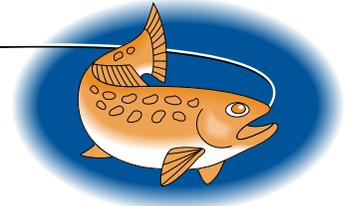


# TROUTLINE



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## AUGUST MEETING



### DETAILS

**August 6, 2015**  
**6:45 p.m.** Fly tying demonstration  
**6:45 p.m.** Boy Scout Merit Badge group  
**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.

### AUGUST PROGRAM

**Mike Cherwek**  
Vanishing Atlantic salmon

### AUGUST CALENDAR

**1:** FWAM trip to lower Rapidan (VA)  
**6:** Chapter Meeting  
**13:** Board Meeting  
**29:** FWAM trip to Yellow Breeches (PA)

## WHAT'S COMING OFF

MIKE CHERWEK

# The Vanishing Atlantic Salmon since WWII and Sputnik

Since the end of WWII, the wild Atlantic salmon has been seriously reduced in their total numbers in every North Atlantic country, in part facilitated by the spin-off space age technology from the Cold War space race.



Despite the worldwide 2002 Moratorium on commercial salmon fishing, the Atlantic salmon numbers have continued to drop to their lowest counts in recorded history in 2014.

The Miramichi Salmon Association (MSA)

an involved fly fisherman, you will enjoy learning more about an underappreciated and emerging fly fishing issue.

Mike is a board of the MSA and fishes the Miramichi.

has explored this decline extensively in conjunction with the Atlantic Salmon Federation and the Canadian government. Their findings are both interesting and disturbing. If you are a salmon fisherman, a conservationist, or

## Honoring New Members

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

**Laurie Barnes**, Woodbridge, VA  
**Robbie Coulter**, Alexandria, VA  
**Cook Edens**, Arlington, VA  
**Emily Garner**, Stafford, VA  
**Thomas Griffith**, Alexandria, VA  
**Tami Heilemann**, Herndon, VA  
**Stefan Jackson**, Arlington, VA  
**Todd Jarrett**, Fairfax, VA  
**David Keighley**, Reston, VA  
**Ian Komorowski**, Alexandria, VA  
**Dennis LaGanza**, Alexandria, VA  
**Andrew Moore**, Fairfax, VA  
**Josh Palm**, Leesburg, VA  
**Jeffrey Toner**, Arlington, VA  
**Glen Van Landingham**, Ashburn, VA  
**Patrick Wentz**, Springfield, VA  
**Christopher Backy**, Leesburg, VA  
**Thomas Baranowski**, Broadlands, VA  
**Nicole Bayert**, Woodbridge, VA  
**Terry Busby**, Arlington, VA

**Mary Campbell**, Arlington, VA  
**John Clark**, Arlington, VA  
**Sheila Consaul**, Reston, VA  
**Patrick Corrigan**, Alexandria, VA  
**Robert Cosgrove**, South Riding, VA  
**Paul Cunningham**, Centreville, VA  
**Andrew Czarnecki**, Leesburg, VA  
**Ken Deis**, Woodbridge, VA  
**Freddie Dobbs**, Vienna, VA  
**Mark Dooley**, Vienna, VA  
**James Friley**, Centreville, VA  
**Bill Gue III**, Vienna, VA  
**Josh Gillespie**, McLean, VA  
**David Gleeson**, Arlington, VA  
**Nicholas Graham**, Stafford, VA  
**Bruce Gray**, McLean, VA  
**John Gue III**, Vienna, VA  
**Braedon Hannah King**, George, VA  
**Robert Hayduk**, Annandale, VA  
**John Heffren**, Vienna, VA  
**Steve Juline**, Springfield, VA

**Ted Knight**, Arlington, VA  
**Paul Layman**, Lorton, VA  
**Patrick Lucrezio**, Springfield, VA  
**Jamie Mazziotta**, Reston, VA  
**Anna Meadows**, Alexandria, VA  
**Edward Murphy**, Leesburg, VA  
**Ajay Nath**, Falls Church, VA  
**Edward Pearce**, Alexandria, VA  
**Kevin Quinn**, Annandale, VA  
**Suzanne Romatowski**, McLean, VA  
**Eddie Stapleton**, Alexandria, VA  
**Kenneth Stenger**, Vienna, VA  
**John Unglesbee**, Stafford, VA  
**Laura Walter**, Springfield, VA  
**Richard Whelden**, Annandale, VA  
**Patricia Wiegard**, Oakton, VA  
**Brian Wolohan**, Oak Hill, VA  
**Keith Yacko**, Ashburn, VA

TRIP 1

## Lower Rapidan

VIRGINIA

**When:** August 1, 2015  
**Depart:** 8 a.m.  
**Return:** Whenever  
**Contact:** George Paine  
 www.nvatu.org  
**Meet:** Dick's Fair Lakes parking lot

The August trip will be to the lower Rapidan River, either where it joins the Rappahannock, or where it exits the park at Graves Mill, depending on water conditions. The confluence will require moderately strenuous hiking about a mile. Bring plenty of water.

