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Fly Fishing the Susquehanna Flats, Mid-Bay, Tangier Sound and the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel

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In this month's program we will experience the wide assortment of fly fishing venues that are available on the Chesapeake Bay throughout the seasons. Captain Kevin Josenhans will be our guide for this spirited adventure in fly fishing. Kevin operates Josenhans Fly Fishing, a premier Chesapeake Bay fly and light tackle guide service located on Maryland's eastern shore. He is a full-time professional guide who has been guiding satisfied clients since 1994. Since moving to the shore in 1988, Kevin has become renowned for his expertise on fly fishing the shallow grass flats of Tangier Sound. Striped bass, speckled trout, redfish, weakfish, bluefish, flounder, croaker and Spanish mackerel are species that you can expect to catch while fishing with Kevin. Kevin, an upper bay native, will share his experience fishing the Chesapeake Bay from the Susquehanna Flats to the Bay Bridge Tunnel. His A Jones Brothers Cape Fisherman 20 is fully equipped with the latest in electronics to provide a safe and rewarding fishing experience.

Josenhans Fly Fishing has been featured on ESPN's Fly Fishing America and Outdoor Life Network's Fly Fishing the Tidewater's, along with appearing in numerous salt water and fly fishing publications and books. Kevin is also a free-lance writer with articles appearing in national and regional fishing periodicals. See www.josenhansflyfishing.com for more details. If you wish to learn more about great nearby saltwater fly fishing opportunities, this is the program for you.

- by Nick Weber

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Monthly Chapter Meetings

Time and Day 7:00 PM, Third Wednesday except December, June, July, and August

Place Margaret Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, Maryland

Directions From Capitol Beltway: North on Georgia Avenue (Rte. 97). First right onto Forest Glen Road, then go past Holy Cross Hospital and across Sligo Creek Parkway. The Center is on the right.

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President's Column

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My first term as President of PPCTU has had its ups and downs. The high points have been many, while the low points have been surprisingly few. I have had the privilege of working side by side with outstanding volunteers who are committed to the betterment of our chapter while they work to see it continues to thrive for to years come.

One of the low points of the past year was the passing of a dear friend, Dave Wittman. Dave was the ultimate chapter volunteer. He was always among those to say aye, count me in; I will help. In fact, when a project was being considered, he always seemed to be the first to raise his hand to volunteer his service. It was an honor for me to know him and work with him.

Trout Unlimited is a cold water conservation organization. We are the ones entrusted with the protection of our streams and water ways. For the most part, our common bond is created through fishing. If we don't have enough volunteers supporting our mission, then our streams and our sport will deteriorate. Please don't let our children miss out on the heritage we have enjoyed; step up, raise your hand, and volunteer!

Larry Vawter

Early Meeting Segments

begin at 7 pm

Tying Bench

As colder weather settles in and a fisher's thoughts turn toward fishing those giant rainbows we call Steelhead, Jack Benoit will tie a pattern called the Steelhead Hammer that works well on these fall beauties. Jack was put onto this pattern by Ken Bowyer who originally read about it in an "Orvis Fishing News" issue several years ago. Ken bought some in chartreuse and red and has had great success with them over the years while steelhead fishing in Ohio and Pennsylvania including our outing 2 years ago to Erie, PA. You can find a photo of the pattern on the Orvis web site. Type steelhead hammer in the search box. It's basically a black stonefly nymph with a bright color woven through the bottom of the body and an estaz collar. Come to the early segment to learn about and see Jack tie a must have fly for your fall or spring "Steelhead Box".

Angler's Corner

Come by the Anglers Corner and check with Dennis Covert to learn all you need for the fall trip to Erie PA, November 7 – 10. The excitement in his voice and others who go to this outing will make it hard to resist this experience. You may also hear some tales from the recent outing to the Western Maryland outing in late September. It should not take much convincing why you really should consider these fishing experiences with some of our fellow fishers. Have an idea for an outing, share it with Dennis Covert, outings chair, at denniscovert@hotmail.com.

See <http://www.pptu.org/outings/outings.shtml> for more outing listings.

PPTU MENTOR PROGRAM BEGINNERS & BEYOND

Ken Bowyer and Tim Pawlowitz provide one-on-one streamside fly fishing instruction to PPTU members. Participants must show commitment by having waders or hipsters, a rod and reel outfit, and leader. Discussions will include equipment, knots, casting, flies, dry fly and nymphing techniques, entomology, reading water, conservation, etc. at nearby streams. Instruction will be tailored to individual needs.

Members who have not made an Annual Supporting Contribution will be asked to contribute \$20.

