

TROUT TALK

The Official Newsletter of Western New York Trout Unlimited (www.wnytroutunlimited.org) November 2014

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Next WNY TU Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 7:30 pm, at the Donovan American Legion Post, 3210 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, New York. Fly Tying starts at 6 p.m. Please bring black thread, because we will be tying Black Woolly Buggers.

The “entertainment” portion of our November meeting will feature **Dr. Doug Easton, Professor of Biology at Buffalo State, State University of New York, a TU member and vintage fly rod enthusiast. Dr. Easton will deliver a program on vintage rod acquisition and restoration. His experience in fly rod collecting, restoration and bamboo rod building is sure to make for a very informative and entertaining presentation. If you have an old fly rod, feel free to bring it to the presentation!**

President’s Message: Our Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at the Donovan Post. It will begin at 6:30 PM. As in years past, we will have a Yankee Swap. If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped \$10.00 gift. Hope to see everyone there!

Antoinette Grote, Chapter President.

Announcements

- **Reports from Mr. Len Bigaj and Mr. Dave Bollman:**

Shows: (Len Bigaj) Our next show will be the W.N.Y. Sport and Travel Expo, which will take place from March 5, 2015 through March 8, 2015. The times are: Thursday, March 5 – Noon to 9pm; Friday, March 6 – Noon to 9pm; Saturday, March 7 – 10am to 8pm; Sunday, March 8 – 11am to 5pm. We will be looking for assistance with the booth. Also, on Sunday, we will be tying with the youngsters from Noon to 4pm. If you would like to help, please let me know. Thanks, Len.

Banquet: We are still looking for someone to take over the Banquet. Please let me know if you are interested. Thanks, Len.

- **Project Healing Waters: (Dave Bollman):** Fly tying starts at 6 p.m. in the Freedom Hall at the Buffalo V.A. Hospital. I would like to thank the following people for helping at the Buffalo VA. Hospital on Nov. 13th.: Bill Schwartz, Bill Koerner, Len Bigaj. On Dec. 18th, we will be tying the patriot streamer and putting it in a Christmas bulb. Anyone who would like to help can contact me at 697-3807, Dave.

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

Stream Projects: On November 6, 2014, we joined with the DEC and the Red House Brook Chapter to finish this year's planting of trees at the Mansfield Creek project. Scott Cornett, Jim Zanett, Amanda Wagner, and Justin Brewer of the DEC Fisheries Office in Allegany, Stan Bishop of the Red House Brook Chapter, and Spencer Schofield, Gene Romanyshyn, and Chuck Godfrey of our chapter, and longtime nonmember volunteer friend of the chapter, Dave Labiak, planted and tubed 50 trees on the project site.

Trout in the Classroom: The eggs have hatched at all our schools. We will keep everyone updated as to the progress of the fry throughout the year. The Bee Group newspapers run a "This week in history" feature every week. The Cheektowaga Bee, this week, repeated its announcement of last year that the TIC program had been started at Maryvale Middle School. We heard from John Miller that the fish were doing very well at Lackawanna Middle School, and my granddaughter told me she thinks they only lost 3 eggs at Iroquois Middle School. The program is a hit everywhere. When we deliver the eggs, we're treated like royalty at every school; and it seems that all the kids and teachers know the program is going on.

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs:

The Federation is supporting the proposed new (April 1) fishing regulations, which include expanding the "artificials only, catch and release" rules to several more Region 9 trout streams (East Koy Creek, Chenunda Creek, Elm Creek, Elton Creek, Mansfield Creek, Cattaraugus Creek above the "Springfield Dam" [since no such dam exists, we will inquire as to whether this is the Springville Dam], Clear Creek Ellington, Fenton Brook, and Prendergast Creek) as well as all of Allegany State Park, except Red House and Quaker Lakes. WNYTU's Board has voted to support these proposed Regulation changes also. This is consistent with what both groups supported in the past, which was to open all Region 9 trout streams to the October 16 - March 31 rules.

Also, the Federation has two other programs which may be of interest to members and their families. One is a free raffle for free lifetime licenses for youth under the age of 16 by March 31, 2015. Details can be obtained at the Federation's website, which is

http://erictyfsc.org/lifetime_raffle_2014.pdf . Entries are due by November 30, 2014. Any submissions received after that time will be entered into next year's drawing. The other program is a \$200 college scholarship for students in certain majors. Information is available on the application attached to this Newsletter; or, if you're someone who doesn't want such attachments, contact Chuck Godfrey at steelheader03@hotmail.com . The Federation awards up to five of these scholarships annually.

New York State Council, Trout Unlimited: The State Council meeting was held in Altmar on November 1, 2014. That afternoon, three staffers from the national headquarters of TU presented on several topics. Included were the results of two statewide surveys conducted by National TU several months ago. They will be providing us with the presentation electronically so that it can be shared with the membership.

