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FALL IS HERE- MEETINGS RESUME!

Welcome to all Chapter members. With the heat of summer almost behind us we look forward to the cool days, and great fishing that fall brings.

Fall also begins the renewal of Chapter meetings and we have some excellent programs planned as well as some opportunities to participate in several activities SVTU is involved with.

Our activities are only limited by the number of volunteers who participate, so if you want to see the Chapter do more in 2016 and 2017, volunteer! We have approximately 380 TU members assigned to our Chapter. Our "participation factor" is well below 10%. We could do more with more!

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2016

SEP. 21	SVTU Board meeting
SEP. 24	IWLA Hunting @ Fishing Day Open House (see details)
SEP. 27	SVTU Chapter & BBQ @ IWLA Pond, see details below
OCT. 19	SVTU Board meeting
OCT. 25	SVTU Chapter Meeting Topic: TBD
NOV. 16	SVTU Board meeting
NOV. 29	SVTU Chapter Meeting Topic: TBD
DEC..20	SVTU Board Meeting
DEC:	NO CHAPTER MEETING
JAN 18	SVTU Board Meeting
JAN. 24	SVTU Chapter Meeting Topic: TBD

IWLA HUNTING & FISHING DAY OPEN HOUSE

WHEN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
WHERE: IWLA Chapter House, 18301 Waring Station Road; Germantown
TIME: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
WHAT: FUN FAMILY DAY

Check in at the IWLA Rockville Chapter House to register for a fun day for all. You will get a chance to try your skills at a lot of fun outdoor activities. In addition, it is a chance to meet up with other IWLA and SVTU members.

SEPTEMBER CHAPTER MEETING & BBQ

WHEN: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27
WHERE: IWLA LAKE: 12507 Clopper Road; Germantown
TIME: 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

WHAT: BURGERS, BEER & FISHING!

Register for the "[Burgers and Beer](#)" chapter meeting.

Join us for the first meeting of fall. While the days are still fairly long, we thought it would be fun to have a meeting at the IWLA Rockville Chapter Lake. The meeting agenda is fishing and enjoying burgers and a good beer. The gate will open at 5:00 p.m.

Please let us know you will be attending as we need a headcount to make sure everyone gets to eat.

Bring your fishing gear and flies so you can fish while the burgers cook. There will also be members available to answer questions, help with casting issues.

We are looking forward to seeing you there, so please [register](#) now by clicking on either link, or visit the SVTU website

CHARLES AUGUST, MD SVTU CHAPTER BOARD MEMBER RIP



This month SVTU lost a long time member, active supporter and friend, Doctor Charles August. Charles not only served as the Chapter Secretary for many years, he was also the one who started, and led, the popular fly tying courses for the past five years. With respect to his love of fly fishing, if there was one thing he enjoyed as much as the fishing itself, it was the fly tying and teaching.

Charles particularly enjoyed teaching the beginning fly tyers. He also was quick to volunteer to help with other the Chapter activities such as stream cleanups, stream restorations, Izaak Walton League events and Project Healing Waters events.

Over the years he fished with a number of SVTU members and managed to fly fish for many species of fish in many different places including the U.S. West, Florida, the Bahamas; as well as all the local Maryland and Pennsylvania trout streams. He always took his camera along to capture the beautiful surroundings but most importantly to photograph the fish he and others managed to catch and release.

His SVTU Chapter members, and fishing buddies will truly miss him.

SVTU RECOGNIZED FOR BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH THE IWLA

Seneca Valley TU (SVTU) has been actively engaged in building a mutually beneficial partnership with the Rockville Chapter of the Izaak Walton League. SVTU utilizes the facilities of the Rockville IWLA for meetings and special events. And, in turn, Rockville-IWLA members access the fly fishing expertise of SVTU members and have priority enrollment for special events (Fly Fishing 101 and fly tying courses) sponsored by SVTU. Our partnership has extended into shared stream restoration volunteer time and joint participation in educational events.

The Rockville Chapter of IWLA nominated SVTU for a Maryland Division "Honor Roll Award" that recognizes the "outstanding achievements in conservation in cooperation with Chapters of the Izaak Walton League of America." SVTU was honored to receive this award presented at the Rockville IWLA meeting on September 9, 2016.

