



West Branch Ausable River Wednesday March 23, 2011 2:00pm Just About Ready for Opening Day!?

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Promoting Habitat for Wild Trout and Salmon

*Trout Unlimited Has Been Fighting for Coldwater Fisheries
Conservation for 52 Years*

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

March 26, 2011	Chapter Flea Market – for details see below
April 1, 2011	Opening Day – New York Trout Season
April 18, 2011	Chapter General Meeting – Guest Speaker to be announced – Guest Fly Tier Rich Atkinson will shock and awe with his abilities at the vice – free of charge – 6:30pm at the Best Western Albany
June 3-5, 2011	Chapter Ausable Trip – for details see below

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Banquet Thank You's

Banquet 2011 is officially in the books and from what I gathered it went quite well and if you missed it don't miss next year! Lots of rods, reels, book, gear, great food and service plus plenty for the non-anglers too made it a win-win for everyone. The below list of persons deserve a pat on the back from every Chapter member for all the work they put in during the year and especially the day and night of the event. Special congratulations to Bill Cosgrove who won the Chapter's Volunteer Award for 2010.

**Jessica Galasso, Chair
Bill Cosgrove, Chair
Richard Atkinson
Ron Boutin
Bart Chabot
Goldstocks
JP Ross
UNI Products
Adirondack Paddle N Pole
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All Terrain
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Villa Italia Pasticceria
All Seasons Equipment
Wapsi Fly
American Museum of Fly Fishing
Lois Atkinson
Cabelas
Pat Bull**

**Bill Donato
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Glenn Kuhles
Kim Walchko
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Fly Shack
Adirondack Life
Van Dyck Restaurant
Allen Fly Fishing
Waterworks Lamson
America the Beautiful Fun
Edward/Gloria Andrejko
Big Sky Carvers
Ron Boutin
Capital Rep Theatre**

Bart/Lorraine Chabot
Deco Granites
Dr Slick CO
Ron/Kathy Dorn
Alexander/Kimberly Easterling
Focastle Farms Country Store
Freemans Bridge Wine/Liquor
Mary Morrette
Hungry Trout Fly Shop
Sue Pasquini
Dud Soper Estate
Katie O'Byrnes Pub
Jessica VanDenburgh
Anita Wemple
NY Outdoor News
Old Saratoga Brewing
Peter Pause Restaurant
Randy's Tire Service
Salty's Pub and Gallery
Streamworks
The Fly Tyers Carry All
Tom White's Rod & Reel Restoration

Clifton Park Winterfest
Devoe's Rainbow Orchards
Marvin Denis
Fly Fisherman Magazine
Jim/Betty/Sara Fuller
Fred the Butcher Clifton Park
Gershon's Deli
Home Style Pizza
Scott Parker
Hyde RV/Boats
Jann's Netcraft
Fred Tresselt
Maurice's Sandwich Shop
Mirror Lake Inn
Gregory/Kathy Zorian
Open Door Book/Gift Gallery
Popeye's
Real Seafood Restaurant
Schenectady Hardware/Electric
The Battenkill Lodge
Todd and Brad Reed
Troy Savings Bank Music Hall

Judy Cosgrove
Pat Cohen
Faddegon's Nursery
Fly Rod Reel
George Kass
Carolyn Kuhles
Brad Mohr
Bill Newcomb
Hungry Trout Resort
J Stockard Fly Fishing
Walt Susko
Lighthouse Restaurant
Michaels Shoe Service
Ed Wenk
Oasis Fly Tying Benches
Orvis
Proctor's Theater
Renaissance Gallery
Straight Line Industries
The Boat House
Tops American Grill

Editor's Note – I still didn't win the canoe!

Fish of the Month 2011 Contest in Full Gear

Mark A Brown

The Chapter's Fish of the Month Contest is already in its fourth year having crowned **Noe Mead**, **Jim Berry** and **Bill Bach** as winners in its first three 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 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. There were no entries for March.

Chapter Fly Swap

Ron Boutin

Another year of fly swapping is over, but it starts all over again 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 if you have further questions or ideas.

April Hendricksons
May Caddis
June Sulphurs

Bob Mead Online

I just can't get enough of Bob Mead. If you're like me here is a new link of more from Bob.
<http://www.myflies.com/Anglers-Corner.aspx>

Hendrickson Hatch Fishing Tournament Information

It's already time to get signed up for spring fishing tournaments in the area. One of the biggest is the Hendrickson Hatch competition on the Salmon River in the Malone area. For more information see their website at www.hendricksonhatch.org. For those of you who have not fished this marvelous river it is time to get up there. Big fish, empty water and plenty of public water.

Ausable River Two Fly Contest

The Ausable River Two Fly Contest is almost here and here is a website for all the information that you need to get signed up and have a great time:
www.ausablerivertwoflyshop.com/Articles.html

Chapter Monthly Meeting

As of the publication of the 'Currents there was no committed speaker. That happens occasionally even at this late date so please come on down on April 18th as we will have a wonderful speaker. Guest fly tier is **Rich Atkinson** tying some of his favorites just in time for the start of the 2011 season.

