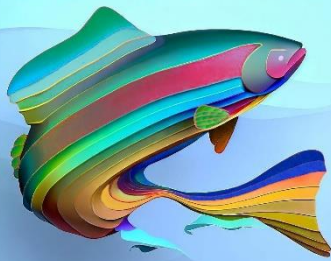


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# Lateral Lines

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They spit on their hooks. It was more successful if they were chewing tobacco. .... –Rick Bragg

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**Winchester TU Meeting Schedule**

Thursday, 2 May 2024  
7:00 PM – Monthly meeting  
Rachel's Kitchen, Shenandoah Lodge,  
Lake Frederick, VA

**Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Meeting**

Wednesday, 8 May 2024  
6:30 PM – Monthly Meeting  
Rachel's Kitchen, Shenandoah Lodge,  
Lake Frederick, VA

**BarFly**

The next Winchester TU BarFly  
Wednesday, 15 May 2024  
7:00 PM at Escutcheon Brewing Co.  
142 W. Commercial Street, Winchester

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## Winchester TU 2024 Speaker Schedule

Mark your calendar now and plan to hear this presentation.

### 6 June 2024 – Dawn Kirk Fisheries Biologist USDA Forest Service



Photo courtesy of kirkenvironmental.us

Dawn Kirk is the Forest Fisheries Biologist for USDA Forest Service. She is the only fisheries biologist for all of the George Washington National Forest and Jefferson National Forest.

Dawn joined us last week for our Priority Waters meeting. She and Mike Smith have worked together on many occasions. Dawn has a couple of decades of experience in our region.

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.





# Priority Waters — The Winchester Chapter Wades In

by Mike Smith

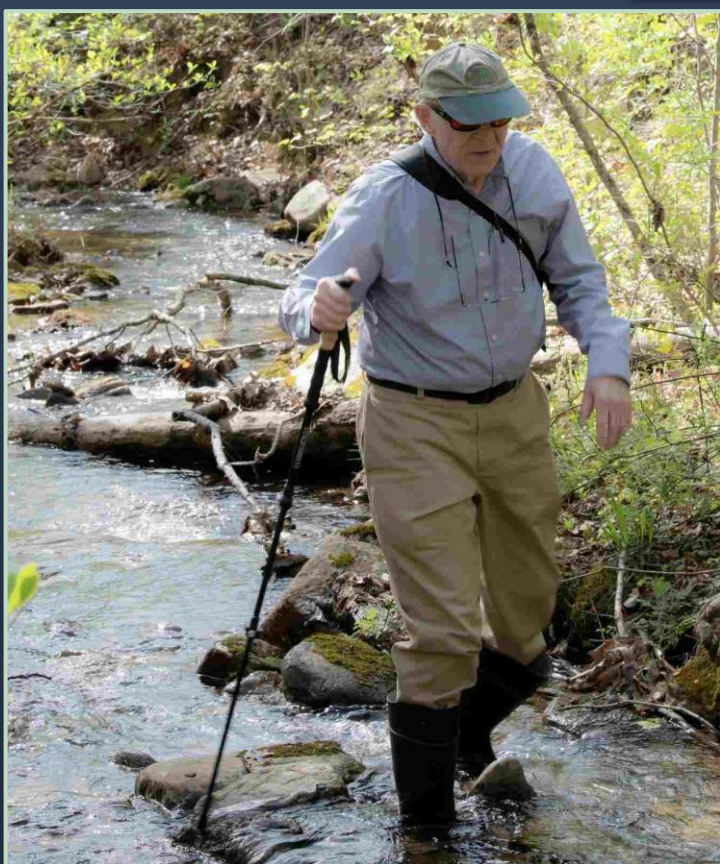
photos by Mary Weiss



**Top:** Mike Makufka prepares for the Winchester TU Priority Waters fieldtrip.

**Right:** This old wooden sign points the direction Mudhole Gap.

**Below:** Mike Smith fords Mill Run.



“Climate change is already upon us ... But we are still, in the face of it, optimists.” Those lines, some may recall, come from David Kinney’s cover article “Priority Waters” from the summer 2023 issue of TROUT, our national quarterly magazine.

That optimism is now manifested in the Winchester Chapter. Currently a team of seven chapter members (Gene Lewis, Drew Patterson, Stan Ikonen, Burr Tupper, Mary Weiss, John Prescott, and Mike Smith) headed up by project leader, Mike Makufka, is making its preliminary assessments and evaluations of two candidate streams for the chapter board to select.

But first, to backtrack a bit, why “Priority Waters” — and why now? TU National stated in the campaign’s kick-off article that in identifying the waters where it can have the greatest impact, it can bring to bear its six-decade formula for conservation success to build “Trout and Salmon strongholds for the long term ...” emphasizing that “we’re at our best when we focus on key watersheds and pull together.”

Before proceeding any further, an important distinction must be made. The new Priority Waters initiative for the Winchester Chapter in no way replaces, supplants, or diminishes the chapter’s long-term commitment to Redbud Run. As Burr Tupper likes to point out, “Redbud represents an excellent example of TU’s *HOME* Waters efforts.” And, after all, home is where the heart is.

While national in scope, the program offered suggested priorities, state by state, its lists of vital streams and entire watersheds — and invited state councils to customize their endeavors for maximum benefit. The initial regions suggested for Virginia were the Blue Ridge, Grayson Highlands, and the Upper James/Shenandoah. The Virginia State Council is opting to focus initial chapter energies on the Blue Ridge and Upper James/Shenandoah. Currently there is just too limited a chapter presence in the Grayson Highlands to launch any concerted projects. But it will be a valuable region addressed in the future.

**“Priority Waters” continues  
on the next page.**



# The Winchester Chapter Wades In -- continued

Virginia’s TU chapters are assigned geographic territories that are designed to reflect where most of their members reside. Thus, while the Winchester chapter draws much of its membership from Frederick County, its range grew significantly after the former chapter in Front Royal ceased activities; and the chapter now has members from Warren and Shenandoah counties as well (along with a few from nearby West Virginia). This shift brought the chapter squarely into the priority Blue Ridge region, and, somewhat tangentially, to the Upper Shenandoah zone too.

Since the Blue Ridge province that our chapter covers coincides with the well protected streams in the northern sector of Shenandoah National Park, the chapter is opting for an approach that will advise the Park Superintendent and key biological staff about the national TU Priority Waters initiative, and extend an offer of the chapter’s willing support and manpower to assist in any native Brook Trout conservation endeavor it may plan.

Meanwhile, to the west of the Park, and practically “hiding in plain sight,” is the fifty-plus mile ridge, Massanutten Mountain. The chapter has pointed out to the State Council that Massanutten affords opportunities that mirror the challenges found both in the Blue Ridge and Upper Shenandoah: native Brook Trout waters vulnerable to heat, drought and significantly reduced base flows in summer due to the shifting climate. Indeed, Massanutten represents a watershed that connects, literally, to both target regions.

It is a virtual certainty that nearly all the streams issuing from the mountain were native Brook Trout waters historically. But the mountain’s recent history since European arrival, is one reflective of the sad saga of most of the eastern seaboard: unchecked timber harvest, questionable farming and grazing practices, extensive mining activity, and the warming, silting, and sedimentation that always resulted. By the time significant portions of the mountain came under Forest Service management in the 1913-1932 time period (from its earlier name as Shenandoah National Forest to George Washington National Forest), nearly all remnants of the original flora and fauna had been extirpated or greatly reduced. It is assumed the native Trout were among the first to depart, and then nearly all human record they had ever been there.

In the late twentieth and into the present century, the Forest Service, in conjunction with the Department of Game & Inland Fisheries (now Wildlife Resources) began identifying streams on the mountain that likely held natives, and now might have recovered enough to host them anew.

Using only wild fish obtained from drainages that likely held “clades” or groups similar to ancestral stocks, several streams were selected and stocked. The new fish adapted well. They not only survived, they multiplied. The native had returned.



Photo by Bill Prokopchak

The intent now is to see that wild, thriving Brook Trout populations endure on Massanutten.



**Top:** “... nearly all the streams issuing from the mountain were native Brook Trout waters.”  
**Left:** The WTU Priority Waters Team begins gathering at the Lake Frederick Lodge.

## The First Winchester TU Priority Waters Field Expedition

Tuesday, April 23, was about as delightful a spring day one could hope for. Nearly all the Winchester Priority Waters Team met at the Lake Frederick Lodge parking lot for a field expedition to assess two waters on the northern Massanutten that could possibly be adopted as its project in support of the National program’s goals. (One of the Team’s goals is to identify a stream “within an hour” of Winchester to make potential work days more accessible and successful).

