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"Give 'em a break. Bend down your barbs." C.A.R.

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Next meeting is Thursday,  
January 4, 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, January 4, 2018  
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## Tom Carroll of Cherry Log Rods is our Featured Speaker in January

### Biomechanics and the Fly Rod: Will a Custom Built Fly Rod catch more fish ?

Probably not! But a fly rod that is built to consider your particular casting style and/or your biomechanic limitations will make fly casting easier and more accurate and less fatiguing after a long day on the water.

I will show you how custom rods are different in design and materials from "off the shelf" fly rods. We can also talk about "How to break a fly rod" if there is time...

He recently moved from Cherry Log, Georgia, in the North Georgia mountains (yes, Georgia does have mountains ...) to Lake Frederick and relocated his rod shop here. Tom is a retired dentist and now uses his attention to detail to build fly rods. He started fly rod building in the early 90's and started CherryLog Rods about 12 years ago, specializing in custom graphite, fiberglass, and bamboo fly rods, repair, and restoration of "vintage" bamboo.

Tom is a new member of Winchester TU.



## Winchester TU 2018 Speaker Schedule

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

### February 1<sup>st</sup>: Emily Warner of the Potomac Conservancy



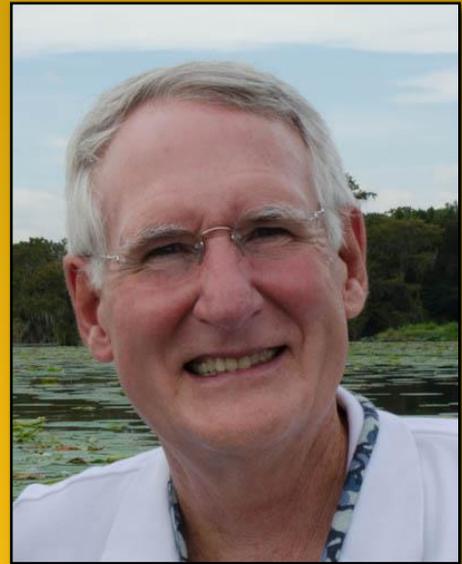
Emily Warner, Senior Director of Land Conservation, will be here to tell us about her organization and possibility for a partnership with Winchester TU. Emily is experienced with high-altitude environments, vegetation monitoring, and plant identification.

She holds degrees in environmental studies and natural resources stewardship.



### March 1<sup>st</sup>: 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.



### April 5<sup>th</sup>: Tentative - The Art of Tenkara



We are hoping to have a presentation about Tenkara fishing in April. 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.

### 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.

Rainbow by Phil Stevens  
on Tenkara rod



## Bud on the Run: Update on the December Workday and Plans for the January 6<sup>th</sup> Workday at Redbud Run

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by Bud Nagelvoort with photos by Bill Prokopchak

If it weren't so funny, I would not mention in this opening comment a word about the waders of TU-Award-Winning Member, Terry Lay. One leg has two holes for his foot. Needless to say, it bothered him the most only when in the stream. I still have in my possession the sock from that foot -- which, despite resting in a sunny place since December 16, has not yet dried out.



But I digress from the main story.

Several days before the December 16<sup>th</sup> work session, Wayne Seipel and I investigated Redbud from pasture side of the fence upstream from the cattle crossing so he could point out a number of trees that had blown down during recent high winds and overhung the stream.

It was a quick trip and I thought I knew on December 16 where he pointed them out so our crew of Terry, Bill, Ray and yours truly could quickly get Terry's big chain saw and my small chain saw into operation.

