

### **Lateral Lines**

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It's weird being the same age as old people. -- Anonymous

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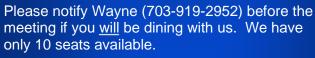
#### 3 August 2023, Winchester TU Meeting 7:00 PM

Lake Frederick Community Lodge

Lake Frederick, VA

Dinner before the meeting

5:00 PM at Region's 117 Restaurant





The next Winchester PHW meeting 6:30 PM at the Lake Frederick Lodge Thursday, <u>10 August 2023</u>

#### **BarFly**

The next Winchester TU BarFly 7:00 PM at Escutcheon Brewery Wednesday, 16 August 2023

> See you at the 3 August 2023 WTU meeting. Bill Prokopchak, Newsletter Editor, 540-722-2620

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### In This Edition



# HEALING WATERS

### WINCHESTER VETS

#### FIRST TIME WADE FISHING AT COOL SPRING

by Wayne White



Veterans get their feet wet for the first time while fishing at Cool Spring.

Photo by Mike Smith

The Cool Spring Battlefield along the Shenandoah River provided the venue for the recent Winchester Project Healing Waters participants, volunteers, and their family members to share a summer evening of fishing, great food, and camaraderie on 12 July.

The picturesque surroundings of what is now 195 acres of the Shenandoah University River Campus coupled with relatively warm summer temperatures provided ideal conditions for the eleven anglers and their guides to enjoy the program's first wade fishing trip.

"First Time Wade Fishing at Cool Spring" continues on the next page.

#### WINCHESTER VETS FIRST TIME WADE FISHING AT COOL SPRING

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**Right:** Christina Nelson (l) strings her line as Karen Trueblood (c) and Charles Doc Smith select flies for the evening on the river.

Photo by Mike Blumenthal

**Below:** Erwin Casto (r) lands his first of many Bluegills at Cool Spring with the help of guide Mike Smith.

Photo by Wayne White



When considering the serenity and tranquility of this historic land just east of Winchester, it's hard to imagine that Union and Confederate forces clashed on that very spot on almost the same date in 1864. The Civil War Trust acquired the land in 2012, and one year later Shenandoah University took over its preservation and is now transitioning the land from a former golf course into an outdoor classroom for the university community and the public to enjoy.

Gene Lewis, Cool Spring site manager welcomed the Winchester group around 4:00 PM and gave an overview of the area and an orientation to the river access points. Following the assembly of rods and fly selection, Phil Stevens, Winchester assistant program lead, provided the group with a safety briefing and stressed the use of a wading staff when in the water.



The landing at Cool Spring provided ideal access to the water and the open area offered enough room for all the fly fishers and guides to easily fish the quarter mile of river. Working on good back cast techniques was no problem. The 80-degree water temperature made wet wading very comfortable.

Bluegills were on the bite, and many of the anglers experienced the ferocity of these river natives. Erwin Casto found the honey hole and quickly landed many of the feisty fish. The Smallies were playing hard to catch, but a few made it to the net. Winchester's youngest volunteer, 12-year-old Cade Bailey, won top honors for the evening landing the nicest Smallie.

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#### WINCHESTER VETS FIRST TIME WADE FISHING AT COOL SPRING

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**Right:** Fran McVeigh (1) guides Dave Matthes at the Cool Spring event.

Photo by Wayne White

**Below:** Volunteer, Cade Bailey, shows off a nice Smallie at Cool Spring.

Photo by Danielle Bailey





Besides being the first wade fishing trip for many, this was the first social event for the Winchester program where participants, volunteers, and guests were treated to a traditional summer cookout of delicious hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad and cole slaw and water and soft drinks.

Thanks to Gene Lewis, who is also president of the Winchester Trout Unlimited Chapter, for coordinating access to the picnic area and reserving a spot on the river for our program members to fish!

A special thanks to Mark Zimmerman, Peter Smith, and Dan Soper for coordinating the logistics to make for a great outing, especially the food and drink. We would also like to thank Ken Seroka and Paul Arienti for their extraordinary culinary skills and grill-master techniques and for serving an exceptional buffet. And thanks to all the volunteer guides for helping our Veterans safely negotiate the Shenandoah River and catch some fish.

