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## President's Note

Unfortunately, COVID is still around. Who would have guessed the continued persistence of the DELTA variant? But life goes on. We hope you are vaccinated and have been out fishing some despite the recent heat—it is summer after all! We hope that you and your family are well and stay that way.

In spite of COVID, life and SVTU moves on. SVTU will remain in the “virtual” meeting mode for our September and November meetings. Our October meeting will be our Fly Fishing 102: Intermediate Fly-Fishing class. This class will be in person at the IWLA-R Jim Berrier Memorial Lake. We will see how things progress for our December meeting. It will depend on the COVID conditions as we get closer to the meeting date. *Continued on page 8*

## SVTU Upcoming Meeting Schedule

August 25	SVTU Board Meeting
September 13	SVTU Chapter Meeting Phil Gay of Trout & About
September 15	SVTU Board meeting
October 17	Chapter Event—Fly Fishing 102
October 27	SVTU Board Meeting
November 8	Chapter Meeting
November 17	SVTU Board Meeting
December 13	SVTU Chapter Meeting
December 15	SVTU Board Meeting
January 10	SVTU Chapter Meeting Tim Flagler “What Trout Like to Eat and What to Feed Them”

Updates to our schedule will be provided via Chapter emails and our website and social media presence in Facebook and Instagram.

## Have Anything to Share?

We are always looking for contributions by you, our members, to share with the Chapter membership.

## Help Needed

**What:** Izaak Walton League Hunting & Fishing Day

**When:** Saturday, September 25, 2021

**Time:** 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Sign in at IWLA-R Chapter House  
18301 Waring Station Road  
Germantown MD 20874

**What:** Volunteers needed to help with fishing  
SVTU assists the Izaak Walton League Rockville Chapter during the IWLA Hunting and Fishing Day, scheduled this year for September 25.

SVTU provides volunteers to assist with the kids fishing at the Lake. While it is not fly fishing, it is a lot of fun. The excitement of a child catching their first fish is hard to beat! The grounds are open to the public this one day a year. In past years there have been as many as 300 kids cycle through the fishing experience. You do not need experience to do this. Bring your forceps to remove hooks, nippers to cut line and come out a teach a kid to fish! For information contact Joe Walther at [jwalther4@gmail.com](mailto:jwalther4@gmail.com).

## Upcoming Fall Chapter Events

### September Chapter Meeting

**When:** Monday, September 13, 2021

**Sign-in:** 7:15 to 7:30 p.m.

**Program Start:** 7:30 p.m.

**Speaker:** Phil Gay of Trout & About

**Program:** Gunpowder—Down the river, through the seasons.

Phil Gay of Trout & About will be our first speaker for our fall meetings. Some tips and perspectives from years on the river

Phil will guide us virtually through the Gunpowder's different stretches with some advice on how to fish them throughout the year. He will give us the advantage of his mastery of approach and presentation casting and provide some common-sense tips for

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rigging and fly selection gathered from decades of fishing, guiding, and instruction. Phil has some great stories from the river, including some epic days this summer during the cicada hatch/invasion. Come spend an evening with a veteran of trout fishing, fly-casting, and one of our most beloved local waters.

You can get registered for the meeting on the website. We need your information so you can get the link to the Zoom meeting.

## Fly Fishing 102: Intermediate Fly Fishing

**When:** Sunday, October 17, 2021  
**Time:** 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
**Where:** IWLA-R Jim Berrier Memorial Lake  
12057 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg, MD

SVTU is planning another in our popular series of fly-fishing classes, with Fly Fishing 102: Intermediate Fly Fishing on Sunday, October 17, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

This is a continuation of our Fly-Fishing 101: Learn to fly fish, which started assuming no knowledge of fly fishing. This class assumes you have some knowledge and will allow you to decide what skills you need to improve. We will be running ongoing sessions on casting the fly, rigging the fly rod (including knots), stream fishing and lake fishing techniques. You can visit all the concurrent sessions or just focus in the one area you would like to improve. While the starting point assumes some knowledge, beginners are welcome!

Bring your gear and let us help you set it up for where you want to fish. This is self-paced, so stay and work with the instructors as long as needed. If you wish to work on stream techniques with an instructor, bring your waders and boots too.

We will also have a [fly-casting challenge course](#) set up for you to test your skills casting the fly rod. This is an organized self-paced challenge established by the Fly Fishers International, the group that certifies fly casting instructors.

We will have snacks and water available. Please register so we can make sure we have adequate instructors.

