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They say hard work pays off in the future.... But Laziness pays off now. - Cassatt and Brookins

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2 February 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

Please notify Wayne (703-919-2952) before the meeting if you will be dining with us. We have only 10 seats available.

BarFly

The next Winchester TU BarFly 7:00 PM at Escutcheon Brewery Wednesday, <u>15 February 2023</u> All BarFly events will be held on the <u>third</u> Wednesday of the month in 2023.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing

The next Winchester PHW meeting 6:30 PM at the Lake Frederick Community Lodge Wednesday, <u>8 February 2023</u>
All PHW meetings will be held on the <u>second</u> Wednesday of the month in 2023.

See you at the 5 January 2023 WTU meeting. Bill Prokopchak, Newsletter Editor, 540-722-2620









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HEALING WATERS

WINCHESTER HEALING WATERS LEARNS NEW TECHNIQUES TYING AN OLD FAVORITE

article and photos by Wayne White

The Chernobyl Ant, a favorite of many fly fishers, was the subject of the Winchester Project Healing Waters Program recent meeting and fly-tying class on Wednesday, 11 January 2023.

Under the tutelage and fly-tying expertise of Mark Zimmerman, Mike Smith, and Phil Stevens, the novice fly tyers were quick studies and successfully produced excellent versions and variants of the subject terrestrial.

Many thanks to Fred Boyer, Billy McLeod, and Pete Smith for their assistance in helping the new tyers master the challenges with tying the new creation.

Billy McLeod lends an extra hand to Warren Dedenbostel to keep the foam in place to finish the tie.



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TYING AN OLD FAVORITE -- continued

Phil Stevens used The Chernobyl Ant fly tying YouTube video link:

https://youtu.be/oK167pJZF1I

for an introduction to the class. It provides a great tutorial and will help those that missed the training.

The Clouser Minnow will be the feature fly at the next fly-tying class/monthly meeting, Wednesday, 8 February 2023, in Rachel's Kitchen, Shenandoah Lodge, Lake Frederick, 6:30-8:30 PM. Here is the Chernobyl Ant Recipe used in the class:

Hook: Mouche 8443 size 8

Thread: Danville's 210D Flatwaxed tan

Chenille: Red ultra-chenille

Base foam: Hobby shop foam sheet in tan

Top foam: Hoppy shop foam sheet in black

Legs: Brown and orange barred rubber legs

Hotspot: Fluorescent pink Antron yarn

Resin: Sally Hansen Hard as Nails



calendar planning, For the Winchester Program will represent Project Healing Waters at the Rapidan Annual Fly-Fishing Show, Saturday 11 February 2023, 9:00AM - 3:00PM at the Highland School, 597 Broadview Ave., Warrenton, VA. The Rapidan TU Chapter is sponsoring the show.

We are partnering with the Fredericksburg Healing Waters Program for this show, and we will feature some of our program flytyers providing demonstrations and instructions for our Veteran participants.

Please let Phil and Wayne know if you are interested in helping with our participation or just plan to attend the show.

We would like to see everyone there.



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TYING AN OLD FAVORITE -- continued

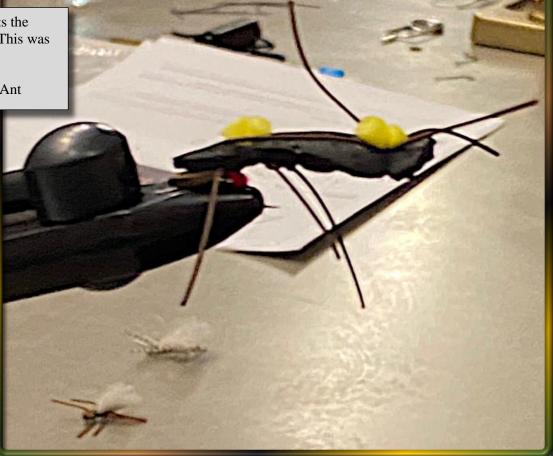


As we continue to grow our program and make our services available to more Veterans in the greater Winchester area, please pass along our information and LATERAL LINES to a Veteran who may be interested in becoming a participant in our program.

Please also share our information with anyone who may be interested in volunteering with our program and mission: helping heal those who served.

Above: Steven Provenson puts the finishing touches on his ant. This was Steve's first fly-tying class.

