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*Roy Lamberton with this month's Fish of the Month – Nice Job Roy!*

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### **Upcoming Events**

- June 19                      Stream Clean Up – Battenkill – 9am – Rt. 313 Rest Area
- June 21                      Chapter General Meeting - This month's speaker will be **Scott Cuppet** from the Hudson River Estuary Program is going to be our speaker. Scott will provide an overview of the Hudson River Estuary Program and what their watershed approach to protecting and restoring tributaries of the Hudson River Estuary. Guest fly tier scheduled to be **Rich Atkinson**

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## Fish of the Month May 2010

Mark A Brown

The Chapter's Fish of the Month Contest is already in its third year having crowned **Jim Berry** and **Bill Bach** as winners in its first two years. The contest is open to all members (except me!) and their children of the Chapter and is not necessarily based on the biggest fish, but the quality of the fish, story behind it and picture quality all make up a winning entry. Simply send a photograph to me at my email address at [brownie6@nycap.rr.com](mailto:brownie6@nycap.rr.com) or contact me for my mailing address if you have a Polaroid or 35mm shot. As the entries come I'll publish them in the newsletter and select a winner in December when the winner will get a dozen hand tied flies as a prize.

### June 2010 Entry

Roy sent the following information on his fish of the month submission – *“Possibly the 2nd largest trout of my life, if you don't count steelhead. Caught on a #14 sort of march brown pattern. Possibly 21-22" in the West Branch Delaware. Can't remember exact location (chuckle); we were floating.”*

## June Chapter Meeting Information

**Scott Cuppet** from the Hudson River Estuary Program is going to be our speaker. Scott will provide an overview of the Hudson River Estuary Program and what their watershed approach to protecting and restoring tributaries of the Hudson River Estuary. His talk will include baseline information on the overall quality of streams and rivers in the Hudson Estuary watershed, as well as their community-based approach to conserve and manage our river systems. Some highlights of his talk will be focused on threats to our waterways, streamside revegetation, dam removal, enhanced stormwater techniques, and citizen science opportunities, such as water quality and river herring monitoring. Guest fly tier is scheduled to be **Rich Atkinson**.

Please visit [www.clearwatertu.org](http://www.clearwatertu.org) for more information, events, and updates. The public is always invited and admission is free – meeting at the Best Western Sovereign Hotel on Western Avenue about a mile east of the end of I-87.

## TU's Stream Clean-Up: June 19

Join TU volunteers in the second annual stream clean-up days on Saturday, June 26. Volunteers around the country will join together on their local rivers and streams, planting trees, removing trash and working together to continue their dedication to protecting and conserving coldwater fisheries. Hopefully, all will do their part across the country and each state. Prizes will be given to the chapter that brings out the most volunteers and gathers the most trash.

## TU's Stream Clean-Up Thank You

Art Coleman

The first highway cleanup along Route 313 for the year went well with a good number of volunteers. Thanks to; **Scott Parker, Stan Duncan, Stu Bartow, Bob Thomas, Heath Clayson, Jessica Galasso, Tom & Jan Wolski, Ann Kearney, and Mike Morrison**. Thanks to **Bill Cosgrove** and **Bart Chabot** for preparing the great lunch as usual. I would like to give special thanks to **Ed Wnek**, who is one of our regular volunteers. **Ed** comes all the way from Amsterdam in weather fair and foul. The next cleanup will be June 19. We always meet at the large rest area near the VT border on Route 313 at 9 am.

## Chapter Fly Swap

Ron Boutin

Another year of fly swapping is upon us and starts at the Chapter meeting in April. Bring in 13 of the current months category and get 13 back of the same category from other tiers in the Chapter. It's a great way to build your fly boxes and try some new flies. 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](mailto:rx4fishing@nycap.rr.com) if you have further questions or ideas.

