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Next meeting is Thursday,  
 January 5, 2017

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

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

Next Redbud workday is Saturday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>.

Next TU BarFly is Wednesday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>. See  
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See you at the meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2017  
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## January Featured Speakers

Casey Peltier:  
 Featured  
 Speaker at the  
 Winchester TU  
 January Meeting



**Casting for  
 Recovery**

Casey Peltier of Casting for Recovery will talk about Casting for Recovery (CfR). The mission of CfR is to enhance the quality of life of women with breast cancer through a unique program that combines breast cancer education and peer support with the therapeutic sport of fly fishing.

7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2017,  
 at our usual meeting place,  
 NW Works, Winchester.

Logos courtesy of castingforrecovery.org



Photo courtesy of Drew Patterson

## Drew Patterson: Featured Speaker at the Winchester TU January Meeting

Drew Patterson will talk about his recent fishing trip to Alaska, including the Brooks River, Naknek River, and Margo Creek.

His quarry: Rainbows, Dolly Vardens, Pink Salmon, and Northern Pike.

7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2017,  
 at our usual meeting place,  
 NW Works, Winchester.



## Bud on the Run

### Update of the December Workday and Plans for the January 7<sup>th</sup> Workday at Redbud Run

Next workday is set for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>  
 article by Bud Nagelvoort with photos by Barbara Gamble

There were many struggles at Redbud on December 3, 2016, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. with some resulting communication over the next few days about naming a new shop steward. The struggles occurred simultaneously. Seven men and a woman wrestled with pervious fabric, fence wire, a five-ton oak log in the stream, a cabling system, and suitable photography for mixed company.

Eventually the pervious fabric and fence wire succumbed to heroic efforts by Bill, Bob, Clark, Mike, and Fred as evidenced by several unique photographs by Barbara. You will note that only one crew member was totally insensitive to icy stream conditions -- and it was not until a few days later that his terminal digits recovered enough to allow written complaints.

Dave's inverted V structure is now guaranteed to last until the next ice age (right after the end of global warming.) The pool it is creating immediately downstream is already suitable for 16 to 18-inch Rainbows.

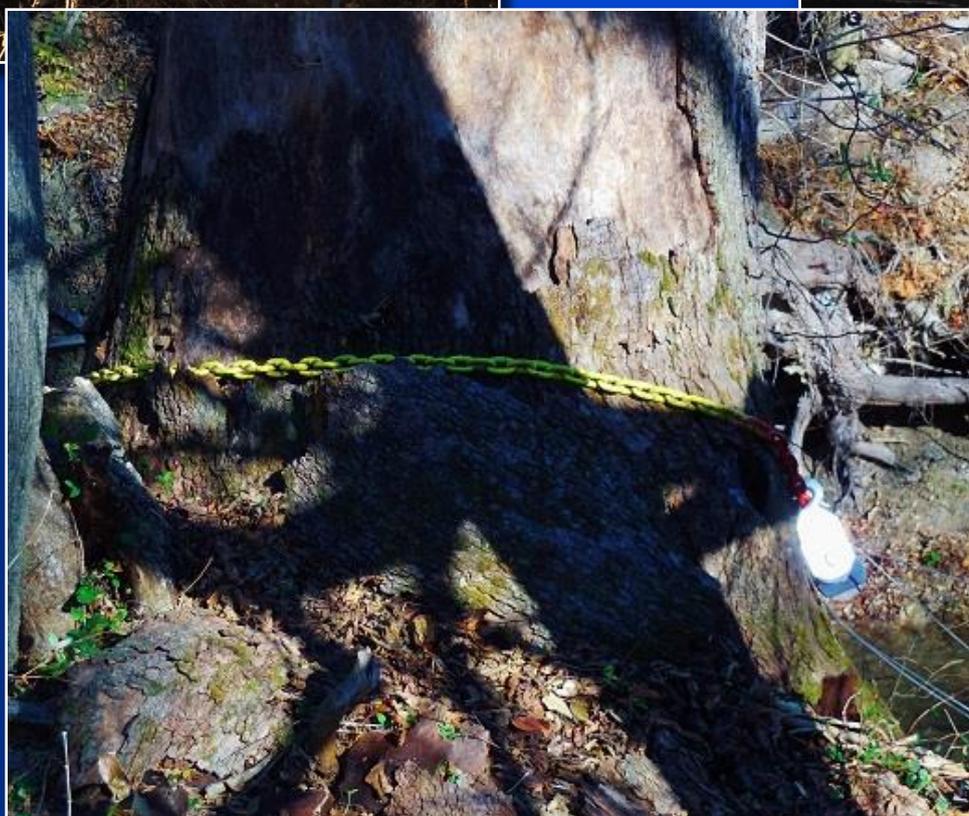


**Above:** Terry, Fred, and Bud wrangle a log so that Bud's old Tacoma and Terry's engineering can move it into place for bank protection.