It is unknown at this time the extent of COVID protocols that may be in place in mid-October. We will do what is required, and perhaps more depending on conditions. Check the website as we get closer to the

date for specifics. Registration will be on-line mid-September.

As before, the class will be held at the IWLA-R Jim Berrier Memorial Lake located at 12057 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg, MD.

## Fall Beaver Creek Workday

**When:** Saturday, November 6, 2021  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Beaver Creek, Hagerstown MD (check website for more details)

Please mark your calendars now for Saturday, November 6, 2021, for our fall workday on Beaver Creek. SVTU has contributed time and money to Beaver Creek improvements. Those efforts, along with efforts of others, have paid off in developing and supporting an outstanding population of wild brown trout. But to install is not enough, we must also maintain our work.

This workday will be all about the trees. While providing shade and protecting the streambanks, they also need some attention. Bring your hand pruners, big loppers, and a hand saw if you have them. Also bring wire cutters and pilers to remove and install tree guards. We will have hammers if we need to do any staking.

If you register, we will have a lunch for you on site. Water is provided. We are on—rain or shine. Meet at the fly fisherman's parking lot on Beaver Creek Church Road at 9:00 a.m. or when you can come. (You may have to park in the church lot on the top of the hill and walk down or if you have waders, you can park at the fly shop and walk over crossing Black Rock Creek, hence the need for waders.) We will have lunch for those that register, and snacks and water for all. Registration will be on-line mid-October.

## January 10, 2022, Chapter Meeting

**When:** Monday, January 10, 2022  
**Sign-in:** 7:15 to 7:30 p.m.  
**Program Start:** 7:30 p.m.  
**Speaker:** Tim Flagler of Tightline Production  
**Program:** What Trout Like to Eat & What to Feed Them

For those of you who tie flies and use youtube and the internet as a resource, the name Tim Flagler needs no introduction. Tim and Tightline Production produces

some the most informative and useful fly-tying videos currently on-line. However, even if you do not tie, you do not want to miss this program. If you like to catch fish, information on the flies to match the food chain for trout is always useful information always useful.

Mark your calendar now for this special program. (This program will not be recorded, so if you miss it, you miss the opportunity.) More information will be posted on the website closer to the meeting.

## Spring Chapter Meeting Recap

Following, is a brief description of some of the recent 2021 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.

### January Chapter Meeting

**Who:** Joe Walther, SVTU VP & Fly Tying Leader

**What:** **Introduction to Fly Tying**

Joe kicked-off the winter/spring virtual fly-tying classes with a presentation about fly tying materials, from hooks to feathers and the materials in between.

### February Chapter Meeting

**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 presented the results of both the 2020 benthic macroinvertebrate sample collection in the Antietam Creek watershed and the 2020 Beaver Creek electroshocking fish survey. The benthic macroinvertebrate samples were collected by volunteers with the Antietam-Conococheague Watershed Alliance (including SVTU members). The discussion included the metrics generated from the benthic data and what the results mean for the

targeted streams (Little Antietam, Beaver Creek, and some Beaver Creek tributaries). The 2020 trout survey will present results on current Beaver Creek trout populations and trends.

[Download Matt's presentation](#)

## March 2021 Chapter Meeting

**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 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.

In addition to his position with Stroud, he is Adjunct Professor of Biology, Department of Biology, University of Pennsylvania.

Dave gave an interesting presentation about how watershed functions and how Stroud Research interacts with those biological and hydrologic processes. He reminded us that a watershed is both the water body and the surrounding landscape and to truly address issues in the water you often have to start with the land.

He talked about how Stroud is partnering with others on stream restoration, and stream and watershed efforts. In addition, he provided an overview of Stroud's work to enable citizen science by developing open-source water quality monitoring hardware and software interactions.

[Download Dave's presentation](#)

[Watch edited version of the video of the meeting](#)

## April 2021 Chapter Meeting

**Where:** Beaver Creek Fly Shop, Hagerstown, Md.

**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”. This year we went to the source. The meeting was held around the shop deck using social distancing.

The attendees learned about the newest equipment and those so inclined, were also able to fish Beaver Creek.

We also provided an opportunity to earn about the Fly Fishers International (FFI) Casting Challenge. Dave Cleaves—our FFI-certified casting instructor—presented and demonstrated a new FFI program to develop casters at their own pace and have fun.

