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

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Next meeting is Thursday,
March 7, 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

Featured speakers: Bruce, Drew, & Stan



See you at the meeting on Thursday, March 7, 2019
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New Note Card Watercolor Supports Winchester Trout in the Classroom

Winchester TU's artist in residence, Bill Prokopchak, has produced a new design for our chapter's note cards.

Featuring his watercolor painting of an Erie Steelhead entitled "March Steel", the cards are blank inside, ready for any special note that you would like to send.

The back of every card proclaims that the proceeds, in this case \$10, from the sale of every 5-pack goes directly into our Trout in the Classroom fund.

Packs of five note cards with five envelopes are available right now for \$10 per pack.

100% of your purchase price will go directly to the Winchester Trout in the Classroom fund.

To get yours, leave a message at 540-247-9044 or send an email to wilpro@comcast.net with the number of packs you would like.

More surprises are coming from Bill's paintbrush and Charlie's computer in support of Winchester TU's many programs. Watch this newsletter in the weeks to come for details.



Winchester TU 2018 Speaker Schedule

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



March 7th -
 Bruce, Drew, and Stan fished Alaska last year and came back with stories that will send you directly to the airline reservation websites. They have fish stories and photos to share.

Photos courtesy of Bruce and Stan

June 6th -
 Master hair stacker, Scott Shendow, will be here to show his methods for hair stacking as he ties his amazing creations. Just in time for Smallie fishing.

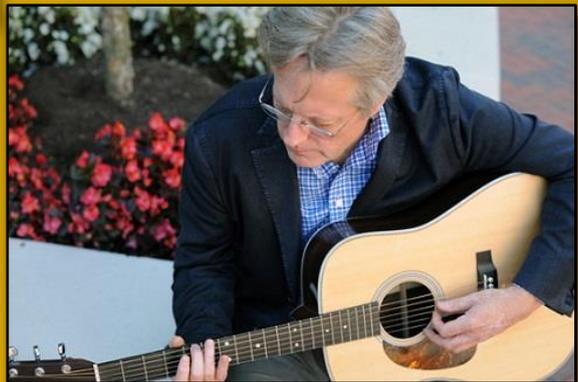


Photo courtesy of Bell's Fine Clothing



September 5th - Fishing with Phil in Wisconsin
 Phil hammered 'em in Wisconsin. In addition to some hefty bass, Phil hooked his first ever Muskie. Phil promises a photo-packed presentation including his TWO most recent Wisconsin fishing trips.

Photo courtesy of Phil Stevens

October 3rd -
 Newly minted Dr., Lisa LaCivita is the featured speaker for our annual joint meeting with the Northern Shenandoah Valley Audubon Society. Her topic: Frederick County Frogs: What are they telling us and why should we care?



Photo courtesy of Lisa LaCivita

In Negotiations:
 We are working on a dates for the following presentations

Carbon Offsets and YOU

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

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 February Workday and Plans for the March 9th Workday at Redbud Run

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

by Bud Nagelvoort

I regret that I have to have to say that for the first time since we started stream restoration (1996-2014 at Chapel Run and 2015-2019 at Redbud) we have missed two months in a row of TU work sessions.

Editor's Note

Although Bud is technically correct that we missed two of our **REGULARLY SCHEDULED** monthly work sessions at Redbud in a row, Bud seems to have forgotten that he held one of his many **EXTRAORDINARY WORK SESSIONS** on February 2nd, a week before the regular work session.

Clark, Ray, and I vividly remember how -- on a cold and snowy February day -- we cut, chained, pulled, tugged, levered, and staked bank-protection logs into place immediately upstream from our usual Brookie release site at the DGIF Redbud Run property.

Please see the February 2019 edition of *LATERAL LINES* for photos and details of that extra work session.

In fact, Bud planned TWO workdays in February, but the weather caused cancellation of only one of them.

Please also see the attached photo as documentary evidence of the fact that there WAS at least one workday in February 2019. Bud cancelled the other one due to mud.

Therefore, Bud's record is, in fact, intact. We missed a work session only in January. You have my permission to disregard Bud's opening sentence above.

