

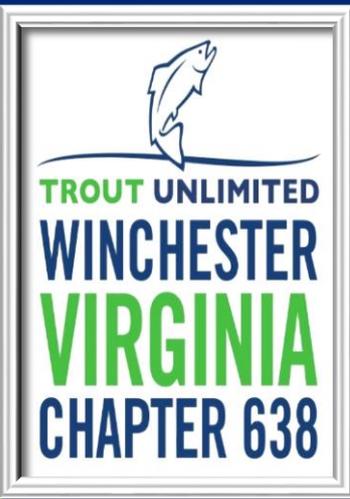
Lateral Lines

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

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Next meeting is Thursday,
January 3, 2019

5:30 p.m. Dinner
Donato's Touch of Italy
1361 N Frederick Pike
Winchester

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

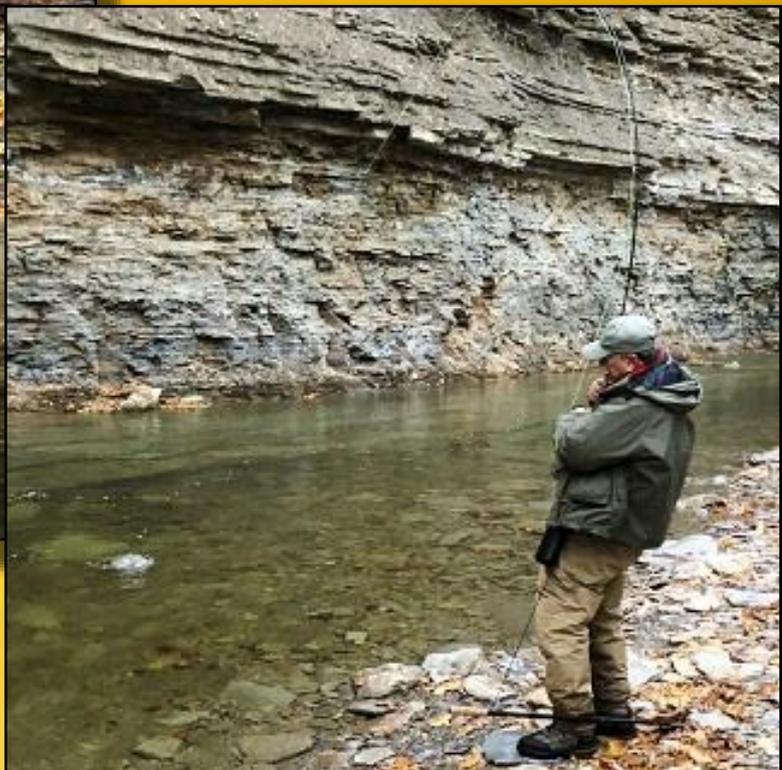
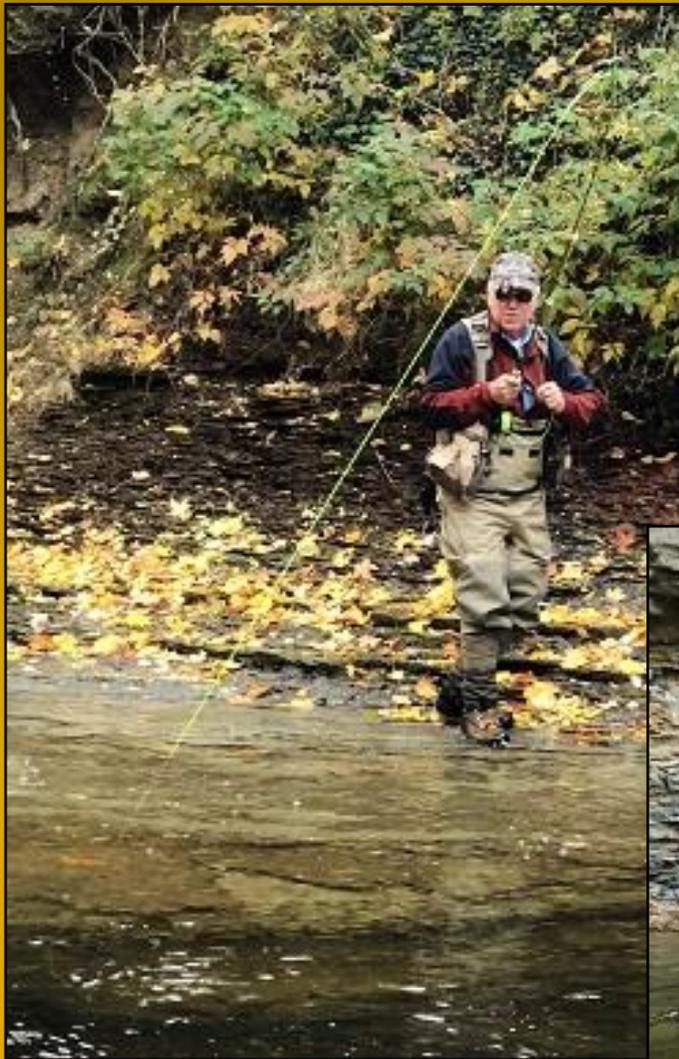