Right: A finished Chernobyl Ant



The next Winchester PHW Program meeting is Wednesday, 8 February 2023, 6:30-8:30 PM in Rachel's Kitchen, Shenandoah Lodge, Lake Frederick.

Note: All Winchester Project Healing Waters meetings will be on the <u>second</u> Wednesday of the month in 2023.

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Winchester TU 2023 Speaker Schedule

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



2 February 2023
Christina Nelson and Bruce
Randall will be on board to
introduce us to Team Rubicon.

Team Rubicon is a veteran-led humanitarian organization that serves global communities before, during, and after disasters and crises. Founded in 2010 with the expressed goal of quickly responding to large-scale disasters, Team Rubicon has deployed thousands of volunteers across the United States and world to provide relief to communities in need.



Team Rubicon logo and photo courtesy of https://teamrubiconusa.org/

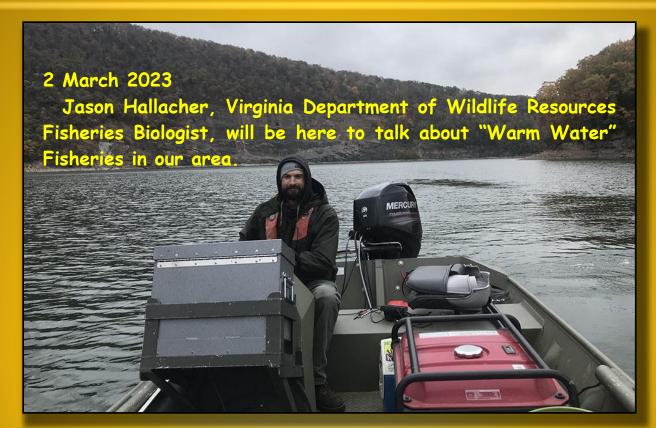


Photo by John Page Williams courtesy of https://dwr.virginia.gov

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



Barbara's Books

Compiled by Barbara Gamble

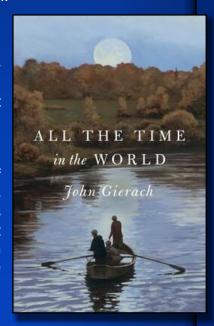
All the Time in the World

Author: John Gierach Hardcover: 224 Pages ISBN-10: 1501168657 ISBN-13: 978-1501168659 Publisher: Simon & Schuster Publication Date: 21 March 2023

Discover the answer to life's most pressing problems through the joy of fly fishing from master philosopher John Gierach.

Once again, John Gierach tells the world why the pastime of fly-fishing makes so much sense—except when it doesn't.

In sparkling prose, with more than a touch of humor, he recalls the joys of landing that trout he's been watching for the last hour—and then losing an even fatter one a little later.



Joy and frustration mix in Gierach's latest appreciation of the fly-fishing life as he takes us from his home waters on the Front Range of the Rockies in Colorado to fishing meccas all over North America.

From fishing lodges in Alaska to memories of the local creek in the Midwest where he grew up, Gierach reminds us about the indispensability of the natural world around us.

"Gierach's inviting, down-to-earth, and humorous work shares a deep love of fly-fishing and the ways it can be a metaphor for life." — *Publishers Weekly*

John Gierach is the author of more than twenty books about fly-fishing. His writing has appeared in *Field & Stream, Gray's Sporting Journal*, and *Fly Rod & Reel*.

He writes a column for *Trout* magazine and the monthly *Redstone Review*. He lives in Lyons, Colorado.

Sources: amazon.com and the publishers

Tactics for Bass and Other Warmwater Species

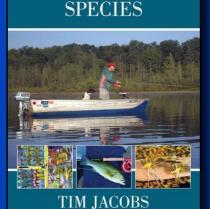
Author: Tim Jacobs
Hardcover: 176 pages
ISBN-10: 0811771121
ISBN-13: 978-0811771122
Publisher: Stackpole Books
Reading Age: 8-12 years
Publication Date: 1 March 2023

As trout rivers become more crowded and tackle developed to handle larger flies (and larger fish) warmwater fly fishing is becoming more popular and is the new frontier in fly fishing.

When the boat launches on the famous trout streams look like a mall parking lot, you can still find solitude on warm water rivers and lakes nearby that offer stellar fishing.

