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HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2016 IS HERE!

Welcome to all Chapter members! We hope that 2016 will be a great year for everyone, both on and off the streams, rivers and lakes.

SVTU, YOUR Trout Unlimited Chapter, was very busy in 2015. We especially want to thank all of our Chapter members, and others, who volunteered for the many activities we sponsored, or supported throughout 2015! We enjoyed great success in all our activities. Most importantly they provided opportunities to reach out to others in the community.

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 2016, volunteer!

We are finalizing our Chapter meeting program schedules and activities we will be involved with. As we finalize them we will provide updates via email and also post them on our website.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2015

JAN. 19	Fly Tying Classes: SVTU/IWL First class, see related article that follows.
JAN. 20	SVTU Board meeting
JAN. 26	SVTU Chapter Meeting & Elections Topic: Tying a Display Fly
FEB. 17	SVTU Board meeting
FEB	NO Chapter Meeting
MAR. 16	SVTU Board Meeting
MAR. 19	MAC Banquet (TBD)
MAR. 22	SVTU Chapter Meeting Topic:
APR. 16	MAC Meeting: Beaver Creek
APR 20	SVTU Board Meeting
APR. 26	SVTU Chapter Meeting Topic:
MAY 18	SVTU Board Meeting
MAY 22	SVTU Chapter Meeting Topic:
JUN-AUG	NO Chapter Meetings

FLY TYING CLASSES

When:

Beginner/refresher: January 19, February. 2, 9, 16, and 23

Intermediate/advanced: March 1, 15, 29, April 12 and 19

Time: 7:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m.

Where: IWLA Clubhouse, 18301 Waring Station Rd; Germantown

SVTU's introduction and intermediate/advanced classes are five sessions each and are free. The introduction session will teach the basic skills needed to tie a green weenie to an Adams. All you need to furnish is YOU, but bring tying material and tools if you have them, since our loaner tool supply is limited. For a detailed description of the Beginner/refresher class curriculum check out page 2 of this newsletter.

Those beginners planning to attend, please sign-up online at the Seneca Valley website

<http://www.senecavalleytu.org/> or contact Tom Vegella (txv@mac.com), Dale Thatcher (cell: 301-807-0497) Noel Gollehon (cell:301-928-0151)

JANUARY CHAPTER MEETING

WHEN: TUESDAY JANUARY 26

WHERE: IWLA CLUBHOUSE: 18301 Waring Station Road; Germantown

TIME: 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Social: 7:30 – 8:00: Program: 8:00 – 9:00

WHAT: CHAPTER MEETING & ELECTIONS

SPEAKER: Greg Cwalina

PROGRAM: Tying a Display Fly

Greg Cwalina of Patuxent River Flies will give a presentation on tying a decorative fly for a display, or as part of a pin, earring, or key ring. Greg has been doing this for ten years and some of his wares are currently for sale at the Beaver Creek Fly Shop. He has also demonstrated some of his skills at previous SVTU fly tying sessions and Izaak Walton League meetings. If time permits-and we have enough tying vises-attendees will get the chance to try their hand at tying their own creation.

January is time for our SVTU board member elections. Please consider joining our board. It doesn't take much time, and we meet one night a month. We have several open positions and we need volunteers.

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 @

<http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/service/>

Also, for the 2016 regulations guide go to

<http://www.eregulations.com/maryland/fishing/>

STREAM STOCKING IN 2016

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 2016 CURRICUUM/SCHEDULE

Fly tying will take place at the Rockville IWLA Clubhouse. Address/location is same as our Chapter meetings.

Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.. 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

JANUARY 19, and FEBRUARY 2, 9, 16 and 23

Session 1: January 19, 2016: 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.

January 26, 2016: NO CLASS.

Session 2: February 2, 2016. Woolly Buggers in a variety of color combinations (black/black, black/olive,, olive/olive, white/white) 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.

Session 3: February 9, 2016. 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 16, 2016. Pheasant tail feathers, and peacock hurl will be used to tie the Pheasant Tail Nymph. There will also be an 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 23, 2016. Last session for beginners. Dry Flies continues with 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.

