

TROUT TALK

The Official Newsletter of Western New York Trout Unlimited (www.wnytroutunlimited.org) April, 2015

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Next WNY TU Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, April 28, 2015, 7:30 pm, at the Donovan American Legion Post, 3210 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, New York. Fly tying begins at 6 p.m. Please bring white or black thread, because we will be tying the White Woolly Bugger.

The “entertainment” portion of our April 28 Chapter Meeting will be a presentation by our Stream Projects Chairman, Mr. Chuck Godfrey. He will discuss “Fishing Small Streams and Sightseeing in Yellowstone National Park”.

Announcements

- **Reports from Mr. Dave Bollman:**

Fly Tying: I want to thank the following people for their time and help with fly tying at our March meeting: Bill Koerner, Kevin O'Neill, Tom Dewyer, and Gene Romanyshyn. Great job done!

Project Healing Waters: For their assistance with tying at the Buffalo VA Hospital, “Thanks” go out to: Bill Koerner, Gary Coons, Justin Borgosz, Dave LaRoche and John Cianchetti. This was our last tying

session until October. As soon as I get the dates for Elma, we will get them posted. Again, a big “Thank You” for all your help.

- **Reports by Stream Projects Committee Chairman, Mr. Chuck Godfrey:**

Stream Projects: Here is the current schedule for upcoming stream projects over the next several weeks. All will be plantings. Lunch will be provided only at the May 9 planting, so please be sure to let me, Chuck Godfrey, know at steelheader03@hotmail.com if you will be attending that one. This will enable us to have a rough idea of how much food to have for lunch; but feel free to come even if you haven’t contacted me in advance. Also please let me know if you will be coming to any of the other plantings just so we’ll have an idea of how many people will be there. Those should only take the morning to complete. In addition to these, we will be planting trees on Spring Brook in Springville, but the number of trees and exact sites have yet to be determined. I will let everyone on my volunteer list know as soon as I find out.

Thursday, April 30: Planting at the Teelak property on Mansfield Creek. We will only have 25 trees and will probably have sufficient help from DEC; but if anyone is interested in helping and seeing how the project has fared, let me know. Directions are attached, but time has not yet been set. (See below Re Editor’s Note.)

Tuesday, May 5 (rain date of May 7): Planting on Cattaraugus Creek. Meet at 9:30. Map is attached to this email. The address is 8 Sherman Drive. It is at the dead end turn around at the end of the street. The street is reached by going east through Arcade, then continuing on Rt. 39, east out of town after Rt 98 turns north and crosses the creek. Looks like Sherman Drive is about 1/3 mile to ½ mile east of Rt. 98 north intersection. Meet at 9:30. We should only need a couple of people.

Saturday, May 9: Extensive planting on Wiscoy Creek. We will definitely need help for this one. Meet at the DEC parking area on the Catch and Release section of the Wiscoy on Rt. 39, between Rt. 362 and Hillside Rd. on the attached map. Ignore the designated “project location” label on the map. I’m reusing an old map. We will meet at 9:30 and plant there and at another site or two. We will have quite a few trees from the DEC nursery and also some 50 elms.

Editor’s Note: Chuck’s maps are included as attachments to this newsletter unless you have requested no attachments or announcements. If you are in the latter group and would like to receive Chuck’s maps, please so email me.

The Joe Jemiolo, Jr., Youth Lifetime Sports License Program: The Erie County Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs is pleased to announce the continuation of the Joe Jemiolo, Jr. Youth Lifetime Sports License program. This Program was initiated by the late Joe Jemiolo, jr. in 2012. It is a FREE raffle of NYS lifetime sports licenses for residents of Erie County who are 15 or younger. The first year, there were over 900 entries; and we raised enough money to purchase 7 Lifetime Licenses for Erie County kids. The second year, there were over 1000 entries and 8 licenses awarded. This year, there were 1451 entries; and we raised enough money to purchase 10 lifetime licenses. Youths have a choice of Lifetime Fishing, Big/Small Game Hunting, Archery, Muzzleloading, or Trapping Licenses. This year, we had our first 2-year old license winner. The application form is at the end of the newsletter and can be returned to at any Federation event, Federation booth at the EXPO or Erie County Fair, mailed to the address on the form, or given to Chuck Godfrey – chairman of the program – at any TU meeting or stream project. [Ed. Note: The application is not included if you have requested no attachments or announcements.] Good luck!!!!!! By

the way, there is no telling how good your luck may be. In 2013, the first person drawn was a 13 year-old girl from Orchard Park; and the second person drawn was her identical twin sister. Chances of that were 1 in 500,000.