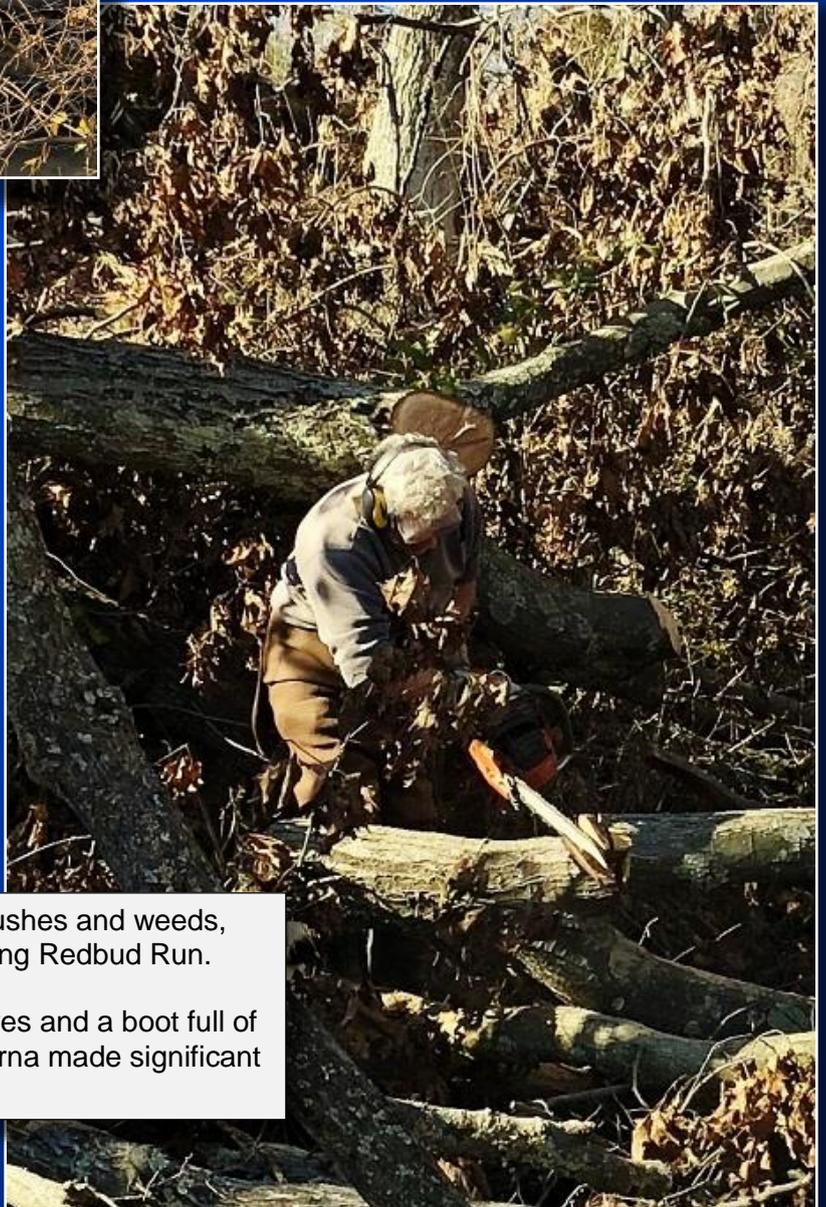
Somehow, my feeble mind could not remember the exact location of those trees, so we ended up with all of us searching and not finding.

But several of us, finally wading the stream up from the crossing until our progress was totally interrupted by a fallen big, branchy red oak and a smaller walnut, found a place to work.

They weren't even the correct trees, but obviously needed attention else, they became debris collectors until graduating to dam configuration.

Terry managed to cross the stream and, straddling big limbs and awkward bank slope, turned on the big Husqvarna and nimbly, even with one foot heavier than the other, mowed big limbs off the main trunk.

I sawed off the small branches which Bill collected and dragged up the bank where Ray, using all of his legal skills, piled this trashy stuff at the pasture edge.



**Above:** Shoulder deep in the bushes and weeds, Terry attacks a downed tree along Redbud Run.

**Right:** Despite frigid temperatures and a boot full of icy water, Terry and his Husqvarna made significant progress in clearing the snag.

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

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by Bud Nagelvoort

Did I mention this was a big red oak?

Two hours of effort saw (no pun intended) us removing about half of the limbs from the stream and coming close to opening a small channel free from dam-creating obstruction.

By this time, it was well in to afternoon so we gathered at the bank top for recollections of scuba diving ventures in the Caribbean and Puget Sound and departed for Christmas shopping and dry foot.

Which all strongly suggests there is much more work to be done at the next session now scheduled for 10:00 a.m. January 6, depending on the local climate forecast and whether or not Friend Terry can find a dry sock or Santa brought new waders.



Bud performs some stream-side maintenance on his trusty Stihl chainsaw.



Ray removed a ton of branches and leaves from Redbud Run during the December workday.

