



# TROUT LINES

August 2017

## WELCOME BACK

THE SUMMER BREAK IS OVER

*Our next membership meeting is September 12th, at 7 PM with socializing starting at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the South Charleston Library.*

I hope everyone had a great summer season of fishing and fun with the family. Now we have to get back to Chapter business. One of the first orders of business is to convince members how important it is to get some new volunteers to staff the Trout In the Classroom program. Typically a volunteer is needed no more than three or four hours per month at a school. Only in emergencies would it require more time. We are in **serious** need of help, to keep this program in place. Most of the people working the program are like me, getting old and less able to keep up with the work. For the TIC program, this is a crisis!!

We will be more than willing to help volunteers get up to speed on what is needed to support a school's TIC installation. There are a number of good guides and instructions available too. Problems with the chiller unit and the tank pump are the most common mechanical problems. Water chemistry is the other common problem. Most schools that have been in the program for a number of years do pretty well taking care of things themselves. Fourth graders regularly test the water quality in some schools. In those rare

instances where someone is needed onsite, the time involved typically is short. If we had a volunteer for every one or two schools, the work would be minimal.

Presently two or three people are maintaining 25 schools. They can't continue that way. Again, we need help. **Please** volunteer if possible. You will enjoy working with the students. You will also be helping students have the opportunity to learn how important clean water is to the trout and the life cycle of the trout too. Hopefully when they grow up they will have a better mindset about keeping streams pristine than our present state leaders and some of the population of the state do now. It is important! Contact Ralph Douglas if you want to volunteer, at [rdouglas38@suddenlink.net](mailto:rdouglas38@suddenlink.net) or see him at the membership meeting.

Take a look: [Local Trout In The Classroom Video](#)

## Basic Information For TIC Volunteers

For those of you who would like to learn the basics of supporting a school in the Trout In the Classroom program, here are a few videos to get you started. Remember that the school personnel are responsible for most of these steps, but if they need assistance these sources will help you.

The two part video on the Fluval water filter shows a model 405. Some schools have the model 406, the newer model. They are very similar.

[The Fluval 405 filter Part 1](#)

[The Fluval 405 filter Part 2](#)

The other major piece of equipment is the Artica aquarium water chiller that keeps the water temperature cold for the trout. Here is a link to a video on setting up the chiller.

[Video on setup of an Artica chiller](#)

Basic "How To" documents are also available for you to read on the day to day things you should know about Trout In the Classroom. Contact me at [editor.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:editor.newsletter@gmail.com) or Ralph Douglas to receive emailed copies of the documents and PLEASE volunteer to support a school or two. The program will fail unless we have more volunteers.

***Fluval Filter***



***Artica Chiller***



# DUNLOUP STOCKING

## GOOD TURNOUT BY VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, August 5th, was a beautiful day. Water temperature at the Glen Jean Post Office location was 61 degrees and the sun was shining. We were told to expect bigger fish, and did we get them. They were 18 fingerlings per pound and we stocked approximately 8000 fish; 2500 in the upper and lower sections, and 3000 in the middle section. The upper section ran from the Kilsyth church to Glen Jean and was manned by Mike Sayre, Laverne Tignor, Ken Eigenbrod, Alicia Pauley, Joe Crowder, and locals Ted Martin and Glen Bailey. Middle section was manned by Max Robinson, Greg Shaffer, Randy Hively, Matt McComas, Tom Connelly, Bridget Connelly, Charlie McDonald, Roman Stauffer, Mike Bailey, Nathen Herrold, Jim Toschi, Phil Martin, Denny, Isa and Logan Moss. The lower section to below the falls was manned by Steve Young, Rhonda Mullins, Ed and Mary Crum, Steve and Richard Hall, Jack Ellis, Hunter Rinehart, Savannah Keffer, Harry Moran and Micah Bates.

There were 36 people in all, in attendance, with about 26 people at the annual picnic. Thanks to Jeff Nelsen, Ralph Douglas, and Charlie Krepps for getting things organized at the picnic site!

