

# Lateral Lines

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## Next meeting is Thursday, April 6, 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, Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>.

Next TU BarFly is Wednesday, Apr 12<sup>th</sup>.  
 See page 5 for BarFly details.



See you at the meeting on Thursday, April 6, 2017  
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## Three Featured Speakers at the Winchester TU April Meeting

7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2017, at our usual meeting place, NW Works, Winchester.

### Levi Pitcock: Owner of Double Spur Outfitters



Levi was born and raised in the mountains of Virginia. From the time he was young, Levi spent countless hours in the woods chasing after animals and scouring the woods for signs of game. It was on a hunting trip to Colorado that Levi got his first taste of guiding and soon turned a passion into a business.

Levi founded Double Spur Outfitters in 2013 with one goal in mind: put hunters on the animal of their choice and give them an opportunity to take home a trophy. With over 20 years of hunting experience, and while owning his own business for the last 4 years, Levi is well-seasoned in catering to clients.

With early success and many return customers, Levi has been able to turn his love for the outdoors into a fulltime adventure. Given the access to thousands of acres, and being the only outfitter licensed to guide in George Washington National Forest, Double Spur Outfitters can care for land and animal management. Double Spur Outfitters offers guided and semi-guided hunts for bear, deer, turkey, and also has two miles of private water for trophy trout fishing.

### Greg Hyde: Fishing Guide at Double Spur

Greg was born and raised in central Pennsylvania and grew up fishing on streams that a lot of people only ever get to talk about. Within a short drive of streams such as Fishing Creek, Young Woman's Creek, and "The Narrows", Greg had many fishing opportunities literally in his back yard.

After becoming a VA transplant in the winter of 2002, Greg soon found many new interesting places to fish. From the SNP to private waters to Colorado, Greg fished as many streams as much as he could. Finding Cedar Creek in early 2014 led to Greg becoming Double Spur Outfitters' fly fishing guide and forged a bond with Levi. Since then Double Spur Outfitters has become partners with Project Healing Waters, Orvis, and, recently, Aleka Sports. Casting lessons, half-day trips, full-day trips, and customized trips are available.



[More about April's featured speakers on the next page.](#)

## Three Featured Speakers in April -- continued

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### Kenny Hawthorne: Fishing in Alaska

Our TU chapter's very own, Kenny Hawthorne, will tell us about his fishing trip to Alaska. Military veteran and Project Healing Waters (PHW) volunteer, Kenny has recently stepped into the lead PHW position at the Martinsburg Veterans Medical Center in Martinsburg, WV.

Relatively new to fly fishing, Kenny has embraced all aspects of the sport and now enthusiastically spreads his enjoyment of fly angling wherever he goes.



## Winchester TU 2017 Speaker Schedule

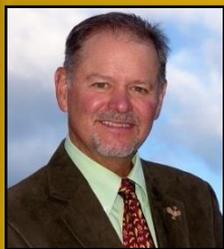
Mark your calendar now, and plan to hear all of these presentations.

### June 1<sup>st</sup>: Friends of the Shenandoah River

President of the Friends of the Shenandoah River, Terry Lay, will be on board to tell us about the work FOSR does to protect this most important river and its tributaries.



### August 3<sup>rd</sup>: Native Leaves and Mayflies



Bobby Whitescarver is a Watershed Restoration Scientist, farmer, award-winning writer, and educator. He is president of Whitescarver Natural Resources Management LLC, an environmental consulting firm, and is currently under contract with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.



### September 7<sup>th</sup>: Muskie Fishing

Colby Trow, co-owner of Mossy Creek Fly Fishing, will be with us again. This time he will talk about the elusive Muskie and how to catch one in our area.

### October 5<sup>th</sup>: Chesapeake Bay Foundation



Robert Jennings is a Grassroots and Field Specialist for the Foundation. He recruits, engages, and motivates new people located within Virginia's 5th Congressional District to take action to further CBF's program goals.

Please note that our October meeting will be at Lord Fairfax Community College in Middletown, VA, with the local chapter of the Audubon Society.



## Bud on the Run: Update of the March Workday and Plans for the April 8<sup>th</sup> Workday at Redbud Run

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by Bud Nagelvoort

photos by Barbara Gamble

Well, despite the low temp on March 4, the anticipation of seeing Terry's latest (with new equipment) cable system concoction in operation for moving a 5-ton oak log in stream, proved a powerful incentive for participation. A record 11 TU hardnosed, frostbite resistant, trout-habitat-enhancement provocateurs appeared. Unfortunately, Bud's camera ran out of battery power before a group pic could be achieved.