Part of a new series of flyfishing tactics books that cover key areas in detail, with clear, straightforward writing, *Tactics for Bass* and *Other Warmwater Species* covers techniques, rigs, and fly patterns for largemouth and smallmouth bass, panfish, pike, and other species common in lakes around the country.

TACTICS FOR BASS AND OTHER WARMWATER



Tim Jacobs (https://timjacobsflyfishing.com/) is a popular demonstration tier at various fishing shows including *The Fly Fishing Show*.

He is a retired teacher and works as an instructor at the Michigan Youth Trout Camp each summer. He is an FFF certified casting instructor, guide, and member of the Whiting Farms Pro Team.

His articles have appeared in Midwest Fly Fishing and other publications, and he was a contributor to Modern Terrestrials. He lives in New Castle, Colorado.

Sources: amazon.com and the publishers



Winchester TU Recycles Aluminum.
Bring your cans to any
Winchester TU event.



Bud on the Run: 7 January 2023 Workday Report and Plans for the 10:00 AM, Saturday, 11 February 2023, Workday

by Bud Nagelvoort

photos by Fred Boyer, Bob Fish, Bud Nagelvoort, Bill Prokopchak, and Clark Thomas

As if moving rocks at Redbud Run Seipel is not enough once a month to test sensitive muscles and nerves to say nothing of mental condition, January 2023, saw two Saturday sessions enhancing Trout cover for important credit from the fish gods.

The first session was fairly normal with fairly normal members of The Club (Robert, Bob, Bill, Fred, Terry, and Bud) involved on the 7th of January. And we were delighted to welcome Mike Hart who right away recognized good fish habitat and the difference between a rock and a boulder.





Initially, we moved remnant large boulders down the bank from the fence line to streamside. Some of these were very large boulders requiring two sets of muscles carefully utilized to assure no flesh was seriously damaged in the process. Smaller boulders were generally flipped edge over edge to the same location.

From the initial bankside location, the smaller boulders were navigated on the bank down to launch position just above Right Turn V's giant boulder gaps. They were then maneuvered with great care into select positions filling the larger gaps.

While Bob, Robert, Mike, and Bud worked filling gaps, Terry, Robert, and Fred (Bill had to leave a little early) carried out the strategy for strapping and attaching a cable from Bud's truck to the necessary tree/pulley attachment part way down the hillside.

Top: Bud and Mike roll rocks to "Right Turn V"

Above: Bob, Robert, and Mike do more of the same.

Right: Terry signals as Bud's truck drags a rock into place.



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Bud on the Run: 7 January 2023 -- continued



a natural, shallow flow that had reduced the effectiveness of the V.

Terry then attached a chain or strap and cable to each large boulder in turn and the truck/pulley system operated with usual skill by Robert and Fred moved the boulders into

Ah, yes. The purpose of this part of the work session was to move large boulders, from their downstream location, upstream and into position extending from the stream bank to the natural V at its midstream wing, blocking off

usual skill by Robert and Fred moved the boulders into position.

Above: Terry and Bob prepare to move another rock.

Right: Bud and Terry maneuver a 300-pounder into place as a wing dam.

Below: On 7 January, we "nearly completed" the enhancement of the natural inverted V. It still needs one more large boulder.

Bottom: Lisa, with Libby, arrived just in time to energize the group with her home-made cookies.





Bud then took a pic after filling in a remnant gap (temporarily with small rocks) still needing a large boulder to finish the process.

To wrap up, as usual the group settled in at the truck for the kind of odd stories that go with a beer or some other recovery libation.

But Terry and I decided to inspect a construction site just a couple miles to the NW (junction of Route 11 and Redbud Road) on the way home for a potential new rock supply. What we found was a gold mine of rocks.

So much for January 7.



Bud on the Run: 21 January 2023 Workday Report and Plans for the 10:00 AM, Saturday, 11 February 2023, Workday

by Bud Nagelvoort

photos by Bud Nagelvoort and Clark Thomas



January 21 was something else.

For months we had been trying to figure out how to get rid of old concrete slabs and large diameter concrete pipe that had arrived at Redbud several years ago with a dump truck load of good rocks. As it happened, Drew Patterson had offered to take that material, but for one reason or another we had not been able to make the right connections to do so.

Since his business location was only a couple miles from Redbud, and the rock-bearing construction site, we were able to work out that he would try to visit the site during the week when work there was in progress and get permission for TU to secure a load or two of our favorite resource for Redbud projects.

