



“Trout Lines”

February 2017

Winter Trout Food

The January meeting's speaker, Glenn Nelson, brought us a live show with stream insects and larva he collected in Ash Branch, a tributary of Paint Creek.

Most people would think there would be few of those for trout to eat in cold January, but Glenn showed us a number of giant black stone flies, large crane fly larva, and other insects he collected in just a few dips of his net. In good clean creeks, such life is abundant even in the winter.

This is an example of how important it is to stand up for clean water in our state streams. The more food available, the more trout that will be supported and the more fly fishing enjoyment we will have.

As always, Glenn's presentation was very interesting.



ENTCU Classes Started

The chapter's angling arts classes started Thursday, January 26, and included Beginning Fly Tying, Beginning Rod Building and Intermediate Fly Fishing. The 2nd class session starts March 23 and will include a master fly tying class and advanced rod building class. The beginning fly fishing class starts April 3. For more information or to register for these classes please email: ENCTUClasses@gmail.com



Trailing Shuck Emerger Patterns - Simple!

By Larry Orr

Three emerger patterns that are my favorites were listed in Ernie Nester's article on Favorite Trout Flies in the April 2000 issue of Trout Lines. These emerger patterns all use the same basic tying technique. The Antron yarn tail represents the shuck that the emerger is trying to shed. Charlie Nichols taught me how to tie this basic emerger pattern during one of our many outings on the upper Elk River. Charlie actually got the pattern from Sam Knotts who is a guide on streams in that area of the state. Sam tied a larger version with more dense use of material. Charlie streamlined the pattern and lightened up on the use of material. We were having tremendous success that year on a size 14 Sulphur emerger tied ala Charlie on the Elk River one late evening in June. Sam was on the other side of the river and was having no success. When we finally got together on Sam's side of the river, Sam asked us what we were using. We told him that we were using his pattern and he was surprised, since that was what he was using. When we compared the tying techniques, we decided that Charlie's streamlined version would let the emerger pattern lie lower in the water and that was the key to success. Whatever the key to success, I have used this basic technique for tying flies to imitate a number of emergers and have had good luck with them.

I am listing three different emergers and the materials used for each. The emergers are the Sulphur, Gray Fox and little Blue Winged Olive. The recipes are listed in the table below:

	<i>Sulphur</i>	<i>Gray Fox</i>	<i>Little Blue Winged Olive</i>
Hook	14-16 Std Dry Fly	14-16 Std Dry Fly	22 Std Dry Fly
Thread	8/0 yellow	8/0 black	8/0 gray
Trailing Shuck	Brown Antron yarn	Black Antron yarn	Brown Antron yarn
Ribbing	Gold Thread	Gold Thread	None
Body	Fine Sulphur yellow dubbing	Fine Light Cahill dubbing	Fine Blue Winged Olive dubbing
Wing	Deer Hair	Deer Hair	White or Gray CDC



The accompanying photo shows the three patterns. Since there are no unusual tying techniques required, I will not go in to a step-by-step explanation of the patterns. The Antron yarn tied in similar to a tail represents the "trailing shuck " that the emerger is attempting to shed so that it can fly. The gold thread used for ribbing can be purchased from a fabric store. The colors can be varied to match any of the mayfly emergers.

I have had good success with these patterns. Ernie Nester and I used the Little Blue Winged Olive on one of our favorite southern West Virginia trout streams one winter to solve the mystery of fish that always seem to always be rising but never would take any of our previous offerings.

Give it a try! Good Luck!

Rifle Raffle Winner Is Announced

Paul Skaggs announced that Justin Marcum won the Henry Golden Boy 22 magnum rifle we raffled off at the West Virginia Hunting and Fishing show. Congratulations to Justin!

The gun raffle is one of the major chapter incomes at the show. Our profit this year was average, but considering the attendance at the show was down a little and the ATMs were not functioning in the Civic Center, we did well. I would also like to thank the generous folks that bought chances on the rifle and those that donated to our chapter. Also thanks to Paul for all his hard work.



A Simple Bodkin Cleaner

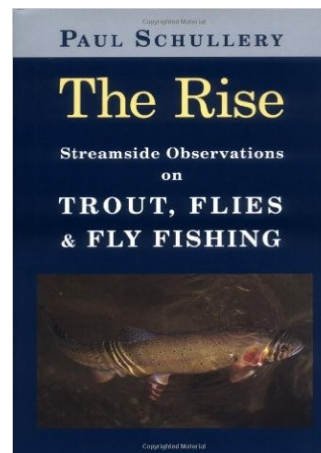
Nearly every fly tier has used their scissors, their knife, or other means to clean glue or head cement from their bodkin. I made a simple easy to use bodkin cleaner, using an empty pill bottle and some steel wool.

