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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope you have had a safe and healthy 2020.
We invite you to join our live & virtual Chapter events in 2021!

President's Note

How glad will we all be to see the end of 2020; the year of 2021 has to be better! Who remembers the massive fires that burned in Australia that started our year of 2020? My how COVID has changed our priorities.

We hope that you and your family are well and stay that way. And to those among us who have lost someone to COVID our thoughts are with you. But life, like the seasons, moves on and Seneca Valley TU (SVTU) does as well. We have switched to virtual meetings and events, and have managed to conduct a couple of outdoor activities following strict guidelines. We will remain mainly virtual through the spring and into the summer. As we hopefully return to something approaching "normal" in the future, SVTU will respond as appropriate.

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SVTU NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Despite the pandemic Seneca Valley TU (SVTU) has been active. You have the opportunity to join this group of leaders. SVTU will be conducting elections at our January virtual meeting and we invite you to join the Chapter leadership team. The time commitments can be as much as you wish or as little as a couple hours a month. We are all volunteers; we have a great group and it is a chance to give back to the sport of fly fishing and the resources that support it. Contact us if you have interest @ svtroutunlimited@gmail.com

SVTU Meeting and Event Schedule

- January 11** SVTU Chapter Meeting & Officer Elections (see details below)
- January 20 SVTU Board Meeting
- February 1** SVTU Charles August Memorial Fly Tying Sessions commence: Virtual sessions (see details)
- February 8** SVTU Chapter Meeting (see details)
- February 15** Fly Tying Session #2
- March 1** Fly Tying Session #3
- March 8** SVTU Chapter Meeting (see details)
- March 15** Fly Tying Session #4
- March 17 SVTU Board Meeting
- March 29** Fly Tying Session #5
- April 12** SVTU Chapter Meeting (see details)
- April 19** Fly Tying Session #6
- April 21 SVTU Board Meeting
- April 25** Fly Fishing 101 @ IWLA Lake
- April/May** Beaver Creek Workday (TBA)
- May 2** Fly Fishing 101 Rain Date
- May 3** Fly Tying "Fishing on the Lake" Evening
- May 10** SVTU Chapter meeting (TBA)
- May 19 SVTU Board Meeting
- Jun-Aug** "Summer break" No meetings planned

[FOR UPDATES CHECK THE SVTU WEBSITE](#)

Other Upcoming Events

Get the details about these upcoming events at ***the SVTU website when we have updates, if any!***

At this time there is only one (1) event still planned to be held in 2021 that we have confirmed. It too could be cancelled/postponed.

Mar 6-7 Fly Fishing Show, Lancaster, PA

The remaining events have been cancelled/postponed, until further notice.

CANCELLED Bob Abraham Fly Casting Club
Fly Casting Instruction,
Williamsport, MD

CANCELLED Fly Fishing Show, Edison, NJ (AS of
12/21/20 Postponed until 2022

CANCELLED Monaghan Fishing Show and Flea
Market, Dillsburg, PA – POSSIBLE
VIRTUAL EVENT TBD

CANCELLED Great American Hunting and
Outdoor Show, Harrisburg PA
Postponed until 2022

CANCELLED Rapidan Trout Unlimited Annual
Fishing Show, Warrenton, VA

TBD Lefty Kreh Tie Fest, Linthicum, MD
TBD Maryland Fly Fishing Show &
Collectible Tackle Show,
(mdflyfishingshow.com)

CANCELLED 3rd Annual Maryland Sportsman
Show, Howard County Fairgrounds
Postponed until 2022

UPCOMING SVTU CHAPTER MEETINGS & EVENTS

January 2021 Chapter Meeting

When: Monday, January 11, 2021

Where: Online ZOOM Meeting

When: Sign in: 7:15 p.m.

Program: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Who: Joe Walther, VP Of SVTU

What: Introduction to Fly-tying

We will be kicking off SVTU's 2021 fly tying series at the January 11th Chapter meeting. The January program will be an Introduction to Fly Tying that will cover fly types, hooks, vises and tools, a variety of

materials, and general fly tying tips. If you are a beginner, or just want to brush up on the basics, this is a very important session that will form the base for the rest of the sessions. The meeting will conclude with a demonstration of a fly being tied and a Q&A session.