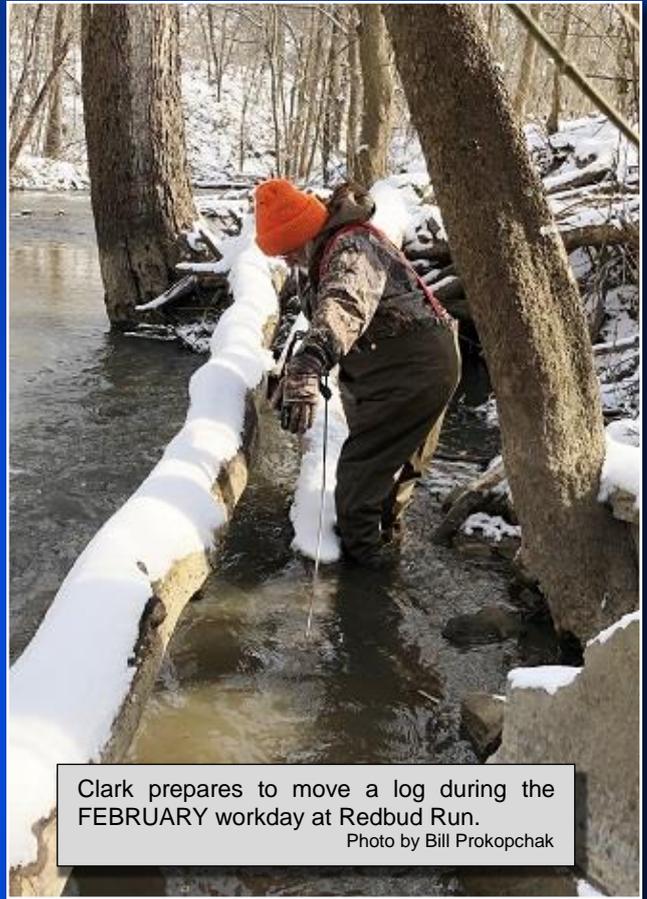


Bud continues: There has just not been any period when land surface conditions have been dry enough at Seipels' to drive on the pasture at Redbud, bring equipment to the work site, and operate our equipment there. On the other hand, we were able to perform some work at the TIC release site at the DGIF property on February 2nd to resolve the log jam problem.

That being said, next week's weather forecast does look a little more promising for a work session on our normal Saturday (March 9) following the regular meeting date on March 7. The ground may still be frozen after nights of sharply below freezing temperatures.

If the 9th at 9 AM works out, we should be able to prepare sections of red oak log now found on the south bank for use in blocking the small channel between the island and the bank and creating the cross log for the main channel. Some bank digging and rock placement should also be involved.

Look for an e-mail the evening of the 8th to confirm.



Clark prepares to move a log during the FEBRUARY workday at Redbud Run.
Photo by Bill Prokopchak



From the Archives of Winchester Trout Unlimited

Bud on the Run by Bud Nagelvoort



December 12th is a crucial date.... The immediate issue here is the request to expand the UDA (Urban Development Area in Frederick County, VA, enables higher density residential growth). The proposed expansion would move this subdivision into the Redbud Run watershed. Because property is characterized by steep slopes and floodplain on shale ground, any intensive development attempts at storm water management would most likely have an adverse effect on water quality in Redbud Run. With assistance from the Valley Conservation Council, members of TU and the Opequon Watershed are exploring options in the form of conservation easements and charitable donations to present to the owner and developer in order to preserve these areas on the Redbud side of the ridge and, in so doing, protect the health of this valuable resource..."

These are excerpts from an article that our very old friend Bud wrote for *LATERAL LINES* back in **December 2001**.



Poet's Corner: Poems selected for the angler

The Shepherds' Calendar:

March

By John Clare
1793 - 1864
England



John Clare

March month of 'many weathers' wildly comes
In hail and snow and rain and threaten'g hums

And floods: while often at his cottage door
The shepherd stands to hear the distant roar
Loos'd from the rushing mills and river locks
Wi thundering sound and over powering
shocks

And headlong hurry thro the meadow brigs
Brushing the leaning **sallows**¹ fingering twigs
In feathery foam and eddy hissing chase
Rolling a storm oertaken travellers pace
From bank to bank along the meadow leas
Spreading and shining like to little seas

