

Lateral Lines

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“Give ‘em a break. Bend down your barbs.” C.A.R.

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Next meeting is Thursday,
February 1, 2018

5:30 p.m. Dinner
Donato’s Touch of Italy
2361 N Frederick Pike
Winchester

7:00 p.m. Meeting
Winchester Red Cross
561 Fortress Drive
Winchester



See you at the meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2018
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February Featured Speaker Emily Warner of the Potomac Conservancy

Emily oversees the Conservancy’s land protection and restoration programs. A member of the land protection team from March 2009 through July 2013, she happily re-joined the Conservancy in January 2016.

She has also worked for The Nature Conservancy, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, and Hampshire County Farmland Protection Board. Emily also has experience with high-altitude environments, vegetation monitoring, plant identification, editing, and proofreading. She is attempting to be proficient in Spanish.



Emily holds a bachelor’s degree in environmental studies from Allegheny College and a master’s in natural resources stewardship from Colorado State University (with an ecological restoration specialization). She’s a West Virginia native and loves mountains anywhere. When not conserving land and rivers, Emily spends her time enjoying them. She does much trail running but also enjoys hiking, camping, kayaking, and gardening.

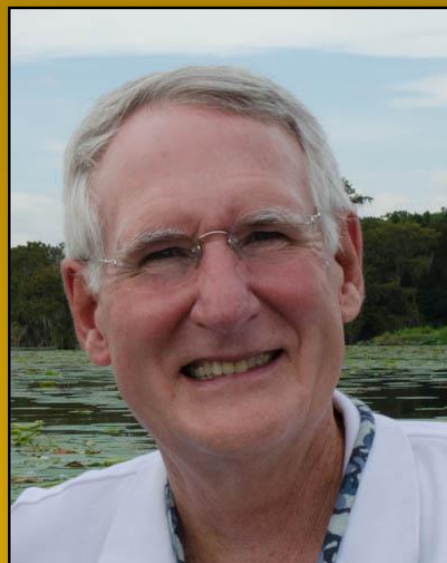


Winchester TU 2018 Speaker Schedule

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

March 1st: Vic Brugh of Reel Recovery

Dr. Vic Brugh is the Regional Director of Reel Recovery. Reel Recovery was founded in 2003 by a group of avid fly anglers, inspired by their fishing buddy's ongoing battle with brain cancer. Witnessing first-hand the beneficial impact that fly fishing provided for their friend, they created Reel Recovery to provide the same opportunity for other man battling the disease.



Coming soon - The Art of Tenkara



We are hoping to have a presentation about Tenkara fishing soon. Tenkara is the ancient art of fly fishing perfected in Japan which features a long Tenkara rod without reel, a thoroughly unfamiliar kind of fly line, and a single Kebari (fly). Watch this column for details once we finalize plans for the Tenkara presentation.

Coming soon - Fly Tying with Art Overcash

Master fly-tyer, Art Overcash, will be with us, soon, to tie some flies at an upcoming meeting. He is active with the Potomac Valley Fly Fishers, Frederick, MD, who provided this photo.



Have someone you would like to hear at Winchester TU?

If you have an idea for a Winchester TU meeting speaker, please let Bill know. We are always looking for great programs on topics of interest to the fly angler.



Bud on the Run: Update on the January Workday and Plans for the February 3rd Workday at Redbud Run

Next workday is set for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 3rd

article and photos by Bud Nagelvoort

On January 12, Clark and Bud spent two hours investigating Redbud at Seipel's for trees to be removed from the stream bed which had fallen from high winds in December.

The December work session had already begun the process of removing several red oaks and this visit found several more a short distance upstream.



Consequently, the next work session will be Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018, at 10 a.m. with the major assignment being to continue the exciting work begun on Dec. 16.

Hopefully, Terry's big saw will again be available, Bud's saw is functioning, and any other saws appear on the scene to add to our tree attack capabilities.

And speaking of Terry, he has suggested that boards for any future stream fence project at Redbud might better be produced from the larger trunks of the red oak (the thesis being they will last longer than ash.)

It will require dragging the big logs to the north side of the stream to open pasture ground where we could utilize the Ohrstrom band saw for this purpose, an exciting new dimension to our stream work.