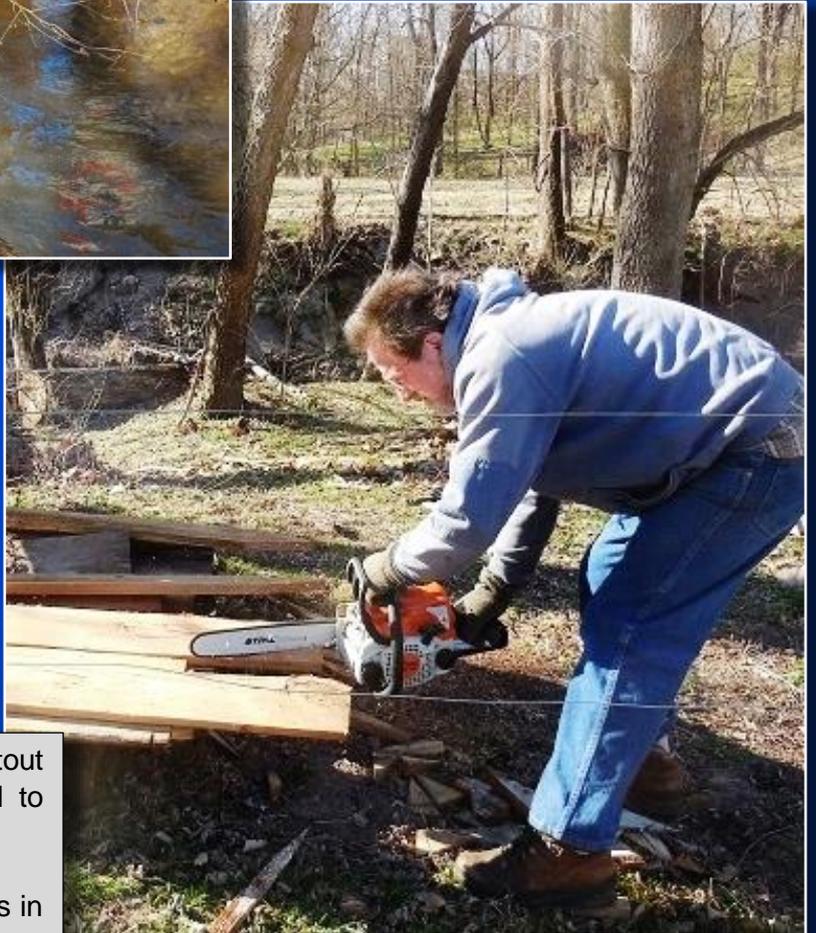


However, here are the names to be remembered of those TU heroes who gave up sleeping in on a cold Saturday morning to add bank protection below Dave's inverted V (not in any particular order related to ability to respond to Terry's subtle directions) --- Gene, Clark, Stan, Bill, Barbara, Mike, Drew, Galen, Debbie, Robert, and Bud. Debbie and Mike were particularly helpful in providing hand signals during the blind Takoma maneuvering with the cable system.



The pic above shows the upstream trunk end of the log not exactly in the right place, with Bill, Galen, and Gene discussing how to move it to the bank without moving it several feet downstream first or chainsawing off the obstructing end. The solution, with Gene's forceful use of the sledgehammer, was to knock off the decaying roots of the log, thus avoiding the embarrassment of having to listen to Terry gently ask the crew to reconstruct his cable system twice. Thank you, Gene!

The only sour note during the entire 5-hour effort was Bud's failure to remember the heavy wire for tying logs to steel fence posts. It required a return trip to his warehouse during which he came within inches of getting smashed into by a distracted neighbor who pulled out of a driveway without looking. Lesson learned -- don't forget the wire.



**Top:** Terry anchors his block and tackle system to a stout sycamore tree that the Winchester TU team used to move a huge bank-protection log.

**Above:** Gene, Galen, and Bill discuss the next steps in moving the huge bank protection log.

**Right:** Robert prepares boards that our workers will use to stabilize the bank protection log that other members or the WTU team moved into place. The boards also form cover for the fish that reside in Redbud Run.

After re-aligning the big log it was a simple matter to move the remnant third piece of the original tree into place, wire the logs to fence posts, and drive, nail, and saw off the boards custom-cut by Robert.

**"Bud on the Run" continues on the next page.**

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Failed to mention certain rock movement during relaxation periods when part of the crew added big rocks that had been stashed on the north bank to the north bank end of Dave's V and ended the day by lowering rock into place between the newly located south bank protection and the south bank. More rocks are needed at both locations -- which brings up the work session on April 8.



