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Next meeting is Thursday, January 8, 2015

5:30 p.m. Dinner
 IJ Cann's

7:00 p.m. Meeting
 NW Works
 3085 Shawnee Drive
 Winchester

Our next TU workday is 10:00 a.m., Saturday,
 January 10 at Redbud Run.

See you at the meeting on
 Thursday, January 8, 2015
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Bud on the Run: Chapel Run article and photos by Bud Nagelvoort

Next Work Session: Saturday, January 10th at **Redbud Run**

It was a warm, pleasant, sunny morning on December 13 when Lisa, Robert, Terry, and Bud finished processing rocks at the big fallen sycamore site just below the bridge, and celebrated the event with Christmas cookies.

It wrapped up team work at Chapel Run for 2014 and probably for 2015 and beyond if the need for concentrated bank stabilization efforts at Redbud Run keeps the crew busy.

Lisa, Terry, and Robert complete stream-bank stabilization on a section of Chapel Run.



There is more work to be done at Chapel such as collecting willow shoots for planting between rocks to help cover the raw appearance and lend longer term stability to the newly logged and rocked banks, but that will probably be set up for a one day concentrated effort on a date to be determined in the spring when a big, black willow near the site produces the proper cuttings. Late April or early May should be appropriate and it might tie in with a stocking and one-fly competition event.

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Bud on the Run: Chapel Run -- continued

article and photos by Bud Nagelvoort

Since December 13th, one of the crew has also cleared a passage below the footbridge where two big sycamore limbs had blocked the channel, cut up and removed another limb and branches just below BlueBell V just above the bridge, cleared a similar sycamore branch at Box Elder V, and cleared a big jam at Sycamore Root V which had created a long pool that flooded out Top V. What a mess at Sycamore Root.

The jam there diverted flow through the root structure washing out a substantial amount of earth helping to support the sycamore just above the V. Fortunately, even if that sycamore falls it will hang up on the rock cliff across the stream and not need major removal efforts.

So 19 years of strain and struggle to make Chapel Run at Ellerslie a viable trout stream are behind us.

There is much better cover for fish now, and there is still at least one idea not yet tested to try to get a sustained recreation fishery established.



Terry, Robert, and Lisa take a brief break near some of the many tons of rock used to for stream-bank stabilization on Chapel Run.

Since fishable hatchery Rainbows, Browns and Brookies disappear too quickly for whatever reason (except for one 15-16-inch rainbow likely to be a carryover from the stocking in the spring of 2013, caught and released in October of 2013 and seen 2X this fall), and the instream egg-hatching devices were not appropriately sized to handle small brook trout eggs (even though advertised to do so), there is one last idea that might work.

The reality may be that hatchery fish can't survive for long on the minimal fare available at Chapel Run. They are simply accustomed to as much food as they can possibly handle for maximum growth in the form of food pellets and won't remain where they are unaccustomed to scarce, natural food (and the threat from river otters, of course.)

With this knowledge as background, a possible answer for establishing permanent residents may be to stock relatively large numbers of fry immediately after they absorb their egg sacs and instinctively search for natural food. (We know survival in the wild is only a very small fraction of the spawned and fertilized eggs so large numbers may be necessary.)

How to do this? One way might be to ask Roger Orndorff to acquire an extra quantity of his Kamloops variety of fertilized rainbow eggs, hatch them for us, and sell them to us in the swim-up stage.

Or we may be able to acquire eggs from Roger or directly from his Montana source, hatch them in our own tank setup, and place them in Chapel Run immediately after they have absorbed their egg sacs and begin seeking natural food. (Might need to run back and forth to Chapel for many/several days with fry at the proper stage.)

An alternative might be to acquire extra brook trout eggs from DGIF at the time of TIC acquisition of such eggs and handle them in the preceding manner.

It is likely that such an effort has been tried in the past, but further research on the subject may indicate why it might or might not work.

So stay tuned all you hardworking Chapel Run crew members. We're not done trying.

