



Streamlines

Summer 2014



TU Trout Camp at Quimby

The 4th annual Vermont TU Trout Camp was held at Quimby Country in Averill in late June. Thirteen teens enjoyed 5 days and 4 night of expertise from volunteers throughout the Northeast. The campers enjoyed an entomology slideshow of all things bugs with accomplished author & photographer Tom Ames. From

A beautiful brook trout fooled by an emerging mayfly during TU Trout Camp



interactive tying sessions with area guides and master fisherman, to an on-stream electroshocking session and conservation demonstrations from TU and VT. Fish and Wildlife representatives, the teens were treated to an incredible Trout Unlimited camp experience.

Cathi Comar, the curator of the American Museum of Fly Fishing in Manchester, VT.

brought along some vintage fly rods for the campers to experience. In keeping with the TU mission, the campers were educated on the importance of

responsible stewardship for the future of our streams and rivers, along with fly tying, casting and fishing techniques. CVTU members Larry Bruce and Janie McKenzie were among the many volunteers helping to make Vermont TU Trout camp a memorable once in a lifetime experience for these lucky 13 campers!

Drew Price, master angler and guide, goes the extra mile to untangle a fly line with a beautiful rainbow during a fishing excursion at TU Trout Camp



Submitted by Janie Mackenzie

TU National comes to Stowe Vermont

The Trout Unlimited road show finally made its way to Vermont this year, convening at the StoweFlake Resort from June 6th to 8th.

For several years now Trout Unlimited has held regional training workshops and seminars across the country. Moving from coast to coast, a highly trained group of leadership development staffers share information and coach our grassroots volunteers on how to become more effective TU members and chapter leaders. The meetings focus on responsible and effective conservation practices, delve into youth programs like Trout in the Classroom and tackle leadership development initiatives. The weekend in Stowe featured 14 workshops and seminars that touched on many important issues and challenges facing us in today's environment.

This year's meeting was a huge success. We met attendance goals, attracting 75 members from 6 states. We increased member workshop presentation participation by offering a fresh and attractive curriculum that

featured an additional workshop day on Friday focusing on increasing female enrollment. This class was led by the Southwest Chapter's Jackie Jordan and CT Council leader Alicia Charamut.

The three day event was not all work and no play. On Friday the 6th local VT TU members met with TU chapter members who travelled to Vermont from all over the northeast, and took them to our favorite trout rivers for a day of casual fishing and fish tales. On Saturday evening the entire group of TU members and staffers headed over to the Commodores Inn in the lower village in Stowe. While some of us enjoyed the live music and cocktails on the back deck, other members tested their angling skills on the Commodores' trout pond. A fantastic buffet dinner was provided by the Commodores and there were some great raffle prizes. Congratulations to Ryan Whitney on winning the big prize of the night - an Orvis Helios 7 weight 11 foot switch rod.

Neither the date nor location has been set for next year's regional meeting, but we are targeting Rhode Island or Hew Hampshire anywhere from mid-May to mid-June.

Submitted by Gary West, President

CVTU fishing outing at Lake Mansfield Trout Club

For over 11 years CVTU has organized a weekend getaway trout fishing trip to the storied Lake Mansfield Trout Club in Stowe VT. About 23 anglers attended this year's trip held on June 1st and 2nd. The Trout Club offered cozy accommodations in a fishing lodge setting with the Green Mountains as a back drop. In addition to the beautiful scenery a skilled kitchen provided three magnificent meals. We enjoyed cocktail hour at the Ice House where some great door prizes were awarded.

The Trout Club's staff meticulously brook trout population, resulting in a offers all anglers ample opportunity to Trout....and the lake didn't fishing only pond that hasn't been many anglers successfully hooked long. The weekend weather was breeze and partly sunny skies dry fly fishing. All anglers were trout while fishing comfortably from boats.....another perk of the Trout successful trip on the books, we are returning next June.