## May 2021 Chapter Meeting

**Where:** IWLA-R Jim Berrier Memorial Lake

**What:** Fish the flies you tied, do some fishing and socializing

Since this was the last chapter meeting until the fall, the board thought it would be a good time to get outside and enjoy some fishing, fly tying, and socializing. Attendees could bring their own dinner (or something to grill) or stop by for a half-hour and practice your casting on the lake.

## SVTU & Education

### Winter Virtual Fly Tying February thru April 2021

*By Joe Walther, SVTU Chapter VP*

As the world adapted to operating in a virtual environment in 2020, SVTU’s fly tying program was no exception. Building upon the virtual fly-tying sessions completed in the spring and summer of 2020, SVTU conducted a successful fly tying program in the winter of 2021 to increase the knowledge and skills of beginner and intermediate fly tyers. While the 2020 fly tying sessions were broadcast via Facebook Live, SVTU utilized Zoom for the 2021 program for a more interactive environment between the instructor and participants.

With more time to plan and prepare for the 2021 virtual program, SVTU was able to provide tying materials and tools to any participants that needed them. The fly patterns—including materials lists and pictures—were featured on the website well in advanced of the start of the first class to allow members to assemble the needed materials for when it was time to follow along with the instruction.



Over 25 people registered for the fly-tying program, and each class was well attended with approximately 15 to 20 participants.

Starting in February, six fly tying sessions were held via Zoom every two weeks on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. During each class, two different fly patterns were demonstrated that fit into the theme for that class. The fly patterns and class themes were:

- February 1—**Fly Tying 101:** San Juan Worm & Simple Caddis Larva
- February 15—**Soft Hackle Wet Flies:** Floss Body Soft Hackle & Bead Head Hares Ear Soft Hackle
- March 1—**Nymphs:** Bead Head Hares Ear & Pheasant Tail Nymphs
- March 15—**Streamers:** Bead Head Woolly Bugger & Bead Head Simple Zonker
- March 29—**Midges** Zebra Midge & WD-40 Midge
- April 19—**Dry Flies:** X-Caddis Emerger & Elk Hair Caddis

The 2021 fly tying classes were recorded and uploaded to Vimeo so that the videos could be referred to afterwards for instruction. If you are interested in following along with any of the previous fly tying classes, the videos and materials lists can be found on the SVTU website [senecavalleytu.org/fly-tying-resources](https://senecavalleytu.org/fly-tying-resources). The 2020 fly tying videos can be found on the chapters Facebook page. Future online fly-tying

classes will be announced on the SVTU website, newsletter, Facebook, and Instagram accounts.

[View videos & materials lists for all the flies here](#)

## Successful Fly Fishing 101 “Fly Fishing Basics” Afternoon

*By Noel Gollehon, SVTU Chapter President*

SVTU hosted an in-person Fly Fishing 101 “Fly Fishing Basics” course on April 25, 2021. This course—oriented to the beginner fly fisher, had 21 students register.

In this half-day course, we had sessions on fly casting, rigging the fly rod, and stream fishing techniques. Everyone masked-up, used the sanitizer and had a great afternoon. Feedback was positive and a good time was had by all!

For those that attended the course and want more, or those that missed it but would like to learn, check out our Fly Fishing 102 course description in this newsletter.

A special thanks to the Chapter members who volunteered to be instructors and those who provided support to the effort, and to the attendees, both Chapter members, and friends of SVTU.

## SVTU & Conservation

### Temperature Monitoring of the Upper Patuxent River Watershed

*By Dale Thatcher, SVTU Chapter Board Member*

This spring I volunteered to assist the National Capital and the Potomac Patuxent Chapters of Trout Unlimited in a project to monitor the temperatures in the upper Patuxent River watershed and tributaries. The project included areas located within the park boundaries above Triadelphia reservoir.

At the beginning of May, about six teams of three volunteers each were organized to install twenty-two (22) temperature probes supplied by the National Capital Chapter of TU. Each team installed three (3) to five (5) probes. It is anticipated that when more probes become available from the manufacturer, another twelve (12) probes will be deployed. Probes were installed in major tributaries, the Cabin branch and the mainstem.

Installation required locating the desired placement based on the use of the Gaia GPS app and then assessing actual stream location conditions such as bottom structure and nearby hazards such as downed trees and eroded banks which could create problems for the probes during flood conditions. Each probe was mounted in a PVC pipe housing for protection and attaching to the stream bottom with a length of rebar.

The probes will be retrieved in the fall for data downloads. Some probes may be left in for longer because some have batteries that can last for 5 years.

