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## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

### President's Note

Greetings Chapter members. The weather has been rather unusual so far in the new year with a few days being "spring-like". I hope some were able to get out on a stream or lake. With cold weather on the horizon again, it may be a perfect time to prepare for the upcoming season. Seneca Valley Trout Unlimited (SVTU), your Chapter, would like to help you in that effort!

2019 started with our first session of our **Charles August Fly Tying series** offered by SVTU. The first session was held on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. The snow event of the previous Tuesday resulted in it being rescheduled. The change did not dampen the enthusiasm of our members since the session was attended by nine members who were taken through the basics of fly-tying including tools and their use, fly components, hooks, thread management and tying on materials by Chapter volunteers. The participants then put their efforts on to the vices to tie a very useful "simple" fly, the green weenie.

The **sessions are scheduled and will continue** at the IWLA-Rockville Chapter House from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on February 19, March 5 and 19, and April 2 and 16. We will close the fly-tying sessions with a late afternoon of fishing on the IWLA Lake on April 30<sup>th</sup>. (Since we missed a session due to weather, we will schedule a makeup session in April, based on participants availability.)

Our **first 2019 Chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** (a change from our "normal" schedule of starting the year off in January). In addition to being the first opportunity to again share an evening with fellow members, and learn something new from the program, **this meeting is key since it is when we hold elections of Chapter Officers and Directors. We have several openings. Let us know if you are interested in volunteering and filling one of the open positions.**

We are currently finalizing our March, and subsequent Chapter meeting programs. Be on the lookout for future emails, or if you have not yet subscribed to our "opt-in"/secure email system, check our website for updates. The links to both are included on page 5 of this newsletter.

As you can tell SVTU is an active chapter with our meetings and events, including **Fly Fishing 101 in the spring (scheduled for May 4, 2019)** and a get together in the fall. The Chapter's conservation activities on Beaver Creek continue with two planned (not yet scheduled) activities: the late Spring maintenance on the stream delayed due to the weather last fall, and benthic invertebrate sampling. Our role is being defined but it will involve volunteers. This will be a chance to make a lasting difference in trout fishing in our region. Watch the website and e-mail notifications for dates and needs.

SVTU depends on volunteers to make all we do happen. Our Chapter has approximately 350 members. Are you involved? I know most of you are not, because I know the group of dedicated volunteers that make things happen (my thanks to them) and that group is not large in number. We can use some help!

You do not have to commit to much time or effort to take a role in the planning and execution of a Chapter activity. If you have some time just let any Officer or Director know you are willing to help, and we will match something that needs to be done with your availability.

I look forward to seeing you at our SVTU events and look forward to your contributions to make Chapter events happen.

Tight lines! Noel Gollehon, President SVTU

*Don't forget to renew your membership to TU and check the TU website to review, and, if needed, update your personal information. And, remember to purchase your 2019 fishing license(s).*

## 2019 Meeting Schedule

<b>February 19</b>	<b>Fly Tying: Streamers</b>
February 20	SVTU Board meeting
<b>February 26</b>	<b>SVTU Chapter Meeting &amp; Elections</b>
	<b>Topic: Fly Fishing the Potomac River</b>
	<b>Tom Martin of Heavy Water Anglers</b>
<b>March 5</b>	<b>Fly Tying: Nymphs</b>
<b>March 19</b>	<b>Fly Tying: Emergers</b>
March 20	SVTU Board meeting
<b>March 26</b>	<b>SVTU Chapter Meeting</b>
	<b>Topic: Local Streams (T)</b>
<b>April 2</b>	<b>Fly Tying: Poppers</b>

