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The Official Newsletter of the Kanawha Valley
Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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KVCTU’s speaker for our February 12, 2008 meeting will be Ed Watson with Canaan Valley Institute (CVI). He will give an overview of his and CVI’s natural stream design restoration efforts.

Natural Stream Design is a method of stream restoration. The basic principle is to reestablish stable dimension, pattern and profile to disturbed streams. It relies upon finding examples of stable streams in nature, deriving variables from those stable for “reference” conditions, and applying them to restoration design. In-stream structures are used to enhance aquatic habitat and dissipate energy. The results are streams that are stable and support fish!

Ed Watson serves as Hydrologist for the CVI's Science and Technology Team. He has completed all four levels of Rosgen's Natural Stream Design training. Before joining CVI, he worked at the USDA Forest Service research lab in Parsons, WV, where he was responsible for implementing a long-term study of the effects of forest roads on stream sedimentation.

Ed received his BA from Dartmouth College in 1993. He earned an MS in forestry at the University of Montana in Missoula, MT in 1999. His graduate research examined cottonwoods and historical floodplain dynamics along the Northern Rocky Mountain Front in Montana, using hydraulic modeling tools, dendrochronology, fluvial geomorphology and GIS. Currently, Ed performs hydrologic and hydraulic modeling.

Ed was born and raised in Wellsburg, WV, but considers his ancestral family farm in Jane Lew, WV, home.

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Upcoming Events (mark your calendars)

- **Reminder to bring a fly for the door prize drawing and a friend to the TU Meeting at the South Charleston Library on February 12, 2008, Tuesday, 7:00 PM.**
- **February 16, 2008 WV Council of Trout Unlimited meeting, Days Inn, Flatwoods, WV 9:00 AM**
- **March 11 Chapter Banquet at 6:00 PM. Details and cost will be mailed to you. For more information , call Tom Moody at 744-4083 <scpeebody@yahoo.com> or Heath Perry 543-0883 <uncleheath52@yahoo.com>. Please support your chapter by attending the TU Banquet.**
- **April 8, 2008, 7:00 PM at South Charleston Library, Speaker is Mike Shingleton, West Virginia Department of Natural Resources Director of Cold Water Fisheries.**
- **April 5 or 12 , 2008 Arbuckle Creek near Oak Hill is scheduled for a stream cleanup. Call Ernie Nester for details at 779-2706 or <eenester@suddenlink.net>.**
- **April 26, 2008 Elkhorn Creek Cleanup. Call Ernie Nester for details at 779-2706 or <eenester@suddenlink.net>. Note: Some chapter members plan to stay at the Elkhorn Inn on Friday and/or Saturday nights. If you want to make reservations and spend Friday night of April 25 at the Elk Horn Inn & Theatre in Landgraff, call Elisse or Dan toll free at 1-800-708-2040.**

Bob Orders Makes \$10,000 Donation to KVCTU in Honor of J. Frank Hill

Bob Orders made a \$10,000 donation to KVCTU in honor of J. Frank Hill, his long time friend and coworker. Bob said Frank did not teach him how to fly fish--he taught him how to catch trout. "Frank only fished one way. He never cast more than 15 feet, he never used dry flies, and he only nymphed for trout. And not any nymph would do. He only used his hand-tied nymphs which he was more than willing to share. He repeatedly caught more fish than I and he was very humble about his fishing success."

Bob Orders stated that he quickly recognized that Frank Hill was a true rarity in the business world. "He was honest and he always kept his word. He did not want a lengthy contract--his handshake and his word were better than any legal document in his business transactions."

Chapter President Homer Sweeney thanked Orders for the largest individual monetary donation KVCTU has ever received to date. "Your contribution of \$10,000 will help our chapter of Trout Unlimited continue the stream improvement efforts emphasized by Past President J Frank Hill. We will use this donation wisely in conserving, preserving, and restoring trout streams in West Virginia. This chapter will use your donation wisely in sustaining the programs which Frank Hill initiated."

Sweeney reported, "Our chapter stocked the One Millionth fingerling brown trout in April 2007. This major event occurred on the Elk in front of Frank Hill's cabin. As many of you know, that was the last time we got to spend any quality time with Frank. But thank God for the memories."

