

TROUT TALK

The Official Newsletter of Western New York Trout Unlimited (www.wnytroutunlimited.org) January 2020

OFFICERS

Chuck Godfrey —President (440-6995) steelheader03@hotmail.com

Brian Barry-Vice President (VicePresident@wnytroutunlimited.org)

Dave Unetich-Secretary (Secretary@wnytroutunlimited.org)

Tony Messina-Treasurer (Treasurer@wnytroutunlimited.org)

COMMITTEES

Awards-**Dave Tooke** (Awards@wnytroutunlimited.org)

Education- **Bob Bohner**

Library- [**open**]

Membership- **Bob Bohner**

Fly Tying Sessions-**Dave Bollman**

Resource Protection-**Gary Coons** (Resource

Protection@wnytroutunlimited.org)

Salmon & Steelhead-**Don Kwiatkowski** (SalmonandSteelhead

@wnytroutunlimited.org)

Shows-**Dave Bollman** (Shows@wnytroutunlimited.org)

Spring Banquet- [**open**]

Conservation- **Joe Morgan** (Conservation@wnytroutunlimited.org)

Sunshine- **Chuck Godfrey**

Website: www.wnytroutunlimited.org.

(**Ric Toczek** webmaster@wnytroutunlimited.org)

Welcome- **Bob Bohner**

Video Library- [**open**]

Erie County Federation Reps:

Chuck Godfrey (440-6995) steelheader03@hotmail.com;

Debbie Godfrey

State Council Delegates:

Chuck Godfrey (440-6995)

Gene Romanyshyn, Debbie Godfrey

Newsletter: **Russell Shefrin** AdkRuss@gmail.com.

Stamp

Label

Next WNY TU Chapter Meeting: The next chapter meeting will take place on **Tuesday, January 28, 2020, 7:30 pm**, at the **ORVIS SHOP, 4545 Transit Road, Williamsville, New York.**

The presenter, for the “entertainment” portion of the chapter meeting, will be Mr. Scott Cornett, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Fishery Biologist, who will discuss DEC’s proposed management plan for inland trout stream management and the 2019 electro fishing results. This is sure to be a highly informative evening. Please join us on January 28.

President’s Message:

Hi Everyone,

As I write this, I’ve just returned from a two-day trip to Washington. On Tuesday, Representatives Debbie Dingell (D-Michigan) and Chris Pappas (D-New Hampshire) introduced a House Resolution to oppose the Administration’s proposed cutbacks to the EPA rules and regulations regarding clean water. The “Save Our Clean Water Coalition” - of which TU National is a partner - arranged for a 2-day “Clean Water Fly-in” to garner support

for this resolution. Funding for our expenses was provided by the National Wildlife Federation and The Sierra Club. There were 30 of us from 12 states, with NY's contingent, at 10 members, the largest and by far the busiest. Chris Pappas spoke with us at breakfast on Wednesday, but the rest of the day, we only saw staffers - which is normal - as that was the day the House was voting on sending the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate. Whether you're a fan of the present administration or not, it was a truly exciting time to be in Washington. We were scheduled for meetings with Representatives from our own states, and we had so many from NY to meet that we were actually in two groups for most of the day. Hopefully, it was productive. [Editor's Note: Mr. Godfrey has kindly submitted several images, including of the Washington conference. They are available in the Photography section, later in this newsletter.]

At our upcoming WNYTU Chapter Meeting (January 28, 2020), Scott Cornett will discuss the DEC's new proposed "Inland Trout Stream Management Plan". I gave a brief overview of the proposal at our November meeting, but this is a presentation that all trout anglers should see. He will also give a summary of 2019 electroshocking results.

At the Chapter Meeting of February 25, 2020, Jim Budny will present "Atlantic Salmon Fishing on the Cheap". At the March 31, 2020, Chapter Meeting, Scott will be back with a presentation on "Fly-fishing for Brook Trout in Pennsylvania."

The March meeting will also mark the 50th Anniversary of the founding of our chapter. We're planning a modest celebration that night and will raffle off a rod, reel, and fly line. Details on both of those will be provided over the course of the next two months. I've not been able to find a list of past presidents. I think it would be nice to publish that, with years served if possible - and no, I didn't mean that to sound like a prison sentence. I know many of them since I joined in 1983(?) but not necessarily the years served, so I'm reaching out to the membership at large to ask you to contact me via email. Don't worry about whether anyone else has sent in a name or names. I'd rather get 100 emails with many repetitions than miss someone.