June	March Brown
Sept	Blue Wing Olive
Oct	Attractor Flies
Nov	Salmon/Steelhead
Dec	Your "Go To" Fly

## Lebanon Valley Raceway Possible Expansion

Last night, June 3, 2010, the Stephentown ZBA tabled this matter for now in a very confusing non poll vote. (I did have them confirm the mumbled discussion resulted in the motion being carried.) I have to say there is very little solid information that's been made available at this time. My impression of the proceedings was that there is little leadership and involvement in the Board's approach to the proposal. Atty. to the Board, Craig Crist remained silent throughout the minimally organized mtg. It was hard to determine whether the ZBA members are aware of the rigorous requirements in approving a use variance or even the requirements of the SEQR process itself.

There was a map made available which is short on detail, the proposed operator who would join with Speedway operator Commander stated that races would be run on Sundays, up until 7pm with approximately 30 races per day. No lighting, porta potties. When confronted with concerns about noise, he responded the noise from the Sun. drag racing would mask that from the motorcycles. When questioned about traffic on Webster Hill Rd. he actually claimed that traffic would be directed away from this public Rd. and offered glittering generalities about covering damage as well as wear and tear to it. (Entry and exit would be on Webster just in from US 20) They are speaking glowingly about a "world class operation" with major events possibly drawing up to 20,000 to 30,000 spectators. Apparently they had claimed 4-5 jobs earlier. Although the map is minimal and confusing, the site appears to border about 1,300 ft. of the Kinderhook Creek.

I spoke (as VEN Mayor) about concerns regarding traffic including damage on Webster, as well as noise, that it was preposterous to suggest traffic could be kept off a public roadway, that noise is an extremely involved issue, that these are very difficult times for localities in terms of State aid to assist in maintaining and improving road systems, that last night was regrettably my first exposure to the proposal. (There apparently was a public hrg. on May 5th) There appears to be a loosely organized group of citizens in opposition, some apparently represented by atty. Louis Oliver. The proposed operator did not even approach me after the conclusion of the mtg. There was no one there from the Stephentown Board, nor (not suprisingly) from those of Chatham, New Lebanon or Nassau. I came away with the impression that the idea is to keep this one well below the radar.

This one bears watching.

**Bob Henrickson**

# Conservation Report, Clearwater Chapter Trout Unlimited

June 7, 2010  
Roy Lamberton

**Battenkill Hi-Brow Farm Project** - the installed structures had some minor damage and will be repaired this year.

**Battenkill Foster Farm Project** - the installed structure developed a small breach and will be repaired this year.

**Battenkill and White Creek** - The USF&WS has dedicated funds for habitat work over the next several years. The Batten Kill Watershed Alliance is the lead non-governmental organization, in partnership with our chapter, the Adirondack Chapter, and NYS DEC. Greg Cuda is the chapter's liaison.

**Battenkill from Rt.313 parking area near VT downstream** - chapter volunteers, led by Art Coleman, will begin surveying to provide data used by the USF&WS to design habitat structures.

**White Creek** - a berm which prevents flood plain access, is scheduled to be removed this year. A separate project involving chapter volunteers and the USF&WS to measure sediment transport, is being delayed until next year, while a new measuring protocol is being developed.

**Kayaderosseras** - Clearwater and Adirondack Chapter volunteers have surveyed sites for habitat work on the property of the Boy Scouts of America at Middle Grove. Also, a site at a park in Rock City Falls has been surveyed so that USF&WS can design habitat improvement structures including breaching an old dam to allow fish passage. Root wads, a channel block, and cross vanes will probably be used. Funding is being provided by Saratoga County.

**Onesquethaw-Coeymans Creek Barber Project** - This project is likely to be approved by DEC and the USACE. The project consists of 2 rock vane j hooks, 2-3 rock vanes, and 2-3 root wads. Design was by the USF&WS, surveying by chapter volunteers and the Albany County S&WCD, rock provided by the NYS DOT, and equipment rental provided by Clearwater Chapter. The project will stabilize the bank and provide trout habitat. Work is scheduled to be completed during a week in August.

**Onesquethaw-Coeymans Creek Watershed Management Plan** - The Plan has been completed with the participation of local governments, industries, and other stake holders. The Plan will be a guidance document for communities and users of the resource, designed to protect and improve the quality of the stream. The OC has a healthy self-sustaining population of wild brown trout.