To make a long story short, Drew scored an open-ended invitation from the manager to get rocks at the construction site, and we made arrangements to do so and at the same time drop off the concrete tiles, etc, at Drew's business location on 21 January and visit the construction site for a new supply of rocks the same morning.





Top: Drew, Bud, and Liam move broken pieces of concrete that were inadvertently delivered with a load of rock many years ago.

Above: Liam and Drew carefully stack the waste concrete in Drew's truck.

Left: Drew, Clark, and Liam are ready to slide another concrete slap into the truck bed.



Bud on the Run: 21 January 2023 -- continued

As it worked out, Drew and his son, Liam, Clark Thomas, and I met at Redbud at 10:00 AM on the 20th, loaded the concrete trash weighing in total maybe two tons on Clark's and my trucks, and took it to Drew's business location.

A couple pieces of concrete were too heavy for us to load. Figured we would just bury it out of the pasture at the next opportunity.





Then to the construction site. More rock than we could have imagined. Since our time was running a little short, Drew needed to be home around noon, we loaded the two trucks with rock we could pick up with one hand and enough to fill in the remnant small gaps in the protective rock barrier we've built at right Turn V.

Further exploration at the construction site indicated the availability of probably as much good rock as we have acquired for Redbud at Seipel's since we began work there in 2015 and maybe 50X more.

So, guess what we may want to do with part of our work session time at Redbud on February 11? Because my wife and I have much company being present on the 4th due to our 66th wedding anniversary. (All dependent on weather.)

In any event, look for an e-mail message on 10 February evening to confirm session next day.

Tight lines ---Bud



Top: Bud's truck is loaded with concrete sewer pipes and other scrap concrete that came with a load of good rock.

Above Left: Bud prepares to take a photo of the new rocks acquired on 20 January from a local construction site.

Left: At the same time, Clark prepares to take a photo of the new rock pile. Each capturing the other in the moment.



Winchester TU Monthly "BarFly" Event Wednesday, 15 February 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.





Above: JD wraps some dubbing on a barbless hook. **Below:** Burr demonstrates the use of a whip finisher to secure the hackle and foam material.

Three highly skilled fly tyers demonstrated their talents at the January BarFly.

Above: William zaps his fly with UV to harden the cement.

Below: Burr works with orange foam material.









My Trout Fly Box

by Burr Tupper

I have been lucky to have fished across the United States, Canada, Europe, South America, and the Caribbean for many different species of fish. When fishing with a guide or visiting a local fly shop, I always ask what ten flies they use when fishing for Trout. Always, 75% of them all said that they would have the following flies in their fly box. Of course, each had their personal or local favorites as well.

The Adams

is widely considered to be the most essential fishing fly, period. The fly comes in a variety of variations and hook sizes, and, if push comes to shove and you can only have one version of the Adams in your tackle box, the best design is the Parachute Adams.

The Wooly Bugger

despite the Parachute Adams' status as one of the most versatile and oft-seen flies in all of Trout fishing, there are plenty of anglers who would replace it as their number one fly with the Wooly Bugger, a streamer that has the versatility below the surface that the Parachute Adams has above it. From nymphs to leeches and beyond, the Bugger is adept at imitating plenty of underwater prey, and the addition of different colors and beads to the design only adds to its usefulness.

The Elk Hair Caddis

is often forced to play second fiddle to the Parachute Adams. There's a reason: the Adams can be used to catch virtually any type of freshwater fish. However, for those whose interest in fly fishing rests almost exclusively in catching Trout, the Elk Hair is a must to include in your fly box.

The Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear

is yet another classic fly that should have a place in any trout angler's tackle box. The defining characteristic of the fly -- other than its flashy golden sheen -- is its sheer versatility. In different sizes, the Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear can be fished as a caddis fly, a scud, a nymph, a mayfly, a stonefly, and who knows how many other species. It can be fished either with or without a bead head.



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

My Trout Fly Box -- continued by Burr Tupper

The Pheasant Tail Nymph

functions similarly to the Gold-Ribbed Hare's Ear, using its sinking nymph distinction to mimic a wide variety of bait species in the eyes of Trout. From a visual perspective, it's not as flashy as the Hare's Ear. This fly has been proven over the years as an effective and reliable means of catching fish. Add a bead head to the pheasant tail and it will work wonders.