**Left:** Barbara photographs the day's efforts in and around Redbud Run.

**Right:** Bill is immersed in his work while doing a bit of under-water nailing in the cool waters of Redbud Run.

**Below:** The team used a stout chain of 2-inch links and an even more stout sycamore as a pivot point for moving a five-ton tree trunk.



Meanwhile, Terry, and Robert invented a new language as they struggled to devise the cabling system attached to the old Tacoma and a large sycamore to drag the five-ton oak tree back upstream 30 feet to its earlier location prior to the five-inch rain in early July which also destroyed Boyer's Bog. Boyer was present to mourn this disappearance of his namesake black gumbo.

The Bog materials are no doubt equally distributed along the shoreline of the Opequon Creek between Winchester and Martinsburg.

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## Bud on the Run -- continued

### Update of the December Workday and Plans for the January 7<sup>th</sup> Workday at Redbud Run

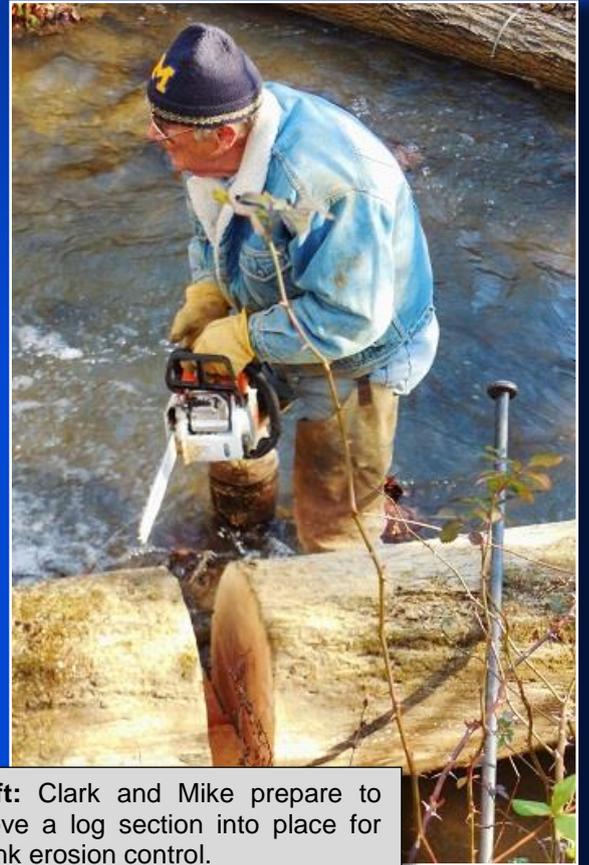
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After several false starts it was determined the grand oak log needed to be cut into three segments. The middle segment was finally pushed, pulled, and pry-barred into place immediately below the inverted V and secured with T-post and wire.

Since, by this time, it was after 2:00 p.m. and several members of the crew were faint with hunger and thirst we announced it a day and a half and retired from this epic scene.



**Left:** Clark and Mike prepare to move a log section into place for bank erosion control.



**Above:** Bud with his new Stihl chain saw -- just before it fell into stream and, fortunately, found to be undamaged -- divides the five-ton log into sections to make movement of the log easier.

Which leads to a reminder of the next work session on January 7 at 9:00 a.m. when we will board in the log newly in place below Dave's V. After pounding nails underwater to secure the boards, we'll drag the remaining 1/3 of the original log into place overlapping the newly-boarded segment and the remaining downstream third of the original log. Needless to say, there will be a certain need for rocks, whose acquisition we will discuss, to fill in between the log segments and the bank. Did I mention this will all create habitat for 16-18" rainbows? I can hardly wait!

So Happy New Year to all as we struggle at Redbud Run to overcompensate for any damage caused to the stream after January 20.