The objective is to use the data to locate sites where future projects can be undertaken to improve water temperature, reduce siltation of the stream bottom and then in turn strengthen the brown trout population. Stay tuned for future reporting on the findings.

### SVTU Assists with Temp Monitors

Stream temperature is a critical trout habitat issue. Coldwater is required for trout but is also an important part of stream health. Cold water carries more oxygen to all critters that live in the water. Clean, cold water that provides trout habitat makes a healthier stream for all that live in and near the water.

To help assess water temperatures SVTU partners with the Antietam-Conococheague Watershed Alliance (ACWA) to install temperature recorders in cold/cool water streams in Beaver Creek and its tributaries in Washington County. Thirty, (yes 30!) recorders were installed across the ACWA watersheds. These digital recorders take the water temperature every 10 minutes, 24/7 from June 1 to Mid-September. SVTU and ACWA analyze the data looking for high temperatures that indicate a potential problem that limits trout habitat.

If we find temperatures of concern, we look for possible causes—for example, lack of shade on the stream or impervious surface runoff. If we identify the specific issue, we try to implement a solution.

Sometimes it is larger than a task SVTU and ACWA can achieve. We share our data with State Agencies and some solutions are in their purview.

## State DNR Conducts Fish Sampling on Beaver Creek

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources conducted their annual fish-count sampling on Beaver Creek on June 30, 2021.

The final results (trends and specifics) will not be available until the spring of 2022, but they did share some initial counts. Both sections sampled were in the Jackson property catch-and-release area.

The upper area is just upstream of the parking lot on Beaver Creek Church Road. In this area they found 93 adult brown trout and 4 young-of-year. The lower area is across Beaver Creek Church Road from the parking lot below the footbridge at the end of the horseshoe curve. In this lower area they found 83 adult brown trout and 18 young-of-year. The largest brown trout in the sample was almost 17 inches. DNR staff reported that all fish looked “good” and that the numbers were “typical” for the sample sites.

Next time you go to Beaver Creek and walk away frustrated and swear there are no fish in that stream, keep these numbers in mind.

## SVTU Stories

### Western Maryland Trip – May 2021

*By Noel Gollehon, SVTU Chapter President*

My wife Leslie and I traveled to Western Maryland on May 11, 2021, to fish the North Branch of the Potomac, Savage River, and surrounding waters. The North Branch of the Potomac where we fish is a tailwater river below Jennings Randolph Reservoir operated by the Army Corps of Engineers.

The river is best fished by boat. We floated with Tom Martin, owner of Heavy Water Anglers. We have floated with Tom several times as a guide and boat captain to get us safely down the river and point out the places most likely to hold fish. He is on the river almost every day in the spring and fall and knows where the fish are holding.

The day we fished, the river was higher than normal with a flow of about 800 cfs at the Luke gage. (Normal is about 600 cfs., and the river is currently below normal at about 400 cfs.) The variability in water flows make it difficult to fish without a guide or someone who really knows the river.

## Summer Smallies and Camping on the Juniata River

*By Mike Giuliano*

*Joined by Joe Walther, SVTU Chapter VP*

If you’ve had a rod in your hand for any length of time, you’ll know there are good days and bad days on the water. Then rarely the conditions meet your patterns and presentation, and you’ll get the type of fishing that keeps you up the night before the trip and puts you to sleep in the nights following.



*Mike Giuliano with a Juniata River Smallmouth*

The type that produces the stories and pictures that come out first when people ask, “So did you catch anything this year?”. In June of 2021 all of it came together and we had three *great* days fishing the Juniata River around

**Huntingdon, Pennsylvania:** With the exception of soaking worms as a kid off the dock for plentiful panfish and perch, I can’t recall a trip that produced the numbers we saw over this stretch. Smallmouth bass were the target, and they certainly did not disappoint, but we also mixed in fall fish and even a few trout that we theorized spilled in from a stocked tributary.

The river features sections of deep, unmoving pools mixed with more moderately paced stretches and only a few mild class-two rapids that require more of your attention. We floated it in a raft with a fishing frame, but the locals seemed to prefer kayaks, canoes, inner tubes or even jet drive outboards in the deeper water.

Much of the river is tucked into a valley of hardwoods and bounded by a railroad and highway on either side. There are sections that are more remote, but the reminder of civilization is never far away.



Public and private islands are interspersed throughout the floatable section with primitive camping permitted on the public land. Some islands are much more suitable for an overnight stay, but most could work if the circumstances dictated some improvisation. We totaled around 20 river miles in about seventeen “active” hours, which included casting while floating and stopping frequently in the interesting stretches to wade fish.