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See you at the meeting on Thursday, January 3, 2019
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Winchester TU Anglers Autumn of 2018



Above: Fred fights a Steelie at The Abbey Pool in Erie.

Above right: Dave with one of dozens he landed at the Marls of Abaco, Bahamas, in November.

Right: Rod in on a pod of Steelhead at The Canyon on 20.



Winchester TU 2018 Speaker Schedule

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



January 3rd - Fred Boyer will share tales of his Canadian Fishing Adventures.

Photo courtesy of Fred Boyer

February 7th - James Montgomery will share tales of his most recent Kamchatka Fishing Adventure

Photo courtesy of James Montgomery



In Negotiations:

We are working on a dates for the following presentations

Fishing Alaska

I have been in contact with Drew Patterson about a presentation on his recent Alaska fishing trip, along with Stan and Bruce. We hope to have a definite date for this slideshow early in 2019.

Fishing with Phil in Wisconsin

Phil hammered 'em in Wisconsin. In addition to some hefty bass, Phil hooked his first ever Muskie.

I'm hoping we can get Phil to share some of his photos at an upcoming meeting.

Carbon Offsets and YOU

We are hoping to have a speaker to address the topic of "Carbon Offsets" sometime during 2019.

Scott Shendow on Hair Stacking

Master hair stacker, Scott Shendow, will be with us later in 2019 to show his methods for hair stacking as he ties his amazing creations.

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



Bud on the Run: Update on the November Workday and Plans for the December 8th Workday at Redbud Run

Next workday is set for 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 8th

by Bud Nagelvoort

photos by Dave Juth and Bud Nagelvoort

Bill, David, Bruce, and Bud spent time on Nov. 3 removing more of the log jam at the DGIF TIC release site.

I have decided the base jam sycamore tree will not be suitable for a cross-log structure and have been waiting for lower flow for its final destruction.

I may have removed the offending log by newsletter date.



Still astounded at the amount of water backed up by the jam: Stream level is now about 4 feet below the peak. Huge amount of silt is now flushing downstream.

Work session now looks good for Dec. 8 at 9:00 a.m. if weather holds up as advertised with dry conditions all preceding week (if that can be believed).

Above: Bruce and Bud remove debris by hand at the log jam. Note the fallen sycamore tree that has caused the problem.

Left: Bill and winch remove the larger logs from the jam.



If we can figure out how, we'll try to drag a big rock or two from the mid-pasture location (where we had to dump them when truck got stuck) to a location at the bank close to where we cleared debris above the island. Cable and pulley should help us drag into stream and site to block channel around island at south bank. (I'm hoping Terry will be available for advice in this operation.)



As usual, I will advise Friday evening if plans change. And please let me know if you plan to be present to enjoy this exercise.

Bud

Left: Bud has acquired more rocks for us to move. Unfortunately, due to the constant rains and muddy conditions, the dump truck got stuck and dumped the rocks some distance from their intended spot.