## PHW Update Kenny Hawthorne Recovering from Surgery

Kenny Hawthorne, PHW Program Leader, Martinsburg VAMC

My recovery from foot surgery is coming along well, and I plan to start fly-tying classes after the first of the year. I will arrange classes on fly casting with the PTSD and other Veterans Medical Center Programs. I will also talk to Frank Roach about possible dates to take the veterans on an outing at the Leetown Hatchery for some real fish-catching experience.

I will be present at the TU meeting in January.  
I wish everyone a Happy New Year!

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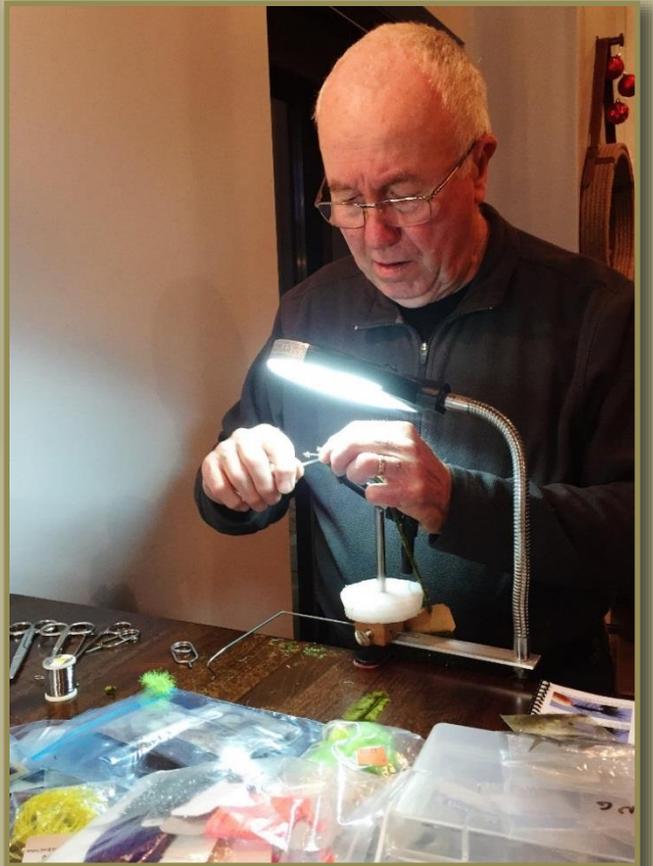
Paul Wilson, founder of the Winchester TU PHW program at the Martinsburg Veterans Center, is moving out of the area. At the Chapter Holiday Party, Chapter prez, Dan Brakensiek, says thanks to Paul on behalf of all the members of Winchester TU.



# Winchester TU Monthly "BarFly" Event Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Escutcheon Brewery, Commercial St., Winchester

The Winchester Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be gathering at Escutcheon Brewing in Winchester to offer anglers and **non-anglers** in our area the opportunity to learn about Trout Unlimited and to tie some fishing flies.

We hope all of you can attend our monthly "BarFly" at Escutcheon Brewery.

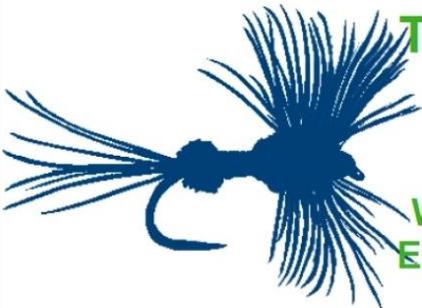


The brewery and tasting room are located at  
**142 W. Commercial St.  
Winchester, VA**

No fly-tying or fly-fishing experience is necessary.

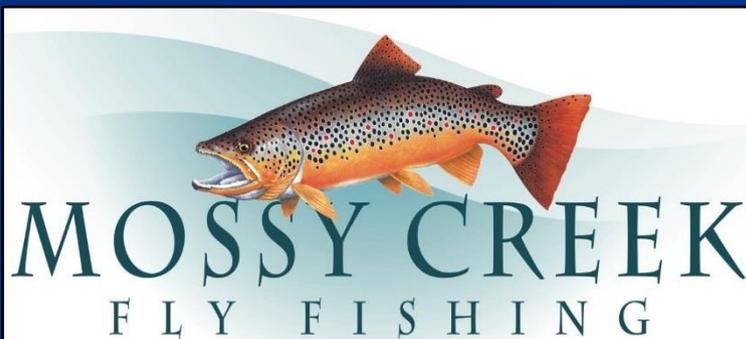
Please invite your friends. We hope to introduce more folks to the Winchester TU chapter and support a local business that supports TU.