The San Juan Worm

is a fly pattern that is, for whatever reason, often forgotten by anglers. This could be because anglers get so caught up in patterns that mimic insects and underwater baitfish that they forget about or spurn the original baiting solution: the worm.

The Muddler Minnow

is one of the default flies for any type of angler. However, the Muddler Minnow is, by many accounts, a more effective means for landing Trout than its Clouser cousin. Fish the Muddler as a sculpin or a grasshopper in virtually any lake, river, or stream in America. If you don't see results, then you can consider switching it out for the Clouser. It is also a great fly for Bass.

A Soft Hackle

is a wet fly that gives the Woolly Bugger a run for its money in the number of species it can successfully imitate. Swing this through a run, and you may be surprised at the success. This fly is simple to tie in numerous colors and is also effective with a bead head.

My personal favorites to be added to the 10 flies are the Klinkhammer and Hornberg.

The Klinkhammer

is an imitation of a caddis larvae, and the big parachute lets the fly float and be visible for the angler while the fish see the body of the fly deep in the surface film of water.

The Hornberg

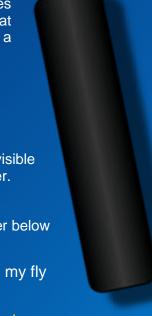
can be fished as a dry fly on a dead drift imitating a caddis or fished as a streamer below the surface of the water to mimic a minnow or stonefly.

Of course, like any Trout angler, I have many other flies that abound within my fly box, but when push comes to shove, I go back to the old standbys.

My next article will be about tying and fishing the Adams Parachute.

Tight Lines and Screaming Reels







LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Winter Steelhead Fishing in Erie

Like you, growing up outside of Pittsburgh, and Steelheading in Erie (in winter...), the article you featured reminded me of home (Springdale) and the many trips we made to Erie. It also made me remember how difficult it can be when winter rears its ugly head... but also, how quickly it changes when a Steelhead decides to honor your effort.

Dennis Susa Florida & Virginia

Whisky/Whiskey

Thank you and yes, I am familiar with Dalmore 12/15-year-old. Well said under proof tends to leave a whisky without body. I tend to stick with the 12-year-old Dalmore because it is usually on sale.

I do have a few bourbons about which I could write.

Mike Hart Virginia

Whisky/Whiskey

Thanks, Bill: I will have to try the Dalmore Scotch sometime. My sister gave me a bottle of Dalwhinnie 15-yr. old Highland Scotch for Christmas. Quite good but not as smooth as the Aberlour. IMHO. (In my humble opinion) All the best for 2023.

Paul Wilson Colorado

Response from the Editor

Paul, try the Dalmore 15 at a bar or restaurant. At \$150 a bottle, it's a bit pricey. Don't invest in a bottle until you have tried it.

I have not been fishing as much as I would have liked this past month. Hope to get out there next week.

Bill

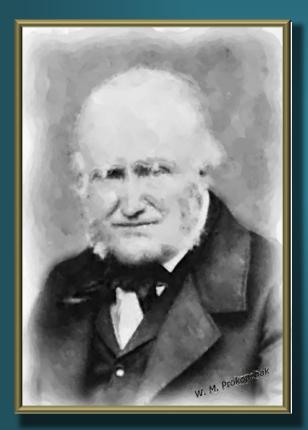


Poet's Corner:

Poems selected for the angler.

First Love

by John Clare 1793-1864 England



Ink wash portrait of John Clare by W.M. Prokopchak ©2023 all rights reserved

I ne'er was struck before that hour
With love so sudden and so sweet,
Her face it bloomed like a sweet flower
And stole my heart away complete.
My face turned pale as deadly pale,
My legs refused to walk away,
And when she looked, what could I ail?
My life and all seemed turned to clay.

And then my blood rushed to my face
And took my eyesight quite away,
The trees and bushes round the place
Seemed midnight at noonday.
I could not see a single thing,
Words from my eyes did start—
They spoke as chords do from the string,
And blood burnt round my heart.

Are flowers the winter's choice?
Is love's bed always snow?
She seemed to hear my silent voice,
Not love's appeals to know.
I never saw so sweet a face
As that I stood before.
My heart has left its dwelling-place
And can return no more.