In March, we will also have elections. My time as president will be up, because that office is term-limited. In addition, the other three officers, vice president Brian Barrey, secretary Dave Unetich, and treasurer Tony Messina are holding annually elected offices. The terms of Dave Bollman, Spencer Schofield, and Bill Jedlicka are expiring this year. Also, we have an open Board seat that expires in 2022. Anyone who is interested in becoming part of our leadership team should consider running for a position. I've attached, to this newsletter, a description of some of the chapter president's supervision duties. Anything listed as "overseeing" just means knowing that the committee chairs are functioning well. Those do NOT require active participation. (I know that, just by seeing what I report on, it looks like the president is responsible for a lot of stuff; but almost all of that involves duties of various other positions I hold in the chapter, not the presidency. I'm planning on keeping those responsibilities; the president doesn't need to perform them.)

On January 17-19, we participated (with a booth and two presentations) at the Greater Niagara *Fishing & Outdoor Expo* at the Convention Center in Niagara Falls. We'll have a report on that in the next newsletter.

Our next Board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at Sorrentino's Restaurant. As usual, the meeting is open to all members.

Trout in the Classroom:

Unfortunately, something happened with the trout at our program at North Collins; and the fish all died. We suspect a problem with water quality but can't be sure. The teacher will be deciding soon on whether to restart the system. If so, we will arrange to transfer some trout from another of our programs. Once again, if anyone knows

of a teacher who might be interested in participating in TIC, please have him or her contact Chuck Godfrey at steelheader03@hotmail.com

NYS Council of Trout Unlimited:

The annual meeting was held at Tailwaters Lodge in late November. The by-laws of the Council were changed to make the Annual Meeting the first Saturday after Memorial Day, in the Roscoe area, with the other Council general meeting to be held -probably at Tailwaters - in early November each year. Additionally, there will be an actual meeting of the Executive Committee the night before each of the two general meetings, and again in September, along with a conference call meeting in March.

The Council will also be holding its annual Youth Trout Camp in July. This is a residential camp with expert instructors in all aspects of fly-fishing and trout. All gear for fishing is provided for the duration of the camp, and fishing is on the Delaware River. Details are attached and there WILL be scholarship help available from our chapter for any attendees. Youths must apply directly to the Council and, if accepted, will receive our financial help. Further information is contained in the attached announcement. [Editor's Note: This and other announcements noted in the newsletter are not included in the edition received by those who have requested no such attachments.]

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs:

The drawing for youth lifetime hunting or fishing licenses was held in December. Eight youths won free lifetime licenses.

Chuck Godfrey, WNYTU President

- **Editor's Position Open!** *"The time has come," the Walrus said, "to talk of many things: Of shoes--and ships--and sealing wax--of cabbages--and kings--and new newsletter editors"* [Apologies to Lewis Carroll]. So, let us talk: After over ten years as editor of "Trout Talk", I have decided to hang up the red pen (or whatever is the digital equivalent). It has been a real pleasure to produce the newsletter of Western New York Trout Unlimited. The time has come, though, to give someone else the chance to compose and to distribute this important medium of communication to, and among, our members, and to exercise creativity in composing a document which often includes photography and original articles. A love of the language, a respect for grammar (with the assistance of Spell Check – LOL), and a desire to keep our members in the loop are definite assets for this job. Some familiarity with Microsoft Word and Excel is required; but you do not need to be a computer expert. I would, of course, be willing to guide your transition to the role. If interested, please e-mail me at adkruss@gmail.com. Russ Shefrin, Newsletter Editor.

- **Stream Conservation Report – by Mr. Joseph Morgan:** I hope everyone had a nice holiday. There are a number of projects tentatively planned for the upcoming year. They include:
 - The Crow Creek Brook Trout Habitat Improvement Project. This project has had many delays, and I am hoping it will finally get done this year.
 - The Pike Dam Removal Project on Wiscoy Creek. Scott Cornett will provide more information on this at the January Chapter meeting.
 - Tree Planting on Wiscoy Creek and East Koy Creek in the Spring.
 - A Stream Clean Up day on Spring Brook in the Village of Springville.