Janie Mackenzie with a fine Lake Mansfield brook trout



manages the lake's wild robust fishery that hook many large Brook disappoint. This is a fly stocked since 1986 and into trout well over 10" perfect with just a light resulting in very good successful in netting the club's flat bottomed Club. With another looking forward to

Submitted by Gary West, President

CVTU monthly meeting changes location

This year's meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn on Williston Road – just a short distance from the Windjammer. Mark your calendars for this season's monthly meetings. We have a partial list of speakers, and a complete list of dates. You'll also receive the monthly reminder postcard closer to each meeting.

Tuesday, October 7th-Jackie Jordon on the Battenkill

Tuesday, November 4th- Joe Norton on the Upper CT river

Tuesday, December 2nd- Rhey Plumley and Sheila Reid – Fishing the Black Hills of South Dakota

Tuesday, January 6th February 3rd and March 3rd - presenters TBD

Tuesday, April 7th- Fly tying and fly fishing basics

CVTU Banquet

The 2014 CVTU banquet was one for the records. A record high attendance, record high number of auction and raffle items, and record high proceeds to the Chapter's treasury to help continue our conservation work.

A new twist was added this year when we asked each member to be responsible for one donation, or a lead that would provide us a donation. The response was overwhelming! Members stepped forward with fishing trips, beautifully crafted chairs, rod racks, rods, reels, coveted items from their collections, incredible artwork and other handcrafted gifts. The membership's generosity was overwhelming and a wonderful testimonial to the individuals who make up this Chapter. Another new feature of the Banquet was the "Member Appreciation Award". These awards are presented to long time contributing members as an

acknowledgment and thank you for their continued support. This year's recipients were Bill Chandler and Dick Leyden. The banquet was a high energy night complete with the inimitable Willem Lange, whose Yankee style storytelling held the audience's attention. Ethan Merrill, of the well-known Merrill family, made the auction a fun and interactive show!

If you couldn't make it this year, please pencil it on your calendars for next year. We promise to keep working hard to ensure you a great night of fun and enjoyment in 2015!

Submitted by Janie Mackenzie, Banquet Chair

Gary West presents Bill Chandler (L) and Dick Leyden (R) with this year's Member Appreciation Awards



William Slote Memorial Scholarship - 2014

The Central Vermont Chapter of Trout Unlimited was pleased to award the 2014 William Slote Memorial Scholarship to **Haley Drury**. Haley is a graduating senior from Essex Junction High School, who will be attending Paul Smith College in the fall where she will be majoring in Forestry and Natural Resource Management.

This scholarship is presented each year in memory of Mr. William Slote, a longtime resident of Essex Junction, Vermont, and a member of the Central Vermont Chapter of Trout Unlimited. It is awarded to an outstanding Essex High School graduate who plans to continue his / her education in environmental or natural sciences.

Submitted by Ed Collins

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CVTU helps with tree planting on Seymour River

Once again, CVTU donated money and man power to help Lawton Weber continue his restoration work on the Seymour River in Cambridge (see the full article in the December 2013 issue of Streamlines). CVTU volunteers Mike Hulvey, Ryan Whitney and Paul Bugeja helped Lawton plant 77 trees this past May.

CVTU members Mike Hulvey, Paul Bugeja and Ryan Whitney take a short break during the tree planting extravaganza



Some of the 77 maples planted along the Seymour River in Cambridge which will help provide protective shading and thermal refuge for trout.



Fly du Jour – apologies to Alan Holcomb

Alan faithfully submits a fly for every issue and on several occasions this feature has been “bumped” due to lack of space. It has happened again, but we have enough space to tell you that the pattern is a Woolly Bugger pattern given to Alan by Roland Tremble of the Tie By Night Fly Shop.

As Alan says, “it is the only woolly bugger needed in your box - it fishes that well. It sports multiple tail and body colors with just enough flash to excite both fish and fisher.”

The pattern is available by email to tighlines1122@yahoo.com