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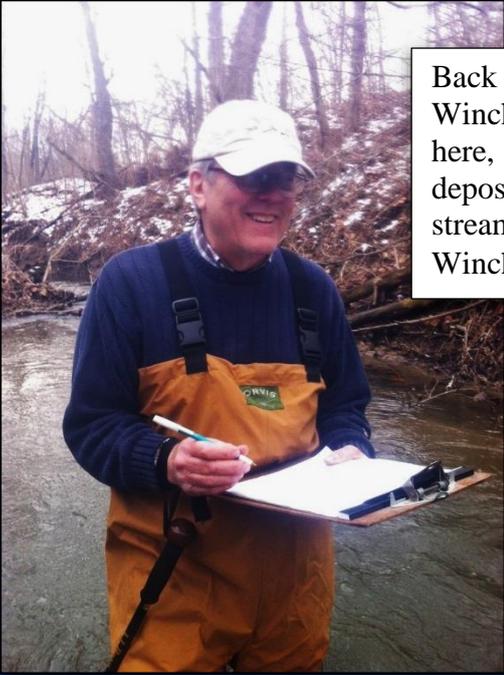
Bud on the Run: Redbud Run

by Bud Nagelvoort

Next Work Session: 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 10th at Redbud Run

Having Wayne Seipel's initial approval, having acquired a Corps of Engineers permit, having developed with Seth Coffman's direction initial sites for stream bank restoration and habitat enhancement at Redbud Run at Wayne's property, we're about ready to proceed with monthly work sessions perhaps beginning as early as January 10.

If Seth is able to work a visit in before the 10th we'll try to meet with Wayne and outline likely projects. If not, Bud is securing information from Verizon relative to a possible underwater telephone line at what may be our first major work site and expects to be able to determine a course to proceed there.



Back in March 2014, members of Winchester TU, including Bruce pictured here, took extensive observation of silt deposits in the section of Redbud set for stream-bank restoration work by the Winchester Chapter.

Since it is likely to be quite cold, we may meet at the stream at 10:00 a.m. and spend most of the time creating a mid-stream channel to divert flows from eroding banks on either side of the stream. A couple extra shovels will likely be in order.

Last minute weather-related changes in the schedule may be necessary so please check your e-mails on January 9th. We may also know more at the TU meeting on 7th.

A minor fishing report - Seth informed me on December 17th that a member of the Massanutten Chapter in Rockingham County had recently fished at Redbud and caught two small brook trout. No mention of rainbows.

So let's get this Redbud Run show on the road. Lots of hard work and fun ahead!.



Poet's Corner: Poems selected for the angler by Bud Nagelvoort

Angling

*by Thomas Doubleday
1790-1870
Newcastle-on-Tyne,
England*

Go, take thine angle, and with practiced line,
Light as the gossamer, the current sweep;
And if thou failist in the calm still deep,
In the rough eddy may the prize be thine.
Say thou'rt unlucky where the sunbeam shine;
Beneath the shadow, where the waters creep,
Perchance the monarch of the brook shall leap -
For fate is ever better than design.
Still perverse; the giddiest breeze that blows,
For thee may blow with fame and fortune rife;
Be prosperous - and what reck if it arose
Out of some pebble with the stream at strife;
Or that the light wind dallied with the boughs?
Thou art successful - such is human life.



Detail of unattributed 18th century painting

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georgeglazer.com



On the Fly: Alaska 2007 Revisited

article and photos provided Carl A. Rettenberger



Seeing Fred holding the Coho Salmon in last month's newsletter article brought back some really fond memories. So, I thought I would revisit and share my Alaskan fly fishing adventures with you one more time.

There are some of you who might remember the photo presentation I made to the Chapter after my first trip to Alaska in 2007. Well, not only was it my first trip, it was and always will be my favorite of several trips that I made to the beautiful wilderness areas of Alaska. For you avid fly fishers who dream of going to far away places like Patagonian (and yes I've been there) to fish for big Browns or Rainbows, remember one thing, all of the Trout in South America were stocked. So, if you want to fish for Native Trout and Salmon, then change the location of your dreams and focus on Alaska. Believe me when I say, it's "Truly GOD'S COUNTRY"!!!

That said, the following is from my 2007 Fly Fishing Journal, I hope it inspires you to make the trip someday.

