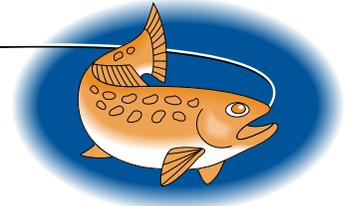


TROUTLINE



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DECEMBER MEETING



DETAILS

December 1, 2016
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.

DECEMBER PROGRAM

Levi Pitcock
Upcoming TU fly-tournament

DECEMBER CALENDAR

1: Chapter Meeting
3: FWAM Trip to Little Stony (VA-Need National Forest Stamp if under age 65) Final Trip for 2016.
8: Board Meeting

WHAT'S COMING OFF

Double Spur Outfitters

In anticipation of our TU-Fly tournament scheduled for Sat, Apr. 22 we have invited Levi back to talk about some of his major stream improvements, a cabin, and additional stream access areas.

This section of Cedar Creek west of Strausburg has easy access making it perfect for people with disabilities, the elderly, or for people that do not want to hike for miles to fish. There is also the option of wading the more challenging sections of this meandering mid-sized stream.

Each month this private portion of Cedar Creek is stocked with rainbow trout. These trout average



in size from 12-20 inches and weigh in at 2-4 lbs. There is plenty of room for casting for beginners, as well as some tight obstacles to fish around for the advanced fishermen. There are some long, deep runs to fish dry and wet flies, and some fast moving water to try your hand at fishing some nymphs. This stream offers all aspects of fishing; ranging from

very simple to very demanding and tactically challenging. You can fish for the day, or make your trip to Cedar Creek a nice getaway.

Check it out at:
www.doublespuroutfitters.com.

Honoring New Members

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

Luis Alvarado, Arlington, VA
Todd Bevans, Great Falls, VA
Bob Coatney, Ashburn, VA
Kirk Dehaven, Alexandria, VA
William Fallon, Alexandria, VA
Wellington Goddin, Waterford, VA
Thomas Janus, King George, VA
David Kagan, Arlington, VA
Thomas Liuzzo, Woodbridge, VA
Brian Maguire, Sterling, VA
James Mannix, Springfield, VA
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Ralph Braccio, Falls Church, VA
Eric Brinkmann, Woodbridge, VA
Chris Bundy, Fairfax, VA
Dale DAlessio, Herndon, VA
Justin Hardie, Springfield, VA
Matt Heffron, Falls Church, VA
Robin Kershner, Alexandria, VA
Cinde McVeightt, Woodbridge, VA
Larry Menzie, Dumfries, VA
Jeffrey Morris, Alexandria, VA
Gabe Poggi, Alexandria, VA
John Sacha, Alexandria, VA
Stephen Shapiro, Stafford VA
Toshihikoshi Raishi, Mclean, VA
Nicholas Starr, Arlington, VA
Jim White, Burke, VA

Rose River

VIRGINIA

When: December 3, 2016

Depart: 8 a.m.

Return: You decide

Contact: George Paine

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Meet: Dick's Fair Lakes parking lot

This is the final trip for 2016. There is no Maryland/Pennsylvania trip due to the holiday. We have had very little rain this fall and the Rose is one of the few park streams at a fishable level.

This freestone stream runs through the Shenandoah National Park and wild Brook Trout are the target. We will be going to the lower park boundary. Please park as close

to the park gate as you can. The land owner that shares this road has a bit of a temper and has been known to express himself freely with those he thinks are parking too close to his property. As always, be respectful of all land owners. Being a good fisherman means being a good neighbor as well. If you see some trash out it might earn you some points with him if you take the time to remove it. Carpooling also cuts down on the number of cars.

The Rose River is one of the streams that fall under the SNP Brown Trout removal program. In an attempt to return the Rose and other streams to pure Brook Trout



streams, the SNP made it illegal to return any Brown Trout to the river. Any Brown over 7 inches must be harvested. Any Brown that is less than 7 inches must be discarded away from the stream and trails. There are still some ill feelings about this regulation, but as conservationist and sportspersons we don't pick and chose the rules we follow.

Recommend light rods and short leaders for this stream. A 7' 4-weight rod is more than enough. If you decide to use a longer rod, select one with a mid or full flex. This will allow you to load the rod with as little as 6-8" of fly line extended beyond the tip. With clear water use the finest tippet material you can see. Casts are generally short, calling for a rod that can roll cast well. Like many of the Park's streams, the Rose is mostly pocket water. A shorter leader, 5-6' long with 18-24" of tippet material, works well for the shorter casts and drifts. The stream is shallow enough in most places that you can get away with hip waders if you have them.

Beetles with a bright back that you can see work well as do deer hair caddis, various nymphs and soft-hackles.

BILL CARTWRIGHT

We lost Bill to pancreatic cancer last month.

Bill's contribution is impossible to summarize in one article. His most significant characteristic was his deep devotion to caring for the needs of wounded veterans. Bill was wounded in Laos in a special operations mission. He endured a painful rehabilitation and suffered from back pain the rest of his life from fragments left in his back.

