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*America's Leading Coldwater Fisheries Conservation
Organization*

*Promoting Habitat for Wild Trout and Salmon
During 2009 Trout Unlimited Celebrates Its 50th Year
Fighting for Coldwater Fisheries Conservation*

Join us before each meeting at 6:30pm for a tying demonstration. Meetings begin at 7:30pm, the third Monday of each month (except Banquet month, July and August), at the Best Western on Western Avenue, Albany, NY (about a mile east of the end of the Northway).

Upcoming Events

- February 16 Chapter General Meeting –**Dave & Joe Langan**
Speaking on “Father and Son Fishing (Mis)
Adventures with a Kayak” - Guest Fly Tier
- March 7 Chapter Annual Banquet
- March 28 Chapter Flea Market
- April 1 New York State Trout Opening Day!!!

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Looking Ahead to Future Meeting Speakers

February 16th, 2009

Dave Langan, Clearwater past president & TU National conservation award recipient, will be February's guest speaker along with his son Joe. They will present a slide show following their (mis)adventures for the last bunch of years. Dave and Joe pick up their rods in one hand and kayaks in the other - be it the Delaware or the Cape. They'll discuss how kayaks extend their range of access, general advice on selecting a kayak for fishing, and basic accessories. Cape Cod has become one of their favorite haunts with access to a number of different fishing scenarios and general solitude. They will present a slide show on the Cape detailing shore and near-shore spots from the canal to P-town. Special attention will be given to spots for fishing with kids as well as easy access for those with physical limitations. Time of day, tides, seasons and use of satellite photos to plan your trip will be discussed. Fly fishing, surf casting, and equipment care will be covered. This should be a fun program whether you are thinking about kayaks for fishing, fishing the Cape, want to compare notes, or simply see pictures of the many misadventures of Dave and Joe. See you there!

March 2009

No Meeting Scheduled as it is Banquet Month – See You at the Banquet

May 2009

The General Meeting will have as our guest speaker artist **Flick Ford**. For more information on Flick's works see his website at www.flickford.com/

Treasurer's Report

Ken Waldie.

During January, 2009 the Chapter spent \$1,358.28 more than we took in leaving us with \$12,796.96 in the bank.

Chapter Fly Swap

Ron Boutin

Another year of fly swapping has ended and another is upon us. Tie 13 and get 13 back that fit that month's category. Monthly swap categories are published in the 'Currents' each month. New ideas are always welcome as to what you want swapped so call me at 453-9843 or email me at rx4fishing@nycap.rr.com if you have further questions or ideas.

Fish of the Month Contest

The Fish of the Month Contest winner for 2008 is over with **Bill Bach** of Glenville our first winner! Bill's fish wasn't the biggest, but his story about his experience was the greatest among the entrants. The year 2009 is shaping up to be another great angling year (see snow, cold, etc so far this winter) so get your cameras ready and let me know about your fish of the month to get

entered. A great opportunity for young/old and new/veteran angler alike so everyone should enter in 2009! Send all entries to the Editor at brownie6@nycap.rr.com.

[Ausable Trip 2009](#)

Bob Mead

The Ausable River Fishing Trip is full. Please contact **Bob Mead** at rmead1@nycap.rr.com to sign up on the wait list.

[Chapter Flea Market 2009](#)

Bob Mead

Mark your calendar! Clearwater Flea Market will be held the last Saturday in March (28th) at the Sovereign Best Western on Western Avenue. The hotel is located one mile toward Albany from the end of the Northway. It's a great opportunity to stock up on all kinds of fly fishing goodies, tying tools and materials, books and art work. It is also the perfect venue to sell excess or duplicate items that have accumulated over the years. Vendors table cost only \$20 plus a 10 percent donation of sales. Additional tables are available at \$15 each. If you only have a couple of items to sell, bring them to the Chapter table, or team up with another member. Donated items are always welcomed. Hours 8:30 to 1. Set up time 7 to 8:30. Call Bob Mead, 399-9000 or email at rmead1@nycap.rr.com for further information or to reserve a table.

