



# New River Valley Chapter Trout Unlimited

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Dear TU member,

Our last meeting went very well as expected although the turnout was a little smaller than last time. Members nominated and elected officers as well as directors for leadership roles in the chapter. The members also decided that officers and directors would serve for one year until another election. I am pleased to announce the following members as officers and directors:

President : Ryan McManamay

Vice President: Jason Steele

Treasurer: Chuck Harrell

Secretary: Rachel McManamay

Outreach/Members Director: Lynn Hayes

Conservation Director: Phillip Taylor

Advertising/PR Director: Andy Dodson

The officers and directors were enthusiastic about being able to participate in helping to build the chapter, attain conservational goals, and, of course, enjoy fishing together along with all New River Valley Chapter members.

Sincerely,

Ryan McManamay

## **NEW RIVER VALLEY CHAPTER BYLAWS MEETING:**

To be recognized by the National TU organization as an official chapter, we are working to get all the paperwork completed. This includes the New River Valley chapter's bylaws (rewritten). Jason Steele has retyped them and made some changes. We would like for the members to read the bylaws and make comments. We will have a separate bylaw meeting Friday, March 24th at 12pm in 1033 Derring. *Notice that this is not our chapter meeting which is on April 5th.* We will devote this meeting entirely to making additional changes to the bylaws and voting on them.

If you would like a copy of the bylaws to read and give advice please send an email to Jason Steele ([jksteele@vt.edu](mailto:jksteele@vt.edu)) or call at **(540) 639- 5890**. Even if you cannot attend the meeting please send any comments about the bylaws by email.

## **Special points of interest:**

### **• Next Meeting:**

**April 5th**

**• When: 7pm**

**• Where: 1033**

**Derring Hall**

## **Activities for Next Time:**

### **Joe Williams:**

Fisheries Biologist for New River Valley will discuss some potential stream projects here in the NRV.

### **Fly Tying:**

Bring your fly tying stuff so we can share and tie some productive patterns.

### **Remember:**

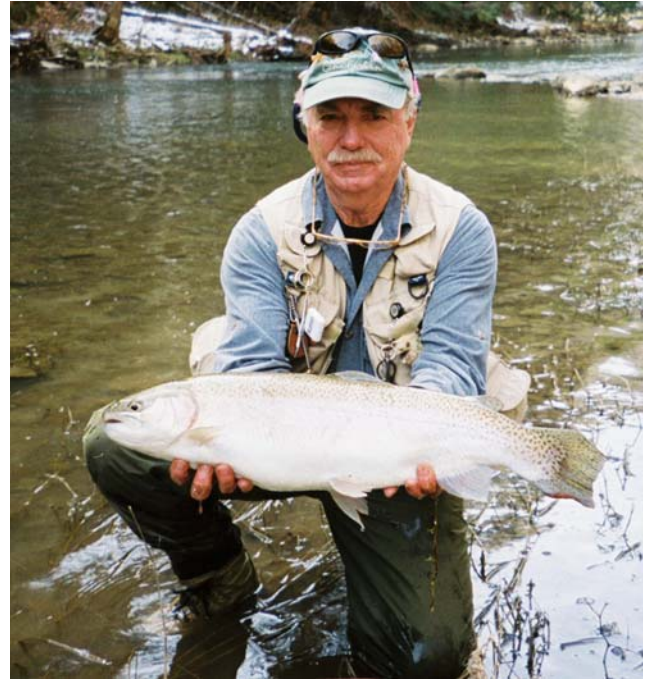
Kid's Fishing Day  
May 6th at Pandapa's  
Pond



### Who Says Fly Fishermen Don't Catch Monsters?

Here are some local TU members that had a productive trip to Big Cedar Creek. To the left is Lynn Hayes, holding a nice brown, who is a guide and owns a bed and breakfast. Lynn is our Outreach/Membership Director of the chapter and truly loves fly fishing.

Jim Blakeney, pictured on the right, is a lifetime member of Trout Unlimited. Here, he's holding a monster rainbow. He pumped the fish's stomach to see its diet and said it had swallowed a house cat, three frogs, and Lynn's fly box that he lost in the current. Jim plans on being a member of the New River Chapter.



Brad Jones, on the left, is an employee of Appalachian power. Although Brad is relatively new to the sport of fly fishing, you can't tell it from this picture with him holding a nice trophy rainbow. Brad was fishing with a wooly bugger and some other nymph patterns and struck gold. Brad told me "there were some nice one's in there, some up to 8 lbs!"

**Contribute to the newsletter:** If you'd like to send in some pictures and a fishing story please send them to [rmcmanam@vt.edu](mailto:rmcmanam@vt.edu) so we can post it in the newsletter.

## Next Meeting: April 5th, 7pm @ 1033 Derring Hall

### Activities at the Next Meeting:

Joe Williams, the fisheries biologist from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will be our guest speaker for the next meeting to discuss some of the potential projects for our chapter concerning volunteer stream work. Joe is the representative fisheries biologist from the New River Valley and knows the streams in the area very well. Joe was excited to hear about the chapter being reactivated. He plans on talking about 2 streams that may show great prospects for delayed harvest sections. Please come hear and bring questions about what our chapter can do to participate.

Also, we will have fly tying session. Bring your fly tying materials to tie and come ready to share some patterns that you may have up your sleeve. A presentation on two patterns will be given (one of which is below). If you want to come and try out the patterns you may want to add these specific materials to the list of things to bring (Look at the chart at bottom right).

The pattern below is Floyd Franke's Delaware River Helgrammite pattern. I got the pictures and instructions off of <http://www.eflytyer.com/patterns/hellgrammite.html>. It looks like a killer pattern for smallmouth on the New.



### Specific materials to bring:

- Black and grey rubber legs
- Olive or brown chenille
- Black and brown turkey biots
- Black and brown saddle hackle
- Black 2mm closed cell foam
- Peacock herl

### One other Thing:

We are pleased to be able to send out a newsletter and we believe that it's an essential part of a Trout Unlimited Chapter. However, we need to raise funds to continue to do so. If you would like to save the chapter postage and printing costs and would not mind receiving the newsletter by email please send an email to Rachel McManamay, [rhmcmama@vt.edu](mailto:rhmcmama@vt.edu) so we can set up a listserv. This would help out a great deal. Do not be obligated to do so, if you would prefer to receive a hardcopy of the chapter newsletter.

Also, please send an email to Lynn Hayes, [leh550@aol.com](mailto:leh550@aol.com) to get on the general listserv so that we can send you announcements of chapter meetings and activities. We also want to send everyone a list of the NRV chapter members and addresses in the following news letter.

**NOTICE: if you do not want your contact info (name and address) sent to all other members, please send an email again to the address above.** By getting contact information sent out to members, we can become a more connected group and you might learn that your next door neighbor is a TU member.

### Hook

- Size 6 or 4 streamer (Mustad 3665A)

### Thread

- Black or Tan thread (size 3/0)

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## **Directions to our meeting:**

Take Price's Fork Rd. exit of 460 Bypass toward campus. Turn right onto West Campus Drive and then a left on Perry Street. Derring Hall is the 2nd building on the right. Our meetings are always on the first Wednesday of every month in 1033 Derring Hall.

## **Contact Info:**

**Please contact us if you have any questions or want to get involved!**

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