

TROUT TALK

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(This Newsletter is an Expanded Version of the Print Edition.)

Next WNY TU Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, November 29, 2011, 7:30 pm at the Donovan American Legion Post, 3210 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, New York. Fly tying will start at 6pm. Please bring red thread, because we will be tying Orange and White Woolly Buggers.

Our speaker, for the “entertainment” portion of the meeting, will be Ms. Connie Adams, Department of Environmental Conservation biologist, who will discuss the Peregrine Falcon. Please join us.

President’s Report

Greetings Fellow Anglers & Conservationists,

At our October chapter meeting, I presented the material which I had discussed, at the NYSCTU, on Great Lakes Invasive species. This was a follow-up to Jim Markham’s presentation, of the previous month, on the Sea Lamprey . I now know all about the PC/HDMI connections on my laptop. Those in attendance know what I mean and, hopefully, will get a chuckle out of it.

The guest speaker at our November meeting will be Connie Adams, Region 9 DEC Biologist. If you folks remember her presentation last year on the Cormorant, her talk on the Peregrine Falcon is sure to entertain as well as to inform.

November will see our last formal meeting until after the New Year. Our December get-together will be a social event and will take place on Thursday, December 8, 2011, starting at 7pm. It was suggested, several years ago, that we have a social function complimenting the holiday season. It seems we have started a tradition. So, we will be having our Christmas Party at the Donavan Post. I would encourage you to come out and join us for the evening festivities. Bring a wrapped gift, valued at \$10, for the Yankee Swap. (Make sure it's a good one that you like; you might end up taking home your own gift.) The party is free to TU members and their spouses/significant others; and the Yankee Swap is, to say the least, entertaining. Please let us know if you are coming, so we can plan accordingly.

We ALL live downstream. Please come out and support YOUR local chapter; become involved.

See you at the meeting. Remember, November, 2011, has five Tuesdays, so this month's chapter meeting is on the 29th.

Gary Coons, WNYTU Chapter President.

Announcements

- **A Report from Len Bigaj:**

Shows: The next show will be the W.N.Y. Sport and Travel Expo, March 8 through 11, 2012. Please let me know if you would like to help out with staffing the booth or fly tying with the kids (March 11).

Project Healing Waters: We will be at the V.A. on November 17, 2011.

Annual Banquet: The 2012 Banquet will be held at Lucarelli's Banquet Center, 1830 Abbott Road, Lackawanna, N.Y., on March 24. Please note that, because of extensive fees and new bank regulations, we will no longer be able to accept charge cards at the banquet. We apologize for the inconvenience. Please try to support your local TU chapter by attending the banquet, our most important fundraiser of the year. And, please remember that we are still looking for a new Banquet Chairman for 2013. Thanks to all, Len.

- **Project Healing Waters Award:** It was recently announced that Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing was voted the Toyota Halftime Handoff for Week Seven of the NFL season. This will mean that the organization will receive "a \$10,000 donation to promote the soothing and therapeutic nature of fly-fishing to help our wounded warriors". WNYTU is proud to take part in Project Healing Waters.
- **Sad News:** Dee Maciejewski sends word of the recent death of retired DEC Region 9 Fisheries Manager, Steve Mooradian. If you would like to share remembrances of Steve with his family, you can e-mail me (Russ Shefrin); and I will pass the message on to Dee, who can forward it to Steve's family.
- **Editor's Notes:** I have recently come across two resources which may be of interest to fellow TUs. The first is a website which contains a basic, but remarkably detailed, "course" on the characteristics of streams. It is produced by personnel of the Minnesota DNR Division of Ecological Services. The program covers

such stream characteristics as hydrology (flow), geomorphology (shape), connectivity, water quality, and biology. I found it comprehensive and fascinating. The course can be accessed at http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/assistance/backyard/healthyivers/course/200/200_00.htm. The other resource focuses on hydrofracking of deep shale layers such as the Marcellus formation. It provides some useful background to this controversial matter. The article is “The Truth about Fracking”, by Chris Mooney, and is published in the November, 2011, issue of “Scientific American”.

