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WVCTU WINTER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS BY DENNIS COTTRILL

The WVCTU winter meeting convened February 11 at the Flatwoods Days Inn. The Featured speaker was Chris Wood CEO of Trout Unlimited. KVCTU members present were Steve Young, WV council Chair South, Jeff Nelsen, President KVCTU, CD Caldwell, WVCTU awards committee chair, and Fisheries Management Chair Lee Orr, also attending



from the Kanawha Valley Chapter was Larry Orr, Past Chairman of WVCTU, Ernie Nester, and Dennis Cottrill.

Blennerhasset, Mountaineer, and P. Pendleton Kennedy Chapters were represented however, The Upper Ohio Valley, and KYOVA Chapters were sans representation. The Greenbrier chapters has recently been de-chartered; Guyandotte has been notified it faces de-chartering if no one comes forward with a list of members and a slate of officers .

New WVCTU President, Philip Smith, called the meeting to order at 10am. Among the new announcements was that of Todd Taylor as editor of the state news letter "Tale of the Pool" Todd has

revived the newsletter after a couple of years of dormancy and if his first effort is any indication the newsletter will become a tremendous asset to WVCTU.

Phil announced preliminary plans for The Mountain State trout Festival, May 17-19, or May 31-June 2, 2013 at Seneca Rocks Center. It will combine the spring council meeting with the fly fishing school. Plans are being made for fishing seminars, a one fly competition, tackle vendors, BBQ, and a WVangler.com camp out. Harman's North Fork Cottages has graciously agreed to act as host.

Dave Fulton's report from the NLC committee included a request from TU National to sponsor a hospitality room at the upcoming South East Rally, April 14th. Dave has also gained some insight, concerning the donation of real property to TU. Dave can give some direction and advice only of TU's policies for the donation of real property however; the onus for this must come from the individual. Most in attendance felt the Nature Conservancy is the logical organization for donating land and/or establishing a conservation easement.

The incorporation of new by-laws for WVCTU as requested by the national organization proved to be as spirited as some predicted. It did however, prove to be a good example of true democracy, no one got everything they wanted, and all were unhappy. But with a little give and take a compromise was reached and the by-laws for WVCTU have been approved and soon to be forwarded to TU national. The major sticking point was wording on the duties of the NLC chair representative.

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Next Chapter Meeting

March 13th 7:00 PM

Charleston Elks Club

Annual Banquet

Next Board meeting

March 27th, 6:30 PM

South Charleston Library

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KVCTU's position on the matter is thus: the NLC should not act independently but, vote on behalf of the wishes of WVCTU. As a grassroots organization we look to the council chair as our voice and leader, the NLC chair should be his liaison to the national organization.

Chris Wood took the floor at approximately 2pm to announce there would be no more "Brown Ups". Wood had lunch with Mike Shingleton on February 11th and plans to meet with Frank Jezioro and Curtis Taylor in the future. He also spoke at length of another issue that has put TU national at odds with some local chapters and the WVDNR. The NLC passed resolution to oppose hatchery stocked fish over native trout populations with board of trustee concurrence. Chris stated the stocking policy should be a provisional thing and not preclude state stocking programs. TU national and local chapters should work with state agencies and in some instances perform scientific studies of native trout waters. KVCTU's position is to continue to assist the WVDNR as always, this has been a long partnership that has been beneficial for both. And when the national can accurately and scientifically determine which streams are within the scope of their directive we can again work with the DNR to achieve that goal.

USING DENIER TO STANDARDIZE FLY TYING THREAD BY CHRISTOPHER HELM

the "aught" system to indicate the size of thread. This was based on a system where the number or 'aught' was the base point and as the thread became smaller additional zeros were added indicating that the thread was finer. As an example, a thread with six zeros (000000) translated to a 6/0 thread. As other thread distributors were born after the 1960's, they followed the same system which was assigning a standard that does not provide as accurate a measurement for the fly tier as denier.