<b>April 15</b>	<b>Tax Day!!!!</b>
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Fly Tying: Terrestrials</b>
April 17	SVTU Board Meeting
<b>April 23</b>	<b>SVTU Chapter Meeting</b> <b>Topic: Western Destination Trip</b> <b>Greg Cwalina (details to follow)</b>
<b>April 26:</b>	<b>SVTU Chapter Field Trip to Stroud</b> <b>Water Research Facility (see details)</b>
<b>April 30:</b>	<b>Fly Tying: - Fishing your Flies</b>
<b>May 4</b>	<b>Fly Fishing 101 (see details)</b>
May15	SVTU Board Meeting
<b>May 21</b>	<b>SVTU Chapter Meeting</b> <b>Topic: TBD</b>
June 19	SVTU Board meeting
<b>June-August</b>	<b>NO CHAPTER MEETINGS</b>

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### February Chapter Meeting & Elections

<b>When:</b>	<b>Tuesday, February 26</b>
<b>Where:</b>	<b>IWLA Chapter House, 18301 Waring Station Road, Germantown</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>7:30 – 9:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Topic:</b>	<b>Chapter meeting and Elections of Officers and Directors: Program: Fishing on the North Branch of the Potomac River by Tom Martin of Heavy Water Anglers</b>

Tom Martin of Heavy Water Anglers is a local, independent guide that works out of the Beaver Creek Fly Shop who will be talking to us about fishing on the North Branch of the Potomac in Western Maryland. The North Branch has some amazing fishing opportunities and Tom has guided on it for years. He will go over the techniques used to catch and land large trout in this river.

We encourage folks to not only reconnect each month and talk about fishing but bring photos, maps, etc. of their favorite streams / fishing experiences during the "social hour" of 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. in each meeting.

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### Charles S. August Memorial Fly Tying Sessions

We dedicate our annual fly-tying sessions to the memory of Charles, a long-time board member of our chapter who started and led our past fly-tying courses.

<b>When:</b>	<b>February, March &amp; April</b>
<b>Where:</b>	<b>IWLA Chapter House, 18301 Waring Station Road; Germantown</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>7:00 – 9:00 p.m.</b>

It's that time of year again. Time to tie some flies to get ready for spring. The sessions will be on Tuesday at the Upper Level of IWLA Chapter house. The schedule of flies to be tied is below. The chapter provides materials and teachers. All you need to bring is you. There will be a specific fly that will be demonstrated for each session. Information is below.

### February

February 5: Intro class (class held-moved from 01/29)

February 19: Streamers

### March

March 5: Nymphs (different types)

March 19: Different types of emergers

### April

April 2: Poppers

April 16: Terrestrials

April 30: Fishing your Flies

We will schedule a make-up class in April based on the best time for participants to tie dry flies.

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### 2018—Recap of Meetings & Events

SVTU held meetings in September, October and November. In addition, we sponsored / participated in several events. The summary of our activity is highlighted below.

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### Chapter Meetings & Programs:

#### September 2018 Chapter Meeting

Mr. Doug Hutzell, a member that lives in Hagerstown, gave a great presentation on Beaver Creek in Washington County. SVTU has been involved in conservation and restoration activities on Beaver Creek for more than a decade. In that period the stream has progressed from a put-and-take trout fishery to a self-sustaining wild brown trout fishery. The transformation of the stream has been amazing and SVTU has made a difference in the provision of quality fishing opportunities to fly-anglers in the region with our partners. Doug's presentation talked about those partners, progress to date and future plans as a core portion of the stream comes under the control of Maryland Department of Natural Resources.

#### November 2018 Chapter Meeting

James Harris, Owner of Beaver Creek Fly Shop, was the presenter the November/December meeting with a talk "All about Fly Lines." The new advanced fly lines are specialized and expensive by historical standards.

However, if you have an advanced technology graphite fly rod it needs to be matched with the right fly line for your fishing conditions to achieve top performance. The take away message is that the fly line is an important part of the fly fishing “system” and recent advances mean there is much to know. If you have a need for a fly fishing system “tune-up” a new fly line might be in your future. Take your fly rod up to the Beaver Creek Fly shop and try the different lines to see how they work on your fly rod. It can make a huge difference as we learned at the meeting.

