

# TROUT TALK

The Official Newsletter of Western New York Trout Unlimited

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## **President's Report**

Happy New Year! As long as you are not an ice fisherman, there should be many opportunities to keep you busy on local waters this winter. I hear the steelies are in several local streams, but I haven't been out yet.

Those of you who didn't join us for this year's Christmas party missed a good time. We had plenty of food, music, prizes and conversation and even a wine tasting! I hope you'll consider attending next year. A big thank you for everyone who helped make it a success.

I would like to thank **Webb Griffin** for caring for our book library for so many years. Soon, our new Library Chairman, **Nick Pionessa**, will be informing you how to curl up with one of over 60 fascinating books from WNYTU's library.

Our VP's resignation has opened up a very important position; that of Education Chairman. I am hoping one of you would be willing to add your personal touch to this Committee. We need to involve the youth of this nation, so they grow up knowing the value of the cold water fishery, and developing the passion to protect it.

Your chapter also needs a new Webmaster. Please read the notice elsewhere in this newsletter.

We will elect a new Vice President at the Jan 30th meeting. **Don Klug** and **Gene Romanyshyn** are the present nominees. Additional nominations will be taken from the floor.

Our Entertainment for January 30th will be **Scott Cornett** and **Jim Zanett** from Region 9 DEC. They will cover the Angler Diary and Electrofishing Programs of local streams, and will answer your questions.

At our February 28th meeting, a Conservation Officer will give us news on the Tributaries. Don't miss either meeting!

Plan on coming early to tie the Ausable Wulff. Bring red thread.

**Dee Maciejewski, President**

## Anglers Choice Taxidermy

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**WNY TU Chapter Meeting:** Tuesday, **January 30, 2006, 7:30 pm** at the **Donovan American Legion Post**, 3210 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, New York. **Scott Cornett, Joe Evans & Jim Zanet** will be covering the results from the 2006 angler diary and electro-fishing programs on Wiscoy Creek and results from other 2006 trout stream samplings. They will be previewing the 2007 angler diary program for Clear Creek, Lime Lake Outlet, McKinsty Creek and Hosmer Brook and signing up diarists. They will also highlight new angling regulations and will save time for answering any other questions people may have.

**Fly Tying will start at 6PM** when we will be tying the Ausable Wulff. Please bring hot orange or red thread.

### Second Annual Holiday Party

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual party was a great success. Many members were on hand to celebrate the holidays and share stories. Thanks to all who attended!

### New Website for Region 9

Region 9 Fisheries has their own web page on the DEC website now with a bunch of info for the Region's fishing opportunities, trout and otherwise. To get there either type in:

[www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/fish/reg9fish](http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/fish/reg9fish)

or at [www.dec.state.ny.us/](http://www.dec.state.ny.us/) website type in "Region 9 fisheries" in the search section and click on "Fishing in Western NY".

### Outdoor Sport & Travel Expo

The outdoor sport and travel expo is set for March 7th thru 11<sup>th</sup>. Show hours are Wednesday March 7th from 12pm to 9pm; Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 9pm; Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 9pm; Saturday March 10th from 10am to 9pm and Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 5pm.

Pack up/clean up will be after 5pm. I have the passes and will have a sign up sheet at the January and February meetings.

**Len Bigaj**

### Thanks

Thanks to **Pamela Budney** for helping to mail the November Newsletters. Pamela put stamps and mailing labels on over 600 newsletters. Thanks Pamela!

**Vince Tobia**-Editor

### Fishing Partner Connection

We are starting a new column for those looking for a fishing partner: **Fishing Buddy Wanted**. If you'd like to share your day on the water with someone, e-mail Editor **Vince Tobia @ vtobia@aol.com**. He will put your contact info in the newsletter.

Include your name, telephone #, and e-mail address. Here is our first request:

**Bill Swartz** 716-741-2563

[flytyer72001@yahoo.com](mailto:flytyer72001@yahoo.com)

Contact Bill directly to set up a trip to our local waters.

### Fly Tying

Thanks to **Dave Unetich, Gary Coons & Greg Waild** for tying flies for our club on November 28, 2006. We tied forty wooly buggers.

**Len Bigaj**

**Vice President Election** to be held at the January 30th general meeting. Nominees are **Don Klug & Gene Romanyshyn**. Please come and cast your vote.

## Lime Lake Outlet Taketh....and Returneth

By Russell Shefrin

Do water sprites haunt trout streams? Sprites: Those preternatural creatures of folklore through-out the world. Well, I wonder if there's one that lives in Lime Lake Outlet and has taken to playing tricks on me. Something about the Outlet seems to cause me to lose things, even some distance away, but then arranges for their return. It happened twice. Here's the story.

