



***Vladi's Polish Woven Nymph – see inside***

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*America's Leading Coldwater Fisheries Conservation  
Organization  
Promoting Habitat for Wild Trout and Salmon  
Trout Unlimited Has Been Fighting for Coldwater Fisheries  
Conservation for 56 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 Albany Ramada located on Watervliet Avenue Extension off Exit 5 of I-90 (Everett Road).

**Upcoming Events**

March 14, 2015	Clearwater Chapter Conservation Banquet – see inside for more info!
March 28, 2015	Chapter Flea Market – Details Inside
April 1	Trout Season Opens New York
April 4 <sup>th</sup> and 18th	Trout Season Opens Pennsylvania – see <a href="http://fishandboat.com/fact_fast_trout.htm">http://fishandboat.com/fact_fast_trout.htm</a> to see why PA has two opening days

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### Clearwater Chapter General Meeting

No Chapter General Meeting this month due to the Banquet – see you all there!

### Annual Ausable Trip Information

Bob Mead

Our annual Ausable trip to the Hungry Trout will be May 29, 30, and 31 this year. Cost will be \$214 per person and you are responsible for your own gratuities, the same as the last two years. Includes two night stay, 2 breakfasts and one dinner off the menu. Please email me at [rmead1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rmead1@nycap.rr.com) or call me at [518-399-9000](tel:518-399-9000).

### Chapter Flea Market Information

Just an early 'save the date' notice that our Clearwater Chapter of Trout Unlimited Flea Market will be held Saturday, March 28th this year from 9am to 1pm with set up time between 7 and 9am.

Same cost as last year, \$20 first table, \$15 per additional table, plus 10 percent of sales, same place: The Albany Ramada Plaza Hotel, 3 Watervliet Avenue, Albany, NY just off Everett Rd.

If anyone has items to either outright donate, or sell at the Chapter tables please let me know ahead of time as it gets very busy the morning of the flea market.

If you usually come but can not this year please reply so I won't keep sending you emails.

If you already know you'd like one or more tables reply as to that also.

Any questions please email or call me. Thanks you.

As ever, Bob

**Bob Mead** [518-399-9000](tel:518-399-9000)

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The Clearwater Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Proudly invites you and your guests to attend the  
**43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conservation Banquet**  
**March 14, 2015**

at  
**The Century House**  
997 New Loudon Road (Rt 9), Latham, NY 12110

Doors open with hors d'oeuvres at 4 p.m. Dinner served at 6 p.m.  
Tableside menu choices to include Filet Mignon **or** Salmon **or** Rigatoni Oreganato

Live Auction - Silent Auction - Bucket Raffles - Card Raffles – Door Prizes  
Artwork – Fishing Gear – Tying Materials – Jewelry – Fly Rods and Reels – Gift Certificates

**Reservations only available in advance**

**\$45 per person**

Please complete this form and mail it by **March 6, 2015** with your payment to:

Mike and Kim Walchko 244 Quarry St. Cobleskill, NY 12043  
Make checks payable to **Clearwater Trout Unlimited**  
(Reservations will not be confirmed prior to the banquet)

*Grand Prize drawing at the banquet:*

“The Blackjack” carbon fiber canoe by **Hornbeck Boats** with rowing package  
Canoe raffle tickets are available: One for \$5 or Five for \$20.  
You need not be present to win.

All proceeds from this event to benefit local conservation of our cold-water resources.

**Contact: Mike and Kim Walchko (518) 234-4192**  
**www.clearwatertu.org**

**All are welcome!**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to purchase canoe raffle tickets: # of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I cannot attend but I would like to make a conservation donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Trout Unlimited  
Clearwater Chapter  
Annual Conservation Banquet**



**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
The Century House  
997 New Loudon Rd. (Route 9) , Latham, NY**

**Live  
Auction**

**Time:  
4:00 PM Cocktails &  
Hors D'oeuvres  
Dinner 6:00 PM  
Price \$45.00**

**Door  
Prizes**

**Silent  
Auctions**



**Card  
Raffles**

**Local  
Artwork**

**Bucket  
Raffles**

**Hornbeck 'BlackJack' Canoe Raffle**  
Carbon Fiber (16 lbs) with Rowing Package  
Tickets \$5.00 each or Book of Five \$20.00

Banquet RSVP: Kim Walchko, (518) 234-4192  
For more information, directions, or reservation  
forms please visit:

<http://clearwatertu.org/Banquet.html>

Canoe Raffle tickets please contact Scott Parker:  
(518) 894-4661 (sgparker@nycap.rr.com)





