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## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

We hope that 2015 is a great year for everyone, both on and off the streams, rivers, and lakes!

We especially want to thank all of our Chapter members who volunteered for the many activities we sponsored, or supported throughout 2014! We enjoyed great success in all our activities. Most importantly they provided opportunities to reach out to others in the community

SVTU, YOUR Trout Unlimited Chapter, was very busy in 2014. With the start of a new year we hope that we can involve more members at our meetings and activities. Our activities are only limited by the number of volunteers, so if you want to see the Chapter do more in 2015, volunteer!

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## OUR MEETING PLACE and DATE HAVE CHANGED

A reminder that our meetings are now held at the IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE (IWLA) CHAPTER HOUSE on Waring Station Road. DATE has changed from the 4<sup>th</sup> WEDNESDAY to the 4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY in months we have meetings. See meeting listings that follow

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## JANUARY CHAPTER MEETING

**WHEN: TUESDAY, JANUARY 27**

**WHERE: IWLA CLUBHOUSE: 18301 Waring Station Road; Germantown**

**TIME: 7:30 -9:30 PM**

**WHAT: CHAPTER OFFICER ELECTIONS AND**

**PROGRAM: FLY TYING WITH JIM GRECO of PPTU**

It is our pleasure to have Jim Greco, an expert fly tier, who will demonstrate tying and show step-by-step instructions as he is tying. Feel free to bring your tying equipment and join him. Jim will be discussing/tying several great 'standards' for our streams including: Grannon; Comparadun; and, Stoneflies.

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## FLY TYING CLASSES:

Fly Tying will take place on Tuesday evenings commencing Tuesday January 13. See how to enroll, the curriculum and schedule on page 2.

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## REMINDER – THE CHAPTER HAS GONE DIGITAL FOR ALL COMMUNICATIONS!

With our improved website

<http://www.senecavalleytu.org/>, our improved e-mail capacity, and the increasing cost of printing and mailing we no longer issue paper communications. If you are not yet receiving our e-mails from the chapter, just send a note to [svtroutunlimited@gmail.com](mailto:svtroutunlimited@gmail.com) and say "subscribe to e-mail." If you are unsure, subscribe and we will confirm your e-mail address. If you do not wish to receive the occasional e-mail about events and activities from us, check our website every couple of weeks for updates.

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## MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2015

<b>JAN. 27</b>	<b>SVTU Chapter meeting</b>
FEB. 18	SVTU Board meeting
<b>FEB</b>	<b>NO Chapter Meeting</b>
MAR. 18	SVTU Board Meeting
<b>MAR. 24</b>	<b>SVTU Chapter Meeting:</b> <b>Topic: (T) Fishing Decoys</b>
APR. 15	SVTU Board meeting
<b>APR. 28</b>	<b>SVTU Chapter Meeting</b> <b>Topic: (T) Patagonia</b>
MAY. 20	SVTU Board meeting
<b>MAY. 30</b>	<b>SVTU Chapter Meeting (Saturday)</b> <b>Topic: (T) Stream Survey @ Beaver Creek &amp; BBQ/Fundraiser</b>
JUN. 17	SVTU Board Meeting
<b>JUN – AUG</b>	<b>NO Chapter Meetings</b>
JUL. 15	SVTU Board Meeting
AUG. 19	SVTU Board Meeting
SEP. 16	SVTU Board Meeting
<b>SEP. 22</b>	<b>SVTU Chapter Meetings resume</b>

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## IT'S 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, remember to register as a saltwater angler if you plan to fish in salt!

It is easy to do all online @

<https://compass.dnr.maryland.gov/DnrCompassPortal/Security/Logon>

Also, for the 2015 regulations guide go to <http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/>

## **STREAM STOCKING IN 2015**

Check out the DNR Fisheries website for updates soon. Also check out the new regulations for any changes to streams' categorization. This applies to all waters / species.

## **FLY TYING 2015 CURRICULUM / SCHEDULE**

Fly Tying will take place at the Rockville Izaak Walton League's Clubhouse, 18301 Waring Station Road, in Germantown on Tuesday evenings, 7:30 – 9:00 pm. Participation is free. Tools (vice, bobbins, scissors, etc) will be provided if students do not have their own. Materials (hooks, thread, dubbing, chenille, feathers etc.) will also be provided.

### **BEGINNERS CLASS**

**Session 1: January 13:** Introduction to fly tying—hook anatomy, specialized vocabulary, the tools, and tying a thread base. Microchenille will be used to tie the Green Weenie and the San Juan Worm.

**Session 2: January 20:** Woolly Buggers in a variety of color combinations will be tied to teach the use of marabou feathers for tails, and the technique of “palmering” hackle feathers. The famous “IWL wooly bugger” will also be shown.

**JANUARY 27. NO CLASS.** CHAPTER MEETING

**Session 3: February 3:** Walt's Worm and the Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear nymph will be tied to introduce students to dubbing, ribbing, and the formation of a wing case.

**Session 4: February 10:** Pheasant tail feathers, and peacock hurl will be used to tie the Pheasant Tail Nymph. Introduction to dry flies—the Elk Hair Caddis, which involves dubbing and “palmering” hackle, then using coastal deer hair to form the wing.

**Session 5: February 17:** Last session for beginners. Dry Flies continued: the Adams, which will involve using grizzly and brown hackle feathers to form the tail, wings, and hackle of the fly and grey dubbing to form the body. To prepare for these sessions, go onto the Internet, then Google “YouTube Fly Tying Instructions” followed by the name of the fly you want to tie, e.g. pheasant tail nymph or the Adams dry fly. There is likely to be a number of links you may choose from. Follow any one that seems interesting. Some of the videos are excellent, especially those featuring Tim Flagler.

