

TROUT TALK

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Next WNY TU Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 7:30 pm, at the Donovan American Legion Post, 3210 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, New York. Fly tying begins at 6 p.m. Please bring red or orange thread, because we will be tying sucker spawn.

Our presenter, for the “entertainment” portion of the chapter meeting, will be Mr. Ed Veaudry, Regional Coordinator for Project Healing Waters, Northern New York Region. His topic will be: “Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing – Where We Started, What we do, How We Do It”. This is sure to be a very interesting discussion. More details can be found in the President’s Message which follows next in this newsletter. Please join us.

President’s Message:

Hi everyone,

We would like to invite everyone to attend the next general meeting on Tuesday April 24, 7:30 p.m., at the Donovan Post. Our guest speaker will be Ed Veaudry, Regional Coordinator for Project Healing Waters, Northern New York Region. Several of our members have heard him speak in the past and can attest to how interesting and

vibrant a speaker he is. He will present a program on "Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing: Where we started, What we do, How we do it." This is certainly one of the most rewarding programs our chapter is involved in, and all should make an attempt to learn more about it. Ed's bio:

" Ed Veaudry is the Regional Coordinator for the Northern NY Region of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing. He grew up in Syracuse NY, where trout fishing is at its finest. Ed is a US Army Veteran. He served a tour of duty in Viet Nam and was the NCO for a platoon of Graves Registration, supporting the 1st Air Cav and 173rd Airborne Brigade. In the early spring/late winter of 2012, Ed Veaudry saw a poster in the VA Hospital in Syracuse NY offering free fly tying to veterans. Jumping at the chance, he attended a session and the rest became history. It soon became evident Ed could be involved as a participant/volunteer using his skills of communicating to the staff, volunteers and participants on a weekly basis about the time, place and what the program was doing that week. Ed moved into a role of leading the program and eventually became the Deputy Regional Coordinator for the NY/NJ Region. In this newly formed region, Ed has assumed the position of Regional Coordinator for the Northern NY Region."

On a sadder note, the Board has reluctantly accepted the resignation of Debbie Godfrey as a Board member. Obviously, I, as her husband, am extremely biased; but she has been an integral part of what we do, even before she was a member, for a couple of decades. She's helped on stream projects, provided and served more lunches at stream projects than I can count, acted, for many years, as a delegate to the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs and the NYS Council of TU. On a positive note, we have picked up a relatively new member in Bob Bohner, who has become active in Project Healing Waters, flytng for fundraising for the organization, and, perhaps most importantly, has been a wealth of new ideas, which we've been asking for. In light of this, the board has asked him to fill out the rest of Debbie's term; and he has accepted.

Our March meeting seemed to be a rousing success. This was the second time we met at Orvis instead of the Post. Obviously, having Jim Lorentz as a speaker helped drive the attendance; but, for the second year in a row, there were over 60 people at the meeting, many of whom were non-members who heard about what we do for the first time. Also present were TU members who have not come to a meeting in a while.



(Editor's Note: Another image can be viewed in the "Photography Section", later in the newsletter. Both photos were contributed by Mr. Bill Jedlicka.)

We will continue our present practice of conducting most of the chapter business at the Board meetings. Reports can be presented at the general meeting, where we will keep the business part to a minimum. This seems to be popular and to have helped boost our attendance. Please remember that the Board meetings are always open to any members. The meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at Sorrentino's (Main and Mill in Williamsville) on the second Tuesday of any month in which we have a general meeting. The next will be May 8. If you have something you'd like to bring up, please feel free to let me know in advance so we can get it on the agenda in case it might generate a long discussion. Again, though, anyone is always welcome with ideas and/or comments.

In early April, Dave Bohlman, Bob Bohner, and I met to discuss a number of ideas which Bob wished to present to the Board to try to improve many aspects of what we do, from communications, to public outreach, and more. In light of that, Bob is acting as a liaison to a group of U.B. students who have formed a "fishing club", which is a Costa 5 Rivers associated chapter. This is a program sponsored by Costa and TU to involve young people in Trout Unlimited's activities and mission. As we get more information on this we will pass it on. Bill Jedlicka also gave a presentation to an ECC group interested in this program.

In the near future, we will be putting together a brief survey for the membership, and other interested parties, on a variety of club concerns, trying to find ways to serve the membership better and to get more people involved. Among other things, we would like some suggestions on future speakers and presentation topics. If you have an idea for a speaker - it doesn't have to be trout or even environmentally connected - please let us know. A number of years ago we had a wildlife photographer who presented at a meeting, and he was fascinating. We're always looking for new ideas for speakers.

For those people who are not members, or if you are speaking to someone about joining, please make them aware of this link to join. If this link is used for a new membership, the chapter gets a rebate. The basic new membership is \$17.50 and the chapter gets a \$15.00 rebate from that membership fee. If one joins from the national website, that option doesn't even come up when you hit the "join" link. You'd have to know it was there and to search for it, or the chapter gets no money from the new membership. New memberships are the only times the local chapters get any of the dues from memberships. Here's the link: <https://gifts.tu.org/intro> Our chapter is listed under NY and is number 068.