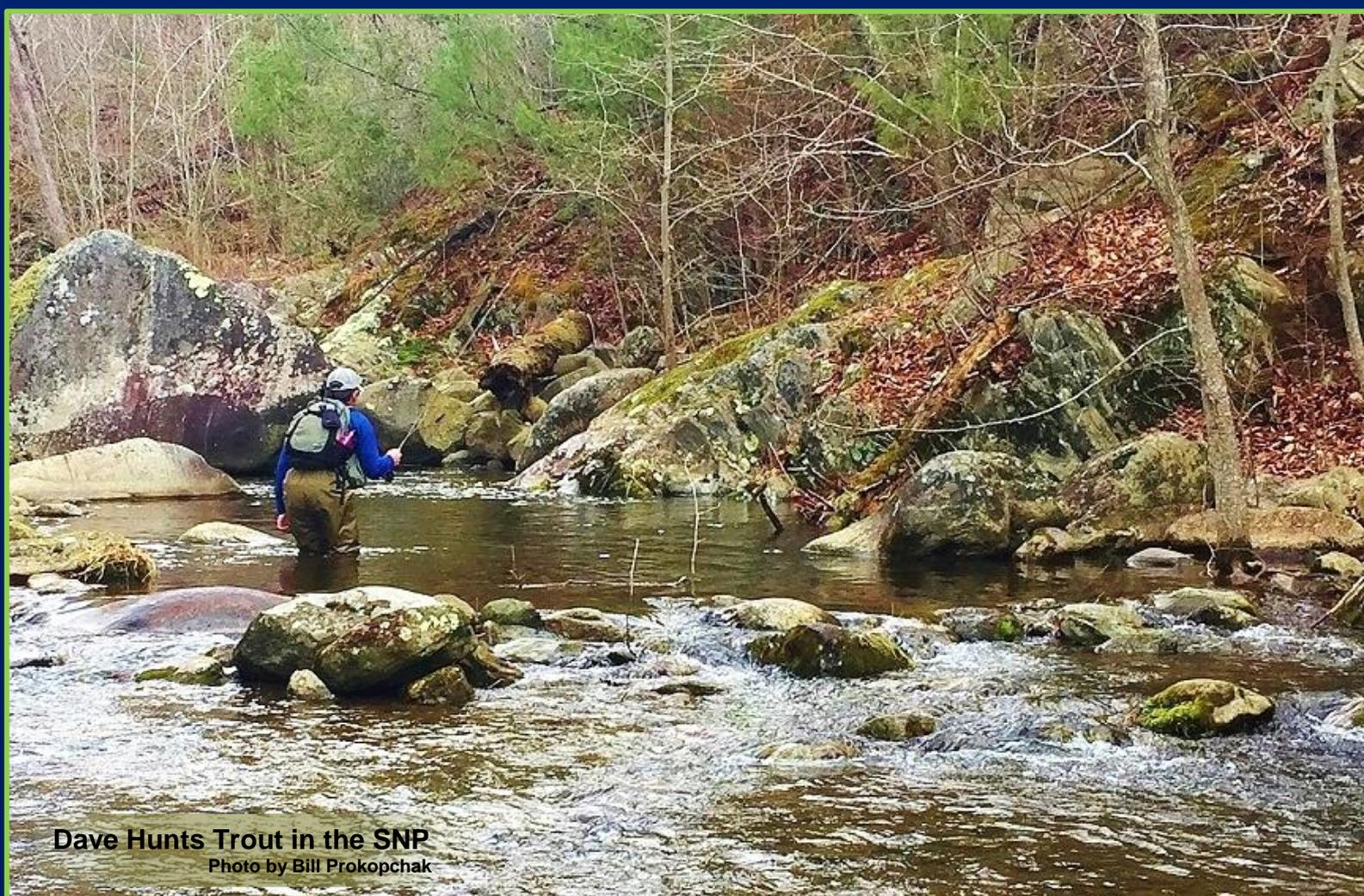
Terry and Drew relax after a challenging workday on the Redbud Run restoration project.

## Plans for the April 8<sup>th</sup> Workday at Redbud Run 9:00 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

The next major operation will be the installation of a bank-protection log -- likely a sycamore which fell last summer and needs to be cut and dragged to the work site -- and maybe the heavy ash log sitting along the fence where we've been working. The installation will be along the near-vertical and eroding north bank just upstream from Dave's V. This particular site has fairly deep water, but also deep silt which we hope will be flushed out to provide a deeper run. We'll also try to come up with enhanced cover there along the run.

Wayne Seipel has his eye on a rock pile along Redbud Road just west of the Third Winchester Battlefield Headquarters which hopefully we can access. At the same time, a convoy to the Sulphur Spring Road quarry will be appropriate. Maybe we can coordinate some of both along with moving the sycamore log. Can we match or exceed the March turnout?

As usual, let Bud know if you plan to participate.



Dave Hunts Trout in the SNP  
Photo by Bill Prokopchak

# Winchester TU Monthly "BarFly" Event Wednesday, April 12<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.**

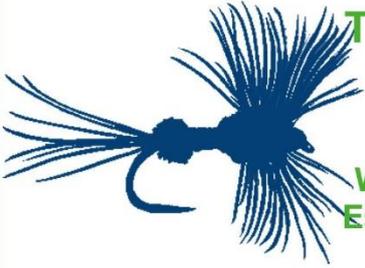


**Above:** Fred finishes a blue and silver Kreelex streamer.

**Phil:** Works on a red and white streamer.



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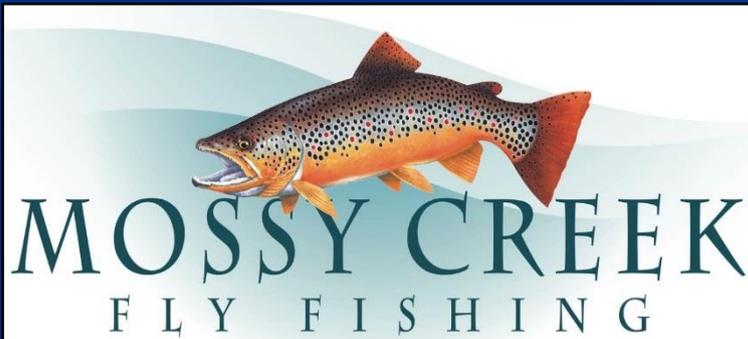


**BarFly**  
7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Apr. 12  
Escutcheon Brewery  
Commercial Street  
Winchester, VA

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 WTU.