Whiskey/Whisky:

Jefferson's Ocean Bourbon With a Don Pepin Cuban Classic

by Phil Stevens

Editor's Note: Remember the balmy days Virginia had in early January? Phil took advantage of those extraordinary evenings to pair a great spirit with a great cigar.



Photos courtesy of jeffersonsbourbon.com and cigarsinternational.com

Last night was one of the most comfortable evenings in the recent past and likely as well for the foreseeable future. Therefore, nothing would do but to drag my "smoking/whiskey" chair from the garage, glass, whiskey, and cigar on the deck.

I paired a wee dram of Jefferson's Ocean Bourbon with a Don Pepin in robusto. An excellent choice. The bourbon was terrific with flavors of oak, caramel, and spice at the finish. The Don Pepin was good, not great. It burned reasonably well, but it was not as tightly rolled as I would prefer so it was consumed quicker than expected. The flavor was mild and highlighted the whiskey nicely with its own slightly oak taste. Not harsh at all.

I highly recommend the Jefferson's Ocean and would smoke another Don Pepin if that was all that I could find in my humidor.

Cheers, Phil



ANGLER REFLECTIONS

The Michigan Coho by Bud Nagelvoort



B. C. NAGELVOORT 9112 QUINTANA DRIVE BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20034 Oct. 7, 1967

Dear Jack:

I was afraid you wouldn't see the Gr. Rap. Press but you came through, Did Don Jensen mention that he had sent the clipping, also?

I'll have to admit that it was one of the wierdest fishing adventures I've ever experienced. I know that big fish don't impress you anymore, but let me tell you about it.

Finally ended up that there were six of us plus three Cons. Dept. guys, so we used three boats. Two of them were the tri-hulled Boston Whaler types, about 16', with 4 cycle 100 horse motors for chasing violaters. Tom Francis and I plus my dad, there was extra room, were in one boat. Guy and a friend were in the other Boston Whaler and two others in the 3rd boat. John McGreger, a fisheries biologist, ran things for us. We ended up at the mouth of the Platte since the fish seemed to have disappeared at Manistee, probably having mostly moved up the river. day before, these same Cons. Dept. guys had caught six which they showed us Sunday evening, all caught at the Platte. So at 8:30 Monday AM I met the rest of them at the Platte having stayed at Crystal overnight. We put in at the river and poled out to the river mouth since it's pretty shallow. Then motored NE about a half mile to a huge concentration of boats. Counted 102 in sight. We then trolled deep with silver flat-fish in about 40 feet of water. Tried to hit bottom occasionally. 1816. test line. Must have had a pound of weight on the line and trolled slowly. The fish have apparently moved to the bottom as they gather near the mouth for the spawning run. They don't eat now, but seem to strike readily. Well, I had the first strike, but the bail on the reel swung open when I set the hook and the fish was quickly gone. A few minutes later a boat straight behind us had a fish on, we had seen quite a few caught, and the guy stood up and reeled for all he was worth. Their boat drifted to our right slightly and as it did dad reared back and set the hook with a good strike. I saw a fish come to the surface then maybe 50 feet to the left of the boat behind us and wondered if it was dad's fish or the other guys. Then as we both drifted a little, the other guys fish came to the top and we could see that dad's line ran over to it. Moved back to the other boat to get untangled and they landed the fish which had an orange flatfish in its mouth. While John and the other boat were getting things untangled I reached into the water and picked up dad's line where it ran off into the water and began to pull it in. Felt a few tugs! Then worked a nice ten pounder to the side of the boat where we netted it! An hour later I hooked one about the same size and those are the two in the picture. The other two boats hadn't had a strike by noon when we pulled in for lunch. We had big plans to visit other facilities in the area in the afternoon, but seeing the fish we had the other somehow wanted to back out on the pond. Which we did. Tom Francis then put a lot more weight on and his line ran almost straight down. It paidoff with a quick strike and after a nice fight with the fish jumping twice near the boat and making a couple quick dives for the bottom John attempte to net it. Now wouldn't you think he would have known how to use a net? I think he was afraid the Fed. Co-chmm of the Upper Gr. Lakes Regional Devel. Comm. was not going to catch a fish. His first swipe was when the