Simply drill a hole about twice the diameter of your bodkin needle in the top of the pill bottle. Place a tight fitting roll of steel wool in the bottle and put the top on it. To clean the bodkin, just insert the needle into the steel wool and move it up and down a few times and it is clean. It works well and you won't dull your blades.

Lots Of Trout Fly Photos

Have you ever wanted to see just what kind of and how many different flies a wholesaler offers dealers? Here is a link to the "CATCH Fly Fishing Catalog.

[CATCH_Fly_Fishing](#) You can't buy from it, unless you are a dealer, but it shows hundreds of different flies that are available. It is a great source for patterns. Just page through it with your keyboard.



"The Rise" is a very interesting and informative book on how trout feed in various waters and conditions.

The author, Paul Schullery, spent most of his adult life observing and enjoying hunting, fishing, and photography. In this book he reveals in detail the methods trout use to take prey, his theories on the presentation of a fly, and much of the history of fly fishing.

Most striking to me were the many photos of trout feeding beneath the Fishing Bridge over the Yellowstone River. They detail the dimple in a rise created by a feeding trout and the very mechanics of their feeding methods. They show how a trout approaches a fly and how it uses suction to draw it in.

Now, when I see the ripple on the water from a rise, I will understand more of the actual process that is taking place. The book has many references, wonderful photos, and artwork. I would recommend it to any serious fly fisherman/woman who wants to learn more about trout and fly fishing.

Harry E. Moran II

2017 ENCTU Banquet Update

This year's banquet will be held on March 14 at the Charleston Elks and caterer will be Rollin Smoke BBQ. Cost will be \$30.00 in advance. You can also pay at the door but the charge will be \$35.00. Prefer to have your reservations in advance for the caterer meal count.

This year our president, Mike Sayre invited Chris Wood, President / CEO of Trout Unlimited from our national headquarters in Arlington, VA. Chris will be our featured speaker. Joining Chris will be Rob Shane, Volunteer Operations Coordinator. This is also our chapter's 45th anniversary so this one will be pretty special.

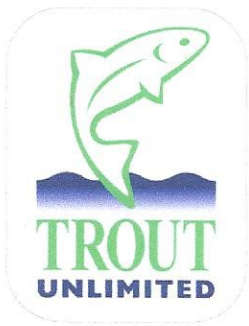
Our current list of prizes includes a several fly rods including 2 bamboo rods, an assortment of fly fishing equipment, ski trip to Winterplace, overnight trips to Elk Springs Resort, Harman Cabins, guided trip on the North Branch of Potomac River by Spring Creek OutfittersBUT we still need additional contributions for prizes. This will be a great evening of celebrating our conservation ethic and raising cash for trout.

The attached the banquet registration and sponsor form needs to be returned to me by 3/7/17. We will not be mailing these unless requested by a member. The registration forms will be on the website, in the newsletter, and several constant contact reminder over the next 6 weeks.

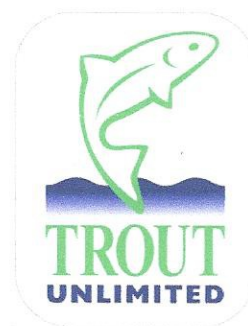
Look forward to a great turnout and seeing YOU!!!.

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You are cordially invited to attend the
**2017 Annual Banquet of the
Ernie Nester Chapter of
Trout Unlimited**



The Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its Annual Banquet on the evening of Tuesday, March 14th, 2017, at the Elks Club in Charleston, WV. The evening begins with a social hour starting at 5:45 P.M. Catered dinner by Rollin Smoke BBQ will be served from 6:45 – 7:30. There will be a cash bar with wine and beer during the evening. **Our guest speaker will be Trout Unlimited President and CEO, Chris Wood.**

Please help us extend our reach. Invite family, friends, and business acquaintances to the Banquet.

Our Master of Ceremonies will be Mike Sayre, Chapter President. Mike will guide us through the evening events. Awards will be presented to individuals and groups in recognition for their service to this past year. Reservations are required, so please fill out and return the reservation form below.

“Friends of ENCTU” sponsorships are available at \$200.00. Included in the sponsorship will be (2) dinner tickets, 20 bucket raffle tickets and a special drawing just for our sponsors. Extra tickets for dinner can be purchased for \$30 each.

