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JANUARY 25, 2012 Chapter Meeting

7:00-7:30 p.m. – *Social Time*

7:30-8:00 p.m. – *Meeting*

8:00-9:15 p.m. – *Program: Bonefishing Adventures with John Lachin (SVTU Board Member)*

Location: Up-County Regional Service Center; 12900 Middlebrook Road | Germantown, MD 20874 240-777-8000

Future Events: 2012

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| Jan. 18 | SVTU Board Meeting |
| Jan. 24 | Fly-Tying Sessions Start - FREE (See article) |
| Jan. 25 | SVTU CHAPTER Meeting
Bonefishing Adventures: John Lachin |
| Feb. 15 | SVTU Board Meeting |
| Mar. 11 | National Capital TU Chapter Angling Show |
| Mar. 20 | SVTU Board Meeting |
| Mar. 27 | SVTU CHAPTER Meeting: Fly-fishing for local Shad |
| Apr. 18 | SVTU Board Meeting |
| Apr. 21 | Stream Clean-up (Location TBD) |
| Apr. 25 | SVTU CHAPTER Meeting: Smallmouth Bass fishing on the Potomac & Susquehanna Rivers |
| May. 16 | SVTU Board Meeting |
| May. 23 | SVTU CHAPTER Meeting: Wade Fishing the Chesapeake Bay |
| Jun. 20 | SVTU Board Meeting |
| Jun. 23 | Stream Clean-up (Location TBD) |

Check your emails, if you signed up for our listserv, or the website for updates!

Other Planned Events: Support to the Izaak Walton League youth fishing events planned for April and assistance to other Chapters in stocking streams.

Casting Clinic: We hope to continue. Usually held the first Saturday of the month on the lake at Seneca State Park (see website for updates).

Current SVTU Officers and Board

The current officers and open board positions include:

Officers:

President – Jason Andrick
Vice President – Noel Gollehon
Secretary – Charles August
Treasurer – Nate Wallace

Board Members:

John Lachin '13
Warren Junium '12
Ron Uleck '11
Dale Thatcher '12
Tom Vegella '13

Jason Andrick (*ex officio*)
Charles August (*ex officio*)
Noel Gollehon (*ex officio*)
Nate Wallace (*ex officio*)

Committee Chairs:

Conservation Chair: Noel Gollehon
Program Chair: Ron Uleck
Newsletter Editor: Warren C. Junium, Jr.
Education Chair: *Vacancy*
Banquet Chair: *Vacancy*
Membership Chair: *Vacancy*
Activities Chair: *Vacancy*

Chapter Delegates to the [Mid-Atlantic Council](#):

Charles August
Noel Gollehon
Stan Oaks
Ron Uleck
Nate Wallace
3 *vacancies*

MEMBER ACTIVITY – WE STILL YOUR HELP!

2011 was filled with many activities and we plan to continue the same level of effort in 2012, but to accomplish this the Chapter needs your support. As a volunteer organization we are limited by the number of active members who are willing and able to assist with Chapter leadership and activities. We have approximately 380 members of TU assigned to our Chapter, Our active membership from this pool is less than 10 percent (i.e. approx. 30 people). In order for the Chapter to continue to be a viable organization we need your support. Perhaps there is a project, topic, or effort you are passionate about that the chapter is not focused on. [Contact us](#) or come to a chapter meeting; we'd love to hear about how you'd like to get involved.

Sign-up for Email Updates from SVTU

The chapter maintains a secure opt-in email alert and event invitation system. It has been active for a year and over 25% of our membership has subscribed. Since the newsletter is only mailed twice a year, in January and September, this service, along with the Chapter's website, provides up to the minute communication of upcoming activities.

If you would like to opt-in to this service email your name, address, phone number, and preferred email address to: svtroutunlimited@gmail.com or if you are viewing the newsletter as a PDF, click [here](#) for our online sign-up form.

You will receive an opt-in message with the necessary instructions to join. We will not provide/sell your email to others and you can unsubscribe at anytime through a link featured at the bottom of each message. Keep it green, stay informed, and save the chapter on mailing costs that can be better used for education and conservation efforts.

SVTU Website

Organize a special fishing outing, spread the word about a new fly, tell us about a conservation opportunity, and share your fun and serious information with your fellow SVTU members and others who visit the SVTU web site. Drop us a line (svtroutunlimited@gmail.com) and we can help spread the word.