Charles August Memorial Fly Tying Sessions February 1 thru April 19, 2021

When: Various Mondays

Where: Online, ZOOM meetings

Time: Sign-in: 7:15 p.m.

Classes: 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Who: Joe Walther, SVTU Chapter VP

What: Fly Tying

After the introductory Fly-tying session presented at the January Chapter meeting, **Monday, January 11**, our annual fly-tying sessions will begin.

After the "live" sessions had to be suspended due to the pandemic the Chapter moved the classes online by offering seven sessions every two weeks through SVTU's Facebook page via Facebook LIVE.

Joe developed and led the sessions. They were a great success. So, we start again, via ZOOM.

The **regular sessions start on February 1st**, and will be held every two weeks on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. The schedule is: February 1; Fly Tying 101; February 15: Soft Hackle Wet Flies; March 1: Nymphs; March 15: Streamers; March 29: Midges; April 19: Dry Flies. All sessions will be conducted virtually using Zoom for a safe but interactive environment. **Prior to the first class, attendees will be required to register for the Zoom event through a link on the chapter's website.** There will be an option to join for specific classes, but registration will still be required to get the zoom link.

Don't have your own fly tying tools or materials? No problem! SVTU can provide vises, tools, and materials for those that sign up for the fly tying sessions prior to the deadline. We have a limited number of vise and tool kits to lend out. Materials for all tying sessions will be packaged and available for pickup on a date(s) to be announced prior to the start of the fly tying series on February 1st.

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In order to allow SVTU enough time to prepare everything before the first session, participants needing materials **must register for the 2021 fly tying series by January 15th**. For any tiers who prefer to use their own materials or missed the January 15th registration deadline, the fly patterns and materials lists have been posted to the SVTU website for reference. Fly patterns and materials will also be announced via our Facebook and Instagram pages [@senecavalleytu](#).

The registration is open on the website. We hope to see a lot of new as well as familiar faces soon for another round of fly tying!

All classes are held on **Monday evenings** (sign-in to ZOOM 7:15 p.m., classes start @ 7:30 p.m.)

The last evening of the program, May 3rd will be held at the ILWA Lake @ 4:30 p.m.; a "fish the flies you tied" night for the class participants.

February Chapter Meeting

When: Monday, February 8, 2021
Where: Online ZOOM Meeting
Time: Sign in: 7:15 p.m.
Program: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Who: Matt Lawrence, Natural Resources Biologist, Fishing and Boating Services, MD DNR
What: Benthic Situation for Beaver Creek and Antietam Creek

Matt has studied Aquatic Entomology and Fisheries Management in a variety of roles throughout his twenty year career. He joined the department in 2009 as the manager of the commercial striped bass permitting program. In 2014, Matt moved inland to serve as the benthic macroinvertebrate specialist in the Freshwater Fisheries Program.

Matt conducts benthic macroinvertebrate surveys in rivers and streams throughout the state. The results of these surveys are used to determine habitat health and water quality in streams that support recreational fisheries and to identify new opportunities for cold water species introduction. Additionally, Matt uses his knowledge of aquatic entomology and stream ecology to review proposed construction projects on state lands and provide recommendations to minimize impacts to fisheries and aquatic resources.

March 2021 Chapter Meeting

When: Monday, March 8, 2021
Where: Online ZOOM Meeting
Time: Sign in: 7:15 p.m.
Program: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Who: Dave Arscott, Exec. Director & President of the Stroud Water Research Center (SWRC)
What: Stream Restoration & Water Monitoring

Over the past few years members of the SVTU Chapter have made field trips to the SWRC facility in Pennsylvania. This year, we have arranged to have a presentation at our Chapter meeting dedicated to the work of SWRC

Stroud™ Water Research Center seeks to advance knowledge and stewardship of freshwater systems through global research, education, and watershed restoration. Since 1967, Stroud Water Research Center has been leading the effort to produce innovative solutions for preserving and restoring fresh water and has published some of the seminal scientific research on the ecologies of freshwater streams.