[Interview with Bob Mead](#)

Check out the following link for an interview with our own **Bob Mead**. The interview/article was done also by our own **Alex Cerveniak**. The link is:
<http://www.hatchesmagazine.com/page/alex/441>

[Fishing Estate Sale](#)

A friend of the Columbia Green TU chapter and an avid fisherman passed away this past summer after a long illness. **Bruce Rowe** left behind a wonderful wife, Martha, and a ton of fishing and tying equipment. Martha plans on placing his entire collection on Ebay soon but wanted to give friends and fellow anglers an opportunity to purchase items from it first. You'll be amazed at what he's collected and most all of it is just like brand new. In fact, a good portion of it has never been wet. Fishing rods; a complete inventory of tying equipment and materials; vises; reels; bass plugs; Waders; totes; and so much more. Take a look at the **Bruce Rowe** inventory by visiting the web site <http://cgtu.org/> and following the links on the home page. You can find all the pertinent contact information on the web site.

[Click here: http://cgtu.org/rowe/RoweMaster.htm](http://cgtu.org/rowe/RoweMaster.htm)

Meeting Opportunities in Central/Western New York of Interest

Bill Wemple

I was looking at the ADK forum tonight (I post meetings and events there for the Chapter): <http://www.adkforum.com/> and noticed these two upcoming announcements of interest to members in our chapter.

First is a Steelhead fisherman's expo in Chautauqua, NY on Sat/Sun March 21 & 22 - 2009.

<http://flyfishingexpo.chautauquasuites.com/>

Join us for Chautauqua Suites "The Future of Steelhead Fishing Expo", at Chautauqua NY. The hotel features 20,000 square feet of convention center space. Centrally located along Lake Erie's world renowned steelhead tributaries, this 91 room facility is the perfect spot for the expo. Sponsored by Regal Engineering "The Best Fly Tying Vise In The World". Regal is proud to sponsor "The Future of Steelhead Fishing Expo" and to promote this great fishery. Please join us in March and see some of the newest, most exciting products developed to catch these fish. You will be introduced to some of the most knowledgeable fisherman with seminars and workshops and have the opportunity to socialize with people who share the passion.

Featured Keynote Banquet Speaker - **Gary Anderson**

Gary Anderson is a fishing enthusiast with an incredible record holding NFL career. He operates a fly fishing charter business called Perfect Season. Gary will share his incredible story of his life as an NFL player and his passion for fishing.

NYSDEC and Trout Unlimited Summer Camp Opportunities

This summer there are a lot of opportunities for teens to get involved in an outdoors related summer camp. The NYS DEC puts on a summer camp at several locations throughout the state and more information can be found at the following link:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1866.html>

New York State Trout Unlimited also puts on a Fly Fishing Camp for teens and for more information on that here is the link:

<http://web.mac.com/avkurt/TroutWaters/Welcome.html>

Conservation Fund Raiser Canoe Raffle

At the Annual Conservation Banquet a Hornbeck Carbon Fiber Canoe will be raffled off. All proceeds from the raffle will go towards the Chapter conservation projects. Your help is needed in support of these efforts in either or both of the following ways:

- Buy raffle tickets
- Print the following page as a poster and display it somewhere that will promote ticket sales

Your help and participation is needed! For additional information contact Stan Duncan, Email: Homesoln@aol.com

Raffle tickets for the Hornbeck Carbon Fiber Canoe would make a welcome gift for the sportsman in your family

Trout Unlimited

Clearwater Chapter

ANNUAL CONSERVATION BANQUET

CANOE RAFFLE



Drawing at Annual Conservation Banquet
March 7, 2009



Hornbeck Boats
“The Black Jack”

- All Carbon Fiber
- Less than 12 lbs!
- 10’8” long

- Beam 30"
- Depth 11"
- Capacity 300 lbs.
- Rowing Package included

Tickets \$5 each or Five for \$20

To be entered send check payable to:

Clearwater Trout Unlimited

Mail to:

**Stan Duncan, 7 Huckleberry Lane
Ballston Lake, NY 12019**

For more info contact **Stan Duncan**: Homesoln@aol.com

You need not be present to win

[Canoe Raffle Ticket Request \(\\$5.00 per ticket, book of 5 for \\$20.00\)](#)

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail address _____ Phone _____

Send money and number of tickets to **Stan Duncan**, 7 Huckleberry Lane, Ballston Lake, NY 12019.

Tickets will be entered into drawing at banquet.