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### **Chapter Special Events**

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#### **SVTU Hosts Second Casting Clinic: October 2018**

On Sunday, October 21, SVTU hosted its second annual casting clinic, cookout and mini Fund-Raiser at the IWLA Rockville lake. We had 14 students of the casting art paired up with 4 certified instructors. It was a challenging day to cast because of the windy conditions, so it was a realistic fishing day. If you wanted to know how to cast in the wind this was the day to learn. It was a chilly, partly-cloudy day and the wind never stopped. The chapter wants to thank everyone who came out for the event, and we would like to thank all of the instructors for volunteering their time and expertise to make this a worthwhile day. We had a great lunch with good people and a fun little raffle that raised some chapter funds.

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### **2018/2019 Conservation Programs**

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#### **Support for Beaver Creek**

When Doug Hutzell, a Chapter member who lives on Beaver Creek, and James Harris, proprietor of Beaver Creek Fly Shop, get together the ideas about Beaver Creek abound. One of their recent ideas was the need to inform anglers about wading in Beaver Creek during the winter while trout eggs are in the gravel. Beaver Creek has many, many redds this past fall, which implies a great year of reproduction if that spawning activity is not disturbed. Redds—the gravel nest where trout lay and fertilize eggs—are pretty easy to spot in November because of the clean gravel. However, let a few high-water events come through and deposit a layer of silt and the redds are hard to spot for even those that know where to look. Doug and James came to SVTU with a need and SVTU responded by designing a sign and getting DNR approval for installation. The sign was printed on aluminum with a plastic core and aluminum backing for stability. SVTU purchased the signs, bolts and

posts. On Saturday, January 12 Doug Hutzell working with Noel and Leslie Gollehon installed six of the signs at key locations on Beaver Creek. Additional signs will be installed by Doug Hutzell. The signs will be removed in the spring and then reinstalled in the fall.

#### **Trout in the Classroom (TIC) Egg Distribution**

In **December** several members of the Chapter supported the Trout in the Classroom (TIC) distribution of eggs to schools in the Chapter area. The next activity related to this is volunteer assistance to the schools for release of the hatched fingerlings into local streams in the Spring. Check out the website and emails for further information.

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### **Partnering with IWLA Rockville Chapter**

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#### **IWLA Hunting & Fishing Day Open House**

On **Saturday, September 22**, Seneca Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited (SVTU) assisted the IWLA Rockville Chapter in this fun day. We partner with this Chapter on many activities throughout the year and we have many individuals whom are members of both organizations. Many activities for all ages that will be featured at this event!

The day included:

- Archery
- Fly Fishing and Casting
- Kayaking and Canoeing
- BB Guns / Black Powder Muzzle Loading
- Collect Chestnuts at an Orchard
- Wood Duck Nesting Box Conservation
- Trail Hike to the IWL Private lake
- Save or Streams Exhibit / Demonstration
- Kids Table - Crafts and Hands-On-Nature
- Kids Fishing on the Stocked Lake

Exhibitors included:

- Trout Unlimited
- The Seneca Valley Watershed Partners
- Seneca State Park
- Outdoors Women's Life
- Maryland Blue Birds Society
- Tomahawk Toss (Boys Scouts)

We look forward to participating in these activities in 2019!

## **2019—Planned Chapter Events for Spring**

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Current plans include four of our favorite annual activities.

### **Chapter work day on Beaver Creek**

**Date:** April Date TBD

**Where:** Beaver Creek

**Time:** TBD

We did not get out in the wet fall weather of 2018 to do maintenance on Beaver Creek, a stream in Washington County. Beaver Creek has been the focus of past SVTU restoration efforts, and it requires at least an annual maintenance effort. Tree tubes to protect planted trees need to be removed and beaver guards installed. Trees need to be pruned and a general trash pickup is needed. In addition, we will be removing the signs along Beaver Creek warning about wading in the stream.

### **Benthic Invertebrate Sampling**

**Date:** April Date TBD

**Where:** Beaver Creek

**Time:** TBD

SVTU has been asked to help in a benthic invertebrate sampling effort in Beaver Creek and nearby streams. This is a fun event that makes you aware of the whole different world of stream life. And it is really great to see what is there for the trout to eat.