In any event, we know we did not find the trees Wayne had pointed out which leaves us with major sawing and limb removal to look forward to before getting back to our more favored construction activities.

I hesitate to mention the new rock piles ready for maneuvering into place when the easy wood work is finished.

So be prepared for 2018, a New Year of excitement to look forward to, creating reproduction habitat and cover for Redbud Run's special Rainbow Trout!

We'll get a notice out via e-mail as usual Friday evening if plans need to change.



## Trout in the Classroom:

One of two 6-inch Brookies -- hatched in October 2016 -- and living at the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum in Winchester, VA.

photo by Mark Zimmerman

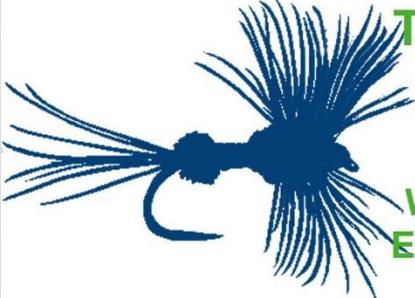


# Winchester TU Monthly "BarFly" Event Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Escutcheon Brewery, Commercial St., Winchester

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**

**Winchester Trout Unlimited**

**BarFly**  
7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 10  
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.

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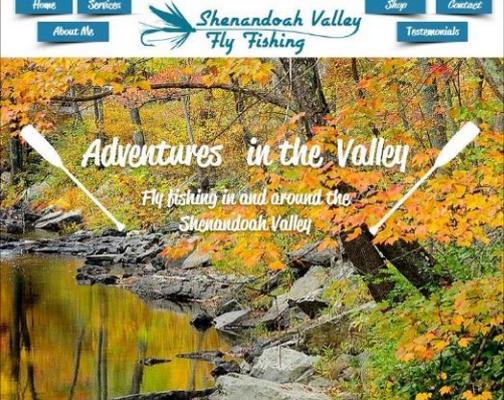

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# The Well-Schooled Angler

Compiled by Barbara Gamble

## **Methods in Stream Ecology, Two Volume Set Ecosystem Structure (Volume 1) and Ecosystem Function (Volume 2)**

**Editors: F. Richard Hauer and  
Gary Lamberti**

**Paperback: 886 pages**

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**Publication Date: November 8, 2017**

*Methods in Stream Ecology: Third Edition, Volume 1 (Ecosystem Structure) and Volume 2 (Ecosystem Function)*, provides a complete series of field and laboratory protocols in stream and river ecology that are ideal for teaching or conducting research.

This new two-part edition is updated to reflect recent advances in the technology associated with ecological assessment of streams, including remote sensing and molecular approaches.

Volume 1 covers physical processes, stream biota, and community interactions.

Volume 2 covers organic matter dynamics, ecosystem processes, and ecosystem assessment.

This new edition is essential for all students and researchers in stream and river ecology, freshwater biology, coastal ecology and watershed ecology. This book is also supportive as a supplementary text for courses in watershed ecology/science, hydrology, fluvial geomorphology and landscape ecology.

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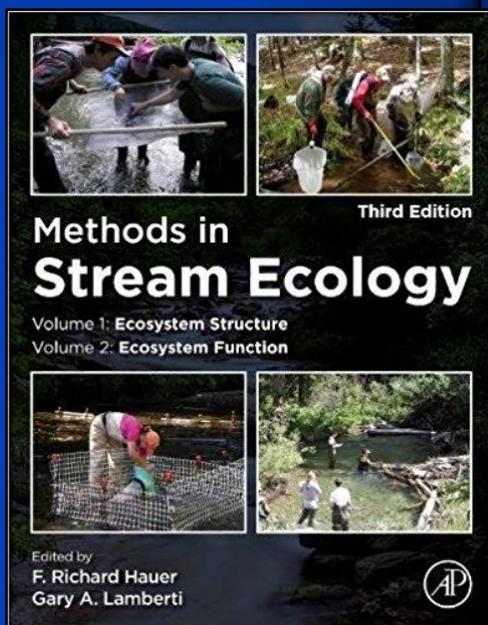
Includes detailed instructions, illustrations, formulae and data sheets for laboratory and in-field research for students

Presents taxonomic keys to common stream fishes, invertebrates, bryophytes, and algae

Includes website with electronic spreadsheets and downloadable figures for class presentations

Written by leading international experts in stream ecology

F. Richard (Ric) Hauer, is Director of the University of Montana's Center for Integrated Research on the Environment (CIRE) and Professor of Stream Ecology at the Flathead Lake Biological Station where he taught Stream Ecology for more than 25 years.