Escutcheon logo courtesy of Escutcheon Brewing Co.  
Photos and BarFly Logo by Bill Prokopchak



**Winchester  
Trout Unlimited**

**BarFly**  
7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 11  
Escutcheon Brewery  
Commercial Street  
Winchester, VA



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## The Well-Schooled Angler

Compiled by Barbara Gamble

### **Casting Back: Sixty Years of Fishing and Writing**

**Author:** Peter McMullan  
**Paperback:** 352 Pages  
**ISBN-13:** 978-1771601740  
**Publisher:** Greystone Books  
**Publication Date:** October 25, 2016

Covering a span of more than 60 years, these classic fishing essays are brought together for the first time, celebrating the thoughts, pleasures, and adventures of a devoted angler and renowned storyteller as he fishes some of the timeless streams of Ireland, New Zealand, and British Columbia.

Through the pages of *Casting Back* Peter McMullan takes the reader from his youthful Irish beginnings in the 1940s to his time as a young journalist in Northern Ireland during the mid-1950s, through the 1960s and into today's western Canada and a totally different sport fishing environment.

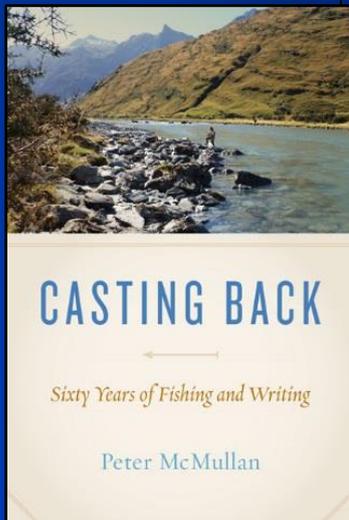
Pike and bream, roach, tench, and perch were his original targets -- what British and Irish anglers call "coarse" fish. Then, with experience and the passage of time, came brown trout and Atlantic salmon -- the more highly regarded "game" fish -- as angling with lures and sometimes even "garden olives" gave way to dressed silk lines and fine handmade rods crafted from split cane. Moving from Northern Ireland to British Columbia in the 1970s brought an entirely new dimension to McMullan's fishing life, as there were now Pacific salmon and legendary steelhead to be caught in stunning rivers too numerous to name.

The author's recollections range from stories of being that boarding school boy who would slip away from his still-sleeping dormitory before dawn to fish for tench, to the time when an Irish pig stole his salmon, to an encounter with a black bear in British Columbia that just might have been a serious threat. Pivot from there to reflections on the lives of commercial fishers of herring in the Irish Sea and trout in Lough Neagh, the largest freshwater lake in the British Isles, and finally to the ruminations of a now very experienced angler fortunate enough to travel twice to New Zealand to seek out big trout.

There is one more tale that just had to be included, and for the very first time it can be told. A yarn involving a nine-weight fly rod, a police bomb squad, and one of the biggest international events to be staged in Canada in recent years. Definitely hard to believe, but all too true.

The content of this book is exactly what we, fly fishers all over the world, like to read. Peter has been writing and fly fishing himself for over 50 years now. It is a remarkable achievement and as Peter told us, this book has been on his mind for a longtime. Now it was the right time to have this out for the readers.--**Chasing Silver Magazine**

Sources: Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com, and the publisher



### **The Imperiled Cutthroat: Tracing the Fate of Yellowstone's Native Trout**

**Author:** Greg French  
**Illustrator:** Geoffrey Holstad  
**Hardcover:** 240 pages  
**ISBN-10:** 1938340574  
**Publisher:** Patagonia  
**Publication Date:** July 19, 2016

Yellowstone, the world's first national park and one of America's truly great trout fisheries, has been a crucible for ideas on how to look after wild places. Renowned Australian fishing writer Greg French gives a sparkling firsthand account of how the park's history, landscapes, wildlife, and people have touched anglers worldwide — and why this matters.

*The Imperiled Cutthroat* is a travelogue that covers the story of the Yellowstone cutthroat trout: its discovery, biology, decimation, modern-day allure, and uncertain future. Although set against the dramatic backdrop of Yellowstone, comparisons to Australia, New Zealand, and Europe are inevitable. It is a cautionary tale too, ending up in Mongolia, which is as pristine as Montana once was.

