



# SENECA VALLEY ANGLER

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## JANUARY 2020

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you can attend our meetings and join in on Chapter events in 2020!

### President's Note

WOW! It's a new decade and it does seem like a milestone. It provides a chance to look back at accomplishments and forward toward opportunities.

Looking back, SVTU became involved in Beaver Creek restoration almost twenty years ago. In that time, Beaver Creek changed from a put-and-take fishery to a catch-and-release wild brown trout fishery. That did not happen by chance. It took the dedicated efforts of a host of watershed residents, fishermen, fisherwomen, and funding agencies to make this transition. But, in just a couple of decades we have made a lasting transition in this resource that improved the fishery, water quality and environment in general.

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### Verify Your TU Membership Status

Login to [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org) and check your profile information in the TU national database. Membership reports from TU national indicate the email or mailing address for several chapter members needs to be corrected.

**ALSO, DON'T FORGET TO RENEW!**

**AND, remember to renew your fishing license(s)!**

### SVTU Meeting and Event Schedule

January 15	SVTU Board Meeting
<b>January 20</b>	<b>SVTU Charles August Memorial Fly Tying Sessions: Introduction</b>
<b>January 27</b>	<b>SVTU Chapter Meeting</b>
<b>February 3</b>	<b>Fly Tying: Streamers</b>
February 19	SVTU Board meeting
<b>February 17</b>	<b>Fly Tying: Nymphs</b>
<b>February 24</b>	<b>SVTU Chapter Meeting</b>
<b>March 2</b>	<b>Fly Tying: Check website</b>
<b>March 16</b>	<b>Fly Tying: Check website</b>
<b>March/April</b>	<b>Beaver Creek Workday (check website)</b>
<b>March/April</b>	<b>Stream Sampling (check website)</b>
March 17	SVTU Board Meeting
<b>March 23</b>	<b>SVTU Chapter Meeting</b>
<b>March 30</b>	<b>Fly Tying: Check website</b>
<b>April 13</b>	<b>Fly Tying: Check website</b>
April 15	SVTU Board Meeting
<b>May 2</b>	<b>Fly Fishing 101 @ IWLA Lake</b>
<b>April 27</b>	<b>SVTU Chapter Meeting @ IWLA Lake</b>
<b>May 18</b>	<b>SVTU Chapter Meeting (one week early due to Memorial Day)</b>
May 20	SVTU Board Meeting
May 25	Memorial Day (No Meeting)
June to August	"Summer break" No meetings planned

**[FOR UPDATES CHECK THE SVTU WEBSITE](#)**

**THE CALENDAR IS NOW POSTED TO THE WEBSITE.  
THE LINK IS ON THE HOME PAGE, UPPER RIGHT.**

## Other Upcoming Events

*Get the details about these upcoming events at the SVTU website*

<b>Every Saturday</b>	Bob Abraham Fly Casting Club Fly Casting Instruction, Williamsport, MD (weather permitting)
<b>Jan 24-26</b>	Fly Fishing Show, Edison, NJ
<b>Jan 25-26</b>	Monaghan Fishing Show and Flea Market, Dillsburg, PA
<b>Feb 1-9</b>	Great American Hunting and Outdoor Show, Harrisburg PA
<b>Feb 15</b>	Rapidan Trout Unlimited Annual Fishing Show, Warrenton, VA
<b>Feb 22-23</b>	Lefty Kreh Tie Fest, Linthicum, MD
<b>Feb 29</b>	<b>Beaver Creek Fly Shop Film Festival, Hagerstown, MD</b>
<b>Mar 7-8</b>	Fly Fishing Show, Lancaster, PA
<b>Mar 14</b>	Maryland Fly Fishing Show & Collectible Tackle Show, Towson MD
<b>Mar 28-29</b>	3rd Annual Maryland Sportsman Show, Howard County Fairgrounds

## UPCOMING SVTU CHAPTER MEETINGS & EVENTS

### January Chapter Meeting

<b>When:</b>	Monday, January 27, 2020
<b>Where:</b>	IWLA Rockville Chapter House 18301 Waring Station Road, Germantown MD
<b>When:</b>	Social/Casting Tips: 7:00 p.m. Program: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
<b>Who:</b>	Michael Kashiwagi, MD Freshwater Fisheries Service
<b>What:</b>	Trout & Coldwater Resources in Frederick County

Water temperature is a key factor in the distribution of animals in the environment. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources Freshwater Fisheries Service has been working to compile information on coldwater aquatic organisms across the state. Frederick County contains a diverse mix of coldwater resources. The Catoctin Mountains support

several high-quality wild trout fisheries. Fishing Creek and Big Hunting Creek have some of the strongest populations in central Maryland. Other small streams contain aquatic insects that are only found in the coldest water conditions.