There will be a variety of trips, equipment, and miscellaneous items for auction and raffles. Please contact Jeff Nelsen at (304) 768-3933 or email: jefflnelsen@suddenlink.net with interest in being a sponsor, providing an auction/raffle prize, helping with banquet or any other questions.

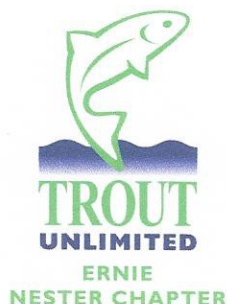
This reservation form will be available in the ENCTU February and March newsletters “Trout Lines” and on our website at www.enctu.org. Please print and send in the reservation form below to Jeff Nelsen (**Make checks payable to ENCTU**)

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<p>Please reserve ____ place(s) for me at the ENCTU Annual Dinner.</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p>	<p>Names</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(My name)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(1st guest's name)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(2nd guest's name)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(3rd guest's name)</p>
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Amount enclosed at \$30.00 per person: \$ _____.00 (Make All Checks Payable to ENCTU) **Paying at the door the night of the banquet will be \$35.00 per person.**

Return by Tuesday, March 7, 2017 to: Jeff Nelsen
1403 Princess Drive
South Charleston, WV 25309



"FRIENDS OF ENCTU" BANQUET SPONSOR

The Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited is currently accepting corporate and individual sponsorship for our 2017 Annual Awards Banquet and Fundraiser to be held March 14th, 2017 at the Charleston Elks Club beginning at 5:45 pm. Our guest speaker will be Trout Unlimited President and CEO, Chris Wood.

The cost to be a sustaining member of our sponsor team is \$200. This includes 2 dinner guests, 20 bucket raffle tickets and **a special raffle prize for just the sponsors**. If you are unable to attend the banquet please still consider the opportunity to contribute to the chapter's many activities or visit the web site at www.enctu.org. You will still be eligible for the sponsor prize if not present.

Come join us for a casual evening of fun, fishing stories, fundraising for a great cause. Contact Jeff Nelsen at 304-768-3393 (home), 304 -951-2247 (cell) or jefflnelsen@suddenlink.net for more information.

SPONSOR NAME: _____

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NAMES OF DINNER GUESTS: _____

Make checks payable to ENCTU (Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited) and mail to Jeff Nelsen, ENCTU Banquet Chair, 1403 Princess Drive, South Charleston, WV 25309



WV Hunting and Fishing Show

The Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited (ENCTU) once again manned a booth at the annual West Virginia Trophy Hunters Hunting and Fishing Show on January 20 -22 at the Charleston Civic Center. 45 ENCTU members participated by helping with the booth setup and takedown and manning the booth during the show. Approximately 200 manhours of TU volunteer time were expended in this event.

13,000 people visited the show during the rainy weekend. This annual event is an excellent venue for waving the TU banner and spreading our message of conservation. TU participants and officers were interviewed for radio shows and website/social media videos during the show. Important contacts were made with legislative/political and agency personnel.

Fly tying and rod building were demonstrated by ENCTU members during the show. The mission of TU in WV to Conserve, Protect and Restore the Coldwater Fisheries of WV was a central theme of the booth. Nine new membership applications were received during the show.

An ENCTU "Trout in the Classroom" (TIC) aquarium with brown trout fingerlings (about 1 inch) was on display at the entrance to the show.

Trout flies hand tied and donated by ENCTU members were sold at bargain prices during the show to help with ENCTU fund raising. Copies of the "Guide to the Catch & Release Streams of WV" were available for sale. This handy book is authored and published by ENCTU members. A 22 cal lever action rifle was also raffled to help with fund raising.

WV Hunting and Fishing Show



Charlie Krepps mentoring Amber Midkiff, who is learning to tie flies.



Gary Chancey tying his “safety pin” hopper flies, to give to children at the show.



Larry Orr and Jimmy Easter hard at work at the ENCTU booth.



Scheduled Events

February 14th – ENCTU Membership Meeting - South Charleston Library 7 PM

February 28th – ENCTU Board Meeting - South Charleston Library 6:30 PM

March 2nd – Fly Fishing 2017 Film Tour - WVSU Capitol Center Theater – 123 Summers St., Charleston – 7 PM
THEF3T.com

March 23rd – Angling Arts 2nd session starts at Elk Center
ENCTUClasses@gmail.com

Guide To The Catch and Release Trout Streams Of West Virginia

Maps, Tips, Hatch Charts, & Lodging Info.

\$10.00 Each

All proceeds benefit the Ernie Nester Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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