**Mike Sayre**







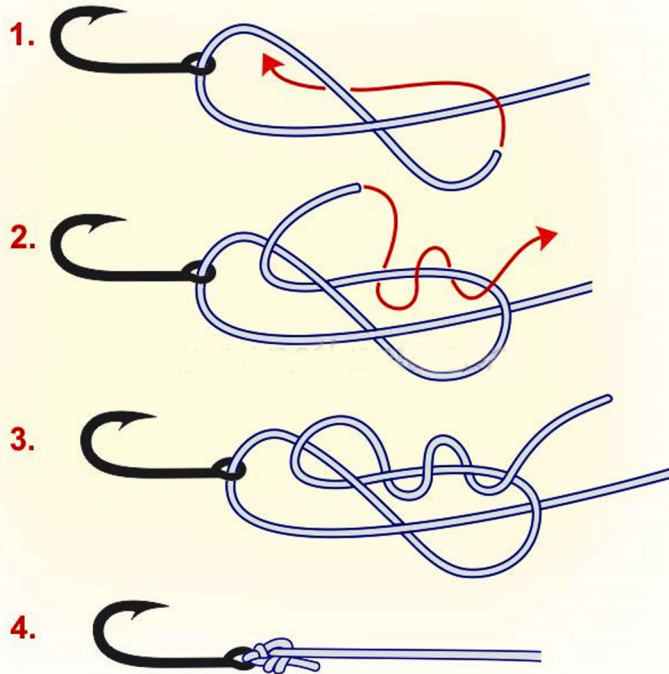
The annual picnic, held at Dun Glen, was enjoyed by all. Cooks, Jeff Nelsen and Mike Sayre, had close supervision by Ralph Douglas.



The picnic table was full of goodies



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The Orvis Knot has been tested to be 16% stronger than the widely used Davey Knot. Knot strength varies due to the type of knot, size of hook, and type of line used.

There are few things more frustrating than losing a big trout due to knot failure. Practice before going to the stream.

A good source of instructions on fishing knot tying is located here: [KNOTS](#)

## THE PALOMAR KNOT

A strong easy knot to attach your fly to the tippet

# The Palomar Knot



# A TROUT STOCKING LIKE NO OTHER

BY RANDY HIVELY

I arrived at the Loop Creek stocking early. The meeting place is a cemetery on Rt 61 between Montgomery and Oak Hill, not an easy place to find. This is my second time here and both times I passed the place and had to turn around and come back. This time I passed again coming back and had to turn around again so the third time I turned in to the cemetery. Ken Eigenbrod and his wife were already there. I had Don Cossin with me, one of my fishing buddies. He is not a TU member, but a dedicated trout fisherman like the rest of us, so this is not his first stocking. Ken and I are both rod builders, so we brought some of our latest rod builds to show to each other. More people arrive and the conversations keep going. One of the women shows up with two baskets of home grown tomatoes to share with the crowd. I think that some, or maybe most, of us enjoy the comradery before and after more than the activity of stocking these fingerling trout.

The two trucks, one driven by Mike Sayre and the other by Steve Young, hauling the trout pull into the meeting area. They left Charleston at 4 AM to get to Edray Hatchery and back to Loop Creek at the scheduled meeting time of 10 AM.

Tom Moody is in charge of getting this stocking done. He hadn't planned on being the leader, but like so many of the volunteers, He has accepted the job with short notice. Tom was the leader here last year and was very well organized. I don't think he planned on being the leader then either. He takes a look around and noticed very quickly that there are not as many people as last year. Tom checks his list, everyone signs up as they arrive, and starts to divide the people into two teams verses the three teams that we had last year.

He tells everyone that we may need to stock some of the trout by dumping the whole bucket in a good pool. The trout are pretty stressed by the time they make the long trip. It appears to me that the fish that Mike is hauling with his Toyota are much more stressed than the ones that had the very comfortable ride in Steve's Ford, This may or may not be fact, but I know that is my personal experience, since I drive a Ford.

Tom gets us divided into the two groups, one upstream group and the other downstream. There was some conversation about which direction was the easiest. It was decided that upstream was the way to go. So Steve takes his group and heads upstream. I won't tell everyone who ended up going with Steve because I know most of you would know them.