All are welcome. Meetings are held at the [Best Western Sovereign Hotel](#) about a mile east of the end of the Northway (I-87). We start with a guest fly tier at 6:30pm and our presentation begins about an hour later.

Admission to our meetings is free and public is always invited, so please bring a friend(s) and meet with many of the local 'expert' Fly Fishers, Fly Tiers, and Conservationists.

Ausable Weekend at the Hungry Trout

The 2011 Clearwater Ausable Weekend at the Hungry Trout is June 3,4,and 5 this year. Owner Jerry Bottcher has held the price at \$209 per person for the third year! As usual, the price includes a 2 night stay, an order from the menu dinner including hors d'oeuvres and desert on Saturday night (can be used Friday night if you wish), breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings and all taxes and tips. I do encourage you to leave a little extra for the girls if you appreciate good service. There is an extra small fee if you desire a room by yourself.

The dream mile will again be limited to 8 rods at \$50 per angler per day, and guides are available should you desire to hire one to learn new spots on the rivers, or for trips back into the brook trout ponds. Please sign up early for guides or the Dream Mile.

I believe this is our 20th reunion at the Hungry Trout. Won't you join us in the High Peaks for a great weekend, excellent food, fine fishing, and good friends. **Bob says he has one suite left and one double room available for this weekend you won't want to miss.**

To sign up, or to ask questions, please email rmead1@nycap.rr.com , or call me at 518-399-9000 (H).

Opportunity to Download J-Nabs Papers

Bob Boyle

Anyone who is interested in life in rivers, streams, lakes & ponds, wherever fresh water, is free to call up and download any/all of the 18 review papers in the 25th anniversary issue of *The Journal of the North American Benthological Society*. This issue of *J-NABS* is a unique and invaluable reference. Almost everything you would ever want to know is right there, both in historical context and in the challenges and opportunities for the future. Please take a look. Here's the link: <http://www.bioOne.org/toc/jnbs/29/1>

2010 SUNY Cobleskill – Trout Unlimited Collaborative Projects

The following research presentation was made at NYS Legislature, Albany 13 April, SUNY-Cobleskill Orange Carpet Reception and SUNY-Oneonta Faculty Research Conference in which Trout Unlimited support was acknowledged:

Rainbow Trout Tolerate Higher Levels of Hydrogen Sulfide Than Indicated By Laboratory Studies.

Authors: **Scott Cornwell & John Foster**

Research projects that were carried out in 2010 include:

- Diel Movements of Rainbow Trout in 1st Order Streams
- DNA Analysis of Brook Trout in Schoharie County
- Stream Surveys of the Coldwater Resources of Schoharie County
- Relationship with Water Depth in Riffles with Trout Length
- Collapse of Trout Populations in Shadow Brook, Otsego County

The following schools have had spawning workshops in our hatchery in support of their Trout in the Classroom Projects:

- Canajoharie Central School Middleburg High School
- South Kortright High School · Greenwich Central School
- Oppenheim-Ephratah Central School · John-Bowne High School
- Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School · Cuba-Rushford Central School
- Central Park in Schenectady · Sharon Springs High School

There were other schools that we supplied eggs to that did not come to a workshop in the hatchery.

Clearwater Flea Market Saturday March 26

The annual Clearwater Chapter of TU Flea Market will be held the last Saturday in March at the Sovereign Best Western. It is always a good time and an excellent time to either sell excess gear and tying material, or to pick someone else's up. Anyone who would like to donate items to the chapter please call Bob Mead at 518-399-9000 or email to

rmead1@nycap.rr.com . I'd like to get any donated items ahead of time so I can price them. Last year it was a little hectic trying to set up and price donated items once the doors opened to the general public.

If you have 2 or 3 items you would like to sell you can bring them in and drop them off, with price plainly marked and your name on a tag, at the Chapter table. Only a 10 percent fee of sold items is charged.

Tables are the same price as in the past: \$20 for a table, with additional tables available at \$15 each, plus 10 percent of your sales.

If you have more than 2 or 3 items, but not enough worth buying a whole table, why not split a table with another member in the same position. The table fee pays for the room while the chapter makes the 10 percent. Call or email me early as there are some tables already spoken for.

Only the table buyers, two volunteers to man the door, and several helpers who sign up before hand and are on my list will be allowed in before we open at 8 a.m..

The entrance fee to customers will again be \$3

Clearwater Chapter Fly Tying and Fly Fishing Classes 2011

Fly Fishing Class 2011

Tue. March 29 Thru Tue. May 10

On the water May 14 or 15 weather permitting.

Cost: \$135 for TU members \$150 for non-members, which includes a one year membership. Checks made payable to TU Clearwater Chapter.

All classes will go from 7-9 pm as usual. The location will be St. Joseph's Parish Center in Scotia.

For more information or to sign up please contact **Doug Howard** or **Dick Hermida**.