Fly Fishing Alaska 2007 Goodnews River-Kuskokwim-Drainage – District 5

Planning for this trip began a while back when I was ten years old, and dreamed of the day I could go to Alaska to hunt for big game. Well, since that time my desire to kill has long passed, and I am more than content to fly fish for, and catch and release game fish. More recently, the countdown began in May at 135 days and ended on August 14th when I boarded the plane at Dulles for Denver.

The trip organizer was Bob Matalon, who resides in Crested Butte, Colorado, near Jack McAllister's summer home. Jack McAllister was gracious enough to invite me to join him on this trip, for which I will be eternally grateful. Other members of the group were Jeff Neumann, Bob's right hand; John Bradburn; and his son, Jim; George Reinhardt; and his son, Alex; and Dave Inouye.

As mentioned above, Bob is the trip organizer who's job is to supply and row one of the rafts, as well as to supply and cook all the food and make the arrangements for the bush plane to take us into and out of the back country. This is in no way a guided trip and once there, you are on your own as far as fishing goes.

Remember give them a break and bend down your barbs!!

We floated the North Fork of the Goodnews River in Southwestern Alaska, from its headwaters at Goodnews Lake in the Togiak National Wildlife refuge, down to the fishing village of Goodnews, located on Goodnews Bay, a distance of approximately sixty miles. The trip down river was made in three 16 foot rubber rafts in which we stored all our gear and carried three people per craft. The Goodnews is a beautiful river, crystal clear with a sand and gravel bottom making wading quite easy. It varies in width from approximately the size of north fork of the Shenandoah near the Route 81 bridge to the main stem at the Route 7 bridge. The country along the river is absolutely beautiful with its majestic mountains at its headwaters and lowlands near the bay.

As you will see, the weather was less than beautiful all week long, but good equipment and an abundance of fish made it more than tolerable. We caught a lot of fish as we drifted each day to our evening camp site, but most fish were caught as we waded and fished the sloughs on the downstream ends of the numerous sand and gravel bars. All of our camps were on the sand and gravel bars making setting up camp an easy matter.

Mosquitoes (Culicidae) were not a serious problem, but I can't say the same about the No Seeums ("Ceratopogonidae"). These little pests have the propensity of raising large welts long after they have dined on your exposed areas. A good mesh netting head cover is a must, along with 100 percent Deets.

The Goodnews was full of Chinooks (Kings), Sockeyes (Reds), Dolly Vardens, Rainbows, some Chums, some Grayling, some Lake Trout and towards the end of our float Coho or Silvers. We figured we were about a week early for the peak Silver run but had no shortage of fish as it were. We saw migrating, spawning, dying and dead fish from the time we set down at Goodnews Lake until we took out at Goodnews Bay. The Fish Commission people I spoke with said that it was an exceptionally good year for Kings and judging by what I saw, I would definitely say that were true. The river bottom was literally littered with spawning redds from top to bottom in any area suitable for spawning. It looked like the bottom had been hit by a B-52 bombing raid.

The Chinooks, Sockeyes and Chums I caught were late arrivals and in pretty good shape, although not fresh by any means. I mouth hooked all of them but they attacked my fly not so much as to eat it, but more to protect their redds. The takes were hard and you knew immediately you had a fish on. I did not target any spawning fish, but it's impossible to avoid them when you are casting blind.

Something to ponder!!

"If people don't occasionally walk away from you shaking their heads, you're doing something wrong."

John Gierach

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The Dolly's were all located below the spawning fish, so as to dine on any and all eggs that didn't make it to the redds. Their take could be soft or vicious depending on each individual fish.

The Rainbows were below spawning fish and along the banks in the usual places one finds Rainbows. We didn't really target Rainbows. But rather took what came along while we searched for Silvers. I'm sure there are some really big Bows, should one devote the time to find them. They hit hard and fought with reckless abandon.

The Cohos were just making their spawning run and most of the ones we caught were bright chrome and in excellent shape. We found most of them resting in sloughs where the current was minimal and they could catch their breath before making the next run up river. We fished the seams and the take was either subtle or violent depending on the particular fish.