Since my Ford has that comfortable ride, four of us downstreamers piled in and followed Mike's Toyota out of the cemetery to the main road. I was driving, my friend Don was in the passenger front seat, Harry Moran and Mike Bailey were in the back seat. We turned across the creek at the first bridge. We had already gained another car, with another helper. We all got buckets of trout some went upstream and some went down. I went down stream with Don through the field that had the four honey bee hives sitting in it. We found a way to the stream before we got to the hives.. We came to the hole that Tom said had a monster brown in it. We stood there for a while and never saw the big brown. We had most of our fish spread out when two of our team yelled at us from the railroad tracks as they passed us. They were going farther downstream than we were to deposit their buckets of trout.

When all got back to the trucks Harry was pretty wet. He had slipped on some rocks and joined the trout in Loop Creek. No damage done, because by this time the sun was bright and most of us were sweating anyway.

We moved on down the stream, stopping in the spots wide enough to get off of the road and safely get the fish in buckets. Like before some upstream and some down. Then when everyone gets back to the truck we move on downstream to another wide spot. It doesn't take long to realize that the ones leading this stocking know where the good places are to put the trout. They probably know the good fishing spots too.

We came to a nice area that we could all park and not have rush around. By this time we had replenished some of the water in the tanks and removed enough trout that they were not as stressed. So we could relax a little. Tom told us that we will take four buckets of trout this time, 2 buckets up and 2 down. The creek is across the road. The four in my truck will stock this area. Mike will drive downstream and meet up with us in another designated area.

Harry and I took the first two buckets, we were going upstream. Don and Mike took the next two downstream. The stream bank was pretty grown up and steep. Harry walked up the road a bit, I walked down about 20 yards and found a decent place to get into the stream. I started putting the little brown trout in some areas that I thought I would fish.

I came around a little bend and looked upstream. Harry had just found access to the water. He had the full bucket of fish and started over the bank that had a 4 foot drop. Harry decided to use a tree root for his first step then he would step from there to the creek bank. Where he would step to was nothing but a flat rock for the length of that part of the creek. This is a dry rock. There was about 8 feet of this flat dry rock to get to the water. As Harry took his first step to the root, it gave away. The weight of the 5 gallon bucket of water and trout caused Harry to swing around with his back to the stream. He then fell backwards onto the flat rock. I don't know for sure what part of Harry hit the rock first. I do know that his head bounced off of the rock like a basketball.

I ran to Harry as fast as a short fat old guy in wading boots can run. Harry was not unconscious, but was not real responsive. His head was bleeding profusely. I talked to Harry and told him to lie still. This is when the handkerchief that us old people carry comes in handy. I got the clean unused handkerchief out of my pocket and placed it on back of Harry's head where the blood was coming from. I checked Harry for any obvious broken bones and other injured areas, and all looked good as far as I could tell. Harry was starting to come around a little more. I looked around and could not see any of the other guys. They had gone down stream pretty quickly. I was able to get Harry to sit up and scoot around so he could lean up against the bank until I could find the other guys so we could get Harry out of there and back to the truck. I stressed several times to Harry that I did not want him to move until I got back with help.

I found Don and Mike downstream. They dumped their trout and as we rushed back to Harry We checked to see if we had a cell phone signal and there was none. If there was, I would have called for an ambulance.

When we got back to Harry, he was right where I left him. He had not tried to move, but was still bleeding profusely. The water in the creek was red from the blood running off of the rock. He was still holding the handkerchief on his head. He was pretty alert at this time. I ask how he was doing and he said "better than those fish" indicating the four or five brown trout fingerlings that were laying lifeless on the flat rock. Don had another handkerchief, He is old too, so we put it on Harry's head. Harry was able to climb and walk with our assistance back to the truck. We cleaned him up some and took him to the CAMC hospital, where they gave him a CT scan and repaired his injury.

We are very thankful that Harry will be OK. I'm sure he will have a headache for a while.

We just want everyone to think about the things that can happen when fishing. Being out on the stream with nature can be a risk. I would suggest that when going fishing, don't go alone, and if you have a chance take Basic First Aid Training, even more important make sure your fishing partner knows basic first aid. I had the training several times, because I was on the Emergency Response Team at work for over 30 years. One more thing, always carry a clean handkerchief, even if you are not old.



Don't forget to ask Harry to see his Loop Creek scar!!