The Freshwater Fisheries Service will provide an overview of coldwater community monitoring and efforts to protect and restore these unique ecosystems.

At 7:00, before the meeting starts, Dave Cleaves will be demonstrating another casting tip.

### Charles August Memorial Fly Tying Sessions January 20 thru April 27, 2020

<b>When:</b>	Various Mondays
<b>Where:</b>	IWLA Rockville Chapter House 18301 Waring Station Rd, Germantown, MD
<b>Time:</b>	Doors Open: 7:00 p.m. Class: 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
<b>What:</b>	Fly Tying

On **Monday, January 20**, our annual fly-tying session will begin with an Introductory session.

This session is all about basics: the tools you use, how to put down a thread base, and how to attach material to a hook. We encourage anyone who is new to fly tying—or just needs a refresher on basics—to attend this session. SVTU provides all tools and materials needed for the classes, but if you have that fly-tying gift you have no idea how to use, bring it along and come out for some fun. This class is focused on basic techniques you need to successfully tie flies in our six-class series starting in February.

If you are a beginner, or just want to brush up on the basics, this is a very important session.

We will open the doors at 6:30 each week for those that would like to "tie flies for a cause" before the classes begin. Bring your vice and tools, we will supply materials.

This is also a nice time to get out of the house and come socialize, watch tyers and have a brew.

When the **regular sessions start on February 3**, we will launch from the perspective that you know the basics. Each of the six classes will focus on a single fly or two and introduce or emphasize a different skill. The classes will cover the following types of flies: Streamers, nymphs, emergers, poppers, terrestrials and dry flies.

The topics and instructors for each session will be posted on the website before the actual class.

All classes are held on **Monday evenings** (doors open @ 6:30, classes start @ 7:30)

January 20: Introduction to Fly Tying

February 3: Streamers

February 17: Nymphs

March 2 (TBD check website)

March 16 (TBD check website)

March 30 (TBD check website)

April 13 (TBD check website)

The last evening of the program, April 27<sup>th</sup> will be held at the ILWA Lake. The evening will be a combined Chapter meeting and "fish the flies you tied" night for the class participants.

Here are some of the attendees and instructors during one evening in 2019 session.



## February Chapter Meeting

**When:** Monday, February 24, 2020  
**Where:** IWLA Rockville Chapter House  
18301 Waring Station Road, Germantown MD  
**When:** 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
**Who:** Mark Staley, Central Region Manager,  
Freshwater Fisheries Program, MD DNR  
**What:** Little Seneca: Survey results and  
Management of the Resource

The closest coldwater resource to many in Montgomery County is Little Seneca Creek. Little Seneca Creek is the tailwater fishery below Little Seneca Lake located in Black Hill Regional Park. Seneca Valley TU has a long history with Little Seneca Creek. SVTU's members have observed a series of changes in both regulations and stockings in the Creek. In 2019, the Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Program monitored water temperatures and conducted both benthic and fish population surveys in the Creek. This meeting will provide an opportunity for the DNR to share the results of the 2019 data collection efforts and provide a forum to discuss the range of management options for the stream. Seneca Valley TU has a long history with Little Seneca Creek and have observed a series of changes in both regulations and stockings in the Creek.

This meeting is your opportunity to come and observe the data and make your opinions known on management options. There may also be an opportunity to step forward to bring your volunteer time to a local conservation issue.

## March Chapter Meeting

**When:** Monday, March 23, 2020  
**Where:** IWLA Rockville Chapter House  
18301 Waring Station Rd, Germantown MD  
**When:** 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
**Who:** TBD  
**What:** TBD

## Beaver Creek Workday

**When:** March or April (TBD check website)  
As noted in the President's message, Beaver Creek is a Stream we have been involved with over the past two decades. Some of our support includes planting, cleanup, and stream restoration.

We had a very successful workday on Beaver Creek this past fall to do tree maintenance. However, we did not complete the task. There is one section that we did not touch that desperately need attention.

Bring your gloves, pruners, pliers to install and remove beaver guards, and an appetite. Lunch will be provided by Seneca Valley TU and Beaver Creek Watershed Association.

Watch the website for the date and logistic details (when to meet, where to park, etc.)

## Stream Sampling

**When:** March or April (most weekends)

There will be multiple volunteer opportunities to participate in stream sampling this spring. Whether the sampling takes place in the Antietam Watershed or in places yet to be determined, we will need “bug pickers” and more to assist. It is an enjoyable day and you get a whole new appreciation of the aquatic ecosystem.

