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SEPTEMBER 28, 2011 Chapter Meeting

7:00-7:30 p.m. – *Social Time*

7:30-8:00 p.m. – Meeting

8:00-9:15 p.m. – *Program: FLYFISHING THE GUNPOWDER AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GUNPOWDER RIVERKEEPER: Theux Le Gardeur, owner, Backwater Angler, Monkton, Md.*

Location: Up-County Regional Service Center; 12900 Middlebrook Road | Germantown, MD 20874 240-777-8000

Future Events: 2011/2012

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| Sep. 21 | SVTU Board Meeting |
| Sep. 28 | SVTU CHAPTER Meeting (above) (Rm.A) |
| Oct. 8 | SVTU CHAPTER BBQ: SEE BACK PAGE |
| Oct. 12 | SVTU Board Meeting |
| Oct. 19 | SVTU CHAPTER Meeting (Rm. D)
Seasons of the Juniata; Mike Heck, Orvis Endorsed Mile Heck's trout Guides |
| Nov. 16 | SVTU Board Meeting |
| Nov. 30 | SVTU CHAPTER Meeting
Strategies for Beaver Creek, Matt Rosenthal, Beaver Creek Fly Shop |
| Dec. 21 | SVTU Board Meeting |
| Jan. 18, '12 | SVTU Board Meeting |
| Jan. 25 '12 | SVTU CHAPTER Meeting
Fly-fishing for Carp, Marc Rogers, Rogers Guiding & Angling Services |
| Feb. 15 '12 | SVTU Board Meeting |

Other Planned Events:

Casting Clinic: Usually held the first Saturday of the month on the lake at Seneca State Park (see website for updates).

Fly-tying classes – TBA: In January (see website for details when available) for both beginners and experienced tiers.

Future Chapter Meeting Topics being planned include:
Fly-fishing for Shad in the Baltimore/Washington area,

Smallmouth Fishing the Potomac and Susquehanna Rivers, and Wade fishing the Chesapeake Bay.

Check our website, or, as noted below, sign up for our listserv to receive updates and announcements!

Current SVTU Officers and Board

The current officers and open board positions include:

Officers:

President – Jason Andrick
Vice President – Noel Gollehon
Secretary – Charles August
Treasurer – Nate Wallace

Board Members:

John Lachin '13
Warren Junium '12
Ron Uleck '11
Dale Thatcher '12
Tom Vegella '13
Jason Andrick (*ex officio*)
Charles August (*ex officio*)
Noel Gollehon (*ex officio*)
Nate Wallace (*ex officio*)

Committee Chairs:

Conservation Chair: Noel Gollehon
Program Chair: Ron Uleck
Newsletter Editor: Warren C. Junium, Jr.
Education Chair: *Vacancy*
Banquet Chair: *Vacancy* TBD (for FALL 2011)
Membership Chair: *Vacancy*
Activities Chair: *Vacancy*

Chapter Delegates to the Mid-Atlantic Council:

Charles August
Noel Gollehon
Stan Oaks
Ron Uleck
Nate Wallace
3 *vacancies*

MEMBER ACTIVITY – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The first three quarters of 2011 was filled with many activities. Many of our members may not be aware of the activities and opportunities provided by SVTU. Some highlights include: co-sponsored and provided instructors for youth fly fishing clinics; transporting and presenting our invasive species booth at events; Chapter fly-tying and casting clinics; stream cleanup of Little Seneca and Beaver Creeks; and, continued work for the Beaver Creek restoration project.

We plan to continue the same level of effort in the coming months and into 2012 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 350 members of TU assigned to our Chapter, Our active membership from this pool is less than 10 percent (i.e. <35 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.

Sign-up for Email Updates from SVTU

The chapter maintains a secure opt-in email alert and event invitation system. It has been active for a year and over 25% of our membership has subscribed. Since the newsletter is only mailed twice a year, in January and September, 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 or if you are viewing the newsletter as a PDF, click [here](#) for our online sign-up form. You will receive an opt-in message with the necessary instructions to join. We will not provide/sell your email to others and you can unsubscribe at anytime through a link featured at the bottom of each message.