To learn more about the Cool Spring Battlefield, visit <a href="https://www.battlefields.org/learn/civil-war/battles/cool-spring">https://www.battlefields.org/learn/civil-war/battles/cool-spring</a> and the Shenandoah University Campus at Cool Spring visit <a href="https://www.su.edu/cool-spring/">https://www.su.edu/cool-spring/</a>



The next Winchester PHW Program meeting is Thursday, 10 August 2023, 6:30 - 8:30 PM in Rachel's Kitchen, Shenandoah Lodge, Lake Frederick. If you are interested in volunteering or know a Veteran who would be interested in learning to fly fish, please contact:

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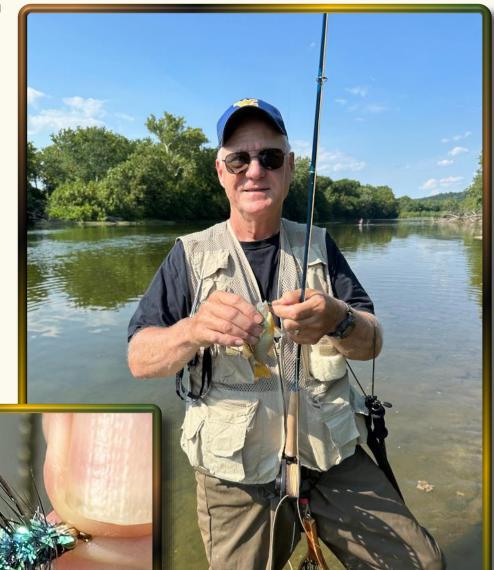
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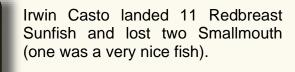
Please note the change of date for the August PHW meeting.

#### PROJECT HEALING WATERS:

# IRWIN HAD IT DIALED IN AT THE COOL SPRING EVENT

photos and text by Mike Smith





His casting is developing nicely, and he's committed to using flies he tied himself!

That earns a in my book.



Nearly all his fish were taken on a dead drift.



### **Bud on the Run: July 2023 Report**

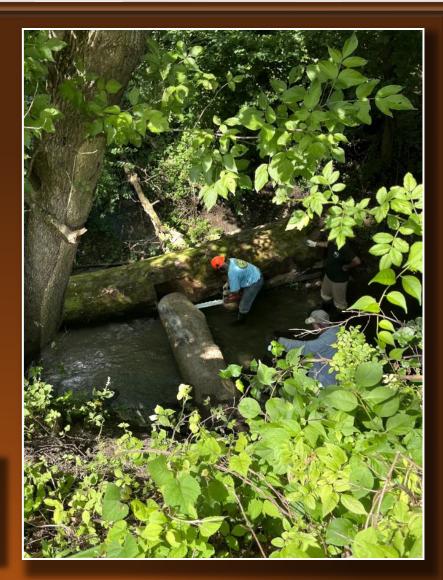
### The next workday is set for 5 August 2023 at 9:00 AM.

by Bud Nagelvoort et al

photos page 5 by Bob Fish photos page 6 by Bud Nagelvoort

**Above:** Terry makes additional adjustments on the joint between the two sycamore logs.

**Below:** Drew does preliminary work on the flow notch.



The Redbud Run work session on 8 July 2023 was a stunning success. Terry, Drew, Clark, Bob, and Bud spent the morning polishing up the attachment of the smaller sycamore log to Terry's giant sycamore and preparing for final efforts there on 5 August 2023 to chainsaw in the flow notch, increase the bank protection at the north-bank end of the small log, and fill in the current flow gap under the short log.



### Here are the other requirements for the 5 August 2023 workday.

- 1. Completely blocking the flow under Terry's big sycamore just upstream from the joint with the smaller log is essential. Clark began this process on July 8 (see photo on page 6).
- 2. Blocking the potential flow between the upstream end of Terry's big log and the south bank to prevent erosion of the bank there.

We have a small supply of rocks (thanks, Nick) at the top of the north bank to compliment those already in place at the bank end of the small log so that erosion control project can be done quickly and a determination made as to the possible need for more rocks there.

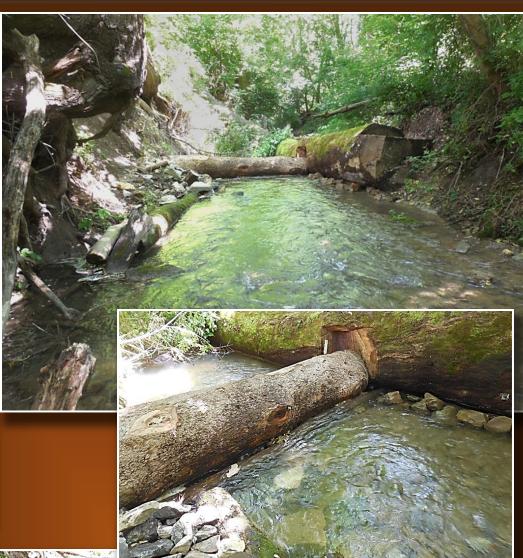
### Bud on the Run -- continued

**Right:** Downstream view of the new structure the WTU crew has worked on for several months.

Lower Right: The smaller log is secure in its final resting place, but additional erosion-control efforts (rocks) are necessary along the larger log on right.