While in the pale sunlight a watery brood
Of swopping white birds flock about the flood
Yet winter seems half weary of its toil
And round the ploughman on the **elting**² soil
Will thread a minutes sunshine wild and warm
Thro the raggd places of the swimming storm
And oft the shepherd in his path will spye
The little daisy in the wet grass lye
That to the peeping sun enlivens gay
Like Labour smiling on an holiday
And where the **stunt**³ bank fronts the southern
sky
By lanes or brooks where sunbeams love to
lye
A cowslip peep will open faintly coy
Soon seen and gatherd by a wandering boy

A tale of spring around the distant haze
Seems muttering pleasures wi the lengthening
days
Morn wakens mottld oft wi may day stains
And shower drops hang the grassy sprouting
plains
And on the naked thorns of brassy hue
Drip glistning like a summer dream of dew
While from the hill side freshing forest drops
As one might walk upon their thickening tops
And buds wi young hopes promise seemly
swells

Where woodman that in wild seclusion dwells
Wi chopping toil the coming spring deceives
Of many dancing shadows flowers and leaves
And in his pathway down the mossy wood
Crushes wi hasty feet full many a bud
Of early primrose yet if timely spied
Shelterd some old half rotten stump beside
The sight will cheer his solitary hour
And urge his feet to stride and save the flower

Muffld in baffles leathern coat and gloves
The hedger toils oft scaring rustling doves
From out the hedgrows who in hunger browze
The chockolate berrys on the ivy boughs
And flocking field fares speckld like the
thrush

Picking the red awe from the sweeing bush
That come and go on winters chilling wing
And seem to share no sympathy wi spring

The stooping ditcher in the water stands
Letting the furrowd lakes from off the lands
Or splashing cleans the pasture brooks of mud
Where many a wild weed freshens into bud
And sprouting from the bottom purple green
The water cresses neath the wave is seen
Which the old woman gladly drags to land
Wi reaching long rake in her tottering hand

The ploughman mawls along the doughy
sloughs
And often stop their songs to clean their
ploughs
From teasing twitch that in the spongy soil
Clings round the colter terryfying toil

The sower striding oer his dirty way
Sinks ankle deep in pudgy sloughs and clay
And oer his heavy hopper stoutly leans
Strewing wi swinging arms the pattering
beans
Which soon as aprils milder weather gleams
Will shoot up green between the furroed
seams

The driving boy glad when his steps can trace
The swelling edding as a resting place
Slings from his clotted shoes the dirt around
And feign woud rest him on the solid ground
And sings when he can meet the parting green
Of rushy balks that bend the lands between
While close behind em struts the **nauntling**⁴
crow

And daws whose heads seem powderd oer wi
snow
To seek the worms-and rooks a noisey guest
That on the wind rockd elms prepares her nest
On the fresh furrow often drops to pull
The twitching roots and gathering sticks and
wool
Neath trees whose dead twigs litter to the
wind
And gaps where stray sheep left their coats
behind
While ground larks on a sweeing clump of
rushes

Or on the top twigs of the oddling bushes
Chirp their 'cree creeing' note that sounds of
spring
And sky larks meet the sun wi fluttering wing
Soon as the morning opes its brightning eye
Large clouds of **sturnels**⁵ blacken thro the sky
From **oizer holts**⁶ about the rushy fen
And reedshaw borders by the river Nen
And wild geese regiments now agen repair
To the wet bosom of broad marshes there
In marching coloms and attention all
Listning and following their ringleaders call
The shepherd boy that hastens now and then
From hail and snow beneath his sheltering
den

Of flags or file leavd sedges tyd in sheaves
Or stubble shocks oft as his eye percieves
Sun threads struck out wi momentery smiles
Wi fancy thoughts his loneliness beguiles
Thinking the struggling winter hourly bye
As down the edges of the distant sky
The hailstorm sweeps-and while he stops to
strip

The stooping hedgbriar of its lingering hip
He hears the wild geese gabble oer his head
And pleas'd wi fancys in his musings bred
He marks the figurd forms in which they flye
And pausing follows wi a wandering eye
Likening their curious march in curves or
rows
To every letter which his memory knows
While far above the solitary crane

Swings lonly to unfrozen dykes again
Cranking a jarring mellancholy cry
Thro the wild journey of the cheerless sky
Full oft at early seasons mild and fair
March bids farewell wi garlands in her hair
Of hazzel tassles woodbines hairy sprout
And sloe and wild plumb blossoms peeping
out