**Mettawee** - Habitat work, including initial surveys by volunteers from the Clearwater and Adirondack Chapters, has been delayed because of discovery of coal tar contamination and ongoing remediation by DEC. It is planned to do some surveying this year in a reference reach in VT.

**Temperature Loggers** - Tony Latham has launched the 10 chapter working loggers. Ron Dorn will oversee the placement of 3 loggers in Cayadutta Creek; Art Coleman will place 3 in the Battenkill and 2 in White Creek; and Tony will place 2 in the Onesquethaw-Coeymans.

**Tree Plantings** - Chapter volunteers were involved in planting riparian vegetation provided by DEC: 300 along White Creek, 100 along Fox Creek, and 200 along Catskill Creek.

**Little Hoosic** - Our neighboring Homewaters Chapter and the Little Hoosic Watershed Association are involved in a bank stabilization and farm equipment crossing, working with the USF&WS. Clearwater volunteers performed the surveying needed for the design.



For more information on the Spey Nation get together on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 see the following link:  
<http://www.theanglersnet.com/Spey-Nation/Spey-Nation-III-.asp?section=13>

### [Trees for Tribs Opportunity](#)

Hello Watershed Group Leaders & Enthusiasts:

If you haven't already heard, Hudson Basin River Watch, in partnership with the Hudson River Estuary Program's "Trees for Tribs" initiative has been selected as **one of 10 nationwide finalists** for Redwood Creek's 2010 Greater Outdoors Project.

Through an online voting system, the general public will decide who wins the \$50,000 grant. Online voting begins April 1st and runs through August 31st. Individuals are limited to one vote per day. Many of you have worked with HBRW and Kevin/Estuary Program to plant trees in your subbasin to protect streambanks and improve water quality. **This is a simple way to show your support for the Estuary Program's watershed initiative!**

Cast your vote for HBRW and "Trees for Tribs" at <http://www.blazethetrail.com/greatoutdoors/vote/>

#### **Here's how:**

1. Vote each day!
2. Invite your groups' members to show their support by casting votes in favor of this project.
3. Let all of your friends - on facebook, myspace, twitter, and all of those other wonderful networking sites - know how they can support your efforts to protect the Hudson River watershed - by voting for HBRW/Trees for Tribs.
4. Spread the word!

The goals of the "Trees for Tribs" initiative are to enhance stream buffers and recreational experiences by planting native trees & shrubs, and to monitor water quality at project sites to demonstrate improvements.

# New York State Council of Trout Unlimited (NYSCTU) - Awards Program

## Information, nomination guidelines, and form package

*Here is a great opportunity to nominate someone deserved of statewide TU recognition for the volunteer activities they perform - The Editor*

### **Chapter Newsletter/ Web Site Award**

**Presented by:** NYSCTU

**Presented to:** A New York State TU Chapter

**How many awards are permitted per calendar year:** One.

**Award description:** The Chapter Newsletter/Web site award is presented to a New York State TU Chapter in recognition of good communications between the chapter and its members. Nominations for this award may be made by any TU member in good standing.

**Nomination requirements:** Each nomination shall be submitted with the following: 1). Award nomination cover form 2). A short narrative letter highlighting the important aspects of the newsletter and how it provides an important communication tool for your chapter. 3). Sample copies of the newsletter/web site from the prior year for review.

### **Anadromous Fisheries Award**

**Presented by:** NYSCTU

**Presented to:** An individual or a New York State TU Chapter

**How many awards are permitted per calendar year:** One.

**Award description:** The Anadromous Fisheries award is presented to an individual member or a New York State TU Chapter whose activities have had a positive impact on coldwater anadromous fishery resources. Nominations for this award may be made by any TU member in good standing.

**Nomination requirements:** Each nomination shall be submitted with the following: 1). Award nomination cover form 2). A descriptive narrative letter documenting the contributions of the individual or chapter in preserving, protecting, and enhancing those resources pertaining to anadromous fisheries. 3). Sample copies of newspaper articles, white papers, or additional information to support your nomination.