Similar caveats concerning weather on Feb. 3 as in the past, but will discuss at meeting on the 1st, and confirm the evening of the 2nd (which, by the way is ground hogs day and my wedding anniversary in case anyone is interested. Number 61!)



Winchester TU Monthly “BarFly” Event
Wednesday, February 14th 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.



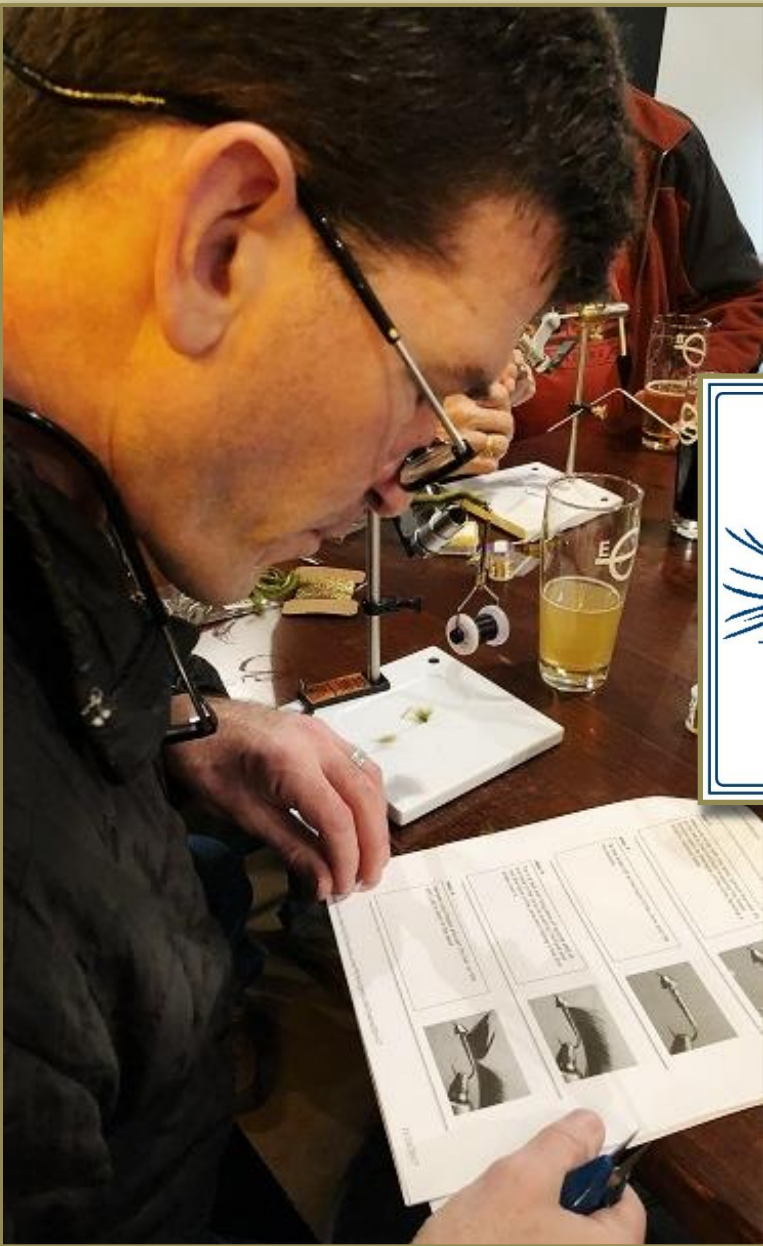
The brewery and tasting room are located at
142 W. Commercial St.
Winchester, VA

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 WTU.



Right: Phil ties a SLUMPBUSTER while Fred observes the procedure.
Below: Dave studies the recipe as he ties his own SLUMPBUSTER.





Winchester
Trout Unlimited

BarFly
7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 14
Escutcheon Brewery
Commercial Street
Winchester, VA

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



The Well-Schooled Angler

Compiled by Barbara Gamble

A Steelheader's Way: Principles, Tactics & Techniques

Author: Lani Waller
Photographer: Ken Morrish
Paperback: 240 pages
ISBN-10: 0811736601
ISBN-13: 978-0811736602
Publisher: Stackpole Books, 2nd Edition
Publication Date: March 1, 2018

Steelhead legend Lani Waller covers the essential elements of fishing for trophy steelhead with prose as beautiful and surprising as the fish themselves.