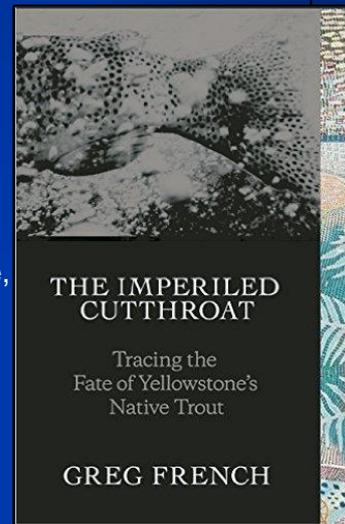
The Yellowstone fishery is at a crossroads, and debate about what to do is dangerously narrow. Anglers everywhere need to be constantly reminded that hatcheries are far from a panacea for ailing fisheries: fostering conservation of the natural environment delivers far better outcomes at a fraction of the cost.

The power of Greg's stories comes not just from the quality of the writing but also from the quirks and passions of the people he meets. Greg's compelling storytelling enraptures anglers and naturalists the world over.

"Through a combination of humor, and enviable working knowledge of local and natural history, along with powers of observation honed in a lifetime of trout fishing, French conducts a casual but keen investigation into the sordid history of trout in the greater Yellowstone ecosystem."--**Fly Fishman Magazine**

Australian writer and legendary fisherman Greg French lays it all out for us in his new book *The Imperiled Cutthroat*, where he spins an enchanting narrative of a trip to the U.S. and his first exploration of Yellowstone. Led by his captivation with cutthroat, his tale takes the reader on a beautiful trip chasing trout (and running into bears) in some of the last wild waters of Tasmania, Mongolia, and Montana. His writing seems effortless and balanced, often philosophical, with just enough humor to offset heavier themes of conservation and history.--**Outside Bozeman Magazine**

Sources: Amazon.com, Barnesandnoble.com, and the publisher



## Editorial

Last month, the editorial staff of our newsletter introduced the “Editorial Page” to our publication. We plan to include, on a somewhat regular basis, thoughtful notes about the environmental issues of our times that have an impact on the angler and the clean water so necessary for our favorite activity. We invite you to follow the topics that appear here.

### Head of the EPA

I loved growing up in Florida – the outdoors was our unlimited playground as kids, year-round, and I was fortunate to have a wonderful aunt who taught me to fish at a very young age. I’ve relished my fishing experiences for 60 years, enjoying fresh-water and salt-water excursions of many types across the country. And over the last few years, I’ve begun to teach my young grandsons to fish, a joy to me beyond words.

I fear, however, that the impact of the recent election of Donald Trump as our president, and especially the impact of the people he is choosing to set policies that will affect the protection of our environment, means my grandchildren (and yours) may not, in twenty years, have clean water to support their fishing and other water-related outdoor activities.

Particularly disturbing is Trump’s nominee to head the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt. Pruitt is on record as one who rejects the scientific evidence which supports the concept of global warming, has close ties to the fossil fuel industry, and has sued the very agency that he will head. An excerpt from a recent Bloomberg News article entitled “Trump’s EPA Pick Reveals Triumph of Politics Over Science” (<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2016-12-08/trump-s-epa-pick-reveals-triumph-of-politics-over-science>) says this about Pruitt:

“To recap, Pruitt sued the EPA over Obama’s Clean Power Plan, an ambitious regulatory strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from power plants and increase clean energy. Pruitt was profiled in a 2014 Pulitzer Prize-winning *New York Times* investigation about his close relationship with one of Oklahoma’s biggest fossil fuel energy companies. Pruitt has repeatedly attempted to dismiss—with no evidence—broadly accepted scientific research about the causes of global warming, causes that

matches Trump, who has denied climate change exists, with no support for the assertion and in the face of overwhelming factual evidence. He has called it a Chinese hoax intended to lay low America’s economy, though later he said he was only joking.”

Is there any significant likelihood that, under the next administration and the direction of Pruitt, the Environmental PROTECTION Agency will actually continue to *protect* our environment? Or that our national policies and our attitude towards global environmental issues will help protect the world we live in?

Many of us in Trout Unlimited have spent years and uncountable man-hours working to mitigate the deleterious effects of acid rain on our eastern streams and their brook trout populations, effects that are broadly attributed to acidic emissions from coal-fired power plants. Significant progress has been made, and we can enjoy fishing for brookies in waters like the Rapidan in the Shenandoah National Park. Will that progress be undone by the policies of people like Trump and Pruitt? And, in twenty years, will there be brook trout in those streams for my grandchildren, and yours, to fish for?

