

TROUT TALK

The Official Newsletter of Western New York Trout Unlimited (www.wnytroutunlimited.org) February 2016

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Next WNY TU Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, February 23, 2016, 7:30 pm, at the Donovan American Legion Post, 3210 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, New York. Fly tying starts at 6 p.m. Please bring red or fluorescent orange thread; because we will be tying the Bead-Head White Woolly Bugger.

The presenter for the “Entertainment” portion of the meeting will be **Mr. Scott Cornett**, Fishery Biologist, N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation. Mr. Cornett’s topics will include (1) the results of the 2015 fish sampling and angler diary program on Wiscoy Creek, (2) the results from electrofishing surveys on Clear Creek – Ellington and wild brook trout streams across Region 9, (3) 2016 fish sampling plans, and (4) general trout management questions from the audience. Mr. Cornett’s presentation is one of the most popular of the year. It will undoubtedly prove highly informative. Please join us!

Announcements

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

Shows: We still need flies for the upcoming show (March 10 – 13) as well as volunteers to help with tying with the kids on Sunday, March 13, from noon to 4 p.m. This event helps to pay for the booth rental.

Education: We will be tying with Boy Scout Troop 173 on February 22. (This is the first education event

to report in some time!)

- **Fly Tying:** I would to thank the following people for their help with tying flies at the last chapter meeting: Bill Koerner, Jeff Kohler, Tom DeWyer, Keven O'Neil, and Dave Unetich.

Project Healing Waters: The dates of upcoming flying tying sessions at the Buffalo V.A. are: March 10, 2016; and April 14, 2016. Start times are 6 p.m. The first rod building class will be on Saturday, February 20, 10 am to noon.

- **Face Book: Mr. Bill Jedlicka** writes: "We invite you to visit Western New York Trout Unlimited on Facebook. Please "Like" the page and "Share" it with your Facebook friends. It's a great way to spread the word about the important things WNYTU does in the area and can help interested people (including current or, perhaps, future members) stay informed about upcoming activities. And feel free to post some of your favorite fishing or fly tying photos as well!"
- **From Mr. Chuck Godfrey, WNYTU's Representative at the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, State Council Delegate, Stream Projects Chair:**

Trout in the Classroom: The Trout in the Classroom program is alive and well, with fish still surviving at all the schools with which we cooperate – Gowanda High School (shared with the Red House Brook Chapter), Lackawanna Middle School, Nichols Middle School, Maryvale Middle School, Iroquois Middle School, Newfane High School and Brockport High School. Next year, we will be welcoming Pam Patterson, of Holland High School, into the program. She is a new teacher at Holland but has previously participated in T.I.C. in Pennsylvania. Be sure to let the teachers at your children's (and grandchildren's) schools know about this program. It is a tremendous learning experience. At our May meeting, Sandy Smith of Nichols, who is our original partner in the program, will be giving a presentation on T.I.C. This would be a great opportunity for teachers to see what the program is all about. (Ed. Note: Mr. Godfrey adds, "The picture [see Photos Section] of the "spiral mutant" is from Lackawanna Middle School. This fish actually survived until – I think – mid December.")

Stream Projects: As mentioned in earlier newsletters, we will be cooperating with the DEC, Wyoming County SWCD, and the Seth Green Chapter of TU in a "Trees for Tribes" program in the Genesee River watershed. The goal of the project is to plant 20,000 trees in the watershed. We will be helping with the part involving Oatka and Black Creeks and their tributaries. We will let people know what we need to do as more information becomes available.

We also have been asked, by Buffalo-Niagara Riverkeepers, to cooperate in a project outside of Attica. This will also involve USFWS, Wyoming County SWCD, and the DEC. There is a small tributary, containing wild brook trout, which can use some help. Plans are to remove/replace a culvert that is blocking access to upstream spawning areas and also to improve habitat in the creek. We have written a letter in support of Riverkeepers' application for a grant to help fund this. As more information becomes available, we will let you know of plans.

The World of Trout – First International Congress: Mr. Godfrey would like to call our attention to the excerpt, “Call for Symposia”, attached at the end of this newsletter, about the International Trout Congress to be held in Bozeman, Montana. The information was submitted by Ms. Sandy Smith, who is one of our first T.I.C. cooperating teachers. She will be presenting at our May31 meeting, which will be a great time for people to learn about T.I.C. Mr. Godfrey encourages us to invite other teachers, who might be interested, to the meeting. Ed.