**Below:** Additional erosion control measures (rocks) are necessary on the left side of the smaller log, too.

**Bottom:** Nick's supply of rock is dwindling. Will there be enough to finish the job, or will another "rock run" be necessary?





I'll be using my chainsaw to carve the notch in the small log.

At the same time, part of the crew will need to visit the south bank to assess the rock supply there for use at the upstream end of Terry's big log and potential flow under the big log just upstream from the big log notch then move those rocks to the necessary locations and place them in the stream.



Finally, if we have sufficient rocks, we can then block the flow under the small log. If not, will we need to visit the rock source later in the morning to complete the process?

Will we have sufficient crew for all of this?

Please let me know ASAP what our crew will look like. Late message from me on 4 August 2023 (as usual) if plans need to change..

Bud



#### **Barbara's Books**

#### **Compiled by Barbara Gamble**

### The Catch of a Lifetime: Moments of Glory

Editor: Peter Kaminsky Hardcover: 288 Pages ISBN-10: 164829149X ISBN-13: 978-1648291494

**Publisher: Artisan** 

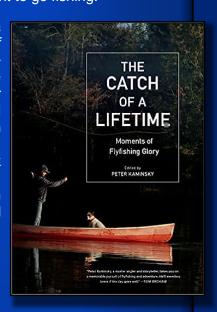
**Publication Date: 3 October 2023** 

A gorgeously illustrated collection of first-person stories on the sublime joy of flyfishing

Every fly fisher has one: that moment -- that ineffable, transcendent moment -- they can point to and say, *That's it. That was when time seemed to stop, and I felt fully alive. That's why I fish.* 

Collected and framed by the award-winning writer Peter Kaminsky, *The Catch of a Lifetime* presents the moving first-person stories of more than seventy anglers recounting their catch of a lifetime. With its tales of brown trout in Montana and bluefish at Montauk Point, smallmouth in Minnesota's Boundary Waters and unforgettable adventures with giant taimen on the steppes of central Asia, bonefish in New Caledonia, white marlin in the Baja, and golden dorado in the tribal lands along the Amazon's headwaters, this gorgeously illustrated anthology is a transporting testament to the call that all anglers heed -- to get out there and be one with the water. It distills perfectly the magic of the sport; you can't read it and not want to go fishing.

The contributor list is a who of diverse who's writers, artists, sportspeople, and others who've made flyfishing a singular passion, including Carl Hiaasen, Joan Wulff, Tom Colicchio, Charles Gaines, Rachel Maddow, Mark Kurlansky, Brittany Howard, Verlyn McPhee, John Klinkenborg, Jared and Zissu.



Their encounters, their memories, the words they use to describe, say, a forty-pound salmon leaping into the air or the sight of a great blue heron soaring down the creek to steal a catch make this the book of a lifetime for any fly fisher.

PETER KAMINSKY is one of America's leading angling journalists and authors. His "Outdoors" column has appeared in the New York Times for thirty-five years. A recipient of the C.F. Orvis Outdoor Writing Award, Kaminsky has been a contributing editor at Field & Stream, Sports Afield, and Outdoor Life and was managing editor of National Lampoon. His angling writing has also appeared in Fly Fisherman, Condé Nast Traveler, Smithsonian Magazine, GQ, The Field, and Anglers Journal. Among his books are The Moon Pulled Up an Acre of Bass, American Waters, The Flyfisherman's Guide to the Meaning of Life, Fishing for Dummies, and Flyfishing for Dummies.

Sources: amazon.com and the publishers

### Salmon, Cedar, Rock and Rain: Washington's Olympic Peninsula

**Author: Tim McNutty** 

Introduction: David Guterson

Foreword: Fawn Sharp

**Contributors: Contributors include Wendy** 

Sampson, Loni Greninger, Gary

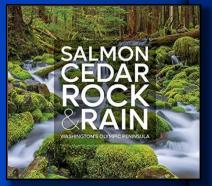
Morishima, Maria Pascua, Jamie Valadez,

Lynda V. Mapes, and others.