He probably never used the words, "I feel your pain," but it came across when working with vets.

Bill was deliberately an enigma, that I suspect was partly due to his modesty. But I also think he enjoyed being an enigma as a way to connect with you.

He loved to share, whether it was showing you a different fishing technique or a great honey hole so he could see the smile on your face.

Bill was a devoted Catholic. He is probably asking Saint Peter where the best fishing is found, and informing him that he's starting a new chapter.

DECEMBER FLY OF THE MONTH: DEMONSTRATED BY JOHN HADLEY

Shad Dart



Bring your vise, thread and bobbin, other materials will be provided to tie a fly or two.

Originator: Newell Steele, Angler's Lie. Newell showed me this fly when I first went on a NVATU

chapter's "Fish with a Member" trip for Shad on the Rappahannock River several years ago and I caught lots of Shad. It is an easy, simple and fast fly to tie. It can be tied with white or any other color chenille. A good fly for beginner fly tiers.

Technique and material to be learned:

- Attach a cone head
- Use slinky fiber and holographic fiber for a tail
- Attach various color chenille bodies

Shad Dart Recipe:

Hook: TMC 3769, TMC 3761 (Sproat Bend), Orvis 122J or any 2X Long hook

Thread: White 3/0 or 6/0, some use mono-thread

Head: Red Cone 3/16" or 1/4" with Sproat Bend. Or use other colors: brass, pink

Tail: White Slinky Fiber, craft fur or other synthetic fiber. Silver/Gold Holographic Fly Fiber – four to eight strands on each side, (Optional: Flashaboo or Krystal Flash)

Body: Pearl/White Speckled Chenille or other colors: light green

Fishing Tip:

I start with the original white Shad Dart but if it is not working I try another color. In my limited Shad fishing experience I've found Shad fishing is best in the early morning,

late afternoon or on a cloudy day and worst on a bright sunny day. Cast out about 45 degrees out from straight down stream and let the fly sink and drift to dead downstream then strip in the line. Add a few yards with following casts, and then add weight to get deeper if necessary. In added water I fish with a floating line and a sinking tippet. From a boat, in deeper water, I fish with a sinking line. The fish run in schools so if fishing from an anchored boat and other boats are catching fish but you aren't you need to up anchor, move a few yards to one side or the other, and try again until you get over a school and start catching fish. I like using a seven weight rod.

2nd Annual NOVA TU FLY

By Kiki Galvin

Mark your calendars for Saturday April 22, 2017! Levi Pitcock from Double Spur Outfitters will be hosting our event on Cedar Creek. For those who competed in our inaugural event we were most grateful and the TU FLY committee hope to increase our team participation in 2017 and we look to our



members to take part in this wonderful event as well as other members from neighboring chapters. More details to come and reach out to fellow anglers and spread the word!

Donation: \$250 per team of two anglers.

To Pre-Register Contact: Art Brantz, (703) 980-5776 or e-mail to abrantz@aol.com.

Pitt River Report

Gary Beard

After several years of fishing for trout in Utah, Montana and Wyoming my west coast fishing partner and I decided to try something different. We looked at Alaska and couldn't find anything

within our budget. Our search then led us to British Columbia where we found a lodge on the Pitt River that offers lodging, meals and guide service at a reasonable price. It is the only fishing lodge on the Pitt River. While the lodge is near Vancouver, it is only accessible by

boat, helicopter or float plane. We fished in July which is the peak of the sockeye salmon run. Sockeye are not the easiest salmon to catch on a fly rod so it takes a lot of casting but when you hook one the fish can take you into your backing very quickly. The Pitt River is catch and

release for all species so we didn't mind that we had a lot of long distance releases (LDRs). The river also has runs of coho and king salmon later in the year and we were told there is a good bull trout season in June.



Lemon Road Elementary School TIC tank.

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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.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

- Feb 2:** TBD
- March 2:** Michael Abramowitz, Mid-Atlantic Fly-Fishing Magazine, on Fishing Safely

JANUARY 2017

- 5:** No Members Meeting due to holiday
- 7:** FWAM Trip to Hughes River (VA)
- 12:** Board Meeting
- 28:** FWAM Trip to Conewago (PA)

FEBRUARY

- 4:** FWAM Trip to Conway River (VA)
- 25:** FWAM Trip to Big Spring (PA)

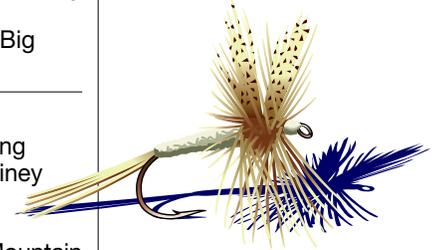
MARCH

- 2:** Members Meeting
- 4:** FWAM Trip to Piney Branch (VA)
- 9:** Board Meeting
- 25:** FWAM Trip to Mountain Creek (PA)



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MEMBER ALBUM



Colorado Cutthroat:
Hal Metcalf and a colorful catch in October on a #26 emerger.