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# The Winchester Chapter Wades In -- continued



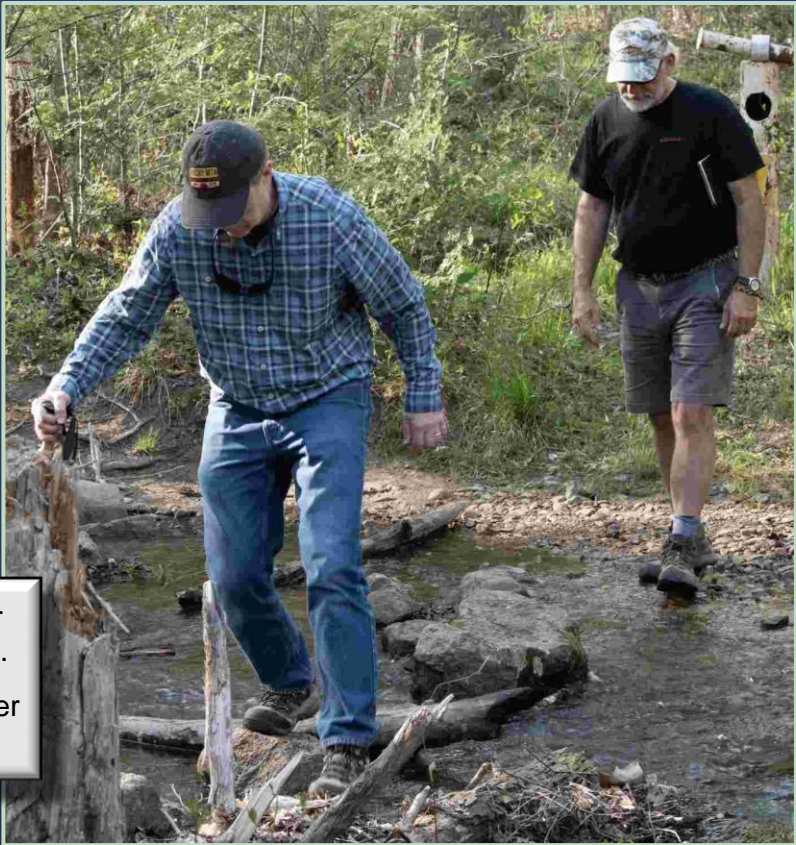
“You have to keep in mind,” trip organizer Mike Smith cautioned, “these are very small waters.” Still, he explained, he saw opportunities to help stabilize their habitats and, perhaps, craft structures that could help maintain vital soil moisture that can enhance critical summer flows.

The first stream visited was Mill Run at Veach’s Gap. Historically, its name betrays its early use. But, despite its small size, it features a spring that helps sustain temperatures and flow sufficient for Brook Trout. Forest Service Trail 484 parallels the stream for part of its course and offers a scenic outing for hikers and rugged challenges for mountain bike enthusiasts. The stream itself generally attracts little attention. It spends much of its flow in a fairly deep ravine. Where it nears the trail, tracks in the soft mud suggest it is a popular “watering hole” for dogs along for their owner’s hikes.

The second candidate waterway was somewhat larger, Little Passage Creek up on the northwest “corner” of the mountain. The road to this stream is longer and traverses some daunting terrain. It’s no place for the family sedan. Forest Road 66 that provides access also reflects how curtailed Forest Service budgets (or increased demands for western fire-fighting funds) have impacted many formerly routine maintenance costs. Appropriately, Little Passage Creek drains “Little Fort Valley,” something of a mirror image in miniature to Passage Creek and Fort Valley to which they contribute.

The group here observed some earlier habitat structures (installed, perhaps, in the 1960’s) and then undertook a short hike downstream to the head of the gorge at Mudhole Gap. What the gap’s name lacks in poetic grandeur it more than makes up for in scenery. And here, too, as with Mill Run, nearly all recreationists are hikers or mountain bikers.

In making its recommendations to the chapter board, the Priority Waters Team will array the environmental challenges each waterway faces, as well as each stream’s potential to respond to proactive management practices that will help further ensure the Brook Trout’s future on the Mountain.

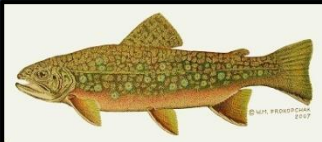


**Top:** Gene and Mike check for macroinvertebrates in Mill Run.

**Left:** John and Drew ford Lower Passage Creek.

## The Priority Waters Team welcomes new participants. Every chapter member can play an important contributory role.

As the TROUT article of last summer emphasized: “... we all have a part to play. A tree planted, a stream cleaned up, a letter sent to Congress, a water sample collected, a dollar raised -- all help keep alive the magic, as timeless as it is fragile, that set us up to this work: the Trout in a river ... “





## WINCHESTER HEALING WATERS ENJOYS A BUSY APRIL

article and photos by Wayne White



**Above:** Volunteer Jim White gives new volunteer Dwight Mowery some tips on properly instructing a good grip.

**Right:** Tab Burton (r) checks his wraps, while Doc Smith (c) gives Karen Trueblood some finer points on finishing her Walt's Worm.

**Below:** Heather Wright's bivisible fly is ready for the water.



Fly tying, a casting skills clinic, a community outreach event, and a day fishing local waters added up to a full slate of activities for Winchester Healing Waters veterans and volunteers in April.

Winchester veterans sharpened their fly-tying skills creating some old favorites and tackling some intricate impression flies at the regular monthly meeting and during a follow-on class at Jake's Bait and Tackle in Winchester.



Dave Harrelson and Dan Soper led instruction on the bivisible and Walt's worm flies at the Shenandoah Lodge.

In addition to the tying class, the early April evening spring weather provided perfect conditions for Volunteer Jim White to give fly casting tips and techniques to those who decided not to tie flies.

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# WINCHESTER HEALING WATERS ENJOYS A BUSY APRIL

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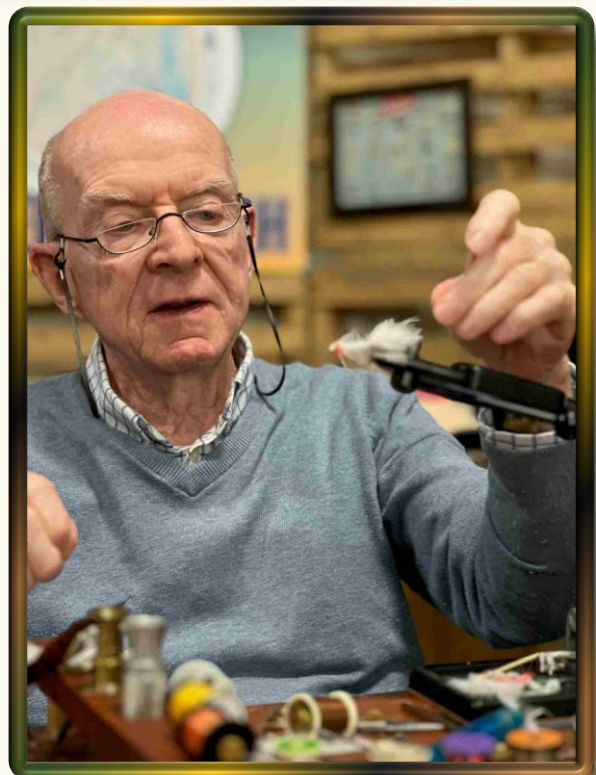


**Top:** Winchester Healing Waters participants and volunteers take a break from activities during the April monthly meeting at the Shenandoah Lodge, Lake Frederick.

**Left:** Fran McVeigh looks on as Erwin Casto begins to wrap a hackle onto a bivisible fly pattern.

**Below:** Mike Smith puts the finishes on the white woolly bugger at Jake's Bait and Tackle.

**Below Left:** Mark Zimmerman (left, sitting) and Peter Smith (right, sitting) along with Dan Soper (l) and Mike Hart, prepare to talk with patrons at Veterans Subs.



**"A Busy April"** continues on the next page.



## WINCHESTER HEALING WATERS ENJOYS A BUSY APRIL



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**Above:** Winchester veterans put in quality time on the vice at Jake's Bait and Tackle.

**Right:** Volunteer Jeb Stewart guides Chris Lessard as he selects and ties on his next fly selection at Vernon Haines Lake.

**Below:** Christine Erin (r) helps Christina Nelson fine-tune her casting techniques at Vernon Haines Lake. Christine, as a Healing Waters ambassador, will guide Christina at the Virginia Spring Back outing, in May.

In our second fly-tying session, volunteer Mike Smith joined Dave at Jake's Bait and Tackle on Saturday, April 13, leading a class of enthusiastic tyers who took on the challenge of making a new variation of a white wooly bugger and a meat whistle fly.

While some were tying flies at Jake's, Winchester Volunteers also supported a benefit for Heroes on the River, a local non-profit for combat veterans, at the Veterans Subs in Winchester. Mike Hart, Mark Zimmerman, Dan Soper, and Peter Smith represented the Winchester program as one of several local organizations that provided information and answered questions about program services for veterans. Dan demonstrated his fly-tying skills while some on-looking veterans requested information about becoming a participant in the program.



A surprise visitor to the Veterans Benefit was Mayor Charles Harbough, IV, of Middletown, VA. Mike and Peter entertained his questions about Healing Waters and the Mayor noted our good work locally with Veterans and how he was impressed with our national organization as well.

Vernon Haines Lake offered Winchester Veterans a local fishing outing on Saturday, 20 April. The well-stocked Trout waters at the Frederick County Conservation Club facility with its neatly manicured banks provided ample opportunities for the Veterans to hone their casting skills and fly selection while trying to lure some Trout and pan fish to the bite. The constant breezes and the off-color water challenged all anglers; however, a few Trout and some Bluegill were skillfully landed.