His major research interests encompass the broad, interdisciplinary field of ecosystem ecology with focus on freshwaters, especially running waters and gravel-bed river floodplains and wetlands.

His research spans from physical processes of sediment transport and groundwater/surface water interactions to aquatic insect life histories and ecosystem assessment.

He is particularly interested in the application of remotely sensed data to understanding biophysical processes of floodplain ecology.

Dr. Hauer has conducted his research around the eastern Pacific-rim from Alaska to Patagonia; his primary research site being the transboundary Crown-of-the-Continent Ecosystem and the Flathead River of Montana and British Columbia.

While it was the fascination with aquatic invertebrates, especially caddisflies, that captured his interest, it has been his love for streams and rivers as disproportionately important components of biodiversity of mountain landscapes that has maintained that passion.

In addition to his personal research, he has served at the national level in developing environmental policy and implementation of environmental assessment in the Clean Water Act working with both the US Army Corps of Engineers and the US EPA. Ric is past-President of the international scientific society "Society for Freshwater Science". At the University of Montana, Hauer held the Stream Ecology Endowed Chair at Flathead Lake Biological Station from 2000-2016 and received the university's Distinguished Scholar Award in 2011. He is founding director of the university's interdisciplinary sciences graduate program, Systems Ecology.

Dr. Gary A. Lamberti is Professor of Biological Sciences and Director of the Stream and Wetland Ecology Laboratory (SWEL) at the University of Notre Dame, where he teaches Biostatistics, Stream Ecology, Restoration Ecology, and a variety of topical graduate courses.

His major research interests include (1) food web ecology of streams and wetlands, ranging from microbes to fish; (2) the ecology of native and introduced Pacific salmon; and (3) the impacts of climate change, toxins, and invasive species on aquatic ecosystem function.

He retains a fundamental love for aquatic invertebrates, which permeates all of his research. He has also successfully advised 27 M.S. and Ph.D. students to completion and countless undergraduates have conducted research in his laboratory.

Dr. Lamberti has over 175 publications dealing with various aspects of aquatic ecology, and has co-edited the Elsevier book entitled *Methods in Stream Ecology*, now in its 3rd edition. At Notre Dame, he also directs the GLOBES Graduate Certificate Program in Environment and Society. Dr. Lamberti is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and past-President of the Society for Freshwater Science, an international society of aquatic ecologists.

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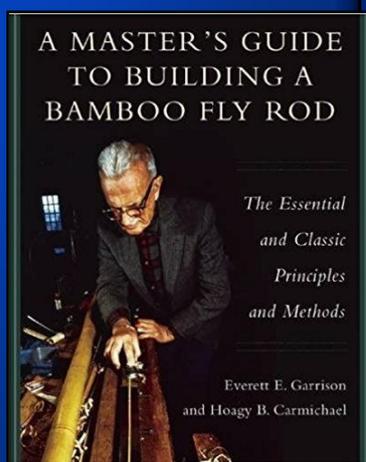
### *A Master's Guide to Building a Bamboo Fly Rod: The Essential and Classic Principles and Methods*

**Authors:** Everett E. Garrison and Hoagy B. Carmichael  
**Hardcover:** 320 pages  
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**Publication Date:** May 31, 2016

Learn the science and art of creating a one-of-a-kind bamboo fly rod.

For those discerning fly fishermen and women, simply buying a rod is not enough -- they must build one. And just as fly fishing is an art, so is the creation of the bamboo fly rod.

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Using principles he learned as an engineering student, Garrison created an exacting method of building a rod that for decades was a well-kept secret.

These techniques are presented in *A Master's Guide to Building a Bamboo Fly Rod*, written by Hoagy B. Carmichael to honor and maintain Garrison's legacy.

Completely illustrated with black-and-white drawings and over three hundred and sixty black-and-white photographs, along with notes on the principles that underlie Garrison's unique rod-making technique, this book will guide you through each step of creating a classic bamboo fly rod.