In thickset knotts of flowers preparing gay
For aprils reign a mockery of may
That soon will glisten on the earnest eye
Like snow white cloaths hung in the sun to
drye

The old dame often stills her burring wheel
When the bright sun will thro the window
steal

And gleam upon her face and dancing fall
In diamond shadows on the picturd wall
While the white butterflye as in amaze
Will settle on the glossy glass to gaze
And oddling bee oft patting passing bye
As if they care to tell her spring was nigh
And smiling glad to see such things once
more

Up she will get and potter to the door
And look upon the trees beneath the eves
Sweet briar and **ladslove**⁷ swelling into leaves
And dams in trees thick notting into bloom
And goosberry blossoms on the bushes come
And stooping down oft views her garden beds
To see the spring flowers pricking out their
heads

And from her apron strings she'll often pull
Her sissars out an early bunch to cull
For flower pots on the window board to stand
Where the old hour glass spins its thread of
sand

And maids will often mark wi laughing eye
In elder where they hang their cloaths to drye
The sharp eyd robin hop from grain to grain
Singing its little summer notes again

Footnotes

¹Sallows = willows

²Elting = water from melting
snow

³Stunt = low

⁴Nauntling = conceited

⁵Sturnels = starlings

⁶Ozier holts = willow dens

⁷Ladslove = bitter herb

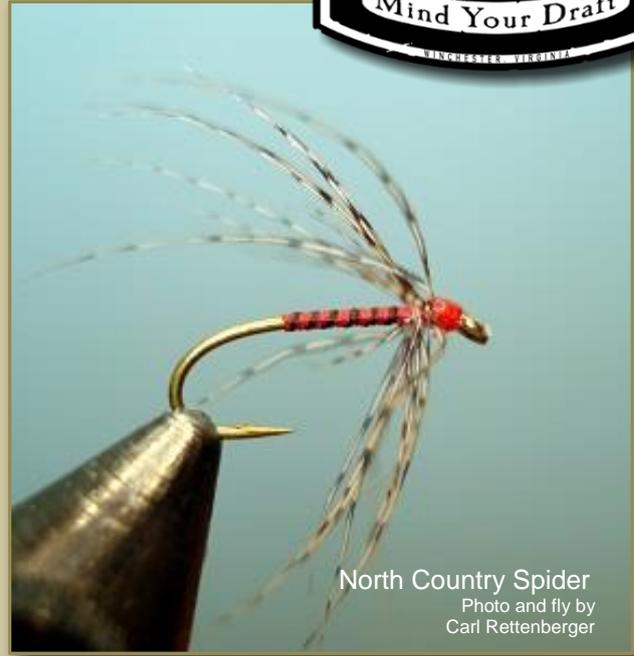


Winchester TU Monthly “BarFly” Event
Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 p.m.
Escutcheon Brewery, Commercial St., Winchester

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



North Country Spider
 Photo and fly by
 Carl Rettenberger

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.



From the Archives of Winchester Trout Unlimited

On the Fly by Carl Rettenberger



Well, another Thanksgiving has come and gone and, as of this writing, Christmas is only 23 days away. If you're trying to figure out what to get your spouse or child for Christmas, think fly fishing. Fly fishing is about gadgets. I have so many gadgets hanging on my vest, it's a wonder I don't sink to the bottom when I enter the water. Wes, over at Feathered Hook, can set you up with a Gift Certificate or help you find any item you are looking for. The place is like a candy store for the fly fisher. If you want to make sure you get exactly what you want, create your own wish list at Feathered Hook. Tell your spouse all about it, and about how considerate it is of you to make it easier for him or her.

For those of you who might be wondering, I am the same “Carl Rettenberg” mentioned in Feathered Hook's Newsletter. Naw, it's not a pen name! I always pay in cash, so they don't know how to spell my last name. On the subject of size 32 Adams, yes I do tie them. Tying them is really easier than you might imagine. All you need is good light and magnification. The hooks I use have straight eyes, so if you tippet down it's not too difficult to tie them on. (Editor's note – yes, that is what he wrote.)

Oh, I almost forgot, Bud “humbug” Nagelvoort is planning on having our normal Chapel Run work session, but I'll let him tell you about that.”