The blend of how-to and why-to not only captures the essence of these elusive fish but also uncovers what it takes to consistently bring them to hand.

Waller shares his techniques for swinging wets and wading dry flies, including proper approach, presentation, and his favorite fly patterns, both classic and contemporary.

Chapters on hunting trophies, equipment, casting, and conservation provide readers with a life's worth of wisdom learned from his time on the water.

In this new edition of the bestselling classic, Waller adds two new chapters and several new fly patterns.

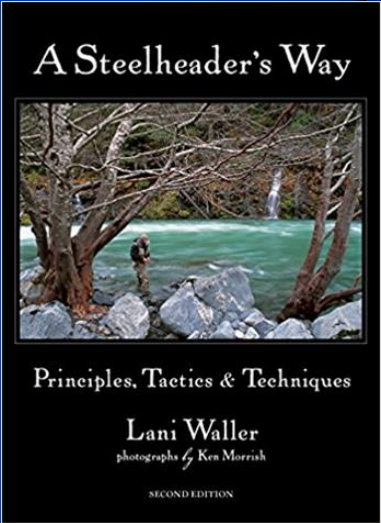
Waller brings along some of his friends to help contribute to the book. Steelhead expert Bob Hooton's chapter on steelhead biology is a concise overview of the steelhead's life cycle, biology, and behavior; artist Dave Hall illustrates Waller's swinging techniques; and photographer Ken Morrish's stunning images capture the magic of the fish and the rivers they ascend each year.

This all-star cast of steelhead fanatics has created a classic book that honors the fish as well as those who chase them, whether in the Pacific Northwest of United States, the wilderness streams of British Columbia, or the hundreds of tributaries that run into the Great Lakes.

Lani Waller is one of the foremost experts on trophy British Columbia steelhead. His award-winning videos on steelhead fishing are considered the most accurate and complete treatment of the subject ever done, and his articles and stories have appeared in all the major fly-fishing publications.

He has held editorial positions with Fly Fisherman and Wild Steelhead and Salmon and is a consultant for Sage Rod Company, Scientific Anglers 3M, and Umpqua Feather Merchants. An inductee into the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame (1997), Waller is a founding director of the Babine River Foundation and was a founding director of British Columbia's North Coast Steelhead Alliance.

Sources: amazon.com and the publishers



Tying and Fishing Deer Hair Flies: 50 Patterns for Trout, Bass, and Other Species

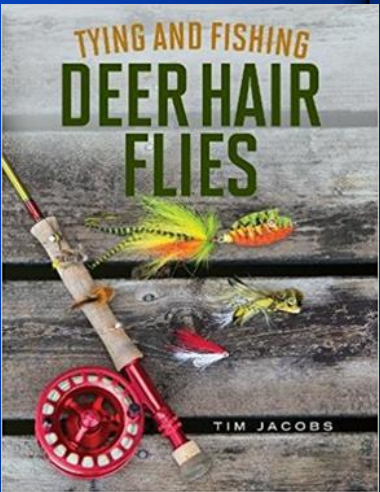
Editors: Tim Jacobs
Paperback: 224 pages
ISBN-10: 081171733X
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Publisher: Stackpole Books
Publication Date: April 1, 2018

A complete guide to selecting, handling, and tying deer hair, with notes on using other hairs as well. Covers patterns for trout, bass, musky, and other species as well as important fishing techniques.

Tim is a natural born educator who has taken his expertise from the classroom to the tying arena; he has been a celebrated demonstration fly tier featured at many of the top fly fishing and fly tying venues.

His joy of showing others how to handle deer hair, how to stack various colors on top of each other and deftly contouring the hair into a beautiful piece of art work, has given him the opportunity to share his gift with others through words and photographs.

His fly tying world does not evolve around tying Bass Bugs exclusively, but tying all manners and styles of tying, ranging from midges to Pike flies. You will enjoy as I have watching and learning how he approaches his fly tying. I'm please to count Tim as a friend and always look forward to sitting down and tying flies with him; mostly watching this craftsman create magic.--Rick Takahashi



Sources: amazon.com and the publishers



ANGLER REFLECTIONS

New Zealand Trout

article and photos by Glenn Wilson

I made a friend through the internet and received an invitation to go to Australia. I accepted the invitation, and no fly anglers worth their salt wouldn't go to Australia and not make the trip (3-hour flight) to "The Land of the Long White Cloud" -- New Zealand. So the planning began, and I watched a lot of fly fishing videos with their origins in New Zealand.