Visit us on Facebook



Did you know SVTU has a Facebook page? Like us on Facebook and you'll receive SVTU updates and event reminders to you news feed. Plus you'll be able to share photos of your latest catch or latest innovative tie!

NCCTU CHAPTER ANGLING SHOW

Winter is here but one way to get back into the groove is to attend the [37TH ANNUAL ANGLING SHOW](#):
Sunday, March 11, 2012: 10:00am-5:30pm
Hanley Center for Athletic Excellence
Georgetown Preparatory School
10900 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD.

The Chapter will again be sponsoring a booth at the show highlighting the topic of Invasive Species in our waters. Stop by and visit us! We always enjoy catching up with SVTU members.

TU Stream Clean-ups - 2012

In 2011 SVTU participated in both TU National Stream Clean-up events. This was our 2nd consecutive year that our chapter has participated by hosting an event on both the April and June dates at Little Seneca and Beaver Creeks. In fact, SVTU was awarded "Most Trash per Capita" by TU headquarters. We plan to participate again this year. The dates, are Saturday April 21st, and Saturday, June 23rd. Locations TBD. Look for location details in March and May. Photos can be viewed here: <https://picasaweb.google.com/svtroutunlimited/SVTUStreamCleanUp2011>

SVTU Fly Tying: 2012

The SVTU is again partnering with Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA - Rockville Chapter) to sponsor a season of *FREE* fly tying instruction. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings from 7:30- 9:30 PM in the IWLA Clubhouse at 18301 Waring Station Road, Germantown. Three, weekly, introductory sessions will be held in January and early February dedicated to beginner instruction. Following these sessions, 6 every-other-week sessions will be held for more experienced tiers.

Curriculum for Beginners: The 1st session for beginning tiers or a refresher for rusty, experienced tiers will take place on Tuesday, 1/24/12. Vices, tools, and materials will be provided. The first session will consist of an introduction to fly tying nomenclature, the anatomy of a hook, establishing a "thread base", and using ultra chenille to tie the "Green Weenie" fly.

The 2nd session, will be held on 1/31/12 and will introduce tiers to "dubbing" and "Walt's Worm"—an imitation of a crane fly larva and great base pattern in the nymph style. The 3rd session will be held on 1/7/12 and will introduce new tiers on the use of marabou, hackle feathers, and chenille to tie the versatile "Wooly Buzzer". Beginner sessions will be taught by Charles August and Dale Thatcher (SVTU).

Sessions for experienced tiers will begin on 2/14/12 and continue on 2/28/12, 3/13/12, 3/27/12, 4/10/12, and 4/24/12. A featured "guru" will lead each session, introducing tiers to their favorite patterns. Past "gurus" include Leslie Gollehon (Midges & tiny flies), John Lachin (muskrat nymph), Vic Ezerski (spinning deer hair), Tom Wirfs (warm water patterns), Marc Rogers (shad flies), and Jason Andrick (the Patuxent Special & select nymphs).

As mentioned above, all sessions are free (beginner and advanced).

Members planning to attend some or all sessions should register their name, email address and telephone number with Charles August (csaugust@comcast.net or 240-401-8669).

Youth Conservation Camp and Academy: Fly-Fishing

Annual TU sponsored program for youth ages 10-14. For the local area. Dates: June 26-July 1, 2011 @ Graves Mtn Lodge, Syria, VA.

Enjoy an exciting week of hands-on action packed fun in our mountain stream environment that will help you become a skilled angler and an experienced conservationist.

You'll learn firsthand from officials of the National Park Service, professional conservationists with state natural resources agencies, environmental educators, professional fishing instructors and guides, and experienced members of Trout Unlimited.

If interested please send a letter of interest or nomination referral to our Chapter at svtroutunlimited@gmail.com by March 1.

For more info contact: www.tucamp.org or George Gaines: gaines@tucamp.org; (202) 904-3547

Fly Fishing / Supplies and Resources

Good news is we have three local fly-fishing shops that we can count on!

Hunting Creek Outfitters: Murray Friedman, Owner; 29 North Market Street, Frederick; 301-668-4333 is a full service Orvis shop. Accepts Orvis coupons, and gives a TU discount on some items.

Beaver Creek Fly Shop: Currently open, but will be under new ownership on/about Feb. 1, 2012 9720 Country Store

Lane, Hagerstown; 301-393-9090. Carries equipment from many manufacturers.