We want to thank Jared Mounts, Jake's Bait and Tackle, Adam Packham, Heroes on the River, John Kline, proprietor of Veterans Subs, and Jim Osborne, Frederick County Conservation Club, for their support of Project Healing Waters, Winchester.







# WINCHESTER PHW STATUS REPORT – 2 MAY 2024

**Status:** The program now has 30 active participants and 45 registered volunteers.  
Two new participants registered in April.  
Volunteers include three new Ambassadors (Participant & Volunteer status)

**Our next meeting is Wednesday, 8 May 2024** in Rachel's Kitchen, Shenandoah Lodge, Lake Frederick, 6:30-8:30 PM. This will be a casting and station training.

**Recent Activities:**

- 10 April** – Monthly Meeting. Fly-tying, casting, and preparation for the fishing outing at Frederick Co. Conservation Club (FC3)
- 13 April** – Fly Tying at Jake's Bait and Tackle, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- 13 April** -- Outreach – Benefit for Heroes on the River at Veterans Subs 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM.
- 20 April** – Day Fishing Trip Vernon Haines Lake at FC3
- ~~**28 April** – Beaver Creek Day Fishing Trip Canceled~~

**Planned Activities**

- 2-4 May** – Virginia Region 2024 Spring Back Creek Outing. Warm Springs, Va. PHW Winchester is serving as event co-coordinator with PHW Fredericksburg. Christina and Christian Nelson will participate. Christine Erin will guide Christina.
- 9 May** – Lake Frederick Veterans Association Presentation at Shenandoah Lodge.
- 18 May** –National Mossy Creek Invitational – Charles "Doc" Smith will participate.
- 21-23 May** – Virginia Region 2024 Spring River Bound Outing. Lebanon, Va. Erwin Casto will attend and Bill Campbell, PHW Va Regional Coordinator will guide.
- 25 May** – USGS Science Center Hatchery, Day Fishing Outing, Leetown, WVA.
- 12 June** – Monthly meeting/Fishing outing/social at Cool Spring, Shenandoah University

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## Virginia Council Trout Unlimited (VCTU) Spring 2024 Newsletter is Ready for Download

Please find below the link to the VCTU Spring 2024 newsletter.  
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If you prefer to go directly to the VCTU website.  
<https://www.virginiatu.org/minutes-and-meeting-archive>

We hope you enjoy the newsletter.  
Burr Tupper  
Vice Chairman Virginia Council





# Bud on the Run: April 2024 Report

Bud will notify the Redbud Regulars of the date and time of the May work session.

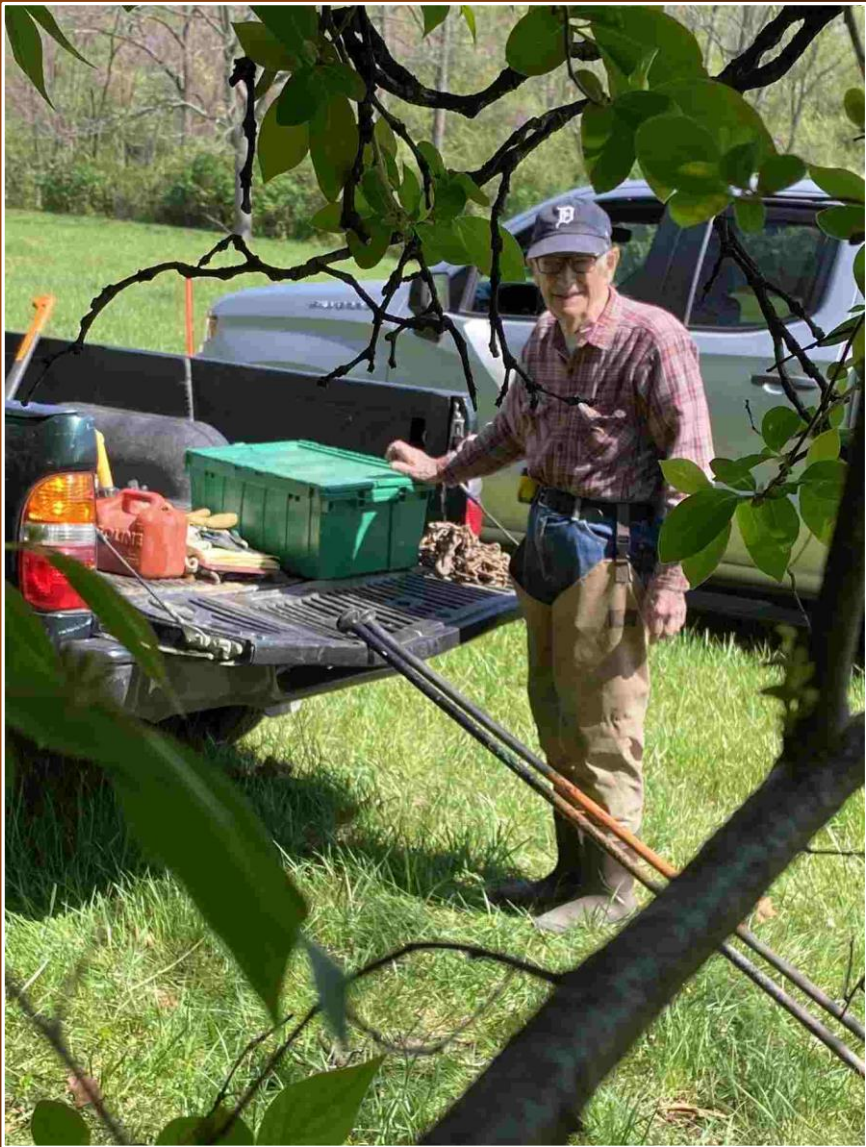
by Bud Nagelvoort  
photos by Bill Prokopchak

Surprisingly enough, Saturday, April 20, despite some rain earlier in the week, found the pasture at Seipel's pasture very dry and suitable for the use of the big power winch attached to Drew's monster truck to drag a 17' oak log into and across Redbud Run.

Bill and Terry then maneuvered the log with prybars into its precise location where Terry drove the 6' metal fence posts into positions to hold the log tight against the north bank. Took only minutes.

Planning took two hours. Bud shouted encouragement from the north bank.

The biggest challenge of the day was unplugging a jam in Drew's winch which required him to drive his truck across the pasture to within 20 feet of a large tree. With Bill's physical help and gentle language - along with years of similar experience - the cable hook engaged the large tree after which backing up the truck caused the jam to become unjammed.



**Top:** Drew pulls tools out of his new fishin' truck.  
**Above:** Bud pulls tools out of his old fishin' truck.  
**Left:** Who says there aren't any hatches on Redbud Run?

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## Bud on the Run -- continued



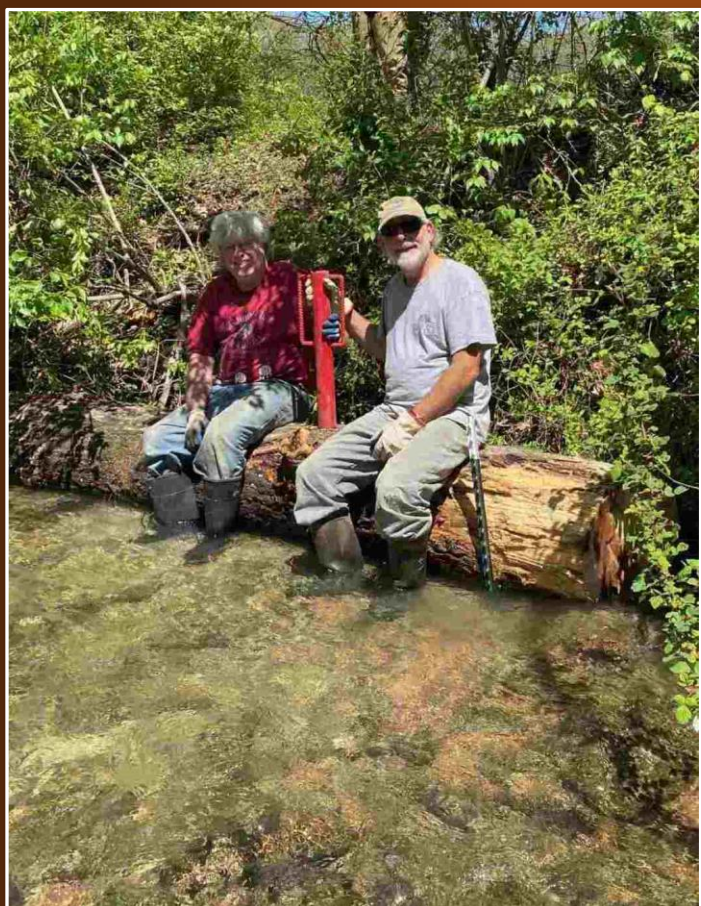
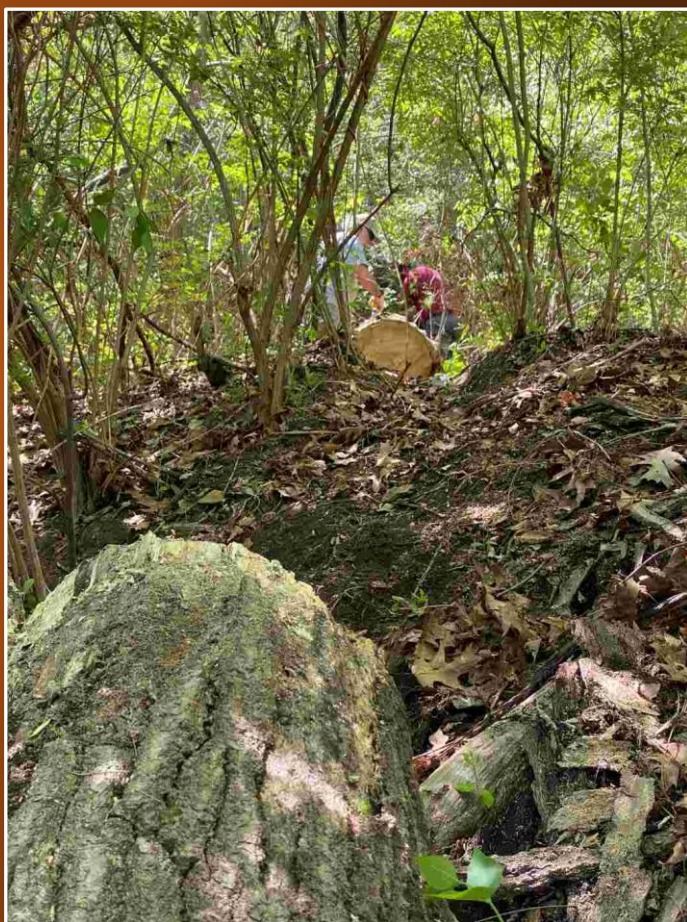
**Left:** The materials for the restoration work include T-posts, wire, wading staffs, and, of course, rocks.