I was visiting the North Island and coincidentally the areas where the World Fly Fishing competition took place. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Fly_Fishing_Championships



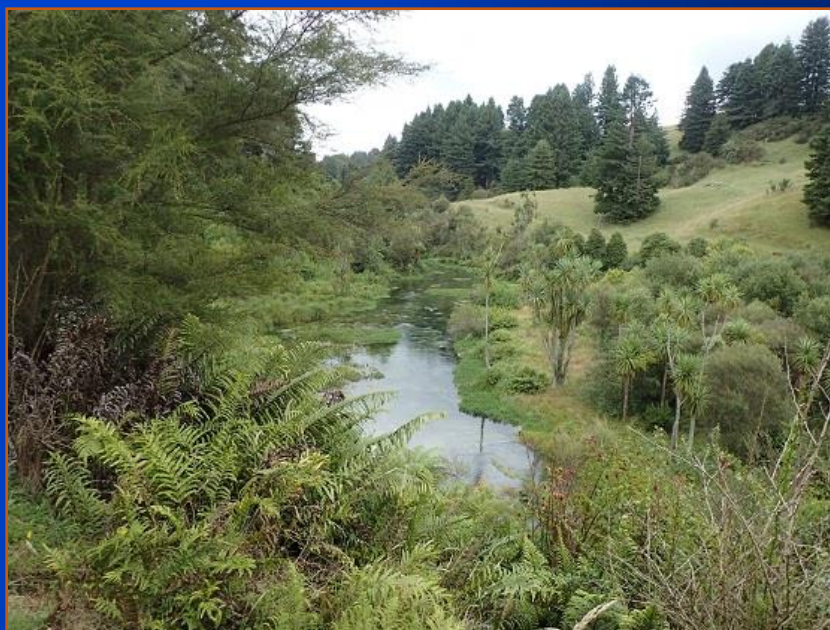
One thing I was not prepared for was the weather.

The first few days in NZ were accompanied by torrential rain storms that flooded low lying areas. Horizontal winds uprooted trees and turned crystal clear streams into streams/ivers of chocolate milk. The streams were completely un-fishable. On my fifth day, the weather cleared; however, all of the renowned streams were still unrecognizable. I did have to contend with the wind which during the afternoon the winds increased creating casting havoc.

I was able to connect with a young (18 y/o) "Kiwi" fishing companion whose skills surpassed my own multiple times. He's known as "The Kiwi Fisher".

On the first day of semi-clear weather, we went to a spring creek that he was not familiar with. The water was clear but running too fast, and the banks were lined with 5-foot-tall reeds making getting to the water a monumental task. The river was similar to the LeTort or Falling Springs in PA, but wider in some stretches.

The water was cold, deep in places, and swift. Using those reeds as a handhold and anchor saved me from being swept downstream. The water went over my chest waders which provided me with one of those Ah-Ha moments. Fortunately, it was around 80 degrees. No fish on the first day. That was okay since the other streams were clearing up and dropping.



On the second day, we headed to a stream that ran through a cattle pasture, my new friend's home waters.

After climbing over a couple of fences, we got to the banks of a beautiful stream. I entered the water, and he looked for fish. He found one in the first pool, told me where to cast.

Due to the wind I was about 3 feet to the left; however, I was getting a play by play broadcast from the bank. "He's moving to the nymph, He took it!" I waited until I saw the dry dip below the surface before I set the hook.

That fish moved three feet to eat a size-14 brown nymph tied on a jig hook that was a dropper from a cicada dry fly. Yes, I said cicada. They were on the trout's menu. The result was landing a brownie over 4 lbs. These fish were not leader or tippet shy either. I used 5-lb fluorocarbon for the dropper and 3X on the leader and tippet.

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ANGLER REFLECTIONS -- CONTINUED

New Zealand Trout

article and photos by Glenn Wilson

It also seemed like there were no predators that they had to hide from. The hawks go after the rodents.

I found it interesting that my new Kiwi friend was not interested in prospecting areas that looked like they held trout, his success came from sight fishing. Why not? The fish were big and easy to see. He was very good at spotting fish. To me the fishy water was everywhere. Which was exciting, but could be time consuming.