Dave is the Executive Director and President of the SWRC and is also the Research Scientist of the Fish Ecology Group. In addition, he is Adjunct Professor of Biology, Department of Biology, University of Pennsylvania. His research focuses on aquatic primary production, distribution and diversity of aquatic macroinvertebrates, ecohydrology, and the ecology of rivers and flood plains. His interests include riverine landscape ecology and dynamics, aquatic invertebrate, fish and algal ecology, aquatic food web structure and dynamics, habitat conservation, and land-water interactions. (You can read more about him at <https://stroudcenter.org/people/arscott/>).

He will mainly speak on stream restoration, what they've learned, what works and what doesn't. He will also weave in their initiative on utilizing water monitoring with open-source sensors to enable lower cost devices and more widespread use. He will also highlight what SWRC has done with TU, both in Michigan and with Matt Barney in TU Oregon office.

Numerous folks at the SWRC have a saying: "Fish grow on trees". They mean that the leaves that land in the streams begin the food chain for all the life in the stream, from single cell plants and animals to macroinvertebrates, to fish, to predators, etc.

April 2021 Chapter Meeting

When: Sunday, April 11, 2021 (TENTATIVE)
Where: Beaver Creek Fly Shop, Hagerstown, Md.
Time: TBD
Who: James Harris, Owner
What: Demo new equipment and fish Beaver Creek
In the past we have invited James to show us new products and give us an opportunity to purchase items we just "have to have". The plan this year is to go to the source, and, if stocking regulations allow fish Beaver Creek. The date is tentative. Check for email updates and the SVTU website.

Fly Fishing 101

When: Sunday, April 25, 2021
Where: IWLA Jim Berrier Memorial Lake
12057 Clopper Road, Germantown, MD
Time: TBD
What: Fishing 101
Pending the status of COVID regulations in the spring the Chapter intends to offer this annual program once again in 2021.

Have you ever wanted to learn to fly fish? This is your opportunity. The course covers the basics of fly fishing. We plan to have a few "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 rain date is May 2nd.

We will provide details of the "course" and provide sign-up details on the SVTU website, once plans are finalized. Come by and have some fun!

May Chapter Meeting

When: Monday, May 10, 2021
Where: Online ZOOM Meeting
Time: Sign in: 7:15 p.m.
Program: 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Who: TBD
What: TBD

RECENT CHAPTER ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Here is a brief description of some of the fall 2020 SVTU Chapter activities. Despite the impact of COVID-19 some of these activities were able to be held "live" following the applicable guidelines. The Chapter meetings were all held via ZOOM. Attendance was excellent. We hope we can expand the offerings in 2020. In the meantime join us virtually and let us know what interests you! For additional info on these fall events and past speakers presentations check the SVTU website.

Chapter Meeting September 14, 2020

Program: *The state of the Potomac & Shenandoah Rivers—A Guide & Riverkeeper's Perspective*

Our September program featured Mark Frondorf, Shenandoah Riverkeeper and Fishing Guide who gave us an update on the state of the upper Potomac and Shenandoah systems and some of the issues other riverkeepers are dealing with. Mark gave a conservationist/fishing guide perspective on the smallmouth bass issues and prospects. This was a great presentation. A link is included on the website.

Chapter Meeting October 12, 2020 via Zoom

Program: Fishing the Last Frontier: TU's Efforts to Protect Bristol Bay

Meghan Barker, Trout Unlimited's Bristol Bay organizer gave a GREAT, informative presentation about TU's efforts to protect Bristol Bay from the proposed Pebble mine. Meghan talked about fishing in southwest Alaska, the current status of the mine and what's at risk, and what TU has done—and is doing—to stop development of the Pebble Mine in 2020.

Follow-up: We offer congratulations to Meghan and TU for their successful campaign, so far! On Wednesday, November 25th, 2020, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers denied the key federal permit for the proposed Pebble mine.

However, without community-supported, long-term protections in place, Bristol Bay remains an open target for Pebble and other hard rock mining proposals. For more information about the mine, check out www.savebristolbay.org.