**Below:** Drew and Terry prepare a log for the May work session.

**Bottom Left:** Terry and Drew cool their feet after moving and securing the "log of the day."

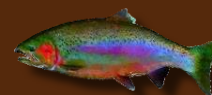
On May 4 or 11 or 18 depending on how much rain responds to 86 degree temps it should be possible to drag another giant log from the south bank to the north bank immediately downstream from the April 20th log and complete this unusual bank protection structure as far as giant logs and fence posts are concerned, but leaving the finishing touches unfinished.

To provide the ultimate enhancement of the two big logs to protect the bank it may be appropriate to place the small logs, on site for this purpose at the north bank fence, between the big logs and the bank. And then there are rocks available at the north bank fence to hold the small logs in place. I'm certain Nick and new guy John will want to polish their rock credentials by moving these smaller rocks into place - after carefully determining where "place" is.



While these initial challenges are undertaken Bud will take another look at the potential for an inverted V dam, possibly located in conjunction with the upper new bank protection log, and potentially a project to give us employment well into the summer 90-degree dry months.

Stay tuned and your lines tight ---  
Bud







**Winchester TU Monthly “BarFly” Events**  
**Wednesday, 15 May 2024 and**  
**Wednesday, 19 June 2024**  
**both events at 7:00 PM**  
**Escutcheon Brewery, Commercial St., Winchester, VA**

The Winchester Chapter of Trout Unlimited (WTU) 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 fishing flies.

**No fly-tying**  
**or fly-fishing**  
**experience is**  
**necessary.**



**Above:** Dave and Robert confer over their next fly.  
**Left:** Dave begins a new fly.

We hope to introduce more folks to the Winchester TU chapter and support a local business that supports WTU. Anyone under age 21 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.



# Winchester TU Fundraiser

by Mary Weiss

## Winchester TU May Fundraising Support

Winchester Trout Unlimited is an active and vibrant chapter with over 200 members and many dedicated volunteers. We need your help to support the national Trout Unlimited initiative of conservation through Priority Waters projects, outreach, and educational programs.

Your donations make it possible to offer the following programs:

- Priority Waters national efforts in the George Washing National Forest and local home waters conservation programs.
- Support for 19 Trout in the Classroom programs
- Outreach efforts to the public in Winchester City, Fredrick, Clark, Warren, Shenandoah counties in Virginia and the West Virginia panhandle.
- Educational programs and support programs include:
  - Trout in the Classroom
  - Youth Trout Camp and Teen Summit sponsorship
  - Project Healing Waters program for Veterans
  - Casting for Recovery for women recovering from breast cancer
  - Project Healing Waters for Veterans
  - Introduction to fly fishing programs

Every donation, no matter the size, will help us to purchase the needed materials, equipment, and ongoing volunteer education.

Please visit the Winchester TU website at [winchestertu.org](http://winchestertu.org) and click on the DONATE button!

Thank you,  
The Winchester Trout Unlimited Board of Directors





# Barbara's Books

Compiled by Barbara Gamble

## Rowing to Baikal: Sixty Days on Mongolia's Selenge River

Author: Peter W. Fong  
Paperback: 330 pages  
ISBN-10: 195760722X  
ISBN-13: 978-1957607221  
Publisher: Latah Books  
Publication Date: 5 December 2023

After plans were announced for multiple dams in Mongolia's Selenge River watershed, award-winning author and veteran flyfishing guide Peter W. Fong was spurred to learn more about this remarkable ecosystem. On a first-ever scientific expedition from the headwaters of the Selenge to Russia's Lake Baikal, he and an international team traveled more than 1,500 kilometers by horse, camel, kayak, and rowboat through one of the world's most rugged regions and a last, best stronghold for the planet's largest salmonid: the taimen.

Fong's account of this dramatic journey tells a passionate yet nuanced story of the Selenge River and its tributaries. About the fish and wildlife that call the river home.

About the human history of the region, from the Bronze Age to the fall of the Soviet Union.

About the people who live in the basin now -- from nomadic herders to construction engineers -- and their attitudes toward development and conservation.

About the old gods and legends that haunt the mountains.

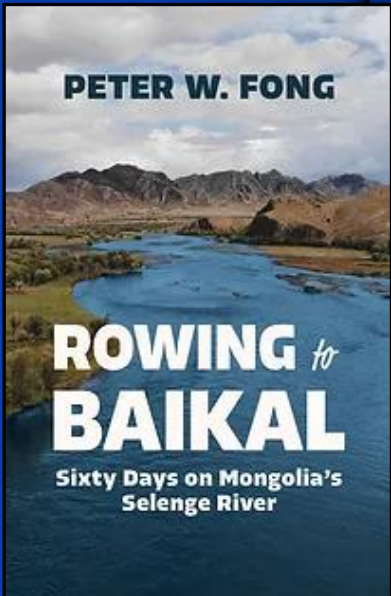
And about the disparate possible futures for one of the most starkly beautiful places on earth.

"[Fong] dexterously combines factual science with lyrical nature writing, especially his descriptions of the region's geography or fly-fishing for the often-elusive taimen. He also addresses the ecological impacts of hydropower dams on the Selenge River and fish populations.... This overflowing travelogue may appeal to readers of *National Geographic*, fishing enthusiasts, and others willing to take this highly detailed journey."

—Library Journal

Conservationist and adventurer Peter W. Fong has a hard time keeping still. He's worked as an artist-in-the-schools in Montana, a travel guidebook writer in China, and a flyfishing guide in Mongolia. In 2018, he led an international team of scientists on a thousand-mile expedition from the headwaters of Mongolia's Selenge River to Russia's Lake Baikal. His stories and photographs have appeared in *The FlyFish Journal*, *High Country News*, *The New York Times*, and many other publications. His first novel, *Principles of Navigation*, won the inaugural New Rivers Press Electronic Book Competition. A chapter book for children and adults, *The Coconut Crab*, was released in 2022 by Green Writers Press. Peter is the recipient of an individual artist's fellowship from the Montana Arts Council and a former Moran artist-in-residence at Yellowstone National Park. For more information about the 2018 Baikal Headwaters Expedition, visit [www.baikalheadwaters.org](http://www.baikalheadwaters.org).

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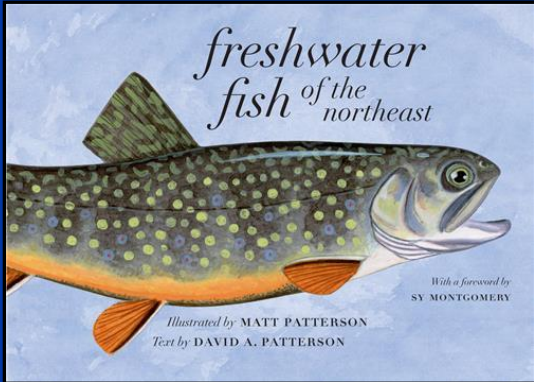
## Freshwater Fish of the Northeast

Author: David Patterson  
Illustrator: Matt Patterson  
Paperback: 144 pages  
ISBN-10: 1684582164  
ISBN-13: 978-1684582167  
Publisher: Brandeis University Press  
Publication Date: 19 April 2024

Most anglers are well aware of the popular game fish that inhabit the Northeast, including the largemouth bass, the rainbow trout, and the yellow perch. But the region's inland waters boast a much broader array of fish than first meets the eye (or hook).

The father-and-son team of David and Matt Patterson has pursued both game fish and bait fish in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York. *In Freshwater Fish of the Northeast*, they describe more than sixty different species, from the well-known to the obscure, including the redfin pickerel, the blueback trout, and the slimy sculpin.