During Frank's tenure as President, many projects were launched. Frank was extremely organized and put many of our current practices in place. "He was responsible for founding and chairing our SOS (Save our Streams Program), a WV DEP program that Frank initiated and we plan to continue," Sweeney said, "and thanks to the Bob Order's donation, we have included in our Strategic Plan under the Budget and Finance Committee a new initiative which will be a major funding campaign to support additional habitat stream improvement projects."

The bronze trout given to Bob Orders in recognition of his generous donation to KVCTU.

The sculpture has an inscription which reads "In Memory of J. Frank Hill. I Miss My Friend."



The above pictured fish sculpture was made by Rodger Carbone, an award winning wildlife artist whose focus is woodcarvings and bronze sculptures. The beautifully painted brook trout displays the trout's crimson sides, white fin tips, and the hard-to-imitate intricate verniculation. The brook trout's willingness to take Bob Order's flies has kindled his many fond memories of J Frank Hill, who taught Bob how to catch trout on the fly.



Homer Sweeney presented a bronze trout sculpture to Bob Orders in recognition of his generous donation in honor of J Frank Hill. From left to right Past President Jack Williams, Bob Orders and KVCTU President Homer Sweeney.



TROUT UNLIMITED CLASSES IN THE ANGLING ARTS

in cooperation with

Capital Community Education Center

AT CAPITAL HIGH SCHOOL IN CHARLESTON

Call 348-6507 to register.

Registration is week of January 28- February 1, 2008

Classes are on Thursday nights from either 6:00 to 9:00 PM or 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Capital High School is located on Greenbrier Street past Coonskin Park

First class will be February 7, 2008

All students who take a Class in the Angling Arts will be offered a FREE one year Trout Unlimited membership. This is a \$35.00 bonus offer to first time members only.

Beginning Fly Fishing: This course focuses on the basics of fly fishing, fly selection, stream entomology, fishing knots, how to choose a fly rod, and the basic techniques in casting a fly rod to use for bass, trout, bluegill, etc. Instructor is Charlie Krepps. 4 weeks, 6-9 pm. Cost is \$25.00.

Beginning Fly Tying: This course will teach and how-to's of tying flies. You will learn at least 10 basic flies that will put you on the stream with your own hand-tied flies. This class is a pre-requisite for the Advanced Fly Tying course. Instructor is David Walls, 722-4553. 6 weeks, 7-9 pm. Cost is \$25.00 plus supplies.

Rod Building: In this class the student will build the rod of his or her choice: spinning, casting, fly, or saltwater rod at a reasonable cost. Instructor is Nelson Sorah, 341-0743. 6 weeks, 6-9 pm. Cost is \$30.00 plus supplies.

Four Seasons of Trout: Are you one of the many anglers that put the rods in the closet after the spring season ends? If so, you are missing out on some fabulous fishing during the other seasons. While this class will provide you with the information and knowledge to be successful on the water throughout the year, the focus will be on summer, fall and winter fishing. Topics for each season include: water temperatures and how trout behave and feed, how water levels/flows effect fish behavior and how to log on and use USGS gage information, how to locate springs which is a key to great fishing, fall spawning is your best shot at a trophy, egg patterns - the unknown fly, safe wading all year long, WV's best streams during the four seasons, the hatches you really need to learn to match, and lots of other tips and techniques. The instructor is Ed Hayne, 345-6960. Cost is \$25.00 for each student.

Advanced Fly Tying: *(Starts April 3, 2008)* There will be six individual instructors who will teach the students who have previous fly tying experience or who have taken our Beginning Fly Tying Class. Each instructor will teach two different patterns which are known to be effective in West Virginia lakes and streams. This class is only offered once in a while. Class coordinator is Ed Hayne, 345-6960. 6 weeks, 7-9 pm. Cost is \$25.00 plus supplies.