**Everett E. Garrison (1893–1975)** was a structural and electrical engineer who developed an exacting method of creating fine bamboo rods.

His methods, steeped in the engineering principles he learned during his education, became the standard by which many other rod makers were measured.

**Hoagy B. Carmichael** is a world-renowned expert on fishing tackle with more than forty years of fly-fishing experience.

The Garrison-Carmichael Rod Shop that he and Everett Garrison built was recently installed on permanent display at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center in Livingston Manor, New York.

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## ANGLER REFLECTIONS

### A Fishing Fable © 2010

### Steelhead in the Snow

article and photos by Bill Prokopchak

'Twas a frosty morn' when this Knight Hospitalier in search of folk of advanced age to nurse found himself in the land known as Penn's Sylvania some distance from the place of Three Rivers known as Pitt's Burgh. Having provided life-giving sustenance to such a person of advanced age and garnering much renown and rejoicing, our errant Knight felt called to seek a new quest.



Being already in The Land of Penn's Sylvania and recalling the legend of The Famous Iron-Head Fish spake of far and wide in The Land of the Virgin Queen -- far, far to the south from whence our errant Knight doth hale -- our noble Knight didst aim his trusty war horse, Blue Honda, to the frozen North and the land in Penn's Sylvania that is called The County of Erie. His quest: Subdue The Iron-Head Fish of ancient legend.

It was in the nineteenth day of the snowy month of February in the two thousand and tenth Year of Our Lord. A month that hath seen snow upon snow for 14 days without cease following months of December and January of similar fecundity.

The snow hath piled to the height of a goodly man's waist -- or to the height of our Knight's chest, being a man of somewhat diminished proportions.

Our Knight's journey was a long one of some thirty-three leagues over a track that hath been much plowed and salted. His steed was ample to the task and our Knight didst arrive in the County of Erie upon the fourth hour after sunrise to a blue sky, scudded with middling small clouds and a fresh wind from the West.

Snow and ice is what he saw, and he saw much snow and ice. As he beheld the snow and ice, he gave Thanks for such snow and ice. As his steed pushed on through vistas of snow and ice to the Park known as Elk and the River known as The Elk, he was glad of the snow and ice for it is of such snow and ice that rivers are made.

He but wished for warmth of spring and the budding of trees and open waters from which he could extract The Famous Iron-Head Fish.

With Erie buried in more than six feet of snow right now, I thought it might be fun to reprint this article, a slightly fictionalized version of an actual fishing adventure that I had on Elk Creek, Erie County, PA, nearly a decade ago.

Bill

**"Angler Reflections" continues on the next page.**

# ANGLER REFLECTIONS -- CONTINUED

## A Fishing Fable © 2010

### Steelhead in the Snow

article and photos provided by Bill Prokopchak

Having loaded Blue Honda with many stealthy devices reputed to have magical effects on The Famous Iron-Head Fish, our questing Knight sought open water and a place to board Blue Honda. The Park at Elk River as foretold by the Ancient and Honorable Sage of The County of Clarke, Bernard of Nagelvoort, was a likely locale for The Iron-Head Fish.

Fortune hath followed our Knight to the County of Erie and he, indeed, found both open water and a goodly resting place for his trusty steed, Blue Honda. 'Twas a nervous time for our Hero as he donned his questing garb. No squire to help. No other fisherfolk to provide comfort or wisdom. No path through the snow!



Now armoured against water and cold he turned to his saddlebag. Opening his saddlebag our Knight surveyed his fishing weaponry. The small piece of open water, swift, and deep in the River of Elk was no more than twenty paces by ten paces of a stout knave. He selected a comely rod of moderate length -- a rod of sufficient character and imbued with temper and mettle and the blessings of the Holy and Venerable Winston of Montana.

He turned his mind to the gossamer silk that would connect -- that would form the unbreakable bond between The Famous Iron-Head Fish and our Questing Knight. He surveyed the array of finest silk, cast his eye upon the open water, studied the water's depth and color. And lo, in this Valley of the River Elk a voice as if from afar spake unto Him saying: "One of the Single X".

A final choice lay before our Knight. Be it nymph or egg? Egg or nymph? The choice was his and is not mine to tell.

