



Streamlines

Winter 2013



New Venue for 2014 CVTU Banquet

The Sunset Ball Room atop the Comfort Suites on Shelburne Road will be the new venue for our March 29th, 2014 annual fundraising Banquet. Chapter President Gary West said he "is excited and pleased with our new accommodations as it is certain to offer our banquet goers a fun and enjoyable experience".

Sunset Ballroom

This year we'll have professional auctioneer Ethan Merrill to orchestrate the bidding. And we'll also have the super easy bucket raffle tickets that we launched last year – no more needing to scroll through reams and reams of tickets to see if you're a winner.



Banquet chair Janie McKenzie is looking for donations and has asked that each chapter member commit to secure one item for the banquet. She added "it doesn't have to be huge; we have bucket raffle items valued from \$10 to \$50, silent auction items from \$50 to \$100 and live auction items from \$100 and up. I'm a big believer in the power of One and confident that every ONE person knows somebody who knows somebody, who has a connection for a potential item. Working together we can make this year's banquet a huge success".

If you want to secure the item, great! If you would rather have us make the request, no problem. Simply supply us the name and we'll take it from there.

Contact Janie at jmmck52vt@aol.com or 233-0426

Submitted by Janie Mckenzie

Buy Sell, Swap or Trade Night Dec. 3rd

Got fishing stuff? Need to clean out, downsize, or are you looking for replacement items? Bring your fishing related items and/or your checkbook to our December membership meeting at the Windjammer on December 3rd. Doors will open at 6 PM and tables will be provided to showcase your stuff. This may be a great way to grab some bargains, scale back, or make a little extra holiday cash. Just tag your items with your price and let the horse trading begin!

Monthly Speaker Lineup

Mark your calendars for CVTU's monthly meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of every month (except January and April when we'll meet on the 2nd Tuesday).

December 3rd 2013 - Pat Berry- VT Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife. Pat will speak about topics germane to the fishing community.

January 7th 2014 - CVTU member David Capen. David will speak about trout fishing in Patagonia and the Patagonian culture.

February 4th 2014- CVTU member Peter Shea. Peter will talk about fishing in Montana and will do a reading from his most recently published book.

March 4th 2014- Jesse Haller. Jesse is manager of Middlebury Mountaineer, President of New Haven River Anglers and is also a local fishing guide. Jesse will talk about general trout fishing topics, the New Haven River Anglers, and their conservation efforts.

April 8th 2014- We will have a speaker/ demonstration combo. Paul Zuchowski will facilitate a discussion about appropriate fly selection and usage for different seasons while members of the Vermont Fly Fishing & Tying Club demonstrate how to tie the flies being discussed.

Submitted by Grey Hagwood, Program Chair

CVTU Supports a Conservation Project on Settlement Brook

This past May with the financial help of Central VT TU and an anonymous donor, I restored the buffer zone on Settlement Brook, an important tributary of the Seymour River, which is a tributary of the Lamoille River in the town of Cambridge. Settlement Brook is a vital spawning/nursery stream, as well as a thermal refuge for Lamoille River wild trout during heat waves, which are becoming more and more severe in Vermont summers. Over the years, the buffer zone on its lower reaches has been cut back or taken out by beavers. While high grass provides some shade on the brook, its larger buffer of trees was in sorry shape.

During the first 3 weeks of May I planted 97 10-12' tall Sugar Maple, Red Maple, and Ash along the impacted stretch of the brook. As luck would have it, on the night of Thursday, 5/23, the Settlement Brook watershed received 4" of rain in 2 hours on already saturated ground. Beaver ponds in the headwaters blew out and a 100+ year deluge came down the valley, flooding at least 2 houses, washing away the culverts and road up on Irish Settlement Rd, and knocking down and

Young saplings on Settlement Brook



washing away all but 13 trees. I went out in the subsequent days and recovered or staked up the remaining trees. Thanks to a wet front half of the summer, most of the trees I recovered survived leaving roughly 67 trees in good shape going into this winter. Considering much smaller 4-6' trees planted have only a 10% of survival over 5 years, I'd say we're still well ahead of the game considering the freak occurrence of such a flood.