### **Chapter Field Trip to the Stroud Water Research Facility**

**Date:** Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Avondale, PA.

**Time:** TBD

SVTU is fortunate to have members with connections that allow us to have an exclusive guided tour of the Stroud Water Research Center. This is a full day trip and well worth the drive. The Stroud Center conducts world renowned research in freshwater resources and coldwater habitat. Their efforts to restore streams and describe the biological stream system are interesting, educational, and pretty amazing. It is a great day out doing water stuff without picking up a fly rod.

We have conducted this trip the past two years and the educational experience for attendees was “priceless”. Updates regarding details will follow in a future email as well as a posting on our website.

### **Sixth Fly Fishing 101 Afternoon**

**Date:** Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** IWLA Rockville Lake

**Time:** 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

SVTU will again partner with the Rockville Chapter of Isaak Walton League to offer our fourth third “Learn to Fly Fish” afternoon (or as we call it Fly Fishing 101) at the Rockville Chapter Lake. It will be a day of pure enjoyment for all.

This is an intensive, free course that will provide the basics of fly fishing. Whether you want to learn to fly fish or your friend, spouse, or neighbor would like to learn about fly fishing, this is your course! Taught by certified casters and knowledgeable fisherman, we guide the students through the complete fly-fishing process. We have instruction in fly casting, rigging the fly rod, needed knots, stream entomology and flies, stream fishing techniques, and lake fishing techniques. This will be SVTU’s sixth course and it just gets better every year. Registration is required so watch the website.

## **2019—Future DNR Events**

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### **MD DNR Biological Stream Survey Training**

Maryland DNR is offering training and certifications in Maryland Biological Stream Survey sampling protocols. The training will be held at Howard County Community College. Through a mix of classroom and field experiences, participants will learn and be tested on benthic macroinvertebrate and fish sampling methods, physical habitat assessment, fish taxonomy and how to be a crew leader. The Spring training session will be held 9 AM to 3:30 PM February 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration deadline was February 12<sup>th</sup>

Summer training will be held May 28-31, with registration deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup>.

To learn more about the program and requirements for registering go to:

<https://dnr.maryland.gov/streams/Pages/mbsstraining.aspx>

### **A great addition to your Fly Box - Crickets**

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Though the season is a bit early for using this terrestrial fly, it is never too early to consider adding it to your fly box. This article was submitted by SVTU Chapter Board member, John Lachin. Enjoy.

### **The Cricket Fly**

Back around 1980 there was an outdoors shop in the Midway Center Shopping Center next to the Shady Grove Transfer Station. One September day I remarked to the co-owner, Rudy Mattern, that I had been skunked on a trip to

Big Hunting Creek. Rudy said that I should use a black cricket. His pattern was simple to tie, and I have since made some modifications, some according to my records, from a pattern by Jay Sheppard of PPTU. Every year I look forward to the opportunity to fish the fall cricket. I also tie a brown version that worked well in Little Seneca when it had fish. The brown pattern might also work well in Beaver Creek. Crickets will be active until the first killing frost that will occur sooner up in Thurmont or Beaver Creek than in Gaithersburg.



I tie the crickets on a 2x dry fly (Mustad 94831) or nymph hook (Mustad 9672), #12 or #14. You want the fly to ride low and the trout often respond to the “splat”. It is important also to have an indicator so you can see where the fly is on the water. I tie a 2” single strand of white wool onto my leader about 3’ above the fly and then trim it to about 1” and add floatant to the fly and indicator. Sometimes I use a dropper tied to the hook bend, like a Rainy’s ant with a white tip that serves the same purpose.

### Here are the recipes for the two flies:

**Hook sizes:** 12, 14, 2x

**Black Cricket:** Black thread, tie in dark dun feather by the stem, dull side facing to back. I tie the black cricket using some Newfoundland dog fur, very coarse, although any dark charcoal will do.

