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**Next meeting is Thursday,
August 3, 2017**

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

7:00 p.m. Meeting
Our featured speaker is Bobby Whitescarver
Topic: Native Leaves and Mayflies



Next Redbud workday is Saturday, July 8th.

Next TU BarFly is Wednesday, August 9th.
See page 4 for BarFly details.

See you at the meeting on Thursday, August 3, 2017
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Bud on the Run: Update of the June Workday and Plans for the July 8th Workday at Redbud Run

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article by Bud Nagelvoort

photos by Barbara Gamble, Bud Nagelvoort, and Bill Prokopchak

It was roll and rock on June 3rd with Barbara, Bill, Clark, Terry, and Bud enjoying a lovely early summer day on Redbud.

We managed to load more branches and ash butts between the bank protection logs and the bank before Terry launched rocks, passed by Barbara and Bud, to the stream below.

Clark and Bill placed the missiles strategically to hold the woody material in place.



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At the July 8th work session, we will place, similarly, a few more rocks before we address a new bank protection site upstream. Involved will be dragging more sycamore logs from the fallen tree we've made use of at the current site. If things work out, we may have the assistance of several boy scouts looking for merit badges.

The rocks continue to appear from the Perry rock garden despite bulldozer activity clearing much more of the hillsides and glens where we've scratched and clawed all sizes of limestone for more than 20 years.



However, the size selection has only improved with exposure and access to our favorite calcium carbonate has gotten much easier.

At least that was the case until mid-June when suddenly a new lock appeared on the quarry gate.

In the first year or so of access to the site, it was necessary to secure a key at Perry offices just a short distance down Rt. 50 to open the padlocked gate. Then for the next years the gate appeared to be locked, but was not and we had permission to access. As recently as 2016, the authority at Perry told us he didn't care what rock we removed from the quarry.

Curiosity, however, led yours truly to walk past the gate and up the new graveled driveway to the new mountain of shale remnants (most too small for our use) that has appeared near the Greenwood power substation. Much more area has been cleared to the east. (See pic) Much usable rock has been exposed along with a few tempting gigabyte-size boulders.

Curiosity led to another discovery. Access to the rock garden could be achieved from an ungated entrance which shall remain unidentified. Maybe the last load of rocks from Perry has been acquired, but maybe not.

We've also sent a letter to a Shockey rep asking for use of a pile of rocks on property on Redbud Road near the 3rd Battle of Winchester parking area.



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on the next page.**

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More discussions with Wayne Seipel about the cattle in the stream problem. The problem has intensified with the hot weather.

Wayne is inviting the LFSWCD staff to visit to discuss alternatives for re-constructing the fencing/off stream watering system.

At the same time, we're considering some board fencing at critical locations utilizing 1x6x12' boards carved from emerald ash borer-killed trees with George Ohrstrom's new band saw.

So July 8th at 9:00 a.m., look forward to splashing in cool Redbud Run water, Bill's stories about Italy, Terry's stories about FOSR display at Watermelon Park, fishing, what else?

E-mail Bud on the 7th evening if you can make it.



Winchester TU 2017 Speaker Schedule

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

August 3rd: 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 7th: 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 5th: 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.



Winchester TU Monthly "BarFly" Event Wednesday, August 9th at 7:00 p.m.

(Note: There is no BarFly in July)

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.

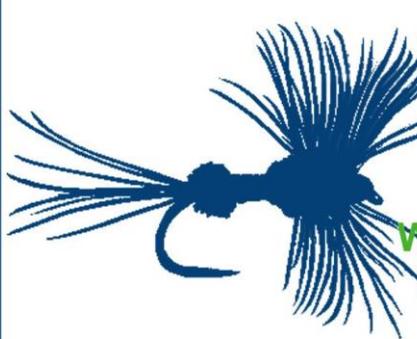
Please invite your friends. We hope to introduce more folks to the Winchester TU chapter and support a local business that supports WTU.



Avery uses a hair stacker for a fly he is tying at Winchester TU's BarFly.