[Special Banquet Auction](#)

If you would like to own a piece of fishing memorabilia you could make that wish come true by being the winning bidder on a "Gadabout Gaddis" fishing pin that will be auctioned off at our conservation banquet March 7, 2009. The owner of the pin **Joe Gizzi** through outdoor writer **Rob Streeter** has made the pin available to our chapter for a special auction with the proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. To refresh your memory please refer to the following link <http://timesunion.com/AspStories/story.asp?storyID=754079&category=STREETER&BCCode=&newsdate=1/17/2009>. You need not be present at the banquet to participate. If you would like to make a bid, send your bid along with your name address and telephone number to **Bill Cosgrove** (banquet chairman) at P.O. Box 148, Nassau, NY 12123. All bids will remain confidential until after any bidding is completed at the banquet and then only the winning bid will be announced. The bidding is open to anyone who may wish to participate so let all your family, friends and fishing buddies know. Any questions call Bill at 518-766-2405.

[2009 Fly Fishing Shows Schedule](#)

The 2009 Fly Fishing Show season is upon us and for more information please check out the following website – www.flyfishingshow.com. It lists all the major fly fishing shows this year – click the tabs at the top to get detailed information for the show you want to go to. This years Somerset, NJ show is January 23 – 25, 2009.

[Last Casts](#)

In sadness I inform you of the peaceful passing of **Martin J. Keane**, in his home this past Friday, January 30. He was born on March 6, 1937.

Marty was inducted into the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum in 2007. He was recognized as one of the nation's leading authorities on fly fishing collectibles and hand crafted bamboo rods. His 1976 book, "Classic Rods and Rod Makers", stimulated the appreciation of rod makers and the history of the craft. Marty truly enjoyed every element of the gentle art of fly fishing and the community.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Joy, and daughter Kathryn 'Kate', brothers Richard and John, and sster Sarah, and several nieces and nephews.

Donations may be made to the following two organizations very close to Mr. Keane, the New Milford Community Culinary School or The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum.

[DEC Sportfishing Regulations Changes for 2010](#)

The DEC is asking for input from anglers about proposed changes to next years fishing regulations. Go to <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/51001.html> and find out more about the proposed changes and how to submit your opinions about them.

CLEARWATER CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED
ANNUAL CONSERVATION BANQUET
March 7, 2009

The 36th Conservation Banquet will be held at the Best Western Sovereign Hotel, 1228 Western Ave, Albany, NY on Saturday March 7, 2009. There will be a Cash Bar from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. Hors d' oeuvres will be available at 5:00 and dinner to follow at 6:00. Following dinner there will be the presentation of awards and the auctions and raffles.

The cost of a banquet ticket will be \$35. Meal choices are noted below on the Banquet Reservation slip. Reservations will be accepted until February 28, 2009, and can be mailed to **Douglas Howard** as noted on the reservation slip.

During the cocktail time and dinner you will have an opportunity to peruse the silent and live auction items and purchase bucket raffle tickets, special raffle tickets and raffle tickets on the Hornbeck 10 ft 8", 12 lb. Canoe. There will be many fishing and fly fishing items such as an Orvis 9 ft., 4 piece, 6 wt., fly rod; a hand made bamboo fly rod made locally by former member **Dave Male** and a 6 1/2 foot, 2 wt made by **John Prokorym**. A pontoon boat donated by **Bill Donato** will be raffled or auctioned off. There will also be items of interest for the ladies and other family members that do not fish. If you would like to make a donation for the raffles or auction contact **Bill Cosgrove** at poppycoz@aol.com or 766-2405.

Please note that there is a place for an email address on the reservation and canoe raffle slips. Be assured that anyone providing an e-mail address will only be contacted regarding Clearwater Chapter information and that our e-mail list will not be provided to anyone else.

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Banquet Reservation

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail address _____ Phone _____

Chicken	Bourbon Glazed	Roast Sirloin
Meal choice & quantity- Cordon Bleu _____	Salmon _____	of Beef _____

Number of meals X \$35.00=_____

___ I cannot attend but would like to make a donation of \$_____ to the Clearwater T.U. Conservation Fund.

Make check payable to Clearwater T.U. Send reservation form with payment to:
Douglas C. Howard, 38 Velina Dr, Burnt Hills, NY 12027.