Hardcover: 208 pages ISBN-10: 1680515292 ISBN-13: 978-1680515299 Publisher: Mountaineers Books Publication Date: 1 October 2023

In the Pacific Northwest, many of us delight in Olympic National Park, a unique and magical UNESCO natural World Heritage Site, located right in our own backyard. Yet the famed park is just the center of a much larger ecosystem, a wild circle of rivers that encompasses ancient old-growth forests, pristine coastal expanses, and jagged alpine peaks, all possessed of a rich biodiversity. For tens of thousands of years, humans have thrived and strived alongside this natural world.

In Salmon, Cedar, Rock, & Rain, Tim McNulty explores the Olympic Peninsula's complex -- and ongoing -- story of development, conservation, restoration, and cultural heritage, while writers from the Lower Elwha Klallam, Jamestown S'Klallam, Port Gamble S'Klallam, Makah



Tribe, and Quinault Indian Nation share some of their own history, stories, and perspectives.

Perhaps no other region in the Northwest offers a history of such depth, nor a future ripe with so much potential. **Salmon, Cedar, Rock, & Rain** is a rich and vivid exploration of both Olympic National Park and its surrounding peninsula.

Tim McNulty is a poet, essayist, and nature writer and recipient of the Washington State Book Award and National Outdoor Book Award.

David Guterson is a novelist, short story writer, poet, essayist, and journalist. He is best known for his award-winning debut novel, *Snow Falling on Cedars*, which won both the PEN/Faulkner Award and the American Booksellers Association Book of the Year Award. It has sold more than four million copies and was adapted as a major motion picture.

He lives on Bainbridge Island near Seattle with his wife Robin. They have five children. Visit him on Facebook @davidgutersonauthor.

Fawn R. Sharp serves as the 23rd president of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and is also the current vice president of the Quinault Indian Nation in Taholah, Washington.

Sources: amazon.com and the publishers



### My Trout Fly Box THE COPPER JOHN

article and photos by Burr Tupper

The Copper John is a brilliant searching pattern that is still pretty new to the fly-fishing world.

John Barr invented this nymph and because it is so productive, you can't go into a fly shop in this country and not find one. If you are looking for a nymph that will catch Trout, the Copper John is another must have.



If you were to pick this fly apart, you would see it is basically a combination of three flies. You will notice that the biots used for the tail are common to the Prince Nymph; the wire body is built and looks like a brassie; and the thorax, wings, and head are identical to the Pheasant Tail nymph. The end result is a fly that doesn't imitate anything in particular but seems to attract the attention of Trout. The added weight of the bead head and wire-wrapped body and the additional wire wraps under the thorax get the fly to the river bottom quickly where most of the Trout are feeding.



Remember this fly is heavy, so it likes to be fished on the bottom. It is also a great dropper fly. Just make sure the dry fly is big enough to stay afloat while supporting the weight of the Copper John. If you are concerned that the weight of the fly might snag on the bottom, it can also be tied with a jig hook.

#### Editor's Note:

Remember to fish with barbless hooks or bend down your barbs, especially when catch-and-release fishing.

