



Neena Parker's first trout with the help from her dad, Scott Parker – Summer edition Fish of the Month Entrant

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Trout Unlimited Has Been Fighting for Coldwater Fisheries
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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
September 26 Battenkill Cleanup

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Clearwater Chapter General Meeting

September 21, 2015 is the date for the next Chapter meeting. Stay tuned to next month's newsletter for more details.

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 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.

This month's entry in the fish of the month contest is on the top of page one and was submitted by **Neena Parker**. This beautiful cutthroat was caught in Yellowstone while fishing Soda Butte Creek. Nice Job!

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.

Donation Thank You

The Clearwater Chapter wishes to thank the Grot family for making a donation to the Chapter in the name of **Sean Hickey** in January. Mr Hickey was a Grot family friend who was instrumental in teaching the Grot boys how to fish. Donations such as this are instrumental making cold water fisheries better and better each year. The lessons taught on those waters go a long way into making children into wonderful and productive adults. The Chapter deeply appreciates all the gifts and donations made each year and hopes you think about a donation in your giving plan.



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 \$139.⁰⁰/night x 2 nights = \$278.⁰⁰ value)

Donated by Christine Tucciarone, Marketing Director, Tailwater Lodge, 52 Pulaski Street, Altmar, NY, 13302
(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 7th, 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: _____

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

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NORTH DAKOTA

Pheasant Population on the Rebound

Bismarck, N.D. (AP) — A state wildlife official says the spring pheasant population in North Dakota is up 10 percent.

Stan Kohn of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. Kohn told KXMC-TV the number of roosters heard crowing statewide is up.

Kohn says the increase is due to an improved pheasant production year last spring and a mild winter. He says the higher numbers will lead to a nice breeding population. He also says recent rains have helped nesting habitats and are a positive indicator for high populations in the fall.

The department was set to run production surveys for all upland game birds beginning in mid-July.

By the end of August, Kohn says they should have a better idea of what the fall pheasant population will look like.

VERMONT

Deer Regs Changes Will Take Effect in 2016

Montpelier, Vt. — The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department says several changes in Vermont's deer hunting regulations will become effective in 2016. None of the changes will be effective this year.

In 2016, archery deer hunting season will be extended five days. It will begin the first Saturday in



George Bower caught this unusual trout — displaying a case of Saprolegnia mold — while fishing the Menomonee River near Milwaukee in early May.

Contributed photo

WISCONSIN

Angler Catches Unique 'Furry' Trout

Milwaukee, Wis. — A Milwaukee angler this spring caught a trout with a unique furry appearance caused by a case of mold.

George Bower was fishing the Menomonee River near Milwaukee when he landed the fish that was holding in a bottleneck with several other "normal" trout.

After catching several of those fish, he landed the trout that appeared to be cloaked in cotton or white fur.

"I've never seen anything like it," he said. "I contacted a local wildlife official and they referred to it as a rare 'fur-bearing' trout."

Officials went on to explain the fish had an extreme case of Saprolegnia, or "cotton mold."

Old Great Lakes legend spoke of those fish as a uniquely evolved trout species that existed only in the deepest, coldest parts of the lakes and needed the fur to stay warm. That, however, isn't the case. The white "fur" comes from the mold.

Officials said Saprolegnia is more prevalent in lower water temperatures and more common in freshwater.

Susan Gryzic, owner of "Flowers And..." in Plymouth, says the animals probably did more damage than a car would have done.

She says the deer ran through one window Thursday night and tried to get out through the rear of the shop. The animals then came back to the front, leaving a trail of smashed displays and merchandise before jumping through the other window.

The owners say they have to throw out most of the floral arrangements that were out on display because they have glass

MICHIGAN

Great Lakes Temps Warmer Than Last Year

Grand Rapids, Mich. (AP) — Weather officials say water temperatures in the Great Lakes are higher than at the same time a year ago.

Mlive.com reports that warmer Great Lakes waters could help keep Michigan from having an extremely cold winter.

The data from the Great Lakes Environmental Research Center covers lake temperatures from Sunday and July 5, 2014. Lake

degrees. Temperatures for Lake Michigan and Lake Huron are roughly 3 degrees higher on the surface than last year.

Surface temperatures are about 2 degrees higher on Lake Ontario and 0.4 degrees higher on Lake Erie.

Fly of the Month: Dark Secret

Unarguably one of the best flies to fool a trout is the Muddler Minnow. Several variations exist that are worthy in a fly box also. Cone head muddlers and marabou muddlers to name a couple come to mind as excellent variations. This month we go to a darker shade of a muddler variation called the Dark Secret. This fly also doubles as a cricket imitation as well as a baitfish match. Try it on stained or muddy waters or dry with a slight twitch from now until frost. **Hook:** dry fly hook (6 – 12) extra long shank; **Thread:** 6/0 black; **Body:** black dry fly fur thinly dubbed; **Wing:** black duck wing segments tied in over the body; **Head and Collar:** spun black deer hair. Mount the hook and dub a tight body from the hook bend to just about the eye of the hook leaving enough room to mount wing and head. Mount two wings so they go just about to the bend of the hook. Then spin some deer hair leaving some to flair out over the wings a bit and then tie in a tight head. Whip finish and float it like a cricket or fish it like a streamer.



Have a Great Rest of Summer