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GREETINGS MEMBERS!

The “summer break” is over, and we invite you to join our live & virtual Chapter events starting in September 2024!

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President’s Note

I am looking forward to fall! It seems that this summer was hotter and dryer than normal (whatever that is). I hope you find time to get out and do some coldwater trout fishing after the heat breaks. But until it does break, don’t’ forget bass on the fly, especially topwater poppers can be a really fun time too! Whether you hit the Monocacy or the Potomac, wade carefully and have a blast!

We are getting our educational programs together for the fall season. Our first Chapter Meeting on September 9 is all about bugs with an entomology program. We are planning on a presentation about the changing climate and trout in the fall too.

Our big event in the fall is Fly Fishing 101 on October 26. It is a great chance to bring people who have never held a fly rod to get an introduction to the sport. We have everything that is needed, plus we furnish lunch. All you have to do is register and show up. You will not find a better deal than that! Details will be on the website soon. [Continued on page 9](#)

Upcoming Meetings & Events

September 9	SVTU Chapter Meeting: Entomolgy 101; Maggie Heumann, TU Natl.
September 16	Final Fly Casting @IWLAR Lake
October	NO SVTU Chapter Meeting
October 26	Fly Fishing 101 @ IWLAR Lake
November 2	Beaver Creek Workday
November 18	SVTU Chapter Meeting: TBD
December 9	SVTU Chapter Meeting: TBD

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

Upcoming Fall/Winter Chapter Meetings

September Chapter Meeting

When:	Monday, September 9, 2024
What:	ZOOM Meeting Check website for Zoom Login Details
Log In:	7:15 to 7:30 p.m.
Program Start:	7:30 p.m.
Speaker:	Maggie Heumann, TU Manager of Volunteer Operations
Program:	Entomology 101 forAnglers

Please join us for Entomology 101 for Anglers, where you'll dive deep into the life cycles of the essential insects that trout feed on and discover the secrets behind selecting the perfect fly when “matching the hatch”. You'll learn more than you ever thought possible!

Maggie presented this at TU's 2024 Regional Rendezvous. The presentation was so popular that TU National decided to share it and posted a link to it on the Trout Unlimited Community. We hope you will join us for this excellent presentation.

Maggie is an Alabama native and an Idaho resident. An early love of fly-fishing led her to pursue a degree in Entomology and Poultry Science from Auburn University, making her somewhat of a bug and hackle expert. She also holds a Master's Degree in Entomology from the University of Nebraska, with an aquatic-insect-education specialty. After spending all of her college summers in the Jackson Hole area and a few years at grad school, Maggie finally decided to make the Tetons her permanent home. A true love for insects and the outdoors made a career in fly fishing a natural progression. After working for years at local shops as a buyer, and managing Orvis Jackson Hole, she now works as the TU Manger of Volunteer Operations and does entomology-related outreach in the local community. She and her fly-fishing guide-husband, Hunter, live in Driggs, Idaho with their two daughters Cricket & Pen, and their four pups (Bug, Bee, Missy & Diffie).

Here is her presentation on TU's website. [ENTOMOLGY 101](#). Her presentation will also be added to SVTU's website under "past speakers".

October Chapter Meeting

No Chapter Meeting. We will be having our Fly Fishing 101 course in place of this meeting.

November Chapter Meeting

When: Monday, November 11, 2024
What: TBD
Where: IWLA-R Chapter House
18301 Waring Station Road,
Germantown, MD 20874
Social: 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Program Start: 7:30 p.m.

Check your email or the Chapter website for an update on the details for this meeting and presentation.

December Chapter Meeting

When: Monday, December 9, 2024
What: TBD
Where: IWLA-R Chapter House
18301 Waring Station Road,
Germantown, MD 20874
Social: 7:15 to 7:30 p.m.
Program Start: 7:30 p.m.

Check your email or the Chapter website for an update on the details for this meeting and presentation.

Upcoming 2024 Chapter Events

Fly Fishing 101

When: Saturday, October 26, 2024
What: Fly Fishing 101
Where: IWLA-R Jim Berrier Memorial Lake
12057 Clopper Road
Time: 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Join us on Saturday, October 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Izaak Walton League Rockville Chapter Lake for **Fly Fishing 101**, a hands-on program designed for beginners and those looking to improve their skills.