#### The Copper John: Materials

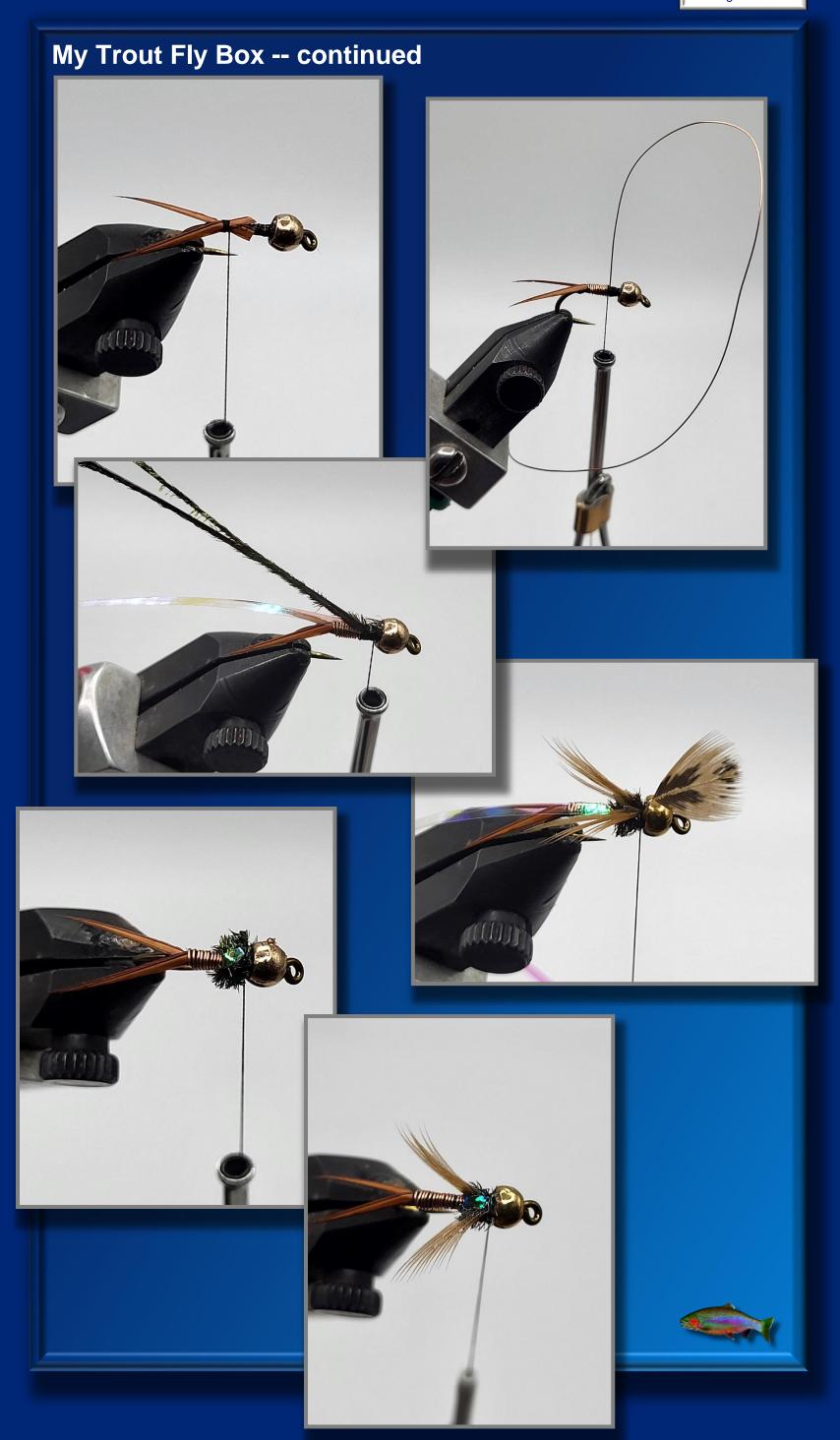
- Hook: 2X-heavy, 2X-long nymph or streamer hook.
  - Sizes 12-18 for Trout
  - Sizes 4-10 for Steelhead, Bass, and Salmon.

By using rubber legs on the large patterns instead of partridge for legs, it then becomes a **Jumbo John.** 

- HEAD: Copper or Gold bead -- size depends on size of hook. I use a tungsten bead rather than lead wire on the thorax.
- WEIGHT: Lead wraps optional -- I don't use lead on the thorax.
- THREAD: Black
- TAIL: Brown Goose biots -- Black is optional.
- BODY: Cooper wire -- Black, olive, red, or green are optional.
- THORAX: Peacock herl
- WING CASE: Black or Olive thin skin with Pearl Mylar Flash -- Thin skin is optional as I find the Flash does the trick on its own.
- LEGS: Partridge

**HINTS**: When putting on the biots, build a little bump at the end of the shank. This helps separate the biots. I also cover the wing case with UV resin. This makes the mylar pop.

**Burr's "My Trout Fly Box" continues on the next page.** 



#### Winchester TU 2023 Speaker Schedule

Mark your calendar now and plan to hear all of these presentations.

# Thursday, 7 September 2023 Cade Bailey

Owner of Dead Drift Fishing, Master Fly Tyer, Youngest PHW Volunteer, and Middle School Student

Cade will show us his amazing skills and teach us about the incredible flies that he has created. He will also talk about his business, Dead Drift Fishing, his NORVISE sponsorship, and his volunteer work with Project Healing Waters.





#### Thursday, 5 October 2023 Joshua Kincaid, PhD

Professor of Environmental Studies and Geography
Shenandoah University

Josh will talk about the importance of large woody debris in streams. Woody debris in streams plays important roles in stream ecology, erosion, and sediment storage and there has been a great deal of research on this over the last decade.

If you have an idea for a Winchester TU meeting speaker, please let us know. We are always looking for great programs on topics of interest to the fly angler.





Northern Sunset by Phil Stevens

#### **Poet's Corner:**

Poems selected for the angler.

The Tyger

William Blake Circa 1757-1827 England



Ink wash portrait of William Blake by W.M. Prokopchak © all rights reserved

Tyger Tyger, burning bright, In the forests of the night; What immortal hand or eye, Could frame thy fearful symmetry?

