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The Newsletter for the Kanawha Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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2009 Annual Dinner of the Kanawha Valley Chapter of TU

The Kanawha Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold its Annual Dinner Banquet on the evening of **Tuesday, March 10, 2009, at the Elks Lodge** on Greenbrier Street near Capital High School in Charleston, WV. The dinner will begin with a social hour starting at 6:00 P.M. followed by the main course, which will be served at 7:00 P.M.

Please indicate your choice of BBQ chicken or baked steak when you call or email, as well as the food selection for each guest you may be bringing. There will be a cash bar with wine and beer during the evening.

Our Master of Ceremonies will be Homer Sweeny, Chapter President, who will guide us through the evening events. Awards will be presented to those individuals and groups who have performed outstanding service the past year.

Reservations are required, so please let us know how many meals to prepare. There will be a variety of trips, equipment, and miscellaneous items to raffle off. Dress for the evening is casual--very casual. Any questions may be directed to Matt Spangler at **304-541-3205 (email:matt.spangler@mcjunkinredman.com)**. Cost is \$25 per person. Everyone is welcome! Call or email so we will know how many meals to prepare.

Please help us extend our reach. Friends, family, and business acquaintances are encouraged to attend.

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Special Thanks to Bruce Kissel

After two years of serving KVCTU, Bruce Kissel is stepping down from his role on the Communications Committee. He initiated our ability to reach 400 members by email instantly by being a computer expert in an innovative computer program called Constant Contact. With his guidance we learned how to send out TU announcements to all email contacts on a quick basis. Kissel has accepted a job transfer with Bayer Corporation and will be working in Georgia. He and his wife have two sons, both in college.

"I took Bruce to a favorite spot (think Honey Hole) on Elkhorn after the cleanup two years ago. He confessed to being a relative novice at trout fishing since he had lived mostly in non trout areas. His fly selection was a small maybe #16 dark brown bead head not unlike a Pheasant Tail which he had tied himself. I watched as he caught maybe 10 or 12 gorgeous Bows including one maybe 15 incher in a little over an hour. .

The man was ruined from that point on. Hooked so to speak. He later told me that this was the absolute best Trout Catching experience of his life and thanked me profusely. The pleasure was mine. I'm sorry to lose Bruce." Jack Williams

"I worked for Bruce at Bayer before I retired. He was a great supervisor to work for and to be around. He took Beginning Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Classes and he helped me in the Capital High School gym to teach others how to cast. Bruce Kissel has been a great asset to TU. I hate to lose him and I wish him the best." Charlie Krepps.

"Bruce's ideas with Constant Contact saved my computer from crashing every time I sent the newsletter out. His innovative computer ideas have saved TU much time and aggravation. The Constant Contact System as a way to send out quick notices to everyone who has an email address. That is why it is so important to get your updated email address to us when it changes. Thanks to Bruce, my museum quality computer has entered the 21st century." Randy Augustine..



March 2009 KVCTU "Trout Lines"

Cut and Keep

KVCTU 2009 Stocking and Event Calendar

Cut and Keep

Stocking/Event/Place	Date Time	Coordinator
Elk River	18-April-09 10:00 AM	Steve Young
Twin Bridges - Bergoo Rd	Shy1wv@suddenlink.net	304-344-5819
Back Fork of Elk	2-May-09 9:30 AM	Jason Butcher
Webster Springs	Jlb_1975@hotmail.com	304-610-7473
Camp Creek SOS (Spring)	9-May-09 10:00 AM	Alvan Gale
Bakers Run Camp Ground	alvangale@suddenlink.net	304-345-5280
Cranberry River	15-May-09 10:00 AM	Dave Strom
Woodbine Parking Area	Dstrom2981@gmail.com	304-525-4780
Camp Creek	30-May-09 10:00 AM	Heath Perry
Bakers Run Camp Ground	Uncleheath52@yahoo.com	304-543-0885
WVCTU Fishing School	5-6-7 June-09	John Richard
Beverly, WV	jrichard@wvtu.org	304-621-1816
Fayette County	20-June-09 9:30 AM	Ernie Nester
Midland Trail High School	eenester@suddenlink.net	304-779-2706
Clay County	11-July-09 10:00 AM	Jason Butcher
Big Otter Exit of I-79	Jlb_1975@hotmail.com	304-610-7473
Braxton County	25-July-09 10:00 AM	Matt Spangler
Birch River Road	Matt.Spangler@mcjunkerredman.com	304-541-3205
Dunloup Creek	8-August-09 10:00 AM	Jeff Shafer
Glen Jean Bank	jmschafer@suddenlink.net	304-776-0009
Loop Creek	22-August-09 10:00 AM	Tom Moody
Cemetery on WV Rt. 61	scpeebo@yahoo.com	304-744-4083
Blue Creek	5-September-09 9:30 AM	Don Lyons
Cedar Grover – Go Mart		304-595-1244
Camp Creek SOS (Fall)	12-September-09 10:00 AM	Alvan Gale
Bakers Run Camp Ground	alvangale@suddenlink.net	304-345-5280
East Fork Greenbrier River	18-September-09 9:00 AM	
Abe's Run (WV DNR)	(Friday)	
Laurel Fork of Cheat	19 September 09 9:00 AM	Chris Shockey
Laurel Camping Area	WVCTU shocchris@verizon.net	304-422-1375
Piney Creek	3-October-09 9:00 AM	Robbie Spears
Quinnamont Rail Yard	rspears@chd.com	304-345-6801
National Hunting and Fishing	Days at Stonewall Jackson Resort	26-27 September

