

TROUT TALK

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President's Report

Fall is fast fading into winter. Some of you are trying to put a turkey on the table, others are hoping for venison. Do you smoke the steelies you catch? Mmmmm. Plenty of fish, I hear; not enough water!! Congratulations and thank you to the officers and board members who survived the recent hectic elections. A special thanks and welcome to new board member, **Antoinette Grote!!**

I also want to thank past president **Ed Luba** for serving as awards chairman. I also welcome **Dave Tooke** with thanks for agreeing to take on that responsibility.

Congratulations to all the winners in the recent raffle drawing! Enjoy your spoils.

I encourage all of you to attend your **TU Christmas party on Thursday, December 13th at 7PM** at the Donovan Post, 3210 Genesee St. If you wish to take part in the Yankee Swap, bring a wrapped \$10 gift. There will be a raffle. There will be free cookies and snacks, pop, pizza and wings. We especially enjoy the **Anne and Gary Coons' WINE TASTING!** There is music, magic and laughter, all to get you in the Christmas mood. Please, let an officer know you'll be there so we have a count of red noses by December 6th (St. Nicholas Day).

Bill Hilts Jr., Outdoor writer, Photographer, Fisherman, Promotions Specialist, Consultant, and all around "Nice Guy" will be our entertainment for the November 27th meeting! Come early (6PM) and tie flies with the guys! Hope to see a big crowd of you there!

Dee Maciejewski—President

Whispering Pines Fish Farm

POND STOCKING

Trout, Bass, Perch, Minnows

Grass Carp, Koi, Crayfish

496-7440

WNY TU Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, November 27, 2007, 7:30 pm at the **Donovan American Legion Post**, 3210 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, New York. **Bill Hilts Jr.**, Outdoor writer, Photographer, Fisherman, Promotions Specialist, Consultant, and all around "Nice Guy" will be our entertainment. **Fly Tying will start at 6PM** Please bring black thread as we are tying bead head prince nymphs.

Fishing Partner Connection

We are starting a new column for those looking for a fishing partner: **Fishing Buddy Wanted.** If you'd like to share your day on the water with someone, e-mail Editor **Vince Tobia @ vtobia@aol.com**. He will put your contact info in the newsletter. To get in touch with your partner, contact them directly. Include your name, telephone #, and e-mail address.

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Fly Tying, Shows, Banquet & More

2007 Trout Unlimited Fund Raiser Raffle

-Winners-

\$150.00 Oak Orchard Fly Shop – Jack Shaw

\$150.00 Buffalo Outfitters – Michael Greer

\$150.00 Orvis – Jeremy Schiske

\$100.00 Dick's Sporting Goods – Lee Zientek

\$100.00 Gander Mountain – Joe Serra

Thanks to all our sponsors and participants.

Thanks to **Jason Czora** for helping with the Orvis Store. We earned \$1,135.00 in ticket sales. Cost to run \$508.00. Profit of \$627.00.

Banquet

March 15, 2008. Please keep this date open and try to attend. More info and tickets should be ready by December meeting. Our Grand Prize Raffle at the Banquet will be a **Thomas & Thomas 9 ft 5 wt. 4 piece fly rod and a Bauer 5 wt large arbor fly reel, line and backing.** Tickets will be \$10.00 donation, 3 for \$20.00. If anyone wishes to help with banquet, contact Len Bigaj at LBIGAJ001@roadrunner.com or 826-4178.

Fly tying

Thanks to **Dave Unetich** for helping tie 25 prince nymphs. For November meeting, bring black thread. We will continue on the prince nymph.

WNY Sports and Travel Expo

The Expo will run March 6th to 9th. 2008. If you would like to work a shift or two let me know at 826-4178 or LBIGAJ001@roadrunner.com.

Thanks
Len Bigaj

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Local Member in the News

Local TU member, avid fly-fisher and writer/photographer, **David J. Lanz's** short story, *On the Left Side of the Continental Divide*, appears in the current edition of the Yale Angler's Journal (Volume IX Number 2).

The Yale Anglers' Journal is a literary publication dedicated to understanding angling and the natural world. Edited and published bi-annually by Yale University students, the Journal features prose, poetry and art from fishing writers and artists worldwide.

Mr. Lanz's story provides a wry account of his fly-fishing encounters while pursuing trout in the rivers of Utah. His journal biography describes him as residing in "fish rich" western New York.

Why you should attend TU meetings, buy 50-50 tickets, go to the banquet, etc.

There are plenty of reasons to support the local TU chapter, but here is one you may not know about. The fact is that, by and large, the activities of the local chapter are not financed by the national organization. The costs of the newsletter, our portion of most area stream and habitat restoration projects, etc., are funded almost entirely by the money raised at the meetings, the banquet, and the sale of flies at the county fair. Your dues go to the national organization, which only provides money to the local group under special circumstances. Without the money raised here, the local organization may not be able to exist.

Congratulations to life member Paul Maciejewski, first Grassroots Trustee to be appointed Chairman of an Executive Committee of National TU. Paul will oversee the Organization and Development Committee.

Message from the Treasurer

To All WNYTU Chapter Members:

I respectfully submit the following financial report for the fiscal year period October 1, 2007 thru September 30, 2007. You will note that the chapter's expenses exceeded it's income by \$3,131, necessitating the transfer of funds, from our investment account, to cover this shortfall. In order to keep our chapter financially healthy into the future, avoid additional shortfalls, and to keep our mission of fresh water conservation/preservation alive thru stream restoration project funding, it is imperative that all members make an effort to attend our major fund raiser: the annual WNYTU Banquet scheduled for March 2008. Hope to see you all there!

Tony Messina, Treasurer

WNY TU financial report for the fiscal year period October 1, 2007 thru September 30, 2007

Financial Report Submitted to TU National Office
For The Period October 1, 2006 thru September 30, 2007

revenue					
1 contributions from individuals		\$97			
4 rebates from tu		\$90			
6 investment/interest income		\$141			
7 events income		\$2,709			
8 sale of inventory		\$433			
9 advertising		\$40			
other revenue (itemize)					
10 video library rentals		\$8			
12 total revenue		\$3,518			
expenses		total	program services	mgmt & gen'l	fundraising services
13 grants to other 501(c3)		\$70	\$70		
14 grants to other tu organizations		\$1,000	\$1,000		
16 bank/credit card process fees		\$128		\$128	
18 supplies/materials		\$1,514	\$556		\$958
20 postage		\$1,143	\$1,143		
21 printing		\$780	\$780		
23 meeting expenses		\$914	\$806		\$108
24 travel		\$663	\$663		
other expenses (itemize)					
33 mbrships in local groups		\$140	\$140		
34 bond insurance		\$100		\$100	
35 website registration/hosting		\$197		\$197	
	total expenses	\$6,649	\$5,158	\$425	\$1,066
	net gain/(loss)	(\$3,131)			
assets					
38 cash in bank		\$1,199			
40 investments (money mkt)		\$13,048			
41 office equipmewnt		\$175			
42 inventory		\$2,500			
46	total assets	\$16,922			
	liabilities	\$0			
	net assets	\$16,922			