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



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## The Well-Schooled Angler

Compiled by Barbara Gamble

### **Flies for Selective Trout: Complete Step-by-Step Instructions on How to Tie the Newest Swisher Flies**

**Authors:** Doug & Sharon Swisher  
**Hardcover:** 160 Pages  
**ISBN-10:** 1510717161  
**ISBN-13:** 1510717169  
**Publisher:** Skyhorse Publishing  
**Publication Date:** April 4, 2017

Doug Swisher co-wrote *Selective Trout*, the bestselling fly-fishing book of all time. Now he's back with brand new flies.

Back in the '80s, right after *Selective Trout* was first published, many fly-tying books came on the market that were pushing the merits of the types of flies Carl Richards and Doug Swisher developed, like the No-Hackle Dun, Hen Spinner, Emerger, and Still-Born. Those were types of flies that had never been written about before. Then, a few years later, in the early 2000s, the emphasis switched drastically to what you would call streamer and attractor patterns.

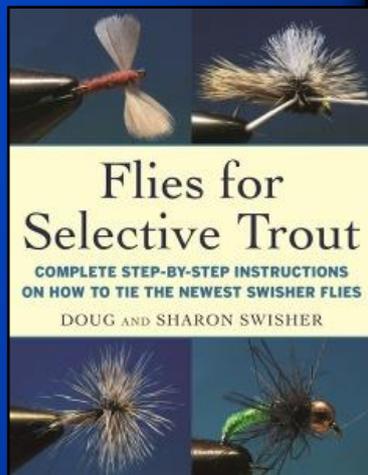
*Flies for Selective Trout* covers a few of the "No Hackle Types" and many of Doug's new attractor flies, like glow in the dark, ultraviolet, brush flies, advanced pupas, and our action-dubbing versions -- with wiggly legs right in the dubbing!

New flies include:  
No Hackle PMD  
Duckquill Emerger  
Mono Caddis Pupa  
Velcro Green & Mean  
and much more!

The Swishers also include tips on how to fish the new flies, as well as where they were developed. Pick up a copy of *Flies for Selective Trout* to learn about all of the new materials and tying techniques that make these new flies so exciting!

**Doug and Sharon Swisher** have been immersed in the fly-fishing world for a long time. Doug is one of the most accomplished fly fishermen and angling writers of our time. His coauthored book, *Selective Trout*, is the all-time bestselling book on a fly-fishing subject. He also coauthored *Fly Fishing Strategy*, *Tying the Swisher/Richards Flies*, *Stoneflies*, and *Emergers*. Sharon is a certified casting instructor, a fly-tying teacher, and one of the premier fly-fishing women in the country. Sharon and Doug live in Hamilton, Montana.

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



### **Fly Fishing the Southeast Coast: A Complete Guide to Fishing Fresh and Salt Water**

**Editors:** Gordon Churchill & Rip Woodin  
**Paperback:** 224 pages  
**ISBN-10:** 1510714995  
**ISBN-13:** 978-1510714991  
**Publisher:** Skyhorse Publishing  
**Publication Date:** April 8, 2017

Gordon Churchill has been an enthusiastic angler all of his life, ever since he was little and would go fishing with his father in the lakes of upstate New York. Churchill shares his tips, tricks, and passion for fishing in *Fly Fishing the Southeast Coast*. Learn that you don't have to travel to the Bahamas or any other far exotic island to find the perfect catch. Many ideal places are right here in the United States, including Pamlico Sound, North Carolina, and St. Augustine, Florida.

In order to fly fish successfully, a fisherman must know what kind of species he or she wants, what rod and line combo works best, what flies to stock, and of course when and where to be.

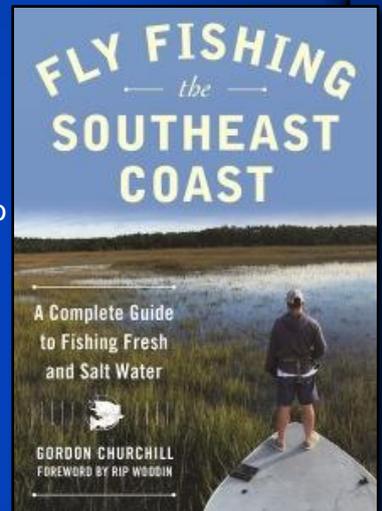
For each chapter, Churchill gives advice on where to find specific species of fish, from the striped bass in the southeast region of the Roanoke River to mahimahi in the Gulf Stream, forty miles off of Morehead City, North Carolina, as well as specifics on the approach of catching each species, as they're all quite different.

While full of tips and advice, Churchill makes it clear that, if ever fishing on the coast, you must be involved in a conservation effort. The environment and fish are constantly in danger, so make sure to always be aware and put your planet first!