In early September I made arrangements for Vermont Fish and Wildlife to come and carry out a fishery survey by electro-fishing on 2 reaches of Settlement Brook; one on the "restored" stretch, and another "control" reach upstream where the buffer is complete. The impacts of the May flood were evident in that young of year wild rainbows were essentially wiped out in both reaches, while the browns fared a bit better. Numbers of yearling and older fish were decent with the presence of all 3 species. Proof of the importance of thermal refuges was shown by having 2 stocked brook trout being found nearly a mile upstream of the confluence of the Seymour River where they

were stocked. These surveys will hopefully initiate fish population surveys every other year now, which will be great information to have.

The Seymour River in Cambridge provides the last cold water influx and vital fish habitat before it enters the Lamoille. My hope is to continue to restore the Seymour Watershed and its buffer zone because of its importance to the future health of the main stem Lamoille fishery, and I believe this is an attainable goal. As the trees mature, we can help fish in both rivers survive the heat of summer allowing future generations to enjoy this fishery.

Submitted by Lawton Weber

CVTU Member Profile

Did you ever wonder who that person was sitting in front or back of you at the monthly chapter meeting? This is the first in a new series of columns which will introduce us to a different member in subsequent newsletters.

Peter Shea

Peter Shea is one of those guys with whom you'd like to share a campfire. He seems to have an almost limitless supply of stories to tell about his adventures and accomplishments. Peter joined TU around 15 years ago and has contributed in so many ways to the organization by donating his books and by being a regular presenter at our monthly chapter meetings. He presently serves as Director of Corporate Support at Vermont Public Television



Peter co-founded Northern Cartographers where he was a co-author of all of the following books on trout fishing: **The Atlas of Vermont Trout Ponds (1981)**, **Vermont Lakes in Depth (1982)** **The Atlas of New Hampshire Trout Ponds (vol.1 and vol. 2 1983)**, and **Vermont Trout Streams (1984)**. While at Northern Cartographers, he was project director and editor of **Access America: An Atlas of the National Parks for Visitors with Disabilities (1988)**. This resource guide documents accessibility information in all of our National Parks. This amazing book was selected both by Library Journal and by Booklist as a “Best Reference,” and won the American Express / Travel & Leisure “Mark of Innovation” award in 1990. It is not surprising to hear Peter describe this guide as his “proudest achievement.”

Peter is also the sole author of the book, **In the Company of Trout (1999)**, published by The New England Press of Shelburne. It is available directly from him or any local bookstore. Peter's new book is **Long Trail Trout (2013)**. Read an exciting excerpt at [http://midcurrent.com/books/torngat-mountains/](http://midcurrent.com/books/tornogat-mountains/).

Peter will be the guest speaker at our February chapter meeting. If you remember his presentation on the Wind River Range, you know you won't want to miss this one. He will have copies of his new book for sale at the meeting. See you there.

More info can be found at Peter's website: www.windknotpublishing.com

Submitted by Mike Hulvey

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Lake Mansfield Trout Club Outing

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After a one year hiatus, CVTU once again held a fishing outing at the Lake Mansfield Trout Club. Seventeen members of CVTU met at the Trout Club June 2-3 for a get-away fishing weekend. This year, the outing was run as a social event, not a fund raiser, so the price was lower and the attendance was up over previous years. Those in attendance were treated to a kick-off lunch featuring lobster bisque. The afternoon fishing session was interrupted by occasional thunderstorms but was otherwise productive. Great fishing and non-fishing stories were told during the traditional happy hour which preceded a dinner featuring beef tenderloin.

The evening hatch produced some large trout and was followed by more "happy hour" festivities. After a short night's sleep, some large fish were caught during the morning fishing session that started around 4:30 AM. A hearty breakfast of pancakes was served mid-morning followed by one last fishing session which proved to be productive for those fishing a size 20 black caddis on the surface. A great time was had by all in attendance and we hope to run this program again next year.

Submitted by Paul Zuchowski