Doug Howard

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Adult Fly Fishing Weekend



May 13-14-15

Weekend includes:

Food Friday Dinner

Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner

Sunday brunch 9:00am

Lodging Friday and Saturday Night

Fly casting and tying lessons for beginners and on stream presentations for advanced Fly Fishers.

Contact:

Trout Waters

Attn: Kurt Nelson

727 Dimmock Hill Road

Binghamton, NY 13905

For more information contact:

Kurt Nelson at 607-372-6330

avkurt@mac.com

Cost is \$350 for a couple and \$175 for singles, singles may be paired up in rooms as space is limited. Rooms have two beds and private bath. No refunds two weeks prior to event.

Limited equipment is available likeaders, rods and reels. If you need equipment please book early and specify sizes, we have limited numbers of waders and sizes but we will try our best.

All proceeds to help with cost of the 2011 TWYP



Advanced Presentations

Joe Goodspeed will give an on stream lesson in nymphing the West Branch and highlight the line and leader design along with drift techniques.

Art Saloman will cover spey/switch rod techniques for the West Branch including rods used, lines, leaders and casting the long rods. These techniques can be used anywhere fish can be found and will run in concurrent sessions so you won't miss a thing.

Beginners will stay at LOV for the casting lessons and fly tying. Folks can sign up to help a beginner to fish in the evening starting around 4:00pm.

Special Guest Jake MacVarish teaching fly tying on Saturday. Jake completed the program last year and has been tying professionally since.

Trout Waters Youth Program

July 17th to the 23rd,

2011



All applicants must be age 13 through 17 as of May 15, 2011.
Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2011

For more information contact:
Kurt Nelson at 607-372-6330
avkurt@mac.com

Total cost for tuition, room and board is \$400.00. The Selection Committee of NYSC of TU shall make selections based on the candidates qualifications and desire. Do not send payments until you receive an acceptance letter. All equipment provided if needed.

A learning Experience of a Lifetime

A typical day at Trout Waters starts with optional fishing at Hale Eddy followed by a hearty breakfast at 8 am. Students attend classes and break for lunch. In the afternoon, students will spend their time learning about habitat and the ecosystem on the river. Dinner will be served at 5pm followed by time to fly-fish somewhere on the West Branch of the Delaware River. Lights out at 11pm. This is an intense week of learning and flyfishing that is sure to last a life time.





TROUT AND SALMON EXPO 2011
APRIL 16, 2011
NEW HARTFORD RECREATION CENTER

Sponsored by the Mohawk Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Building on the success of last year, this years EXPO is expected to draw even more visitors from all regions of upstate New York. The TU Trout Expo will feature a diverse lineup of fishing tackle and equipment, as well as seminars designed to increase your knowledge of area streams.

*It will include **fly casting** demonstrations, **rod building and repair** by Ray Mazza, and **trout-in-the-classroom** exhibits. There are scheduled exhibitors with antique fishing gear, wood carving and how to, "Family Style Fishing Charters" and other local Guides and Charter Captains along with an appearance by the Utica Zoo Mobile. The program will include seminars on Entomology, "how to" fish our most popular fisheries; The West Canada, to include Lake Ontario.*

Wildlife artist Tom Yacovella will be there with his beautiful artwork and will have his NYS Record Brook Trout!

Also the Morrisville Aquaculture program will be there with the fish pond so all of the kids can have an opportunity to catch a Trout!

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation fish tank!

Local artist Tom Linweaver will be showing off his newest works!

A Kids Casting Contest with a prize for every entrant!

*The Expo is sponsored by the Mohawk Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, an all volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the coldwater fisheries. Show proceeds to fund fishing projects such as habitat restorations, recreation projects, educational programs and Trout in the Classroom projects **FOR***

INFORMATION ON THE EXPO PLEASE CONTACT

<http://www.tumohawkvalley.org/expo2009.htm>

Battenkill Home for Sale

2806 Route 29, Hamlet of Battenville, Town of Greenwich.

The Battenkill water at this place has always held a good number of fish. I remember one morning I counted 36 rises in 60 seconds right in front of the property. There are deep pools in walking distance under, above and below the Rt. 61 bridge and a good mix of large and small furniture for brownies and brookies to use for their dining and resting pleasure. As a catch-kiss-and-release fly caster, it is my hope that I can pass on the site to someone of our kind. We are selling it because time with our grandchildren is now more important to us than the cottage.

Our realtor is **Maureen Bazar** at Realty USA. We will be meeting with her on 2/25 and will go over her thoughts on how to proceed from here for the spring season. If you want to see the inside of place, I can certainly give you a peek. It's has an all new interior, well insulated with a hot water heating system, aluminum roof, vinyl siding, 2 bedrooms, a main or "great" room, new kitchen and bath. It is handicapped accessible and has a storage loft in addition to the more than ample shed and workshop.

From my viewpoint, Sunday afternoon is the best time to take a look, but I can arrange another time if that works well for you. Of course, our realtor will have to be involved. She is great to work with and a real professional.

Mike Asbury
817-3877