[Backwater Angler](#) - Theaux Le Gardeur; **On the Gunpowder**; 16928 York RD. Monkton, MD 21111; 410-357-9557

In addition there are Orvis Company Stores in Bethesda, Arlington and Tysons Corner. Check their websites and call for product availability.

SVTU Chapter Winter Raffle – Winners Announced



The raffle was a great success! Congratulations to our winners!

- 1st Prize - Sue Petrich - Pontoon Boat
- 2nd Prize - W.T. Slade - \$200 HCO Gift Cert
- 3rd Prize - Warren C. Junium, Jr. - \$100 HCO Gift Cert.
- 4th Prize - Thearin Wendel - Fly Box with 77 flies (local flies tied by SVTU members)

SVTU Chapter BBQ – Fall 2011

This past October 8th the Chapter held our annual BBQ in conjunction with veterans from [Project Healing Waters](#), [Beaver Creek Watershed Association](#), and [Antietam Fly Anglers](#). The event was held at Beaver Creek in Hagerstown, MD. We had an excellent turnout of veterans and members of SVTU and the other organizations. Several SVTU members volunteered to assist veterans on the stream during the morning fishing session. That afternoon, the larger crowd met up with the fishermen (and women) at the pavilion for the BBQ portion of the day. Turnout was excellent and it provided a great forum to socialize, enjoy fine BBQ, and also to participate in demonstrations of fly-casting and fly-tying, and some hands-on fly-tying. For many of the participants, this was their first taste of fly fishing and their first trout! Thanks to all who volunteered for this event!

Photos from the event can be viewed [here](https://picasaweb.google.com/svtroutunlimited/2011ProjectHealingWatersBBQ).
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Fishing Henry's Fork, Montana

Winding south on Hwy 191 from Bozeman, Mt through the Gallatin River Canyon into West Yellowstone then due west on Rt. 20 to Island Park, Id, it took me 2-1/4 hrs. To reach the Trout Hunters Lodge on the east bank of the famed Henry's Fork River. It was Labor Day and at 8 am the dashboard thermometer read a frigid 27 degrees as passed through the western extreme of Yellowstone Park. I fretted that my clothes weren't warm enough (zip-off poly pants and a sweatshirt) but I drove on.

I met my friend and fishing guide Phil Sgamma in the parking lot of the lodge, visited the fly shop, licensed-up and off we went to float the Henry's Fork from Osborne Bridge to Hatchery Ford. It was an ambitious float that offered flat water in the ranch section of the river and a wilder steeper

canyon section leading toward the beautiful Mesa Falls (don't miss the Hatchery Ford take-out). The day was warming and the temps were already into the low 60's heading towards the 70's. The sky was full sunshine with little or no clouds. By 10 am the hoppers could be heard buzzing on the bank and the water was dimpled with rising fish.

Gin clear water meant 15 ft of combined leader and tippet to 5x. Thank goodness calm winds. A pink hopper was tied with an ant dropper. An aquatic ant, size 14, that Phil said intoxicates the fish. As the lodge's name implies we began hunting trout, Phil like a skilled bonefish guide providing time and distance for each cast. Shortly I was missing striking fish. Then, on a ferocious hit I set the hook, felt the fish and ended up draped in fly line, leader and tippet sans flies. We retied, dropped back to 4x tippet and the game was on. Pictured above is the first of countless Rainbows landed that day with success.

We drifted past many fishermen wading the river with Phil yelling ahead out of courtesy to ascertain which side of the river they'd like us to pass. We also encountered many other guides and their clients as we fished between Osborne Bridge and Riverside Campground boat ramp. Below Riverside the river is relatively inaccessible, steep and overall not conducive to wading. And, all of the guides were taking out at Riverside so for the rest of the day we had the river to ourselves.

The canyon did require a change in fishing tactics. We switched back and forth between hoppers and big rubber legged streamers with beadhead droppers, usually a Copper John. When fishing the hopper it served as the strike indicator; otherwise, a strike indicator was used. A more manageable leader length of 9 ft. was all that was necessary. And, casting became tomahawking the line from one side of the raft to another hitting the runs and tails around boulders each holding fish. We finished our float around 7 pm. I don't know how many or the size of the fish I caught. I do know it was an incredible day of catching wild rainbows on a gorgeous and challenging river.
Robert Hubbard

Editor's Note

Contact me if you have articles, photos, fish stories, fishing/stream reports, etc. that you think might be appropriate for inclusion in the next edition of the newsletter, or the website. My e-mail address is: wjunium1@hotmail.com.

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