**Winchester
Trout Unlimited**

BarFly
7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, August 9
Escutcheon Brewery
Commercial Street
Winchester, VA



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




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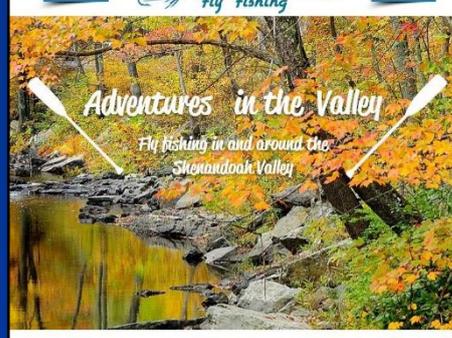

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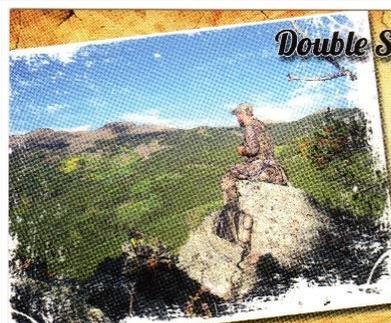
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The Well-Schooled Angler

Compiled by Barbara Gamble

The Saltwater Edge: Tips and Tactics for Saltwater Fly Fishing

Author: Nick Curcione
Paperback: 176 pages
ISBN-10: 081171909X
ISBN-13: 978-0811719094
Publisher: Stackpole Books
Publication Date: August 20, 2017

In this book, Nick Curcione covers his entire saltwater system (knots, rigging, tackle, approach) with detailed information on shooting heads, sinking lines, and two-handed rods for the salt, which have not been covered thoroughly in any other book.

While he is primarily a West Coast angler, Curcione has extensive experience in the East and his lessons apply to anglers everywhere.

- ✓ Clear illustrations of the best knots for rigging
- ✓ Emphasis on two-handed techniques
- ✓ Author's favorite flies

In addition to his former 35-year career as a university professor, Dr. Nick Curcione is an internationally recognized outdoor writer, instructor, lecturer, and tackle consultant with more than 40 years of angling experience.

Though extremely well versed in all phases of the sport, Nick is especially noted for his casting expertise and instructional clinics.

He is one of the country's leading authorities on sinking lines and shooting heads, and his knowledge of knots and rigging are held in high regard.

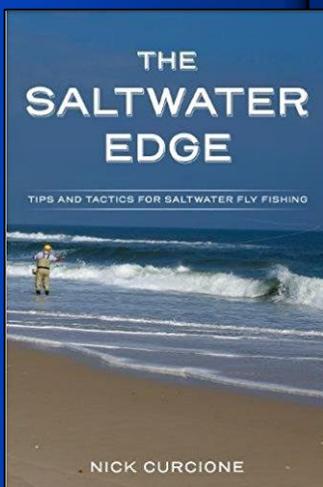
His writing credits are extensive, with numerous articles in local, national, and international publications.

Since its inception, he has been on the editorial staff of *Fly Fishing Saltwaters* magazine

He has authored three fly fishing books, *The Orvis Guide to Saltwater Fly Fishing*; *BajaOn The Fly*; and *Tug-O-War, A Fly Fishers Game*.

Over the years, Nick has served as a consultant for a number of major tackle manufacturers and has recently joined Temple Fork Outfitters advisory staff.

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



Stillwaters Simplified: 7 lessons to help you catch more fish on the fly

Author: Tim Lockhart
Paperback: 216 pages
ISBN-10: 0811719642
ISBN-13: 978-0811719643
Publisher: Stackpole Books
Publication Date: August 20, 2017

Critical lessons from a stillwater fly-fishing junkie for catching more trout in lakes, ponds, and reservoirs including timing, strategy, patterns, and more

- ✓ Covers trout behavior, feeding, and patterns to match common foods
- ✓ Essential equipment and how to use it efficiently
- ✓ Tips on troubleshooting, casting, and playing fish safely and effectively