This colorful and helpful guide includes detailed information on habits, habitats, history, and more. To best capture the look and appeal of these fish in their native waters, most of the images are based on the authors' own live catches. The pencil-and-acrylic illustrations render each species in lifelike detail, with close attention given to unique physical characteristics. Both art book and guidebook, this volume will stir some fond memories of fish caught—and a few of those that got away.



This new edition features an introduction by Matt Patterson, whose career as a wildlife illustrator has flourished since the book was first published in 2010. Other updates include a practical flexicover cover, French flaps, and a foreword by naturalist and writer Sy Montgomery.

What a job Matt Patterson did with the illustrations. He knows his fish and he knows his art. The illustrations are absolutely splendid: accurately rendered and artistically striking. Moreover, the book's designer created a handsome blend of art and text, and in places, even creates the appearance of fish migrating through the book. If you're a serious fisher in the Northeast, or if serious anglers come to visit, this is a book you'll want lying on the coffee table.

National Outdoor Book Awards  
David A. Patterson taught high school biology for thirty-four years in Billerica, Massachusetts.

Matt Patterson is a professional illustrator who trained at the Art Institute of Boston. He illustrated *The Snake and the Salamander* by Alvin R. Breisch; and *The Book of Turtles* and *Of Time and Turtles*, both by Sy Montgomery.



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# ANGLER REFLECTIONS



## Shad Fishing on the Rappahannock

by Nick Brognano

photos by Nick Brognano & Bill Prokopchak

I hadn't put a pole in the water since mid-December, and I am so ready to go fishing that I have decided to hit the Rappahannock for Shad (nicknamed the poor man's salmon) on 03/17/2023. This may not be a smart move since the Shad run usually begins in mid-April. I called the nearest Orvis store to get a report on the Rappahannock Shad run and was told it has started. That may have been just a sales pitch to get me to buy Shad flies, we will see.

Nevertheless, just think of the rewards if I get lucky and find myself consistently catching fighting, jumping fish sometimes two at a time! Imagine hooking onto these strong fish to the point of near exhaustion. That exciting visualization is what motivates me to take risky chances. The idea that such a trip may be a total waste of time and frustrating is the risk I am willing to run, especially when I recall past spring trips to the Rappahannock.



**Too many years ago**, when I moved to Virginia, I visited Fredericksburg and saw men fishing the Rappahannock under the Route 1 bridge by casting nets into the water. The Shad run was on and there were thousands of fish in the river. I parked my car and quickly walked down to the water to get a closer look. There were a bunch of five-gallon size buckets filled with fresh fish, salted to preserve them. It reminded me of netting for smelt back home in NYS. There were also fly fishermen in the water and that is what really interested me and drew me to this river time and time again. Whenever I get excitedly "hooked" like this I asked myself, "How long I wonder, would I last if I were a fish?"

Back then I always used my fly rod fishing downstream from the Fredericksburg bridge. Here the river's bed is sandy and easy to get to. When I later learned that the sand could shift and take you down river with it, I decided to go upstream where there is no sand, only rocks. All that was long ago, and things have changed. I have slowly realized that the common spinning rod is a more effective tool than the glorified fly rod when fishing for Shad. That is not an easy admission for one who would like to call himself a fly fisherman. Casting farther and more often is the big advantage the spinning rod has over the fly rod when fishing for Shad in the Rappahannock.



**Two days ago**, when this fishing fever struck me, I went downstairs and rigged up two spinning rods for next week's adventure. One may be too big since it has a long handle and was recently purchased for steelhead fishing. The other rod is almost as old as I am and may be too small.

Obviously, I don't know much about spin fishing but then what is there to know? Just about anyone can fish with a spinning rod which can't be said for a more challenging flyrod.

Spin fishing is not like fly fishing where the highest level of intelligence, good looks, and skill are mandatory. The graceful swing of a long flyrod compared to the hard throw of a spinning rod is like comparing Fred Astaire's dancing to Chubby Checker's Twist frenzy. What an ugly thing to say, but then it is a fly fisherman's pen writing this and the first amendment is still alive and well. Obviously, I will take my inseparable flyrod just in case I get bored.

**Top:** "... casting nets into the water."

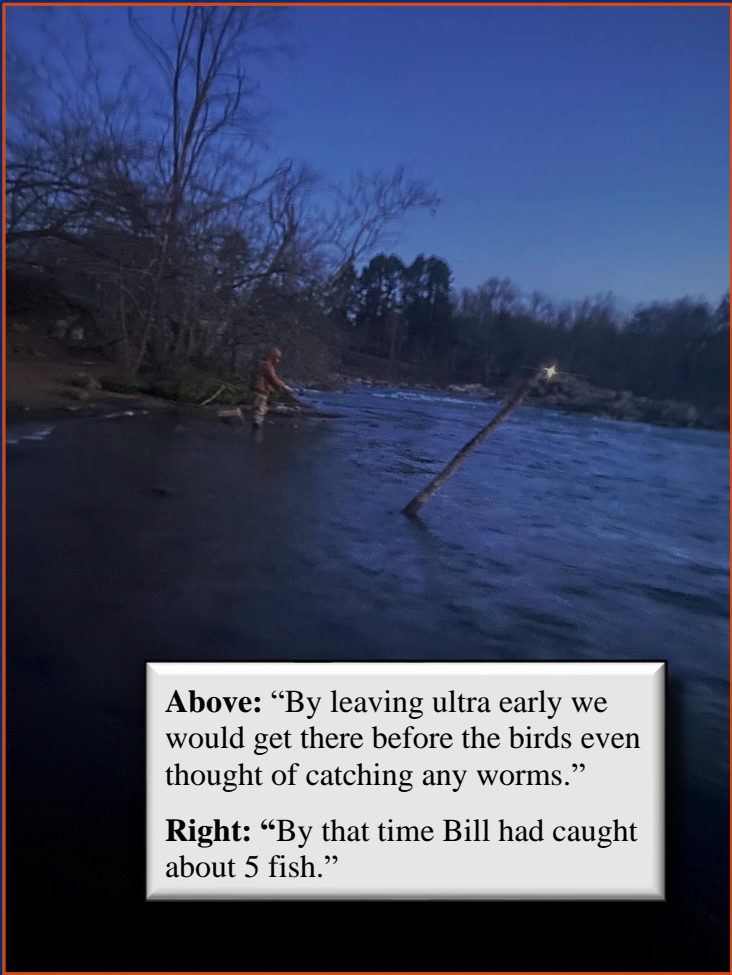
**Left:** "... I decided to go upstream ...."

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# ANGLER REFLECTIONS -- CONTINUED

**A few days ago**, Amazon delivered 12 Shad darts. The lead ammunition is brand new and in different shiny colors.



**Above:** “By leaving ultra early we would get there before the birds even thought of catching any worms.”

**Right:** “By that time Bill had caught about 5 fish.”

*Bear with me, dear reader, but viewing those bright colors triggered another vision. Sometimes my imagination gets the best of me. Picture yourself standing in the river a few feet from the shoreline about to fling the rod. As you look skyward you see something exceptional and majestic that causes you to pause and stare.*

*It is a bald eagle gracefully circling closely above about to make its dive. Although you may have seen this performance before you know it is still a wonder to watch. You stop what you are doing and observe.*

*The magnificent bird’s powerful talons slightly splash the water’s surface and bingo it agilely flies off with a flopping fish. Immediately you know that that image on the Rappahannock at that fantastic moment will forever reside in your memory. You will share it with others repeatedly just as I have now done.*



*The eagle or his brother may appear and perform the same act several times before it has had its fill.*

*You notice it never misses and you also notice other birds, but they are mostly sitting on the water and frequently diving under it to catch fish. They are more of a bother than spectacular. The Cormorant sits where the fish are. This bird is more numerous than the eagle and more of a disturbance to us fishermen because it is usually fishing where we fish. Well, at least they reveal where the fish are and if a guy can’t take nature’s competition he should find a private stocked pond to fish.*

*I have heard or read a tale that on very rare occasions this big, strong bird has been unintentionally hooked or snagged and has flown off with a rod and reel. If you hold on tight it can be a free ride.*

*Maybe I read that on “Ripley’s Believe It or Not!” or in one of those wild fish stories. It also sounds like something my dad would have said when I was young enough to be awestruck and believe it.*

At this point I will stop and tell the rest of the story about my fishing trip to the Rappahannock with my longtime fishing buddy, Elmer.

**A minute ago**, Fred, a fellow fly fisherman, asked if he could come along. Fred is a neighbor, friend, and loyal TU guy. If those two don’t catch all the fish it should be fun. Stand by, hopefully the best is yet to come.

Unfortunately, this time the early bird didn’t catch the worm. Also, the Orvis person didn’t know what she was talking about, and now I know she was implicitly trying to sell me something.

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# ANGLER REFLECTIONS – CONTINUED



“I was not going to leave the glory hole for anything.”

The first sign of trouble came as we crossed the Route 1 bridge and saw only two fishermen in the river. As we walked toward the river there was a lonely fly fisherman leaving. He said he had fished for over an hour and had no luck. In retrospect, we should have turned around and gone to a nice restaurant for a big country breakfast. We didn't do that, maybe because hope and wishful thinking inhabit all fishermen.