**Session 6: February 24:** OPTIONAL

For questions or clarification of the curriculum, call Charles August (cell) 240-401-8668, email – [csaugust@comcast.net](mailto:csaugust@comcast.net), Dale Thatcher (cell) 301-807-0497, email – [dalethatcher@aol.com](mailto:dalethatcher@aol.com), or Noel Gollehon (cell) 301-928-0151, email – [ngollehon@comcast.net](mailto:ngollehon@comcast.net). **Those beginners planning to attend, please sign-up online at the Seneca Valley website <http://www.senecavalleytu.org/> or inform one of the above.**

### **INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED CLASS**

**MARCH 3, 17, and 31; APRIL 7, and 21  
CURRICULUM TBD.**

**See the website for updates.**

### **2014 RECAP**

SVTU held meetings in January, March, April, May and November with stream-side meetings in September (join with Project Healing Waters) and October (hosting a learn to fly fish half day training).

If you missed the meetings, you missed learning about the insect life cycles that trout depend on how we mimic with the flies we use, local places to fish (tidal Potomac, and Frederick and Washington County streams), conservation efforts in the Upper Potomac Basin, and a hands-on with the latest fly-fishing gear. Don't miss the next informative and education set of meetings by joining us both stream-side and at our indoor meetings.

The Chapter hosted our first fly-fishing 101 course, a half-day learn to fly fish course. The course included: fly casting; steam and lake fishing techniques; knots; rigging; entomology; and fly types. The course was organized by SVTU and included certified Casting Instructors, a leading macro invertebrate entomologist, and the knowledge of SVTU members. The course was well received and well attended.

In addition to the regular meetings, SVTU sponsored, or participated in several events in 2014.

- Sponsored, with the Izaak Walton League's Rockville Chapter, FREE fly tying lessons that covered tools, materials and techniques and moved participants from the simplest first fly to spun deer hair flies.
- Sponsored the annual Chapter BBQ at Seneca Creek State Park and a fund-raiser at Gaithersburg's Dogfish Head Ale House.

- Partnered with the Isaak Walton League's Rockville Chapter to sample the stream's benthic macro invertebrates in Great Seneca Creek.
- Participated in the National Capital Fly Fishing Show, and Little Bennett Park's Great Outdoors Festival to inform others about the conservation message of Trout Unlimited and the activities of SVTU.
- SVTU hosted stream workdays at Beaver Creek to complete maintenance of the areas we helped restore.

## FOR C&O CANAL USERS

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### FROM THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WEBSITE:

C and O Canal Invites Feedback on Proposal to Increase and Expand Entrance and Other Fees Parkwide.

Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park (C&O Canal) is inviting the public to comment on proposed entrance and other fee increases. Public hearings are planned for January and February. For information:

<http://www.nps.gov/choh/parknews/c-and-o-canal-invites-feedback-on-proposal-to-increase-and-expand-entrance-and-other-fees-park-wide.htm>

## FLETCHER'S COVE ACCESS IN QUESTION

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Excerpt from an email from the National Capital Chapter:

*"The National Capital Chapter of Trout Unlimited wants you to know the dock at Fletcher's Cove was declared unsafe and closed to the public last October. The NCCTU has joined a coalition of river enthusiasts to request action on a plan for reopening the dock and the public access it provides by the start of spring. Please read the **Awareness***

**Statement** <[http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001GpdbC836i-Z27c1amZL3VO2PbQqw4V8N4OofNyYpiAEF0T0sDZ4pISMU3rq67ayEm0GYu2Rr\\_NTU7xDyxe3AcbHSfS878YdEodAnafn\\_L09B9zm3IFM5TGfzqC2d1oEu8srxj66ansMZvdJq5QBcI8bl4o0uMvcZQId\\_uc5mN4TezW77RcpSjppKgLEmz5dcABY5f9KdPxpeoWTOOPGmjM0Q4REnPVkF](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001GpdbC836i-Z27c1amZL3VO2PbQqw4V8N4OofNyYpiAEF0T0sDZ4pISMU3rq67ayEm0GYu2Rr_NTU7xDyxe3AcbHSfS878YdEodAnafn_L09B9zm3IFM5TGfzqC2d1oEu8srxj66ansMZvdJq5QBcI8bl4o0uMvcZQId_uc5mN4TezW77RcpSjppKgLEmz5dcABY5f9KdPxpeoWTOOPGmjM0Q4REnPVkF)> linked here, respond as requested to the National Park Service and sign the petition on behalf of NCC-

TU.

Many of our NCC-TU members and subscribers to our Shad Reports enjoy spectacular fishing on the Potomac for hickory shad, American shad and striped bass every spring. Rowboats have been publicly available at Fletcher's Cove for over a century, making access to a great, close-to-home fishery possible for all. Moreover, the same public access benefits anglers of every stripe, recreation seekers, nature lovers, families, school groups, students and tourists for nine months out of the year. This public access must be preserved! "

## HOW TO KEEP INFORMED!

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### **SIGN-UP FOR EMAIL UPDATES FROM SVTU**

The Chapter maintains a secure opt-in email alert and event invitation system that is used only by the Chapter for functions that we sponsor or support. This service, along with the Chapter's website, provides up to the minute details 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](mailto:svtroutunlimited@gmail.com)

### **SVTU WEBSITE [www.senecavalleytu.org](http://www.senecavalleytu.org)**

The website is the primary manner in which we can reach all friends of the Chapter. Check it out for info on upcoming events/activities.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

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If you have articles, photos, fish stories, fishing/stream reports, etc. that you think might be appropriate for inclusion in the newsletter, or the website send an email to me @ [wjunium1@hotmail.com](mailto:wjunium1@hotmail.com) or to the Chapter @ [svtroutunlimited@gmail.com](mailto:svtroutunlimited@gmail.com)

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