ANGLER REFLECTIONS

The Lake Michigan Coho -- continued

fish was still four feet down and moving. He managed to snag the flatfish though. Then pulled everything up to the top and tried about three times to get the fish into the net while all the time the fish twisted, flopped and ripped around pulling against the flatfish in the net. Well, on the fourth try, with the net drawn tight over the frame, he got under it and flipped it into the boat. All he could say was, "boy, I almost lost that fish for you." Dad and I just about strangled holding back pearls of wisdom. The flatfish hooks were broken and bent about every way imaginable. About nine pounds. And we each had a fish. Decided it was then dad's turn to catch one and he quickly came through with a strike, but lost the fish. Tried to convince him that he had lost his turn, then, but he came right back with another strike and it was a good one. Took him a long time to work the fish up to the boat with a lot of line out, and when it got about ten feet away we could see that it was a big one when it came to the top and began to thrash around. I've never seen fish twist and roll like these did. In the process of all this the fish all of a sudden gave a wild jerk and broke the line at a joint in the swivel of all places. The fish was so worn out, though, that it went down and away from us only about twenty feet and then came back to the top and lay there on its side. I hollered at John to go get him and he jammed the throttle wide open, we made a short, high speed turn a round I grabbed the net, and as we came up on the fish at about twenty miles an hour I jabbed the net in the water and she went in all the way tail first A lot of boats had been watching us and when they saw the fish b big cheer went up. About fifteen pounds. We were all pretty excited. Our other two boats went by occasionally but still had not had as much as a strike. By this time it was three o'clock and we were about ready to go in, but Tom Francis decided to nail one more, out of turn, and after pulling for a while decided he had the bottom. John then took the rod and reeled for a while before feeling a few sharp jerks and deciding Tom had a fish after all and handed him back the rod. Well, it turned out to be a monster. He came in relatively easily and John carefully netted him. A beautiful fish with the big hooked jaw. Lying in the bottom of the boat the fish caughed up an artificial eal about six inches long and then a silvery piece of cardboard about 2x4 which turned out to be a dramamine pill holder! And half the pills were still imbedded on the card under a plastic coating!!! The fish measured 33" and the Cons. people said the biggest fish they had seen weighed 221bs. and measured 32 3/4". We didn't have a scale, but guessed the weight at somewhere between seventeen and twenty pounds. Right now the fish is standing on its nose in my freezer, after a couple shelves were removed, and we're going to try to have it mounted and then take it over to the House cloak room and try to get a little more support for the Cons. Dept.s program with some good evidence of its potential! Will also have a luncheon for the press with the other fish.

So that's the story. With your luck you're apt to top it at the two-hearted! Go ahead!

I carried the fish back here in my suitcase and darned near died trying to carry it!

Had a fine time with you all on Saturday and if you had been a little kinder to guests at the bridge table the weekend would have been perfect. How did we manage to avoid playing for money?

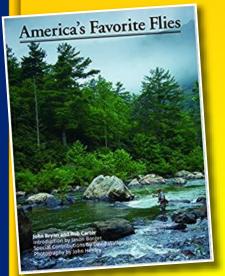
Let me know how the trip north comes out. I would give up my two silver flatfish to make the trip.

Our best to you all ----

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America's Favorite Flies -- Check It Out!

Thanks to Lisa LaCivita for reminding us of this fabulous book.

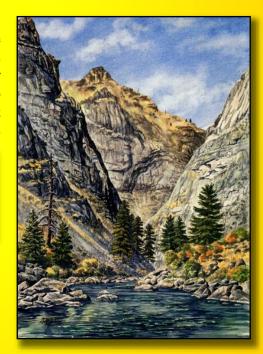
America's Favorite Flies (799.124 Bry 2017)

In your library now! (Bowman Branch: 871 Tasker Road; Stephens City

"America's Favorite Flies, a book by Rob Carter and John Bryan, is a landmark gathering of 224 persons from across North America, each of whom has provided a favorite fly along with comments and materials. Among the book's contents are stunning photographs of the flies and writings by the participants. The list of participants is compelling: President Jimmy Carter, Patagonia founder Yvon Chouinard, fly-fishing matriarch Joan Wulff, salt fly legend Lefty Kreh, 1% for the Planet co-founder Craig Mathews, Riverkeeper founder Robert Boyle, rock musician Huey Lewis, artist James Prosek, author Tom McGuane, and on and on.