Membership Opportunities: The following a link for Teen and Youth (12 and under) levels. Kids get a great deal for a great price - \$12 for Youth and \$14 for teens – it used to be \$12 and \$24.

<http://www.tu.org/blog-posts/new-and-improved-youth-membership-levels>

Persons who are 62 or older can join or renew for \$20 per year through the membership link:

https://gifts.tumembership.org/member/join?_ga=1.198723942.876867887.1420736743

Spring Stocking List: You can obtain the DEC stocking schedules by going to this link: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/30465.html>.

- Wisoy Creek Angler Diary Program: Mr. James Zannett**, Principal Fisheries Technician, Division of Fish, Wildlife, and Marine Resources, N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation, sends this important message: **“The DEC Region 9 Fisheries Office will be running an angler diary program for Wisoy Creek in Allegany and Wyoming Counties during 2015 and is currently looking for anglers to keep diaries. If you fish Wisoy Creek (even once) and would like to keep a diary for DEC, please call the DEC Fisheries Office at (716)372-0645 or e-mail at fwfish9@dec.ny.gov . The program will run March 1st through October 31st. This program duplicates one run in 2012 and will be used in conjunction with a late-summer electrofishing survey to evaluate the fishery’s overall quality.”**
- Speaker at our May 26, 2015, WNY TU Chapter Meeting: Mr. Spencer Schofield** announces that the presenter at our May 26 meeting will be **Mr. Tim DePriest**, Niagara River Habitat Ecologist, Division of Fish, Wildlife, and Marine Resources, NYSDEC. The topic will be **Niagara River Habitat Improvement Projects**. Please join us for this important discussion.
- Treasurer’s Report for the Period Ended March 31, 2015, (Submitted by Mr. Anthony Messina):**

		prior period thru 02/28/15	this period thru 03/31/15
	(CHECKING ACCT)		
BALANCE AT	FEBRUARY 1, 2015	\$297.64	
BALANCE AT	MARCH 1, 2015		\$312.64

INFLOWS:	TU REBATES	\$15.00	
	NYS COUNCIL TIC GRANT		\$515.00
	SHOWS		\$683.00
	DONATIONS		\$23.00
	TOTAL INFLOWS:	\$15.00	\$1,221.00

OUTFLOWS:	SHOWS		\$35.00
	MONTHLY MEETING (Feb. & Mar)		\$140.00
	SUNSHINE COMMITTEE		\$61.94
	TOTAL OUTFLOWS:	\$0.00	\$236.94

BALANCE AT	FEBRUARY 28, 2015	\$312.64	
BALANCE AT	MARCH 31, 2015		\$1,296.70

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			prior period	this period
			thru 02/28/15	thru 03/31/15
	(MONEY MKT ACCT)			
BALANCE AT	FEBRUARY 1, 2015		\$27,230.62	
BALANCE AT	MARCH 1, 2015			\$27,231.04

INFLOWS:	INTEREST	\$0.42	\$0.46
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OUTFLOWS:	NONE	\$0.00	
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BALANCE AT	FEBRUARY 28, 2015	\$27,231.04	
BALANCE AT	MARCH 31, 2015		\$27,231.50

- Editor's Note:** Our "Trout Talk" newsletter is published in electronic format each month except for July, August, and December. In order to contain costs, the print version is only available twice a year (September and January). Unfortunately, even on this schedule, the financial burden, to WNY TU, of the print newsletter remains considerable. Many of our members have agreed to forgo the print edition and to accept only the electronic version (which is sent to them via email). It would help our organization considerably (and perhaps save some trees!) if more of our members agreed to this arrangement. There is a further advantage to the subscriber. Specifically, the electronic version usually has more items than does the print version, often has pictures, etc., all because its length is not as constrained as is the paper form. Incidentally, a new feature of the electronic newsletter is a delightful column on fly tying by WNY TU

member, Jeff Kohler. Won't you please consider adding your name to the list of those who receive, via e-mail, only the electronic newsletter? All you have to do is send me your e-mail and surface mail addresses so that I can add you to the electronic mailing list and remove your name from the paper mailing list.