Our experienced instructors will cover everything from fly casting and knot tying to stream fishing techniques, providing you with the knowledge and confidence to enjoy this rewarding sport. After the instructional sessions, you'll have the opportunity to practice your skills on both a lake and stream with expert guidance.

Don't miss this chance to connect with nature and fellow fishing enthusiasts; register on the Seneca Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited (SVTU) website at senecavalleytu.org!

November Beaver Creek Workday

When: Saturday, November 02, 2024
Where: Beaver Creek
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Check your email or the Chapter website for future updates on the details for this annual workday to maintain and improve Beaver Creek and its access.

Winter/Spring Chapter Meeting Recap

Following, is a brief description of some of the recent 2024 SVTU Chapter activities. Many of the meetings and events were live.

January Chapter Meeting

When: Monday, January 8, 2024
Who: Steve Culton
What: The Little Things 1.0

Steve gave a great presentation on the little things that anglers can do to improve their fishing experience. As Steve said, “They say that 10% of the anglers catch 90% of the fish. If that’s true, it’s not because those 10% are supernaturally gifted angling demigods. It’s not because they are lucky. It’s because they do a lot of little things that other anglers don’t.

When I’m fishing, I am constantly making adjustments and trying new approaches. Making sure my hooks are sharp and there are no knots or issues with my leader. That’s what ‘The Little Things’ is all about—seemingly insignificant practices that can make a big difference in your fishing.” You can learn more at his website: currentstreams.com, or Instagram at [stevecoultonflyfishing](https://www.instagram.com/stevecoultonflyfishing).

January Special Chapter Meeting

When: Monday, January 22, 2024
Who: Michael Kashiwagi of MDDNR
What: Presentation on the Beaver Creek Fish Kill Event, August 2023

Michael gave a special presentation on January 22 about the information that MD-DNR has on the fish kill event that happened in August 2023.

[Download the file here \[PDF\]](#)

February Chapter Meeting

When: Monday, February 12, 2024
Who: Tim Flagler of Tightline Productions
What: Euro-Nymphing

Tim gave an outstanding presentation of Euro-nymphing—from the basics to advanced techniques.

He talked about how to get started by converting a standard trout rod, say, a 9’ 5 weight into a functional Euro-Nymphing set-up and the multiple steps that can be taken after that to produce an advanced outfit. Tim talked about equipment, flies and on-stream strategies and techniques as well.

March Chapter Meeting

When: Monday, March 11, 2024
Who: Abraham & Lindsey Beates of South Branch Outfitters
What: South Branch of the Raritan River Fishing Opportunities

Our March speakers Abraham & Lindsey Beates of South Branch Outfitters in New Jersey gave a great presentation about fishing the Raritan River in New Jersey. They described their stream and provided an overview of how to fish there. They talked about the diverse option of species you can find—from native brook trout, wild brown and rainbow trout, small and largemouth bass, striped bass, northern pike, and musky to name a few. Those who joined, saw the great freshwater fishing options northern NJ has to offer!

You can download [the presentation here](#).

April Chapter Meeting

When: Monday, April 8, 2024
Who: Bryan Donoway of Flies in Disguise
What: Fishing the Gunpowder River

Bryan gave an outstanding presentation on the Gunpowder River. He talked about the Gunpowder River system including access, the seasons/hatches and the flies that imitate them, and on-stream tactics to make the most of your trip. Bryan also covered the ever-popular European nymphing techniques including gear, setup, and reading water to catch fish.

[Download the presentation here](#)

May Chapter Meeting

When: Monday, May 13, 2024
Who: Ben Harris—TU Western MD Initiative Program Manager
What: Western MD Initiative Program

On May 13 SVTU members had an opportunity to hear from Ben Harris, TU Western Maryland Initiative Program Manager about the TU Western Maryland Initiative Program. The Program leverages conservation dollars from Federal and regional programs to improve trout habitat in Western Maryland.

Most of the projects to date are focused on farmland and pastureland conservation practices. Exclusion fencing to keep livestock out of the stream while supplying alternative livestock watering locations is focus that produces immediate water quality benefits. Riparian plantings along these same streams shade the water reducing temperatures. Instream activities include log and rock structures to replicate historic pool-to-riffle conditions more closely. Future projects include more of the same, plus reconnection efforts removing barriers to fish passage, and acid mine remediation efforts.

