



Streamlines

Winter/Spring 2016



Banquet 45!

Lefty Kreh, a world renowned fly fisher, instructor, writer, photographer, and pioneer of fly fishing, will be our special guest as we celebrate 45 years of Central Vermont Trout Unlimited. With his unique charm and charisma, Lefty will share his humor and stories of fishing around the globe.

We are also offering a unique opportunity to spend time with Lefty, with an exclusive meet and greet package prior to the banquet. There are only 20 of these tickets – don't miss out!

The Grand Prize West Branch Ausable Fishing Trip for two offers some exclusive fishing opportunities including a guided float day on a pristine 2000 acre Brook trout pond. If it's new tackle you're after, check out our rod and reel package.

This Banquet is our sole fundraiser of the year, and our conservation commitments for 2016 depend on a financially successful night - we need **YOUR** help.

Please plan to attend and bring a friend. There are only 180 tickets, so purchase yours early. This is a unique chance to meet Lefty Kreh, truly a living fly-fishing legend, and to help our chapter prepare for a year of conservation projects and outreach on our Vermont rivers and streams.

If you're unable to attend, consider buying a raffle ticket or donating an item. Every item makes a difference. Let's make this a banquet to remember!

Questions? Contact

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CENTRAL VERMONT TROUT UNLIMITED

45th ANNUAL CONSERVATION BANQUET

MARCH 19

Sunset Ballroom, 1712 Shelburne Rd., So. Burlington
Gathering starts: 5:00 p.m. Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Live & Silent Auctions
Bucket Raffles
Door Prizes

GRAND PRIZE TRIP RAFFLE

Fishing trip for Two (4 days / 3 nights)
at the Hungry Trout
West Branch Ausable River
Wilmington, NY

TICKETS: \$25.00 or 5 for \$100.

ROD 'n REEL RAFFLE

Sage 'Little One'
3 wt., 8'2" fast action rod
Sage reel 2230 w/ Rio perception line

TICKETS: \$20.00 or 3 for \$50.

Banquet Ticket: \$45. each

includes: Banquet, speaker presentation
raffles, silent and live auctions



Buy banquet &
raffle tickets at
vttu.org



FEATURED SPEAKER:

LEFTY KREH

'VIP' Ticket: \$150. each

Limited to 20 tickets

Includes:

Banquet and two drink tickets

VIP 'meet 'n greet' reception

*Personalized Autographed copy
of Lefty's latest book ~*

'101 Fish, A flyfisher's life list'

*PLUS Entry into the
"VIP Only" Rod Raffle
and a Photo with Lefty*

The TIC Tank

Our 2015-2016 Trout in the Classroom (TIC) year is moving along well. The annual TU State TIC Workshop/Training session for teachers new to the program was held mid-October, with 35 in attendance. By early November CVTU had committed to supporting TIC in 13 schools, 6 new and 7 continuing from previous years. The 13 school locations are: Essex, Shelburne, Burlington, South Burlington, Williston, Hinesburg, Middlebury, Highgate, Eden, Cambridge, Lincoln, Bristol and Jericho.

In early December, activity was focused on equipment set up and tank filling, in preparation for egg delivery during the first week of January. Tank sizes vary somewhat, although most schools are using a 55 gallon tank. The State provides eggs for TIC from the Roxbury Hatchery



Students at Essex Middle School welcome the Brook Trout eggs!!!

during the first 2 weeks of January. To make the process easier, CVTU offered to deliver eggs directly to the schools. Volunteers delivered 2400 eggs to 12 schools. Students were so excited to see the eggs, while teachers were a little ambivalent, knowing that raising Brook Trout could have problems. As this is the 2nd year CVTU has been totally immersed in the program, we have a better idea as to what problems might arise.

Each classroom reported that all eggs had hatched by the end of January. For the following 6 weeks the students watched the lethargic Alevin (fry with egg sacks) and maybe even named a few. Shortly after students return from their February break, the Alevin, in 46 degree water, will have consumed their egg sacks and begin looking for food. Regular feeding starts then and water chemistry problems may start to arise. Release of the fingerlings into appropriate streams will occur during late May to early June.

Submitted by Bob Wible

Lewis Creek Creel Survey Period Extended

Vermont Fish and Wildlife's Steelhead Restoration Project is realizing increasingly optimistic results in lake tributaries, especially in Lewis Creek as it flows through North Ferrisburg and Monkton. As a result, the agency has requested that the CVTU creel survey of trout on their spawning runs from the lake be continued in 2016. This will be the fourth year of the survey, which has documented the stocking program's success by increased numbers and sizes of returning trout each year.

