

# STREAMLINES

Wanted... YOU



on May 5th!

Do you want to help the environment? Do you want to spend a couple of hours with fellow fishers fulfilling TUs mission? As part of Green-Up Day come join us at our annual Winooski River Cleanup and BBQ. In the aftermath of Irene, our efforts are needed more than usual. This year's event will take place on Saturday, May 5th beginning at 9 AM. Rain or shine we will meet at the picnic area at the Bolton Dam access, which is off River Road in Duxbury (Lat. 44.357902, Lon - 72.810302). We will have a sign on River Road marking the dam access road which travels a short distance down to the picnic area. The plan is to split into small teams and clean up the picnic area, fishing access areas along River Road as well as the actual roadside. Depending on the water levels, some folks may even venture down to the banks of the Winooski. CVTU will supply garbage bags, but please bring your own weather appropriate "cleanup clothes" well as a pair of gloves. At noon, following the cleanup, we will hold a BBQ. CVTU will have a grill and will supply burgers, hot dogs, buns, soda, water and condiments along with paper plates and plastic ware. Feel free to bring a dish to share, if you'd like to.

*TU members with some of their "treasures" from a previous Green-Up Day.*



## Good News for Lake Fisherman

Anyone who has ever launched a boat at the popular South Hero Apple Island/Cow Banks area off Route 2 knows how frustrating and expensive it can be. This facility has been privately owned by several families. Fees to launch boats and to park vehicles are charged. In an effort to provide Vermonters with more free public access, the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Dept. is in the process of finalizing details to purchase the parking field (3.7 acres) and the boat launch next to the Cow Banks. Great News for all lake anglers!

For more details, contact Mike Wichrowski of the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Dept. (241-3447).

## Festival of Fly Fishing draws a crowd

The very first thing is a big **thank you** to all the volunteers for their time and efforts in producing the best Festival to date. Secondly we need to thank all of you who supported the effort by donating to or

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attending the event.

The Festival was nothing short of a success. Approximately 200 people attended compared to 105 last year. We raised \$3,400 which is up from \$2,100 last year and \$1,200 our first year. This money will be supporting scholarships for the Green Mountain Conservation Camps.

The highlight of the festival was the fly casting instruction. From the moment we opened the doors until closing the instructors taught non-stop. People of all ages took lessons and based on the smiles I would say left happy with what they learned.

The fly tying and rod making demonstrations were a huge success based on the numbers who flocked to this area, people seemed to be mesmerized by our very talented group of tiers. Fly tying Instruction was also popular with the younger crowd.

*Sheila Reid helps a would-be angler*



*Steve Bushey with a young student*



We had instructors teaching the art of tying everything from the Woolly Buzzer to the Adams. A fly tying contest produced some very well tied flies. We offered three different seminars by local Vermont guides and all were very informative and well attended.

The bottom line is that everyone learned something and had fun doing it. Thanks again to everyone who helped make this year's festival such a success.

*Festival attendees learning some tying tips from Tim Davis*



## CVTU Annual Fund Raising Banquet

Nearly 100 supporters of the Central Vermont Chapter of Trout Unlimited attended the annual fund raising banquet on Saturday evening, March 24, 2012 at the Burlington Elks Club on North Avenue in Burlington, VT. We are thankful to everyone who helped to make this banquet such an outstanding success. Funds raised will be used to support our conservation and education efforts during the upcoming year.

Head Chef John Plunkett, our host for the evening, and his staff provided us with an excellent buffet featuring salad, ham, roast beef, maple cheddar chicken and, of course, John's famous roasted potatoes...!! No one went away hungry. The room was decorated with poster sized pictures, taken by Janie McKenzie, from a variety of chapter activities during the past year.

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The formal program got underway after dinner with Chapter President Paul Zuchowski acting as our master of ceremonies. This year Central Vermont Trout Unlimited recognized Bill Grover for his on-going support of our chapter and our conservation efforts. Bill was presented with a plaque and several gifts.

*Bill Grover recognized for his generous support of the chapter*



*We had a full house at this year's banquet*



The live auction was next, conducted by the team of Jack Price and Walter Zorn attired in white shirts and “snazzy bow ties.” Bidding was lively. A few items of significance from the live auction were: original pieces of art work from both Dick Leyden and Susan Winter (donated by Syl Stempel) and a framed salmon fly creation by Bill Chandler.

*The auctioneers conferring*



The Silent Auction featured a wooden chest with an internal tray crafted by Cory Valyou, and a limited edition, Trout Unlimited Abel fly reel. There was a selection of bucket raffle items to entertain the attendees.

This year's Grand Raffle prize of the Montana cabin was won by Barry Parker. The Special Rod Raffle of the Winston LT fly rod was won by Gene Drobny, from the Al Hazzard Chapter of Trout Unlimited in Binghamton, NY.

## **Banquet survey results are in!**

Thanks to the 54% of you who filled out our survey. Attendees were in favor of having a speaker at the banquet by almost two to one. A travel journalist with a slideshow or a recognized sportsman/ woman were by far the most popular requests for a speaker. Overall people liked the time and location of the event, felt that the food was good and the auction items were diverse (fishing vs. non fishing related) and of good quality. Some people felt that the bucket raffles took too long and a suggestion was made to try to do a better job of mixing up the bucket raffle tickets. People liked having name tags and most indicated that they would likely attend next year's banquet. The banquet committee will be reviewing the survey and considering all the comments and suggestions. Remember, if you have ideas for the banquet, we would LOVE to have you on the committee. Feel free to contact any CVTU board member.

### **Classic Outfitters is moving**

Classic Outfitters, a longtime supporter of CVTU, is moving to the Blue Mall on Dorset St. They will open at the new location on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Stop by and check out the new digs.

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## **Fly du Jour - Flash Food Caddis**



Thanks again to Alan Holcomb for this offering

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| Thread:        | Black UTC 140                       |
| Hook:          | TMC 2488H Size 14                   |
| Body: Stage 1: | UTC Mirage Opal Large Tinsel        |
| Body Stage 2:  | Ultra Chenille Small Olive          |
| Ribbing:       | UTC Ultra Copper Wire Size BR       |
| Wing:          | Natural Mallard Flank Feather       |
| Collar:        | Ostrich Herl – Small Black          |
| Throat:        | Midge Diamond Braid – Dark<br>Brown |
| Head:          | Black Thread                        |

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