This saga is overlong, I know, but is soon to end. 'Tis truth. 'Tis true.

Thus vested and armed, our questing Knight went forth to do battle with The Famous Iron-Head Fish. Diminutive as he be, the struggle to the River Elk through this vale of snow is a tale to be told at hearths and firesides of fisherfolk in ages hence. For now, let it be sufficient to say that sweat doth pour from the brow of our Hero ere he reached the River.

In excitement and haste he madest his first cast onto the waters of the River Elk. In his excitement and haste he madest his first cast without the benefit of lead.

Was it nymph or egg? I cannot tell, but upon lighting on the water's surface, a magnificent Iron-Head Fish breached the water a full span of a man's arms. It burst into the aire as if wishing to take flight, snapping the aforementioned One of the Single X silk in an instant -- and was gone.

Our Hero: Single combat, single battle, single defeat. Alas, defeat is less bitter when the only witnesses are the defeated warrior and the silent fish.

Was it nymph or egg? I cannot tell, but this questing Knight replicated his leadless effort. Again and again, he cast his fate upon the waters. Again and again, The Iron-Head failed to rise. Again, the voice spoke to him of lessons learned at the Twenty-League River, far to the East: "Hit 'em in the nose."

Our Hero's excitement abated and rational thought prevailed. He enveloped his silk with lead. Be it one? Nay. Be it two? Nay. Be it three? Nay. Let it be four billets of lead. Lead to Plumb the green, swift, and deadly depths of the River of Elk. Our Hero, warming to the task, cast his line upon the waters again and again. The sun rose to its zenith. Another billet of lead! Five. I say, five billets.

The quest began anew. Was that bump a frigid and sluggish Iron-Head? Or was it Granite resting on River's floor? He cast again. 'Twas not Granite. 'Twas Iron! Our ancient Hero knew not of rockets nor locomotives, but he knew of feisty fish. At first, the fish turned North to the Lake of Erie and under the ice of Elk's River, then South, then North again. The Knight's silken line sang like a mandolin's strings as the fish spent his fury. Alas, The Iron-Head Fish, recognizing his master, surrendered his silvery sides to the Knight's grasp.

A single twitch of the hook by our Knight's skillful -- if frozen -- fingers, and the fish and its pink stripe were gone into the green depths of The River of Elk. It was a victory, the first of six this day, made sweeter whenst, looking downstream, our Knight spied an audience of one on the bridge over the River of Elk at the place called The Park who witnessed the combat, the battle, the victory.



Our questing Hero let all the vanquished live to fight another day.

The quest was come to its end. Our Knight turned his rested steed South toward The Land of The Virgin Queen.

I tell you this story, and this story is true, so that you, too, may believe in The Iron-Head Fish who lives in The County of Erie in the land known as Penn's Sylvania.



## Terry Lay Earns Prestigious Person of the Year Award: The “Ugly Fish” is passed from Gene Lewis to Terry Lay at Annual WTU Gala

presentation and comments by Bud Nagelvoort

I know that Dan decided to retire immediately after he received the TU Ugly Fish Award in 2015 even though there was nothing in the presentation implying anything negative about his fish catching abilities.

But this is not about Dan. Dan has done a great job in moving the chapter upstream in his years in office. Upstream -- that's new TU lingo for progress. But we will miss his technical skills in directing TIC releases.

I understand Gene hid the award last year in a shed behind this building. I think we're all highly disappointed he did not point to it with pride and hang it out in front.

But this is not about Dan or Gene.

It is about someone else we all know and love and, as far as I know, none of the women in the chapter have had to resign for improprieties with him.



**Above:** Terry proudly displays the “Ugly Fish Award” given to the Winchester TU member who has shown true TU spirit during the year -- and in Terry's case for many, many years.

**Below:** Galen enjoys the good humor, as Bud roasts Terry during the award presentation.



However, be that as it may, he is the only chapter member I know of who can't catch Steelhead in Pennsylvania or New York, or Brook Trout, or Rainbows in Virginia, or Salmon in Nova Scotia, or Muskies in the Shenandoah River.

He talks about big fish from the Pacific coast, but no one has ever seen evidence. He even guides members to Montana wilderness areas, but only talks about smoke from forest fires in the distance and dressing the wounds of his injured charges.