Poet's Corner: Poems selected for the angler

A Winter Piece

By William Cullen Bryant

1794-1879

USA



The time has been that these wild solitudes,
 Yet beautiful as wild, were trod by me
 Oftener than now; and when the ills of life
 Had chafed my spirit—when the unsteady pulse
 Beat with strange flutterings—I would wander forth
 And seek the woods. The sunshine on my path
 Was to me a friend. The swelling hills,
 The quiet dells retiring far between,
 With gentle invitation to explore
 Their windings, were a calm society
 That talked with me and soothed me. Then the chant
 Of birds, and chime of brooks, and soft caress
 Of the fresh sylvan air, made me forget
 The thoughts that broke my peace, and I began
 To gather simples by the fountain's brink,
 And lose myself in day-dreams. While I stood
 In Nature's loneliness, I was with one
 With whom I early grew familiar, one
 Who never had a frown for me, whose voice
 Never rebuked me for the hours I stole
 From cares I loved not, but of which the world
 Deems highest, to converse with her. When shrieked
 The bleak November winds, and smote the woods,
 And the brown fields were herbless, and the shades,
 That met above the merry rivulet,
 Were spoiled, I sought, I loved them still; they seemed
 Like old companions in adversity.
 Still there was beauty in my walks; the brook,
 Bordered with sparkling frost-work, was as gay
 As with its fringe of summer flowers. Afar,
 The village with its spires, the path of streams
 And dim receding valleys, hid before
 By interposing trees, lay visible
 Through the bare grove, and my familiar haunts
 Seemed new to me. Nor was I slow to come
 Among them, when the clouds, from their still skirts,
 Had shaken down on earth the feathery snow,
 And all was white. The pure keen air abroad,
 Albeit it breathed no scent of herb, nor heard
 Love-call of bird nor merry hum of bee,
 Was not the air of death. Bright mosses crept
 Over the spotted trunks, and the close buds,
 That lay along the boughs, instinct with life,
 Patient, and waiting the soft breath of Spring,
 Feared not the piercing spirit of the North.
 The snow-bird twittered on the beechen bough,
 And 'neath the hemlock, whose thick branches bent
 Beneath its bright cold burden, and kept dry
 A circle, on the earth, of withered leaves,
 The partridge found a shelter. Through the snow
 The rabbit sprang away. The lighter track
 Of fox, and the raccoon's broad path, were there,
 Crossing each other. From his hollow tree
 The squirrel was abroad, gathering the nuts
 Just fallen, that asked the winter cold and sway
 Of winter blast, to shake them from their hold.

But Winter has yet brighter scenes—he boasts
 Splendors beyond what gorgeous Summer knows;
 Or Autumn with his many fruits, and woods
 All flushed with many hues. Come when the rains
 Have glazed the snow and clothed the trees with ice,
 While the slant of sun of February pours
 Into the bowers a flood of light. Approach!
 The incrustated surface shall upbear thy steps,
 And the broad arching portals of the grove
 Welcome thy entering. Look! the massy trunks
 Are cased in pure crystal; each light spray,
 Nodding and tinkling in the breath of heaven,
 Is studded with its trembling water-drops,
 That glimmer with an amethystine light.
 But round the parent-stem the long low boughs
 Bend, in a glittering ring, and arbors hide
 The glassy floor. Oh! you might deem the spot
 The spacious cavern of some virgin mine,
 Deep in the womb of earth—where the gems grow,
 And diamonds put forth radiant rods and bud
 With amethyst and topaz—and the place
 Lit up, most royally, with the pure beam
 That dwells in them. Or haply the vast hall
 Of fairy palace, that outlasts the night,
 And fades not in the glory of the sun;—
 Where crystal columns send forth slender shafts
 And crossing arches; and fantastic aisles
 Wind from the sight in brightness, and are lost
 Among the crowded pillars. Raise thine eye;
 Thou seest no cavern roof; no palace vault;
 There the blue sky and the white drifting cloud
 Look in. Again the wildered fancy dreams
 Of spouting fountains, frozen as they rose,
 And fixed, with all their branching jets, in air,
 And all their sluices sealed. All, all is light;
 Light without shade. But all shall pass away
 With the next sun. From numberless vast trunks
 Loosened, the crashing ice shall make a sound
 Like the far roar of rivers, and the eve
 Shall close o'er the brown woods as it was wont.

And it is pleasant, when the noisy streams
 Are just set free, and milder suns melt off
 The plashy snow, save only the firm drift
 In the deep glen or the close shade of pines—
 'Tis pleasant to behold the wreaths of smoke
 Roll up among the maples of the hill,
 Where the shrill sound of youthful voices wakes
 The shriller echo, as the clear pure lymph,
 That from the wounded trees, in twinkling drops,
 Falls, mid the golden brightness of the morn,
 Is gathered in with brimming pails, and oft,
 Wielded by sturdy hands, the stroke of axe
 Makes the woods ring. Along the quiet air,
 Come and float calmly off the soft light clouds,
 Such as you see in summer, and the winds
 Scarce stir the branches. Lodged in sunny cleft,
 Where the cold breezes come not, blooms alone
 The little wind-flower, whose just opened eye
 Is blue as the spring heaven it gazes at—
 Startling the loiterer in the naked groves
 With unexpected beauty, for the time
 Of blossoms and green leaves is yet afar.
 And ere it comes, the encountering winds shall oft
 Muster their wrath again, and rapid clouds
 Shade heaven, and bounding on the frozen earth
 Shall fall their volleyed stores, rounded like hail
 And white like snow, and the loud North again
 Shall buffet the vexed forest in his rage.