The Program has been working in Western Maryland in the “Potomac Highlands” (Savage and North Branch of the Potomac plus the Casselman) an area designated by TU as “Priority Waters.” (The area was developed by the Mid-Atlantic Council of TU and Seneca Valley contributed to the designation.) Also a Priority water area is the east slope of the Catoclin ridge in Frederick County. There is a project in the planning stage that will be seeking volunteers, most likely in the spring of 2025.

It was an interesting presentation and while much work is needed it was refreshing to see the work in progress and that at least an effort is being made to protect cold water species in Maryland.

Spring/Summer Chapter Events and Outings Recap

2024 Fly-Tying Sessions

When: Mondays—January through April
Where: In-person: IWLA-R Chapter House
Who: Anyone who wanted to learn or improve their tying

Once again, SVTU hosted in-person-only tying sessions as a chance to get out of the house and do something fun and rewarding.

We started the fly tying classes with a special introductory class covering the basics (types, terminology, tools, etc.) and the key to successful fly tying—thread control!

SVTU provided all the materials needed for the various flies, and loaner vices and tools.

The sessions included:

- January 29: Introduction and participants tied a simple fly
- February 5: San Juan Worm and Zebra Midge
- February 19—Nymphs: Easy Pheasant Tail and Bead Head Hares Ear
- March 4—Streamers: Woolly Bugger & Shad Dart
- March 18—Terrestrials: Ant, Beetle and Bee
- April 1—Dry Flies: Griffiths Gnat and Elk Hair Caddis
- April 15—Poppers: Bass or Panfish poppers

Then the attendees tried out their flies on the lake.

April Octoraro Creek Outing

When: Saturday, April 27, 2024
What: Shad fishing trip

By: John Smith, SVTU Chapter Board Member

On April 27, 2024, four Seneca Valley Trout Unlimited (SVTU) members came together on Octoraro Creek in Conowingo, MD to present yet another challenge (in addition to the ospreys, eagles, otters, and Mother Nature) to the spawning hickory and American shad.

SVTU members Craig Johnson, Vic Ezerski, and John Smith met before dawn and traveled to the creek, where shortly before 7:00 a.m. they met up with Bob

Irvin, who was already on the water. The trip took about 1 hour 45 minutes due to a detour on I-95, but we would not be deterred. By the time we called it quits midafternoon, I believe a good day was had by all, leaky waders notwithstanding.



Group photo provided by Bob Irvin

It was a cool, gray day, with occasional sprinkles, but the water was clear and the level ideal, and the fish were there. We could often see a school of shad working their way upstream in the creek, and the catching would similarly come in waves as they passed through.

The fishing was pretty simple where a quartering downstream cast followed by a deep drift would get you in the game. Even with the clear water, wading was challenging, and a wading staff (recommended by Bob) made things much easier and safer.

We accessed the creek adjacent to the bridge on Dr. Jack Rd., where there is a parking lot for anglers. There is a pool under the bridge that was the most consistent location, but upstream for 400 yards or so also provided good fishing. The fish did seem to be holding in deeper pockets throughout this stretch. Downstream from the bridge was too deep for fly fishing, but spin anglers did very well with shad darts.

Shad typically run upstream to spawn in the spring, beginning with hickory shad in March, peaking in early April–May. The American shad run follows, peaking in late April–early June. Both species were present on this trip, with the slightly smaller (15 to 20”) hickory shad being the primary species caught.

When hooked, the fish fight well, bulldogging in the current, until they decide to jump, which they often did. Both hickory and American shad are protected species in Maryland and only catch-and-release fishing is permitted.



The reason why we went!

Gear for shad is straightforward. A 5 to 7 weight rod 8 to 9 feet long with a 7 to 9 foot leader is all you need. The leader can be fairly heavy as shad are not leader shy, and going heavier will save you some break-offs. Shad flies are generally simple and generally have some or all of the following characteristics—bright colors, shine/flash, and sufficient weight to get down in the water. This is not the place to have time-consuming or expensive flies as you will lose some to the bottom. If you tie your own flies, use stout hooks.



