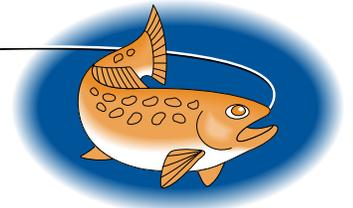


TROUTLINE



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NOVEMBER MEETING



DETAILS

November 6, 2014
6:45 p.m. Fly tying demonstration
6:45 p.m. Boy Scout Merit Badge group (CANCELLED)
7:30 p.m. Chapter meeting

WHERE

Flame Room of Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street, SE, Vienna.

GETTING THERE

Chain Bridge Road (123) becomes Maple Avenue in Vienna. Turn south on Center Street. Continue on Center Street past the athletic field on the left; note the fire station on the left at the intersection with Cherry Street. Turn left on Cherry and park behind the building. Go in the side door at the corner of the building and proceed up the stairs to the meeting room.

NOVEMBER PROGRAM

Tying, elections and a gear swap meet.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

1: FWAM trip to Rose River (upper)
6: Chapter Meeting (annual elections)
13: Board Meeting
29: FWAM trip to Gunpowder (MD)

WHAT'S COMING OFF

NOVEMBER MEETING

Tying Demonstrations, Elections and Swap Meet

The November meeting will be a combination of tying sessions during the main session, elections and a swap meet. We will have slides and videos running in the background.

Bring your vise and enough materials for a

few other folks and demonstrate your favorite fly. Also, bring any gear you'd like to swap or sell.

Our chapter's new fishing guide will be on sale and there will be a fly raffle.

Hope to see you Thursday!

Election – November Meeting

Please start thinking about going to the next level in your connection with NVATU. All officer positions are open to chapter members, as well as several board positions (3 year terms). We need one more board member to be compliant with our bylaws. Nearly all of our officers would celebrate

being defeated as it gets other members involved and infuses the board with fresh ideas and new energy. If you would like to campaign in advance of election night, send a brief platform statement to ppafish@hotmail.com and I'll send it out via the chapter e-mail.

Skyline Drive Closures

To deter game poachers, the Skyline Drive will be closed by Park authorities on the following schedule: From Nov 10 through Jan 4 between Front Royal and Thornton Gap (at Route 211) between 5 pm and 8 am daily. The Drive between

Thornton Gap and Swift Run (at Route 33) will remain open for overnight access to Skyline Resort until Nov 30. From Dec 1 through Jan 4 the entire length of Skyline Drive will be closed 5 pm to 8 am daily.

Honoring New Members

We would like to welcome aboard our newest members! We look forward to seeing you at our Chapter events.

Thomas Armstrong, Manassas, VA
Geoffrey Burke, Alexandria, VA,
Paul Carothers, Arlington, VA
Hattie DuBois, Alexandria, VA
Todd Laverty, Ashburn, VA

Steven Potter, Lorton, VA
Paul Scott Cardiff, **Michael Trunzo**, Alexandria, VA
Kenneth Wall, Fairfax Station, VA
Jerry West, Vienna, VA

TRIP 1

Rose River

VIRGINIA

When: Nov. 1, 2014

Depart: 8 a.m.

Return: You decide

Meet: Dick's Fair Lakes parking lot

The first trip this month is to the upper Rose River. This freestone stream runs through the Shenandoah National Park and wild Brook Trout is the name of the game. Come prepared for a stiff 1 1/2 mile hike as both forks (Hogcamp Branch and main stem of Rose) require some aerobic effort.

This is still one of the streams that fall under the Brown Trout removal program that Shenandoah National Park has instituted. The following is quoted from Virginia fishing regulations.

"The release of any brown trout back into any Park stream is prohibited and brown trout less than 7 inches must be disposed of within the Park but away from Park streams, roads, and trails. This is an effort to limit the impacts of brown trout on the native brook trout populations."

Note: If the Brown is over 7 inches, "bon appetit."