In 1988, Tom Schmucker of WAPSI Fly, Inc. in Mountain Home, Arkansas introduced a nylon thread simply called 70 UTC and 140 UTC based on denier, which is the method of measuring thread. This is the system that the garment industry uses for thread to sew clothing. Denier is defined as the weight in grams of 9000 meters of nylon, polyester, rayon thread, etc. There is a correlation between denier and breaking strength of nylon and polyester thread, the smaller the denier number the lower pound/ounce breaking strength of the thread. At the present time, about the smallest denier nylon or polyester for fly tying thread is 40, which would be used for tying midges. The one exception to this denier vs. breaking strength rule is that gel spun polyethylene thread is two to three times stronger than nylon or polyester of the same denier.

This transition to a denier rating system will take several years to be completed. Danville and Gudebrod are committed to making changes as they order new labels. UNI-Products have already begun the transition. The following information groups thread by the type of fly most suitable to narrow denier range. There is some flexibility allowed in using lighter thread for larger flies depending on the skill and artistic taste of the tier. Included in this information is the "aught" rating as well as the denier plus the type of material used in the thread.

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(N)= nylon, (P) = polyester, (GSP) = gel spun polyethylene, (M) = monofilament

VERY SMALL FLIES 18 - 28

- Gudebrod 10/0, 45 denier
- UNI 17/0 (N) 40 denier
- Roman Moser Power Silk 8/0 (GSP) 55 denier
- WAPSI 50 denier ((GSP)
- UNI Cord 12/0 (GSP) 50 denier
- Benecchi Ultra Strong (GSP) 50 denier
- Danville Spider Web (M) 30 denier
- Benecchi Ghost Thread (M) 60 denier
- Gudebrod 10/0 (M) 91 denier
- UNI-Caenis (N) 20 denier

SMALL FLIES 10-16

- Gudebrod 8/0 (P) 67 denier
- Benecchi 12/0 (P) 70 denier
- Danville 6/0 (N) 70 denier
- UNI 8/0 (P) 72 denier
- WAPSI Ultra 70 (N) 70 denier

MEDIUM TROUT FLIES

(Streamers, large nymphs and dries, small saltwater patterns)

- Gudebrod 6/0 (P) 143 denier
- Benecchi 10/0 (P) 120 denier
- Danville Monocord 3/0 (N) 116 denier
- UNI 6/0 (P) 135 denier
- WAPSI 140 (N) 140 denier
- Danville 140 (N) 140 denier
- UNI Cord 7/0 (GSP) 100 denier
- WAPSI (GSP 100) 100 denier
- Gudebrod GX2 (GSP) 130 denier
- Roman Moser Power Silk 6/0 (GSP) 115 denier
- Gudebrod 6/0 (M) 131 denier

LARGE TROUT FLIES, MEDIUM SIZE HAIR FLIES,

LARGE SALTWATER PATTERNS

- Danville Flat Waxed Nylon (N) 210 denier
- Danville Fly master Plus (N) 210 denier
- UNI 210 (N) 210 denier
- Gudebrod 3/0 (P) 176 denier
- WAPSI 210 (N) 210 denier
- Gudebrod "G" (M) 272 denier

SUPER HEAVY THREAD

- Gudebrod "G" 303 denier
- UNI Big Fly Thread 400 denier
- WAPSI 280 (N) 280 denier

Matching the thread to size of the fly and the material is extremely important in achieving both functional and aesthetically pleasing flies. The more a tier understands about all the materials used in tying the fly the more efficient and effective he or she will become.

HOOK SIZE	THREAD SIZE
HAIR BUGS	A OR MONOCORD
6 AND LARGER	A OR MONOCORD
6 TO 10	3/O
12 TO 18	6/O
20 AND SMALLER	8/O



Jim Reed Retires

Ernie Nester

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Jim is a native of Oak hill and graduated from Concord College with a degree in biology in November 1968. He worked for the Pennsylvania Fish Commission at the Benner Springs Fish Research Station from November 1968 until June 1972. Jim started working as a fisheries biologist for DNR in June 1972. Jim served as the fisheries biologist for District IV for many years and had worked as a special assistant to the Director in recent years. Jim retired on March 1, 2012 and Max Robertson and I attended the retirement luncheon for Jim on February 29, 2012.