He claims to have caught a big smallmouth, once, just downstream from his residence on the Shenandoah River, but forgets to mention that it was just released at Lockes Landing during a pro fishing tournament. But while these are fully qualifying for this very special award, I would be remiss if I did not mention several other cogent character flaws in our awardee.

Most notable is his delight in pausing while digging footings for the Redbud fence to tell some risqué fishing story – or even a ribald joke.

And he gets his biggest laughs when describing dropping a full sized rebar on yours truly's head.

**“Terry Lay Earns Award” continues on the next page.**

## Terry Lay Earns Award -- continued

But most important is his excuse for not dropping the deadly dead sycamore at Dave's V. He's afraid it would fall on Dave's plaque!

In conclusion, I must thank again Robert Friedensen for the discovery of this awesome, astoundingly appropriate TU award. Fred fully earned this award - in 2014 with his Boyer's Bog imbroglio -- and held it close to his heart until a better candidate came along. Gene won it even though he was not allowed to cook the dinner last year or even this year.

Deserved Dan took over in 2016 with TIC battlefield tactics and now even those three highly deserving individuals must give way in earnings credentials to our winner this year, Terry Lay!



**Right:** Deb cuts the TU cake, appropriately enough, with a length of 2X tippet

Any time a big tree has been cut, it has been Terry with his 28" Husqvarna. Any time we have had to drag a big log into place, it has been Terry and his cables and pulleys. Moving big rocks has required his muscle and skills. So the award would be for providing the engineering skills and equipment always essential for the successful installation of Winchester Chapter trout stream protection and restoration projects.

Terry, it is all yours now for safekeeping for as long as you deserve to keep it.

Terry, please limit your acceptance speech to no more time than it takes to tell a story. Oops ----my mistake!!!



Featuring our Riverkeepers  
Mark Frondorf and  
Dean Naujoks

FREDERICK, MARYLAND  
FEBRUARY 10, 2018 AT [WEINBERG CENTER FOR THE ARTS](#)  
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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.

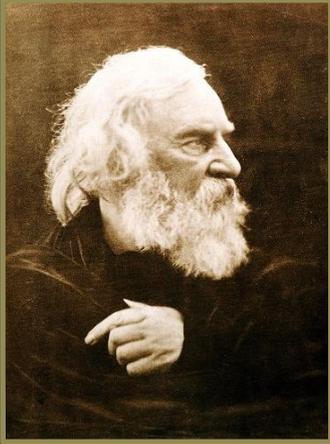


## Poet's Corner:

### Poems selected for the angler

#### Mad River

By Henry Wadsworth  
Longfellow  
1807-1882  
U.S.A.



#### TRAVELLER

Why dost thou wildly rush and roar,  
Mad River, O Mad River?  
Wilt thou not pause and cease to pour  
Thy hurrying, headlong waters o'er  
This rocky shelf forever?

What secret trouble stirs thy breast?  
Why all this fret and flurry?  
Dost thou not know that what is best  
In this too restless world is rest  
From over-work and worry?

#### THE RIVER

What wouldst thou in these mountains  
seek,  
O stranger from the city?  
Is it perhaps some foolish freak  
Of thine, to put the words I speak  
Into a plaintive ditty?

#### THE RIVER

A brooklet nameless and unknown  
Was I at first, resembling  
A little child, that all alone  
Comes venturing down the stairs of stone,  
Irresolute and trembling.

Later, by wayward fancies led,  
For the wide world I panted;  
Out of the forest dark and dread  
Across the open fields I fled,  
Like one pursued and haunted.

I tossed my arms, I sang aloud,  
My voice exultant blending  
With thunder from the passing cloud,  
The wind, the forest bent and bowed,  
The rush of rain descending.

I heard the distant ocean call,  
Imploring and entreating;  
Drawn onward, o'er this rocky wall  
I plunged, and the loud waterfall  
Made answer to the greeting.

And now, beset with many ills,  
A toilsome life I follow;  
Compelled to carry from the hills  
These logs to the impatient mills  
Below there in the hollow.

Yet something ever cheers and charms  
The rudeness of my labors;  
Daily I water with these arms  
The cattle of a hundred farms,  
And have the birds for neighbors.