Fly Fishing 101 Oct 18, 2020

SVTU offered its **Fly Fishing 101: Fly Fishing Basics** course on October 18, 2020 at the Rockville Izaak Walton League's Jim Berrier Memorial Lake. This was SVTU's first in-person event since the COVID-19 shutdown in February. Precautions were taken to enable us to hold this outdoor event and hand sanitizer was plentiful! We adjusted our course to make it a half-day event (no lunch), participation was capped (20 students maximum), masks were required, distancing enforced, and all participants and instructors had their temperature checked at the start of the event. Our outstanding fly casting instructors were able to maintain a safe distance and still provide excellent instruction. We were also able to maintain distance for the rigging and techniques portion of the course. At the end of the day both the instructors and student felt comfortable with the safety precautions.

The course included two hours of fly-casting instruction, with our certified FFI Fly Casting instructors. They had the tools and techniques to teach while maintaining appropriate distance from the students.

Since fly fishing is more than just casting, there was a session on how to "rig" a fly rod for different water conditions (stream or lake) and fly types (nymphs, emerging flies, or dry flies). Handouts were provided of different rigging options. There was a stream techniques demonstration where students watched an instructor show how to handle the "rigged" fly and presented stream fishing techniques for dry flies, nymphs and streamers. The feedback on the content was very positive, and everyone who attended said they learned a great deal. We cut off registration at 18 students and had 16 attendees. Everyone missed the excellent lunch that we normally serve, but we felt fortunate to be able to hold the event at all, due to COVID concerns.

We would like to thank our excellent instructors for their time; Dave Cleaves, Bill Ruland, Bob O'Donnell,

Doug Hutzell, Dale Thatcher, and Greg Cwalina. All-in-all, it was a very good day!

Some photos from the day.



SVTU On-Line Auction "Final Hammer" October 31, 2020

SVTU like many non-profits relied on in-person meetings and events to generate enough revenue to maintain the Chapter. COVID removed the raffles and auctions at in-person events from our fund-raising options, so we had to find an alternative. We are not the only Trout Unlimited Chapter experiencing this problem. National TU partnered with a firm to "brand" a fund-raising website for the use of Trout Unlimited Chapter. One of the options offered was an auction. SVTU collected some really nice gently used fishing related gear, some fishing art, a few handmade crafts and thought we would give it a try.

Just like everything else to do with webpages there was a learning curve! But thanks to our webmaster, we did get a pretty great looking auction site up and running. The bids came in and almost every one of our sixteen items were sold for greater than the starting bid. After the auction closed people picked up their items at a specified location. Everything was sold in the region stretching from Burke VA to Frederick MD. The auction raised over \$1,200 for the Chapter, which is used to keep the website running, purchase material for fly-tying, and support our education efforts.

All-in-all, we thought the auction was a success and we will do it again at some point in the future. A couple of walk-away lessons that we learned from this process are:

Do not wait to the last minute to bid. Technical problems sometimes prevent last second bids so if your strategy is to only bid one time at the end for the items you want, you may not succeed.

We established this auction as the type that requires you to log into the site to make a bid. Next time we may consider allowing bidders to set a maximum bid and if you are out-bid for an item and it is below your maximum, the system will increase your bid automatically.

We ended our auction on October 31 at midnight. That was not a smart move. Ending an auction at the end of the month on an unofficial holiday at midnight, competed for bidder's time and prevented many from making their last bid.

Keep your eyes open for our next auction. We have not planned it yet, but it will occur.

Beaver Creek Workday November 7, 2020

By: Doug Hutzell

On Saturday November 7 SVTU had an annual stream workday. It was a good turn out with volunteers from neighboring chapters and watershed organizations. Everyone was tooled up and ready to tackle the work of removing tree guards, pruning trees and reinstalling wire around the trees to protect them from beavers. Regulation signs were replaced with some repair work to existing DNR sign. By lunch time (provided by Beaver Creek Watershed Association) most of the work was completed on the lower section of the catch & release area. But the enthusiasm continued, about six volunteers drove over to the Fly Fishing parking lot and continued working, trimming lower tree limbs, removing tree guards and checking on wire tree cages. A few diehard volunteers ended up on my patio for a nice cold beverage. All and all it was a great day. I would like to thank everyone who attended.



Since 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.

Chapter Meeting November 9, 2020 via Zoom

Program: *Fishing in and Around DC Area*

Who knew there were so many places to fish in and around the Washington DC area. **Rob Snowwhite**, the owner and head guide of [Fly Fishing Consultant](#), gave us a great virtual presentation and showed us about places to fish close to our area, which included urban waters. Rob is a proponent of local, urban fishing locations to allow anglers to fish closer to home. Rob thinks anglers should fish more and drive less and explore their local waters.