In what distant deeps or skies.
Burnt the fire of thine eyes?
On what wings dare he aspire?
What the hand, dare seize the fire?

And what shoulder, & what art, Could twist the sinews of thy heart? And when thy heart began to beat. What dread hand? & what dread feet?

What the hammer? What the chain, In what furnace was thy brain? What the anvil? What dread grasp. Dare its deadly terrors clasp?

When the stars threw down their spears And water'd heaven with their tears: Did he smile his work to see? Did he who made the Lamb make thee?

Tyger Tyger burning bright, In the forests of the night: What immortal hand or eye, Dare frame thy fearful symmetry?



### ANGLER REFLECTIONS

#### My Son Brian

by Nick Brognano



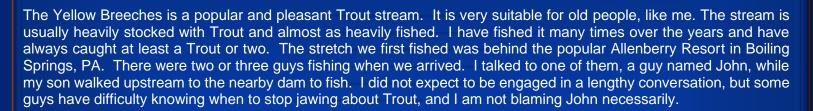
We settled on trying the Big Spring Creek, Yellow Breeches, and the Le Tort in nearby Pennsylvania, a more comfortable 75-mile drive. My son and I hadn't fished like this in a long time, and we were looking forward to spending a few days together. As I write this, I am envisioning an old man fishing with a son who is no longer a young boy with a fly rod, scouting for Trout. Time has changed things. He is now a grown man, and I an old one. Nevertheless, the father-son bond remains close, time has not altered that. I know the next few days fishing will not be forgotten.

Brian drove his big Diesel truck while I, along with my essential know-it-all iPhone, navigated the way. We first stopped at Big Spring Creek, which isn't big at all and checked it out for some time before deciding it was not worth the effort. What is written and what is real are often not the same. Maybe it was because the water was so low that diminished its moniker. The stream was mostly covered with vegetation and the water was crystal clear. There seemed to be no way to get to the creek without mucking it all up. We decided to move on and try something more inviting. We drove on to the Yellow Breeches.

"My Son Brian" continues on the next page.

### ANGLER REFLECTIONS

#### My Son Brian -- continued



I should note that before I began this dialog with John, I tied on a tiny black ant and dropped it into the water. "Having any luck, what are you using?" I asked. John showed me a pheasant tail nymph and too many fish stories began to flow. Wow, I thought to myself, I bit off more than I could chew as John talked about places, people, etc., etc. When he began telling me about other nearby spots to fish with deep holes is when I took out my notepad and told him to slow down. A few minutes later, when a Trout hit the black ant, the chit chat came to a sudden halt. What a great way to end the conversation. That little Trout did me a sweet favor I won't forget. More reason to love Trout, I thought.

I was able to slip away from John, but not before I got a lot of what would later prove to be valuable information. I eventually worked my way up to where Brian was. He had already landed a Trout, and that seemed to be the best spot because no one else was doing much. He hooked that Trout on a size 22 white dry fly recently purchased at the nearby fly shop. I must have brought a half dozen fly boxes with a smorgasbord of flies, yet my son wanted to see what the fly shop had. Brian is a smart guy and instinctively knew his chances of catching anything was to avoid my stuff and invest in what actually has a chance of tricking a Trout, not frightening it.

We spent a long time fishing this deep hole because we were catching fish. It was wonderful watching it all happen. I have it all in pictures, print, and mind. One of the pictures I took, I showed to my grandson. Hanging from Brian's hook was a small two-inch mighty minnow, clinging onto a tiny white fly. Gavin, my grandson, said, "Uncle Brian, that Trout looks like a Sardine." which drew a lot of laughter. I could not have said it better. I feel confident that embarrassing description will have a long life.

Some guys are natural; they just have a skill they are born with. My son is like that with a fly rod. Watching him gracefully swing the eight-and-a-half-foot, five-weight and setting the tiny dry fly with the slightest disturbance made my day. I was not envious; I was elated and proud as a mother duck with an outstretched neck stopping traffic while leading her nestlings across a busy roadway.

Remember what I said earlier about being smart? Buying the tiny white flies was not the only evidence of his astuteness. He also saw the fly line I had placed on his reel and didn't like what he saw. Everyone in the family knows I don't like to throw things away and tend to keep things way too worn and used. So, he purchased a new line which was of course a clever move. I'm sure my casting would improve if I made a like investment but at my age, I don't like to buy anything that is going to outlast me. Besides, in my view the stuff is too expensive to begin with.