We all used different types of flies and like usual I had some of everything, but wound up fishing only a few. My favorites turned out to be Popsicles, Pixie's Revenge, Bunnys, and Crystal Egg Sucking Bugger. The most popular color was fuchsia and florescent orange or a mix of both. Hook sizes varied from 2/0 to size 4's.

Good equipment is an absolute must; not only fishing equipment but also waders, wading boots, and rain jackets. I took my light insolated underwear, heavy socks and a warm jacket and made use of all of them. We camped out every night so I brought a good cot, mattress, and down filled sleeping bag. I took two eight-weights and found that weight rod to be perfect, although they were bent double more then once. I also took two large arbor reels with cork disc drags. This is not a place for cheap reels with click drags. These fish will destroy a reel on their long runs. Finally, I took two dry bags, one large and the other magnum to store my gear as we floated each day. What we didn't need during the day or at night remained in the dry bags.

After all that, here's the tale of my trip.

Tuesday 08-14-07:

Took off on United Airlines flight 0701 at 14:50 hours at Dulles International Airport for my flight to Denver, Colorado, where I meet Jack upon landing at 18:10 hours. We flew from Denver International Airport to Anchorage International Airport aboard the same aircraft. Takeoff was delayed 45 minutes due to violent thunder storms. We were airborne at 20:40 hours and landed in Anchorage at 01:55 on the 15th. We stayed the night at the Puffin Inn where I managed a total of 1.5 hours sleep since getting up at 05:00 on the 14th.

Wednesday 08-15-07:

We got up to a light drizzle, at 06:15 hours, Pacific Time and went to Gwennie's for a big breakfast of eggs, fried potatoes, and caribou sausage. After breakfast John, Jim, Jack, and I drove south, down the Seward Highway to the coastal town of Seward, where we spent some time in the Alaska Sea Life Center, which, by the way, is on the order of Sea World.



This little fellow is a Puffin.



The weather cleared as we drove south and the sun was shining by the time we reached Seward.

We ate lunch at Gwin's Roadhouse in Copper's Landing on the banks of the famous Kenai River. It started raining again as we drove home and neared Anchorage.

Thursday 08-16-07:

We got up to sunshine at 05:15 hours, packed, and headed to the airport, where we boarded PenAir flight 251 to Dillingham. We were airborne at 08:17 hours and landed in Dillingham at 09:45 hours. When we landed at the small Dillingham airport, we switched all of our gear from our travel luggage to dry bags in preparation for our float down the Goodnews.

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On the Fly: Alaska 2007 Revisited -- continued

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This is a view from our flight to Dillingham of some of the mountains that make up much of Alaska.

Below:

This is just some of our gear loaded on a pallet ready to be moved to the Otter.

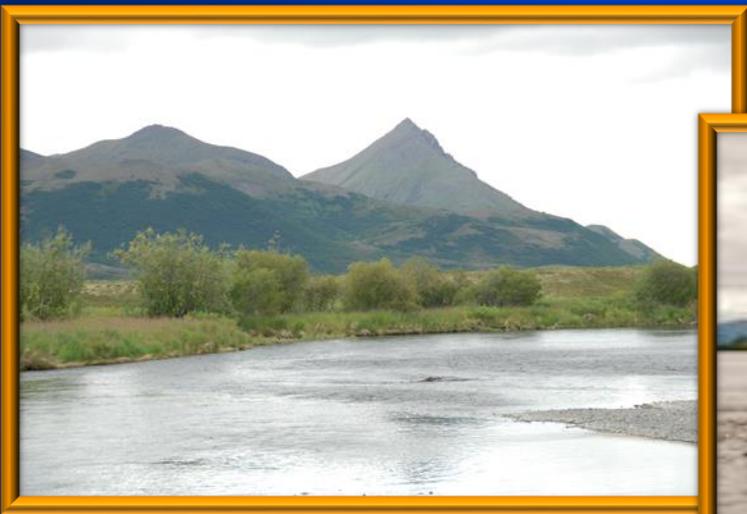
Below Left:

The 1960 Otter is one of the best Bush Planes ever built.