Banquet Awards: Mr. Godfrey would also like us to be aware that, at the annual WNYTU banquet, to be held this year on March 19, our chapter wants to recognize those who have contributed significantly to the goals of enhancing, restoring, and protecting the coldwater fisheries of Region 9. While the officers and directors usually nominate award recipients, the nomination process is actually **open to everyone**. Please feel free to nominate a deserving member. (There are even awards for non-members who have contributed to our efforts.) Mr. David Tooke (tkflytier@yahoo.com) is the Awards Chairman. He needs to have the nominations about three weeks before the banquet, so, if you can nominate someone, please contact Mr. Tooke as soon as possible. Here is a list of the available awards: Silver Trout, Decade of Service, Cal Arthur President’s Award, Shows and Streams, Decade of Contributions, Rick Kinecki Humanitarian, Cold Water Fisheries Enhancement, Rising Trout, Koch Memorial, Catch and Release, Professional Communication, Professional Resource, and Good Friends of WNYTU. (Mr. Godfrey has a spread sheet showing these and other awards and past recipients. It is too cumbersome for this newsletter; but if you want to see it, I can send you a copy.) Ed.

Great Lakes Action Agenda Work Group: Mr. Godfrey forwards this announcement: “*NYSDEC invites you to join other regional stakeholders in a basinwide partnership to advance ecosystem-based management opportunities for New York's Great Lakes basin, as identified in the state's interim [Great Lakes Action Agenda](#) (GLAA). Join us in March:*

- *to help us select critical actions within the draft sub basin work plans for focused collaboration and implementation, and*
- *for a presentation by Natural Heritage Program on a new riparian restoration and protection planning tool created especially for New York's Great Lakes basin.*

Four sub basin work groups provide a unique opportunity to connect, coordinate and collaborate with other groups and agencies working locally and basinwide.” The Lake Erie Work Group will be held on Wednesday, March 2, from 1pm to 4pm at the Woodlawn State Park Lodge, 3580 Lakeshore Road, Blasdell, N.Y. 14219.

Trout Unlimited Membership: TU is trying to increase membership and in an effort to do so, it is offering the opportunity of adding family memberships at no cost to present members. You may sign up spouses/partners and/or children. One copy of *Trout* magazine will be sent to each family, and a complimentary copy of *Stream Explorers* magazine will be sent to the youth in each household. It’s really easy to add family members, but you will need to have your membership number to do so. It can be found on your membership card or your *Trout* magazine label. Existing members with a family membership should go to: <https://gifts.tumembership.org/familyaddition>.

Existing members with a different type of membership should go to:

<https://gifts.tumembership.org/family-membership-upgrade-form>.

People who are not yet members should start with:

<https://gifts.tumembership.org/member/intro>. This will allow new members to sign up for half-

price and then to add family members as well.

- Banquet Update:** Be sure to see Mr. David LaRoche’s banquet newsletter in the “Articles” section. Also, here are the necessary links to PDFs for ticket information and for the sponsor package: http://wnytroutunlimited.org/banquet_files/2016%20Lenny%20Bigaj%20Banquet%20Tickets%20Flyer.pdf. And http://wnytroutunlimited.org/banquet_files/Sponsor%20Package.pdf., respectively. Finally, Mr. LaRoche reports that Orvis will be posting our banquet information on their Instagram page – <https://www.instagram.com/orvisbuffalo/>. Ed.

- Treasurer’s Report for the period ending January 31, 2016 (prepared by Mr. Anthony Messina):**

		prior period thru 12/31/15	this period thru 01/31/16
(CHECKING ACCT)			
BALANCE AT	DECEMBER 1, 2015	\$644.81	
BALANCE AT	JANUARY 1, 2016		\$605.87
INFLOWS:	TRANSFER FROM MONEY MARKET	\$235.04	\$750.00
	TOTAL INFLOWS:	\$235.04	\$750.00
OUTFLOWS:	MONTHLY MEETING	\$70.00	\$70.00
	HOLIDAY PARTY	\$203.98	
	SUMMER PICNIC (Shelter Deposit)		\$95.00
	DONATION (EC Federation Banquet)		\$140.00
	NEWSLETTER POSTAGE		\$257.25
	NEWSLETTER PRINTING		\$195.00
	TOTAL OUTFLOWS:	\$273.98	\$757.25
BALANCE AT	DECEMBER 31, 2015	\$605.87	
BALANCE AT	JANUARY 31, 2016		\$598.62

		prior period thru 12/31/15	this period thru 01/31/16
(MONEY MKT ACCT)			
BALANCE AT	DECEMBER 1, 2015	\$26,235.04	

BALANCE AT	JANUARY 1, 2016		\$26,000.44
INFLOWS:	INTEREST	\$0.44	\$0.44
OUTFLOWS:	TRANSFER TO CHECKING	\$235.04	\$750.00
BALANCE AT	DECEMBER 31, 2015	\$26,000.44	
BALANCE AT	JANUARY 31, 2016		\$25,250.88