**Winchester TU Monthly “BarFly” Event
 Wednesday, December 12th 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.

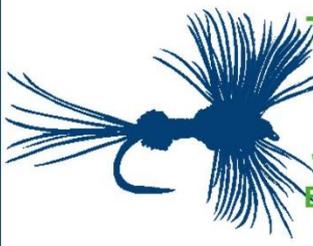
The brewery and tasting room are located at
**142 W. Commercial St.
 Winchester, VA**



Janeen (left) and Beth (right) tie their very first woolly buggers at BarFly.

Photos by Bill Prokopchak





Winchester Trout Unlimited

BarFly
 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, Dec. 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.



**PHW Update
 Donate to WHW**

Phil Stevens, PHW Program Lead
 Martinsburg VAMC

#GivingTuesday is past, but you can always build on the strength of a global online movement to increase exposure and build support for Project Healing Waters’ cause and philanthropic activities, especially during the Holiday Giving Season.

This past year alone, more than 3,500 volunteers engaged over 8,400 disabled veteran participants nationwide. Program numbers are growing fast too, bringing fly fishing to more veterans and active military than ever before. With over 3.8 million disabled veterans nationwide, we currently serve 8,400. Our goal for 2019 is to expand our program services to an additional 1,200 disabled veterans nationwide. To make this a reality, we need your help. Go to #GivingTuesday. Take time to support our all our military members at: projecthealingwaters.org

Cheers,

Phil Stevens
 Program Lead
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Editor’s Note: Phil will be happy to accept a donation via a good old paper check made payable to “Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing”.



The Well-Schooled Angler -- from the archives

Compiled by Barbara Gamble

The Complete Steelheader: Successful Fishing Tactics

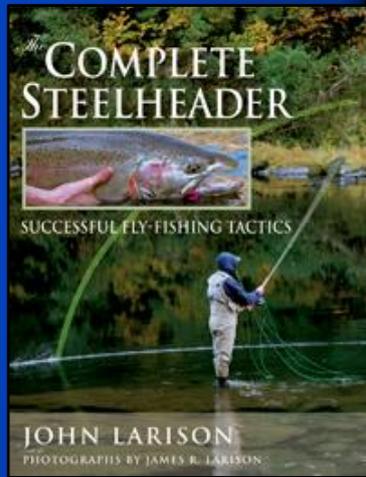
Author: John Larison
Photographer: James R. Larison
Hardcover: 240 pages
ISBN-10: 0811734668
Publisher: Stackpole Books
Publication Date: January 10, 2008

- ✓ Covers river knowledge, steelhead behavior, and effective presentation
- ✓ New angling strategy for today's steelhead fishing
- ✓ Tips from successful guides

This comprehensive guide explains effective approaches and presentations for steelhead and gives suggestions for fly patterns that will attract the most fish.

It provides an in-depth look at steelhead behavior and carefully outlines techniques commonly used by fly-fishing guides.

Larison presents a different way of approaching the river, a methodology that is more aptly suited to the habits and habitat of modern steelhead.



Biography: John Larison was born and raised in the heart of Oregon's steelhead country.

A former guide and fly-fishing instructor, his writing has appeared in *Gray's Sporting Journal*, *Fly Rod and Reel*, *American Angler*, *Fly Fishing and Tying Journal*, *Salmon and Steelhead Journal*, and *Fly Fisherman*--where he serves as the Northwest Field Editor.

He lives with his wife, Ellie Rose, in the Willamette Valley.

Sources: amazon.com and the publishers

Tactics for Trout

Authors: Rick Hafele, Dave Hughes, and Skip Morris
Paperback: 240 pages
ISBN-10: 0811713393
Publisher: Stackpole Books
Publication Date: November 1, 2014

"Three of the most respected names in fly fishing have come together in [this] book, which [has] a simple goal: to help readers catch more trout, in all seasons and conditions."--*American Angler*

Three well-known fly fishers (and friends) come together to share the solid technical know-how they've learned from years of fishing the ever-elusive trout.