Keep it green, stay informed, and save the chapter on mailing costs that can be better used for education and conservation efforts.

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. Go to the SVTU site, <http://www.senecavalleytu.org>, (register, if you have not already done so) and then click on 'Forum,' under 'PAGES' on the right side of the front page. Add a new post or read and respond to items that others have posted.

Visit us on Facebook



Did you know SVTU has a Facebook page? Like us on Facebook and you'll receive SVTU updates and event reminders to you news feed. Plus you'll be able to share photos of your latest catch or latest innovative tie!

TU - Mid-Atlantic Council (MAC) News

The Council includes the six TU Chapters in MD and the District of Columbia. Two of our Council delegates, Charles August and Stan Oaks, are currently on the MAC Executive Committee.

FISHING AT HILTON HEAD ISLAND-2011

I was fortunate once again to be able to go on a half-day guide fishing trip while vacationing on Hilton Head Island, SC over the 4th of July week. Unlike the previous two years, however, I wasn't fishing alone. Nate, one of our longtime members and the Chapter Treasurer, went out with me.

We met up with Brian Vaughn of 'Off The Hook Charters' around 11:30 am, under the Cross Island Parkway Bridge,

and we headed out into Calibogue Sound with the intent of trying to locate some redfish to toss our flies at. Brian quickly located a likely looking spot in the tall grass, and we started looking for some tailing reds. We spotted a couple of tailing fish and twice I tried to place my fly in front of them – one a nice redfish and the other a large black drum (Brian said he rarely sees them and was excited about the chance to try to hook one). However, the outgoing tide was stirring up the water just enough to make it difficult to track the fish; to determine just what direction they were headed so we knew where to drop a fly. After about 30 minutes of this futility, Brian suggested we head to another spot, and that we might have to try using bait, so he stopped on the way and tossed his net out several times to fill the bait well with 8-9 inch menhaden. We ended up off the south end of the island, about a half-mile out, where Brian's fishing guide buddies were checking out an area for mackerel. We fished the area for about an hour and had a lot of fish taking half the bait – Brian thought they were probably small bluefish getting a free meal. None of the other boats were having any luck either. Just before we decided to call it quits and move to another location, I hooked up with a dusky shark and then Nate followed with a black-tipped shark. I caught one more dusky shark before we headed back up Calibogue Sound, where Brian took us to an area he had recently checked out and now considers his favorite spot.

He anchored the boat about 15 feet off the grass and indicated to us that there was a drop-off, about 10-20 feet behind the boat. Little did we know that the fun was about to begin! Very soon after the first bait hit the water, we started getting hits. At first, we missed the hit, as we were striking too soon; Brian told us to hold off until the fish started pulling the line out, and then set the hook. That strategy worked, and we soon started to catch fish – all sharks. I got a black-tipped and several bonnet head (also called spade head which are close 'cousins' of hammerhead sharks) and Nate also caught a number of bonnet head sharks.

All of the sharks were in the 3-4 foot range and weighed 15 to 17 pounds. They really put up a nice fight on the medium weight spinning gear that Brian prefers to use. At one point, all three of us had fish on! Here's a photo of Nate and me with two nice bonnet head sharks.



So, if you ever get a chance to fish Hilton Head, check out Off The Hook Charters. Brian is an excellent guide. You

never know what you will hook up with! And, if you go, take a friend, it's much more fun. Stan Oaks

Macro-invertebrate Sampling & Fly Fishing Introduction Day



On Saturday, May 14, SVTU teamed up with IWLA Rockville to assist with macro-invertebrate sampling (adults & youth involved in the Save Our Streams program) and fly fishing instruction. In the morning, volunteers and participants focused on sampling for aquatic life in Seneca Creek near Clopper Rd in Germantown. Samples were collected, sorted, and then identified. Breaking for lunch, participants enjoyed a cookout beside the IWLA Lake.