- Banquet Report:** Editor’s Note: Over the years, your Western New York chapter of Trout Unlimited has made innumerable contributions, on many levels, to cold water fisheries conservation in our area. While we are a volunteer organization and rely mightily on the efforts of unpaid workers, the organization does have a number of expenses. Those of you who have studied the monthly treasurer’s reports (available in the electronic edition of this newsletter), prepared by Mr. Anthony Messina, will have noted this. Therefore, fund-raising is an essential part of what we do. One of the most important fund-raisers is the annual banquet in the spring. Mr. David LaRoche has kindly taken on the responsibility of organizing the banquet. **He has provided the “must read” update, which appears in the “Articles” section, later in this newsletter.** Please seriously consider doing whatever you can to assist Mr. LaRoche in this vital project and, most of all, join us at the banquet. Banquet sub-committees include: Banquet Agenda and Activities, Sponsor Sales, Ticket Sales, and Entertainment. The 2016 TU banquet will take place on March 19, 2016 at Lucarelli’s.
- 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@roadrunner.com.



Articles

2016 Western New York Annual Banquet Update By David LaRoche

Lenny Bigaj WNY Trout Unlimited Annual Banquet 2016

The Banquet will be here soon.

Banquet Tickets as well as Tickets for the Grand Prize Drawing will be available at the February Chapter meeting and they are also available at Orvis Eastern Hills Mall. Prizes for the Grand Prize Drawing include:

- 1st – 55” Smart LED HD TV
- 2nd – Apple iPad Air 16GB - Silver
- 3rd – Fly Rod Reel Combo
- Donation: \$10.00, 3 for \$20.00

Buy Early, Buy Often!!!

And there will be many other prizes in the Silent Auction, Bucket auction and much more.

And, a new feature this year is the “*Orvis Casting Pond*” – but no need to wear your waders – it’s all on dry land – Don’t Miss it!!

Some of the sponsors include:

- Buffalo Bills
- Cattaraugus Creek Outfitters
- DavesFlyBench.com
- Oak Orchard Tackle & Lodge (formerly Orleans Outdoor)
- Orvis
- And more...

PLUS, many members have donated themed baskets, fishing equipment and their time to help set up and run the banquet.

But, we are still after more - more sponsors, raffle and prize items themed baskets for the auctions, and volunteers.

The more the merrier as they say - we encourage you to donate a themed basket and become a sponsor for this important fund raising event. Or, if you know of a person or company that might sponsor, please let me know.

We're looking forward to a great banquet, *but we need you there!*

Saturday, March 19, 2016

6:00pm Cash Bar, 7:00pm Buffet Dinner

Lucarelli's Banquet Center

1830 Abbott Road, Lackawanna, NY

Tickets: \$35 per person

Banquet Tickets can be purchased at Orvis Eastern Hills Mall

and at the February Chapter meeting – Grand Prize Drawing tickets, too!

For Baskets / Raffle items, Tickets or Questions,

Please Contact:

Dave LaRoche

Banquet Chair, 2016

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Photos:

Here are two images submitted by Mr. Chuck Godfrey.

First, **Kevin Morgan**, who has been volunteering on stream projects and electroshocking since he was 10 years old, as he receives his rank of Eagle Scout at his troop's Eagle Court of Honor on February 7, 2016. He is accompanied by his mom Maria, and his dad Joe, longtime member and volunteer.



Second, here is the “spiral mutant” which Mr. Godfrey mentioned in his “Trout in the Classroom” report.



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Excerpt from document under the heading of “International Trout Congress” (Ed):

“CALL FOR SYMPOSIA AND CONTINUING EDUCATION Deadline: March 1, 2016 We are pleased to announce that the call for Symposia, Workshops and pre-Conference Training Courses at The World of Trout – 1st International Congress is now open. The theme of the Congress is Conversations to Promote a Global Trout Conservation Network.

We welcome proposals related to the theme of the Congress that include informal and formal education, trout conservation and science, literature, art, and culture. Informal and formal education topics may include sharing curriculum materials and innovative education ideas that will help build a stronger global network of people of all ages who care about trout and the amazing places they live.

The Congress will be held in Bozeman, Montana USA from 2-6 October 2016, with pre-Conference Training Courses taking place prior to the meeting.

Activities associated with the Congress include a film festival, fiction writing competition, photo competition, and conference proceedings. In addition, we have partnered with Trout Unlimited’s Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program to offer TIC workshops as part of the Congress.

If you would like to contribute to the Congress program by organizing a symposium, leading an interactive workshop or conducting a training course in conjunction with the conference, we encourage you to submit your proposal by March 1, 2016.

SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSAL at <http://troutcongress.org/content/session-proposal>”