Plan to attend these events and enjoy the friendship of Trout Unlimited members.

Upper Elk Stocking and Picnic on Saturday, April 18

A picnic will be held at Frank Hill's cabin, now owned by Dave Strom, after the Bergoo (Elk River) stocking April 18. This is a celebration by John Toney, Elk Springs Fly Shop manager, and Dave Strom. Hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings and drinks will be provided. Anyone who wishes to help with a covered dish or dessert will be appreciated. You can contact Dave at dstrom2981@gmail.com or 304-633-4780.



Ernie Nester holds a nice steelhead caught in PA.

Randy Augustine photos



Elkhorn Cleanup April 25th -- Places To Stay: For folks who want to get to fish Elkhorn a day early there are several places to spend the night. There are numerous motels in Princeton and Bluefield that are about 30 minutes from Elkhorn Creek. For people interested in a bed and breakfast facility there is the **Elkhorn Inn** in Landgraaff (800-708-2040) (~\$98 per night for a room for 2 people). According to Steve Sattler and others the **Huckleberry Trails Inn** is a good place to stay (~\$47 per night for a room for 2 people). The Huckleberry Trails Inn (304-862-2701) is on Rt. 52 in Powhatan and sits right on Elkhorn Creek. Some TU members plan to stay there on Friday and Saturday nights. For folks interested in camping, try the **Ashland Resort Campground** (used to be a KOA campground) located on Rt. 17 about 7 miles from Northfork and about 1 mile from the Ashland Company Store. Campground manager Dave Teasdale (304-862-3795) has again agreed to let people participating in the TU cleanup camp at a cost of \$5 per person per night. The fee will be the same for tent campers and folks with pop-up or hard sided campers. Call the campground if you plan to stay at the campground.

Let me know if you plan on camping because Josh Parks will again try to get a special deal on a meal for Friday night (also let me know if you plan on staying somewhere else Friday night and would like to participate in the meal). Call **Ernie Nester, 304-779-2706** or email at [<eenester@suddenlink.net>](mailto:eenester@suddenlink.net).

Editor's note: All members are welcomed and encouraged to stay two nights in McDowell County with us. That is, if you want to hang out with fellow KVCTU members and learn to fish this stream.

TU ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **WV Council Fly Fishing School June 5-6-7, 2009** at Camp Pioneer in Beverly near Elkins, West Virginia. You get two nights lodging, five meals, hands-on casting instruction, knot knowhow, stream entomology, reading the water and a one to one student-instructor ratio. Plus, you get guide service for Sunday all for a low cost. Call John Richard 304-621-1816 or email [<jrichard@wvtu.org>](mailto:jrichard@wvtu.org) for information and to register.
- **Camp Splinter Event:** If you want to stay in a free cabin with fellow members of KVCTU, then plan on attending the Camp Splinter get-together on May 15th weekend. There is a large campground for tents or truck campers. We can fish the Cranberry River on Wednesday and Thursday on May 13 and 14, and meet the stocking truck at Woodbine on Friday at 9:00 AM, May 15th. By staying Thursday night, you won't have to drive up the mountain early Friday morning. We will have the Camp Splinter to ourselves from Wednesday thru Saturday nights. Those planning to attend should bring sleeping bags, air mattresses, and food to share. A big breakfast and spaghetti dinner is planned for Friday after the stocking at Camp Splinter. We will be stocking adult fish while using floating fish chambers. People in shape should show up to help. People not in shape should show up and cook and tell good stories.



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2009 UPCOMING EVENTS Mark your calendars.

**March 10 TU Banquet, 6 PM, Matt Spangler, 343-0433,
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**April 14, TU Meeting, Mike Shingleton, 7:00 PM, South
Charleston Public Library**

**April 18, Elk River Stocking, Steve Sattler, 304-872-1633,
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**April 25, Elkhorn Cleanup, Ernie Nester, 304-779-2706,
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**May 2, Back Fork of Elk, Jason Butcher, 304-610-7473,
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**May 9, Camp Creek SOS, Alvan Gale, 304-345-5280,
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**May 15, Cranberry Stocking. May 13-16, stay at Camp
Splinter with TU for lodging and shared meals. Dave Strom,
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