting trout into the stream.

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Jim Sowards, ready with the dip net



TU's James Toshi and New Haven teacher Laura Cullen



New Haven teacher Shayla Blackshire with 3 proud students ready to release their trout.

We had a great time with the New Haven Elementary group. Lots of students, parents, and teachers interested in trout, macro-invertebrates, and clean water.

Check the TIC stocking schedule and join us at one or more. It will make your day and help the kids too.

Enjoy the summer fishing and fun. We'll see you in September.

Harry Moran



Scheduled Events

**April 26, ENCTU board meeting
7 PM S. Chas, Library**

**May 7, Loop Creek SOS – 10 AM
at the Meadow Haven Memorial
Park cemetery on Rt. 61, 1 mile
upstream from Kincaid.**

**May 10, ENCTU membership
Meeting 6:30 PM – S. Chas. Library**

May 21, Elk Springs Resort Demo Days

**May 24, ENCTU Board meeting
7 PM S. Chas. Library**

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