We boarded a 1960 Otter float plane and took off for Goodnews Lake at 12:00 hours. We touched down at 12:35 hours, unloaded the plane, setup, and loaded the rafts.

The water temperature at the lake was 59° F, and I was introduced to my first Sockeye (Red) before we went 300 yards down from where we landed. Caught two of them in a riffle, both in the 12- to 15-lb range, strong fish in bright spawning color.



My first Sockeye which was caught at the tailout of Goodnews Lake.



The Goodnews River Valley is set between two mountain ranges. The river bottom is all gravel and easy wading, which allows you to cross it in many places should you choose to do so.

I also caught and landed two beautiful 18 and 19 inch rainbows as we drifted down river towards our first camp site. We set up our tents and camp in the early evening and had a great dinner. That far north, at that time of the year it doesn't get dark until after 23:00 hours and then its never really dark.

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Friday 08-17-07:

Woke up at 06:00 to another beautiful sunny Alaska day. Everybody was still a sleep so I made the camp coffee and headed out to fish. It wasn't long before I was connected to a 22-inch Coho (Silver) who took me for a good ride before I landed him. Later I was to find out that when compared to the 30-inch monsters I was to catch, this was a relatively small Silver. I lost two other Silvers before we broke camp at 09:30 hours.



Above: This was home for a week. Jack and I could set up our camp in less than 20 minutes, including our cots and bedrolls.



Left: Jack with a beautiful 26-inch Dolly Varden in all its spawning splendor.

By the time we stopped for lunch at 14:00 hours, I had caught 11 Dolly Vardens ranging in size from 18 to 22 inches and one King Salmon. I had the King beached but the hook came out and he flipped back into the water before I could measure him. I put him conservatively in the 36- to 40-inch range. I was 12 for 15 at the lunch break. We stopped and setup camp at 19:00 hours and had another fine dinner and of course our Gin and Tonics. The latter being a float tradition. The afternoon yielded 13 more Dolly's and 2 Grayling, bringing the days total to 27 fish caught for 42 hooked.

Water temperature was 46° F.

Saturday 08-18-07:

Woke up at 05:30 to a light drizzle and overcast sky. Made camp coffee and fished until we broke camp at 10:15 hours. By our lunch break, I had caught 9 of 14 including a 23-inch Lake Trout, 26-inch Sockeye, 18-inch Rainbow and 6 more Dollys. The afternoon yielded 3 Silvers, 3 Sockeyes, 1 King, 1 Rainbow and 2 Dollys.

Water temperature was 46° F.

Sunday 08-19-07:

Got up at 06:00 hours to a light drizzle and made camp coffee. Broke camp at 10:00 hours and stopped for lunch at 16:00 hours. Setup camp at 20:00 hours. Total for the day 8 Silvers, 1 Rainbow, 1 Sockeye and 1 Dolly (11 for 14).

Water temperature was 48° F.



Here's what I went to Alaska for a 16-pound buck Coho Salmon.

The sign says leaving the "Togiak Wilderness Area" and it's exactly that. There are no noises other than the sound of silence once you enter it.

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Monday 08-20-07:

Up again at 06:00 hours, made camp coffee to drizzle and rain which persisted all day. Broke camp at 10:30 hours, stopped for lunch at 16:30 hours and set up camp at 18:30 hours.

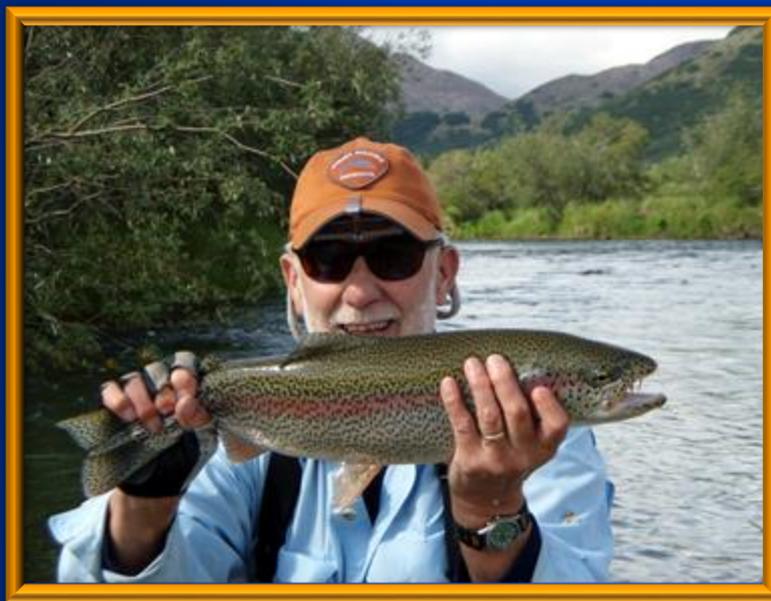
Total for the day 3 Silvers and 1 Sockeye (4 for 12).

