



# Streamlines

## Spring 2014



### **Willem Lange to cast 'fish tales' at Central Vermont Trout Unlimited Annual Banquet**

Willem Lange, fisherman, author, and accomplished outdoorsman will be the guest speaker at the Central Vermont Trout Unlimited (CVTU) 43rd annual fundraising banquet, March 29. Lange will entertain the audience demonstrating his uniquely New England storytelling style.

Willem Lange



The festivities begin at 5p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 at the Sunset Ballroom (atop the Comfort Inn Suites) at 1712 Shelburne Rd. in So. Burlington. There are door prizes, E-Z bucket raffles tickets, and live & silent auction items. Ethan Merrill, of the Merrill family of auctioneers, will conduct the live auction portion of the evening's program.

Grand Prize raffles include:

5-day, 4-night extreme fishing package for two, on the storied West Branch of the Delaware River in the Catskill region of New York State.

Sage "99" steelhead rod and reel package (complete with a 7 weight 9 foot 9 inch rod and a TU embossed 7 weight line and reel)

Additional raffle offerings include: Collectible artwork, area restaurant gift certificates, overnight get-aways to Jay Peak Resort, and the well-known Quimby Country fly-fishing lodge in Averill, VT.; guided fishing trips; a 2014 annual Seyon Ranch fly fishing pass and even Mobil gas cards to get you there!

The event is open to the public. Come and bring a friend. Tickets are \$35.00 each. Tickets may be purchased at the Classic Outfitter in the Blue Mall in So. Burlington or on our website. For complete banquet details, and to purchase tickets online, visit our secure website at [vttu.org](http://vttu.org) today!

Submitted by Banquet Chair Janie McKenzie.

## **Trout Unlimited Comes to Vermont in June**

For the past several years TU National has been traveling across the country conducting regional seminars and workshops to help strengthen the regions' local TU chapters and councils and to promote chapter growth. This has led to an increase in member activity, member involvement and leadership development. TU staffers and

TU volunteers run the workshops and seminars focusing on topics such as fundraising ideas, best practices, youth programs, women's initiatives, teaching of governance skills, and solutions to leadership challenges. They also help the members understand the cold water conservation issues confronting the Northeast. These meetings are inspirational and energizing and I am encouraging all Vermont TU members to attend. You will be amazed at what you will learn and be able to apply to your continuing conservation efforts.

**We are excited and proud to be the host state for this year's Northeast Regional meeting being held in Stowe VT (location TBD). The event dates are June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> with an optional hosted fishing day on June 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Trout Unlimited and Vermont TU are still working out details for the venue and registration costs. The per person cost will likely average \$95 (Saturday only classes) or \$150 (both days). What's included in the price? All the classes and workshops plus breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Saturday's dinner will most likely be an outdoor BBQ (location TBD) with live music and spirits provided by TU. We will also offer a fishing excursion on Sunday afternoon for those who travelled from afar and didn't get a chance to fish on Friday. If you're interested in taking your chapter involvement to the next level, this will be the opportunity you have been waiting for. This will be a unique and great experience. As we move closer to the event date I will be posting updated information on our website [www.vttu.org](http://www.vttu.org) and FACEBOOK. We will send out another reminder by postcard in May via TU Council. You can also look for weekly email updates starting in April.

Submitted by Gary West

## **You Don't Know Jack!!!(Price)**

Jack Price is certainly a "jack of all trades." In his case though, he seems to be master of them ALL.

Jack is proficient with an amazing range of tools. These include the highly precise and delicate instruments he mastered in his 30 year career as a dentist, the brutal and almost violent tools he wields in the Shelburne Museum's blacksmithing shop, and the machetes and shovels he uses on the TU conservation projects he leads. He is a true renaissance man.

