



# Streamlines

## Summer 2019



### President's Message

Dear CVTU Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits after a productive day on the water. While our attention turns to fishing after a long snowy winter and a cool wet spring, I wanted to let you know that the CVTU board is still hard at work. We are focusing our efforts in three main areas; continuing the success of TIC, conservation, and member engagement. In this newsletter we want to provide you with updates on all three of these topics. I'm extremely encouraged by all of our volunteers' efforts, and I wanted to extend a thank you to all who have participated in our various activities. We are always looking for great ideas on new conservation projects or member engagement initiatives. If you have an idea and would like to share it with us, please feel free to use the "contact us" link on our website at [www.VTTU.org](http://www.VTTU.org).

Best of luck this fishing season,

Ryan Whitney

President – Central Vermont Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

### Banquet Wrap-Up

CVTU's annual fundraising banquet was held in South Burlington on April 6th. Over 100 chapter members and friends turned out for a fun-filled night that saw an incredible array of donated prizes from area businesses and members. Auctioneer Ethan Merrill kept us entertained with his inimitable charm as he led the auction portion of the evening, helping to make the night a financial success.

During the evening's proceedings, we acknowledged three of our members for their contributions. **Bob Wible** re-ignited our Trout in the Classroom program and grew it to 38 tanks across our chapter footprint. The rousing success of his efforts can be seen in the eyes of over 2400 students who are impacted by the conservation learning tool that the TIC tanks afford. **Steve Fischer** was recognized as a longtime former board member, program chair, and chapter supporter who helped guide the chapter during his many years of service. **Roland Tremble**, longtime member and owner of Tie By Night Fly Shop, was acknowledged for his many years of 'behind the scenes' help in support of our fundraising efforts.

As we look ahead to our 2020 event, we hope that you will consider joining us as a banquet committee member. We are always in need of new people and fresh ideas to help make our fundraising night more entertaining and enjoyable for our attendees.

Janie McKenzie

Banquet Coordinator



President Ryan Whitney presents an engraved fly box to longtime CVTU member and supporter Roland Tremble

## Conservation Activity Spotlight: Mill Brook Tree Planting

A substantial contingent of CVTU members turned out on Saturday, May 11 for streambank planting at the Mill Brook access point along Nashville Road in Jericho. With over 600 trees (of varying sizes) delivered for planting, this initiative was a nice collaboration among Friends of the Winooski, local Boy Scouts, Vermont Fish and Wildlife, and CVTU. A variety of trees was planted including dogwood, maple, aspen, and more. Digging ranged from easy to challenging, and by early afternoon a significant amount of rootstock was in the ground. Thank you to all CVTU members who participated in this important first conservation project of 2019. Watch for announcements of future conservation activities on email, social media and issues of *Streamlines*.



The tree planting took a lot of people power and shovels!

Cathy Yandow  
CVTU Board member



CVTU members hard at work planting trees

## The TIC tank

As the Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program nears the end of this school year, I pause to reflect on these first 5 years of CVTU's commitment to this wonderful program. When the Chapter officially committed support for the first time in 2014-15, we had 6 classrooms signed up. Now, 5 years later, 38 classrooms are participating – resulting in the involvement of 2400 students. Some of the TIC students became involved in civic discussion by sending letters to the Governor and communicating with their local representatives. These students were concerned about the potential closing of the Salisbury Hatchery, the trout egg source for TIC, due to State budget constraints. This is just another wonderful learning experience stimulated by the TIC program.

Presently, schools are in the process of releasing fingerlings into local streams. Students have been growing these fingerlings from eggs in their classrooms over the past 5 months.

We hope to add another 6 classrooms to our list during the next school year, but we need volunteers to support this program. Please contact myself, Bob Wible at [RWIBLE1@msn.com](mailto:RWIBLE1@msn.com) or a board member.

Bob Wible  
TIC Coordinator

## International Year of the Salmon

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in partnership with conservation groups from around the area, is planning to hold an event to celebrate the “International Year of the Salmon” campaign that is taking place in this hemisphere during 2019. The effort is a collaboration of international conservation groups who understand the fragile status of the Atlantic Salmon, and wish to conserve and restore the vitality of this iconic species. Central Vermont Trout Unlimited will partner with the Lake Champlain Basin Program, Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, Green Mountain Power, Friends of the Winooski, the Winooski River Conservation District, Burlington Electric and Winooski One Partnership, USFWS Hatcheries Program, and our affiliate TU chapter in NY, LCTU.

Our local festival will take place in Richmond, VT on the Town Green on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. The event will be family-oriented and include table displays, a viewing tank of live salmon, fly casting and fly-tying classes and demonstrations, film screenings and lectures at the nearby library on salmon restoration efforts, a 2 mile canoe paddle on the Winooski River with interpretation by the Maritime Museum staff, and a scheduled stocking of salmon fingerlings at the Audubon Center in nearby Huntington. There will be plenty of activities to entertain and inform festival goers, and food vendors will be on site for the hungry. Please come and participate in this fun and important event!

Jack Price  
Conservation Committee

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## Green Up Day at Bolton Dam



Our small but mighty Green Up Day crew enjoying some post cleanup good eats

A small, determined group of CVTU members gathered at Bolton Dam on Saturday, May 4 for Green Up Day. Skies were overcast, with occasional drizzle and wind, and after a couple of hours, cleanup was complete from the road into the dam and parking areas. Due to recent (and ongoing) high water on the Winooski, there was an unusually large amount of driftwood washed into the public access area. Lunch was organized by Nicky Paquette, Janie McKenzie and Bob Wible, with burgers and dogs cooked by grill master Ryan Whitney. Special thanks to Jamie Rosenberg for her delicious chocolate cream and Key Lime pies, and welcome to new CVTU member Tyler Lighthart!

Cathy Yandow  
Board Member

## Fly du Jour – the Woolly Bugger

Although best known as a streamer fly for trout, woolly buggers work well for bass and other species of freshwater fish. The basic woolly bugger is all black, in sizes 2/0 to as small as 12 for panfish. Many see this pattern as nothing more than an ancient Woolly Worm wet fly with a wiggly marabou tail. Often it is tied with strands of flashy tinsel or with a heavy metal cone head for a jiglike action, but the original unweighted version is the most versatile.



<b>Hook</b>	Streamer Hook - Size 6, 7 or 8
<b>Thread</b>	Olive or Black Uni Thread, Size 8/0
<b>Hackle</b>	Saddle Hackle
<b>Tail</b>	Olive or Black Marabou
<b>Body</b>	Olive or Black Chenille
<b>Weight</b>	Bead to fit hook and/or lead-free wire

1. Put the bead on the hook small end first. Place hook in vise and tie on thread
2. If using, tie in lead-free wire from mid hook and wrap up to the bead.
3. Tie on the black marabou so there is about an inch for the tail.
4. Tie on the chenille in the back.
5. Tie on the skinniest part of the hackle on the back of the hook.
6. Wrap chenille up to bead and tie it off, then bring thread back to the back of the hook.
7. Wrap hackle up to the bead and tie it off.
8. Whip finish it and apply cement.