Elmer caught a bass and that was it. Other than the Bass neither of us got a hit from about 7:30 to 12:30 when we decided to leave. I did see an eagle however, but he was flying so high and far off that I initially thought it was one of those floaters always swimming around in my right eyeball.

Once I recovered from this disappointing trip, I made plans to try my luck at an “early start” one more time. I set 03/29/2023 as the target date. This second early trip may be a real-life example of Forest Gump's pearl of eloquence, “Stupid is as stupid does.” There was only one way to find out.

**A New Day:** Elmer and Fred could not make this second trip, but Bill could. I had never fished with Bill, but I know him to be an excellent fly fisherman. Bill is the publisher of the Winchester TU newsletter, and some say he is also a very good dancer, which has absolutely nothing to do with fishing. He is the kind of guy who will often leave at 2:00 AM, drive solo over 400 hundred miles, fish all day, and drive home without blinking an eye. So, when he said he would pick me up at 4:15 AM. I was not surprised. I instinctively knew when I left the house at 3:58 a.m. to meet him, he would be waiting. I was right, he was waiting. We left at 4:00 a.m.

By leaving ultra early we would get there before the birds even thought of catching any worms. Two days earlier I called the Green Top Fishing store near Richmond and was told, “The Shad run gets better each day with increased catches coming from the city limits of Richmond and Fredericksburg.” I also called four other places including Orvis to get a report, but no one really knew much about the elusive slow swimming Rappahannock Shad. We arrived under the color of darkness and got to the water in the dark. Bill immediately found his spot and never left it. He obviously knew where his best chances on the river were. I walked two feet into the river when my cell phone rang. In the clumsy process of searching for it I tangled up my line and was off to an ugly start.

I tried a color mix of weighty Shad darts at several different spots up and down river from Bill's plotted plant site. From the time I hit the water to about 10:30 AM I did not get a hit. By that time Bill had caught about 5 fish. I was feeling low, very low indeed. I was in a sad state when Bill pointed out where he thought the fish were. Often God works through others. If it were not for Bill, I probably would have fished elsewhere. For me, it is all about being in the right place at the right time. Just before I threw my line in the water a bald eagle flew directly over my head. I had never seen an eagle up close like that. I wondered if it was the same eagle, I could barely identify a couple of weeks earlier. Bill was correct, the fish were there, and the eagle now sitting high in a nearby tree knew it. I was lucky enough to be able to swing the red and white shad dart in front of their noses. I did not keep count and would have lost track if I had tried to. Bill was to my left and he was also consistently hooking up.

There were plenty of unavoidable foul hookups. Some of the fish had clearly been hooked before. Nevertheless, the Shad is a fighter and can bend a fly or spinning rod several times before it can be brought in and released. I saw several fly fisherman fishing nearby, but they did not hook up anywhere near the number of times we did. Even though I was clumsy using the foreign spinning outfit I was glad I had it. I tangled the braided line and continued fishing with several knots in it. I was not going to leave the glory hole for anything. When I was able to switch to the shorter rod with mono line, I had difficulty with the reel that probably hadn't been used in 50 years. That is no exaggeration. I desperately wanted to catch at least one fish on that short prehistoric rod and reel before we left the stream. We agreed to depart from the stream at 5 p.m. At one minute before 5 I hooked onto a Shad and my prayer was answered. We both left the stream tired but happy fishermen.

We drove home in the dark. The same color we started out in. Along the way we talked not so much about fishing as about our younger days. What it was like growing up in a small town in Western Pennsylvania and Central New York State. We also talked about how we met our wives, what the kids do for a living and where they live. In sum, the trip was a huge success in more ways than one.





# Fishing & Feasting

by Bill Prokopchak

## Haywood's Restaurant

2 North Main Street  
Lexington, VA 24450



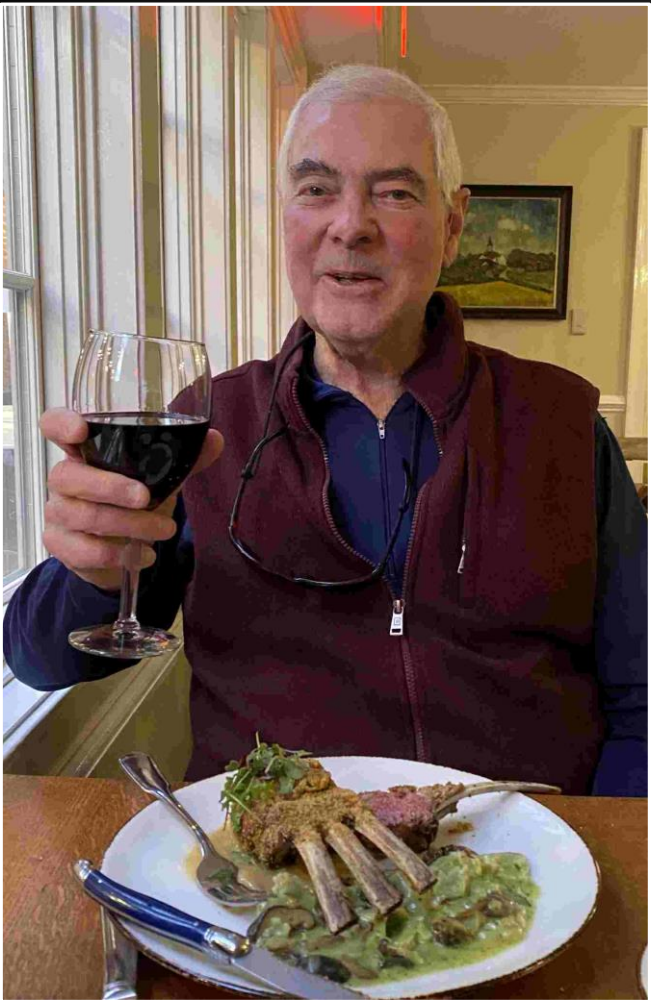
My friend Grover and I had planned this trip to the Lexington, VA, area for an early-season, pre-spawn smallmouth bass fishing float.

The weather didn't seem to be cooperating. Rain had fallen for several days in Virginia, but dry air had moved in, and the Maury River gauge had plateaued. We were guardedly optimistic that if no further rain came the river level would continue to fall during the night and we would have fishable conditions the following day.

After a delightful drive down I-81 through the picturesque Valley in springtime, we arrived at our hotel, checked in, and were ready for dinner in Lexington. Not knowing anything dining about this historic town, we consulted the Internet – what else would an angler do?

There were a number of choices from the usual chain restaurants to locally owned establishments in the old-town section of the city. We decided upon the latter and read some reviews. Haywood's stood out, apparently having a selection of good wines and spirits as well as an intriguing menu.

Lexington is an old Virginia town, with narrow streets, period buildings, and considerable charm. It took us a while to find a place to park the car and wandered through the back door of another establishment, out its front door, across the street, and into Haywood's. What a charming old restaurant we had found.



The manager, Deborah Goglia, and her staff treated us like *A-listers*, and we began what we soon realized would be one of the finest dinners we had ever experienced. Independently, we ordered the same salad – Caesar – and the same main course – Lamb.

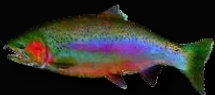
The Caesar salad was nothing short of miraculous. Every piece of the romaine lettuce was crisp, fresh, and exactly the right size. Even more miraculous: Every piece held exactly the right amount of their signature dressing. The anchovy, garlic, mustard, and cheese were in perfect balance. When I reached the bottom of the bowl, the final pieces were NOT swimming in excess dressing. I noticed Grover's was exactly the same. As close to perfect as is humanly possible.

Then came our four-rib racks of lamb. The server delivered the main course hot and done exactly as we had ordered. My friend, Grover, a retired lawyer, has eaten in the finest restaurants America has to offer. Entertaining and being entertained by business associates, price was often no object.

Grover declared his lamb to be the best he had ever eaten.

My wife and I have enjoyed lamb dinners everywhere from our home in Virginia to the South of France to the Middle East. All places that know their lamb. I've had lamb dinners that came close to rivaling the lamb at Haywood's. But those were six, ten, and even a hundred times the price of the lamb at Haywood's!

Editor's Note: This is the second in an occasional feature that we call "FISHING & FEASTING." This series is intended to highlight quality restaurants, diners, cafés, and other quality eateries that are near fishing venues that we visit. This series is not intended to hammer the mediocre – they do that to themselves. We only include establishments that the reviewer personally enjoyed and would be happy to visit again.







article and photo  
courtesy of Drew Patterson

In our continued support of the Mid-Atlantic Casting for Recovery chapter, TU Winchester member Drew Patterson guided a CfR retreat participant at Graves Mountain Lodge (GML) in Syria, Virginia on April 7th.

After two very cold and wet days on Friday and Saturday, the CfR retreat participants enjoyed a sunny and warmer Sunday, casting to Trout, Bluegills, Bass and Sunfish on the GML ponds.



Drew guides a CfR participant at Graves Mountain Lodge.

This was also Virginia Heritage Trout Day, so the Rose River was closed to adult fishing and the CfR participants were limited to fishing the GML ponds. However, the CfR participants enjoyed catching several fish and getting to know their guides while learning more about flyfishing.