Once the schedule has been finalized the information will be posted to the website. If you are interested in participating or finding out more, send an e-mail to [svtroutunlimited@gmail.com](mailto:svtroutunlimited@gmail.com).

## Fly Fishing 101

**When:** Saturday, May 2, 2020

**Where:** IWLA Jim Berrier Memorial Lake  
12057 Clopper Road, Germantown, MD

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**What:** Fishing 101 with a grilled lunch provided

Have you ever wanted to learn to fly fish? This is your opportunity. The almost full day course covers the basics of fly fishing. We have “stations” that provide instruction and hands-on, one-on-one assistance for fly casting, rigging & knots, fly selection, stream entomology, stream & lake fishing techniques. This course is geared to beginners, but all are welcome.

There are several “Introductions to Fly Fishing” courses offered, mainly from merchants involved in the fly fishing industry. What they do is very good, but we will not try and sell you a fly rod at the end of the day! The event is on rain or shine.

Sign up is required so look for the form on our website.

## April Chapter Meeting

**When:** Monday, April 27, 2020

**Where:** Jim Berrier Memorial Lake  
12057 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg MD  
20878

**Time:** 5:30 p.m. – to dusk

**What:** Fishing @ the Izaak Walton Rockville Lake

April is a special meeting. The date corresponds to the final session of the fly tying classes which is a lake outing. So why not make the lake outing available to

everyone? We will have a special meeting at the lake with a short business session and then see if we can entice a few trout to the net. We will have brews on ice, snacks on hand, and the grill hot, if you want to cook out, it is a BYOF (Bring Your Own Food) event. Come by and have some fun!

## May Chapter Meeting

**When:** Monday, May 18, 2020

**Where:** IWLA Rockville Chapter House  
18301 Waring Station Rd, Germantown MD

**When:** 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**Who:** TBD

**What:** TBD

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

### Trout in the Classroom (TIC) Stream Releases

**When:** April/May TBD

**Where:** TBD

**Time:** TBD

Seneca Valley TU is participating in the Trout-in-the-Classroom program again this year. The trout eggs were delivered to thirty plus schools in the region in December. The students will monitor the development of the trout eggs into fingerling fish by April. There will be “release events” during the months of April and May where volunteers are needed to assist with fly casting, stream sampling and kid herding. If you have interest in helping, please let us know at [svtroutunlimited@gmail.com](mailto:svtroutunlimited@gmail.com)

## STREAM REPORTS

### Beaver Creek Update

For those of you that fish Beaver Creek, this is a reminder to STAY OUT OF THE STREAM until April. There are many active trout redds in the stream and nothing ruins a trout egg’s day like a size 11 wading boot! A light coating of sediment over an early redd makes it tough to know where you can walk, so just stay out of the stream to be sure.



You may recall that we had some very dirty stream pictures of Beaver Creek in the last newsletter due to runoff from a farm field. The farmer has installed a grass waterway, but part of it was installed too late in the fall to grass over. Hopefully it will green up early in the spring and stop future runoff erosion.

## RECENT CHAPTER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

This section has a brief description of some of the fall 2019 SVTU Chapter activities. These activities are all open, but some are only announced at Chapter meetings due to logistic issues. Come join us and let us know what interests you!

### Chapter Meeting September 23, 2019

The program was “Finding Coldwater and Trout in Maryland: A Benthic Search”

How many times have you driven over a bridge that spans a small stream and thought to yourself “I wonder if there are any trout in that stream?” And then you think I have never heard about any State fishing or stream protection regulations on streams in this area, so probably no trout. Do not be so sure!

Our September program featured Steve Malan, Patapsco Valley TU Member, who has identified multiple streams in Harford and Carroll Counties that likely contain wild trout. Steve described the benthic macroinvertebrate-based process they used to identify these streams that are now being considered for additional protection by Maryland Department of the Environment. Whether or not these streams are accessible for fishing identifying them for protection creates a more resilient resource base.

### Fly Fishing 102 – Oct 20, 2019

SVTU offered its Fly Fishing 102: Advanced Fly fish course on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. We had twenty-two people signed up as students for the course, but due to the inclement weather about half were no-shows. Those who did come had a great time and were provided royal one-on-one casting, rigging, and knot tying assistance. If you wanted to learn how to fish in the rain, this was the day for you. The food was great.

SVTU thanks those dedicated casting instructors who came out in the rain to train the attendees: Dave Cleaves, Mike Banaszewski, Regan Burmeister, Tom Parham and Alex Vu.

We would also like to thank Sweetwater Brewing, our beer sponsor for the event. If it was a warmer, sunny day the beer would have disappeared faster, but due to the temperature, hot coffee was the more popular choice.