I saw a pretty fast run that lured me in and... as my guide asked me to move on so we could check out the next pool I hooked a nice rainbow.



It wasn't my biggest (2-2.5 lbs.) but it was my favorite fish of the trip and fought like a beast. All of the fish are wild and the season closes during the spawn. There is not hatch chart in NZ since the weather is fairly moderate. Hatches take place depending upon conditions.



We continued to fish pastureland the next day and both of us caught large, mostly brown trout using the same dry/dropper rig. Just a note about the wariness of the fish: We spotted a 4- to 5-lb. rainbow that was actively feeding on dries and nymphs. After he ignored the cicada, I tied on a smaller dry, an Adams. He took it; I missed him. I was told that I set too fast. So I tied on a different fly (Carl's red and white midge), he ate it, and I waited what seemed like an eternity (1 to 2 seconds) to set the hook. He spit it out -- I missed.

I tied on a third fly a March Brownish looking fly and he ate it again. This time he was facing down stream, facing me and the fly came out again... I should have had that fish three times in 20 minutes...

My trip to NZ was fabulous! The people were very kind, drive on the left side of the road, the streams are littered with very large and fairly easy to catch trout, the scenery was breathtaking, and gas/petrol was \$7.30 and gallon. I'd recommend it!



“Angler Reflections” continues on the next page.

ANGLER REFLECTIONS -- CONTINUED

New Zealand Trout

photos by Glenn Wilson



Editor's Note: Glenn has dozens of fabulous photos from his fishing trip to New Zealand. Here are a few more. Maybe Glenn would be willing to give us a slideshow of his photos as a future WTU meeting.



Featuring our Riverkeepers
Mark Frondorf and
Dean Naujoks

FREDERICK, MARYLAND
FEBRUARY 10, 2018 AT [WEINBERG CENTER FOR THE ARTS](#)
[BUY TICKETS HERE!](#)

We are pleased to be returning to the beautiful Weinberg Center for an evening of our favorite festival films, discussion with conservation experts and filmmakers, great live music from [Sally Mae Foster](#), and a beer tasting with [Flying Dog Brewery](#).

This year's Frederick Best of Fest will feature our Student Film Award Winner, [Keeping the Potomac: The Politics of Water](#), our Foreign Film Award Winner, [Giraffes: Africa's Gentle Giants](#), and a great short film called *Wild Animals*.

6:00 – Music from SALLY MAE FOSTER and Beer Tasting with FLYING DOG BREWERY.

6:45 – Welcome and introduction of films and special guests

7:00 – [Keeping the Potomac: The Politics of Water](#) (26 minutes) – 2017 Student Film Award Winner – More than 6 million people live in the Potomac watershed. Some of the very infrastructure that supports their modern lifestyles is poisoning our waterways. This film follows the river keepers whose mission is to protect clean water for drinking, swimming, and boating.

7:30 – **Discussion with the Potomac Riverkeepers Network's** Mark Frondorf and Dean Naujoks and student filmmakers.

7:50-8 – Intermission

8pm – [Wild Animals](#) (3 minutes) from Israeli student filmmaker Yarden Taube – superbly detailed stop-animation set to the words of Edward Abbey.

8:04pm – 9:03pm – [Giraffes: Africa's Gentle Giants](#) (59 minutes) – 2017 Foreign Film Award Winner – In an urgent and daring mission with a determined Ugandan team, Dr. Julian Fennesey plans to round up twenty of the world's rarest giraffes to take across and beyond the mighty Nile River.



Poet’s Corner:
Poems selected for the angler

Yarrow Revisited

By William Wordsworth
1710-1850
England



Editor’s Note:
Known as *Yarrow Water*, the Yarrow is a river in southeast Scotland and is a renowned Trout and Salmon river. William Wordsworth wrote three poems about the river. This is the third.

The gallant Youth, who may have gained,
Or seeks, a "winsome Marrow,"
Was but an Infant in the lap
When first I looked on Yarrow;
Once more, by Newark's Castle-gate
Long left without a warder,
I stood, looked, listened, and with Thee,
Great Minstrel of the Border!

Grave thoughts ruled wide on that sweet day,
Their dignity installing
In gentle bosoms, while sere leaves
Were on the bough, or falling;
But breezes played, and sunshine gleamed-
The forest to embolden;
Reddened the fiery hues, and shot
Transparence through the golden.