As I get more information, I will provide updates in the newsletter and via email to the folks who are on the chapter Volunteer list. If anyone is interested in participating, please note that at the guest table at our monthly meetings or send me an email at Conservation@wnytroutunlimited.org. Thanks. Joe

- **Mr. Richard Miller** would like us to be aware of an upcoming event sponsored by the **Iroquois Chapter of Trout Unlimited**. It is the annual “Tie One On” fly-tying show, which concludes with their chapter fund raising banquet. The show is on Saturday, March 28, 2020, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (followed by the fund-raising banquet), at the Liberty Ballroom, Embassy Suites Syracuse, Destiny USA (311 Hiawatha Boulevard West, Syracuse, N.Y. 13204.) Their flyer says, *“We’ll have over 25 nationally and regionally recognized fly tiers, showcasing their talents in creating some of the most recognizable and successful fly patterns available. The day will include presentations on tying, conservation, and fishing techniques. A diverse array of flies designed to catch trout, salmon, bass, and various saltwater species will be demonstrated and on display.”* Mr. Miller notes that the banquet promises to be an enjoyable time. The Iroquois Chapter Banquet Ticket form is attached to this newsletter.
- **News from New York State Department of Environmental Conservation: Mr. Scott Cornett**, who will be the presenter at our January 28, 2020, Chapter Meeting, has sent us two files which reflect the 2019 electrofishing results. *“Attached you will find two files providing results of our electrofishing surveys on 25 trout streams in Region 9 for the summer of 2019. One file is an overall summary of adult trout populations showing any apparent long and short-term trends region-wide, along with the strength of trout reproduction in 2019, compared to the long-term averages. The other file, called Appendix I, contains much more detail, with narratives and graphs for each stream and site we sampled. Also, some pretty fish pictures! Hopefully this will allow you to find information according to your interest; either a broad overview, or data on your particular favorite stream. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to give me a call or email me! Once again, thanks to all the volunteers who came out to observe and help this summer.”* [Editor’s Note: Mr. Cornett’s reports are included as attachments. Please see the note, above, regarding attachments. Also, if you need Mr. Cornett’s email address, please contact me, adkruss@gmail.com.]
- **From the Editor:** 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 once a year, namely, in September. 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 digital 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
- **Treasurer’s Report for the Period December 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019** (Submitted by **Mr. Anthony Messina**):

		prior period thru 11/30/19	this period thru 12/31/19
	(CHECKING ACCT)		
BALANCE AT	NOVEMBER 1, 2019	\$2,663.41	
BALANCE AT	DECEMBER 1, 2019		\$1,274.85

INFLOWS:	NONE	\$0.00	
		TOTAL INFLOWS:	\$0.00
			\$0.00
OUTFLOWS:	SUPPLIES	\$85.24	
	STORAGE UNIT		
	RENTAL	\$1,303.32	
		TOTAL OUTFLOWS:	\$0.00
BALANCE AT	NOVEMBER 30,2019	\$1,274.85	
BALANCE AT	DECEMBER 31,2019		\$1,274.85

			prior period thru 11/30/19	this period thru 12/31/19
		(MONEY MKT ACCT)		
BALANCE AT	NOVEMBER 1, 2019		\$27,369.84	
BALANCE AT	DECEMBER 1, 2019			\$27,370.29

INFLOWS:	INTEREST	\$0.45	\$0.46
		TOTAL INFLOWS:	\$0.46

OUTFLOWS:	NONE		
		TOTAL OUTFLOWS:	\$0.00

BALANCE AT	NOVEMBER 30,2019	\$27,370.29	
BALANCE AT	DECEMBER 31,2019		\$27,370.75

			prior period thru 11/30/19	this period thru 12/31/19
		(RESTR. FNDS ACCT)		
BALANCE AT	NOVEMBER 1, 2019		\$10,000.00	
BALANCE AT	DECEMBER 1, 2019			\$10,000.00

INFLOWS:	NONE	\$0.00	\$0.00
----------	------	--------	--------

OUTFLOWS:	NONE	\$0.00	\$0.00
-----------	------	--------	--------

BALANCE AT	NOVEMBER 30,2019	\$10,000.00	
BALANCE AT	DECEMBER 31,2019		\$10,000.00



Photography

Here are several photos sent to us by Mr. Chuck Godfrey:



Representative Chris Pappas (D-N.H.) addresses the delegates to the “Clean Water Fly-In”.



The New York delegation in front of Representative Brian Higgins’ (D-N.Y.) office.



The Clean Water Fly-In participants are briefed at a breakfast on Wednesday.

Closer to home, Mr. Nick Sagnibene presents at our November, 2019, WNYTU Chapter Meeting.....



While the audience processes what Mr. Sagnibene has to say.....



Our Advertisers

Cattaraugus Creek Outfitters

- *Guided Fly Fishing for Steelhead**
- *Cabins on Cattaraugus Creek in Zoar Valley**
- *Hosted Fly-Fishing Adventures to Alaska, Bahamas, Mexico**
- *DIY Bahamas Bonefishing Adventures**

Visit www.ccoflyfishing.com

Or call Vince @ 716-479-2327

Whispering Pines Fish Farm

Pond Stocking

Trout, Bass, Perch, Minnows

Grass Carp, Koi, Crayfish

716-496-7440