Our old friend Carl wrote this piece for *Lateral Lines* back in December 2001

The Well-Schooled Angler

Compiled by Barbara Gamble

Trout School: Lessons from a Fly-Fishing Master

Author: Mark Hume with Mo Bradley
Paperback: 224 pages
ISBN-10: 1771644168
ISBN-13: 978-1771644167
Publisher: Greystone Books
Publication Date: April 9, 2019

From the wisdom of fishing legend Mo Bradley, an essential guide to fly fishing for trout in the Thompson-Okanagan.

Among fly fishers, the Kamloops region in British Columbia's Thompson-Okanagan is known as one of the best places in the world for catching trout.

It owes its reputation in part to Mo Bradley, a man of humble origins now known as a pioneer of fly-fishing culture.

In *Trout School*, award-winning author and journalist Mark Hume passes on what he's learned from his countless hours on -- and off -- the lake with the master.

Drawing from more than twenty years of fishing and friendship, Hume distills the best of Mo's essential knowledge, including tips and tricks for catching Kamloops trout year-round, detailed instructions for tying thirteen signature flies, and advice for a more respectful and ecologically conscious approach to fishing.

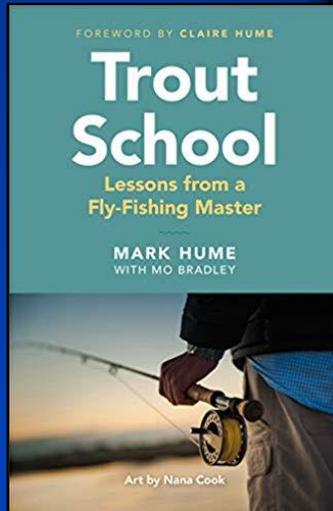
But *Trout School* is more than just a guidebook. Hume illustrates these lessons with beautifully descriptive stories about his own times on the water -- with Mo, by himself, or teaching his own young daughters to fish. Illustrated with stunning paintings by BC artist Nana Cook.

Mark Hume is an award-winning environmental journalist and author of four books, including the acclaimed *River of the Angry Moon*. Based in Vancouver, he has fly fished in British Columbia for fifty years.

Mo Bradley is a master angler who has taught fly-tying courses to thousands of fishers. He lives in Kamloops, BC, and in 2012 was inducted into the Kamloops Sports Hall of Fame.

Claire Hume is a fly fisher, writer, and the Green caucus Senior Policy Advisor at the BC legislature. She holds a master's from the University of Cambridge and lives in Victoria, BC. Nana Cook is an artist who casts a long, elegant line and whose whoops of joy can often be heard echoing over the trout lakes of the Kamloops region. She lives in Nanoose Bay, BC.

Sources: amazon.com and the publishers



Sight Fishing for Trout

Author: Landon Mayer
Foreword: Ed Engle
Paperback: 208 pages
ISBN-10: 0811737667
ISBN-13: 978-0811737661
Publisher: Stackpole Books, 2nd edition
Publication Date: March 1, 2019

In this updated edition, sight-fishing expert Landon Mayer teaches you what you need to know to spot the trout before you cast--because if you can see a trout, you are more likely to catch that trout.

In this comprehensive book on the tricks and skills anglers need to master, Mayer reveals his knowledge of trout and trout water, learned through years of fishing and guiding on prime trout waters.

Hunting for large trout with lightweight fishing equipment is what Landon does best. With detailed instructions on how to cast into tricky spots, how to present the fly whatever the conditions, and how to read the rise, he gives you the extra edge to find and catch more and larger fish.

He tells you where to look for the trout, how to rig your line, how to retrieve the fish when you get a strike, and how to use the buddy system for a more productive day on the water.

Sight fishing is intriguing, fun, addictive, and best of all, it gets result -- more and bigger trout.

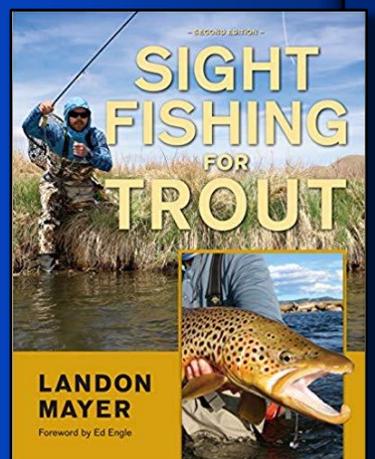
Sight Fishing for Trout [is] the best way I know for you to speed up your learning curve when it comes to the angling intricacies of spring creeks and tailwaters.