For busy thoughts the Stream flowed on
In foamy agitation;
And slept in many a crystal pool
For quiet contemplation:
No public and no private care
The freeborn mind enthraling,
We made a day of happy hours,
Our happy days recalling.

Brisk Youth appeared, the Morn of youth,
With freaks of graceful folly,-
Life's temperate Noon, her sober Eve,
Her Night not melancholy;
Past, present, future, all appeared
In harmony united,
Like guests that meet, and some from far,
By cordial love invited.

And if, as Yarrow, through the woods
And down the meadow ranging,
Did meet us with unaltered face,
Though we were changed and changing;
If, then, some natural shadows spread
Our inward prospect over,
The soul's deep valley was not slow
Its brightness to recover.

Eternal blessings on the Muse,
And her divine employment!
The blameless Muse, who trains her Sons
For hope and calm enjoyment;
Albeit sickness, lingering yet,
Has o'er their pillow brooded;
And Care waylays their steps-a Sprite
Not easily eluded.

For thee, O Scott! compelled to change
Green Eildon-hill and Cheviot
For warm Vesuvio's vine-clad slopes;
And leave thy Tweed and Tiviot
For mild Sorrento's breezy waves;
May classic Fancy, linking
With native Fancy her fresh aid,
Preserve thy heart from sinking!

Oh! while they minister to thee,
Each vying with the other,
May Health return to mellow Age
With Strength, her venturous brother;
And Tiber, and each brook and rill
Renowned in song and story,
With unimagined beauty shine,
Nor lose one ray of glory!

For Thou, upon a hundred streams,
By tales of love and sorrow,
Of faithful love, undaunted truth
Hast shed the power of Yarrow;
And streams unknown, hills yet unseen,
Wherever they invite Thee,
At parent Nature's grateful call,
With gladness must requite Thee.

A gracious welcome shall be thine,
Such looks of love and honour
As thy own Yarrow gave to me
When first I gazed upon her;
Beheld what I had feared to see,
Unwilling to surrender
Dreams treasured up from early days,
The holy and the tender.

And what, for this frail world, were all
That mortals do or suffer,
Did no responsive harp, no pen,
Memorial tribute offer?
Yea, what were mighty Nature's self?
Her features, could they win us,
Unhelped by the poetic voice
That hourly speaks within us?

Nor deem that localized Romance
Plays false with our affections;
Unsanctifies our tears-made sport
For fanciful dejections:
Ah, no! the visions of the past
Sustain the heart in feeling
Life as she is-our changeful Life,
With friends and kindred dealing.

Bear witness, Ye, whose thoughts that day
In Yarrow's groves were centred;
Who through the silent portal arch
Of mouldering Newark entered;
And clomb the winding stair that once
Too timidly was mounted
By the "last Minstrel,"(not the last!)
Ere he, his Tale recounted.

Flow on for ever, Yarrow Stream!
Fulfil thy pensive duty,
Well pleased that future Bards should chant
For simple hearts thy beauty;
To dream-light dear while yet unseen,
Dear to the common sunshine,
And dearer still, as now I feel,
To memory's shadowy moonshine!



Please
No steel cans.
Aluminum
cans only.

Winchester TU
Recycles Aluminum.

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any Winchester TU event.

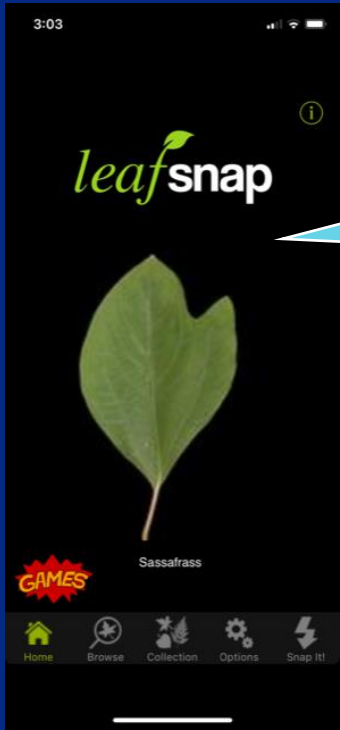
From the Archives of Winchester Trout Unlimited

On The Fly by Carl Rettenberger

This will be brief because I've been too busy fishing. How about 31 rises and 10 hookups in a day. Add to that a big one that broke me off. Sound like a fish story? Well, I'm guessing the big one was about an 18" brown. Finally wrapped me around a rock. Where did all this happen? On the Savage at Luke, Maryland. It's getting to be favorite water, where hatches are scarce, but the fish come up anyway. Even on Saturdays. So put it on your list and give it a try.