I first met Jim at a meeting in Lewisburg in 1974 to discuss possible special regulation trout streams in the

Greenbrier-Monroe County region. Those present included Jim Reed, Dave Robinson, Harvey Beall, Don Phares, Don Brannon, Joel Lubliner, Alton Douglas, two DNR Conservation Officers, and a former DNR Commissioner. In 1975



DNR was able to get Harry Allen to lease the section of Rich Creek on his farm in Monroe County to DNR and it was opened to the public under Fly Fishing Only regulations. Rich Creek is a limestone spring creek.

For a few years Jim worked with TU members from the Bluefield, Beckley and Kanawha Valley chapters to fence the stream, build fence crossovers, stabilize some of the eroding stream banks, and provide more hiding places for trout. Jim also had a few summer youth work groups working on Rich Creek. The

project was a big success, but unfortunately the Harry Allen family did not renew the lease with DNR when the last lease expired in 1994.

In 1977 Jim gave Don Brannon and I a tour of several limestone streams in Greenbrier County. There is currently a Fly Fishing Only section on Second Creek and a section on Milligans Creek. The KVCTU has tried, but we have not made a lot of progress in developing trout fisheries in the limestone



streams and getting them open to the public.

In 1980 Jim was given a Silver Trout Award by the Kanawha Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited for his work with the chapter on various projects to improve trout fishing in southern West Virginia. This is the highest award given to anyone outside the chapter.

On July 13, 1987, Jim took Don Brannon, Paul Brannon, and I on a tour of a few trout streams in McDowell County including Elkhorn Creek, Dry Fork, and Jacobs Fork. We moved to WV in 1966, but this was my first trip to McDowell County. I was appalled by the amount of trash in Elkhorn Creek.

The Kanawha Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited has been helping the Elkhorn Creek Watershed Association with a trash cleanup on Elkhorn Creek for the past 14 years. Jim has helped with several of those cleanups and I am hoping that he will be there to help with the next cleanup on April 21, 2012.

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UPCOMING KVCTU EVENTS

- MARCH, 13TH: KVCTU Banquet
- MARCH, 21ST: Mason County Youth EXFO
- APRIL 7TH: WVCTU Fly Fishing Film Tour
- APRIL 14TH, Walback Fishing Derby (Larry Riffie for info 304-586-4125)
- APRIL 14TH, Loop Creek S.O.S. (Larry Orr edhorse@suddenlink.net)
- APRIL 14TH: South East TU Rally in Asheville, NC
- APRIL 21ST: Elkhorn Creek Cleanup (Ernie Nester eenester@suddenlink.net)
- APRIL 28TH: Elk River, Back Fork of Elk & Paint Creek stocking (Elk River Steve Young, shy|wv@suddenlink.net, or Back Fork Jason Butcher Ph. 304-881-5265, Paint Crk., Mim Campbell ph. 304-595-2229)
- West Teays Fishing day TBD
- MAY 18th: Cranberry Catch & Release, Class Q Stocking
- May 18th-20th: WVCTU Fly Fishing School- Thornwood
- May 19th: WVCTU Spring Council Meeting Thornwood

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The seventh annual Archery in the Schools state tournament is Saturday, March 24, 2012 at the Charleston Civic Center. Nearly 800 students are expected to participate. The event is seeking volunteers to help, hours to volunteer are 8 AM- 4 PM, 8 AM- 12PM, or 12PM to 4PM. Please respond to Glen Jarrell PH: 304-925-5091 or email glenjarrell@frontier.com as early as possible.

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The KVCTU has been trying to get Raleigh County to guarantee long term access to Piney Creek along their property. Jim has tried to assist in those efforts and we are still working on this project.

Jim has been a big help to the KVCTU on numerous projects since 1972 and we appreciate his efforts.

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