Like monkey see, monkey do, I tied on a tiny white fly even though I lost my patience several times struggling to thread a 6X tippet into a 22-size hook. I wish I had that small threading needle tool John had shown me earlier. Nevertheless, I didn't quit and when I finally hit the water with it my patience paid off and a Brown Trout was my reward. We fished until 8 o'clock and walked off hoping tomorrow would be just as nice. We stayed at a close-by Motel where a "free" breakfast was displayed beginning at 6:00 AM. Usually, I'd be on the stream by that time, but this trip was more leisurely and relaxing, and I could not walk away from a "free" meal. While waiting for Brian, I was also able to sip some coffee and walk off the knots in my back.

Rather than go to the more demanding Le Tort, we decided to try the "Deep Holes" a few miles upriver John had told me about. We had to walk some to reach the stream and then climb down an embankment. When Brian said, "Dad be careful, use your walking staff." It was like an echo from the long ago past when I would say, "Brian be careful on those rocks, walk son, don't run." Brian got to the stream first, and I walked down to a stone bridge with three wide archways. A fellow named Larry was already there fishing with a spinning rod using worms for bait.

On my first cast I hooked a nice Rainbow. On my second cast I hooked a Brown. Third cast another Rainbow. Larry saw all this and said," You've fished here before." I said, "No I haven't. With me, it is all luck." Larry is a recently retired fish products salesperson who was very familiar with places I have fished. We conversed about those places and the fish we caught there. We even enjoyed a laugh or two. Obviously, I have difficulty fishing next to a guy without some verbal exchange.

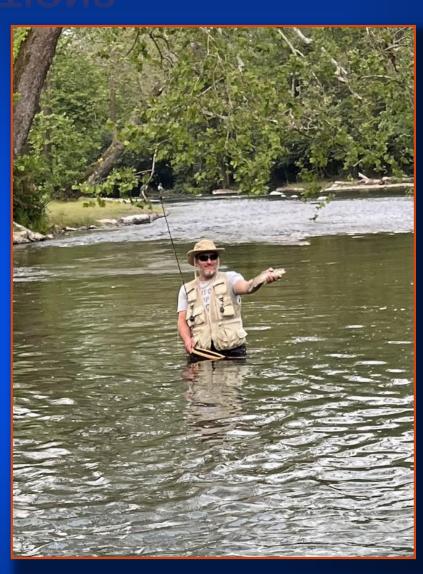
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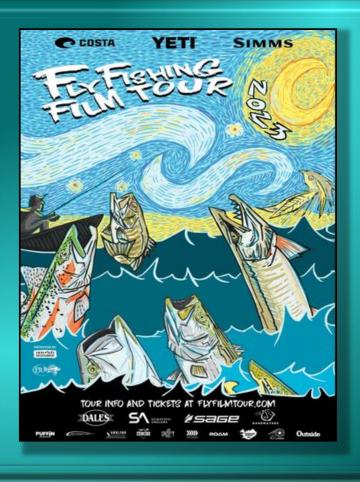
#### My Son Brian -- continued

Brian eventually made his way down to the bridge. He decided to fish the other side, down river, and away from Larry and me. Bingo! He caught a nice Trout within a few minutes using the same little white fly. Sometime later we worked our way downstream and struggled fishing around bushes and under trees. I saw Brian get hung up in an overhead tree and thought for sure that was the end of his magical little white fly. But he somehow managed to pry it free. Although we saw a Golden Rainbow Trout, it showed no interest in what we had to offer. I am sure there were other fish in the stream, but we didn't draw any out. It was getting late anyway, and we were hungry and happy fishermen. Our second successful day fishing for Trout matched our first.

Obviously, we both had a great time. I have always enjoyed wading a stream, fishing for Trout, whether it be Rainbow, Brown, Brookie, or Steelhead. For me this was a special journey with my son. There will be no other like it, for each outing is unique. The trip was as much visiting the past as living the moment.



I guess there is no escaping the consequences of old age with all its memories. It is in that mindset that I seem to habitually relive so many happy yesterdays of my fishing times and continue to joyfully add to them. Put me in a Trout stream back home, and I am a kid again, it's that simple. On the way home Brian began planning for another angling expedition. We are going to start all over and hit the Trout waters of the West Canada, Black River, Fish Creek, and Mohawk River. For me, that was solid evidence of a successful fishing trip.



## Fly Fishing Film Tour 2023

The 17th annual FLY FISHING FILM TOUR (F3T) presented by Costa, YETI, and Simms is back in action and hitting the road with a top-notch selection of short films that are sure to get you fired up for the season ahead. Proceeds from the evening support the Goose Creek Association, who help to protect Loudoun & Fauquier Counties' waterways.