A 3-5 weight rod is more than enough rod. Casts are generally short, calling for a rod that can roll cast well as well as make short, delicate casts. The stream is shallow enough in most places to get away with hip waders if you have them. You should start to see a mix of terrestrials and caddis. Ants and

beetles always do well, and you may not need to throw anything else. Blue Wing Olives in sizes 16 and 18 will work as well late in the day or any "Wulff" pattern in similar sizes. Elk Hair Caddis and Stimulators in smaller sizes can be quite effective as well.



TRIP 2

Gunpowder River

MARYLAND

When: November 29, 2014

Depart: 8 a.m.

Return: You decide

Meet: Vienna Community Center Parking Lot

THIS IS A SELF-GUIDED TRIP

By Scott Bearden

The second trip will be to the Gunpowder River in Maryland. The fish here are stocked rainbows and naturally reproducing brown and brook trout. This is a premier tail water fishery on the East Coast and on Trout Unlimited's top 10 best rivers in America. It does get a lot of pressure, and this is not a stream to take lightly. However the rewards are great when you finally hook up with a feisty 12 inch brown trout that is as smart and hard fighting

as a 20 incher. These are PHD trout and they have seen their fair share of sloppy casts, dragging flies and splashy wading. Despite the demanding discipline needed for success on this stream, the rewards are jaw dropping beauty for a river so close to a major metropolitan area and the skills learned that will help you catch fish anywhere if you can catch them here. You will have more room to cast on the Gunpowder and so I recommend longer rods in a four or five weight configuration. Longer and lighter tippets are sometimes needed if the flow is less than 300 CFS. This time of year you may find a few ants or size 14 black crickets work if the temperature doesn't drop too low. Short of that, you won't find much surface action until January when a prolific black stonefly hatch occurs in the dead of winter. You will find great success this time of year with nymphs and particularly stonefly nymph patterns. The water is full of sculpins and streamer fishing has produced 18 and 20+ inch fish when nothing else is working. The Gunpowder is one of those rivers that offers something different every couple of hundred yards. There are

miles of shallow flat pools, deep plunge pools too deep to wade, plenty of riffles, and log jams and boulders that will keep you coming back to try that one spot you didn't get to try last time. This stream has something to offer for everyone. You will certainly want chest waders, and especially this time of year you will want thermal underwear on underneath. The Gunpowder is notoriously cold year round and the winter is no time to risk hypothermia. There can be considerable hiking involved, especially if you fish above the bridge and head for Pretty Boy dam. Bring water and if you have room, a thermos of hot coffee, cocoa, or soup to keep you warm.

Editors note: I asked Kiki about the didymo (rock snot) problem. This time of year it shouldn't be a problem. It resurfaces in late winter and very early spring when water temps are lower.



CALLING ALL STOCKING VOLUNTEERS!

NVATU is looking for **eight** volunteers to help DGIF Stock Holmes Run and Accotink Creek on **January 7, 2014**.

If you are interested in stocking trout on that date please contact **Roger Brown** at matchbox@cox.net.

NOVEMBER FLY OF THE MONTH: DEMONSTRATED BY JOHN HADLEY

Copper John



The 25 Greatest Flies of All Time: www.fieldandstream.com/fiveflies (#16) by Field and Stream 2009.

Originator: John Barr of Boulder, Colorado in 1996.

The Copper John is a wire-bodied nymph, with a bead head and lead weight that sinks rapidly to get to the bottom where the fish are. This is not a hard fly to tie but takes some time as it has several materials and steps to finish it.

Techniques to be learned:

- Attaching a bead head
- Tying on split biots tail

- Wind on a copper wire body
- Using peacock herl for thorax
- Using Partridge feather for legs
- Using thin skin for a wingcase with a Flashabou accent
- Using 5 minute Epoxy finish

Recipe

Hook: Standard 1X Nymph Hook #12 to #22, TMC 5262, 5263

Head: Gold Bead Head, sized to match hook size

Thread: Black 6/0, 8/0

Tail: Goose or Turkey Biots

Body: Copper wire or optional colors, red, green or black

Thorax: Peacock herl, two or three strands; optional ostrich or dubbing
 Legs: Partridge, or from hen back
 Wingcase: Thin Skin with Flashabou center strip and Epoxy finish (turkey feather optional)
Fishing Technique: In moving water dead drift within a few inches of the bottom with or without an indicator then drift with short strips. In calm water cast past the target area, let sink to near the bottom, strip to bring to the surface and then let sink again; repeat until you cover the target area.