On April 12, Sea Grant and Southtowns Walleye held the annual "State of Lake Erie" meeting, which we attended. There wasn't anything reported at the meeting that we haven't reported in previous newsletters, but it's always a great meeting that more people should consider attending.

Sometime in June, probably the third week, the DEC will host its annual informational meeting at Woodlawn State Park in Hamburg. This meeting will feature several DEC presenters, always including Jim Markham. When the date is finalized, we will announce it in the newsletter. You can also watch the "calendar" in the Buffalo News for the date.

The NYS Council of Trout Unlimited is once again conducting a "Trout Waters Youth Camp", from July 6, at Land of the Vikings Lodge near Hale Eddy, N.Y. This is close to the West Branch of the Delaware River. The

normal cost is \$500. The Board of WNYTU has voted to sponsor one youth, who must be at least 13 by May 15, 2018, and must be the son/daughter or granddaughter/grandson of a present member. Details, in the way of the Council's application form, are attached to this newsletter. [Editor's Note: This application is not included in newsletters sent to those who have requested no such attachments.] Applications must be submitted to Chuck Godfrey, 29 Yvette Dr., Cheektowaga, NY 14227, by May 1, so that the Board can make a selection and send an application to the Council by their deadline of May 15. The successful candidate would be expected to make a report back to the Chapter on his/her experience.

Trout in the Classroom: Fish are doing very well in all the schools and will be released through the rest of April until late May. As we get reports on the releases, we will let people know how they went. Holland has actually released one "Frankenfish" by itself, as it was feasting on the smaller trout in the tank. This is actually a problem that is seen in the hatcheries, also. There are always a few runts and also a few fish that grow large quickly and become predators of fish within the first few months after hatching. Think about this. These fish hatched mostly in October - and the Holland fish were even later because of a tank failure which caused all their original fish to perish - and he was already eating other fish in February/March.

Latest Stocking List: Please see the attachment to this newsletter. [Editor's Note: If you have indicated that you prefer the newsletter without attachments, the Stocking List is not included in your e-mailed copy. If you would like the List, please let me know.]

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Chuck Godfrey, President

P.S. Last Minute Filing – Hot off the presses! WNYTU will participate in "Orvis Days" on **Saturday, April 21**. We need volunteers to staff our booth from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on that day. The purpose of our booth is primarily to provide information about Trout Unlimited. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Bob Bohner at bobbohner@gmail.com. Your assistance would be appreciated.

Announcements:

- **A Report from Mr. David Bollman:**

Fly-tying: If members would like to tie at home, please let me know what materials you need.

Shows: I will have sign-up sheets at the meeting for those members who would like to staff the booth at the Fair. If you can possibly take a shift, it would be appreciated.

Project Healing Waters: The rods are finished and have been submitted for judging. We have completed the current cycle of fly-tying at the Buffalo VA hospital until the fall. As for the dates for Elma, they are not available at this time. I will notify you when I get the dates. Incidentally, I just returned from a trip, with seven veterans, to Penn's Creek, Pennsylvania. Everyone had a great time and even managed to catch some fish!

Annual WNY Trout Unlimited Picnic: This year, our picnic will take place on June 16 at Como Lake Park, Shelter No. 58. It begins at 10 a.m. and lasts until "?!". At the upcoming chapter meeting, I will have a sign-up sheet.

- **Treasurer's Report for the Period Ending March 31, 2018 (Kindly submitted by Mr. Anthony Messina, Treasurer):**

		prior period thru 02/28/18	this period thru 03/31/18
(CHECKING ACCT)			
BALANCE AT	FEBRUARY 1, 2018	\$1,225.14	
BALANCE AT	MARCH 1, 2018		\$1,015.14
INFLOWS:	SHOWS		\$311.00
	TU MERCHANDISE		\$45.00
	TOTAL INFLOWS:	\$0.00	\$356.00
OUTFLOWS:	MONTHLY MEETING	\$75.00	
	MEMBERSHIP DUES (EC Federation)	\$135.00	
	SHOWS		\$31.78
	PICNIC (Shelter Deposit)		\$95.00
	DONATION (NYSCTU - Youth Camp)		\$100.00
	TOTAL OUTFLOWS:	\$210.00	\$226.78
BALANCE AT	FEBRUARY 28, 2018	\$1,015.14	
BALANCE AT	MARCH 31, 2018		\$1,144.36
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		prior period thru 02/28/18	this period thru 03/31/18
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BALANCE AT	FEBRUARY 1, 2018	\$23,260.40	
BALANCE AT	MARCH 1, 2018		\$23,260.76
INFLOWS:	INTEREST	\$0.36	\$0.40
OUTFLOWS:	NONE	\$0.00	\$0.00
BALANCE AT	FEBRUARY 28, 2018	\$23,260.76	
BALANCE AT	MARCH 31, 2018		\$23,261.16

- Editor’s Note: Our “Trout Talk” newsletter is published in an expanded electronic format each month except for July, August, and December. In order to contain costs, the (typically brief) print version is only available twice a year (September and January). 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 if more of our members agreed to this arrangement. 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. I can be reached at AdkRuss@gmail.com.



Photography:

Mr. Bill Jedlicka has submitted this additional image of the presentation, by Mr. Jim Lorentz, on Atlantic Salmon, at the latest WNYTU meeting.



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