**Gordon Churchill** is a longtime fisherman who runs the blog *Capt. Gordon's Fishing Reports*, where he writes about fishing (including tips and tricks), fly tying, and family. *Fly Fishing the Southeast Coast* is his first book. He lives in Newport, North Carolina.

**Rip Woodin** has written about fly fishing for more than forty years, most recently with the *Rocky Mount Telegram*. Now retired, he resides in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

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## Winchester TU Recycles Aluminum.

Please bring your aluminum  
cans to any Winchester TU  
event.

# All-Natural Frankenfish Found in Erie

By D. Averell Poisson  
Pittsburgh Post Science Editor

**Erie** -- Two giant steelhead fish that locals are calling Frankenfish have been found dead on the shores of Lake Erie in recent months. The first fish found by an angler near the mouth of Elk Creek in October measured just over 40 inches long with a weight of about 27 pounds.

According to PA Fish Commission biologist, Samuel Trotta, PhD, the extra large steelhead was a bit of a sensation among the local fishermen, but did not make the headlines since no one could take credit for catching it and claiming a PA state record.

The fisherman who found the fish, Jake Knopf of Meadville, reported that the fish seemed to exhaust itself trying to swim upstream through extremely shallow water at the mouth of Elk. "He's so big he couldn't hardly find water deep enough, and he just died trying," Knopf said at the time.

"Good thing the local fish warden took and froze a tissue sample from the fish," said Trotta, "before he donated the fish to a local charity that accepts fish and game to feed the needy. He gave the sample to me for analysis."

The second giant steelhead was found in January during a period of low flow at the mouth of 20-Mile Creek west of Erie. This one measured just under 40 inches with an official weight of 26.6 pounds. Some teenagers found the fish as they walked along the beach near their parents' vacation home. Their father, a Pittsburgh lawyer who asked not to be named in this article, said that the fish appeared to have been dead for some time, but was well preserved because of the cold weather.

"We were fortunate that the father called me directly to tell me of the huge fish," said Trotta. He put it in a freezer chest until I could pick it up. Two fish of such amazing size gave me an opportunity to do some genetic testing on tissue samples from both fish."

Over a period of several weeks, Trotta and a second team at Penn State under the direction of Len Lotic, PhD, worked independently on the tissue samples. Drs. Trotta and Lotic will publish their findings in the May edition of *The Journal of Salmonid Genetics*.

The two teams concluded that both of the large fish have a previously unknown variant of gene CYR61 on chromosome 6p. This reporter asked both scientists to tell me in plain English what this gene and chromosome do.

In a telephone interview, Dr. Lotic said, CYR61 is one of the genes that governs growth. "Since both of these fish have the same variant that I've never seen before, I postulate that it may be the sole reason these two fish were so damn big."

I also interviewed Dr. Trotta at his office in Harrisburg. He has reviewed the genetic records of the females and males in the class of parent fish three years ago which seemed to have produced these two Frankenfish.

"You see, we didn't know if there could be other big fish like these out there, when the mutation happened, if it was a recessive or dominant, if it will now be part of our steelhead gene pool. I had a lot of questions."

Trotta's review of genetic records on the males and females used to produce the class of fish three years ago indicates that a number of the fish showed the variant in the same gene but not the extra size.

"It must be a recessive mutation that has been carried by a few of our fish for some time. Three years ago, by chance, the right female and right male came together at the hatchery. Bingo. These are not some genetically engineered Frankenfish, these are all-natural. We have *Supersteel*. I have the records, and I think I can even tell you the date it happened."

The two scientists are amazed that a steelhead could put on so much weight in just three years. Dr. Lotic speculates that these large fish may be the reason that

steelhead runs in the past three years have been smaller than usual. "We have been blaming the loss of smolts on the walleyes in Lake Erie. Maybe it is these huge *Supersteelhead* that are vacuuming up the smolts."

Both scientists agree that the records show the CYR61 - 6p variant is spreading through the Erie steelhead population. Records for the class of smolts two years ago show that the number of breeding fish with the gene variant has grown roughly by the power of two. In last year's class of breeding fish, the variant had again grown by a power of two.

A fisherman friend of mine asked the Fish Commission biologist what this means for the average steelhead fisherman in Erie.

He said that only time will tell, but he expected a shift toward increased fishing in the lake during the fall and spring steelhead runs.

"These fish are just too [expletive deleted] big to make it up our small streams during low water," he said. "Everybody wants to catch a *Supersteel*. I expect folks will be changing from 10-lb. test to 30-lb. next fall."

The PA Fish Commission is already making plans to change its steelhead stocking procedures. Fish Commission chairman, Ralph Chunks, says they are going to monitor closely the breeding stock during the next five years to limit the number of fish with the variant gene. The Commission wants to insure survival of enough smolts to keep the normal steelhead fishery healthy.

Erie County business owners, on the other hand, are urging the Commission to keep the *Supersteel* coming.

"Once word gets out that we have 30-pound *Supersteel*, man, it will be great for business," said local flyshop owner, Harvy "Rusty" Hooks.