In addition to the State recognition, the nomination was submitted to the National IWLA for consideration. SVTU was awarded the IWLA National "Honor Roll Award" in "recognition of outstanding work performed in the fields of conservation, public information and publicity in keeping with the League's goals." SVTU was honored to receive this award also presented at the Rockville IWLA meeting on September 9, 2016.

SVTU is appreciative of these awards from IWLA and hold it as evidence that the beneficial partnership developed with the IWLA Rockville Chapter will continue to thrive.



Noel Gollehon, SVTU Chapter President, accepting the Maryland Division and National Honor Roll Awards from Miles Greenbaum, Maryland National Director, and Jeff Deschamps, National IWLA President at the Rockville IWLA Chapter meeting on September 9, 2016.

RECENT 2016 SVTU ACTIVITIES

SVTU held meetings in January, March, April, and May. In addition, we sponsored / participated in several or events. Three events are highlighted below.

RECAP OF CHAPTER MEETINGS IN 2016

- **FEBRUARY**
Presenter: Greg Cwalina of Patuxent River Flies Program: Tying a decorative fly for a display or pin
Greg gave a great presentation on how to tie a classic salmon fly for a display or a pin. It was a great evening to learn something so interesting.
- **MARCH**
Presenter: Dale Thatcher, SVTU
Program: Fishing in Maryland
Dale gave an outstanding presentation on fishing opportunities in Maryland. Maryland has great fishing opportunities, with a lot of small and big streams.
- **APRIL**
James Harris, Beaver Creek Fly Shop
Program: Fishing in in south-central Pennsylvania
James gave a great talk about the close-by fishing opportunities in Pennsylvania.
- **MAY**
Dr. Steve Moulton
Program: Fishing on the Selway River in Idaho and a brief introduction to Caddisflies
Steve gave a great presentation on fishing on the Selway River in Idaho. This is a river that does not see much pressure and it made you want to go schedule a trip. He also gave us a brief introduction to Caddisflies, his specialty. We will have Steve back to give us a more in-depth Caddisfly presentation at a future date

FLY FISHING 101:LEARN TO FLY FISH RECAP

On April 23, 2016, SVTU partnered with the Rockville Chapter of Isaak Walton League to offer our third “Learn to Fly Fish” afternoon (or as we call it Fly Fishing 101) at the Rockville Chapter Lake. It was a day of pure enjoyment for all.

Ten instructors guided 29 students through a series of “classes” that covered basic elements of fly fishing, such as: casting, rigging, knots, macro invertebrate entomology, flies, stream fishing techniques, and lake fishing techniques. The instructors were members or friends of Seneca Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, augmented with additional Federation of Fly Fishing (FFF) casting instructors.

To ensure everyone had enough energy for the day’s tasks, the session started with a nice lunch of grilled burgers, chips, salads and desserts. After lunch, the students were divided into two groups and each group rotated through each “class” in the curriculum. The instruction was professional quality—normally costing hundreds of dollars for such a class—but SVTU believes that such classes are essential to develop interest in fly fishing and passing on the importance of ecological conservation, so they offer the class for free. Anyone that is interested in learning about fly fishing should consider joining the Seneca Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Check the Seneca Valley TU website for more information and additional photos of the event.



The stream technique instruction focuses on fly presentation and line management.



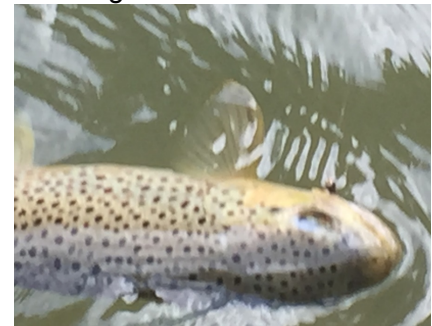
Macro invertebrate entomology uses “bugs” from a nearby stream and is linked to a display of the flies that mimic the developmental and adult insect stages.