Shad Fly

Trips like this don't just happen. Nate Wallace and I did some reconnaissance in advance of the outing, checked out the area, and spoke with many locals who were spin fishing for shad. The folks we spoke with gave us great advice for Octoraro Creek and other locations, tips for places to eat, and were generally super helpful. As Nate noted, "Shad fisherman are much friendlier than trout fisherman."

If you have an idea for a future trip, please let us know by filling out the form at <https://senecavalleytu.org/contact-us/>.

Fly-Casting Instruction: May–August

When: Third Mondays of the month
What: Instruction in casting a Fly Rod
Who: Dave Cleaves, Chapter Member & FFI Master Caster

Seneca Valley TU, the Izaak Walton League of Rockville, and [Fly Fishers International \(FFI\)](#) sponsored a fly-casting clinic series to local members of all three organizations and guests at the IWLA Jim Berrier Memorial Lake. Clinics were held on the third Mondays in May, June, July, and August. The evening clinics were led by FFI Master-certified casting instructor Dave Cleaves with the able assistance of Jack Higgins, Nate Wallace, John Smith, and Noel Gollehon from SVTU. Many thanks also to Tom Vegella and Jay Cosey of the IWLA-R lake committee.

The free clinics were offered to casters of all levels. The sessions introduced a range of topics and skills with “how-to” demonstrations, individual instruction, and trouble shooting.

A total of 17 fly fishers attended one or more of the clinic sessions. Topics covered basic skills and important casting movements to address specific fishing situations. Skills included loop control; roll casting; using the line hand; double hauling and other adjustments to increase line speed and distance; offside and oval casting to handle barriers and wind; correcting casting faults; and setting practice goals and drills to improve casting versatility. Dave supplied useful video and written materials from FFI and the SVTU Adaptive Caster webpage.

A make-up clinic for the storm-cancelled July session will be offered on September 16 at the Lake.

If you are interested in participating in a clinic series next summer, contact Dave Cleaves at cleaves.david@comcast.com or 301.525.2332. Dave works with groups and individuals to improve casting and prepare for upcoming fishing trips. He also tutors casters who want to prepare to become certified casting instructors and be recognized by FFI’s Fly Casting Skills Development Program. He is available for another casting clinic next summer, other sessions in the off season, and mini-sessions at SVTU monthly member meetings.

Many thanks to the three organization sponsors of the clinic series and to all who worked to give

participants instructional attention to improve their casting and more fully enjoy the sport of fly fishing.

For more Casting tips check out Dave’s [“The Adaptive Caster Tips and Tricks”](#) on the SVTU website.

SVTU & Conservation

Water Temperature Issue

By Peter Viechnick, Secretary SVTU

Water temperatures in most local trout streams remain in ‘stressful’ range

Water temperatures in most local trout streams were still in the low seventies as of 25 August, according to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Service, keeping them squarely in the range where trout fishing is not recommended. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in June 2024 issued guidelines recommending anglers avoid catch-and-release trout fishing when water temperatures are above 67 degrees Fahrenheit, due to excessive fish mortality. For temperatures between 65 and 67 degrees, the DNR recommends fishing during early morning or late evening hours.

A few local tailwater streams are maintaining temperatures below 65 degrees where catch-and-release is less stressful for the trout. The Gunpowder Falls tailwater and Big Hunting Creek tailwaters both had temperatures well below 65 degrees as of this writing.

Faced with sustained higher temperatures due to climate change, state officials are wondering how best to preserve our native trout populations. The DNR has begun discussing voluntary ‘hoot owl’ hours for summer trout fishing state-wide—meaning special summer rules promoting fishing early in the morning or later in the evening. Trout Unlimited’s Mid-Atlantic Council, which includes the Seneca Valley chapter, is currently discussing whether to support such regulations. SVTU would be glad to hear from any members on their views on this question.

Longer-term mitigation projects to combat higher stream temperatures due to climate change are also planned. The DNR plans extensive reforestation work along the Casselman River watershed in Garrett County this year, according to DNR official Ben Harris.

With local temperatures forecast to be average during the week of Labor Day, streams can be expected to begin cooling gradually into safe ranges for catch-and-release trout fishing. Until they do, targeting warm-water species or cold tailwaters may be our best alternatives.

