



Streamlines

Winter 2015



It's Banquet Time!

CVTU's 44th annual fundraising banquet is happening on Saturday, March 28th at the Sunset Ballroom in So. Burlington. Social hour festivities get underway at 5:00. Your banquet team has been hard at work for the past 5 months gathering an amazing array of auction items and prizes for your bidding enjoyment. From lake cruises to shotguns, to bamboo rods to dinners at the area's finest restaurants, guided fishing trips and Derrick DeYoung signed artwork, our wide assortment of gifts and prizes promises something for everybody! Bob Mallard, one of Maine's most renowned guides and authors, will be our guest speaker, letting us in on some the best places to fish in the Northeast!

This year we are reaching out to the membership with the "Power of one PLUS one". We are asking each member for a donation or a lead for a donation, and to bring along ONE friend who might not be a TU member. Increased attendance will help reach the goal we need to ensure a financially successful night, allowing us to continue to preserve and restore our Vermont cold water fisheries in Central Vermont. For all of our Banquet details and to purchase tickets securely online, go to our website vttu.org today!

For donation questions, please contact Janie McKenzie: jmmck52vt@aol.com or call 802-233-0426.

Submitted by Janie McKenzie



Central Vt. Trout Unlimited
44th Annual Banquet
MARCH 28, 2015

Sunset Ballroom, So. Burlington

Gathering starts at 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
DINNER & RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT: CVTU Monthly Meetings (1st Tues.)
at Holiday Inn, Williston Rd., So. Burlington and on our website: www.vttu.org

Rod & Reel Raffle

Orvis Helios 2
11' 7 wt. Switch Rod
with Mirage reel, hydro 3D line, tube case

Live & Silent Auctions

RAFFLES & DOOR PRIZES

FEATURED SPEAKER:
Bob Mallard
guide, author, fisherman



GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE

Complete five day/four night fishing trip for 2 at the West Branch Angler Resort in Hancock, NY.
Package includes: lodging, meals, and a full day guided float trip on the storied West Branch of the Delaware River in the heart of the Catskills.

PUBLIC WELCOME

\$35.00 per ticket



ALL TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
vttu.org

Wondering who our next meeting speaker will be? Want more information about the banquet or the Lake Mansfield Trout Club outing? For answers to these questions and more, visit our website at

www.vttu.org

The TIC Tank

In all future newsletters we plan to include a short section updating readers on the status of our Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program. This is one of our key programs where students learn about stream habitat, water resources and conservation, all through raising trout in classrooms. We are hoping to support a TIC project in all school systems within our Chapter's boundaries. Currently CVTU is supporting, through funding and technical advice, 6 TIC classrooms.

Eleven hundred brook trout eggs were received from Roxbury Hatchery and delivered to 6 anxious classrooms during the first week of January. Two weeks later 900 eggs hatched in 52 degree water. The remaining 200 eggs are being held at a lower temperature for a special class study.

The 900 alevin are eating off their egg sacks but will be ready to be fed by mid-February. Once the students start feeding the fish, the fun begins. With feeding comes over feeding and fish waste. With over feeding and fish waste come water chemistry changes and problems. A helpful bacterium is added to the tanks to help alleviate excessive ammonia and nitrite buildups. But it will require an ongoing effort by teachers and students to keep the water healthy enough for the fish to survive. With fingers crossed and constant surveillance, the fish will make it and grow to fingerling stage (2 to 5 inches). Release in appropriate streams will occur mid-May.



Students at Shelburne Community School inspecting the eggs

Submitted by Bob Wible

Lewis Creek Survey to Continue in 2015

The annual creel survey on Lewis Creek, conducted by CVTU, will continue this spring of 2015. The survey has been used since 2012 to supply feedback to Vermont Fish and Wildlife biologists (Brian Chipman, et al.) on the strength of the stocking program, and more specifically, the steelhead rainbow stockings. Each year has shown promising results in both numbers and size of trout making the springtime spawning run up the Creek. With the recent adaptation to the Scott Pond Dam allowing for fish passage beyond that barrier, this year's results should be exciting to record.

Anglers who are interested in participating in this fun survey can sign up for the kit which includes instructions, a map, and a logbook for recording results, by requesting such from Jack Price at: coljprice@aol.com.

Submitted by Jack Price

The Nature Conservancy

Have you ever wondered about other conservation organizations that are doing good work in Vermont? There are many of them out there, working to protect and save our natural resources. Some are narrowly focused on a particular subject or object, such as Friends of the Winooski or New Haven River Anglers; some are dedicated to conserving a particular segment of our resources, such as TU or the Audubon Society; and some are widely focused across a broad spectrum of conservation issues, such as The Nature Conservancy (TNC).

As the name implies, TNC is committed to conserving all of nature, land and water, and if you attended our February meeting you know that The Vermont Chapter of TNC is in good hands under the leadership of Heather Furman. Heather is passionate about conservation, and she is committed to the mission of The Nature Conservancy.

The mission and vision of The Nature Conservancy is “to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends.” A very simple, yet powerful statement that is easy to remember. TNC achieves its mission through the efforts of a diverse staff, including more than 600 scientists, distributed in all 50 states, and in 35 countries around the world. Much like TU, it obtains funding and assistance from individuals, governments, other non-profits, and corporations.

The Nature Conservancy and TU missions overlap in the conservation of cold water fisheries to protect the resources and ensure they remain available for the use of all into the future. In 2014 CVTU obtained an Embrace a Stream grant to assist TNC in its efforts to assess culverts for aquatic organism passage in the Otter Creek watershed. The work has been contracted for and is underway. The data that are collected will be used by the State ANR, TNC, and other organizations to select and prioritize culvert upgrades and replacements in order to reconnect water bodies and allow fish passage to areas of refuge and spawning areas.

TNC also conserves many hundreds of acres of land throughout Vermont, and most of the conserved land is open to the public for its enjoyment. Much of its conserved land is along waterways, which will hopefully present opportunities for additional joint projects in the future.

Submitted by Grey Hagwood

Two Dates to Remember

Because this will be the last newsletter until the summer, please note these two important dates:

May 2nd is Green Up Day, and once again we will be out greening up a local waterway. We are discussing a change of venue this year, more details to come.

June 7th & 8th – Our annual Lake Mansfield Trout Club experience. Final costs have yet to be determined but should be in the \$200 range. For more information contact Larry Bruce at 802-238-1467 or lhbrucejr@gmail.com.

Unique Opportunity to Purchase Discounted Fly Tying Materials and to Benefit CVTU

Roger Ranz recently donated a substantial amount of fly tying materials to CVTU. The Board of Directors decided that the best way to make use of this donation would be to offer it to our members, as pre-packaged sets, discounted at 50% off the retail value. We have packages of dubbing, thread, tools and more. Money raised will help support CVTU and cold water conservation! Materials will be available at the March and April general meetings (and at future meetings as long as supplies last). Bring cash or a check; prices vary depending on the selection – YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

Fly du Jour The Chain Fly



This fly works well for trout (Browns mostly), but Small Mouth Bass Love this fly. It is fished in deeper pools, or lakes and ponds. The fly is weighted with chain encased in pearl mylar cord as shown in the picture. Multi colored marabou is then tied over the chain where tied to the hook up to the eye of the hook.



The pattern shown in the photo is the one used for Brown Trout. The best way to fish this fly is to allow it to drop to the bottom. I have found that fish hit it while it is descending. If not, a slow retrieve works well.

If you're interested in the pattern, please email me at tightlines1122@yahoo.com.

Submitted by our flyologist, Alan Holcomb