Rob incorporated Fly Fishing Consultant (FFC) in 2010 to meet the needs of anglers of all skill levels and abilities by offering locally-guided trips in the urban surroundings of the Potomac River. Rob provides expert knowledge and advice to fly anglers in Virginia, Maryland, Washington DC, and beyond. Rob offers guided trips by the hour in Northern Virginia and Washington DC for novice and experienced anglers. Inquire about non-fishing nature adventures on foot or in a boat. He is your hands-on fishing coach, specializing in urban and suburban fly fishing for warm water species within the Potomac River watershed.

View the map Rob showed us and an article in the Washingtonian magazine at the links in our website.

Chapter Meeting December 14, 2020 via Zoom



Program: *Fishing on the San Juan River in New Mexico*
Fishing the San Juan River is something Noel Gollehon, SVTU Chapter President, knows well. His presentation was based on over 20 years of fishing the San Juan.

The San Juan River in New Mexico has been described as one of the most famous tailwater trout fisheries in the world. The San Juan River starts in the San Juan Mountains in southwest Colorado. It enters the northwest corner of New Mexico before heading towards Utah and the Colorado River. The 4.25 mile stretch below the Navajo Dam holds an estimated 80,000 trout averaging 17" in length—and fish over 20" are abundant.

Noel's presentation covered fly fishing the river, proper rigging, flies to use, and what areas of the river to fish. Plus, he talked about getting there, places to stay and eat, and experiences with some of the best guides on the river. Many attendees will probably add this venue to their fly-fishing bucket list!

Trout-in-the-Classroom Egg Deliveries 2020

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Seneca Valley TU did not deliver trout eggs to local schools to use in their science program. Instead, the State-level organization of TU is conducting a virtual Trout in the Classroom (TIC) experience. This will help provide program continuity for TIC schools that are unable to have students participate as they normally do; hands-on. The Maryland Chapter of Trout in the Classroom, in partnership with the Mid- Atlantic Council and Trout Unlimited National, is launching its Virtual Trout in the Classroom Program for 2020- 2021.

The Virtual TIC Program was launched in August when Irvine Nature Center, located in Owings Mills, MD, agreed to a partnership with TIC volunteers.

The Rainbow Eggs arrived at Irvine Nature Center, Owings Mills, MD, on December 18th. The eggs were slowly placed in the Imagitarium nursery basket floating in the 55 gallon TIC Tank. A virtual web cam was placed directly above the egg basket. A feature of the nursery basket is that the eggs sink down and align on the grated separator for easy counting. Irvine has 141 eggs. Today Monday (December 21) some of the eggs hatched !

You can view the eggs by going to the new MDTU.ORG website or going to: [//www.tu.org/trout-in-the-classroom-cams/](http://www.tu.org/trout-in-the-classroom-cams/) Check it out for the latest view of the hatching trout.

Tying Tips – Production Fly Tying

Here is a valuable article for all tyers out there!

By: Joe Walther, SVTU Vice President

The cold winter months are a great time to re-stock fly boxes for the upcoming season. Each winter, I try to learn a few new patterns and tying techniques, but also focus on replenishing the flies that I fish (and therefore lose) the most. To be as efficient as possible with both my time and materials, I have adopted a few techniques from production tyers who mass produce flies to sell commercially. I have found that not only do I produce a dozen flies more quickly using these techniques, but that those dozen flies are also more consistent in terms of appearance and proportions.

There are a number of tying techniques that production tyers use to increase their efficiency. Some of those techniques, such as minimizing the number of thread wraps or never putting down your scissors, require an exceptional amount of practice and skill. However, there are two production tying principles that tyers of almost any skill level can incorporate: material preparation and grouping tying operations.