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TROUT UNLIMITED CLEARWATER CHAPTER

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Niskayuna, NY 12309

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT 2009

Dear Fellow TU Members,

With the end of 2008 and the beginning of a new year I want to take this time to wish all our members a Happy and Prosperous 2009. 2008 was a successful year for the Clearwater Chapter and we want to continue this success into 2009. At this time I would like to tell you a little about myself

My name is Doug Howard and I live in Burnt Hills with my wife of 42 years. I have been a member of the Clearwater Chapter for 22 years. Over those years I periodically worked on several conservation projects, attended meetings, attended the annual banquet and helped on some of the educational programs but never held an office or Board of Directors position or thought about holding one of these positions until after I retired. Four years ago a couple of Board Members approached me about becoming a Board Member which I accepted. Since that time I have worked as the Publicity Chairman, Quarter Master and Vice President. Since I said yes my involvement has steadily increased.

At this time I would like to thank Ron Boutin, our past president, for the excellent job he did over the last two years and long time support of the Clearwater Chapter and its programs. Also I would like to thank all Board Members for their dedication and hard work during that same period.

From what I have seen we are the second largest TU Chapter in New York having about 630 active members. We have about 60 to 100 members attending meetings during the year and about 30 members work on the various programs undertaken by the Chapter; 313 Clean-up, tree planting for stream bank stabilization, Brook Trout Survey, Kids Fishing, Handicap Fishing, Fly Tying Classes, Trout In The Class Room (TIC), Fly Fishing Classes just to mention a few.

We are a very active Chapter conducting many conservation programs, teaching the art of fly tying, teaching fly fishing, supporting other organizations by demonstrations of either fly tying or fly casting and attending many meetings at both the local and state level.

As an example last year during the "Teach Kids to Fish Program" TU members interfaced with over 200 children during an eight week program. It is a joy to see the smile on their faces when they catch their first fish. The Handicap Fishing Program (Sunnyview), a one time event that

was recently held was a heart touching and gratifying program. We have about 15 individuals in each of our beginners and advances fly tying programs each year and teach about 15 to 20 students how to tie fly fish. What I have noticed is the same TU Members are volunteering for all our programs. We need your help, just a few hours spaced out over a month or the year would help us tremendously. Some of our programs we support with just a few hours spaced out over a year to help initiate and complete a program, an example is the Trout In The Class Room (TIC) where school children, with the help of a teacher, obtain trout eggs, incubate them and then stock them into selected streams with the help of DEC. TIC is a minimal involvement program once the equipment is set up and running requiring periodic conversations with the teacher to ensure the program is running smoothly. A new program in 2008 was the Brook Trout Survey a program conducted by Trout Unlimited at the request of DEC. Volunteers from the Clearwater Chapter surveyed approximately 35 streams, selected by DEC, in Washington County gathering information on chemistry, Ph, water flow, bottom structure, bank vegetation and fish populations. Each volunteer had the opportunity to fly fish each stream to determine the presence of brook trout. This data was correlated and then given to DEC for evaluation and possible protection according to the survey findings. There were many other programs conducted by Clearwater members under the guidelines of conservation or education.

I realize that many of our older members are limited by health as to what they can do, and it is these same members that have supported these programs in the past. I also realize that our younger members are busy with work and raising families having limited time to do volunteer work. But I would like to request that all members look at each of our programs and consider volunteering just a few of hours per month or per quarter. Many of our programs are held on weekends and require just a few hours to accomplish its goals. What we will attempt to do is list all our programs in our monthly Newsletter giving the type of program, the scheduled date, where the programs are schedule to be held and who the coordinator is and their contact information. This way each member will know what is scheduled a few months out and can possibly work a few hours into their busy schedules to help us out. We all belong to Trout Unlimited for the same reason, to promote conservation in cold water fisheries and to educate others on how to best accomplish this and to also enjoy its biggest benefit, fly fishing.

We are also looking for individuals that are interested in chairing some of our programs. We have members that have done this work for many years and are looking to step aside to have others carry the torch. Don't think that once you accept a position that you will be left alone, you will have help from the past chairman and from many other volunteers. It is our goal to keep our conservation and education programs running and staffed with highly motivated individuals. It is through individuals like yourself that the cold water fisheries programs are being protected in our own State and throughout the United States for many citizens to enjoy. Sometimes our work is not easy but it is very rewarding when you see streams that were dying come back life to become an outstanding fishery. We have several individuals in our own Chapter that dedicate many hours a month on obtaining funding, coordinating work, arranging equipment and arranging the necessary support agencies to ensure the work is done efficiently, effectively and within the law.