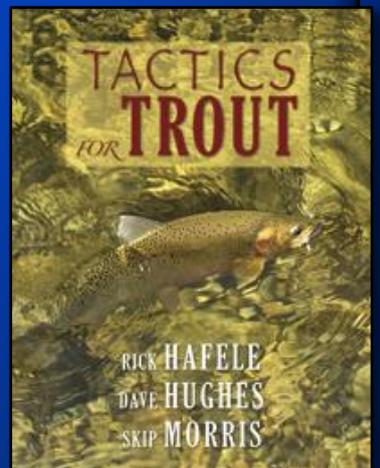
- ✓ Chapters cover fishing with nymphs, dry and wet flies, emergers, streamers, and more
- ✓ Enhanced with more than 200 full-color photos and QR codes that link to video segments
- ✓ Authors recount their personal experiences with fussy trout, tactics, and presentation, choosing fly rods, and organizing their fly boxes.

Meet the Authors:

Skip Morris (www.skip-morris-fly-tying.com) is the author of seventeen fly-fishing books and hundreds of magazine articles.

Dave Hughes is a highly respected fly-fishing writer with more than two dozen books in print.

Rick Hafele (www.rickhafele.com) has been studying aquatic insects and freshwater biology professionally for over thirty years. As a writer, he penned the Entomology column for *American Angler* magazine for thirty years, and has several major books to his credit.



Sources: amazon.com and the publishers

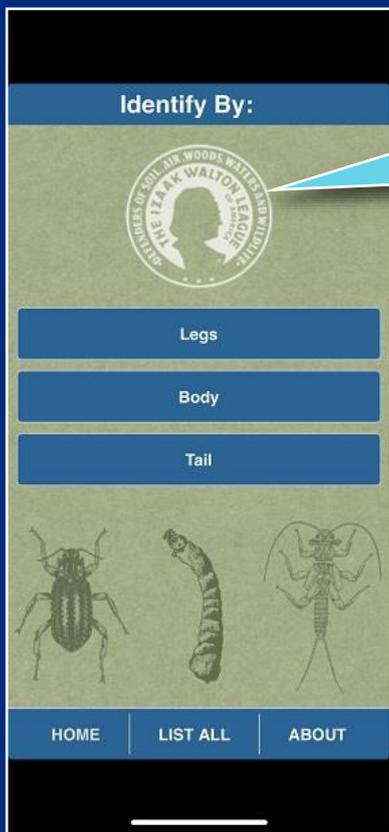


Winchester TU Recycles Aluminum.

Please bring your aluminum
cans to any Winchester TU
event.

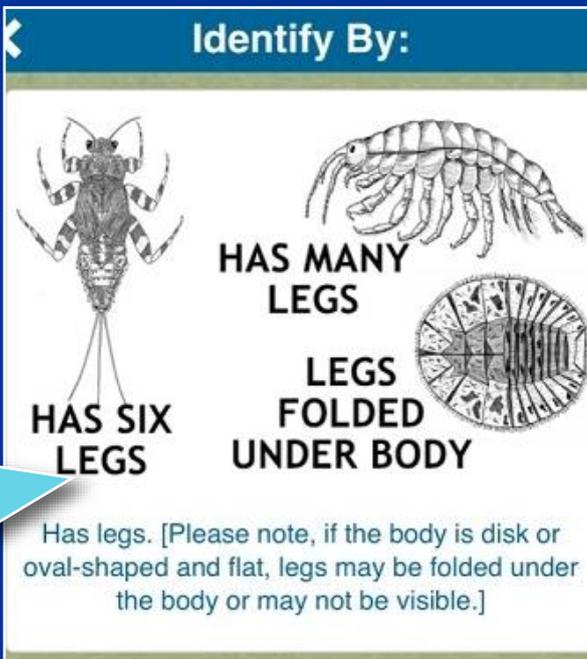


Tech on the Water: Aqua Bugs

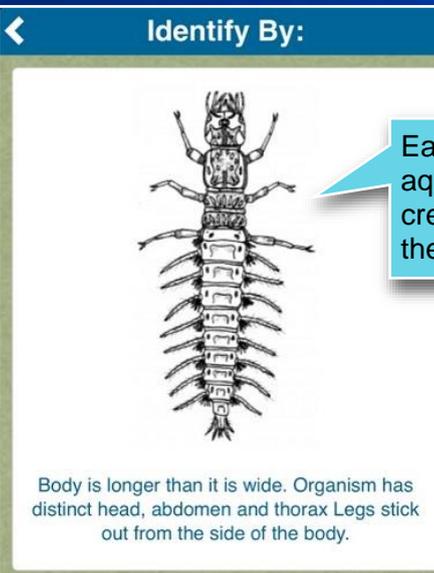


Despite the fact that many Izaak Walton League chapters these days are hardly more than gun clubs, The Izaak Walton League of America is first and foremost a conservation organization named after the famous angler. The National IWLA organization keeps its eyes on conservation and has created a nice little app to assist the angler's invertebrate identification.

