

# Winchester Trout Unlimited

(November 1, 2018)

**7:05 pm Call to Order** (Gene) Red Cross Building north Rt 522

14 members attending

**Speaker: Mark Sutphin: Extension agent VA Cooperative Extension office**

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Mark is a life-long resident of the Winchester/Frederick County community. He received a B.S. in horticulture from Virginia Tech. He joined the Virginia Cooperative Extension as an Agriculture and Natural Resources Associate Extension Agent in November 2011. His focus is on serving the horticulture needs of the Northern Shenandoah Valley. This involve working with homeowners regarding home lawn, garden and landscape items as well as assisting commercial grower producing horticulture crops: apples, vegetables and ornamentals to name a few.

Mark's talk was on the invasive insect, Spotted Lanternfly, *Lycorma delicatula*. This planthopper was first discovered in PA in 2014 and has now been found in Frederick County, VA. It is commonly associated with the tree-of heaven plant and has the potential to be a serious pest of agriculture and home gardens.

## **Projects:**

1. Red Bud work session **Saturday November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the TIC** release area of Red Bud Run. Primary task will be to remove several log jams that formed as a result of high water over the past several months.
2. Bud ask Bill to do a fishing survey of Red Bud along the Siepel property. He reports catching approximately 24 rainbow trout during two outings over the stretch above and below the cattle crossing.

## **Education:**

1. Trout camp at Graves Mountain Lodge is set for June 17-2, 2019. Camp is for kids ages 13-17. For information and to apply or donate visit [www.tucamp.org](http://www.tucamp.org). Or contact Galen Westman, camp director at [galen@tucamp.org](mailto:galen@tucamp.org) or 571-60-0307.
2. Wayne White mentioned that the Lake Frederick community has approximately 200 veterans that would be an ideal group to target as volunteers for the trout camp. He will be approaching the organization for help.

## **On-Going:**

1. Bar Fly (Gene) **Wednesday 11/14 at Escutcheon Brewery at 7:00.**
2. Fred and Mike won the drawing to fish Red Bud some time during the month of November.
3. Holiday party is set for December 9. Doors open at 3:30. Silent auction items are needed for fund raising.

## **New Business:**

1. Virginia Chapter of TU is looking for a new chairperson.
  - Free Running activity coordination (All)
  - Volunteers/Coordinators.

Meeting Adjourned 8:05 pm

Submitted by Fred Boyer