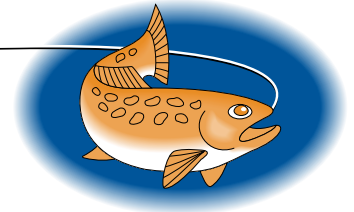


TROUTLINE



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JUNE MEETING



DETAILS

June 7, 2018

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 Street 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.

JUNE CALENDAR

1: PHW Veteran's Fishing, Thornton River (VA)
2: FWAM Trip to Lower Rapidan/Staunton (VA)
7: Chapter meeting
14: Board meeting
30: FWAM Trip to Big Hunting Creek (MD)

WHAT'S COMING OFF

TOM O'CONNELL

Fisheries Research the Topic for June Meeting

Tom O'Connell is Director of the U.S. Geological Survey's Leetown Science Center where he leads a team of interdisciplinary scientists to conduct fishery and aquatic ecology research to support the management needs of the Department of Interior and other Federal and state agencies.

At NVATU's June 7 meeting, Tom will talk about the research conducted at the Leetown Science Center and its focus on informing policy makers responsible for the conservation, management and restoration of brook trout and aquatic ecosystems in the mid-Atlantic region. Topics will include citizen science programs where NVATU members can actively assist the USGS Leetown Science Center's research program for trout.



Prior to becoming Center Director in September 2016, Tom worked 23 years for the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MD DNR) Fisheries Service where he began as a fisheries biologist and served seven years as the State's Fisheries Director. Tom grew up in Western New York and obtained a Bachelor of Science degree

from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse. Tom has a personal passion and sincerity in protecting natural resources in balance with societal needs using sound science for the enjoyment of today and tomorrow's generations. Tom, his wife and their four children spend as much time as they can outdoors, enjoying fishing, hunting, camping and sports.

New Members

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

Jeff Anderson, Great Falls, VA
William Anerson, Leesburg, VA
Beau Bakley, Arlington, VA
Michael Brock, Arlington, VA
Dave Brown, Waterford, VA
Gabriel Calvo, Arlington, VA
Jeffrey Constantz, Arlington, VA
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Matthew Curtis, Montclair, VA
Mike Fortes, Fairfax, VA
Reitter Franics, Arlington, VA
Steve Frazier, Falls Church, VA
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Jaci Giandelone, Oakton, VA
Garland Glenn, Reston, VA
William Hahn, Falls Church, VA
Alexander Hicks, Arlington, VA
Benjamin Krauss, Herndon, VA

Ray Kruse, Springfield, VA
Austin Larowe, Fairfax, VA
Benjamin Malay, Centreville, VA
Jeff Mangeno, Vienna, VA
Randall Mauldin, Fairfax, VA
Shefali Mehta, Alexandria, VA
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Peter Pontzer, Fairfax, VA
Joseph Privitera, Mclean, VA
JB Rolter, Arlington, VA
David Sherman, Stafford, VA
John Snidow, Arlington, VA
Raymond Threlkeld, Leesburg, VA
Michael, Vance, Alexandria, VA
Ross Vincenti, Arlington, VA
Matthew Zimmerman, Alexandria, VA

FISH WITH A MEMBER

TRIP 1

Rapidan River

VIRGINIA

When: June 2, 2018

Depart: 8 a.m.

Return: Whenever

Meet: George Paine at Dick's parking lot in Fair Lakes

This trip is to the Rapidan River. As the road to the middle section is still in bad shape, we will fish the Rapidan/Staunton near Graves Mill near where the Rapidan leaves the Park.

Make sure you have a current

Virginia license, and remember this is a catch and release only stream.

You should find a variety of medium, and even some larger bug hatches. You can always do well with a size 12 Quill Gordon, or a size 14 or 16 Mr. Rapidan, Blue Quill, or Royal Wulff. As for insects, look for ants – big Carpenter ants. Don't know what it is about ants that make trout go nuts and if you like dry fly fishing, the ant is probably



the easiest hatch to match. There is something about a splashy and voracious take on an ant that is addictive. Even if nothing is rising, brookies will often hit a dry fly. If you nymph, a size 14 or 16 Hare's Ear, flash-back

Pheasant Tail, and Prince nymphs, fished deep and allowed to tumble along the bottom, or a soft hackle fished on a swing will usually take fish.

Bring some water along because you will be doing quite a bit of hiking. Short rods, 5x or 6x tippets, and hip boots will be all you need to fish this stream. The terrain can be steep at times, so I suggest packing light and bringing some water to keep you hydrated. A backpack can slow you down, so if you can fit lunch and water in your vest or on your belt you'll be able to wade and fish more efficiently.

JUNE FLY OF THE MONTH: DEMONSTRATED BY JOHN HADLEY

Foam Ant

June's Fly of the Month to be demonstrated by John Hadley is the Foam Ant. This is a sure winner for brookies in the Shenandoah Mountains and catches sunfish and other fish in lakes and streams as ants are an abundant food source just about everywhere. Also to be shown are several ant patterns that you can try.

ORIGINATOR

Unknown for most patterns but I first saw the cork plug/yellow calf tail ant tied by

Harry Murray from Edinburg, VA.