I remain baffled by this paradox: how do those among us who claim to be conservation-minded, and who value clean water, and who consider themselves protectors of the environment, and who voted for Mr. Trump, rationalize their choice in the recent election? A choice that, it appears, is going to be bad for cold-water conservation.

And how do those of us who oppose the apparent administrative and regulatory directions that are being taken by a soon-to-be-in-place Trump administration, which will most likely jeopardize the integrity of our environment, continue our work?

Mark Zimmerman



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cans to any Winchester TU  
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# ANGLER REFLECTIONS

## Shenandoah River Report article and photos by Phil Stevens

On Tuesday, 1 November, I had the pleasure of joining Bryan Kelly of White Fly Outfitters on a recon of a section of the Shenandoah River just north of Front Royal. We started from the new Farms Riverview Boat Landing and came out at Berry's Boat Ramp at Rt. 50. The Farms Riverview Boat ramp is excellent with a large gravel parking lot and a smooth, well-constructed concrete ramp.

The run from ramp to ramp was approximately 6 miles with mostly flat water. We encountered four small bits of white water and none of them gave Bryan any trouble except the last one, Swift Shoals. More on that later.

The water level was down a bit, given the lack of rain. That said, the river presents excellent places for fish to hide from anglers. For example, there is a large hole right off the ramp where Bryan caught two rather impressive Walleye.

All along the river, other likely hiding places can be found: dead fall, more large holes, and rock ridge lines. We spotted a number of bass holding between two ridge lines at about the half-way point.

Also, about 2/3 of the way through the float you will come across what Bryan has termed: White Rock. This is a large rock adjacent to a flat stone outcropping that sport red and blue umbrellas, picnic tables, and chairs. This delightful spot is "owned?" by a chap named Larry who will regale you with tales of his family's five generations in the area and that one of his ancestors "rode with Mosby." Larry will offer you use of the spot to put in for \$10 or a few beers, which ever you happen to have. Be sure to take in the entertainment.

This same area has a very deep hole, we think about 30 feet. According to Larry, this stretch of water has large Smallies and Muskie. We did not see or catch either one.



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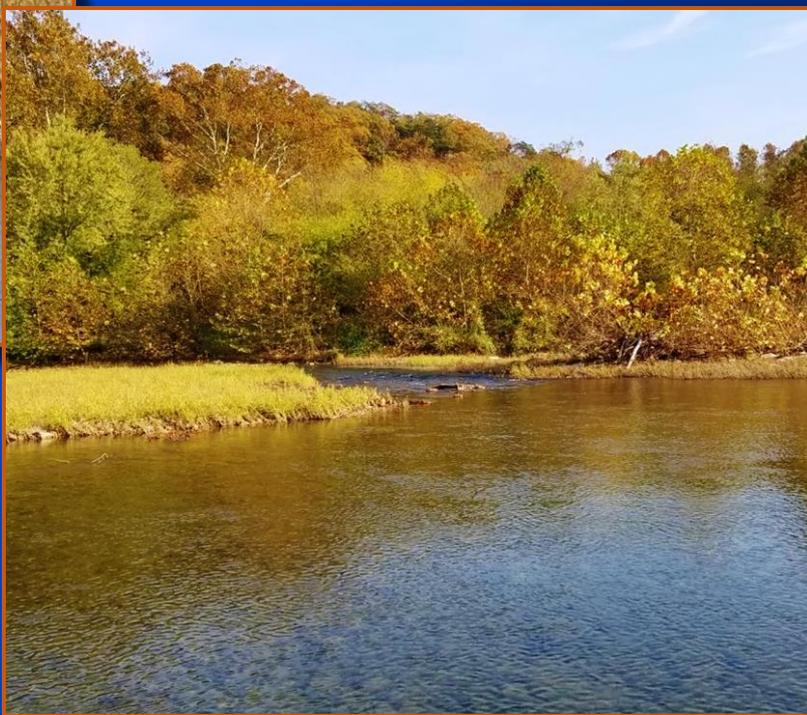
## Shenandoah River Report -- continued article and photos by Phil Stevens



As I mentioned earlier, there were four small sections of white water -- the first three posed no problem to Bryan in getting the boat through.