Water temperature was 54° F.

Tuesday 08-21-07:

Same old story, got up at 06:00 hours to an overcast sky and made camp coffee. Broke camp at 10:30 hours. Rained off and on all day.

Today's total 15 Dollys, 5 Rainbows including [a tagged 24-inch beauty](#), 1 Chum or Silverbright Salmon, 1 Sockeye and 6 Silvers. (28 of 32). I have now caught every game fish available in this river at this time of the year. The only salmon I didn't catch was a Pink or Humpback, which only run on even years.



Tagged 24-inch Beauty: Side Story

Below is the text of a note from Douglas Palmer of the Fish and Wildlife Service to Carl about his tagged Alaskan Rainbow.

"Thanks for your interest in the tagging history of the rainbow trout that you caught in the Goodnews River. The fish (Tag 05613) was originally tagged on July 30, 2005 as part of a mark-recapture experiment conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The fork length of the fish was 471 mm and the original capture location was at river kilometer 13 on the North Fork of the Goodnews River which sounds pretty close to where you caught the fish. The limited amount of movement data that we have on these fish suggests that they don't move much year to year.

"The 471 mm converts to 18.54 inches so the 24 inch rainbow grew 5.46 inches in two years."

Just look at the spots on this beautiful 24 inch native rainbow. Notice that I don't have a rain jacket on!! Actually it was nice enough on that afternoon that I took a bath in the river.

Wednesday 08-22-07:

Well this is the last full day of fishing and I got up at 06:30 hours to the delightful sound of rain hitting the tent fly, and like usual made the camp coffee. We broke camp at 10:30 hours and stopped for lunch at 16:00 hours. Total catch for the day 9 silvers and 2 rainbows (11 for 12). Cleared up in the late afternoon. According to the long range forecast I looked at before leaving home it's supposed to be sunny tomorrow, we'll see.

Water temperature was 50° F.

Thursday 08-23-07:

Up at 05:30 hours and made camp coffee to an overcast sky, which burned off latter in the morning showing us once again the bright Alaska sunshine. Broke camp at 10:00 hours and headed down river to our pick-up point about 6 miles above the village of Goodnews at the beginning of the tidal water.



I hated to see this, even on a foggy day.

We where meet there by one of the local natives who towed us down river to the Village of Goodnews in an 18-foot aluminum boat. While we were waiting we saw a grizzly, about a quarter mile up river, working the shoreline. This was the only bear I saw although I saw a lot of fresh tracks.

My total on this last day was 5 Silver and another beautiful 22 inch Rainbow (6 of 8). I caught all of the Silvers before the rest of the crew stirred from their sleeping bags.

Water temperature was 50° F.

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On the Fly: Alaska 2007 Revisited -- continued

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As with everything, all good things must come to an end and so it did!!

We broke down the rafts and loaded our gear aboard the 1960 Otter and all but yours truly aboard a second plane which was a pontooned Goose. I flew co-pilot again aboard the Otter. When we touched down at Dillingham, we switched our gear from the dry bags back into our travel luggage. We rented a truck and went into town, where we all took a long hot shower at the public bath house at the fisherman's wharf.



We boarded PenAir flight 258 and were airborne for Anchorage at 19:10 hours. We departed Anchorage at 23:30 hours aboard United Airlines flight 700.