For questions or clarification of the curriculum,
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INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED CLASS

March 3, 17, and 31; April 7, and 21

CURRICULUM TBD. See the website for updates and curriculum.

2015 RECAP

SVTU held meetings in January, March, April, September, October and November (Dec. 1) with a streamside meeting in May surveying Beaver Creek paired with our annual BBQ/Fundraiser. Other major activities included: continued support of Project Healing Waters (twice); maintaining a booth at the Little Bennett Regional Park Great Outdoors Festival; Little Seneca Creek Cleanup; and Izaak Walton League's Hunting and Fishing Day. In addition, we again held a Fly-Fishing 101 course with IWLA.

Our meeting programs included: A special fly-tying demonstration; Macroinvertebrate identification and stream monitoring techniques; presentations on Fly Fishing in Patagonia by Chapter members; and, casting instruction by our resident certified casting instructor Dave Cleaves. It was a busy year and many participated and enjoyed each event.

Two of the events are featured in 2016.

FLY FISHING 101:LEARN TO FLY FISH RECAP

The annual Learn to fly fish class was presented by Seneca Valley TU with the cooperation of the Isaak Walton League (IWLA), Rockville on October 4, 2015. We had 25 register for the event that featured a complete introduction to fly fishing. The event began with a great lunch (burgers hot off the grill) and then the students divided up into 3 groups to work their way through the “stations” over the next four hours. Each fly fishing station was designed to provide instruction in needed techniques in the “art” of fly fishing. Each student rotated through the five stations: (1) Casting in the grass, (2) Casting on the lake, (3) Stream fishing techniques, (4) Entomology and Flies, and (5) Rigging and Knots. There was even time to tie on a fly and try for the sunfish in the lake at the end of the day. The casting was instructed by Certified FFF fly casing instructors (these guys are good casters and instructors). At the entomology station a nationally known entomologist used insects taken from and returns to Beaver Creek to give students a real look at the invertebrate world. Instructors at other stations were experienced fly fisherman to give students the benefit of their years of experience. Reviews by the students were positive and all (instructors and students) felt it was a good day. Come and join us next year!



1- One of the Certified FFF casting instructors providing insight on the casting motion.



2- Group instruction on the fly casting motion



3- One-on-one instruction is the key to mastering the casting technique



4- At the station discussing flies and the insects they represent



5- A great conversation starter from Beaver Creek.

LITTLE BEAVER CREEK PLANTING, RECAP

On Saturday, November 7, 2015, eleven SVTU members and friends planted a project area along Little Beaver Creek in Washington County. This was a project will improve water quality on Little Beaver Creek, Beaver Creek, Antietam Creek, and ultimately the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay. SVTU was one of the sponsors of this stream bank restoration project and the planting was the final step in this project. We planted about 100 trees and shrubs to anchor the bank after the construction of a root wad stabilized bend to address a bank erosion issue. Thanks to the member and fiends of SVTU that came out and did their part for water quality.



2- EXCAVATION



3- ROOT WADS SET



1 - BEFORE



4- CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE



5- SEEDED WITH GRASS



8- PLANTING IN PROGRESS



6- PLANTING IN PROGRESS



9- PART OF THE CREW



7- PLANTING IN PROGRESS

SVTU WEBSITE HAS BEEN REVISED AND IS MOBILE FRIENDLY 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.

REMINDER: TU MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND UPDATE OF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

Just passing on that the start of the new year is a good time to review your membership status and personal information you have provided TU National.

APPEAL TO MEMBERS REGARDING OUR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

This system is 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.

All of you who are in receipt of this newsletter and other Chapter communications via email do so due to your request to be included as a result of past communications, personal requests and/or by signing up at Chapter meetings or other events.

The reports from the email service regarding how many of the emails are "opened" show we average about 40%.

We would appreciate feedback from those who no longer wish to receive our communications, if that is the case.

If you wish to opt-out please contact the Chapter [@svtroutunlimited@gmail.com](mailto:svtroutunlimited@gmail.com) or the editor (see below).

EDITOR'S NOTE

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

Tight lines and we hope to see you at future meetings and events!