So please consider giving us a few of your precious hours to help us carry forth our programs that our so important to us all. If you have young children they can certainly help out also and get an early start into fly fishing. Passing on the art and science of fly fishing to your children and grandchildren can be a very rewarding experience.

If you have any suggestions for meeting programs please do not hesitate to contact me so your suggestion can be put on the agenda for the Board of Directors Meetings. If you wish you may attend a Board of Directors meeting to present and discuss any ideas you may have. The Clearwater Chapter is your chapter so your suggestions are of value to us. Board of Directors meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM at the ACR Facility, 455 Center Road, Clifton Park, NY

I look forward to meeting each of you at our monthly meetings and events.

Best regards,

Doug Howard

President

Clearwater Chapter

Trout Unlimited

E-Mail: dhoward11@nycap.rr.com

Home Phone: (518) 399-8566

Fishing The Cape Announces

Cape Cod's Fly Fishing Exposition

Come Visit Us at Chatham Bars Inn

Saturday, February 21, 2009

We are very excited to announce our first ever Cape Cod Fly Fishing Expo at Chatham Bars Inn on Saturday February 21st. And, it's Free!

Just when cabin fever has set in and it seems that your chances to fly fish here on the Cape are still months away, we are about to help you stay connected to your favorite pastime. On Saturday, February 21, Fishing The Cape along with Aarons of Eastham will be bringing you a day filled with fly fishing information, fly tying instruction, fly fishing art, and an opportunity to purchase brand name fly fishing goods at extraordinarily low prices.

Held at Cape Cod's premier resort and the home of our Orvis Saltwater Fly Fishing School, Chatham Bars Inn is the perfect place to spend a day centered around fly fishing. We will have fly tiers on hand all day, fly fishing authors to discuss their latest books, a fly fishing artist or two, and an incredible sale featuring our famous 50 cent and \$1.00 flies as well as six-piece fully warranted fly rods at less than \$100.00.

Oh, and for you Barbour fans, we'll be re-waxing Barbour jackets for you for FREE all day long. Just bring in your favorite Barbour waxed cotton jacket and we'll professionally re-finish it for you on the spot*. And, if that isn't enough, we'll have a bunch of Half Price brand new Barbour jackets for you to consider for purchase.

Please call us at 508-432-1200 for more information or stop in and say hello at either Fishing The Cape or Aarons of Eastham and we'll be happy to fill you in with all the details.

* If we are unable to finish re-waxing all jackets on the day of the event, we will provide vouchers for jackets that are presented during the event to be re-waxed at Barbour's U.S. corporate headquarters in New Hampshire.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CAPE COD FLY FISHING EXPO

THE MONOMOY ROOM, CHATHAM BARS INN, CHATHAM, MA

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2009

From Central and Western MA

Follow Route 495 South to Route 25 South. Follow Route 25 crossing the Cape Cod Canal over the Bourne Bridge. Proceed three quarters around the rotary, following the signs to Hyannis and Route 6 (the Mid-Cape Highway).

Proceed on Route 6 East (approximately 45 minutes) to Exit 11 (Route 137 Chatham/Brewster), take a left off the ramp onto Route 137 South, go straight through two sets of lights (by car dealership), go straight at the four way stop at Queen Anne Road (country store on corner), continue to the Route 28 intersection (the road will end). Take a left onto Route 28 to the Main Street Rotary, continue half way around the rotary onto Main Street, pass Chatham Hardware on the left and take the next left onto Seaview Street. The entrance to Chatham Bars Inn is on the right just past the golf course.



Call for River Herring Monitoring Volunteers

My name is **Amy Bloomfield** and I work for the NYSDEC Hudson River Estuary Program. As you may know, we have developed a volunteer based river herring monitoring program for Hudson River tributaries. I am writing you because we are trying to recruit local groups and watershed organizations who might be interested in volunteering and your name was suggested as a possible contact.

River herring are very important species both ecologically and commercially. Unfortunately, herring stocks are declining all along the East coast. The goal of our program is to monitor tributaries along the Hudson River to see if, where, and when river herring spawning runs exist. This program is not designed to provide exact numbers of herring; but by monitoring streams in the upper, mid, and lower sections of the Hudson River we will learn more about the timing and location of the runs. Monitoring would last for two months from April 1st to May 31st and we would like to recruit 10 volunteers per stream. Each volunteer would go out at least twice a week for 15 minutes to record observations on the run.