Add coarse dubbing up ¼” wide, thicker at hook bend, wrapped up to 1/8” from eye, make 2-3 wraps of feather close together and then palmer to front. Clip the hackles on the bottom between the 4 and 8 o’clock position (this can be done at the end as well). Add two dark brown or black quills, tent-style. Then add a thick clump of moose hair. If you tie a 16 then you can substitute some black elk for the

quill. Tie firmly so the moose hair flares. Then simply cut the moose hair tips with about a 1/8 – 3/16” head. If you want, you can spin a deer hair head, but it is not necessary.

**Brown cricket:** Same using brown hackle, coarse brown dubbing, like hare’s ear, mottled brown quill, brown deer hair.

Submitted by: John Lachin

### MD DNR Trout Stocking

Maryland DNR has already been stocking several streams in January and February. 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. Here is the link to the schedule for 2019.

[2019 Trout Stocking Schedule](#)

### Support SVTU when you shop!

SVTU has partnered with CauseNetwork and Amazon Smile to help with fundraising. It’s easy to join. Find out more below.



#### CauseNetwork

Cause Network is a marketplace where up to 10% of every purchase you make (at no cost to you) through <http://svtu.causenetwork.com> helps fund our education

programs and stream improvement projects.

There are over 1,000 stores participating in the CauseNetwork program—including many of the brand names you know and love. When you click one of the links below, you will be directed to our CauseNetwork site. It is easy to help. Below are three different ways to support SVTU when you shop online.

1. Click the SHOP buttons on our CauseNetwork website: <http://svtu.causenetwork.com>
2. Download your version of the CauseNetwork Mobile App: <http://svtu.causenetwork.com/mobile>
  - Open the app and select a cause
  - SVTU can be found under the following category: Environmental Protection
  - Scroll down and select Seneca Valley Trout Unlimited (#369)
  - Complete registration

3. Use the Web App:

<http://svtu.causenetwork.com/webapp>

There's never been an easier way to help us. We thank you for your support. Watch the video to [learn more about how CauseNetwork works](#).

### **AMAZON SMILE**

If you shop through Amazon, please select us for your Smile cause and Amazon will donate to SVTU as well.

- Register at [org.amazon.com](http://org.amazon.com)
- Click the Register Now button
- In the search box type in:  
Seneca Valley Trout Unlimited
- Select us by choosing:  
Seneca Valley Trout Unlimited  
12520 Knightsbridge CT, Rockville MD
- Happy shopping!

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### **Stay Informed about Chapter happenings**

#### **Website**

<http://www.senecavalleytu.org> is the primary manner in which we can reach all friends of the Chapter. Check it out for info on upcoming events/activities.

#### **eMail**

The SVTU email 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 (using Constant Contact), along with the Chapter's website, provides up to the minute details of upcoming activities. We do not share or sell our email listing. We currently have 200 subscribers of which 100 are not members of TU but friends of the Chapter.

We also, on occasion, will expand our communications and send emails to include those members of TU who have not "opted-in" and are not subscribers to our email service (Constant Contact), but whom have indicated in their TU profile that they will accept email communication from TU. We hope this gives you the opportunity to learn what the Chapter is doing so you may have an opportunity to join us. This is done in accordance with the rules established by TU and only officers of the Chapter have access to the TU national roster data.

If you wish to opt-in or opt-out to our secure email list, contact the Chapter at [svtroutunlimited@gmail.com](mailto:svtroutunlimited@gmail.com)

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### **Trout Unlimited—Online Community**

The Online Community is open to the entire Trout Unlimited membership. Active membership is required. Prior to this change made in 2018, the online community had been specific to volunteer leaders. A separate forum for chapter/council leaders-specific conversations is maintained for volunteer leaders.

The Online Community provides the opportunity for both leaders and all TU members to participate with the discussions in all of the communities.

Supporting the conversations will help grow engagement in the online community and our local communities as well.

For those who wish to sign up for the community go to his link: <http://community.tu.org/browse/welcome-guide>

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### **Note from the Editor**

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 at [wjunium1@hotmail.com](mailto:wjunium1@hotmail.com) or to the Chapter email at [svtroutunlimited@gmail.com](mailto:svtroutunlimited@gmail.com)

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