The CfR retreat participants traveled from Maryland, DC, Virginia, and West Virginia to spent 3 days learning about flyfishing and sharing their breast cancer stories with one another. These retreats are very therapeutic and the use of flyfishing to restore a connection with nature is quite effective. You can learn more about these retreats, make donations and submit applications to participate in future retreats at <https://castingforrecovery.org/> and <https://www.facebook.com/cfrmidatlantic/>.

Casting for Recovery is just one of several organizations the TU Winchester chapter supports in our outreach and educational activities. To learn more about our support of other organizations and habitat conservation activities, visit our website at <https://winchestertu.org/>.



Poet's Corner:  
Poems selected for the angler

**The Mayflies Rise**  
*Adelaide Bridgewater-Hastings*  
*Circa 1850-1901*  
*Norwich, England*  
*Attribution disputed*



Ink wash portrait of Adelaide Bridgewater-Hastings by W.M. Prokopchak ©2023 all rights reserved after the only known photograph of her

Editor's Note: Publication of *The Complete Works of Adelaide Bridgewater-Hastings* is being delayed. The attribution of this and several other poems is being disputed.

Upon the gentle breath of dawn's first light,  
Where waters spring from earth's secluded keep,  
The mayflies rise in silent, soaring flight,  
Awakened from their long, enchanted sleep.

The creek, a cradle of the purest form,  
Its cool caress gives birth to fleeting life.  
In dance, they whirl, a pure angelic swarm,  
Above the stream, untouched by worldly strife.

These tender beings of a day's brief span,  
In Dante's verse, find immortality.  
Their rise and fall, a whisper in the plan,  
Of nature's hand, in quiet majesty.

So let this poem, with its solemn sound,  
And sing of mayflies from the spring creeks around.  
A moment's grace, 'neath heaven's watchful eye,  
In Dante's rhyme, their beauty shall not die.

For as they dance upon the water's face,  
They mirror souls that seek a higher place.  
In fragile flight, life's precious truth we see,  
The art of being, simply to be free.





# My Trout Fly Box

## The Klinkhammer

article and photos  
by Burr Tupper

I typically only carry three dry flies in my fly box. They are the Elk Hair Caddis, Adams Parachute and a Klinkhammer.

Hans Van Klinken, a Dutch angler, designed the original light tan fly in the early 1980s to imitate flies on the surface or just below the surface. The success of these dry flies at fooling Trout and Grayling has led to anglers tying these flies in various colors for river and still-water fishing.

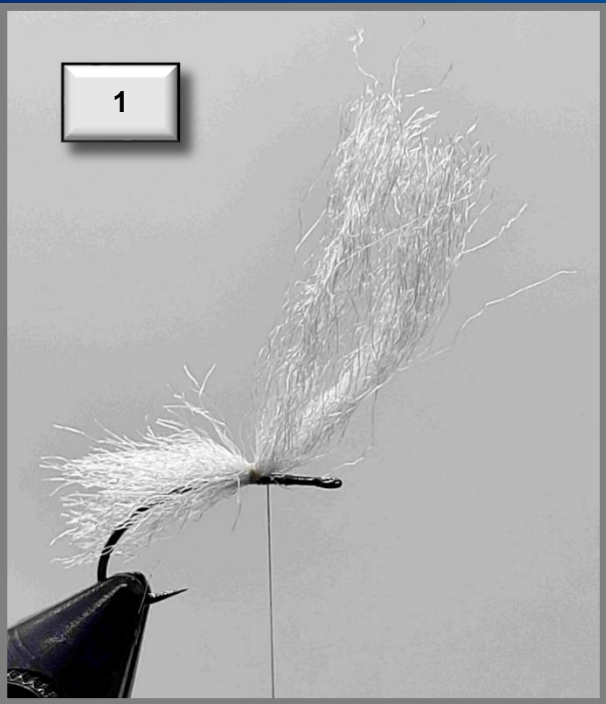
Klinkhammer dry flies are a sub-set of parachute flies tied on curved hooks. The curved hook causes part of the body to hang under the surface and act as a trigger point. The hackle sits on the surface and gives the impression of legs, while the wing post makes the fly easy to spot. All of the dry flies in my box have some sort of post or bright indicator making it easier for me see.

The Klinkhammer is a brilliant fly for fishing fast runs and riffles because they are buoyant enough to withstand turbulent water. It is also great for a dry dropper set up.

The Klinkhammer



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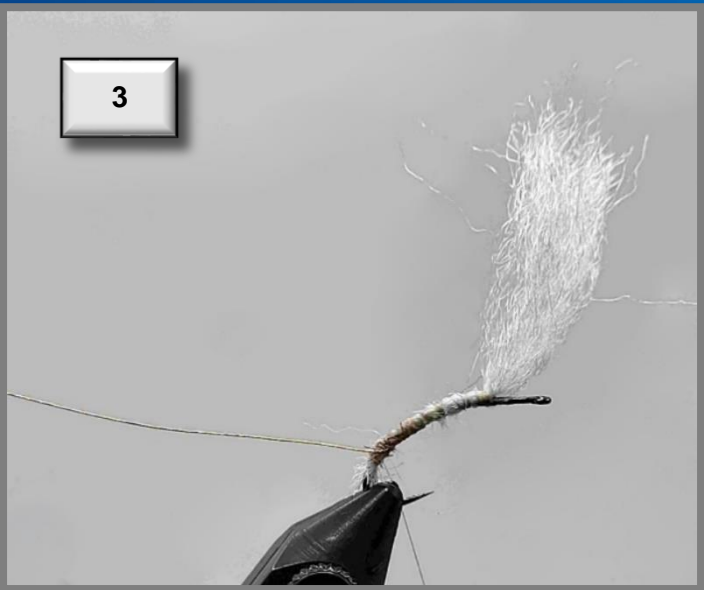
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### Materials List

- Hook – Any Klinkhammer-style curved hook, #8-20
- Thread - Grey, tan, olive to match dubbing
- Body – Super Fine dubbing or equivalent in grey, tan, or olive
- Wing - One to three strands of poly-yarn
- Thorax – Three stands of peacock herl
- Hackle: brown or black grizzly hackle. (Sometimes I tie in both)

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## My Trout Fly Box

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#### Directions

Place your hook in the vise and cover the upper half of the hook shank with regular tying thread.

Cut a length of poly yarn and tie in at the post base as shown. You should leave a rather long length of poly-yarn over the hook eye, as the post, this will give you something to hold on to, when you wind on the parachute hackle later. Then trim the back half on an angle as this will yield a nice taper when dubbing.

Tie the butt of the poly-yarn all the way down into the hook bend to form a fine taper. Run the tying thread up and down the hook shank to build a proportional tapered body with the tying thread ending at the parachute post base. This is very important to achieve a slim delicate body. I like to tie in a piece of ultra wire to ensure that the dubbing stays secured when fishing.

Select and prepare the hackle. Tie the hackle stem in so that the stem creates a little more volume/taper on the upper body. Make sure that you have enough stripped hackle stem to tie to the parachute post later.

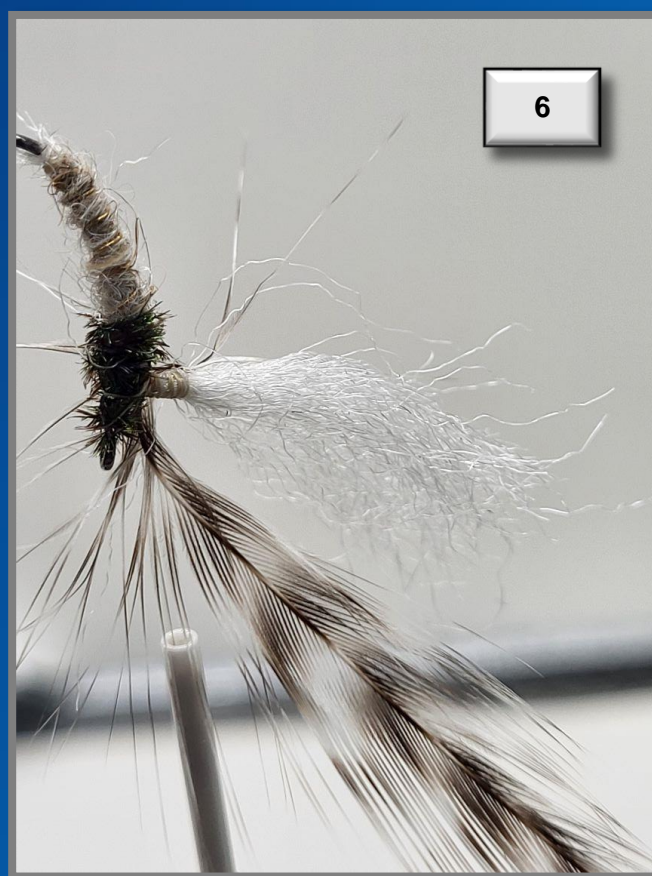
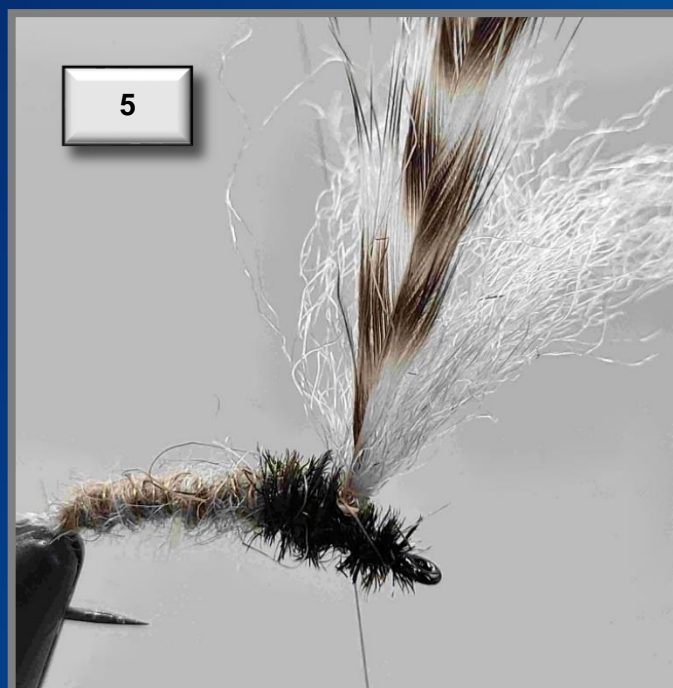
Start dubbing at the bend of the hook and wind toward the post and tie in. Wind the wire toward the post and tie in.