The app has an alphabetical listing of many of the aquatic invertebrate critters you might find in the water, but that's not the primary function of this nifty little app.

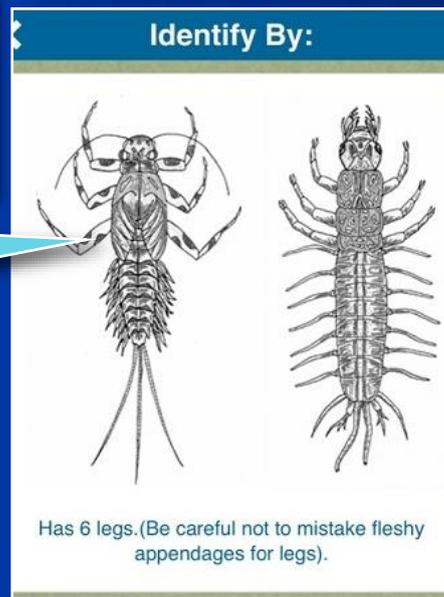


Aqua Bugs takes the user, step by step, through bug identification starting with the number of legs. You simply touch the appropriate picture to begin the critter identification process.

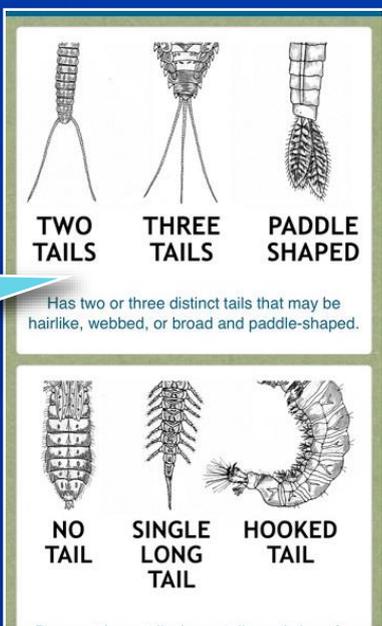


The app even points out some common errors the user might make during the identification process.

Each step takes you through characteristics of aquatic invertebrates. You simply observe the creature in the wild and compare to pictures the app presents.



The app requires that you look carefully at your living specimen.



App review by Bill Prokopchak
Lateral Lines
Editor



Within a few seconds, you have identified the little critter in question. This app is designed for the relative beginner and will not take you the whole way to the species, but it does provide a great place to start.



TROUT UNLIMITED TRI-STATE CONSERVATION & FISHING CAMP

FOR 13-17 YEAR-OLDS

Apply early to ensure your spot for the 2019 Camp.

Join us for an exciting week of hands-on activities in a beautiful mountain-stream environment, where treasured wild brook trout have survived for thousands of years. Become a skilled and responsible angler and an informed conservationist.

WHEN:

June 17 - 21, 2019

WHERE:

Graves' Mountain Lodge

Syria, Virginia - Next to Shenandoah National Park



WHO: Boys and girls currently in the 8th, 9th, 10th or 11th grade, or who will be 13 years-old by June 17, 2019, who enjoy the outdoors, want to learn to fish or improve their fishing skills, and are interested in helping to protect our environment.



WHAT: A fun-filled comprehensive 6-day, 5-night residential camp. The Camp fee is \$850; partial or full financial sponsorship is available for campers needing support to attend. Limited to 24 campers. Led by expert instructors and an experienced staff.