The quarry will be smallmouth bass. Chest waders or waist high waders are useful given water depth. Wet wading will keep you a lot cooler since there is a hike of about a mile into the confluence.

You can almost always get away with a short fly rod, but when there

is room to cast (and mend line) a longer rod is a significant advantage. Mike Daly, "a factor contributing to rod choice is the depth and flow of the water. If the water is up and the fish are deep, it can take a lot of weight to get your fly down to where the fish are. Most smallmouth fishing is done beneath the surface. This means a variety of sinking or floating/sinking lines can be useful. A full floater is easier to use if the water isn't too deep.

With a floating line, I usually start with a leader about the length of the rod. Low, clear water, and spooky fish might cause me to lengthen the leader a few feet. With sinking or sink tip lines I use a short leader, anywhere from three to six feet, usually just one section. For smallmouth I would start with



an eight pound tippet and go down to six if conditions were difficult. Take along tippet from 0X to 4X. Start with 3X if you are using something like a #6 or #8 fly. As to flies, I like the action of a wiggle tail. On my list of streamers is a Zonker, and then a Clouser Minnow. The latter is perhaps the classic modern smallmouth pattern. Take something to imitate a hellgrammite, either a realistic pattern or a black Woolly Bugger."

A damselfly imitation (ed: Zug bugs work well) is a great small fly to use in clear water when fish are

spooky. Also take something to imitate a crayfish. There are other species of fish in the river. Rock bass are one of my favorite panfish. When you find them, you can often pick up a fish on every cast. They have saved more than one fishing trip for me. They will hit smallmouth patterns (and just about anything else!). The second thing is how you retrieve your streamers. Most of us just pitch them across and let them swing down. When the streamer gets directly below you (on the dangle) you retrieve it. To fish streamers well you must assume there are fish in the water and vary your retrieve until you catch them. Make sure you are near the bottom at least some of the time regardless of what technique you use.

– George Paine

PS: I've also connected with large fish there using tan lead-eye leach patterns and white strymps.

TRIP 2

## Yellow Breeches

PENNSYLVANIA

**When:** August 29, 2015  
**Depart:** 8 a.m.  
**Return:** You decide  
**Meet:** Vienna Civic Center small parking lot north of firehouse parking lot- just across the street.

SELF-GUIDED trip (we are still in need of a leader for MD and PA trips). Directions are in the chapter fishing guide.

It's August. It is hot and humid and all you want to do is sit in the

air conditioning. You can catch a movie, head to the museum, or go to a restaurant or mall. Or, you could drive to Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania and experience a spectacle of both man and nature – the white fly hatch. Boiling Springs is home to the Yellow Breeches and is definitely the place to be in August and sometimes into September. It may well be Pennsylvania's most popular stream in mid-August. That is when the remarkable white fly (Ephronleukon) hatch occurs.

The Yellow Breeches received its name from British soldiers who after washing their white leggings

in the stream ended up with yellow breeches. The yellow tint came from the chemical reaction from the lime in the water. The Yellow Breeches is much larger than other limestone streams in the area and is fed by both limestone spring and freestone tributaries. The white fly is a large white mayfly (size #14). Males emerge and quickly change from dun to spinner. The females emerge and fly up and down over the stream just a few feet off the surface of the water. The females do not change into spinners but stay duns.

Trout often jump out of the water trying to capture mayflies just above the surface. Though you'll see some

fish on the surface the larger ones are feeding on emergers just below the surface. Charlie Meck suggests dragging your fly at this time, as if it were "skating" on the water. He says look for trout chasing a mayfly, cast a White Fly with over-sized hackle just upriver from the rising fish, and start dragging the fly. Another method he suggests is to use a tandem rig. Tie on a #14 White Wullf dry with a 4x tippet. On the bend of the hook tie on a two-foot 4x tippet and attach an emerger pattern to it.

– By Suzanne Malon

# NVATU and Turkey Mountain FFC Host Two PHW Events

Our chapter and the Turkey Mountain Fly Fishing Club, many of whose members overlap, hosted a total of 15 wounded and disabled veterans for a day of guided fishing on the Thornton River in both April and June. All caught at least one fish, and nearly all caught large

rainbow trout; two of the vets claimed a Turkey Mountain Grand Slam: rainbow trout, fallfish, sunfish, and smallmouth bass.

Cliff Miller III, who owns Mount Vernon Farm, graciously made the property available for the 6th time. Sylvie Rowand of Laughing Duck

Gardens near Washington, VA, catered the lunch of all natural foods provided by NVATU and TMFFC.

Guides and the support team from NVATU and TMFFC for the two days included Mike Fitzhugh, John Bauer, Pat Gurnicz, Victor Kernus, Bob Parsons, Bill Royall, Roy

Lindquist, Dennis Suddarth, Tim Toole and Mike Warner, Don Gratton, Pat Kerrigan, Tom Tuttle, and Terry Lowe.