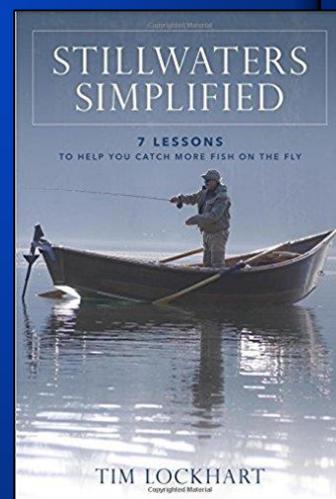
Tim Lockhart has fished western Washington for over 30 years.

He's fished throughout the West for bass, salmon, steelhead, and halibut in lakes, rivers, and salt water.

Lockhart is the author of *Stillwater Strategies: 7 Practical Lessons for Catching More Fish in Lakes, Reservoirs, & Ponds* (Stackpole, 2013).

He lives in Mill Creek, Washington.

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Mark with 18-inch North Fork Smallmouth.
His biggest of the season -- so far.

Winchester TU Recycles Aluminum.

Please bring your aluminum cans to any Winchester TU event.



Please
No steel cans.
Aluminum
cans only.

Tech on the Water: *Walden, a Game*

GamelInnovationLab has produced a stunning new kind of video game for your Windows PC or Mac computer. "Walden, a Game" is a simulation game of the life of Henry David Thoreau, known to all as the author of his book *Walden*, a reflection on the simple life and the natural surroundings of Walden Pond.

I call this game stunning, not because of its fabulous graphics or even the quality of the software driving the game, but because it shatters the mold of today's "shoot-'em-up" games where mayhem and destruction are the objectives.

This is a game for the environmentalist, conservationist, philosopher, or anyone who wants to reflect upon a simpler way of life.

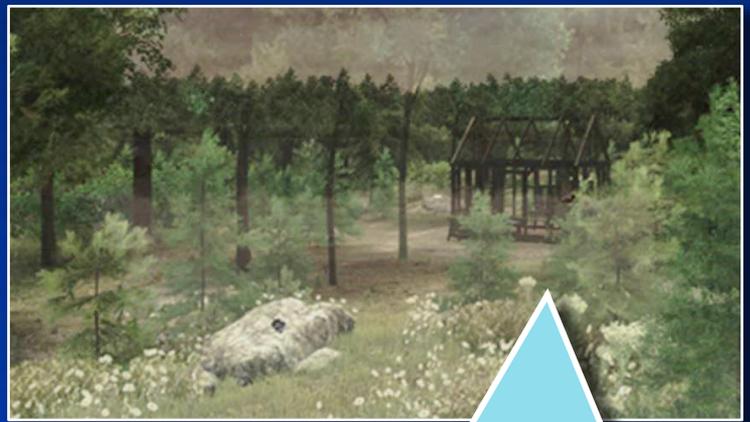
Is it right for you? Right now, it's not the game for me. I'm still able to seek the peace and solitude I need in the hills and valleys of the Shenandoah National Park, paddling a river, casting a dry fly, or even sitting on the bank of some old pond.

I can, however, see "Walden, a Game" as an inviting pastime for those who are trapped in cities by their careers or cloistered in their homes by age or infirmity.

The Smithsonian Magazine introduced this game to me, calling it "the world's most improbable video game".

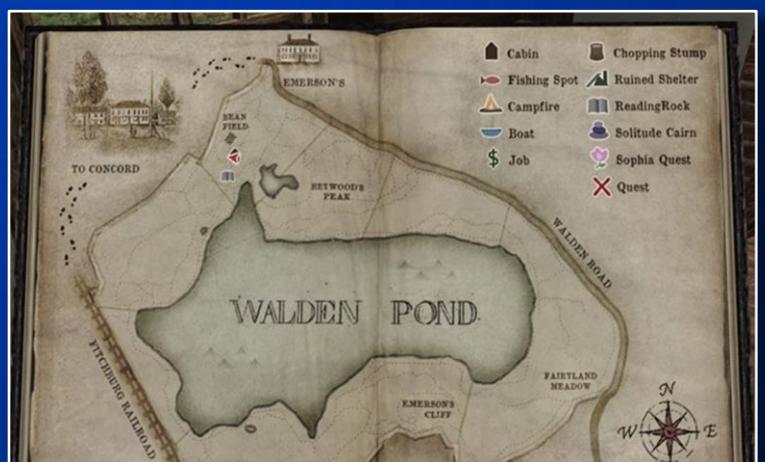
If you think it might be right for you or someone you care about, the game is available starting July 4 for \$18.45 at waldengame.com