Friday 08-24-07:

Upon landing in Denver, I said good bye to Jack who was heading back to Crested Butte and then boarded United Airlines flight 902 for Dulles. The flight was delayed 40 minutes at Denver and then twice again at Dulles for air traffic and a piece of equipment on the taxiway. We finally landed at 16:10 local time bringing to an end a wonderful Alaskan adventure.

In conclusion, I would say that if one ever gets the chance to fish Alaska, plan a float trip down the Goodnews River. This is the way to see God's Country at its finest and to enjoy the wonders of nature. Leave the lodges and the fishing camps for those who need to sleep in a bed each night and be coddled by a guide. Make sure you take good waders, a good rain jacket, warm clothes, and a good eight-weight fly rod and a reel with a good drag system, and of course, plenty of flies.

Me, I plan on returning each year from now on, good Lord willing of course.

Something to ponder!!

"Bath fishermen watch Monday-night football, drink beer, drive pickup trucks, and prefer noisy women with big breasts. Trout fishermen watch MacNeil-Lehrer, drink white wine, drive foreign cars with passenger-side air bags, and hardly think about women at all. This last characteristic may have something to do with the fact that trout fishermen spend most of the time immersed up to the waist in ice-cold water."

Author Unknown



As we put the finishing touches on this edition of *Lateral Lines*, the outside temperature will fall below freezing and the wind is gusting to 25 mph.

A sunny summer float down the Shenandoah would seem quite nice right about now.



Project Healing Waters Fly-fishing: Plans for 2015

by Paul Wilson, PHW Program Leader, Martinsburg VAMC

Happy New Year to all of our TU Chapter members and our Project Healing Waters (PHW) supporters and volunteers. We are certainly looking forward to an active year both within our Martinsburg VAMC program and some new activities.

We ended 2014 by taking 3 local veterans fly-fishing at the 4th annual Harman's Cabins event organized by the Quantico and Fort Belvoir PHW programs. As Carl Rettenberger and I have reported in past editions of *Lateral Lines*, this is a great fishing event that Bob Gartner, the Fort Belvoir PHW Program Leader and Marty Laksbergs, the Quantico Marine Base PHW Program Leader, organize and it has grown from just 13 fishing veterans the first year to 60 vets last month.

Unfortunately, there will NOT be a March Harman's Cabins PHW event due to a lack of available cabins. We do hope there will be another BIG Project Healing Waters event there in December 2015.

Till then, we will look forward to more outings for VA patients at the U.S. Geological Survey's Leetown Fish Hatchery Pond. We hope to get the usual suspect – the VA's in-patient programs – to Leetown more frequently in 2015, but also reach out to local Veteran Service Organizations that may have members that would like to learn how to fly-fish.

Obviously, working with any local group will hopefully increase our base for new TU members and PHW volunteers, and provide us with increased opportunities for local media coverage of our chapter activities.

I am also looking at some new activities and venues. One idea is to do some fly-fishing for veterans at Seneca Rocks during a Sierra Club Military Outing. Seneca Rocks, West Virginia, was one of the World War II training locations for the Army's famed 10th Mountain Division. And in this year of the 60th anniversary of the end of WW II, the Sierra Club will organize outings at numerous 10th Mountain Division training locations like the High Sierras near Bishop, California, in the Colorado Rockies, as well as at West Virginia's Seneca Rocks.

The Sierra Club has a long military history, most notably David Brower, the Club's first Executive Director, was a WW II 10th Mountain Division veteran, and Martin Litton, who passed away just before Christmas, was a Sierra Club Board Director and champion of the Grand Canyon, and served as a WW II glider pilot.

In addition to resuming our monthly Wednesday evening fly-tying classes, we also hope to do some “day-time” classes in one of the in-patient wards at the Martinsburg VA hospital. So if you can volunteer for any of our Project Healing Waters fly-fishing events or classes, please contact me.

Feel free to contact me if you need more information on volunteering with our Project Healing Water program.

Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ProjectHealingWatersOfMartinsburgWestVirginia>

National PHW website: <http://www.projecthealingwaters.org/>

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Correction
The weight of Drew's November Steelhead was confirmed by Drew at 8½ pounds, not the 5½ pounds as estimated by this editor.

Nice fish.