Destination Iceland



By KiKi Galvin

I just returned from an amazing fishing trip for Atlantic Salmon in Iceland. As I sit here I must tell you I never realized how accessible and plentiful the rivers are there and the beautiful fish they hold. I was invited by one of my gal pals to join her and five other women on this trip this past August. Our merry band of intrepid anglers landed and met at the Keflavik Airport – by the way for me was only a non-stop 5.5 hour flight from Dulles Airport. Who knew! We all gathered up our bags and rods and headed for Reykjavik for the evening and dinner with a well respected advocate for the preservation and protection of the Atlantic Salmon and its habitat. Orri Vigfusson, who is Chairman of the North Atlantic Salmon Fund, was fascinating and his passion for the beautiful species

we refer to as *Salmo Salar* is contagious and inspiring! He gave us the history of his work in Iceland and elsewhere, including the United States, and we, as anglers, owe him our respect because he is living the mission statement to Preserve, Protect and Restore of Trout Unlimited for sure ... only his work is dedicated to Atlantic Salmon.

The very next day we were off to our first lodge and river – the Hafralonsa. It is located in the North East corner of Iceland and yes, we flew over the volcano just beginning to erupt under the glacier known as Vatnajokull. Obviously, we all lived to tell about it!

Our first river was big with tons of pools, whitewater and cliffs to repel down ... yes I said repel ... down the rope you go with rod in your teeth!! It is in one of these magnificent deep pools named (Gusti- #23) perfectly nestled in the

canyon where I hooked and landed my first Atlantic Salmon! It was a thrill beyond my expectations. She fought hard and came to the net only to be kissed and released. A 78 cm (31 in.) hen that was silver with lavender highlights fresh from the sea. Our band of merry anglers did well on the Hafralonsa and all had the honor of recording their catches in the Veidibok for the 2014 season. Our guides were knowledgeable and did everything they could to put us on to fish. So after three days of fishing, anglers, guides and cook traveled to our second river called the Vesturdalsa. Along the way you are surrounded by volcanic outcroppings covered in green moss, sheep running down the road at every turn and the snow covered mountains running right into the grey abundant water of the surrounding sea. This river is smaller but holds Salmon as well as Arctic

Char. The drill was the same however. Set up at a pool, cast 45 degrees across, mend and swing... then strip, strip, strip!!

When the Salmon takes do not lift your rod. Allow them to turn and hook themselves. The fight is on and it is you and the fish ... who will win the battle? Well once again my gal pals including me were victorious and found ourselves recording in the Lax Veidibok 2014 for the Vesturdalsa River.

I had the extra honor of recording a 95cm (37in) 20 lb. buck, the largest recorded this season! It was an epic fight, hooked in pool #57 and landed 30 minutes later in pool #56 on a 6wt. rod no less! Simply amazing and a fish of a lifetime.

For more information on fishing in Iceland go to:

Icelandicflyfishermen.com.

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CONSERVATION CALENDAR

Unless otherwise noted:

- **Chapter meetings:** Vienna Volunteer Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.
- **Board Meetings:** Century 21 Office, 6631A Old Dominion Drive, McLean, VA, 7:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 4:** Chapter Meeting
- 6:** FWAM trip to Little Stony (VA). Need National Forest Stamp if under age 65 – Final Trip for 2014
- 11:** Board Meeting

JANUARY

- 1:** CHAPTER MEETING **CANCELLED DUE TO HOLIDAY**
- 3:** FWAM trip to Upper Hughes River (VA)
- 8:** Board Meeting
- 31:** FWAM trip to Conewago Creek (PA)

FEBRUARY

- 5:** Chapter Meeting
- 7:** FWAM trip to Conway

- River (VA)
- 12:** Board Meeting
- 28:** FWAM trip to Big Spring Creek (PA)



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