For more information, please contact this reporter, D. Averell Poisson.

That's the French of course: *d'avril poisson* loosely translated as *April Fool*.  
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## Virginia DGIF Youth Fishing Opportunity: April 1 - June 15

Contact Steve Reeser for more information [steve.reeser@dgif.virginia.gov](mailto:steve.reeser@dgif.virginia.gov)

### New 'Youth Only' Stocked Trout Waters

Anglers age 15 and under will be allowed to fish during that time period. Adults can assist youth only by baiting the hook, casting, and removing the fish from the hook. Adults cannot assist with setting the hook or retrieving the fish. The daily creel limit shall be 3 Trout. Adults assisting youth are not required to have a fishing license or a Trout license. Parking or access fees may be required at some locations.

#### Water (street address)

Northern Fauquier Community Park Pond (Marshall) (4155 Monroe Parkway)

South River - Basic Park (Waynesboro) (1405 Genicom Drive)

Cave Mountain Lake (Natural Bridge) (811 Cave Mountain Lake Road)

Glen Alton Pond (Giles Co.) (Route 635 / Glen Alton Road)

Franklin County Park Pond (Rocky Mount) (2150 Sontag Road)

Ivy Creek - Peaks View Park (Lynchburg) (1205 Ardmore Drive)

South Fork Clinch River - Dunford Park (Tazewell)

#### Stocking Dates

April 3, April 14, May 9

April 13, May 4, May 26

April 6, May 5, May 25

April 1, April 22, May 1

April 4, April 27, May 10

April 11, April 28, May

April 8, May 6, May



# ANGLER REFLECTIONS

## WikiLeaks and Me: Operation Othello

by Bill Prokopchak

Over the years of fishing together, I'm sure I have shared with some of you the peculiar temporary assignments that I had while serving in the United States Air Force. Although I eventually became an AF<sup>1</sup> journalist (propagandist) and public relations man, I was recommended for this second temporary assignment by Chief Master Sergeant Coffey, an ordinance disposal NCO, after working with him on an earlier special assignment that had nothing to do with ordinance disposal. He recommended me because of my peculiar science, math, and statistics training in college.

I may have mentioned during conversations on long drives to various fishing spots that my duties during one of my special assignments enabled me to draw pay that was four grades above my rank, required me to wear civilian clothes, and wear my hair in a non-military fashion. Although the title "Operation Othello" has been known to the public for decades, the details of the operation are still classified, as far as I know.

Anyhow, one of my colleagues in the operation, that I hadn't heard from since 1971, found me on Facebook and told me that there was some Operation Othello stuff on WikiLeaks. Sure enough, among the hundreds of thousands of classified pages released by that organization, there are a couple of pages -- mostly redacted -- about that old AF<sup>2</sup> project. I have my very own WikiLeaked page.

My old AF<sup>1</sup> buddy told me how to find the page on WikiLeaks.

Here it is exactly as it appeared.

It shows the rank and pay-status page from my classified record.

After all these years, I'd forgotten some details. One example is line 19e: "Transportation Allowance".

I have no idea who or why this page was given to WikiLeaks because, as you can see, most of the data are blacked out by what looks like magic marker and there is really no readable classified information.

I know it is my page because of the folks involved in the Operation Othello, I was the only William born in 1948. The other William was much older.

I really can't say any more about the operation because, as far as I know, it is still classified.

But it is sort of exciting to have my very own AF<sup>3</sup> stuff thought to be important enough to be WikiLeaked.

AF<sup>1,2,3</sup> See Page 11 of this newsletter for footnotes.

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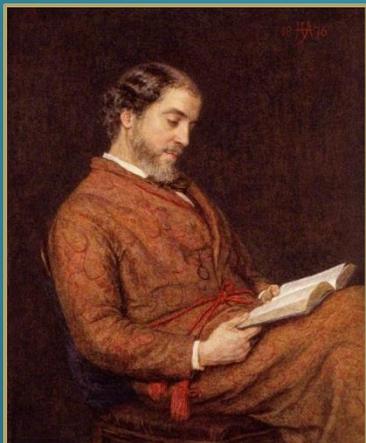
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**Poet's Corner:** Poems selected for the angler  
Series created by Bud Nagelvoort

**A Day-Dream's Reflection**

By William Allingham  
1824-1889  
Ballyshannon County, Ireland



Painting of William Allingham by his wife Helen Allingham

Chequer'd with woven shadows as I lay  
Among the grass, blinking the watery gleam,  
I saw an Echo-Spirit in his bay  
Most idly floating in the noontide beam.  
Slow heaved his filmy skiff, and fell, with sway  
Of ocean's giant pulsing, and the Dream,  
Buoyed like the young moon on a level stream  
Of greenish vapour at decline of day,  
Swam airily, watching the distant flocks  
Of sea-gulls, whilst a foot in careless sweep  
Touched the clear-trembling cool with tiny shocks,  
Faint-circling; till at last he dropt asleep,  
Lull'd by the hush-song of the glittering deep,  
Lap-lapping drowsily the heated rocks.