After lunch, SVTU volunteers mentored aspiring youth & adult anglers by instructing them on the basics of fly casting and fishing. The rookie fly anglers caught on quickly and hauled in several bluegills. One young student managed to hook/land a 10" largemouth bass on an olive bead-head woolly bugger.

TU Stream Clean-ups

This year SVTU participated in both (2) TU National Stream Clean-up events. This is our 2nd consecutive year that our chapter has participated by hosting an event on both the April and June dates.



On April 16,-in the midst of pouring rain, wind, and thunder storms; SVTU had a great "dual clean-up" success, featuring simultaneous events at 2 sites (Little Seneca (Boyd's) and Beaver (Hagerstown) Creeks. Here is a quick look at the numbers:

32 Volunteers 36 Bags of trash 8 Wheels & tires

Special thanks to Doug Hutzell for leading the clean-up at Antietam Creek. Also, we were fortunate to partner with the Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) chapter from the University of Maryland for their True Gentleman Day of Service. The SAEs showed up in force with a total of 20 brothers volunteering.

On June 18, a small but mighty crew of 8 volunteers worked to repair damage and remove debris from the numerous high water events at Beaver Creek this spring. The members worked to restake trees previously planted by SVTU and the Beaver Creek Watershed Association, install a new fishing access sign, and remove trash. This event finished off our TU Stream Clean-up Days for the spring. Be on the lookout for the 2012 TU Clean-up dates (likely announced in February).

Fly Fishing / Fishing Supplies and Resources

The local resources for spin or fly-fishing equipment, fly-tying materials, etc., are dwindling. Sports Authority in Frederick has eliminated their fishing section and the Gaithersburg store is in the process of eliminating theirs. both Gaithersburg and Frederick, has eliminated their entire fishing section. Dick's does not carry fly-fishing items in stock though their fishing section is huge and several members of their staff are excellent sources of advice. Also, the Orvis shop in Bethesda does not carry fly-tying materials, and the Tysons Corner store has a much smaller inventory of materials than in the past.

Good news is we have two local fly-fishing shops that we can count on!

Hunting Creek Outfitter: Murray Friedman, Owner; 29 North Market Street, Frederick; 301-668-4333 is a full service Orvis shop. Accepts Orvis coupons, and gives a TU discount on some items.

Beaver Creek Fly Shop: Matt Rosenthal, Owner; 9720 Country Store Lane, Hagerstown; 301-393-9090. Carries equipment from many manufacturers.

SVTU Chapter Winter Raffle

Keep your eyes on our website regarding our upcoming WINTER RAFFLE! Additional info will be available at the September 28th Chapter meeting!

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.

Announcing the SVTU annual BBQ

Seneca Valley Trout Unlimited Annual BBQ

Saturday, October 8, 2011,

1:00 to 4:00 pm (dinner about 1:30)

Pavilion on Beaver Creek Church Road, Hagerstown, Maryland

(See website for directions)

SVTU is holding our annual BBQ this year in conjunction with veterans from Project Healing Waters, Beaver Creek Watershed Association, and Antietam Fly Anglers. Come and join your TU Chapter as we have our annual BBQ to celebrate those that serve our Nation and our work on Beaver Creek.

There is no charge to SVTU members and their families. We ask that each family bring a desert to share.

Fun for all!!

- Socialize with members of Antietam Fly Anglers, veterans from Project Healing Waters, Beaver Creek Watershed Association, and other SVTU members.
- Fly casting demonstrations
- Fly tying demonstrations and hands-on tying.

Food will be catered by Famous Daves BBQ

Sodas and water will be provided; Beer will be available (cash bar)

SVTU usually holds a fund-raiser as a part of the BBQ, but this year SVTU is supporting the event. SVTU encourages everyone to attend to support those from Project Healing Waters who have supported our Nation!

RSVP required!!

Contact: svtroutunlimited@gmail.com or call 240-389-3474 and indicate how many will attend and the desert you plan on bringing to share.

Join our e-mail list to be informed of our activities at svtroutunlimited@gmail.com .

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