Upcoming Kanawha Valley Chapter TU Events	Time and Place	Project Coordinator
19 April 2008 Upper Elk Stocking of 22,000 fingerlings	10 AM at first bridge on Bergoo Road above Webster Springs	Steve Young 304-965-1338 shy1wv@suddenlink.net
26 April 2008 Elkhorn Creek Cleanup	9:30 AM Elkhorn Post Office	Ernie Nester 304-779-2706 eenester@suddenlink.net
03 May 2008 Back Fork of Elk Stocking of 6,000 fingerlings	9:30 AM at NAPA Store Rt 20 in Webster Springs	Jason Butcher 304-925-2617 cell 881-5265 jlb_1975@hotmail.com
10 May 2008 Camp Creek Spring SOS	10 AM on road to Bakers Run	Alvan Gale 304-345-5280 alvangale@suddenlink.net
15-16-17 May 2008 The Camp Splinter Cabin on Cranberry River is reserved.	Join us for meals, fishing and friendship on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.	David Strom 304-525-4780 sandav2@gmail.com
16 May 2008 Friday stocking of 400 pounds of adult trout DNR will deliver fish.	9:00 AM at Woodbine on Cranberry River	Joe Crowder 304-965-1338 j.r.crowder@att.net Volunteers are needed to "ride" the floating fish chambers down Cranberry River to Camp Splinter.
31 May 2008 Camp Creek Stocking of 5500 fingerlings	10 AM at Bakers Run Road	Heath Perry 304-543-0885 uncleheath52@yahoo.com
6-7-8 June 2008 TU Fly Fishing School	6:00 PM Friday night thru Sunday at Camp Pioneer at Beverly, WV.	John Richards
21 June 2008 Fayette County Stocking of 6,500	9:30 AM at Midland High School	Ernie Nester 304-779-2706 eenester@suddenlink.net
12 July 2008 Clay County Stocking of 7000 fish	10 AM Big Otter Exit I 70	Jason Butcher 304-610-7473 jlb_1975@hotmail.com

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KVCTU EVENT	Time and Place	Project Coordinator
26 July 2008 Braxton County Stocking	9:30 AM at Birch River intersection on old Rt 19	Matt Spangler 304-343-0433 mspangler@mcjunkin.com
23 August, 2008 Loop Creek Stocking of 3,200 and Morris Creek stocking of 250 fingerlings	10 AM at old Cemetery on US Rt 61 above Page, WV	Tom Moody 304-744-4083 scpeebo@yahoo.com and Eddy Grey 304-353-5120
06 September 2008 Blue Creek Stocking of 3000 fingerlings	9:30 AM at Rt 60 Go Mart at Cedar Grove	Don Lyons 304-595-1244
13 September 2008 Camp Creek Fall SOS	10 AM Road to Bakers Road	Alvan Gale 304-345-5280 alvangale@suddenlink.net
19 September 2008 East Fork of the Greenbrier	9:00 AM Abe's Run	Ken Yufer 304-565-7707
20 September 2008 Laurel Fork of Cheat River council fingerling stocking	9:00 AM at Forks of Laurel Campground WVCTU stocking project	Larry Orr, Chair of WV TU Council 304-965-7185 edhorse@suddenlink.net
27-28 September 2008 National Hunting and Fishing Days	Stonewall Jackson Lake Saturday and Sunday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	
04 October 2008 Piney Creek in Raleigh County fingerling stocking using the railroad as transport.	9:00 AM at Piney Creek	Robbie Spears 304-347-2227 gomounties@mindspring.com
Brown Trout Fingerling Stocking Coordinator is Steve Sattler	304-872-1633 sattler90@yahoo.com	Projected 2008 total fingerling stocking is 70,450.

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KVCTU Quotes

The stream chemistry of the **Middle Fork of Williams River** is improving thanks to the limestone sand that is being deposited along the Highland Scenic Highway. The water is not good enough yet to support natives, but there are noticeable improvements in the Middle Fork's water quality." Ernie Nester, January 22, 2008

Letter to the Editor, Charleston Daily Mail January 21, 2008

"Correcting parties that contend Tier 2.5 designation of streams equates to "taking private property rights away from the landowner", we would like to reassert the requirement for nonpoint sources under the antidegradation rule: *60-1-1.5.b. Nonpoint source activities will be deemed to be in compliance with antidegradation requirements with the installation and maintenance of cost-effective and reasonable best management practices in accordance with 46 CSR 1-4.1.b. 47 CSR 2- 4.1.b. herein. These include, but are not limited to, best management practice programs for silviculture administered by the Division of Forestry, programs for oil and gas operations administered by the Office of Oil and Gas of the Department of Environmental Protection, nonpoint source construction activities, and reasonable land, soil and water conservation measures and practices applied to agricultural nonpoint sources.*

Rules are already in effect through existing legislation. Tier 2.5 designation does not change these requirements. Arguments that listing a stream as Tier 2.5 will result in 'taking private property rights' are not valid. The West Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited (WVCTU) does not support 'taking property rights', nor does the proposed legislation impose 'takings'.

WVCTU supports the listing of 309 streams as submitted to the 2008 session."

Larry Orr, Chairman, WVCTU, January 21, 2008