Currently we are in the process of modifying the program and would like to gather more information about potential streams and volunteer bases. If you have any interest, please let me know. I can provide a condensed version of this message for announcement boards, newsletters, and e-mail lists. If you hold public meetings it could also be beneficial if I could attend a meeting and talk about the program. The Hudson River Estuary is nearly 155 miles long- that's a lot of ground to cover- this is why volunteer support is so vital to the program!

I can be reached by email at r3hermon@gw.dec.state.ny.us and by phone at 845-256-3172. Also feel free to forward this email to other folks that might be interested.

Look forward to hearing from you!

Amy Bloomfield
NYSDEC- Hudson River Estuary Program
21 South Putt Corners Rd
New Paltz NY 12561

"Your calling is calling"

www.thesca.org

Now this would be something to see come up at the end of a fish line!

This came from a friend in the Forest Service in the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest. This is a darn interesting picture and story even if you aren't into fishing, but please show it to anyone you know that likes to fish. FYI: This sturgeon is still alive, just worn out from the fight. They turned him loose after the photo. This Sturgeon was caught on the Willamette River just below Oregon City two weeks ago. It weighed out at over 1,000 lbs and measured out at 11'1". It was 56" around the girth and took over 6 and a half hours, and 4 dozen beers, for the 4 guys taking turns at the reeling it in. Any Sturgeon OVER five feet has to be released unharmed and cannot be removed from the water. They are brood / breeding stock and probably older than most of us.



West Canada Update

Herkimer Telegram

Herkimer, N.Y. -

An upcoming court case is going to determine whether or not legal rights agreed upon in the early 1900s regulating water levels at Hinckley Reservoir, and by association West Canada Creek, are to survive into the 2000s.

Although the lawsuit already involves three interested parties — the Mohawk Valley Water Authority, New York State Canal Corporation and Erie Boulevard Power Authority — a group of property owners and environmentalists is presenting itself as the “voice of the river” and filing a motion to intervene in the proceedings, stated Kathy Kellogg, a member from Barneveld.

The case against the state, represented by the Canal Corp., was filed in 2005, according to Patrick Becher, executive director of MVWA. The lawsuit aims to provide room for “growth,” both in supplying water to townships and economic development purposes, by increasing the MVWA’s limit on withdrawing water, he added.

The intervening organization, West Canada Riverkeepers, most recently made an appeal prior to the Herkimer County Legislature meeting last week.

Brian O’Shea, member and Rome attorney, implored legislators and officials to either: intervene in the court case with the group or independently; have an affidavit signed from the representatives; or provide monetary support.

The MVWA is requesting the court eliminate the agreements which set a certain limit on how much water can be withdrawn from Hinckley Reservoir, said Becher.

Becher said, his agency contends the laws established in the agreement have become obsolete. Repeal the restrictions “since that contract wasn’t enforced from the day it was signed,” he argued.

Enforcing the original agreements is a way to keep the creek a viable commercial interest, as well as protecting those residents who own land on the waterway, O’Shea said. The Riverkeepers so far have raised over \$20,000, for legal representations and other costs, he added. If the court rules in favor of the MVWA, the amount which can be withdrawn doubles from 19 million gallons a day to over 48 million gallons a day, according to Becher.

However, the amount being withdrawn is irrelevant if the Hinckley Dam — operated by the New York Power Authority under Canal Corp. approval — is used correctly, Becher said.

Becher attributed a draught in 2007 to the first-ever refusal by the Canal Corp. to slow down the flow controlled by the dam. Water authority studies found the flow was basically a “dam control issue,” he added.

The Canal Corp. refused to comment on the court case as it involves ongoing litigation.

The Riverkeepers position counters that allowing more withdrawal could have a major affect on the flow to West Canada Creek.

O’Shea cited danger to the future of the creek as a natural resource, trophy trout stream, and “life blood” for many businesses as a tourist attraction, in his entreaty to the Legislature.

Kellogg said in a phone interview, the court case may be the public’s “last chance” to influence the issue.

Oral arguments by the Riverkeepers legal representation are scheduled for Feb. 5, and the trial is set for between March 30 and April 8.

