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January 23, 2013 Chapter Meeting

NEW MEETING LOCATION:

Dick's Sporting Goods @ the RIO Center
3rd Floor Conference Room

7:00-7:30 p.m. – *Social Time*

7:30-8:00 p.m. – Meeting & Elections

8:00-9:30 p.m. – *Program*: Fly fishing the North Branch of the Potomac River to get your Maryland Grand Slam, with William Heresniak, Eastern Trophies Fly Fishing. You'll think you are in the raft with William when he expounds on this fishing destination, while casting dries, streamers, or nymphs – your choice!

Future Events: 2013

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| Jan 16 | SVTU Board Meeting |
| Jan. 23 | SVTU CHAPTER Meeting (See above) |
| Feb. 19 | SVTU Board Meeting |
| FEB. | NO CHAPTER MEETING |
| Mar. 9 | Lefty Kreh Tiefert: Prospect Bay CC;
313 Prospect Bay Dr. West, Grasonville, Md.
21638. Check out: www.ccamd.org |
| Mar. 10 | NCCTU 38 th Annual Angling Show:
10:00am -- 5:30pm: Georgetown Prep
Rockville Pike, No. Bethesda, MD: Lefty Kreh,
other experts, etc. check out http://ncc-tu.org/ |
| Mar 20 | SVTU Board meeting |
| Mar. 27 | SVTU CHAPTER Meeting : Shad fishing the Potomac and nearby waters, with a local expert. |
| Apr. 17 | SVTU Board Meeting |
| Apr. 24 | SVTU CHAPTER Meeting: Fly fishing for smallmouth bass on the Monocacy River and the Jig, by John Mullican, MD DNR Fisheries Manager. |
| May 16 | SVTU Board Meeting |
| May 23 | SVTU CHAPTER Meeting: Topic TBD soon. Check the website for updates. |

No Chapter meetings in June, July or August. Check your emails, if you signed up for our listserv, or the website for updates!

OTHER PLANNED EVENTS: Check out our website or listserv emails for updates regarding:

Support to the Izaak Walton League's youth fishing events; Stream clean-ups this spring; assistance to other Chapters in stocking; stream restoration work on Beaver Creek, support to Project Healing Waters, etc.

Casting Clinic: Usually held the first Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. on the lake at Seneca State Park by a Chapter member / Certified Instructor, Dave Cleaves. Contact svtroutunlimited@gmail.com if attending.

Fly-tying classes – SVTU and the Rockville Chapter of the Isaac Walton League plan to offer classes again. Watch for details

Current SVTU Officers and Board

The current officers include:

Officers:

President – Jason Andrick (In absentia)

Vice President – Noel Gollehon (acting President)

Secretary – Charles August

Treasurer – Nate Wallace

The January meeting will include elections of new officers. We have several open officer and board positions and need for members to help chair several committees.

Sign-up for Email Updates from SVTU

The chapter maintains a secure opt-in email alert and event invitation system. This service, along with the Chapter's website, provides up to the minute communication of upcoming activities.

If you would like to opt-in to this service email your name, address, phone number, and preferred email address to: svtroutunlimited@gmail.com

SVTU Website

Organize a special fishing outing, spread the word about a new fly, tell us about a conservation opportunity, and share your fun and serious information with your fellow SVTU members and others who visit the SVTU web site. Drop us a line (svtroutunlimited@gmail.com) and we can help spread the word.

NOTES FROM CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN

SVTU members itching to get out and see some fish only have to go as far as Catoctin Mountain. Streams on both sides of the mountain hold trout all year round. This winter Little Black Stoneflies are out and about, on the snow, guardrails and trees, along with assorted midges. And trout are taking them on the surface. Also, try Big Hunting, Owens, or Catoctin Creeks on the west slope for both stockers and stream bred trout. If the water is low and gin clear, go to 6-7 tippets on long leaders so as not to spook the fish, be very stealthy and sneak up on those sippers. This kind of fishing can be very challenging, especially if you can't determine what the fish are really eating, so you may need to change flies a lot before you get a take. But when you do hook one, it can be a memorable moment in the solitude of winter on the mountain. Ron Uleck

DON'T FORGET THE SPRING CREEKS!

On our nearby spring creeks – Beaver, Falling Spring, Big Spring, and Yellow Breeches – the waters are generally open (that is, ice free), and offer opportunities to cast a line. Actually fishing can be pretty good, since you will likely not have to fight any crowds like in warmer months. Check out the TYCO and Orvis websites for current conditions, as well as the sites for Mike Heck, the Yellow Breeches, and other shops. Looking for a partner for an outing, call me – Ron Uleck at 301-355-4247

IT'S A NEW YEAR – TIME FOR A NEW LICENSE !

Don't forget to purchase your base license, trout stamp, and sport fishing license before you head out with your rod and tackle! Also, please remember to register and a Saltwater Angler if you plan to fish in salt!

It is easy to do all online @
<https://compass.dnr.maryland.gov/dnrcompassport>

MEMBER ACTIVITY – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

2012 was filled with many activities and we plan to continue the same level of effort in 2013, but to accomplish this the Chapter needs your support. As a volunteer organization we are limited by the number of active members who are willing and able to assist with Chapter leadership and activities. We have approximately 380 members of TU assigned to our Chapter, Our active membership from this pool is less than 10 percent (i.e. approx. 30 people). In order for the Chapter to continue to be a viable organization we need your support. Perhaps there is a project, topic, or effort you are passionate about that the chapter is not focused on. Contact us or come to a chapter meeting; we'd love to hear about how you'd like to get involved.

Editor's Note

Contact me if you have articles, photos, fish stories, fishing/stream reports, etc. that you think might be appropriate for inclusion in the next edition of the newsletter, or the website. My e-mail address is: wjunium1@hotmail.com.

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