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** My sincere thanks to all those who helped me during this incident, especially Randy and Don, who stuck with me through the whole ordeal. This included driving me all the way to CAMC from Loop Creek and putting up with me convincing the Emergency Room doctor not to use clamps on my injury, but use her best seamstress skills and sew it up. She really couldn't sew very well. Shock served me well there. I didn't feel much pain or the effects of the concussion until much later, other than dizziness, . As Randy advised, don't fish alone and always carry a clean handkerchief. Another piece of advice, never trust a piece of wood to bear your weight no matter how large in diameter it may be.

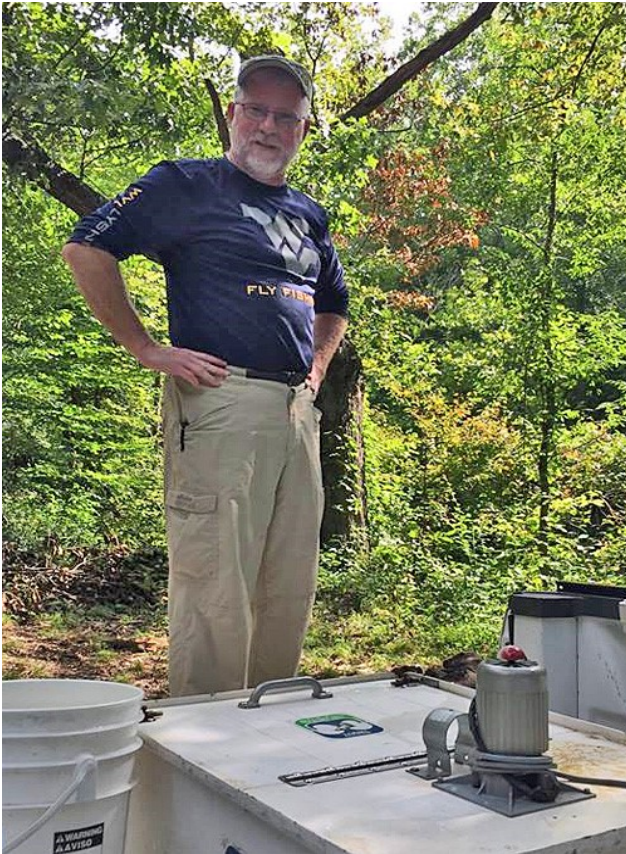


Loop Creek stocking teams gathering Saturday morning.



# PAINT CREEK STOCKING

*Fourteen ENCTU members stocked 3,000 brown trout fingerlings, about 5 inches in length, on Saturday, August 12th. Greg Shafer reported a successful stocking . We can hope to catch a few of those in a couple of years, thanks to their hard work. These were stocked in the Catch and Release area. This is also the area the DNR will be using the cameras donated by our chapter , to catch poachers and bait fishermen.*



**Greg manning the tank**



**Ian setting them free in Paint creek**



# 2018 GUN RAFFLE

Paul Skaggs has ordered the gun for the 2018 WV Hunting and Fishing Show raffle from Springfield Rod and Gun. Tickets will go on sale at membership meetings starting during the October meeting. As always, Paul has obtained a gun for us that should sell very well. .22 caliber ammo had been in short supply for a couple years, but it is now available in large quantities.

This is a high quality gun, made in America. The walnut for the stock normally comes from Missouri. An receiver cover is available for custom engraving, from the gun company, if the winner wishes to purchase one.

## Henry Lever Action Golden Boy



**Golden Boy Rifle**

- **Caliber:** 22
- **Capacity:** 16 LR / 21 S
- **Barrel Type:** Octagon Blued Steel
- **Receiver Finish:** Brasslite
- **Stock Material:** American Walnut
- **Front Sight:** Brass Bead
- **Rear Sight:** Adj. Semi-Buckhorn w/ Diamond Insert
- **Made in America**



# Scheduled Events

Sept. 12 - Monthly Membership Meeting at the South Charleston Library—Socialize at 6:30 PM = Meeting at 7 PM

Sept. 23 - WV Council of TU Meeting 10 AM - 12 PM details to be announced at membership meeting .

Sept. 26 - ENCTU Board Meeting at the South Charleston Library - 6:30 PM

Oct. 7—Elk River Stocking 10 AM—2 PM Details to be announced.

## ENCTU Trout Lines Newsletter

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