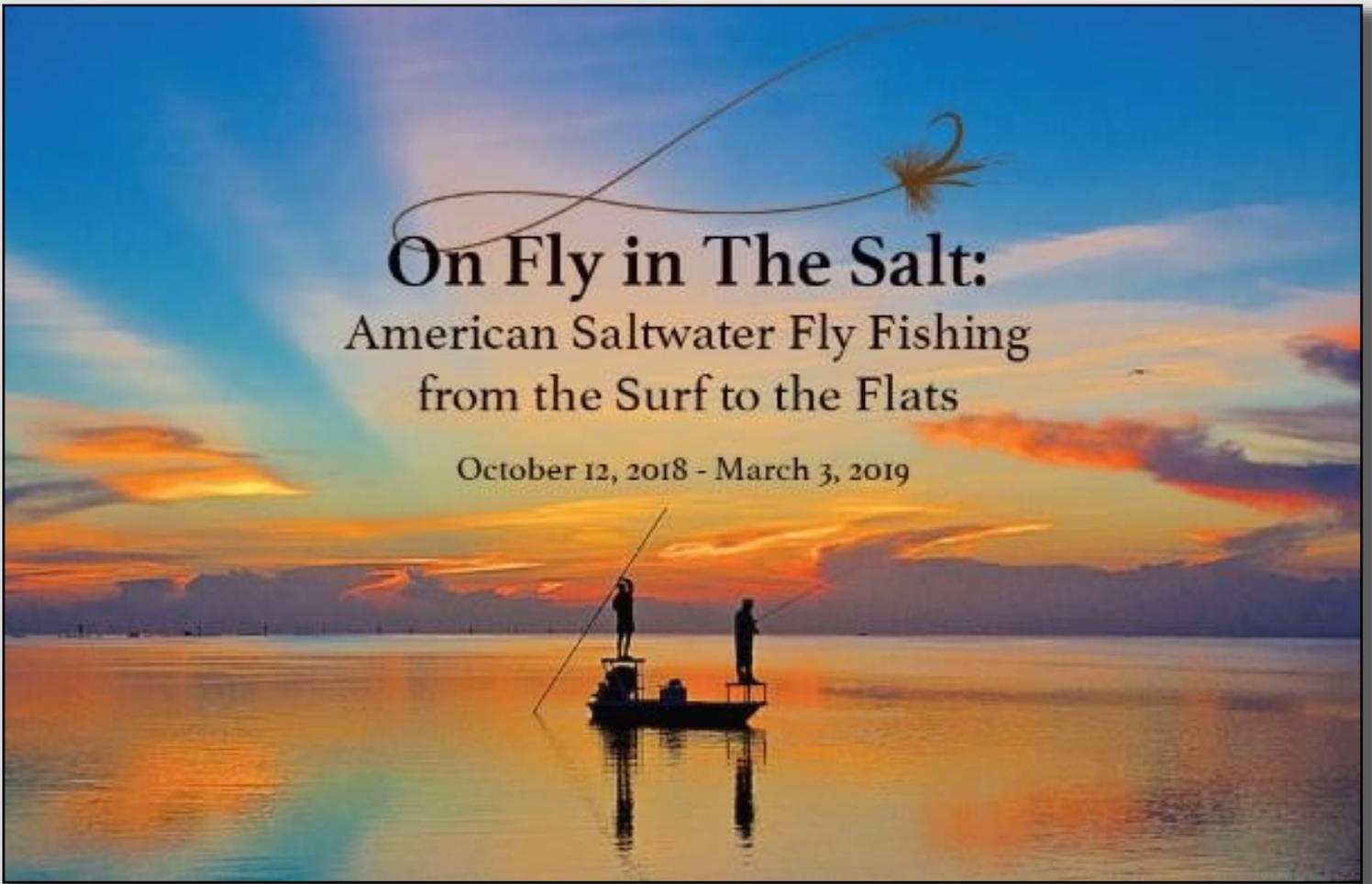


For **INFORMATION** and to **APPLY** or **DONATE**, visit WWW.TUCAMP.ORG or contact Paul Kearney, Camp Director, at kearney@tucamp.org; 540-229-0563 or George Gaines, Executive Director, at gaines@tucamp.org; 202-904-3547

Trout Unlimited Tri-State Conservation and Fishing Camp is a joint project of Trout Unlimited in Virginia, Maryland/DC, & West Virginia



Saltwater Fly-Fishing Event at the National Sporting Library & Museum in Middleburg, VA



On Fly in The Salt:

American Saltwater Fly Fishing
from the Surf to the Flats

October 12, 2018 - March 3, 2019

In the Salt

The National Sporting Library & Museum is pleased to announce its Saltwater Fly Fishing exhibit. The exhibit runs from

October 12, 2018 through March 3, 2019

at its facility located at

102 The Plains Rd., Middleburg, VA.

Half sport, half theology, angling stands the test of time and remains one of America's most popular sports. Despite -- and perhaps because of -- our changing landscapes and increasingly digital age, experts, amateurs, and everyone in between are drawn to the lure of angling.