# [GO WITH THE FLOW](#) [Fly Fishing and Mindfulness Seminar](#) May 30th, 2015

Ladies, Join us for a one day seminar where you will learn scientifically proven, simple techniques to manage stress and increase feelings of well being and calm, as well as introductory fly fishing skills on a beautiful central New York stream. These experiences blend together beautifully, as fly fishing asks us to be in the moment, and fully aware of our experience. We will also be enjoying a custom-prepared lunch in a beautiful setting. This introductory seminar promises to be deeply enriching and revitalizing. "Come join us as we explore together the potential for beauty, renewal, connection, and growth inherent in every trip to the stream." For further details and to register contact Nicole at: [NicoleChristina.com](http://NicoleChristina.com), [Nicolesgarden@gmail.com](mailto:Nicolesgarden@gmail.com), 315-426-8330, [BreatheTasteSavor.com](http://BreatheTasteSavor.com) or Vicky at: [victorialn63@gmail.com](mailto:victorialn63@gmail.com), 315-748-6951

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## HUDSON RIVER NET



### **Do you own or manage land along a stream?**

**The Hudson Estuary Trees for Tribs Program offers free native trees and shrubs** for planting along the tributary streams in the Hudson River Estuary watershed. We are looking for new sites for plantings. Our staff can help you create a planting plan and work with your volunteers on-site during planting.



### **Trees for Tribs is now accepting**

**applications for Spring 2015** planting projects. Watershed groups, land trusts, and other environmental organizations are encouraged to apply. Applications received by March 1, 2015 will be given preference.

**Since 2007, Trees for Tribs has been responsible for planting more than 36,000 native trees and shrubs** along 17 miles of stream with the help of over 7,500 local volunteers. These plants will help protect water quality, fish and wildlife and also reduce erosion and flooding.

**For more information about the program** including project guidelines and applications, please visit the DEC website, [www.dec.ny.gov/lands/43668.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/43668.html) or contact the Hudson River Estuary Program's Stream Buffer Coordinator, Beth Roessler at [\(845\) 256-2253](tel:8452562253), or [HudsonEstuaryTFT@dec.ny.gov](mailto:HudsonEstuaryTFT@dec.ny.gov)

# **Fish of the Month 2015 Contest in Full Gear**

Mark A Brown

The Chapter's Fish of the Month Contest is already in its sixth year having crowned **Rich Atkinson, Noe Mead, Jim Berry, Bill Bach, Ron Boutin** and for 2013, **Brad Mohr**, as winners in its first six years.

*All the entries for 2014's contest are in and the winner will be announced at the Clearwater Banquet on March 14. The entire editorial staff is carefully scrutinizing all the photos from last year to come up with best of the best for 2014!*

The contest is open to all members (except me!) and family members of Chapter members 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 [mrbrownie6@gmail.com](mailto:mrbrownie6@gmail.com) or contact me via email 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 at the March Banquet when the winner will get a dozen hand tied flies or something else really nice as a prize.

For March 2015 there were no entries.

## **Fly of the Month: Vladi's Woven Polish Nymph**

This fly is a must have for any serious Czech nymph. This is nothing more than a woven grub by the looks of it. With two tones and a tungsten bead and a super slim profile to give it a faster sink rate, the fly rotates in the water giving the fish a look at the two tones flashing before them and entices strikes from even the most stubborn trout.

**Vladi Trzebunia** of Poland and the Polish Flyfishing team designed this pattern to win the World Fly Fishing Championships in 1989. That year, with this fly and the newly created method of fishing known today as Polish nymphing, Vladi caught more fish by himself than the next three ranked teams combined. If that doesn't speak for the fly and this technique, then I don't know what does. From that day on, the Polish nymphing technique (later altered by the Czech team and now known throughout the flyfishing world as Czech nymphing) has ruled the waters during most flyfishing competitions.

The youtube.com version at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4XyHNZfb3Vk> is one of several online videos that can help you tie the woven style that makes this fly unique. **Hook:** curved nymph hook 6-18; **Thread:** 6/0 matches body; **Underbody:** pearl mylar flash; **Body:** two strands of ultra wire (different colors for two toned look); **Thorax:** dubbing – color your choice, but gray, olive, brown, black are good choices; **Bead:** color or size to match hook. Mount the bead and then tie in the tying thread. Tie in the two body wires starting just behind the bead to make sure they are tight and wrap them back to the curve of the hook. Add the underbody and then tie off the thread behind the bead and cut off as we'll come back to it later. The forming of the body with the wire is very easy if you watch the video, but difficult for me to explain here. Once finished watching the video and finishing the body of the fly reattach the tying thread and dub in a thorax. There are countless combinations of colors and materials (wire isn't the only material that can be used – yarn, zlon are good too) to make this fly work well. Google search for images of this fly and you'll see a lot of different colors and materials being used. Combined with some online video instruction on how to Czech nymph you'll increase your catch rate for sure.

**Remember this is the last call for Banquet 2015 – Get Your Reservations in Today to Support Clearwater's Biggest Fundraiser!**

