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*America's Leading Coldwater Fisheries Conservation  
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*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**

- September 21 Chapter General Meeting – Stuart Bartow on his new book, “Teaching Trout to Talk” – guest fly tier at 6:30
- September 26 Battenkill Cleanup – 9:30am – Rt. 313 Rest Area
- Oct 1 New licenses needed
- Oct 15 NY Trout Season ends – check guide for information on what streams/ponds/lakes remain open

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**Clearwater Chapter General Meeting**

September 21, 2015 is the date for the next Chapter meeting. Clearwater Trout Unlimited will hold its monthly meeting at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Albany (just off Everett Rd). September's speaker is **Stuart Bartow** and his new book **Teaching Trout to Talk**.

The presentation will be in three parts. First, he'll discuss how the book came to be created. Next he'll read certain short chapters, and last he will take questions for discussion. **Teaching Trout to Talk** is published by RA Press, and retails for \$15. It can be ordered from Barnes and Noble, Amazon, and bookstores in the region, or directly from RA Press if anyone wants to read a copy beforehand. Books will also be available at the presentation.

Stuart Bartow is a Chancellor's Award winning professor of English at SUNY Adirondack where he also directs

the college's Writers Project. He has published several books of poetry, and his non-fiction work, Teaching Trout to Talk: the Zen of Small Stream Fly Fishing, won this year's Adirondack Center for Writing Best Book of Non-Fiction Award. He is also chair of the Battenkill Conservancy and a member of the Clearwater Chapter of TU. He lives in Salem, a great place for anyone who likes fishing.

Check out [Trout book helps pass time](#) from the Daily Gazette Newspaper, April 2, 2015.

Like always, our guest fly tier will begin at 6:30 PM followed by meeting and presentation. Meetings are free and open to the public, all are welcome.

Clearwater Chapter TU received a HUGE donation of NEW fly tying materials from a fly shop that closed up and left the region and donated their fly tying supply inventory to the chapter. We are going to be selling portions of these materials each monthly meeting at RIDICULOUS prices as a fund raiser for our conservation efforts and renting the meeting room expenses, etc. Come and get these materials such as synthetics, furs, feathers, hair, chenille, thread, floss, flash, beads, eyes, buck-tails, marabou, etc. It is new and not junk!

## [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, Brad Mohr** and for 2014, **Jim Boyle**, as winners in its first seven years.

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.

There were no entries for this month.

## [Pontoon Boat for Sale](#)

Bart Chabot

With my recent move and effort to downsize I am forced to sell my Copper Creek 9 ft. pontoons (color green with Trout Unlimited letters written on both sides. I have the pulley anchor, two pumps, heavy duty take down oars, a new rip cords life vest and a sea anchor. Everything is in perfect shape selling for \$500.00. Please call me at 393-9918.

## [Horse Brook Culvert Project](#)

For more information on the rehabilitation project done on this critical Beaverkill tributary with a lot of help from TU see: <http://www.tu.org/blog-posts/tu-completes-horse-brook-culvert-project-in-catskills>



# SPECIAL NYSCTU CONSERVATION FUND RAFFLE



The New York State Council of Trout Unlimited is raffling off an outstanding rod and additional prizes. Raffles are \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10 or 10 for \$25.00.

**Prize #1: Orvis Helios2 8'4" 3-weight 4-piece Fly Rod**

Designed with dry flies and eager risers in mind, the 3-weight, 8'4" Helios2 is lightweight, sensitive and extremely powerful. This is THE rod to turn to for small streams, small fish, and big adventures!

**Prize #2: Gift certificate for a two (2) night stay for 2 people at Tailwater Lodge**

Located on the Salmon River approximately ¼ mile downstream from the Altmar Bridge. Accommodations in one of their "Double Queen" rooms, includes private access to the Salmon River plus complimentary hot breakfast, free high speed wireless Internet and cable TV.

Expires: 11/30/16 (Regular pricing \$139.<sup>00</sup>/night x 2 nights = \$278.<sup>00</sup> value)

Donated by Christine Tucciarone, Marketing Director, Tailwater Lodge, 52 Pulaski Street, Altmar, NY, 13302  
([www.tailwaterlodge.com](http://www.tailwaterlodge.com))

**Prize #3: A signed & numbered limited edition print, "Taking a Break" by artist Scott Hartman (framed and matted by Peter Dubno – LI Chapter)**

Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the NYSCTU Conservation Fund. Help support the fund that gives back to chapters, providing financial assistance for projects on our home waters.