On the Fly in The Salt opens with a Free Admission Day on Saturday, October 13

Followed by two other special events.

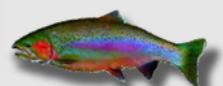
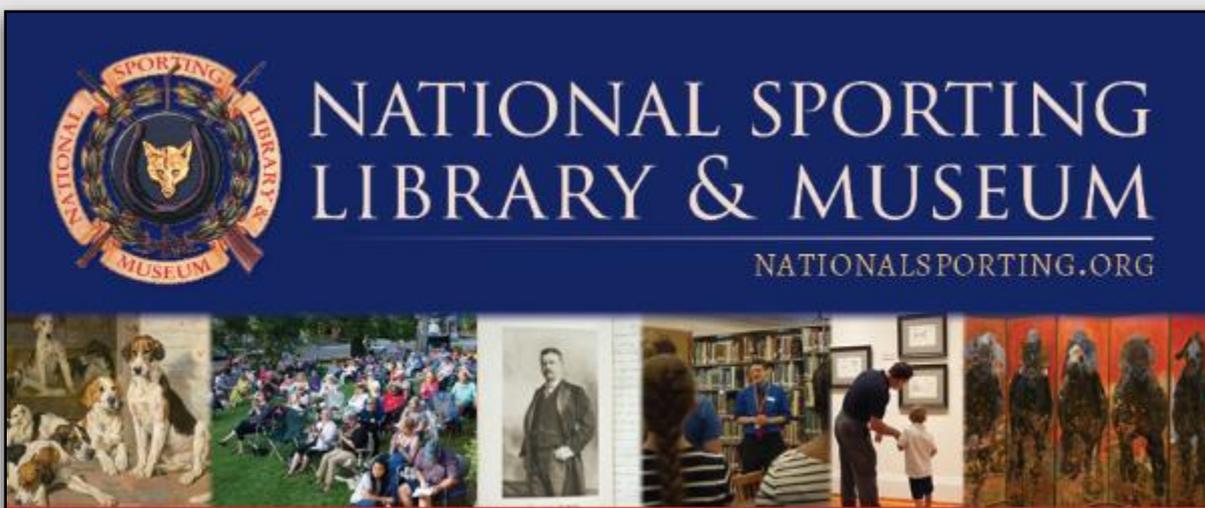
- Friday, October 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. -- Reception and presentation by Walt Matia from the American Museum of Fly Fishing
- Saturday, October 27 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. -- Coffee with Walt Matia from the American Museum of Fly Fishing

TICKET INFO

\$10 admission

Free to NSLM members

For more information, contact Anne Marie Paquette, Clarice & Robert H. Smith Educator, at (540) 687-6542 x25, APaquette@NationalSporting.org



2018 Calendar of Events

Winchester Trout Unlimited

By Fred Boyer

See also

<http://winchestertu.org/>

December 2018

- ✓ No Winchester TU meeting in December
- ✓ Saturday 8 December 2018 Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ Sunday 9 December 2018 -- The WTU Holiday gathering - RSVP ASAP seating is limited
- ✓ Wednesday 12 December 2018 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery
- ✓ Friday 14 December 2018 -- FOSR Water Sampling - Bill Prokopchak

January 2019

- ✓ Thursday 3 January 2019 -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting - Fred Boyer is the featured speaker on fishing in Canada.
- ✓ Saturday 5 January 2019 Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ Wednesday 9 January 2019 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

February 2019

- ✓ Thursday 7 February 2019 -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting - James Montgomery is the featured speaker on his recent Kamchatka adventure
- ✓ Saturday 9 February 2019 Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ Wednesday 13 February 2019 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

March 2019

- ✓ Thursday 7 March 2019 -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 9 March 2019 Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ Wednesday 13 March 2019 --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

April 2019

- ✓ Thursday 4 April 2019 -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 6 April 2019 Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ Wednesday 10 April --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

May 2019

- ✓ Thursday 2 May 2019 -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 4 May 2019 Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ Saturday to be Determined -- 2019 Brookie Release Day -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ Wednesday 8 May --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

June 2019

- ✓ Thursday 6 June 2019 -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ Saturday 8 June 2019 Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ Wednesday 12 June --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.

