

# TROUT TALK

The Official Newsletter of Western New York Trout Unlimited ([www.wnytroutunlimited.org](http://www.wnytroutunlimited.org)) April, 2019

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**Next WNY TU Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, April 30, 2019, 7:30 pm, at the ORVIS SHOP, 4545 Transit Road, Williamsville, New York. [PLEASE NOTE MEETING LOCATION.] Fly tying begins at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your own vise, tools and black thread; because we will be tying Woolly Buggers and Woolly Worms. All other materials for tying the flies will be provided.**

**Our presenter, for the “entertainment” portion of the chapter meeting, will be Rich Ruby, the biologist who is overseeing construction at the Soby Hill Dam on Cattaraugus Creek (Springville, N.Y.). This project will have major implications for the watershed and should be of interest to all. Please join us.**

**President’s Message:** I hope everyone has had a chance to go out fishing. From what I hear, the streams were in decent, fishable states – until the week I’m writing this. I know everything near my house is blown out right now, but receding. Before that happened, I was getting reports of good fishing on the wild trout streams, excellent fishing in the stocked streams, and, for the people I know who really concentrate on steelhead, very good fishing. I know I’ve seen a lot of people targeting steelhead on the streams near me.

We have some work to do recruiting replacements for a few of our committees. Dave Bollman has had to step back from some of his duties, so we’re asking people to step up to replace him. We aren’t looking for any one person to do that but, rather, for different people to assume each of his responsibilities. We need someone to

replace him as the head of the Project Healing Waters programs in Amherst and at the Buffalo VA. It doesn't have to be just one person. It would probably be more easily accomplished if there was a different person for each. This also brings up the issue of our participation as a chapter at outdoor shows, expos, etc. The next one is the biggest of the year - the Erie County Fair. Our participation in these endeavors, especially the Fair, are important, not only to get our message out to the public; but they have also become our primary source of funding. Because we don't have a banquet chairman – hint, hint – selling flies, books, and hats at shows is how we make money to do our stream projects, etc. Brian Barrey has volunteered to oversee the Fair for this year, but we're going to have to have someone take over after that.

This year, we're going to try something a little different for staffing the Fair. In the past, we've generally gone with six-hour shifts, but a lot of those have been covered by Dave and his wife, and, prior to that, by Lenny Bigaj and his wife. I also have no idea of how many shifts Bill Koerner has taken each year. We really need to spread this out, so we're going to set up four-hour shifts. The Conservation Building is open for 12 hours on 10 days and 10 hours on two others – the first Wednesday and Friday. We'll supply admission and parking passes for anyone tending the booth. If you're going to the Fair anyway, please consider spending four hours helping out at our booth. I know, in the past, some people have told me that they just can't do six hours, or that they'd come out after work; but it wouldn't be in time for scheduled 4 – 10 shifts. Hopefully, this will help. We will have signup sheets at the Chapter meetings on the April 30 and on May 28.

Dave has also overseen the tying of flies to sell at the shows, because that was the way we'd always done it. I'd like to see if we can find someone besides a "shows chairman" to do that. It would mean keeping track of what flies we need and publicizing it for the newsletter. We do have people who tie flies at home and give them to us. It would be nice if we had more folks do that. We don't have parameters worked out yet, but we could certainly supply hooks and materials for people if need be.

Bill Jedlicka has volunteered to oversee the Chapter Picnic on June 15, 2019, at the Como Lake Park Boy Scout Shelter. People have a great time at this every year, so please come out and join us. We just ask people to sign up so that we know how much food to provide. Also, we would like attendees to bring a dish to pass. [Editor's note: A picnic flyer is attached to this newsletter, unless you have requested no such attachments.]

Our next piece of news is both sad and happy. Sadly, Drew Nisbet of The Orvis Shop, and our newest Board member, has had to resign. Happily, it's because he's been offered a position at Orvis in Manchester, Vt. We're sorry to see him go, but what a great, great position for him to move to. Good luck Drew!!!!

Our presentation, at the April 30, 2019, Chapter meeting, will be conducted by Rich Ruby, who is the biologist overseeing the construction at the Scoby Dam in Springville, on the Cattaraugus. This will entail lowering the dam and providing a fish passage for migrating fish – primarily steelhead. Jim Markham from the DEC will also be present at the meeting. This should be a very informative evening for all who attend. At our May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will have Dave Denk, the DEC's Region 9 Permit Administrator. He will be presenting on "Freshwater Wetlands and Wetlands Conservation in New York State." Last month, we had the folks from Messenger Woods, who discussed rehabilitating raptors. It was a great show. We are always looking for new ideas for presentations at our meetings. If you can think of anyone you think we might be interested in seeing, please let me know at [steelheader03@hotmail.com](mailto:steelheader03@hotmail.com) or 716-440-6995. Finally, please remember that members are always welcome at our Board meetings. The next one is Tuesday, May 14, at Sorrentino's (the corner of Main and Mill in Williamsville) at 7:00 p.m.