<https://www.weather.gov/marfc/WaterTemperatures>

Beaver Creek Update

By Doug Hutzell, Board Member SVTU

It's been just over one year since that devastating storm event that washed in some type of toxin that killed almost all the fish within a mile downstream of the I-70 bridge crossing. Maryland Department of the Environment was not able to determine what killed the fish.

The fish samples that were kept in a freezer were not sent to a private lab to check for toxins. A conference call was held among the fishing community and state agencies to try to come up with a protocol for sampling. DNR Fisheries will be sampling for 6PPD-quinone, an acute toxin that is derived from tire rubber which washes off the road surface into the stream. This toxin is devastating to rainbow, brook and brown trout.

Last fall, DNR Fisheries transported some adult brown trout from downstream to see if spawning would occur in the area that was eradicated of fish. These areas were checked later in the season and there was no evidence that spawning occurred.

In the last week of August 2024 a trout survey was conducted in the same sections that have been done in the past. One behind the fly shop in the put & take area and two places near the fly fishing parking lot on Beaver Creek Church road. These sections are called Upper Jackson and Lower Jackson. The results were not good with young of year class and trout quality.

- **Put & Take Section:** 19 stocked rainbow trout and 3 wild brown trout
- **Upper Jackson Section:** 5 stocked rainbow trout (a couple young of year) and 5 adult brown trout
- **Lower Jackson Section:** 4 stocked rainbow trout and 5 brown trout.

There was another section checked about a quarter mile downstream which is called the Zimmerman Section where the results were better: 2 stocked

rainbows and 22 brown trout. Further sampling will be conducted downstream of US Route 40.

It will take several more years until Beaver Creek recovers from that devastating event. Until brown trout start spawning, and young-of-year survive, the stream will not fully recover.

SVTU can lead the effort in contacting Maryland Department of Transportation to discuss ways to capture and filter the stormwater runoff as they are doing in many areas throughout the state. By doing this, the stormwater structures should help in preventing a similar incident in the future.

SVTU Stories

Montana Fishing Trip

By Noel Gollehon, President SVTU

Leslie and I made the trip to Montana this summer in late July and early August. We on fished two rivers, the Ruby and the Big Horn, with two different lodges. We fished a total of eight days and I am happy to report there was not a bad fishing day on the trip!

Our stay on the Ruby was with [Upper Canyon Outfitters](#) (UCO). UCO is a very complete outfitter offering fishing, hunting, horseback riding, and ATV tours of the surrounding mountains. UCO furnished the room, three meals a day, guided and flies. (We took our own rods, boots and waders.) Meals at UCO were more than adequate for a place feeding 50 people for a meal. They can handle 30+ guests at a time with staff. Evening dinners were appetizers, salad, main course and dessert. Meals are served in a central dining area with a lounging area nearby.

The Ruby at UCO is a medium to small stream (bigger than Beaver Creek but smaller than the Gunpowder). It is easily waded in most areas. We fished the Ruby for the five-day stay, except for one afternoon when we fished a tributary. We fished dry flies or dry/droppers for four days and a drop-shot nymph rig on one day.

On the dry and dry/dropper days in the freestone section of the stream, we would each land 15-25 fish a day. Most were small 8-9 inches, but some were in the 12–14-inch range (rainbow and browns). The day we used dry flies below the Ruby Reservoir Dam, the fish were bigger, up to 17 inches, but fewer in number.

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One day we hiked the “canyon” section of the Ruby. It does not get a lot of fishing pressure because it is a “hike” to get in and once you are in the canyon there is no way out except the other end. In this section dry flies worked great, and we caught rainbows, browns, cutthroat and cutbows. It was quite a day!



Leslie with a nice rainbow in the “Canyon”

We fished immediately below the dam that forms the Ruby River Reservoir one day, the water there is bigger, and we fished from the edge or the bank. It is possible to wade across, but it is not easy.



Double browns in the net

The fish in this area were larger (most 16-18 inches) but Leslie landed a 20-inch brown! We even had three doubles! A credit to our guide Ben Allende who would scoop one fish and then keep the first fish in the water run to the other person and scoop their fish! Quite a talent to do that and not lose the first fish.