FISHING LITTLE BEAVER CREEK

SVTU had exclusive access to a section of Little Beaver Creek on June 25, 2016. We had access to the area where SVTU participated in a stream restoration project. It was fun to fish in the area where SVTU members planted trees, shrubs, and bank-side willows on November 7, 2015. It appears that most of the trees and shrubs were making it. Many of the live willow stakes were also sprouted and starting to take root.

As to the fishing, we all caught fish and everyone landed one 12 inches or better. We landed about an equal number of browns and rainbows, but most of the fish were actually caught in Beaver Creek, just at the confluence with Little Beaver Creek. Little Beaver was low and clear and the fish had moved to the deeper water of Beaver Creek.

If you missed this event, come to the monthly Chapter meetings as we plan future fishing outings. Dale Thatcher caught this nice brown!



- Submitted by Noel Gollehon

LITTLE BENNETT REGIONAL PARK, GREAT OUTDOORS FESTIVAL

On August 20 Seneca Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited once again supported the annual Great Outdoors Festival at Little Bennett Regional Park by manning a booth with information on our Chapter's meetings and various activities.

Over 30 different organizations covering many activities such as hiking, biking, horseback riding, bird watching and climbing and other pursuits such as local historical societies were represented at the festival, which ran from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The overall attendance seemed to be a bit lower than some past years probably due to the very hot weather and the Montgomery County Fair. Park officials indicate that they may hold the event in June next year to possibly get an increased attendance.

Submitted by Dale Thatcher

TROUT FISHING WITH A THERMOMETER

Because of our extreme heat and little rain for most of this summer, the only trout fishing options have been spring fed creeks or cold release tailwaters. Locally that means Beaver Creek and the Gunpowder River.

Beaver Creek has been mostly low and clear but the temperature seems to hold up well even with high overnight temperatures. Terrestrial fishing is the typical approach for summer fishing although I did experience some brief Trico activity in August and managed to land three small browns on size 22. I also succeeded in fooling a hefty 15 inch brown with a cress bug the same day.

The Gunpowder river has been run at fairly low flows for most of the summer (less than 50 cfs) but the water is very cold, maybe even a bit too cold at times. By the temperature gage at Falls road, a typical 90° day starts out with water temperatures in the low 50s and by late afternoon it may only be approaching the high 50s. Unfortunately, by the afternoon it is getting pretty uncomfortable for the fisherman. My experience with the low clear water has been some times exciting, when a fish solidly takes a dry fly or terrestrial, but other times, a bit frustrating when the fly is given a good inspection or even a bump but no hook up.

For other tailwaters, you might also include Big Hunting creek but the amount of minimum flow released is so low it makes for potential warming water over the course of the stream. For example, on a recent 90° day at about 10 a.m., I measured the temperature near the Joe Brooks Memorial at 65° but a bit later and downstream at the route 77 road bridge the temperature was approaching 68/70°. At these temperatures, catch and release fishing is probably getting too stressful for trout and it's time to head for another local "watering hole."

You could also include the Little Seneca in the tailwaters category because it does have cold water release, but the minimum flow is also very low, and for some reason, the stream doesn't seem to provide the habitat needed to support an adult fish population. Some Trout-in the Classroom fingerlings may have survived and still be around.

Hopefully by the time you are reading this, Maryland will have gotten past the long run of temperatures in the 90s and we will be getting much needed rain. Then maybe, with some DNR fall stockings, some

more trout fishing opportunities will be ahead. Wishing for cooler weather and more rain!

-Submitted by Dale Thatcher

STREAM STOCKING IN THE FALL

Fall brings about some great weather to fish. It also marks the time DNR restocks some of the local streams. 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 2017

The Chapter is still evaluating whether to continue what has been a long standing tradition of offering Fly tying classes. We had very low attendance at the Beginner and Advanced sessions this past January/ February. We will discuss this in future Board and Chapter meetings towards the end of the year.

SVTU WEBSITE 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.

SVTU EMAIL COMMUNICATION

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.

We are sending this email to both our "opt-in" subscribers and to all TU members not currently included in this list who have email addresses with TU National and who have agreed to accept emails from TU National.

If you wish to opt-in or opt-out please contact the Chapter @ svtroutunlimited@gmail.com .

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!