RECIPE

Hook: Dry fly hook, TMC 100 # 12 or 14

Thread: black 6/0

Wing: Optional white Z-Lon, any

color yarn, hackle tips, pink craft fur or yellow calf's tail

Body: Rainy Ant Foam, 3/8" strip of black, brown or red foam, dubbing, or painted cork plugs (drink a bottle of good wine and save the cork)

Legs: black, grizzly or brown hackle

FISHING TIP

Dead float once then dead float with occasional twitching. Best fished in summer and fall. Large cork body fly with a yellow calf tail wing can be used as an indicator for a small nymph.



Trout Unlimited Tri-State Conservation & Fishing Camp June 24-29

NVATU supports this camp with many volunteers as well as funding. Please check it out and spread the word. This is fly-fishing's future.

<http://www.tucamp.org>

Sunday, June 24 to Friday, June 29, 2018
Graves' Mountain Lodge - Syria, Virginia
Adjacent to Shenandoah National Park
Several slots are still available.

2-Fly Tournament Was Fun and Successful

On April 14th, the Third Annual Northern Virginia TU 2-Fly Fundraising Tournament was held at Double Spur Outfitters in Star Tannery, Virginia. Beautiful Cedar Creek was at a nice level for wading.

It was a fun and successful day for the 16 participating anglers. We had great weather and there was some hatch activity and many fish were caught throughout the day.

Art Brantz brought Krispy Kreme donuts for breakfast and after the morning round of fishing we had a lunch of bratwurst and burgers, then switched beats and headed back out to the river.

Congratulations again to the winning teams: Kiki Galvin and Ira Strouse took First Place, Art Brantz and Bob Parsons took Second Place (Bob caught the largest fish in the tournament – a 20" rainbow) and Nick Halle and Zach Dingus from TU's National Office took Third.

Funds raised from the



TU Fly Winners:

The three winning teams at NVA TU's 2-Fly Tournament at Cedar Creek included (left) Art Brantz and Bob Parsons, Kiki Galvin and Ira Strouse, Nick Halle and Zach Dingus.

tournament will go toward NVA TU programs, including TIC, Project Healing Waters, Casting for Recovery, Kids Fly Fishing Camp, stream restorations and more.

A special thank you to the

volunteers who made the event run smoothly; Steve and Renee Hill who, incidentally, caught a 20" 'Bow when she wasn't working the grill. Thanks to Jay Lovering for his expert guidance on her fly

selection and tactics.

Levi Pitcock from Double Spur Outfitters did a good job on stocking the stream for us and there are still lots of good size fish in Cedar Creek waiting to get caught.

NVATU Members Receive Reston Volunteer Group of the Year Award



Left to right:

Bob Bidwell, Bob Speegle, Dick Christiansen and Bob Parker.

Bob Bidwell, Bob Parker, and Bob Speegle of NVATU and their team received the Reston Association Adult Group Volunteer of the Year Award on April 19 for their stream monitoring efforts. The team was started by Bob Bidwell about 16 years ago. Burt Weisman, longtime NVATU vice president and activist, now deceased, soon joined and others followed.

The Reston Association is the homeowners association for the town, which was founded in the 1960s. It now has approximately 61,000 residents and 7,500 acres, including much parkland and open space. The association monitors Reston's streams quarterly to assess their health. Most monitoring is done by volunteers collecting benthic macroinvertebrate samples and

assessing stream health according to a scientific protocol developed by the Izaak Walton League and refined by Virginia Tech for the league's Virginia Save Our Streams program (VASOS).

Four times each year, NVATU's three Bobs and their teammates sample their stream. One person holds a 3 x 3 foot net in the stream while another scrapes the stream bottom so macroinvertebrate insects flow into the net. The team then puts the net on a table and counts and categorizes the insects. The stream's health is evaluated according to a 12-point scale. The stream can get points either: (1) for the presence of insects like mayflies and caddis flies that are intolerant of bad water; and (2) for the absence of insects like midges and non-insects like scuds that tolerate bad water.

The Reston Association, VASOS, and Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality use data from the team's sampling to assess the health of

streams in Reston, Northern Virginia, and Virginia. The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District also monitors streams in northern Virginia outside Reston.

NVATU's monitors started the program to learn more about trout stream insects. They've done that and much more. They've enjoyed learning things from each other, and they still have fun monitoring together. After all, where else can an adult get an award for splashing around in the water?

If you're interested in becoming a stream monitor, contact Will Peterson of the Reston Association at wpeterson@reston.org or Dan Schwartz of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District at daniel.schwartz@fairfaxcounty.gov, depending on where you want to monitor. NVATU's stream monitoring Bobs strongly recommend the experience.

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<https://gifts.tumembership.org/member/intro>

Will quickly link to the national www.TU.org website to become a member for **\$1750 for your first year**. In the pull-down menu select 360-Northern Virginia and Introductory Rate.

CONSERVATION CALENDAR

JULY

No meeting due to the 4th of July holiday
7: FWAM Trip to Rapidan for Smallmouth (VA)
12: Board meeting
28: FWAM Trip to Big Spring Creek (PA)

AUGUST

2: Chapter meeting
4: FWAM Trip to Rappahannock River (VA)
9: Board meeting

25: FWAM Trip to Yellow Breeches (PA)

SEPTEMBER

1: FWAM Trip to Rappahannock River (VA)
6: Chapter meeting
13: Board meeting
29: FWAM Trip to Patuxent River (MD)

OCTOBER

4: Chapter meeting
11: Board meeting

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MEMBER ALBUM



CHROMER: Jim Galligan with an Elk Creek (Pa.) steelhead caught last October.



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