Material preparation is an easy way to save time when tying up a lot of flies by reducing the amount of time you spend selecting and trimming materials. If you were tying up a dozen wooly buggers, each fly would require that you select and trim up a marabou feather, a saddle hackle feather, krystal flash, etc. which is time consuming if done while tying each individual fly. Instead, I prepare all my materials



Materials prepped for a dozen buggers

before I begin tying so that materials are staged and ready to be tied in on my fly to keep up the tying pace. I have also found that the time I used to spend searching for and trimming materials while I was tying would leave me open to other distractions that would further slow or derail my tying. Material preparation stations are a great way to keep your materials secure and organized until they are ready for use. There are a few commercial options available, but you can easily create your own prep stations using foam and other materials.

The other production tying principle that has increased my tying efficiency has to do with the different types of operations in which I assemble my flies. I group them into three high-level steps: ready the hook, tie in the materials, and finish the fly. By “ready the hook” I am really talking about preparing the hook so that it is ready to tie in the primary fly-tying materials. In the case of the woolly bugger, I count out a dozen hooks and outfit each of them with a bead or cone head and 10 to 12 wraps of lead-free wire before I move on to tying in any materials.

This could once again be thought of as material preparation, but I will give another example of why I think of this step as a grouped tying operation. When I am tying up dozens of Clouser Minnows in various colors, I will tie in dumbbell eyes on all my hooks before I touch any other materials. I secure the eyes with thread, a whip finish, and glue for each hook and then move on to the next. When my hook readying operation is complete, then I move on to the next operation and tie the remainder of the materials on to the fly.

The second operation regarding “tying in the materials” speaks for itself. The final tying operation of “finishing the fly” typically means coating the heads

of the fly with head cement or epoxy in a batch processing method. This is also when I will add other finishing details to the flies, such as using waterproof markers to add barring or coloring. Performing all of these similar operations at the same time speeds up your tying by reducing the repetitive operations of opening your head cement, running your UV flashlight, waiting for adhesives to dry, or searching for that Sharpie marker than keeps getting buried under your materials. Try using a motorized rotary fly drier to help with drying adhesives applied to your fly. A rotary fly dryer can be purchased from some fly shops or custom built with a little ingenuity for very little cost and prevents adhesives from collecting on the bottom side of the fly due to gravity.



Dozens of Gurglers on a homemade rotary fly dryer

At the end of the day, practice is the still biggest driver in making you a faster, more efficient, or better tyer. But other little tricks such as preparing your materials or grouping different tying operations can offer some benefits to increase your tying efficiency and turn out more consistent flies this winter as you re-stock your boxes.

Need some extra practice?

Join us for bi-weekly online fly tying sessions this winter, starting February 1!

President's Note: Continued from page 1

At this time, we are planning on virtual meetings and virtual fly tying for the spring. We are planning to conduct an in-person Fly Fishing 101 in the spring, similar to the one conducted in the fall. Our Fly Fishing 101 is geared to beginner or novice fly fishers providing a wealth of information in a half day of classes. We successfully conducted one in the fall of 2020 that was over-subscribed so we thought there was need to do another in the spring. That will also put us "back on schedule" and enable us to plan an event in the fall for more advanced fly fishers.

SVTU is operates on the skills of our volunteer leaders. We have need for new ideas and approaches on our leadership team. This is a great opportunity to give back to the organization and join this group of leaders. SVTU will be conducting elections at its January 2021 virtual meeting and we need you to join the Chapter leadership team. The time commitments can be as much as you want or as little as a couple hours a month. We are all volunteers, we understand if SVTU is not on the top of your agenda, but we have a great group of officers and directors and it is a chance to give back to the sport of fly fishing and the resources that support it.

Things are different but, in many ways, the same. SVTU is still a group of dedicated conservationists, that happen to fish, coming together (virtually for now) to try and improve the environment and stream habitat in our area, region, and nation. Whether we are focused on Beaver Creek in our Chapter area, Conewago Creek in Pennsylvania, or the Bristol Bay in Alaska, it is all about protecting or improving the resource and stream habitat.

If you like to fish you need someplace to do it, and if you do not protect and improve it, who will? We look forward to your support and participation as we all go down this improving path in 2021.

MASK UP! Be safe and go fishing!

Tight lines!

Noel Gollehon, President SVTU

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](#).

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- Register at [org.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)
- Click the Register Now button
- In the search box type in:
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- Select us by choosing:
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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

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>

Verify Your TU Membership Status

Login to 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)!

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 or to the Chapter @ svtroutunlimited@gmail.com

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