Finally, I would like to reiterate that our “Trout Talk” newsletter is published in electronic format each month except for July, August, and December. In order to contain costs, the print version is only available five times a year (January, February, June, September, and November). Unfortunately, even on this schedule, the financial burden, to WNY TU, of the print newsletter remains considerable. Many of our members have agreed to forgo the print edition and to accept only the electronic version (which is sent to them via email). It would help our organization considerably (and perhaps save some trees!) if more of our members agreed to this arrangement. There is a further advantage to the subscriber. Specifically, the electronic version usually has more items than does the print version, often has pictures, etc., all because its length is not as constrained as is the paper form. Won’t you please consider adding your name to the list of those who receive, via e-mail, only the electronic newsletter? All you have to do is send me your e-mail and surface mail addresses so that I can add you to the electronic mailing list and remove your name from the paper mailing list. Please give this matter some serious consideration. I can be reached at AdkRuss@roadrunner.com.

• **Treasurer’s Report for the Period Ending October 31, 2011 (Submitted by Mr. Anthony Messina):**

BALANCE AT	OCTOBER 1, 2011	(CHECKING ACCT)	\$2,035.75
INFLOWS:	50/50 DRAWING		\$44.00
		TOTAL INFLOWS:	\$44.00
OUTFLOWS:	MONTHLY MEETING		\$70.00
	50/50 DRAWING PRIZE		\$22.00
	NEWSLETTER POSTAGE		\$220.00
	SHOWS		\$24.47
		TOTAL OUTFLOWS:	\$336.47
BALANCE AT	OCTOBER 31, 2011		\$1,743.28

BALANCE AT	OCTOBER 1, 2011	(MONEY MKT ACCT)	\$22,190.80
INFLOWS:	INTEREST		\$1.51
OUTFLOWS:	NONE		\$0.00
BALANCE AT	OCTOBER 31, 2011	(MONEY MKT ACCT)	\$22,192.31

• **Annual Report for 2010 -2011 (Submitted by Mr. Anthony Messina):**

		TOTAL
		10/1/10 - 9/30/11
CHECKING ACCT - Bank of America		
BALANCE - October 1, 2010		\$948.11
INFLOWS:		
DONATIONS		\$83.00
HOLIDAY PARTY - RAFFLE		\$80.00
MONTHLY MTG. - 50/50 DRAWING		\$566.00
ROD RAFFLE		\$220.00
SHOWS		\$2,561.00
TU REBATES		\$45.00
TOTAL INFLOWS:		\$3,555.00
OUTFLOWS:		
DONATION		\$395.00
DUES		\$90.00
FLY TYING SUPPLIES		\$80.69
HOLIDAY PARTY		\$207.00
INSURANCE		\$250.00
MONTHLY MTG. - ROOM RENTAL		\$700.00
MONTHLY MTG. - 50/50 PRIZE		\$285.00
NEWSLTR POSTAGE		\$888.80
NEWSLTR PRINTING		\$732.00
AWARDS		\$200.00
MEMBERSHIPS		\$50.00
SHOWS		\$276.62
SUMMER PICNIC		\$77.61
STREAM PROJECTS		\$2,220.98
TRAVEL		\$170.75
TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM		\$2,992.91
TOTAL OUTFLOWS:		\$9,617.36
BALANCE		(\$6,062.36)
TRANS FROM MONEY MKT		\$7,150.00
ADJ. BALANCE		\$1,087.64
BALANCE - September 30, 2011		\$2,035.75
MONEY MKT ACCT - Bank of America		
BALANCE - October 1, 2010		\$21,321.14
INTEREST		\$19.66
TRANSFER FROM BANQUET ACCT		\$8,000.00

TRANS TO CHECKING ACCT	(\$7,150.00)
BALANCE - September 30, 2011	\$22,190.80
BANQUET ACCT - Bank of America	
BALANCE - October 1, 2010	\$2,987.35
BANQUET	\$12,185.30
TRANS TO MONEY ACCOUNT	(\$8,000.00)
BANK FEES (CREDIT CARD CHRGS)	(\$90.43)
BANQUET EXPENSE	(\$4,822.25)
ACCOUNT ACTIVITY FEES	(\$71.50)
BALANCE - September 30, 2011	\$2,188.47

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RAFFLE TICKETS.

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LEN BIGAJ

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Purchase your Grand Prize tickets \$10 per ticket, \$20 for 3 tickets. Winner's choice of:

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