Tie in three long strands of peacock herl. Wind on the peacock herl to form the abdomen. Make sure that the turns of peacock herl are tight and even. Tie off the peacock herl behind the hook eye and whip finish. Remove the tying thread and apply a little varnish to the head.

Place the hook so that parachute post and hackle are in a horizontal position. Take the bobbin with the thread and attach it to the parachute post base. Tie down the hackle stem into the top of the base. Make a few tight turns of tying thread to brace the base of the post ready to accept the hackle. Make sure your tying thread is tight into the abdomen end of the parachute post. Now carefully begin winding your hackle from the TOP of the post in tight even turns.

Once the hackle is fully wound, tie off the hackle, clip off the remaining and whip finish. Before you tighten the whip finish loop you can place a small drop of varnish or super glue to help secure it. All that remains to be done is to cut the parachute post to the required length.

**Editor's Note:** Remember to fish with barbless hooks or bend down your barbs, especially when catch-and-release fishing.





# THE CIGAR SISTERS

by Lynn & Dora Butler

Perdomo

Reserve 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Box Pressed

Wrapper: Nicaraguan Dark Maduro

Binder: Nicaraguan

Filler: Nicaraguan Cuban-seed blend aged 6 years

7 X 54 Churchill



Photo courtesy of  
smallbatchcigar.com

Dora: What a wonderful dark, rich, and amazing cigar I have for you today, Lynn. I have enjoyed a couple of these over the past years, and I wanted to introduce this cigar to you.

Lynn: Indeed, you have talked about this Perdomo many times. Now it is finally time for me to enjoy one myself. The first thing I notice, actually, the two things I notice first is the beautiful dark wrapper. You know how much I enjoy the bolder flavors of a maduro. The other thing I notice is the aroma of the maduro wrapper.

Dora: OK. You take the lead on this review. What are your first impressions?

Lynn: This is a mildly box-pressed cigar – slightly squared. It's a beautiful maduro, very dark brown oily wrapper. The wrapper on this cigar is not perfect. There are some small defects, but I don't think they will impede my enjoyment of this cigar in any way. It's simply cosmetic. There's a large double cap.

Dora: What about the aroma before light up?

Lynn: The aroma of this cigar wrapper is absolutely wonderful. Very mild for such a dark wrapper. Wonderful fragrance of fermented tobacco, a little bit of hay, a little sweetness, delicious aromas.

Dora: What about the cold draw?

Lynn: The cold draw is like a field of corn. I have never experienced that flavor and aroma in a cold draw. We have some sweet notes, some grassy notes. I can almost taste the bourbon from that corn field. This is delightful. You, almost, don't need to light this cigar to enjoy its characteristics. Yumm. I don't know that I have ever had a cigar where the cold draw tasted like a bourbon corn field. Wonderful.

Dora: We are reviewing this cigar in late July 2023. We are at your home outside of Chapel Hill, NC. It's hot here. Probably 94 or 95 degrees. The breeze is not refreshing but is just enough to damp down the feel of the hot humid air. OK, Lynn. What are your thoughts on light up.

Lynn: On light up there is a huge quantity of thick smoke. Initial light, mild pepper on the tongue. Initial flavors are very much like the cold draw of this cigar aromas and flavors. We have surprisingly light, green, and grassy flavor on the front end. Not the flavor bomb that I expected from such a dark maduro wrapped cigar. It is rich and full: dark bitter chocolaty.

Dora: What else are you getting?

Lynn: It's interesting. Initially I got the green, grassy notes, but they dissipate quite rapidly after the first couple of draws and quickly morphed into a nice dark, bitter chocolate. There's a little bit of pepper to keep it interesting but not a pepper bomb. Delightful so far. Let's see what happens.

Dora: I'm glad we are here in Carolina. The Weather Channel is reporting heavy thunderstorms around my home in Central PA. We wouldn't be outdoors there, for sure.

Lynn: I'm well into the first third of this cigar. The burn is not perfect, but the ash is hanging on powerfully which is a sign of good long-filler tobacco. The flavors are generally mild for a maduro. I'm getting dark bitter chocolate and interestingly some green grassy notes and cornfield aromas. Quite a dichotomy.

Dora: You are drinking Noah's Mill Small Batch Bourbon with this cigar. Your thoughts?

Lynn: Autumnal spice and vanilla of the Noah's Mill seem to pair nicely with this cigar.

Dora: I'm drinking a Bruichladdich Octomore 258. It's not old, but it is worth it if you enjoy a heavily peated Islay. The pairing is not perfect. I selected it to go with the Perdomo. I chose poorly. The Octomore is great in its place, but is overpowering the Perdomo. I will put it aside and try the Noah's Mill.

Lynn: Into the second third. The flavor profile has changed significantly. The initial flavors of grass and pepper have dissipated. We are getting into some fruity flavors, interestingly. I'm tasting some cherry, some peach. The chocolate remains but it is under the fruit flavors. The chocolate stood alone in first third.

Dora: I have brought a jug of spring water from my place in PA. We are both drinking large glasses of iced PA spring water on this steamy NC day.

Lynn: I have just cleansed my palate with several large draughts of the spring water. It has refreshed my palate. The very pleasant black cherry and chocolate of the Perdomo are merging.

Dora: How about the nicotine?

Lynn: The nicotine is not overpowering. I'm starting the final third. It doesn't seem that we are going to get another flavor transition. We continue with the cherry chocolate, with an occasional hint of peach creeping in. Time for another sip of the iced spring water. The cleansing water seems to bring the fruit forward, especially the peach.

Dora: Conclusions?

Lynn: This was a delightful cigar, but much lighter than expected from a maduro. The pack was firm. The draw on the light side of perfect. The cigar went well with bourbon. It took me well over two hours to smoke that cigar. Enjoy one when you have plenty of time.





# 2024 Calendar of Events Winchester Trout Unlimited

See also  
<http://winchestertu.org/>

**Thursday, 2 May 2024 – Winchester Trout Unlimited**  
7:00 PM – Winchester TU monthly meeting

**Saturday, 4 May 2024 – Tentative Winchester Trout Unlimited**  
9:00 AM – Redbud Run restoration work session  
Bud will contact the “Redbud Regulars” with details about time and place

**Wednesday, 15 May 2024 – Winchester Trout Unlimited BarFly**  
7:00 – 9:00 PM – Escutcheon Brewery, Commercial Street, Winchester

**Thursday, 6 June 2024 – Keep your calendar open**  
Our featured speaker will be Dawn Kirk, Fisheries Biologist, USDA Forest Service  
7:00 PM – Winchester TU monthly meeting

**Saturday, 8 June 2024 – Winchester Trout Unlimited**  
9:00 AM – Redbud Run restoration work session

**Wednesday, 19 June 2024 – Winchester Trout Unlimited BarFly**  
7:00 – 9:00 PM – Escutcheon Brewery, Commercial Street, Winchester

**Thursday, 4 July 2024 – Keep your calendar open**  
There is no Winchester TU monthly meeting in July

**July 2024 -- Date to be determined – Winchester Trout Unlimited**  
9:00 AM – Redbud Run restoration work session

**Wednesday, 17 July 2024 – Winchester Trout Unlimited BarFly**  
7:00 – 9:00 PM – Escutcheon Brewery, Commercial Street, Winchester

**Thursday, 1 August 2024 – Keep your calendar open**  
7:00 PM – Winchester TU monthly meeting

**Saturday, 3 August 2024 – Tentative Winchester Trout Unlimited**  
9:00 AM – Redbud Run restoration work session  
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**Wednesday, 21 August 2024 – Winchester Trout Unlimited BarFly**  
7:00 – 9:00 PM – Escutcheon Brewery, Commercial Street, Winchester

**Thursday, 5 September 2024 – Keep your calendar open**  
7:00 PM – Winchester TU monthly meeting

**Saturday, 7 September 2024 – Tentative Winchester Trout Unlimited**  
9:00 AM – Redbud Run restoration work session  
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**Wednesday, 18 September 2024 – Winchester Trout Unlimited BarFly**  
7:00 – 9:00 PM – Escutcheon Brewery, Commercial Street, Winchester



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