Here's a gem that goes back to August 2000

Tech on the Water:



Not everyone can tell a red oak from a white oak at midnight on a moonless night just by listening to the breeze blow through the branches the way Bud and Terry can.

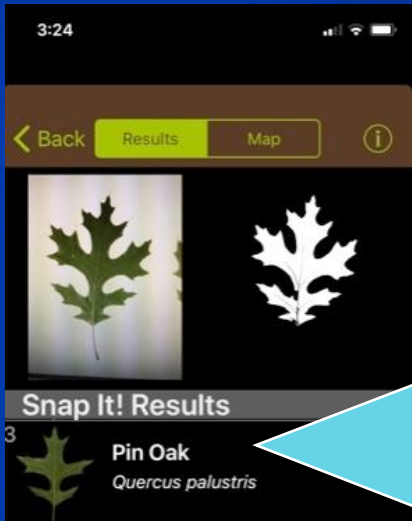
With your iPhone, though, you can do the next best thing by snapping a leaf photo and having LEAFSNAP do the work for you.

-- Bill Prokopchak

Leafsnap is an electronic field guide developed by researchers from Columbia University, University of Maryland, and the Smithsonian Institution.



Simply place a leaf from the tree you want to identify on a piece of white paper or the clean white handkerchief that your mom told you always to carry and snap a photo with the app.



Within seconds, the app identifies the tree with its common name, genus, and species.

If out of range of the internet or mobile phone coverage, the app will save the photo until you get back to civilization and make the identification.



Fruit

The app also shows you several photos of the flowers, fruit, and bark of the tree in question.

Leafsnap has games, and loads of other capabilities.

It is a free download from the App Store.



2018 Calendar of Events

Winchester Trout Unlimited

By Fred Boyer

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

February 2018

- ✓ **Thursday 1 February 2018** -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting -- Featured speaker is Emily Warner of Potomac Conservancy
- ✓ **Saturday 3 February 2018** -- 10:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ **Friday 9 February 2018** -- FOSR Water Sampling - Nolan Thomas
- ✓ **Wednesday 14 February 2018** -- 7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery
- ✓ **Saturday 17 February 2018** -- Rapidan Fly Fishing Show
- ✓ **Friday 23 February 2018** -- FOSR Water Sampling - Bill Prokopchak

March 2018

- ✓ **Thursday 1 March 2018** -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting -- Featured speaker is Vic Brugh of Reel Recovery
- ✓ **Saturday 3 March 2018** -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ **Friday 9 March 2018** -- FOSR Water Sampling - Robert Friedensen
- ✓ **Wednesday 14 March 2018** -- 7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery
- ✓ **Friday 23 March 2018** -- FOSR Water Sampling - Bud Nagelvoort
- ✓ **Saturday 24 March 2018** -- Mossy Creek Open House and Fly-Fishing Film Tour, Harrisonburg, VA

April 2018

- ✓ **Thursday 5 April 2018** -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ **Saturday 7 April 2018** -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ **Wednesday 11 April 2018** -- 7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery
- ✓ **Friday 13 April 2018** -- FOSR Water Sampling - Terry Lay
- ✓ **Friday 27 April 2018** -- FOSR Water Sampling - Nolan Thomas

May 2018

- ✓ **Thursday 3 May 2018** -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ **Saturday 5 May 2018** -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ **Wednesday 9 May 2018** -- 7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery
- ✓ **Date to Be Arranged** - TIC Brookie Releases
- ✓ **Friday 11 May 2018** -- FOSR Water Sampling - Fred Boyer

June 2018

- ✓ **Thursday 7 June 2018** -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ **Saturday 9 June 2018** -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ **Wednesday 13 June 2018** -- 7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

July 2018

- ✓ **No Winchester TU monthly meeting in July**
- ✓ **July 2018 Redbud Run workday** -- to be announced at a later date
- ✓ **No Winchester TU BarFly in July**



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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.