UCO is a great lodge 25-miles down the road from the closest town, Alder MT. The staff at the lodge are super nice and will try to accommodate whatever you wish to do. UCO is a great spot for non-fishing partners since there is horseback riding, ATV tours and hiking. It is in a beautiful valley with mountains

nearby. When your neighbors are Ted Turner and David Letterman, you know you are in a magical place.

After five days fishing on the Ruby we gave the casting arm a break and went to Yellowstone Park for a couple of days. Yellowstone is truly an amazing landscape! We saw no bears or elk. We did see some Mule deer and a BIG herd of bison.

Then on to Kingfisher Lodge on the Big Horn River located at Ft. Smith Montana. If you have never fished the Big Horn, you need to add it to your bucket list! We floated the Big Horn for three days.



A view of the Big Horn River and surrounding hills

The Big Horn is big water (think Potomac at Point of Rocks but 4–8 feet deep)! There are some places to wade fish, but the most effective access is by drift boat. The fish were not especially huge, most in the 14–18-inch range, but the fish were very hot! They all were fat with shoulders and an attitude. They would fight and jump and try to drag your fly off on the bottom and then fight more. These were, for their size, the hardest fighting trout I have ever seen. You touch the reel while fighting these fish and they would break off in a heartbeat. After 20 plus of these fish (our normal day) your arm was tired enough to fall off. One of the few fishing trips where my casting arm was still fresh, but my fighting arm was worn out!



A nice Big Horn Brown



Noel with guide Chad holding a Big Horn Rainbow

The Kingfisher is a fisherman's lodge. It is smaller, with six rooms, and a central dining and gathering spot. The food was outstanding! At these smaller lodges the chef is the key, and the Kingfisher has an exceptional chef at this time. Dinner was appetizer, salad, main course, and dessert. While the lodge is near Ft. Smith there is not much there. The location, in the Crow Indian Reservation, is surrounded by farm fields in the valley and rolling grasslands on the hills. There is little for the non-fisher to do in this area, about 60 miles south of Billings. But it is a great fishing destination!

President's Note

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Please watch the website for more information on upcoming events, including our annual Beaver Creek workday, scheduled for November 2. We are also planning a fall fundraiser for SVTU. Details of that activity will be on the website as well.

As a volunteer organization, we always need more hands, ideas, and time. In general, the time commitment can be as much as you want, or only a few hours a month. What we need are new ideas and a desire to help make those ideas become a reality. We are all volunteers.

If you like to fish, you need someplace to do it. We look forward to your support and participation as SVTU works to restore the wild brown population on Beaver Creek and protect trout across Maryland.

Stay safe and Tight lines!
Noel Gollehon, President SVTU

Other News

Trout in the Classroom (TIC)

By Noel Gollehon, President SVTU

The trout in the classroom program is short of volunteers for Montgomery County. If you have some time the program could really use your help. They need contact people to help with equipment problems, help deliver eggs and help with the spring releases. If you have an interest in helping with a really worthwhile program in the schools over the December to May period, let us know. We can link you up with the program manager to discuss your availability and the program needs. Contact us at <https://senecavalleytu.org/contact-us/> and we will be in touch.

Maryland DNR Fall Trout Stocking

DNR has not issued a fall Trout Stocking schedule at this time.

DNR will provide updates on its [website](#) and via [email bulletin](#) and [social media](#). Anglers may also call 800-688-3467 for a recorded weekly update (usually updated on Fridays) when stocking is in process.

The trout stocking program is supported by the sale of nontidal fishing licenses and trout stamps as well as funding through the federal Sport Fish Restoration Program.

Consult the Maryland Guide to Fishing and Crabbing for [closure dates and special management area restrictions](#).

Make a Donation!

We have made it easy to make monetary donation to SVTU by clicking the "Donate Button" on our site. Or you can [go directly to the donation page here](#). It will redirect you to a donate page where you can donate as much as you wish. We thank you for your donation.

Ways to Stay Informed

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.

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

There has been a lot of chatter on the TU website regarding membership by many chapter reps around the country. One key issue is that many members do not review and update, if necessary, their profiles.

As newsletter and email communications editor I utilize the Chapter membership roster that TU National provides to approved Chapter Officers.

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 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 at wjunium1@hotmail.com or to the Chapter at svtroutunlimited@gmail.com. **We hope to see you at future meetings and events!**