Bill Prokopchak



"Walden, a Game" slowly and methodically takes you through Thoreau's masterwork *Walden*.

It provides an intriguing second look for those who have read the book, a gentle introduction to those who might be thinking about reading the book, or a glimpse of Thoreau for those who never even considered reading the book.



Poet's Corner: Poems selected for the angler

Series created by Bud Nagelvoort

Solitude

By Henry David
Thoreau
1817-1862
Concord,
Massachusetts



This is a delicious evening,
when the whole body is one sense,
and imbibes delight through every pore.

I go and come
with a strange liberty in Nature,
a part of herself.

As I walk along the stony shore of the pond
in my shirt-sleeves,
though it is cool as well as cloudy and windy,
and I see nothing special to attract me,
all the elements are unusually congenial to me.

The bullfrogs trump to usher in the night,
and the note of the whip-poor-will is borne
on the rippling wind from over the water.

Sympathy

with the fluttering alder and poplar leaves
almost takes away my breath;
yet, like the lake,
my serenity is rippled but not ruffled.

These small waves
raised by the evening wind
are as remote from storm
as the smooth reflecting surface.

Though it is now dark,
the wind still blows and roars in the wood,
the waves still dash,
and some creatures lull the rest with their notes.
The repose is never complete.





PHW Update July Events

Phil Stevens, PHW Program Co-Leader,
Martinsburg VAMC

Let me introduce Phil Stevens, the new PHW Program Leader for the Martinsburg Veterans Administration Medical Center. Phil is an avid fly angler, and a military veteran. He has taken over as Program Lead after the Paul Wilson, the founder of the Martinsburg PHW program moved to Colorado.

Kenny Hawthorne, the other Co-Lead of the Martinsburg PHW program, is currently tied up with his studies and internship for an advanced degree. Phil has taken on the responsibility for the Martinsburg PHW Program.

Phil and his volunteers are leading casting and fly-tying at Martinsburg today, July 5. He has also planned two additional PHW events in July.

July PHW Schedule for the Martinsburg VAMC

- 12 July Class begins at 1300 in the Martinsburg VAMC gym
- 15 July Fly-fishing outing at the Leetown Hatchery. Volunteers should arrive at Leetown at 0800. The Leetown event will run until 1300.

Please let Phil know if you can volunteer for either the class or outing, or both.

As always, if you are available to volunteer for any of our Project Healing Waters fly-fishing events or classes, please contact me and I will add you to my email list.

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



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Natural Wonders

The spalting in this box elder became visible only when a chance cut during WTU stream restoration work revealed its inner beauty.

Photo by Bill Prokopchak

2017 Calendar of Events

Winchester Trout Unlimited

By Fred Boyer

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

July 2017

- ✓ Thursday 6 July 2017 -- Fish with a Member Potomac River 3-mile float from the Shepherdstown Boat Ramp down to Antietam Creek -- Mark is coordinating
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Wednesday 12 July 2017 -- 1:00 p.m. - PHW class at the Martinsburg VAMC gym
- ✓ Saturday 15 July 2017 -- 8:00 a.m. - Volunteers arrive at Leetown Hatchery for PHW fishing day
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - PHW fishing day for Martinsburg VAMC clients

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
WTU 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
- ✓ 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

December 2017

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

January 2018

- ✓ Thursday 4 January 2018 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 6 January 2018 -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 10 January 2018 -- 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.