**Tech on the Water: WATER REPORTER App Revised**

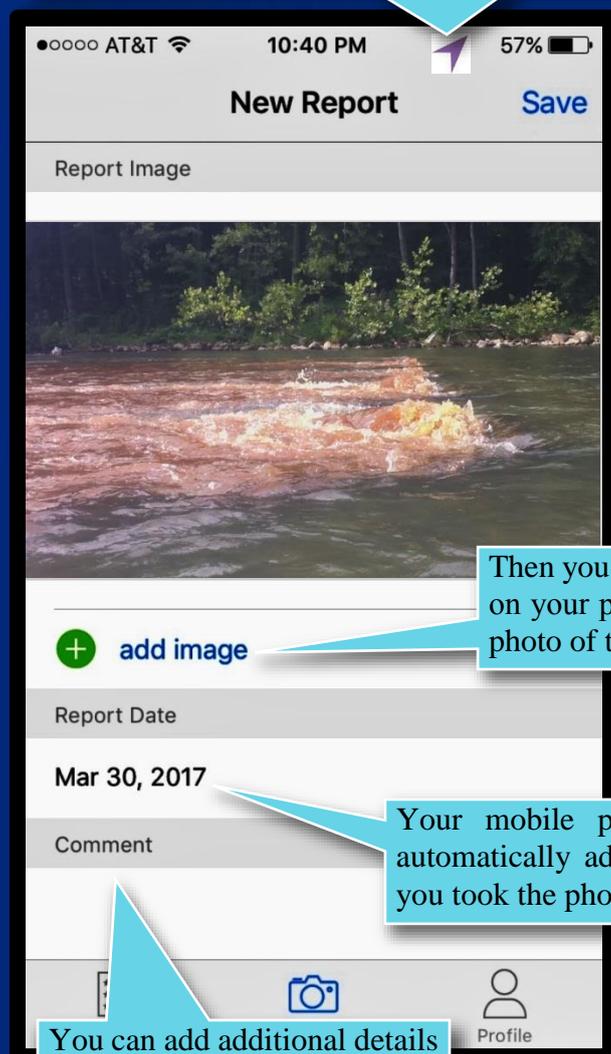
**WATER REPORTER**

Once you have downloaded the app, be sure you turn on your phone's "Location" capability. By doing so, your report will include the exact latitude and longitude of the pollution source.

The folks at WATER REPORTER revised their app a few months ago and, unfortunately, seem to have taken it in a social media direction -- a direction in which other social media, like Facebook, already are dominant.

Fortunately, they did not remove its most important function: reporting sources of water pollution. I encourage all WTU members to add this app to your mobile phones, to take photos of pollution sites, and to submit them via the WATER REPORTER app.

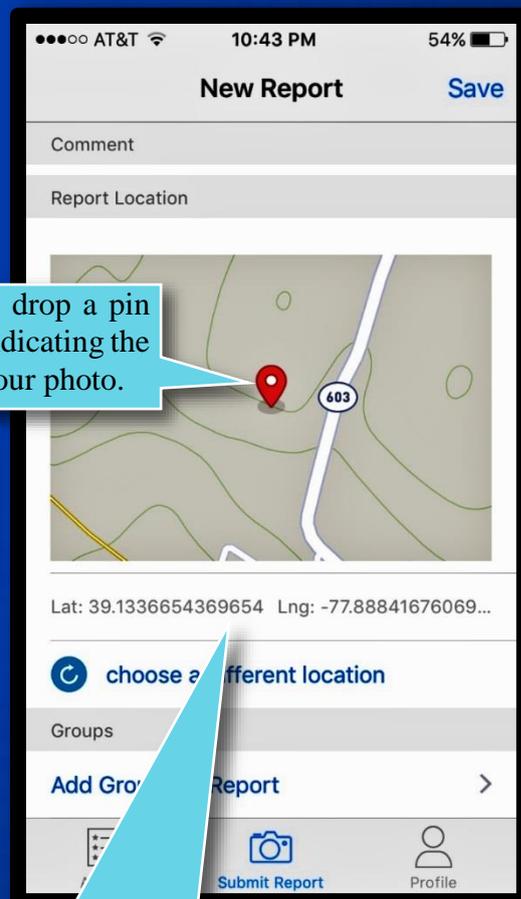
Our Riverkeepers will monitor these reports and use them as necessary in their efforts to keep our waters as clean as possible. -- Bill Prokopchak



Then you touch the plus sign to turn on your phone's camera and take a photo of the pollution.

Your mobile phone will automatically add the date you took the photo.

You can add additional details in the comment section using your phone's keypad or talk-to-text capability.



The app will drop a pin on the map indicating the location of your photo.

The latitude and longitude are recorded so that our Riverkeepers have the data they need to take remedial action.



## Letters to the Editor

Recently, 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.

### Time to Act on Climate

There has never been a more important time to act on climate — to generate a historic wake-up call that President Trump and his administration will be unable to ignore.

The Peoples Climate March on April 29 will be the biggest, boldest display of climate action in history. [Click here to tell us that you'll be there.](#)

Why now?