Chuck Godfrey, WNYTU Chapter President.

**Announcements:**

- **Stream Projects: A Report from Mr. Joseph Morgan.** We will be conducting a Stream Cleanup Project along Spring Brook in the Village of Springville on Saturday April 27, 2019. If you are interested in helping out, please meet in the parking lot at the Springville Youth Inc. Park on 79 South Buffalo Street in the Village of Springville at 10:00 AM. This is a rain or shine event. Lunch and drinks will be provided by Springville Youth Inc. Please respond by April 24,2019 if you plan to participate. Any questions or concerns, please let me know. Thanks.
- **Input needed for New Trout Fishing Guide (by Mr. Spencer Schofield):**

The Western New York Chapter of Trout Unlimited (WNYTU) has previously prepared guides to trout fishing entitled Trout Fishing Waters of Cattaraugus County, followed by Trout Fishing in W.N.Y. (1980) and, most recently, Trout, Salmon and Steelhead Fishing in Western New York (1996). Members of WNYTU described their favorite streams, including access and favorite flies, etc., in each of these guides.

In the last 23 years access to our fishery has changed, as has the fishery. Your WNYTU board has decided to provide an updated guide which will include not only reports on our members’ favorite streams, as has been done in the past, but, also, discussions on Trout in the Classroom, our Veteran’s programs, and our stream conservation efforts. We plan to have the new guide completed during 2019.

We need your input to describe your favorite stream, where access is available, and any ‘tips’ that you could provide that may enhance the public’s access and enjoyment on our streams. Please provide your information in Microsoft Word format. Kindly send your stream descriptions, or notification that your previous descriptions would be acceptable for this update, to the following address:

Spencer Schofield  
 80 Dogwood Road  
 Williamsville, New York 14221  
 email: [s273fish@gmail.com](mailto:s273fish@gmail.com)

Please provide your favorite stream descriptions by April 30, 2019. Thank you for your cooperation.

- **Treasurer’s Report for the Period Ended March 31, 2019**(Submitted by **Mr. Anthony Messina**)

		prior period thru 02/28/2019	this period thru 03/31/2019
(CHECKING ACCT)			
BALANCE			
AT	FEBRUARY 1, 2019	<b>\$11,688.68</b>	
BALANCE			
AT	MARCH 1, 2019		<b>\$11,224.31</b>
INFLOWS:	SHOWS	\$306.00	\$750.00
	TU MERCHANDISE (Books)		\$240.00
	TU REBATES		\$75.00

		TOTAL INFLOWS:	<b>\$306.00</b>	<b>\$1,065.00</b>
OUTFLOWS:	MEETINGS (Greeter's Start-up Funds)			\$100.00
	SUPPLIES		\$50.22	
	WEBSITE (Domain Name/Hosting)			\$445.24
	DONATIONS (State Council/NYC TIC)			\$300.00
	NEWSLETTER PRINTING			\$211.00
	NEWSLETTER POSTAGE			\$253.00
	INSURANCE (Liability thru TU National)			\$155.00
	TU PICNIC		\$97.50	
	TU MERCHANDISE		\$500.00	
	POSTAGE (Stream Projects)		\$52.65	
	DONATION (EC Federation Banquet Tix)		\$70.00	
		TOTAL OUTFLOWS:	<b>\$770.37</b>	<b>\$1,464.24</b>
BALANCE AT	FEBRUARY 28, 2019		<b>\$11,224.31</b>	
BALANCE AT	MARCH 31, 2019			<b>\$10,825.07</b>
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			prior period thru 02/28/2019	this period thru 03/31/2019
		(MONEY MKT ACCT)		
BALANCE AT	FEBRUARY 1, 2019		<b>\$22,765.01</b>	
BALANCE AT	MARCH 1, 2019			<b>\$22,765.36</b>
INFLOWS:	INTEREST		\$0.35	\$0.39
		TOTAL INFLOWS:	<b>\$0.35</b>	<b>\$0.39</b>
OUTFLOWS:	NONE			
		TOTAL OUTFLOWS:	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
BALANCE AT	FEBRUARY 28, 2019		<b>\$22,765.36</b>	
BALANCE AT	MARCH 31, 2019			<b>\$22,765.75</b>

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