Men call me Mad, and well they may,  
When, full of rage and trouble,  
I burst my banks of sand and clay,  
And sweep their wooden bridge away,  
Like withered reeds or stubble.

Now go and write thy little rhyme,  
As of thine own creating.  
Thou seest the day is past its prime;  
I can no longer waste my time;  
The mills are tired of waiting.

## Virginia Trees for Clean Water Program Grants

Application deadline Thursday, February 1, 2018

The Virginia Dept of Forestry is awarding grants through its "Virginia Trees for Clean Water" program. The program is designed to improve water quality in the Chesapeake Bay through on-the-ground efforts to plant trees where they are needed most. Projects include tree planting activities of all types: riparian buffer tree planting, community and neighborhood tree plantings etc.

#### OBJECTIVES of Virginia Trees for Clean Water Program

The specific objectives of the program are to:

- To plant trees that restore and improve the waters of the Chesapeake Bay for the benefit of current and future citizens of the Commonwealth
- Achieve long-term improvements in water quality through long-lived tree cover and increased public involvement
- To raise public awareness about the benefits of planting trees for the health of our streams and rivers

Grants are awarded through this program to encourage local government and citizen involvement in creating and supporting long-term and sustained canopy cover. This cycle of grant funds will be used for planting projects occurring in the spring and fall of 2018.

For more information and the application and required documents, go to

<http://www.dof.virginia.gov/financing/grants.htm>

(Scroll down to Urban & Community Forestry and click the Va. Trees for Clean Water Program.)



# From the Archives of Winchester Trout Unlimited

Here's a gem that goes back to July 2000

This third archival article is vintage Carl and demonstrates how much he enjoyed sharing his fishing knowledge and the abundant beauty of nature.

-- Bud

## On The Fly

If you're looking for another piece of heaven, I found just the place for you. It's described in "Americas 100 Best Trout Streams" at Seneca Creek in West Virginia. Don't confuse it with Seneca Rocks, which is some six miles east of same. With its beautiful turquoise water, numerous waterfalls, and abundant wild Rainbow Trout, it can only be described as such.

When I say abundant wild rainbows, I mean just that. So as to not disappoint you however, they are like our own native Brook Trout – on the small size, being eight to ten inches long, on the average. We did, however, manage to land a few fish pushing twelve inches. The "we" I'm referring to is "old what's his name" (Eric Shockey) of the North Branch of the Potomac at Barnum fame.

You might be interested (or not) that Eric did drive this time, but I did need to help him out on fly selection. OK let's not skirt the issue, I had to bail him out once again by giving him the proper size flies, seeing as the smallest flies he had were number tens. I have never mentioned the fact that Eric is a recent convert from spin fishing. Heck, how else could he have managed to catch two wild rainbows over twenty inches long in one day?

Oh yes, I forgot to mention one thing. There are some fish in this five-mile section, but I recommend you start your fishing above the falls. OOPS, another catch. About half way up you'll run into "No Trespassing" signs. Recommend you leave the trail at this point and skirt this area by walking up the stream proper.

'No, No, there are no more catches to this story except for the fifty or so wild trout we caught that day. You'll know by their coloring that these are in fact wild rainbows. If you do make this trip, please practice catch and release and don't litter.

As far as fly selection goes, Eric fished a size sixteen bead head Prince nymph and I wore out two size eighteen Adams.

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No steel cans.  
Aluminum cans  
only.

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cans to any Winchester TU  
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# 2017 Calendar of Events

## Winchester Trout Unlimited

By Fred Boyer

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

### January 2018

- ✓ Thursday 4 January 2018 -- 7:00 p.m. - TU monthly meeting -- Featured speaker is Tom Carroll of Cherry Log Rods
- ✓ Saturday 6 January 2018 -- 10:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 10 January 2018 -- 7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery
- ✓ Saturday & Sunday 13 & 14 January 2018 -- Virginia Fly-Fishing Festival in Doswell, VA

### 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 -- 9:00 a.m. TU workday at Redbud Run and Morgan's Mill Road
- ✓ Wednesday 14 February 2018 -- 7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery
- ✓ Saturday 17 February 2018 -- Rapidan Fly Fishing Show

### 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
- ✓ Wednesday 14 March 2018 -- 7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery
- ✓ 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

### 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

### 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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