### **Council Silver Trout Award**

**Presented by:** NYSCTU

**Presented to:** An individual or a New York State TU Chapter

**How many awards are permitted per calendar year:** One.

**Award description:** The Council Silver trout award is the highest NYSCTU can bestow upon a member or chapter. This award is presented to an individual member or a New York State TU Chapter whose conservation activities were judged to have been the most outstanding and to have had a major impact on coldwater fisheries in New York State. Nominations for this award may be made by any TU member in good standing.

**Nomination requirements:** Each nomination shall be submitted with the following: 1). Award nomination cover form 2). A descriptive narrative letter documenting the contributions of the individual or chapter in meeting the goals of Trout Unlimited in preserving, protecting, and enhancing coldwater fisheries in New York State. 3). Sample copies of newspaper articles, white papers, or additional information to support your nomination.

### **Professional Resource Award**

**Presented by:** NYSCTU

**Presented to:** An individual who is not a member of TU who derives all or a major portion of his or her livelihood from conservation activities, (e.g.: DEC personnel, town employees, state employees, and business or construction personnel, etc.)

**How many awards are permitted per calendar year:** One.

**Award description:** The Professional Resource award is presented to an individual who is not a member of TU who has made significant contributions to the preservation and/or enhancement of New York's coldwater fisheries. Nominations for this award may be made by any TU member in good standing.

**Nomination requirements:** Each nomination shall be submitted with the following: 1). Award nomination cover form 2). A descriptive narrative letter documenting the contributions of the individual in preserving, protecting, and enhancing our New York-related coldwater resources. 3). Sample copies of newspaper articles, white papers, or additional information to support your nomination.

### **Professional Communications Award**

**Presented by:** NYSCTU

**Presented to:** An individual who is not a member of TU

**How many awards are permitted per calendar year:** One.

**Award description:** The Professional Communications award is presented to an individual who is not a member of TU who has made significant contributions to conservation through the use of the written word, public speeches, or educational seminars. Nominations for this award may be made by any TU member in good standing.

**Nomination requirements:** Each nomination shall be submitted with the following: 1). Award nomination cover form 2). A descriptive narrative letter documenting the conservation contributions of the individual in preservation, conservation, or enhancement of our coldwater resources. 3). Sample copies of newspaper articles, white papers, or additional information to support your nomination.

### **Individual Conservation Award**

**Presented by:** NYSCTU

**Presented to:** An individual

**How many awards are permitted per calendar year:** One.

**Award description:** The Individual Conservation award is presented to an individual TU member who is recognized by his or her distinguished contribution and career dedication to the conservation and enhancement of our coldwater resources. Nominations for this award may be made by any TU member in good standing.

**Nomination requirements:** Each nomination shall be submitted with the following: 1). Award nomination cover form 2). A descriptive narrative letter documenting the contributions of the individual in meeting the goals of Trout Unlimited in the conservation of our coldwater fisheries. 3). Sample copies of newspaper articles, white papers, or additional information to support your nomination.

### **Chapter Conservation Award**

**Presented by:** NYSCTU

**Presented to:** A New York State TU Chapter

**How many awards are permitted per calendar year:** One.

**Award description:** The Chapter Conservation award is presented to a New York State TU chapter to recognize the contribution made during the previous year by its officers and members whose conservation and enhancement of our coldwater resources was outstanding. Nominations for this award may be made by any TU member in good standing.

**Nomination requirements:** Each nomination shall be submitted with the following: 1). Award nomination cover form. 2). A descriptive narrative letter documenting the conservation activities of the chapter. Include the size and scope of the project(s), as well as the merits and accomplishments which contributed to the conservation of trout and/or salmon and the enhancement of cold water fisheries. In addition, list interactions with other organizations and agencies. 3). Sample copies of newspaper articles, white papers, or additional information to support your nomination.

**\*\* NOTE \*\*** If the NYSCTU awards committee judges that none of the nominations for a particular award merits recognition , the committee may decide against the presentation of that specific award for the current year.