You'll still need to spend time on the water, but if quitting your day job isn't an option, studying *Sight Fishing for Trout* is as close as you can get to adding extra days on the river. (Ed Engle, author of *Trout Lessons* and *Fishing Small Flies*)

Landon Mayer is a fly-fishing instructor, guide, and writer with nearly two decades of experience.

He is a contributing writer for *Fly Fisherman* and *High Country Angler*, and his contributions have also been featured in *Field & Stream*, *Fly Rod & Reel*, *American Angler*, and *Fly Fisherman* magazines. Landon's previous books include *Sight Fishing for Trout*, *Colorado's Best Fly Fishing*, and *How to Catch the Biggest Trout of Your Life*.

Sources: amazon.com and the publishers



Chapel Run: Then and Now

by Bill Prokopchak

A few weeks ago, while taking water samples for The Friends of The Shenandoah, I stopped by Chapel Run and took some photos of work that Winchester TU had done in that area some years before.

Back in the early years of this decade (2010 - 2014) Winchester TU members worked long and hard to mitigate bank erosion along Chapel Run between the Eilerslie Road bridge and the small dam downstream of the bridge. Working summer and winter, our members hauled and rolled rocks, staked and wired in erosion-control logs, drove cofferdam boards into the marly creek sediment, and nailed those boards into place.

We used chain saws, pry bars, shovels, hammers, and nails, along with sweat, soft drinks, and occasional cuss word, too.

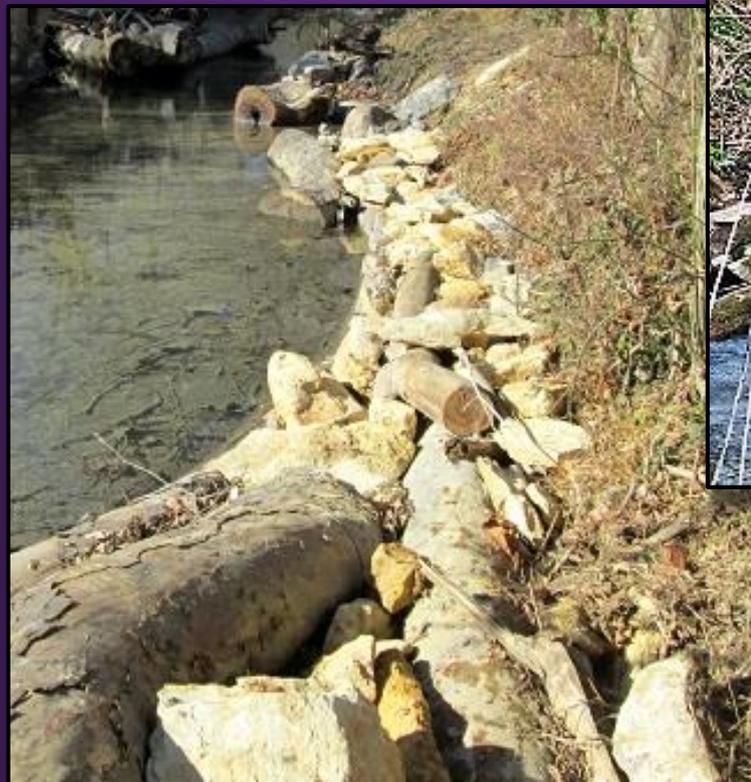
A huge fallen sycamore tree across the stream added significantly to the labor, but also added significantly to the number of erosion-protection logs that we needed for the job.

Here are a few photos showing how our work continues to mitigate erosion along Chapel Run.



Above: This photo from autumn 2010 shows the newly completed erosion control structures that members of Winchester TU had installed on the south side of Chapel Run.

Above Right: Our erosion-control measures have been damaged by years of wear, but continue to provide some erosion control and opportunity for growth of vegetation.



Left: This photo shows the structures that WTU completed in the autumn of 2014.

Above: These structures remain largely intact and show strong evidence that vegetation is getting a foothold to further reduce erosion.