However, the last one, Swift Shoals, proved interesting due to the low water level.

Looking directly at the water, it was clear that there was at least a two-foot drop upriver to down river. In addition, the main part of the Shoal was too shallow to float the boat through.



However, to the right of the Shoal is a patch of river grass with several channels running through it.

Take the far right hand channel. It proved to be deep enough and swift enough to allow the boat through with some expert guidance from Bryan.

Even when the river is up, I would recommend using the far right channel, otherwise a kayak risks getting hung up when trying to make it through the main channel. Note the photo to the right.



The channel in the center of the photo above is to the far right of the main low-water fall line. As you approach the fall line, make sure to look and guide to your right well in advance.

Otherwise, the river flow will take you into the main fall and it is likely that you will end up having to exit your kayak and drag it through.

This is a lovely piece of water. The fishing was excellent, I think Bryan caught 14 or 15 Smallies plus the two Walleye. In warm weather, a kayak trip would be fantastic. One could float poppers or streamers with confidence. With a kayak, you will be able to get close to the hiding places along the bank and, if you can stand up, the sight fishing should be great.

Many thanks to Bryan Kelly of Whitefly Outfitters for his time and expertise. It was a terrific day.



# WINCHESTER TU CELEBRATES the SEASON at its ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY



**Left:** Gene Lewis earns Winchester TU's "Ugly Award" for his outstanding service to our chapter. Among other things, Gene initiated our BarFly outreach efforts in recruiting younger members.



**Above:** New to TU, Dave and Terrell check the array of silent auction items.



**Left:** Terry thanks Chef Jason (on right) for preparing the fabulous dinner that all of us enjoyed during the Annual Winchester TU Holiday Party.

**Below:** Galen, Charlie, Steve, and Linda line up for Chef Jason's delicious dinner offerings.



**Left:** Leanna Johnson, Chef Jason's friend and kitchen helper, staffed the kitchen all day to prepare the delicious Holiday Party dinner for the members of Winchester TU.



A Huge Thanks to the Holiday Party Committee  
Gene Lewis, Charlie Loudermilk, Mark  
Zimmerman, Drew Patterson, Paul Wilson, Deb  
Brennan, Chef Jason VanBenschoten, and Sous  
Chef Leanna Johnson

# 2017 Calendar of Events

## Winchester Trout Unlimited

By Fred Boyer

See the complete calendar  
of Winchester TU events at  
<http://winchestertu.org/>

### January 2017

- ✓ Thursday 5 January 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting - Drew Patterson is our featured speaker talking about "Fishing in Alaska". Casey Peltier is our second speaker talking about Casting for Recovery.
- ✓ Saturday 7 January 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 11 January 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - Winchester TU BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

### February 2017

- ✓ Thursday 2 February 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 4 February 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ 4 - 12 February 2017 -- Great American Outdoor Show, Harrisburg, PA
- ✓ Wednesday 8 February 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - Winchester TU BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery
- ✓ Saturday 11 February 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. - Rapidan TU Fishing Show

### March 2017

- ✓ Thursday 2 March 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 4 March 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 8 March 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - Winchester TU BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

### April 2017

- ✓ Thursday 6 April 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ 8 & 9 April 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. - VA Fishing and Wine Festival, Doswell, VA
- ✓ Saturday 8 April 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 12 April 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - Winchester TU BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

### May 2017

- ✓ Thursday 4 May 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 6 May 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 10 May 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - Winchester TU BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery
- ✓ TBA May 2017 -- TIC Brookie Release Cleanup Day
- ✓ TBA May 2017 -- TIC Brookie Release Days

### June 2017

- ✓ Thursday 1 June 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 3 June 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 14 June 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - Winchester TU BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

### July 2017

- ✓ No Winchester TU meeting in July
- ✓ No BarFly in July
- ✓ Saturday 8 July 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. - TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road

### August 2017

- ✓ Thursday 3 August 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 5 August 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 9 August 2017 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

### September 2017

- ✓ Thursday 7 September 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 9 September 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 13 September 2017 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery



The opinions expressed in *Lateral Lines* are those of the individual authors and are not necessarily those of Winchester Trout Unlimited or Trout Unlimited National.

All water sports, including fishing, and stream restoration activities have inherent dangers. Participation in all Winchester Trout Unlimited activities is at the participant's own risk and participants agree to hold harmless Winchester Trout Unlimited and its members. A responsible adult must accompany all minors.

