

TROUT TALK

The Official Newsletter of Western New York Trout Unlimited (www.wnytroutunlimited.org) October 2016

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Next WNY TU Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, October 25, 2016, 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, red, or olive thread; because we will be tying woolly buggers of different colors. Incidentally, we are in need of lots of flies to restock our bins.

Our presenter, for the “entertainment” portion of the chapter meeting, will be Mr. Tom Hoffman of the US Fish and Wildlife service. He is based at the Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge and, in cooperation with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, has been part of a genetic study of adult brook trout in Region 9 streams. He will be presenting results of that study. This should be a fascinating presentation. There are far more wild brook trout streams in Region 9 than most of us could imagine.

Announcements:

- **A Report from Mr. David Bollman:**

Shows: I would like to thank Bill Koerner for conducting the fly tying at the September Chapter Meeting and also to thank everyone who attended and helped to tie flies. My thanks also go out to Bill Koerner for

tending the booth at the Elma Conservation Club on September 24, which was the kids' day event. Upcoming shows include the WNY Sports and Travel Expo, March 9 – 12, 2017. We will be fly tying with the kids on March 12.

Project Healing Waters: I would like to thank Jose Olea for running the October 13, 2016, V.A. fly tying session in my absence. The upcoming dates for tying at the V. A. are: November 10, 2016; December 8, 2016; January 12, 2017; February 9, 2017; and March 9, 2017.

- **Report from WNYTU Chapter Vice President, Mr. Gene Romanyshyn:** Our chapter is always looking for entertainment for our monthly meetings. We are reaching out to all the readers of our newsletter and asking them if they would be willing to do a presentation. This invitation is extended not only to members, but, also, to anyone our members may know who would like to give a presentation on trout, water, conservation, environmental issues, or related matters. If anyone is interested, please contact WNYTU at wnytroutunlimited@gmail.com.
- **Face Book: Mr. Bill Jedlicka** writes: "We invite you to visit Western New York Trout Unlimited on Facebook. Please "Like" the page and "Share" it with your Facebook friends. It's a great way to spread the word about the important things WNYTU does in the area and can help interested people (including current or, perhaps, future members) stay informed about upcoming activities. And feel free to post some of your favorite fishing or fly tying photos as well!"
- **From Mr. Chuck Godfrey, WNYTU's Representative at the Erie County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, State Council Delegate, WNYTU Conservation Committee Chair:**

Nominations: WNYTU chapter elections are scheduled for the October general meeting. Antoinette Grote will be stepping down as president, because she is finishing up the second of her two year terms, the maximum allowed under our by-laws. Gene Romanyshyn has chosen not to run again as Vice-President. Chuck Godfrey will accept a nomination for President, and Antoinette Grote will accept the nomination for Vice-President; but both would rather see someone new step up and accept a leadership position. Tony Messina (Treasurer) and Dave Unetich (Secretary) have accepted nominations to run again. The following directors' positions are up this year: Jim Budny, Don Kwiatkowski, and Dave LaRoche. Dave has declined a nomination, while Jim and Don have accepted. Gary Coons has accepted a nomination to run for the Board, also. The terms all run for three years. In addition, we have an open Board position that runs out in 2018. If Chuck is elected President, there will be an additional open Board seat. We will be accepting nominations at the October general meeting. We really would like to see new people, with new ideas, become part of our Chapter's leadership group. Please contact me, Chuck, at 440-6995 or steelheader03@hotmail.com if you would like to run for these offices. Members are permitted to nominate themselves.

Erie County Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs News: The Erie County Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs awards up to five \$200 scholarships each year to students in any of several different environmental or criminal justice majors. See the Federation’s website www.eriectyfsc.org for details and an application.