"America's Favorite Flies is dedicated to Norman Maclean, author of A River Runs through It, which spawned the movie that has had arguably more impact on fly-fishing than anything in its history. Norman Maclean's children, Jean Snyder Maclean and John N. Maclean, have given their appreciation and enthusiastic confirmation for this dedication. The book also includes approximately 100 artworks by some of North America's most beloved outdoor artists. 14 influential people in the world of fly fishing have contributed special essays.





"All of the profits from *America's Favorite Flies* are donated to two organizations whose work benefits ever healthier fisheries and waters. The James River Association is guardian of the 348-mile James River that begins with mountain Trout waters and concludes amid Bluefish and flounder waters where the Chesapeake Bay meets the Atlantic Ocean. The Native Fish Society plays a vital role in the conservation and recovery of wild, native fish in the Pacific Northwest, and is an active advocate both regionally and nationally."

Birding 101 at the Bowman

by Lisa LaCivita

Ever wonder about those birds you hear when you are fishing? Or the ones that visit your back yard? Learn the basics of bird observation and identification in three one-hour sessions. Then join members of the Northern Shenandoah Audubon Society for three local field trips.

Benefit from our local expertise while putting your new skills to use in the field!

Hurry. Registration closes on 1 March 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Register here

Wednesday, 1 March, 2023 6:30 – 7:30 Bowman Library meeting room 871 Tasker Road Stephens City, VA 22655 (540) 869-9000

Wednesday, 8 March 2023 Reading Porch

Wednesday 22 March 2023 Field trips TBD Saturdays and/or Sundays during March Space is limited. Registration is required.

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Belted_Kingfisher_with_prey.jpg Photo by Teddy Llovet of Belted Kingfisher (female) with a fish in its beak. No changes were made to this file.





2023 Calendar of Events Winchester Trout Unlimited

See also

http://winchestertu.org/

Reminders

All Winchester Project Healing Waters monthly meetings will be on the <u>second</u> Wednesday of the month during 2023. The location remains the same: Lake Frederick Community Lodge.

All monthly Winchester BarFly sessions will be on the <u>third</u> Wednesday of the month during 2023. The location remains the same: Escutcheon Brewery.

February 2023

Winchester Trout Unlimited Meeting – 2 February 2023 -- 7:00 PM

Our featured speakers are Christina Nelson and Bruce Randall will introduce us to Team Rubicon.

Saturday -- 11 February 2023 -- Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced later.

Wednesday -- 8 February 2023 – 6:30 PM - Monthly Project Healing Waters meeting

Wednesday -- 15 February 2023 -- 7:00 PM - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

March 2023

Winchester Trout Unlimited Meeting – 2 March 2023 -- 7:00 PM

Saturday -- 4 March 2023 -- Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced later.

Wednesday -- 8 March 2023 -- 6:30 PM - Monthly Project Healing Waters meeting

Wednesday -- 15 March 2023 -- 7:00 PM - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

April 2023

Winchester Trout Unlimited Meeting – 6 April 2023 -- 7:00 PM

Saturday -- 8 April 2023 -- Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced later.

Wednesday -- 12 April 2023 -- 6:30 PM - Monthly Project Healing Waters meeting

Wednesday -- 19 April 2023 -- 7:00 PM - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

May 2023

Winchester Trout Unlimited Meeting – 4 May 2023 -- 7:00 PM

Saturday - 6 May 2023 -- Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced later.

Wednesday -- 10 May 2023 -- 6:30 PM - Monthly Project Healing Waters meeting

Wednesday - 17 May 2023 -- 7:00 PM - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

June 2023

Winchester Trout Unlimited Meeting – 1 June 2023 -- 7:00 PM

Saturday – 3 June 2023 -- Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced later.

Wednesday -- 14 June 2023 -- 6:30 PM - Monthly Project Healing Waters meeting

Wednesday – 21 June 2023 -- 7:00 PM - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery

July 2023

Winchester Trout Unlimited Meeting – There is no Winchester TU monthly meeting in July.

Saturday - 8 July 2023 -- Redbud Run workday -- Time to be announced later.

Wednesday -- 12 July 2023 -- 6:30 PM - Monthly Project Healing Waters meeting

Wednesday – 19 July 2023 -- 7:00 PM - BarFly at Escutcheon Brewery



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All water sports, including fishing, and stream restoration activities have inherent dangers. Participation in <u>all</u> Winchester Trout Unlimited activities is at the participant's own risk and participants agree to hold harmless Winchester Trout Unlimited and its members. A responsible adult must accompany all minors.