Editor's Note: **Mr. Godfrey** would like to call our attention to the problem of **plastic microbeads** in the Great Lakes. You can find an article on this matter at: <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/unusedmeds/research/MicrobeadsInTheGreatLakes-FactSheet-0214.pdf>.

- **WNY on Facebook:** **Mr. Bill Jedlicka** reports that our chapter now has a Face Book page. It can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Western-New-York-Trout-Unlimited/645385588915170>. Be sure to “like” us on Face Book!
- **Treasurer's Report for the Period Ended October 31, 2024,** (Submitted by **Mr. Anthony Messina**):

	(CHECKING ACCT)	prior period thru 9/30/14	this period thru 10/31/14
BALANCE AT	SEPTEMBER 1, 2014	\$56.53	
BALANCE AT	OCTOBER 1, 2014		\$356.72
INFLOWS:	TRANSFER FROM MONEY MARKET	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	SHOWS	\$886.00	
	TOTAL INFLOWS:	\$1,886.00	\$1,000.00
OUTFLOWS:	MONTHLY MEETING - Room Rental	\$70.00	
	TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM	\$832.73	
	SHOWS	\$474.00	
	NEWSLETTER PRINTING	\$209.08	\$114.00
	NEWSLETTER POSTAGE		\$490.00
	TOTAL OUTFLOWS:	\$1,585.81	\$604.00

BALANCE AT	SEPTEMBER 30, 2014		\$356.72	
BALANCE AT	OCTOBER 31, 2014			\$752.72
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			prior period	this period
			thru 9/30/14	thru 10/31/14
		(MONEY MKT ACCT)		
BALANCE AT	SEPTEMBER 1, 2014		\$30,228.25	
BALANCE AT	OCTOBER 1, 2014			\$29,228.74
INFLOWS:	INTEREST		\$0.49	\$0.49
OUTFLOWS:	TRANSFER TO CHECKING ACCT.		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
BALANCE AT	SEPTEMBER 30, 2014		\$29,228.74	
BALANCE AT	OCTOBER 31, 2014			\$28,229.23

- Call for Articles:** Have a story to tell about on-stream experiences, cold water fisheries conservation, improving one’s fishing skills, understanding salmonids, etc.? Why not send it here and see if it is suitable for our newsletter? Just email it to me, and I’ll take a look. Or, if you have an idea, but would like some assistance in putting it into words, let me know; I might be able to help. Looking forward to hearing from you! Russ Shefrin, Editor. (AdkRuss@roadrunner.com)



ARTICLES:

“The More Things Change, the More They Remain the Same”

Editor’s Note: Here’s an excerpt from the February, 1974, Edition of our Chapter’s Newsletter, edited by “Rusty Hooke”. I have provided the above title. (Sorry about the “washed out” quality of the print. It’s the best I could do.)

The other day I had a long telephone conversation with one of our members about among other things Orvis rods. The trend of the discussion was the apparent lack of interest in the regular monthly meetings. He (Doug Reed) is in a good position to hear the discussions of the fishermen in his shop. He said that after the last meeting, the first to be held in the Buffalo Savings Bank at the Eastern Hills Mall, the consensus of opinion was that it was "just another of the same dull meetings".

This surprised me since I thought it was a very interesting one with DEC explaining the Permit system, and the Stream Protection Act in some detail.

Apparently the membership is more interested in entertainment than education. This is the first time I had heard this particular complaint. He suggested that we consider doing all of the business through the board, and limit the meetings to movies, speakers, demonstrations, etc. Do any of you have any comments or suggestions?

Another suggestion he had was that we have perhaps two or three dinner meetings a year and invite "name" speakers to attend. This would certainly require more work, and would cost you some money for dinners but would be worth a try. Again, any comments?

Effective on December 23, Bill Shepherd was made head of the Lake Erie unit of the Great Lakes Fishery Section of the NYSDEC. Do you people realize that the annual harvest of fish from the "dead" Lake Erie exceeds the total from all of the other Great Lakes combined! That is not too bad for a dead lake.

In this position I expect that Bill will be fighting for a more equitable share of the salmon stocks for "his" lake. Now at least we know who to take our Lake Erie problems to.

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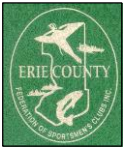
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COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

As part of the Erie county Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs efforts to enhance our environment and wildlife appreciation, we award up to five \$200 college scholarships yearly.

To qualify for a scholarship you must be a high school senior accepted to an accredited college, or attending an accredited college with your major in any one of these areas: environmental conservation, law enforcement, or environmental pollution **and must be a resident of Erie County.** Graduate students in these fields may also apply.

Scholarships are awarded based upon need and the area of study. To be considered for one of these scholarships complete the form below and return with a **short** essay telling of need, any projects you have **engineered or participated in**, your future goals, and proof of enrollment (i.e., course enrollment, course schedule, report card, college acceptance noting planned major, etc.) to the address below prior to **December 15.** Applications may also be submitted electronically to steelheader03@hotmail.com with "scholarship application" in the subject box.

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