- Recently on national television, EPA chief and polluter apologist Scott Pruitt denied that CO2 is a primary contributor to climate change
- Trump moved to roll back landmark clean car standards that, if kept in place, would save Americans billions of dollars of gas and dramatically reduce carbon pollution from vehicles
- Trump announced plans to slash the EPA's budget by 31%, massive cuts that will make it nearly impossible for the agency to do its job

Marching together in an overwhelming show of solidarity for clean energy jobs and climate justice is one of the most important things we can do to rise up against the President's horrific anti-environment agenda. We'll make it clear that we, the American people, won't back down in our fight for healthy air, good paying jobs, clean water and a livable planet.

It's a chance to vent your outrage. Stand in solidarity. Make change. Be inspired. And, yes, have some fun. Here's what you need to know:

What: Peoples Climate March

Where: Washington, D.C., and locations around the country ([see the full list here](#))

When: Saturday, April 29, 2017

[Register now to march with NRDC in Washington, D.C., or in one of dozens of sister marches around the country on April 29.](#)

Every day, I hear from more people who are planning their trips to Washington on April 29. I'll be there, marching with NRDC. [Will you join us?](#)

Sincerely,

Rhea Suh

President, NRDC

P.S. Stay tuned for updates on logistics and more — but in the meantime, mark your calendars, invite your family and friends to join you and check out [peoplesclimate.org](http://peoplesclimate.org) to learn more.



Dear Bill,

Know why I'm fighting mad?

The budget cuts proposed by the Administration last week represent the most severe reductions in clean water protections in two generations. Don't believe claims that they are about trimming fat and making government more efficient - the attacks on several of EPA's most important functions will actually cost Americans more than they save by passing the burden of addressing pollution from the polluter to the public. They're being sold in the name of lean government but clean water advocates of both parties see them for what they are: massive corporate hand outs.

Some of the worst cuts hit close to home — **the proposed budget would eliminate funding for the Chesapeake Bay Program**, the branch of EPA responsible for the bay cleanup. Why would anyone want to stop cleaning up the Bay? Activities aimed at cleaning up the Bay have pushed new and innovative conservation practices all the way up to our headwaters trout streams in Shenandoah National Park. They have spurred sewer treatment plant upgrades that protect our streams from human waste. They led to farming practices that improve the bottom line and reduce harmful nutrient pollution. They have pushed us to develop our land more responsibly. A healthy, restored Chesapeake Bay would ensure the livelihoods of our watermen, brings in tourism and recreation dollars, and raise property values.



If even a semblance of this gutted budget comes to fruition, **Potomac Riverkeeper Network's work at the local level is going to be the last line of defense** against an agenda which prioritizes profit over public health and the environment. But we're not waiting around to see what happens.

Our Potomac Riverkeeper Dean Naujoks was recently asked to speak at a rally defending EPA's role in improving the quality of our rivers. [You can see his remarks here.](#)

Fewer investigations and enforcement actions by the EPA could reverse the gains we've made over the last 45 years since the Clean Water Act was passed. We can't afford to go back to the days when our rivers were so polluted they would catch on fire. And while it is difficult to put a dollar figure on the cost of losing a pristine stream or river to contamination, certain economic impacts are easier to calculate: the federal Clean Water Act alone spurs construction projects that are worth at least \$11 billion per year to the national economy. So whether your priority is a healthy environment or a healthy economy (and yes, we can have both), reversing the gains we've made in cleaning up our waterways is the wrong choice.

**That's why I'll be heading to Capitol Hill on April 5th** to talk directly with our elected officials. But we can't do this alone. **Please call your representatives (House & Senate), send an email today, write letters to the editor of your local papers, and share emails like this in your social media circles.**

**Today is World Water Day and we are reminded that our clean fresh water supplies are precious and finite. Now more than ever please consider a donation to protect and restore the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers.**

Together we will stand up for clean water, the Potomac Watershed, and the rights of future generations to enjoy them.

See you on the river,



Jeff Kelble  
President  
Potomac Riverkeeper Network



# 2017 Calendar of Events

## Winchester Trout Unlimited

By Fred Boyer

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

### April 2017

- ✓ Thursday 6 April 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting -- **THREE** Featured speakers: Levi Pitcock owner of Double Spur Outfitters on Cedar Creek and his fishing guide, Greg Hyde, will talk about their work on Cedar Creek and Kenny Hawthorne will talk about his PHW Fishing Trip to Alaska
- ✓ 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 -- T.I.C. Brookie release planning
- ✓ 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 -- Featured speaker - Friends of the Shenandoah River
- ✓ 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 -- Featured presentation by Bobby Whitescarver, farmer, conservationist, educator, and award-winning writer who has decades of experience in watershed and wildlife habitat restoration. His topic: "Native Leaves and Mayflies"
- ✓ 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 -- Featured speaker: Colby Trow on Muskie Fishing
- ✓ 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

### October 2017

- ✓ Thursday 5 October 2017 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting at Lord Fairfax Community College -- Robert Jennings of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation is the featured speaker -- Chapter elections
- ✓ Saturday 7 October 2017 -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 11 October 2017 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

### November 2017

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



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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.