## **Trout Unlimited National Awards**

In addition to awards given by NYSCTU, each year Trout Unlimited National bestows a number of awards to publicly recognize outstanding achievements by its members, Chapters, and Councils in pursuit of TU's conservation mission. TU also recognizes the contributions of individuals and groups outside the organization who have made extraordinary contributions to the cause of conserving, protecting, and restoring trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds. The Trout Unlimited National Awards are presented at a special Awards Luncheon held during the Annual Meeting.

TU National actively seeks nominations for the following awards:

## **NATIONAL CHAPTER AND STATE COUNCIL AWARDS**

- Tomorrow's Trout: The State Council Award for Excellence
- Gold Trout Chapter Award for Grassroots Conservation
- Silver Trout Chapter Awards for Grassroots Conservation (maximum of one per region)
- Bollinger Newsletter Award
- Best Website Award

## **Trout Unlimited National Awards - continued**

### **INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

- Mortensen Award for Outstanding Volunteer Leadership
- Trout Conservation Awards (Professional, Volunteer, and Communications)
- Winn Memorial Award for Sea-Run Fisheries Conservation
- Distinguished Service Award

Please visit the TU website at <http://www.tu.org> for additional information regarding these national awards.

Each Chapter has or knows of an individual who has made a positive impact in preserving, protecting, and improving our cold water resources. Let's recognize the hard work and many contributions of these individuals by nominating them for a Trout Unlimited award.

**All council nominations must be submitted by: July/24/2010**

**Send nominations to:**

**Vince Dubois \* PO Box 93 \* Tivoli, New York 12583**

Respectively,

Vince DuBois

NYSCTU Awards Chairman

## Upper Delaware River most endangered in U.S.: report



*Reuters – Floodwaters converging from the Delaware River and the Delaware and Raritan Canal surge through the yard ...*

*By Jon Hurdle Jon Hurdle – Wed Jun 2, 11:09 am ET*

PHILADELPHIA (Reuters Life!) – The Upper Delaware River in New York State, the source of drinking water for 17 million people, is the most endangered river in the United States, according to a new report.

It is one of 10 rivers on a list, compiled by U.S. environmental group American Rivers, which are threatened due to causes such as natural gas drilling, mining and poor flood management.

The Upper Delaware topped the list because of the threat of contamination from chemicals used in gas drilling in New York and on the Pennsylvania side of the watershed.

Gas drilling was also the reason why the Monongahela River in western Pennsylvania was rated ninth on the list.

Others endangered rivers include the Gauley River in West Virginia, which came in third and is threatened by mountain-top mining, and the Upper [Colorado River](#), which is sixth and has been diminished by water diversions. The report said it could become "a shadow of its former self" if two new diversion projects proceed.

The Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta in California was second on the list, and Little River in North Carolina and Cedar River in Iowa rounded out the top five.

The Little River is under threat because of a proposed new dam. But American Rivers said the project could be avoided by improved water-efficiency methods and the expansion of existing reservoirs.

In the Upper Delaware campaigners are trying to prevent gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale, a major source of natural gas that lies beneath the river's watershed.

"This clean water source is threatened by natural gas extraction activities in the Marcellus Shale, where chemicals injected into the ground create untreatable toxic waste water," American Rivers said.

The group urged the Delaware River Basin Commission, an interstate regulator, to deny drilling permits to energy companies until it fully investigates whether a drilling technique called "fracking" poses a threat to the river's water.

American Rivers also wants Congress to pass legislation that would give the federal government oversight of the drilling industry, and require companies to meet requirements on disclosure of chemicals.

Other endangered rivers include the Upper Colorado River at No. 6, the Chetco River in southern Oregon, the Teton River in Idaho and the Coosa River in Alabama.

The Chetco, classified as a wild and scenic river, could be damaged by a strip mining plan that would use a damaging method of dredging, the report said. It called on federal regulators to ban mining in or near the river and allow Congress time to pass laws that would protect it.

The 10 rivers are selected according to the significance of the threat to human and natural communities, the degree to which the proposed action would exacerbate the effect of climate change, and if they are the focus of a major decision in the coming year that could determine their health.

## [Rock snot inches closer to area](#)

By MIKE LYNCH, News Outdoors Writer Lake Placid News

*POSTED: May 19, 2010*



Photo courtesy of the DEC

Rock snot clings to the rocks and the bottoms of rivers, streams and other water bodies. Rock snot has been compared to “brown shag carpet, fiberglass insulation or tissue paper.”

