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# Lateral Lines

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Newsletter for the Winchester Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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## August Chapter Activities:

Thursday, Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>

**6:30 PM – BYOD (Bring Your Own Dinner), social time and fish story/lie-telling-session**

**7:00 PM – Chapter Meeting**

Directions: the OakCrest Realty offices are on Valley Avenue, between W. Jubal Early Dr. and Cedar Creek Grade

Saturday Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>

**Chapel Run work session: 9am-12pm**

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## Fish Tanks for TIC program:

Does anyone have an OLD fish tank they would like donate to the chapter? We are in the progress of starting a Trout in the Classroom program with some of the area schools and are looking for three 50 to 60 gallon fish tanks. If you have one and it doesn't leak to bad and would like to donate please contact Charlie Loudermilk ([cloudermilk@tnsi.com](mailto:cloudermilk@tnsi.com)) and/or Mark Zimmerman ([mbzimmerman@comcast.net](mailto:mbzimmerman@comcast.net))

## Chapel Run Update

By Bud Nagelvoort

Well, after the Competition/Work Session/Cookout on July 14 activities on Chapel Run have quieted down during the summer doldrums (besides, Bud has had a house full of family.) But the event on the 14th found six contestants vying for the outstanding selection of prizes in the flyfishing competition. I know it is painful for some to acknowledge it, but Bill Prokopchek won the coveted top prizes for most and biggest fish. And it is equally painful to report that our illustrious President, while being assigned, perhaps, the most likely sites for big fish, could only claim two twitches, neither of which resulted in as much as a single fish scale impaled on his hook. The abbreviated work session moved a huge spruce log into place for channel narrowing along with a further reduction in the rock pile. The tailgate cookout found chief chef Charlie removing the hair from his hands while flipping Stan's donations on Robert's gas grill and we all enjoyed burgers and dogs along with assorted salads, chips and cold liquids. Thanks, everyone!

Next work session is August 4. You will all be pleased to know that we have now narrowed about 180 feet of slow water below Gregg's Pool with about 110 feet to go before reaching the High Dam V. The 110 feet includes the worst sediment load in the stream and presents the most serious engineering challenge. However, with the kind of professional direction this effort will receive, success is inevitable. Just to provide a hint of the innovative technique to be utilized, this stretch will be called "The Ailanthus Approach." It should be completed this fall in time for Hurricane \_\_\_\_\_ to flush this sediment out of our sight once and for all (unless we can convince the Boy Scouts that removing the sediment to high ground one bucket at a time is the more logical ultimate solution. You all could vote on this option at the August 2 meeting. Bud won't be able to be present due to a memorial service for his former Congressman/employer in DC from 5 to 7 PM that day.)

Beyond the above items, I can only report that Big Boy continues to rule at Chain Log, a big brown hangs out below Old Feeder V, two nice, spooky rainbows hang out below the brown, two more old transplants reside at Sycamore Root where they get first crack at the pellets from the relocated feeder and there is a scattering of other browns and rainbows on down to the Crossing Slot which get pellets from the new feeder located just above the dam. Worth taking 4-6 hours to disappear into the shade and cool with the chance for at least a half dozen hookups - with fish, that is - and several more from overhead and the stream bottom. Just try to stay out of the stream as much as possible to avoid stirring up sediment, and while in the stream try to walk only on the hard bottom areas. Mark is still the clearing house so let him know when you want to fish.

Tight lines and Screaming Reels ---

Bud

## Redbud Update

By Bud Nagelvoort

Carl should be providing this report. As far as I know he is the only one who has fished the stream recently, and with some success. He tells me he found three age classes of fish in the

DGIF waters, 10 fish from 3 inches to 12+. No word yet from Larry or Steve on special regs or any plans for enhancement. No discussion scheduled yet with Wayne Seipel for possibilities on his mile stretch, but we ought to plan to meet with him when McAllister is available this fall.

At Fay Spring there is a project we might want to tackle with a Chesapeake Bay Restoration Grant application. The culvert crossing needs to be removed because it obstructs the flow of water just above, where DGIF stocked the Brooktrout, resulting in excess sediment in the stream bed and loss of good Brooktrout habitat. The solution is to provide water for cattle on the north side of the stream at a cost of about \$3,000 for the pipe and waterer.

Winchester had indicated it would make this correction, but later decided it did not have the money to do so. I have the forms. We would need to get Jim to secure Winchester concurrence.

## **Other News and Info**

### **Dominion, Trout Unlimited Provide State-of-the-Art Aquaculture Equipment**

Richmond, VA (VDGIF news release; 7/17/2007) — Dominion and the Virginia Council of Trout Unlimited received certificates of appreciation at the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries meeting today for purchasing and providing essential, state-of-the-art aquaculture equipment to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF). Through their generosity, VDGIF will be able to enhance recreation opportunities for anglers and improve hatchery efficiency and while preserving and protecting the Commonwealth's native and wild trout populations.

The Department has been discussing the benefits of producing triploid, or sterile, trout for its trout stocking program for several years. A couple of years ago VDGIF fisheries staff began experimenting with creating and utilizing triploid trout in the agency's hatchery system. Triploiding of fish involves using heat or pressure treatment on eggs that result in an extra set of chromosomes in the fish. The offspring from these eggs are not fertile and can not reproduce. The fish are not harmed in any way.

By being sterile, there is no risk of these stocked fish establishing a non-native (rainbow or brown trout) population that could out compete with sensitive native species or eliminate native brook trout populations all together. There is also no risk of causing genetic impacts to native trout populations by inbreeding with less hardy hatchery fish.

This technology also saves money and provides larger trout. Without energy going into reproduction, triploid trout have a higher growth rate which enables the hatchery to produce and stock larger trout without increased cost. In short, food may be directed solely toward growth producing larger fish in a shorter period of time on less food.

The Fisheries Division has been experimenting with heat treatment of trout eggs the past two years with good success on rainbow trout but very poor success on brooks and browns. It was determined that the only effective way to successfully triploid all trout species was to pressure treat the eggs. The pressure treatment chamber for this operation is custom made and cost approximately \$25,000. Trout Unlimited applied for a grant through Dominion to secure the funds. Dominion approved the grant and the equipment was purchased by Trout Unlimited and

delivered to VDGIF. The pressure chamber has been setup at Paint Bank hatchery and is ready for trout eggs that will begin be taken in August.

## Trout Unlimited Tri-State Conservation and Fishing Camp

By: Mark Zimmerman

This year was another successful camp at Graves Mountain Lodge, with 24 students from Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Maine, Texas and Alaska. We're hoping to have an official report in the next newsletter from Camp Director Paul Kearny. Congrats to Stan Ikonen from our chapter, who has joined Mark Zimmerman on the camp Executive Committee, and who was a counselor at this year's event. Mark was in attendance for one day during the week as well, so they'll both have some stories to tell at the next chapter meeting

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