Please give this matter some serious consideration. I can be reached at AdkRuss@roadrunner.com.



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WNYTU Banquet 2014

By David LaRoche

My name is Dave LaRoche. About a month before he passed away, I had a phone conversation with Len Bigaj. But, before I finish that thought, I'd like to offer a little background on myself.

I first joined Trout Unlimited, about 30 years ago, when living in Croton-on-Hudson, NY, 35 miles north of New York City, and working at a marketing agency in the City.

My career in Marketing and Advertising took me to Portland, OR, and San Francisco, CA, before bringing me to Buffalo in 1998. During that time, my TU membership lapsed. While I did manage to fish in many states from Alaska to Maine - family, work, mowing the lawn and just plain "stuff" took all my time.

I renewed my membership with TU about a year ago when I felt I had some time to devote to the organization. It took about 6 months for TU national to get my information to WNY TU, and I started to receive newsletters. One thing I noticed month to month was that the Banquet Chairman spot was vacant. I've produced meetings and conventions and banquets for clients and have been involved in several organizations related to my career, producing fund raising events and meetings, so I thought that I might be a good fit for the TU Banquet position.

Len agreed and gave me some insight into the job. I was amazed at the amount of effort that he and his family spent in providing a banquet. Len was a well-oiled, banquet machine – simply awesome. I was a bit intimidated but up for the challenge.

Len had many friends and connections familiar with TU who were able to donate services, products, and money in order to put on a great banquet, which, in turn, provided a nice profit for the organization. I'm sure some of those friends will continue their support; but, without Len, I need your help to produce a successful banquet.

Over the next couple of months, I will be reaching out to potential sponsors and supporters; but, moreover, I will be asking you for your help to make your 2015 Banquet a success.

There will be many opportunities to help that I'll outline as we develop a team to build a banquet of which Len Bigaj would be proud.

I look forward to meeting you all.

Dave LaRoche, 2015 WNY TU Banquet Chairman

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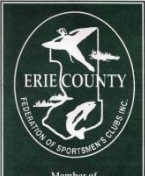
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ERIE COUNTY FEDERATION OF SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS



For a NYS Youth Lifetime Outdoor Sport License

Joe Jemiolo Jr. Memorial Youth Lifetime License Program

Applicant must be UNDER THE AGE OF 16 BY March 31, 2016 and

MUST Reside in Erie County, New York

Please print (One entry per youth per year)

Name: _____

Address: Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____

County: **ERIE** Zip Code: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Signature of ADULT submitting: _____

PRINT Name of parent or guardian: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

LIFETIME LICENSE DESIRED: PLEASE **CHECK EXACTLY (ONLY) ONE:**

____ FISHING ____ Big Game / Small Game ____ Muzzle Loading ____ Archery ____ Trapping

Drawing will be held December, 2015 at the Erie County Federation monthly meeting and will be awarded at the Federation Annual Banquet, March 5, 2016 (See Rules & Regulations below).

Applications may be mailed to: 29 Yvette Drive, Cheektowaga, NY 14227 c/o **ECFSC Joe Jemiolo Jr. Memorial Youth Lifetime Outdoor Sports License Raffle, deadline is Nov. 30, 2015.**

Rules and Regulations:

- Applicant must be **UNDER THE AGE OF 16 BY March 31, 2016** and **reside in Erie County**
- Drawing will take place at the Erie County Federation General meeting December 2015 at Bison City Rod and Gun Club.
- Winner(s) will be drawn random lottery
- Winner will be contacted by phone via the phone number provided on the application
- The winners will be awarded their prize at the Erie County Federation Banquet on March 5, 2016. Winner(s) will receive 2 tickets for the banquet (1 for the youth and one for a parent or Guardian)
- The Lifetime license of choice will be purchased on behalf of the winner and the check will be made out directly to the venue selling the license (probably a town clerk).
- No Cash Value or substitutions
- For more information about who we are and what we do, see our website: <http://eriectvfsc.org> or visit our Facebook page: <http://facebook.com/eriefed>
- Odds are based on the number of entries received. **THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS :**