Central New York Fly Fishers Anglers Association Fly Tying Symposium and Kids Fly Tying Classes

Central New York Fly Fishers Anglers Association

First Ever Fly Tying Symposium for Kids

March 14th 9am to 5pm at The Radisson; Utica NY

Additional Info
www.cnyffaa.org

[what is the FFAA?](#)

[what is Bucks4Browns](#)

Sidebar Title



WANTED: FLY TYERS

currently we have 12 fly tyers enrolled to participate. We need 10 more. Interested please email jpross@jprossflyrod.com

Please Visit Our Sponsors:

[Stanley Law Offices](#)

Greetings!

Please be our guest... The Fly Fishers Anglers Association will be holding the first ever Fly Tying Symposium, dedicated to Central New York Fly Fishing, Bucks 4 Browns, and teaching our youth about fly fishing. The event is to raise funds for Bucks 4 Browns. Hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Jordan P. Ross

Fly Tying Symposium

Its not just for kids....



Symposium features:

The Symposium will be held in downtown Utica at the Radisson Center and will feature 3 closely located conference rooms.

Adirondack Room: Our Symposium will feature a GRAB BAG fly tying competition in which each participant will receive a grab bag of materials at 3:00 PM. At that point the attendees will witness the fly tyers create anything their imagination can come up with spur of the moment. Each participant will receive the same materials. Creations will be presented on the cnyffaa.org web site blog for viewing after the symposium.

Seneca Room: Dedicated to Hourly Fly Tying Classes for Kids with Adults. FREE, please RSVP, max 40 people for the day.

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Conference Center: Tiered Seating for seminars and videos, including:

- o Matt Dinardo, fly fishing the salmon river seminar
- o Artie Loomis, fishing Central New York Video
- o Steve Bechard, saltwater fly fishing in Long Island seminar
- o JP Ross, fishing the Adirondacks seminar
- o Amanda Switzer, videos on fly fishing in the salt
- o Brian Bradfield, Fishing Western New York Tributaries
- o Tom Deane, Teaching fly tying

Proceeds from the Symposium:

Proceeds and Benefits from the Symposium go to Bucks4Browns (B4B). B4B is a stocking program for the trophy section of the West Canada Creek. Every two years the Central New York Fly Fishers Anglers Association raises funds to purchase trophy tagged brown trout for the river. The FFAA actively holds river clean ups and promotes respect of private property bordering the Trophy Section. The FFAA also pays for production of, display and maintenance of over 100 regulation signs on the river. The B4B campaign is a way for us to promote catch and release fly fishing and also monitor the health of the river by data collection and display of caught fish on our web site www.cnyffaa.org. Essentially every time a Bucks4Browns trophy trout is caught twice, you can thank the previous angler for releasing it. By recording the tag numbers and reporting to the web site, the FFAA has proof that Catch and Release Fishing does work. B4B is a division of the FFAA established in 2000 and is a non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.

Event Info

The Radisson Convention Center
Covered Garage Included

Genesee Street
Utica, NY
March 14th 2009
9:00AM-5:00PM

Admission is \$12.00 and includes a 1 year membership to the FFAA. Kids get in for FREE, No limit. (bring em by the bus load.)

Central New York Fly Fishers Anglers Association meets every Tuesday at the Whitestown Vets Club. We meet at 7:00PM. Most meeting take 1 to 1.5 hours and feature a guest speaker,

seminar or featured fly tyer. Please email us for details or check out our blog on www.cnyffaa.org.

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Mohawk Watershed Symposium

27 March 2009 Olin Center,
Union College, Schenectady NY

The Mohawk Watershed Research Group at Union College is hosting a symposium on the physical aspects of the Mohawk River Watershed (NY State).

We invite all interested in this symposium to submit an abstract for a poster or oral presentation. The scientific program and timing of theme sessions will be determined by the composition of abstracts received by 13 February 2009. The main meeting (Friday 27 March) will highlight recent and on-going work in the watershed during oral and poster presentations and the technical sessions will be followed by a banquet with a keynote address by R.H. Boyle that evening.

While there are many scientific and engineering aspects of the Mohawk that are important, we anticipate topics to include the following main themes:

Oral presentations are expected to be 15 minutes, with 5 minutes for questions, but the final decision on the duration of talks will be a function of the total number of papers submitted.

Posters should be no more than 48" wide in order to fill the provided space.

For more information and registration see the conference web site:

http://minerva.union.edu/garverj/mohawk/symposium/2009_Mohawk_symposium.html

Hope to see you there!

regards,

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