There was not adequate attendance to conduct the planned fundraising activities. We did do some (thanks to all) but fell short of our goal. We need to up our efforts this year!

Some photos from the day. We would like to thank [BS Photography](#) for taking some great pictures.





## Chapter Meeting November 23, 2019

The program was “Nymphing”.

James Harris, owner of the Beaver Creek Fly Shop gave an outstanding presentation about nymphing. He talked about how to set up different types of lines for different waters. It was a GREAT presentation. Also, James brought some items from his shop for holiday shopping, and many attendees went home some.

## Beaver Creek Workday November 2, 2019

Beaver Creek is SVTU’s primary Stream that we support throughout the year. Beaver Creek is one of the largest limestone streams in Maryland. Originating as a freestone stream on the west slope of South Mountain, the majority of the flow during the summer months is influenced by the numerous springs in the Hagerstown Valley. The largest spring (~11,356 l/min) influencing Beaver Creek is used as the water supply for the Albert Powell Trout Hatchery. Upstream of the spring’s influence, Beaver Creek is considered a warm-water stream and flows underground much of the year due to local Karst geology.

Starting in 2004, SVTU has been actively involved in helping with the Beaver Creek restoration project. During this time our chapter has purchased trees, provided funds and volunteered hours of labor to help with the restoration efforts.

Three Chapter members attended the workday with members of Antietam Fly Anglers to clean the banks of Beaver Creek and do tree maintenance. Tree tubes were removed, and wire beaver guards installed. All had a great lunch of hot chili and cornbread. It was a productive day with more work to be done sometime in the Spring of 2020.

## Trout-in-the-Classroom Egg deliveries December 2019

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) is a nationwide program designed to connect students with their watersheds.

To start the TIC experience for the schools it is first necessary to distribute the eggs provided by the MDDNR Aquatic Resource Education program to the schools.

Students, primarily in Middle Schools, raise trout from the eggs to fingerlings and then release them into a state-approved cold-water stream or lake.

For the 2020 program over 100 schools in Montgomery, Frederick, Howard, Carroll, Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Harford, Washington, Allegany, Charles, Prince Georges and Garrett counties as well as the District of Columbia signed up to participate. In December volunteers delivered the eggs to the various schools.

Starting in late April and running the whole month of May, SVTU volunteers will assist in the Trout-in-the-Classroom releases on Little Seneca Creek.

Thanks to all who participated. The program will need more help next spring. Look for Chapter notifications regarding TIC release support later this spring.

## 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.

## CAUSE NETWORK

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. Visit <http://svtu.causenetwork.com> to get started. 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

## Stay Informed about Chapter Happenings

### Website

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

### Social Media

We are now on social media, follow us on [Instagram](#) and/or [Facebook](#).

### eMail

Our email 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 do not share or sell our email listing. This is separate from TU's email system.

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

## Trout Unlimited Online Community

TU National has an [ONLINE COMMUNITY](#) which is open to the entire Trout Unlimited membership. In the past, the online community has been specific to volunteer leaders. A separate forum for leaders-specific conversations will be maintained for volunteer leaders.

The Open Forum enables both leaders and all TU members to participate with the discussions in all the communities.

Supporting the conversations in both the Open Forum and the Leaders Forum helps to grow engagement in the online community and our local communities as well.

To sign up for the new community go to his link: <http://community.tu.org/browse/welcome-guide>



## President's Note: Continued from page 1

Building on the success of Beaver Creek, looking forward what can we do? There are two opportunities emerging as we start the new decade. The first will be discussed as a part of the program at a January Meeting when Michael Kashiwagi, Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR), will be discussing local coldwater resources and what Seneca Valley TU can do to help identify and maintain these resources in the local area. Would it not be great if 20 years from now, the President of SVTU could write about how a group from SVTU helped identify, restore, and protect a local coldwater resource. That could happen—and it all starts at the January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Come and join us!

The second opportunity also depends on a kickoff from Maryland DNR. At our February meeting Mark Staley, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, will be discussing the results from the 2019 monitoring and survey effort on Little Seneca Creek. For many of us that is our closest coldwater resource. Little Seneca has undergone several management changes (regulations and stocking schedules) over the past two decades. Some say it is an under-utilized resource. Others say it has limited potential. What do you think? Come out to our February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting and voice your opinion on the use and management of this stream.

According to surveys of members, many joined TU for local “conservation” opportunities. If that is an interest of yours, the next decade may be full of opportunities for you. Come out for the next two meetings and see the difference you can make!

See you there.

**Tight lines!**

**Noel Gollehon, President SVTU**

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

**We hope to see you at future meetings  
and events!**