The Well-Schooled Angler

Compiled by Barbara Gamble

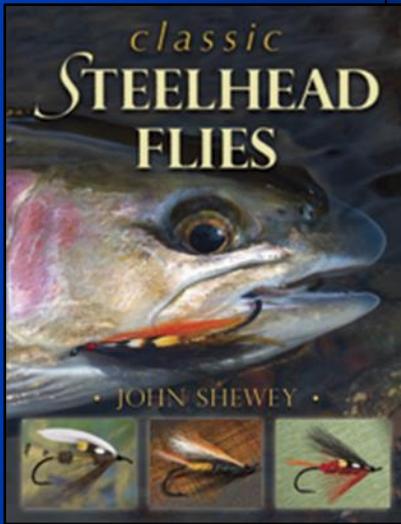
Classic Steelhead Flies

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The definitive resource for tiers and anglers interested in the rich tradition of steelhead flies. Learn the histories of these classic flies, as well as how to tie them.

- ✓ Covers steelhead flies from their origins in the 1890s up through the mid-1970s
- ✓ Includes flies that remain popular today, as well as forgotten classics that were once popular or that exhibit stylistic merit
- ✓ Contains 350 beautiful full color photos

John Shewey is an Oregon-based veteran steelhead fly angler, journalist, photographer, author, and noted fly tier whose elegant steelhead flies have earned national prominence.



The editor-in-chief of the Northwest Fly Fishing magazine group, John has penned hundreds of articles and published countless photographs and to date has authored more than a dozen books. John appears frequently as a speaker at club meetings, conclaves, and sports shows around the country.

"John Shewey, with *Classic Steelhead Flies*, has produced another superb book. The selection of flies and histories document the Pacific Northwest's rich steelhead fly-fishing heritage. As well, Shewey is a master fly tier and his macro photographs of the flies attest to that mastery of the fly-tying craft and his skill with the camera. The word 'classic' in the title is an apt reference, as this book is sure to be a classic." --Art Lingren, author of *Fly Patterns of British Columbia* and steelheading historian

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Fly Fisher's Playbook: 2nd Edition: A Systematic Approach to Nymphing

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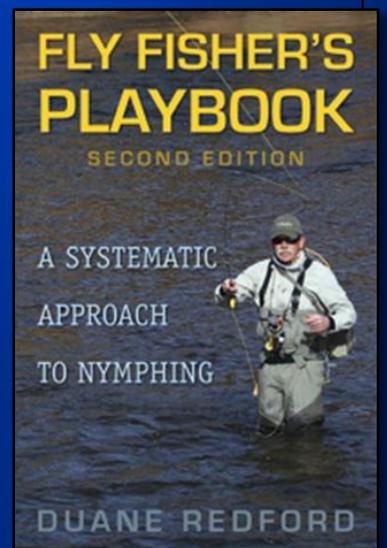
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2015 Calendar of Events

Winchester Trout Unlimited

By Fred Boyer

THIS DRAFT IS OPEN FOR SUGGESTIONS, REVISIONS, AND CORRECTIONS.

January 2015

- ✓ Thursday 8 Jan 2015 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 10 Jan 2015 -- 10:00 a.m. - TU workday at Redbud Run
- ✓ Thursday 15 Jan 2015 -- 6:00 a.m. - Winter Brookie trip. Fred is coordinating

February 2015

- ✓ Thursday 5 Feb 2015 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 7 Feb 2015 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at a location to be announced
- ✓ Thursday 12 Feb 2015 -- 6:00 a.m. - Winter Brookie trip. Fred is coordinating

March 2015

- ✓ Thursday 5 March 2015 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 7 March 2015 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at a location to be announced
- ✓ TBA -- Spring Steelhead trip to Erie

April 2015

- ✓ Thursday 2 April 2015 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 4 April 2015 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at a location to be announced

May 2015

- ✓ Thursday 7 May 2015 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 9 May 2015 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at a location to be announced
- ✓ Tuesday 19 May to Thursday 21 May 2015 -- PA State College Trout Trip.
Dan is coordinating

June 2015

- ✓ Thursday 4 June 2015 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 6 June 2015 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at a location to be announced



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