The 2023 show will feature locations from Cuba to Patagonia, Mexico to Australia, Alaska, Wyoming, the Deep South, Massachusetts and beyond.

Follow this link for details.

https://flyfilmtour.myeventscenter.com/event/Middleburg-Va-Bluewater-Kitchen-74599



#### Winchester TU Monthly "BarFly" Event Wednesday, 16 August 2023 at 7:00 PM Escutcheon Brewery Commercial St., Winchester

The Winchester Chapter of Trout Unlimited (WTU) will be gathering at Escutcheon Brewing in Winchester to offer anglers and **non-anglers** in our area the opportunity to learn about Trout

Unlimited and to tie fishing flies.

We hope all of you can attend our monthly "BarFly" at Escutcheon Brewery.

#### No fly-tying or fly-fishing experience is necessary.

Please invite your friends. We hope to introduce more folks to the Winchester TU chapter and support a local business that supports WTU. Anyone under age 21 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.







**Above:** Cade uses his NORVISE Rotary Fly Tying System.

**Above Right:** Dave does a little trimming on his fly.

**Right:** JD is ready for the next step on his "Something Else" fly. A completed one hangs in the background.

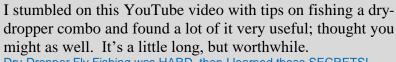




#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I'm up at Sherando and the big bluegill have been feeding top-water — great fun on light Tenkara!

> Best, Mike S. Lake Frederick, VA



Dry-Dropper Fly Fishing was HARD, then I learned these SECRETS!

Mark Z. Winchester, VA



First time on the river this year .... Only 8 or 9 4-5" sunfish on popper until I saw a big splash in mid-river which I hoped was a big SM Worked my out there (in route to shore at 8:20) and after 8-10 long casts my popper was devoured in another big splash. But the fish didn't jump -- only strong dashes and thrashes for maybe five minutes before I worked it in close enough to see whiskers and a round mouth. Yes, a feisty catfish. 17.5" measured on my rod. Made me think of the catfish several years ago caught during late September eve after sun set when Terry helped me land while being threatened by game warden.

> Bud N. Berryville, VA



Much better today (Canada).

Fred B. Lake Frederick, VA



It was an excellent day on the Northern Wisconsin water. 20+ Smallies and they just crushed the fly (blue popper). 20+ Smallies could not resist it. Came out of the water for it.

> Phil S. Purcellville, VA





### 2023 Calendar of Events Winchester Trout Unlimited

See also http://winchestertu.org/

#### August 2023

- Winchester Trout Unlimited Meeting 3 August 2023 -- 7:00 PM
- Saturday 5 August 2023 -- Redbud Run workday 9:00 AM
- Thursday -- 10 August 2023 -- 6:30 PM Monthly Project Healing Waters meeting with fly-casting and fly-tying clinics. Please note the change of date.
- Wednesday 16 August 2023 -- 7:00 PM BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery
- Saturday 19 August 2023 PHW information booth at the Winchester Tractor Supply store located at 141 Wal-Mart Drive, Winchester.

#### September 2023

- Winchester Trout Unlimited Meeting 7 September 2023 -- 7:00 PM
  Our featured presenter will be Cade Bailey, fly tyer, owner of Dead Drift Fishing.
- ✓ Saturday 9 September 2023 -- Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced later.
- ✓ Saturday 9 September 2023 PHW Leetown Fishing Day -- Time to be announced later.
- Wednesday -- 13 September 2023 -- 6:30 PM Monthly Project Healing Waters meeting
- Wednesday 20 September 2023 -- 7:00 PM BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery
- Saturday 24 September 2023 PHW Beaver Creek Fishing Day -- Time to be announced later.

#### October 2023

Joint Meeting of Winchester Trout Unlimited and Northern Shenandoah Audubon Society

– 5 October 2023 -- 7:00 PM

The featured speaker is Joshua Kincaid, PhD, Professor of Environmental Studies and Geography at Shenandoah University

The meeting will be at Laurel Ridge Community College, Middletown, VA

- Saturday 7 October 2023 -- Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced later.
- Wednesday -- 11 October 2023 -- 6:30 PM Monthly Project Healing Waters meeting
- ✓ Wednesday 18 October 2023 -- 7:00 PM BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

#### November 2023

- **✓ Winchester Trout Unlimited Meeting 2 November 2023 -- 7:00**
- ✓ Saturday 4 November 2023 -- Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced later.
- Wednesday -- 8 November 2023 -- 6:30 PM Monthly Project Healing Waters meeting
- ✓ Wednesday 15 November 2023 -- 7:00 PM BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery



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