An invasive alga that could have serious implications for the northern Adirondack trout fishing industry just got one step closer.

Last week, on May 12, the state Department of Environmental Conservation announced that didymo, an invasive alga, has been found in Kayaderosseras Creek in Saratoga County. This is the fifth major trout stream in New York State where this aquatic nuisance species — also called “rock snot” — has been found.

So now, the invasive species is just a two- or three-hour drive away from the West Branch of the AuSable and other popular northern Adirondack trout waters. Preventing it from getting here is likely going to be an uphill battle. All it would take for the snot to move north is one careless or unaware fisherman, paddler or boater.

If it does arrive, it could hurt not only the local trout hot spots but the local economies, such as Wilmington, which rely on visiting fishermen to spend money in local stores, gas stations, restaurants and lodging facilities.

Rock snot is a nasty invasive that grows on the bottom of flowing and still waters. Its cells can produce large amounts of stalk material that form thick mats on stream bottoms. In the process, it ruins habitat for fish food, such as insects, and also for spawning trout.

“The appearance of these mats has been compared to brown shag carpet, fiberglass insulation or tissue paper,” according to a recent DEC press release. “Didymo resembles rotting cardboard when exposed and dried.”

Didymo has historically been limited to cold, nutrient-poor, far northern waters, but in recent decades has been expanding its range and its tolerance to warmer and more productive rivers and creeks.

Rock snot was first found in New York in 2007 in the Batten Kill in Washington County. It has also been confirmed in the East Branch of the Delaware River, the West Branch of the Delaware River and Esopus Creek.

What makes popular trout fishing waters particularly vulnerable is that it is believed to be spread by fishermen, clinging to waders, boots, clothing and other gear. The DEC has identified felt-soled waders and wading shoes as one of the most likely means of spreading didymo. The DEC recommends using rubber or studded soles that provide similar traction to felt-soled shoes and are much less likely to transport this and other aquatic invasive species.

But rock snot can also spread by canoes, kayaks and other boats.

Sections of the Kayaderosseras Creek are popular with paddlers. That means it's not a stretch to think that the invasives could wind up in a place like the St. Regis Canoe area, the Oswegatchie, or perhaps the Bog River and Lows Lake.

There are no known methods for controlling or eradicating rock snot once it infests a water body.

For those who recreate on the water, the DEC has a checklist to go through in between trips:

**CHECK** — Before leaving a river or stream, remove all obvious clumps of algae and look for hidden clumps. Leave them at the affected site. If you find any later, do not wash them down drains; dispose all material in the trash.

**CLEAN** — Soak and scrub all items for at least one minute in either hot water (140 degrees F), a two percent solution of household bleach, or a five percent solution of salt, antiseptic hand cleaner or dishwashing detergent. Be sure that the solution completely penetrates thick absorbent items such as felt soled waders and wading boots.

**DRY** — If cleaning is not practical, after the item is completely dry to touch, wait an additional 48 hours before contact or use in any other waterway. Check thick absorbent items closely to assure that they are dry throughout. Equipment and gear can also be placed in a freezer until all moisture is frozen solid.

**NOTE:** If cleaning, drying or freezing is not practical, restrict equipment to a single water body.

### **Book Review** – “LaFontaine’s Legacy” by Al and Gretchen Beatty

As many readers of this newsletter know I am a big fan of the flies, books, and not so serious writings of the late Gary LaFontaine. I waited with much anticipation when I heard that this book was going to come out detailing the last ideas for flies Gary had before he passed several years ago. This book would make a fine addition to any angler’s library, especially for those who admired Gary’s research that went into his flies as well as his ability to explain how to tie the flies and fish them. Many of the patterns don’t require exotic materials and many cases the tier just needs to be willing to learn some new tying methods to make the patterns come to life. Well worth the almost \$30 cost.

**[Enjoy a Safe and Happy Summer – Remember Only One Newsletter  
During Summer – Probably Out In Early August](#)**