The drawing will be held at the November NYSCTU General Meeting on Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Tickets will be available at the next three Council meetings (June, September and November) or you can purchase them via mail by sending a check and this coupon to:

NYSCTU 2015 Conservation Fund Raffle  
c/o Ron Urban – Council Chair  
PO Box 815  
Port Ewen, NY 12466

\* Date is tentative.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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- 1 ticket = \$ 5.00
- 3 tickets = \$ 10.00
- 10 tickets = \$ 25.00

## **Pat Arnold Youth Trapping Camps Announcement**

The Pat Arnold Youth Trapping Camps are coming up this fall from October 9-12 at Camp Mandaville in Winthrop, NY and Pack Forest in Warrensburg, NY. The camp at Camp Rushford in Caneadea, NY is already full. If you know of any young trappers that would interested, please spread the word. This is a great opportunity for young trappers to become involved in the activity. I've attached the application to this email. Below is the website for more information.

<http://www.patarnoldyouthtrappingcamps.com/>

## [Upper Saranac Lake Boat Launch Improvements](#)

DEC has constructed five additional parking spaces for vehicles and trailers at the recently renovated Upper Saranac Lake Boat Launch in the Town of Santa Clara, Franklin County.

The boat launch, one of only two public boat launches that provide access to Upper Saranac Lake, is located on the north end of the lake at the intersection of Franklin County Road 46 and Back Bay Road.

Improvements to the boat launch completed this spring include a paved parking area and a flatter slope to access the new boat ramp. The new floating docks allow boaters to more easily enter and leave their boats. Upgrades to the bathroom facility and significant improvements to the landscaping provide a more pleasant experience for those using boat launch.

A boat rinse station is available to boaters to flush out bilges, live wells and other water containing areas and equipment. Boat launch stewards, hired and trained by Paul Smiths College, will show arriving boaters the signs of possible invasive threats on their watercraft and trailers.

As part of the effort to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species DEC regulation requires boaters to remove all visible plant and animal materials from boats, trailers and associated equipment, and to drain boats prior to launching at or departing from DEC lands.

The \$474,000 renovation project was funded through New York Works.

## [Fishing with a Drone?!](#)

See what happens when a little ingenuity, a bobber, worm and a drone all get together for the first, that I know of, attempt to catch fish with a drone. See: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3218054/Amazing-moment-man-uses-drone-catch-fish-lake-takes-selfie-dangling-sky.html>

## [Fly of the Month: Micro Nymph tied with Hends Body Quill](#)

'Tis the season to fish skinny water to selective fish who have outsmarted anglers and god knows what else all year. This month we feature a micro nymph tied with a great body material called Hends Body Quill. This nymph is a 5 minute creation designed to get down to bottom dwellers in fast water. Can anyone say grayling or Ausable? This nymph is tied in very small sizes and for the angler wishing to have a fly that can be easily tied in the micro sizes in a variety of colors this is a great addition to the box. For more information see this website:

<http://www.peche-nymphe.com/comment-pecher-en-nymphe/category/peche-en-nymphe-a-vue/>

It is natively in French, but your internet browser should allow for a translation and when you do this site is dedicated to “peche a vue” or in English – sight fishing. Using tiny nymphs that quietly enter the shallowest of water is the key to catching wary spring creek or low water trout. Excellent in fast water this time of the year also as this fly drops like a brick. And don't forget to use this as a dropper fly or a multi fly rig. If you need some body quill or other great supplies try this website: <http://www.tungsten-beads-plus.com/products/hends-body-quills> - there are others, but this one offered loads of information. **Hook:** Maruto D82 BL #16 or Demmon DSN 120 BL in size #18 or #20 is what the original, but I have tied these using tiny Mustad nymph hooks; **Body Thread:** Demmon Thread Hot Spot Orange – I substituted other colored thread – this fly can be tied in a variety of colors and I would suggest olive, tan, brown; **Tying thread:** 17/0 is the original, but all I had was 8/0 and 12/0 – the smaller the easier, but 8/0 was ok; **Body:** Hends Body Quill – variety of colors and I would stick with olive, tan, brown; **Tail:** coq del leon – I used a few partridge fibers; **Bead:** 2.5mm gold tungsten – size is important here or it won't go on, but other colored beads should be tried; **Thorax:** nymph dubbing. Add the bead to the hook and mount in the vise. Start wrapping the body thread behind the bead and wrap towards the hook bend and back creating a tapered body. Tie off when done. Tie in the tying thread near the bend of the hook and tie in the tail and body thread. Once done wrap the tying thread forward to just behind the bead and then wrap the body quill forward creating a segmented look and tie off behind the bead. Add a small thorax behind the bead and tie off. Best of luck!