Usually a spring-run survey, last fall, fisheries biologist Brian Chipman requested that we extend the survey period to include the autumnal run of fish as well, as there were reports of increasing activity in several of the tributaries. We reissued the "cooperator" diaries last fall to participants of the previous spring's survey, with instructions to hold onto the data documentation and submit it after the 2016 spring run. We don't know the results of that survey period yet, but the idea of a calendar year reporting for both spring and fall seasons seems to make sense.

We will be looking for participants again this year. Interested anglers may request a diary and instructions from Jack Price by email at coljprice@aol.com

We ask that only serious-minded surveyors apply, as in the past only one third of the diaries dispensed registered even a single outing. Of course, there was a hard core group who thrashed the water a couple of dozen times, providing us with most of our usable data. Participants may be asked to investigate higher reaches, above the newly refurbished Scot Pond Dam, to collect results from this ambitious retrofit sponsored by USF&W. If you are interested, please contact Jack Price.

Submitted by Jack Price

Lamoille River Conservation Project

CVTU was approached by Chris Lynch, Manager of Green Mountain Troutfitters in Jeffersonville, for assistance with a series of conservation projects that he is trying to complete in the Ten Bends section of the Lamoille River. This part of the Lamoille flows through farmland that is devoid of streamside vegetation, so the projects are all tree plantings with a focus on bank stabilization and habitat improvement by providing thermal refuge. Chris has already completed a couple of small projects that have really taken off and show great potential. However, the upcoming series of projects is larger in scope, so he needs both financial and “muscle” assistance. He presented his multi-phase project plan to the CVTU Board of Directors in November, and we voted to provide \$2,500 and also pledged to help with the tree planting for the next phase. The next stage of his plan involves planting approximately 250 trees along a 2500 foot bank section on the upstream end of the Ten Bends area. Completion of future phases of the plan depends on Chris’ ability to obtain additional assistance. Timing of the planting is weather dependent, but we are planning for a late April/ early May timeframe. Stay tuned, we will put out information and a call for volunteers for the project as the plans mature.

Submitted by Grey Hagwood

Green Up Day- Saturday May 7th, 2016

Green up day this year is Saturday, May 7th and this will be its 46th anniversary. Vermont was the first state in the Union to designate a day to clean up the entire state. It was started by Gov. Deane C. Davis in 1970 and was officially recorded in the Congressional Record, thanks to US Senator George Aiken.

CVTU has traditionally participated in Green Up Day by cleaning out sections of one of our local rivers or streams. For many years we concentrated on the Winooski River below Bolton Dam, but last year we changed venue to the Ten Bends section of the Lamoille in Hyde Park. Our plan this year is once again to focus on the Lamoille and Gihon. We will gather in the same location as last year and spread out to haul as much as we can out of the waterways. Afterwards we will gather for a cook out hosted by the Board of Directors. We had a very good crowd of 25 volunteers last year and it was a fun day. We hope to see familiar faces, as well as new ones, for this year’s event! More details will be available via email as the day draws closer.

Submitted by Grey Hagwood

Wondering who our next meeting speaker will be? Want updates on our conservation projects? For timely information, answers to questions and more, visit our website at www.vttu.org

Fly du Jour - Lefty's Bucktail



Hook: Mustad 34011 # 2

Thread: Black

Tail: Copper Krystal Flash

Body: Silver tinsel

Wing: White bucktail over which is tied some chartreuse bucktail with a yellow grizzly hackle and some pearl Flashabou on each side.

Throat: Red Krystal Flash

Head: Black

Total Fly Length 3 inches

Fish this for Striped Bass, Northerns, Bass or large Browns

- 1) Start your thread behind the eye of the hook. Wrap back to the barb and then forward to the eye.
- 2) Tie in 12 strands of copper Krystal Flash and tie them down wrapping back to the barb. Trim the material so that the total length of the fly is 3 inches.
- 3) Wrap the thread back to the eye and tie in the silver tinsel. Tie it down wrapping back to the barb and then forward to the eye. Now wrap the tinsel overlapping each wrap back to the eye. Tie down and trim off excess.
- 4) Tie in on top of the hook a sparse amount of white bucktail the same length as the copper Krystal Flash. Now do the same with the chartreuse bucktail.
- 5) Tie in the grizzly hackle on each side of the head followed by two thin strands of pearl Flashabou.
- 6) Tie in a small bunch of red Krystal Flash for the throat.
- 7) Build your head, whip finish and polish with a hard head finish such as nail polish.

Submitted by our flyologist, Alan Holcomb