Jim Galvin supervised the June 5 event. Ellen Killough (PHW CEO) also guided.

# My Two Cents on the New TU Logo

By Gary Visgaitis

In early 2001, following efforts by a design firm working with the national office, a contest to design TU logo version 2.0 was announced.

The decision was to open up the competition to ALL active Trout Unlimited members worldwide.

Immediately, I started envisioning an elegant design that graphically simplified and streamlined the original logo that debuted in 1959 and was retired in 2001.

The simplified Ducks Unlimited logo, among others, was certainly an inspiration in my artwork.

At almost the same time, I relocated from Fairfax, VA back to my hometown in Northeast Pennsylvania ending a long distance relationship of several years, as well as welcoming geographic closeness to family and friends.

The local TU chapter in the area back then was inactive for many years.

I assumed until the Western Pocono Chapter reorganized in 2005, I was an active Life member of the Northern Virginia Chapter throughout the redesign process.

Now to get to work. Immediately rolled up my sleeves, dug in and weeks later a labor of love produced over a dozen designs.

TU national press release noted 60 entries were submitted overall.

Then I got the call.

## ADDRESSING LOGO ISSUES

**First:** Times New Roman has been described on the internet as a familiar legendary font and Gill Sans Black is also a classic font going back decades. Both are commercially available for purchase and widely used.



While at work in the Allentown Morning Call newsroom art department the then CFO broke the good news over the phone – my design was selected.

From the timeless classic lyrics of a favorite James Brown tune, “I feel good!”

Fast forward to a May 2015 “Lines to Leaders” e-mail

announcing a NEW TU logo arrived in my inbox.

To say I was surprised at reading the announcement would be an understatement.

Joel Johnson, Chief Marketing Officer, mentioned four nagging issues existed with the current design that necessitated change.

Breaking news to yours truly.

**Second:** Not a top of a mountain design. Wavy graduated water designed for reproduction. Trout don’t jump over mountains.

**Third:** Frame of the logo is an issue for reproduction. The reworked logo is almost the same exact dimensions and does not address the perceived problem.

**Fourth:** Not a trout? Artistic license, folks.

That said, had I known this was a nagging issue, the fix is an easy one (two more fins).

Be that as it may, I like to thank Joel for mentioning the design served TU well for 15 years.

I knew this day would eventually come, no design lasts forever and upgrades move us forward.

But I would like to take a few moments to shed some light on the four issues that necessitated changing the current design (see graphic on the left for details).

Certainly, no sour grapes here, chapter folks.

I am a team player and fully behind the current efforts of Trout Unlimited.

I like the NEW logo and from what I have heard from flattering comments, the logo echoes my contest winning design.

The addition of more fin illustration details and modern fonts replacing classic typography modernizes the design.

Talking with my retired fly fishing father and expert fly tyer he was heartened my design helped to serve TU conservation efforts.

Bottom line, we are thrilled the TU mission is moving forward ...

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## HS Students, NVATU Enjoy Fishing Outing

On Saturday, June 13th, the girls from James Madison High School who founded Students for Environmental Action (SEA) and volunteers from NVATU gathered at Rose River Farm in Syria, Va., to share and experience the many facets of fly fishing.

The girls had participated in a Trout in the Classroom (TIC) project a few years ago at the high school under the guidance of Mr. Dick Gongaware and Kirk Smith. The girls learned how to determine if the water for brook trout they were to raise in classroom tanks was cold and clear enough. SEA’s



focus is to encourage their fellow classmates and the community to become more environmentally conscious. Our mission in TU is to promote cold-water fisheries and

the joint venture was a no brainer! Our TU chapter wanted to give back a little something to the girls for all their hard work and national recognition for their endeavor. At

the June event the girls learned a little bit about equipment, knots, entomology and casting, then hit the water with yours truly, Jay Lovering and Roy Lindquist.

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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.

Gunpowder (MD)

### DECEMBER

**3:** Chapter Meeting  
**5:** FWAM trip to Rose River (upper) Final trip for 2015  
**10:** Board Meeting

### SEPTEMBER

**3:** Chapter Meeting  
**5:** FWAM trip to Rappahannock (VA)  
**10:** Board Meeting  
**26:** FWAM trip to Patuxent (MD)

### OCTOBER

**1:** Chapter Meeting  
**3:** FWAM trip to White Oak Canyon (VA)  
**8:** Board Meeting  
**31:** FWAM trip to Morgan Run (MD)

### NOVEMBER

**5:** Chapter Meeting  
**7:** FWAM trip to Little Stony (VA)  
**12:** Board Meeting  
**28:** FWAM trip to



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## MEMBER ALBUM



Kiki Galvin netted this using a Sage XP 5wt 9-ft. with 4x leader with 12-in. of 3x tippet. The fly was a root beer-colored cone head woollybugger.