Volunteer Hours: Each year, we are charged with completing a “Chapter Financial Report” and submitting it to National TU. Tony Messina, as Treasurer, takes care of the monetary part of the report; but there is also a section in which we have to report the number of volunteer hours put in by chapter/TU members on chapter activities. I, Chuck Godfrey, take care of that reporting. Our fiscal year extends from October 1, 2015, until September 30, 2016. If you have taken part in ANY event that is chapter or TU related, we need to know it. This can include being on the computer on behalf of the chapter, representing the chapter at a meeting, presenting at a meeting, etc. If there was a committee chair in charge of the activity – as, for instance, our stream projects – that person will have kept a record and reported it to me. If you were doing this individually, however, you should report directly to me by October 20, 2016. I try to get this report done by November 1, as there is a deadline of November 15. The State Council gets a rebate from National -\$500 per chapter I believe – for all that are submitted by the deadline. The one exception is for people, acting as individuals, who aid the DEC in their electroshocking efforts. Scott Cornett has given me a list of all volunteers from this past summer, with how many days they worked; and I can get the hours from that. The numbers of hours can be submitted to me (Chuck) by email at steelheader03@hotmail.com. Thanks for your help.

Trout Unlimited Membership: TU is trying to increase membership and in an effort to do so, it is offering the opportunity of adding family memberships at no cost to present members. You may sign up spouses/partners and/or children. One copy of *Trout* magazine will be sent to each family, and a complimentary copy of *Stream Explorers* magazine will be sent to the youth in each household. It’s really easy to add family members, but you will need to have your membership number to do so. It can be found on your membership card or your *Trout* magazine label. Existing members with a family membership should go to: <https://gifts.tumembership.org/familyaddition>. Existing members with a different type of membership should go to: <https://gifts.tumembership.org/family-membership-upgrade-form>. People who are not yet members should start with: <https://gifts.tumembership.org/member/intro>. This will allow new members to sign up for half-price and then to add family members as well.

- **Treasurer’s Report for the period ending September, 2016 (prepared by Mr. Anthony Messina):**

		prior period thru 08/31/16	this period thru 09/30/16
	(CHECKING ACCT)		
BALANCE AT	JUNE 1, 2016	\$584.67	
BALANCE AT	SEPTEMBER 1, 2016		\$525.67
INFLOWS:	TU REBATES	\$15.00	
	TRANSFER FROM MONEY MRKT		\$1,500.00
	SHOWS (Erie County Fair)		\$1,420.00

		TOTAL INFLOWS:	\$15.00	\$2,920.00
OUTFLOWS:	TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM			\$1,119.96
	NEWSLETTER PRINTING			\$195.00
	NEWSLETTER POSTAGE			\$235.00
	FLY-TYING MATERIALS	\$13.00		
	TU PICNIC	\$61.00		
	MONTHLY MEETING			\$70.00
		TOTAL OUTFLOWS:	\$74.00	\$1,619.96
BALANCE AT	AUGUST 31, 2016		\$525.67	
BALANCE AT	SEPTEMBER 30, 2016			\$1,825.71

			prior period thru 08/31/16	this period thru 09/30/16
		(MONEY MKT ACCT)		
BALANCE AT	JUNE 1, 2016		\$24,752.53	
BALANCE AT	SEPTEMBER 1, 2016			\$24,753.78
INFLOWS:	INTEREST - SEPTEMBER			\$0.39
	INTEREST - JUNE	\$0.41		
	INTEREST - JULY	\$0.42		
	INTEREST - AUGUST	\$0.42		
OUTFLOWS:	TRANSFER TO CHECKING ACCT.		\$0.00	\$1,500.00
BALANCE AT	AUGUST 31, 2016		\$24,753.78	
BALANCE AT	SEPTEMBER 30, 2016			\$23,254.17

- Editor's Note: Our "Trout Talk" newsletter is published in an expanded electronic format each month except for July, August, and December. In order to contain costs, the (typically brief) 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 if more of our members agreed to this arrangement. 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. I can be reached at AdkRuss@roadrunner.com



Photos:

Mr. Tom Piwowar sends this photo, courtesy of Mr. Richard Stamps, of fish stocking at the Boy Scout Camp, August 23, 2016. It was a well-attended event and included volunteers as well as D.E.C. and U.S.F. & W. S. personnel.



SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Saturday, March 18, 2017

For the Second

**Lenny Bigaj
WNY Trout Unlimited
Annual Banquet**

Lucarelli's Banquet Center

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Whispering Pines Fish Farm

Pond Stocking

Trout, Bass, Perch, Minnows

Grass Carp, Koi, Crayfish

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