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: Note the change of dates from those published earlier

June 23-28, 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





ANGLER REFLECTIONS

Fish Stories told through the magic of the digital photo

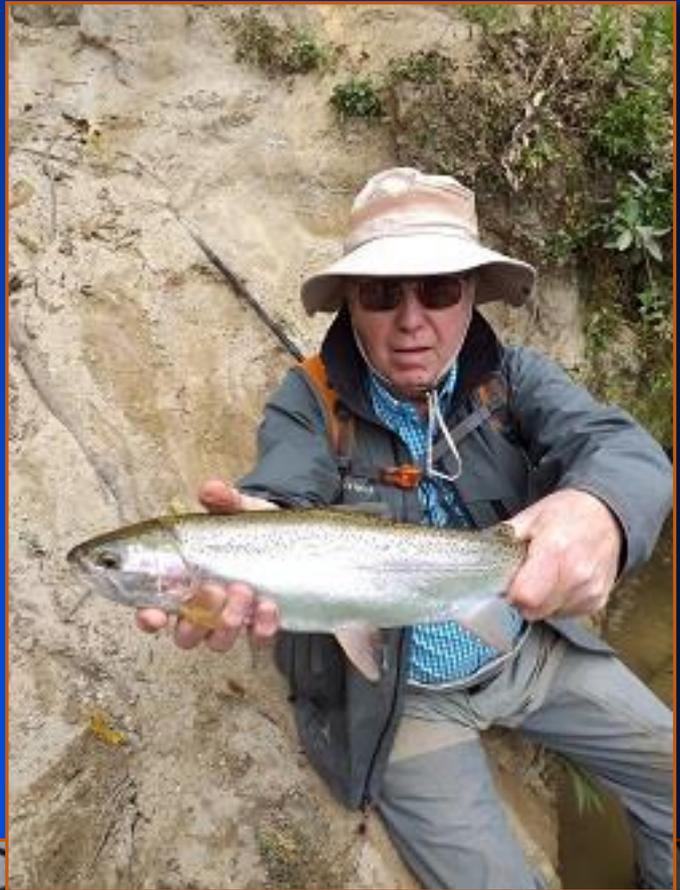


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Fred's New Zealand Brown and Rainbow courtesy of Fred Boyer
Ray's Kamloops Rainbow by Bill Prokopchak
Dave V's Redbud Butterfly by Bill Prokopchak
Walker for retired fishermen by Bruce Jackson via the somewhere on the Internet



Walker for retired fishermen

Winchester TU Recycles Aluminum.

Please bring your aluminum cans to any Winchester TU event.



2018 Calendar of Events

Winchester Trout Unlimited

By Fred Boyer

See also

<http://winchestertu.org/>

March 2019

- ✓ **Thursday 7 March 2019** -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting - Our featured speakers will be Stan, Bruce, and Drew on their Alaskan fishing trip
- ✓ **Saturday 9 March 2019 Redbud Run workday** -- 9:00 a.m. at Seipels'
- ✓ **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
- ✓ **Monday 6 May 2019** -- 9:00 a.m. - TIC clean-up day at the Redbud DGIF site
- ✓ **Wednesday 8 May 2019** -- 7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery
- ✓ **Friday & Saturday 10 & 11 May 2019** -- Brookie release days -- time to be announced later

June 2019

- ✓ **Thursday 6 June 2019** -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting - Scott Shendow, master hair stacker, will be our featured speaker
- ✓ **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
- ✓ **Monday 17 June through Friday 21 June 2019** --7:00 p.m. - Tri-State Conservation and Fishing Camp

July 2019

- ✓ No monthly meeting in July 2019
- ✓ July Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ No BarFly in July 2019

August 2019

- ✓ **Thursday 1 August 2019** -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting
- ✓ **Saturday 3 August 2019 Redbud Run workday** -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ **Wednesday 14 August 2019** --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

September 2019

- ✓ **Thursday 5 September 2019** -- 7:00p.m. - TU monthly meeting - Phil Stevens is our featured speaker. His topic: Fishing Wisconsin
- ✓ **Saturday 7 September 2019 Redbud Run workday** -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ **Wednesday 11 September** --7:00 p.m. - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

October 2019

- ✓ **Thursday 3 October 2019** -- 7:00p.m. - Annual joint meeting with Northern Shenandoah Audubon
- ✓ **Saturday 5 October 2019 Redbud Run workday** -- Time to be announced at a later date
- ✓ **Wednesday 9 October** --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.