On a fine spring morning, several years ago, I decided to explore Lime Lake Outlet for the first time. As I waded across the stream, with my attention diverted by a particularly charming woodland scene, my foot struck an underwater obstacle. Down I went, hard. My knee struck the hidden object, a strategically placed chassis of an old TV set. The impact caused considerable bruising to the knee and effectively ended my fishing expedition for that day.

A week later, my wife and I traveled to the Binghamton area to visit relatives. My Lime Lake Outlet-damaged knee was still giving me trouble, but I just had to check out the Genaganslet Creek, a noted trout stream in that part of the state. Once on the water, I found that my painful knee was causing me to stumble worse than usual; and I tripped several times. I came upon a particularly choice bit of water, a large eddy which pinwheeled slowly near the tail end of a brisk riffle. The water appeared very "fishy"; but I had no luck, most likely due to the way my clumsy staggering scared away the resident trout. So, I moved on. Downstream a bit, though, a black woolly bugger finally brought me success. Unfortunately, as I straightened out my vest after releasing the fish, I discovered that my prized leather fly wallet was missing. It must have fallen out during one of my stumbles and had long since been washed downstream. That discovery took the pleasure out of my catch, and I dejectedly walked back up the river toward my starting point. As I approached the big eddy, I stared at it for a while, pondering my misfortune. Suddenly, as I gazed toward the middle of the stream, I spotted my fly wallet. It had apparently fallen from my vest when I had tripped in the eddy, which now held it fast in the circulating flow. All I had to do was to stand in place. In a few seconds, the current brought the wallet right to my feet. All's well that ends well.

Incident number two occurred a few years later. I was fishing Lime Lake Outlet at dusk. Just as it was becoming too dark to see, my trusty black woolly bugger bagged a nice rainbow. The fly was barbless and dislodged from the fish's mouth as soon as I scooped up the animal with my landing net. The fly did, however, become tangled in the net's mesh, so I clipped it off. I spent a little while crouching down in the stream and making sure the fish was fit enough to survive in the strong current before letting him go. By the time I finally stood up, preparatory to leaving the stream, night had fallen. Now, where was my fly rod (one of my favorites)? With a sinking feeling, I realized that, when I had clipped off the fly, I must have released the rod at the same time. It was gone, stolen by the then high and swift waters of Lime Lake Outlet. The darkness precluded an effective search, so I returned home, quite unhappy.

The next day, I returned to the Outlet, holding onto the slim hope that I might yet find my fly rod. Sure enough, a hundred yards or so downstream of the place I lost it, there was the rod, securely pinned to the bottom by a fallen tree. As in the case of the Genaganslet eddy, it seemed to be held in place, just waiting for my return. Coincidence, you say? Probably. But could there be another explanation?

### Thanks to All the Elves

I would like to thank **Dave Tooke, Gene and Carol Romanyshyn, Dave and Laurie Unetich, Greg Waild, Marie Snyder**, and the big elf, **Gary Coons**, for their time and work for our gift wrapping fund raiser at Gander Mountain. Thanks also to Gander Mountain for allowing us to set up a table for this endeavor. At times, it seemed that there were more elves in the store than customers, so we were only able to raise \$75 for our efforts. However, a good time was had by all, and there were many very interesting elf stories told. Thanks again to all.

**Paul Maciejewski - Head Elf**

### WANTED: WEBMASTER

Do you have computer talents that you're keeping secret? Are you savvy at setting up websites and writing software programs? Are you willing to maintain a website? Are you looking for a way to help TU by donating your services in this regard?

YOU could be the individual your chapter is looking for!! You could become another revered TU Volunteer just by sharing your knowledge and expertise. Websites have become a necessity! Be our Spiderman or Spiderwoman!! Be WNY Trout Unlimited's Webmaster!! Seriously, we really need someone to step forward and manage this vital area, so information can be available to our members, and prospective members!! Call Dee at 655-1331.

# **Annual Banquet and Fund Raiser**

The Erie County Federation of Sportsman's Clubs will hold their annual banquet on March 3, 2007, at the Father Justin Hall on Union Road in Cheektowaga. The sit-down dinner event includes an all-night open bar and a friendly evening of warm entertainment for all sportsmen. These guys and girls really need our support. The banquet helps to keep their youth and support activities solvent for the year. Donations are always welcome too!

**Date:** March 3, 2007

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. Social Hour (open bar)

7:00 p.m. Sit-down Dinner

**Where:** Father Justin's Knights of Columbus Hall

2735 Union Road

Cheektowaga, New York 14225

**Tickets:** \$40 per person, \$70 per couple

**Make check payable to:** Erie County Federation of Sportsman's Clubs,  
Inc.

**Send Checks to:** Dan Tone, 1829 Davis Road

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