## The Adaptive Caster

By Warren C. Junium, Jr.  
SVTU Board member, Email and Newsletter Editor

The Chapter has been the benefactor of excellent casting instruction and tips throughout the years thanks to Dave Cleaves, SVTU Chapter Secretary and FFI-Certified Fly-Casting Instructor.

Dave has provided live instruction at various Chapter meetings and events, often with assistance from other instructors

In addition to live instruction, Dave has authored many great articles on “the cast” that are posted on the Chapter website. Here is a list of his gems.

- Small Streams—Headwaters of the Fly Fishing Experience
- Weighty Adjustments
- Casting: Practice With Purpose
- Loops
- Tips and Techniques—Teaching and Practicing
- Good Starts for a Good Cast—Low, Slow, and Slackless Pickups
- Accuracy—Tips for Spot-on Casting
- Don't Forget the Line Hand
- Backcasts—Improving the Hidden Half of Your Cast

Here is the link to the articles on the Chapter website in the section [THE ADAPTIVE CASTER](#).

Make sure to keep an eye out for notifications of future casting instruction and/or more articles.

## Other News

### Beaver Creek Fly Shop Has a New Ownership Team & Manager

Many of us regularly visit the Beaver Creek Fly Shop for gear, flies, and fly-tying material. We became friends with James Harris the proprietor. James has moved on to take a job with Pheasants Forever and moved to Ohio. (He decided he would rather run dogs after birds than chase trout.)

The shop was purchased by **Precision Fly and Tackle** out of Lancaster PA. This will be their third store with another in Mt. Holly Springs PA.

The Beaver Creek store is open and is being restocked, while contending with shipping delays. They will be handling Orvis, Sage, and Scott rods (for those that wish to spend more) as well as other more moderately priced rods.

They plan on a full fly shop complete with a full selection of fly-tying materials. The new manager is Ben John. Stop in and see him and let him know you are a member of Seneca Valley TU.

### SVTU Receives State IWLA Award



Seneca Valley TU was honored to receive an Award from the Izaak Walton League of America, Maryland State Division. The IWLA-Rockville Chapter is an active partner in many of our activities.

## President's Note—*continued from page 1*

I would like to highlight our plan for our **Fly Fishing 102: Intermediate Fly-Fishing** class. In the spring we conducted a well-attended in-person Fly Fishing 101 with timed sessions to move students through fly casting, rigging and stream techniques. Fly Fishing 101 is geared to beginner or novice fly fisher and sessions are timed to provide an overview of fly-fishing elements.

Fly Fishing 102 will cover these same elements (adding lake techniques) but with no time limit. You can stay with a set of instructors as long as you wish until you understand the element. It is a chance for you to set your own agenda and focus on the areas you wish to improve. A big ask of a half-day class, but we will do our best.

SVTU 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 the January 2022 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. SVTU has placed a lot of focus on Beaver Creek, near Hagerstown, in our Chapter area. Starting from a put-and-take stream 10-years ago to a destination fishery today. SVTU was there contributing volunteer time and some funds throughout the restoration process. Our collective effort to improve the resource and stream habitat is paying off on Beaver Creek.

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!

*A note from the SVTU Chapter Treasurer, Nate Wallace*

Seneca Valley Trout Unlimited has partnered with CauseNetwork and AmazonSmile. These two organizations enable you to direct a portion of your online purchases to SVTU at no cost to you when you register with them.

Over the past year, we received a total of \$431 from these organizations. If more of our members register with these organizations, we will be able to receive more donations. This is simple and will not cost you anything, other than the time to register.

To register with either or both, go to [www.senecavalleytu.org/support-svtu/](http://www.senecavalleytu.org/support-svtu/) where you'll find the directions to register with CauseNetwork and AmazonSmile. You'll also find more information on the two organizations.

## CauseNetwork

CauseNetwork 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 through CauseNetwork when you shop online.

1. Click the SHOP buttons on our CauseNetwork website: [svtu.causenetwork.com](http://svtu.causenetwork.com)
2. CauseNetwork Mobile App:  
[svtu.causenetwork.com/mobile](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:  
[svtu.causenetwork.com/webapp](http://svtu.causenetwork.com/webapp)



There's never been an easier way to help us. Visit [svtu.causenetwork.com](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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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 Happenings in our Chapter

### 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.** Our database is separate from National 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>

## 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 your membership!**

## 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!