Jack grew up in Pennsylvania and while his parents insisted that he take seriously both his studies and violin playing (he still plays today) it was a 10<sup>th</sup> grade teacher who lit a fire under him, telling him that she "didn't think he had what it took to get into college." Jack answered the challenge by receiving a BA in English with a Minor in Science at the University of Rochester. He followed that with his degree in dentistry from the University of Pennsylvania. Years later he was asked by that teacher's family to be a pallbearer at her funeral. One can only assume that over those years his teacher had changed her mind about his chances of success.

His early experiences with his own mentors, including a neighbor who taught him to fish, help to explain his own passion for mentorship. He is has been actively involved in

Jack Price



the Boy Scouts of America, substitute teaching in local schools, and one-on-one mentoring programs in Chittenden county. He is currently mentoring a young man who has embraced fly fishing and, as expected, Jack has been more than happy to feed his budding interest.

Jack has served in many roles as a member of CVTU. He has been program chair, vice-president, president, and is currently the Conservation Chair. Recent projects he has managed have included riparian zone restoration at the Mill Brook-Winooski River confluence and the Lewis Creek survey with a goal of eventually creating a fish passage at the Scott Pond dam on that creek.

For his efforts, Jack truly deserves the title “CVTU Board Member Emeritus.”

Submitted by Mike Hulvey

## CVTU Fishing Trip in Stowe VT

The days are getting longer and spring will soon be in the air. Our cabin fever will melt away with the snow as geese return from the south. With spring comes the excitement of another trout season and another CVTU organized fishing excursion at the Lake Mansfield Trout Club in Stowe. The event will take place on Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup> starting at noon and ending at noon the following day.

A fine Lake Mansfield brookie



The Trout Club's Lake Mansfield, boasts a robust population of wild Vermont Brook Trout. The lake covers about 40 acres with a maximum depth of 35 feet and an average of 15 feet; it is spring fed and impounded at the south end. This small lake is loaded with Brook Trout! During last year's outing we noticed a significant increase in the size of fish caught and we had no shortage of hook ups. In the last few years 12"-15" hook ups are common with anglers landing the occasional 17"-18" square tail. This is **fly fishing only** water with single hook flies and barbless hooks required. Bring a decent selection of dry flies (Caddis, Adams) and terrestrial patterns (ants, beetles, moths, mice). Streamers will also work when all else fails. A 9 foot 3, 4 or 5 weight graphite/bamboo rod is all that's needed to get the job done. There are no special license fees to fish the lake as long as you are part of the CVTU group that weekend. Last year we had 18 people in attendance and this year we expect 25+. We will limit the registrations to 30 people this year.

Included in your Trout Club adventure are lunch and dinner on Sunday, and breakfast the following day. Meals are at set times and a dinner bell is rung approximately 30 minutes before mealtime to give you time to get off the water. This is a BYOB facility (and no alcohol at meals); spirits are at your own expense. The boat house is a great gathering place for a cocktail/social time before dinner and after dark. Bring your favorite sipping whiskey should you choose! A clean and cozy room at the lodge will be provided for along with unlimited use of the Trout Club's flat bottomed wooden fishing boats. No need to bring your waders as this is a non-wading fishing lake. The cost per person is \$199. This trip is open to TU members and nonmembers so bring a buddy or your significant other. The lake and lodge are beautiful and have something to offer to more than just anglers.

Registration will open up on April 1st 2014. To register just email me, Gary West at [garylwest75@icloud.com](mailto:garylwest75@icloud.com) Provide your basic contact information and I will handle payments. Writing a check is acceptable. Don't wait, spots will fill quickly!

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## Fly du Jour

### Picket Finn



Hook: 2X long nymph hook, size 12, 14

Thread: 140 denier, black

Body: Peacock herl wrapped with grizzly hackle

Wing: Gray squirrel tail

Thorax: Peacock herl.

Head: Black thread

Great Spring and Fall pattern that is fished along the bottom with short erratic motions.

Want the tying instructions? email [fly.tyer1122@yahoo.com](mailto:fly.tyer1122@yahoo.com)

Submitted by Alan Holcomb