Contact:

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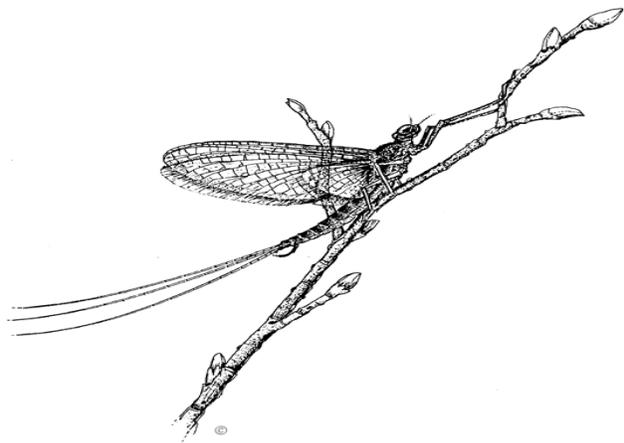
Have an idea for an article, or something you'd like to share with other chapter members? Material is welcome (and cheerfully accepted). The deadline is the 12th of the month for the next month's issue.

Please send articles, ideas, etc, preferably in MS Word or in the body of the e-mail to

earthmomjo@hotmail.com

(Note: This is a new e-mail address.)

*Thanks
Joanne Kla, Editor*



Tackle and Tactic Tips

Waders always seem to leak when you can least afford the time to dry them out and make the repair—or even find a replacement pair if the damage is too extensive. In the past several years a new type of repair material has come upon the scene. This material is a thin gel but when exposed to UV light hardens rapidly into a flexible patch and water seal. Previously, repairs had to wait until the waders were dry, which usually meant that evening. In addition to dry waders, one had to wait many hours (sometimes a full day) for the repair to cure. I have been using an UV-activated repair material made by Loon Outdoors that has performed very well for several years of repairs. I recently discovered that Aquaseal now makes a UV-cure adhesive; I have not tried my first tube yet. This product appears to work the same as the Loon Outdoors wader repair material but requires the wader to be dry, unlike the latter adhesive.

In Alaska this June I dragged a large salmon fly across the rear of my waders only to later discover I had a 1" slit in the whole fabric. The UV-activated repair adhesive fixed the slice in seconds. For indoor repairs one can purchase a tiny UV light that works its magic just as fast as direct sunlight. Usually all that is needed is a very small droplet to seal a leak. The small tube is easily carried in the back of my vest. It is also useful for repairing breathable wading jackets and other materials. I do not leave home without it!

I often chat with fishers in parking lots or shops. Frequently the topic of poachers comes up and I ask them if they called the Natural Resource Police (NRP)? No, left my cell phone in the car....is the usual response. Why? Did not want to get it wet if I fell in. Ok, but have you heard of Ziplock bags? I carry my wallet in a bag, my cell in another, and my FRS radio in still a third, if fishing with a buddy. One time a fishing buddy seemed to be taking a great deal of time to

reply to my initial radioed inquiry as to what the fishing was like near him.

Soon it became apparent that he was trying to pull his radio out of the Ziplock. No need, just press all the buttons and talk right through the plastic bag.

Call the NRP at 1-800-635-6124 to report poachers; better yet, plug it into your cell phone as a speed dial.

A small supply of Ziplock bags resides in my travel kit on any fishing trip. It is not a matter of IF I am going to fall in but WHEN! One never knows when help may be needed. A twisted ankle or worse can make getting back to the car difficult if not impossible. Having a cell phone with you is insurance. Naturally, I leave mine off—I want to hear the gurgle of the water and the birds singing overhead, as well as the slurp of a wary trout back under some bush.

PATUXENT REPORT

DNR expects to have some trout available for fall stockings, but as we go to press we do not have the stocking schedule. Check the DNR web site for the fall stocking reports or watch on the PPCTU list serve. There also will be some electro shocking of some of our local streams. If you are interested in helping stock or shock(!), contact me ASAP (jmsheppar@aol.com).

ANNUAL WARNING: Hunting goes through mid-winter in many sections of Patuxent River State Park, so be careful and stay alert. The firearm season for deer is still a way off, but squirrel hunting starts the first Saturday of October, and dove and archery season for deer will both be continuing as this is mailed. Suggest fishing on weekdays or Sundays; otherwise, wear a bright-colored hat on Saturdays, in particular. Sunday hunting does not apply on state lands, such as the Patuxent River State Park.

Jay Sheppard

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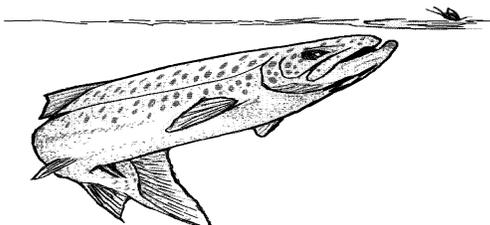
CHAPTER ASSIGNMENT?

MISSING AN ISSUE?

If you have moved or see any error in your label on this Conservationist, please advise both the National TU office (1-800-834-2419) and this chapter with separate notices. Our mailing list is maintained apart from the National list; we do eventually get the notice of address change from National TU, but it is often a few months before it affects your Conservationist and other mailings. Please help us help you. Thank you.

Further, please check your membership card from the national TU office after you renew. It is possible that you may have been reassigned to a different chapter unbeknownst to you! Call the above 800-number and ask to be moved to the chapter of your choice and also ask that your record be flagged so as not to be changed at any future time without your requesting the change.

In the past, we have had several reports of members not receiving their Conservationist. First, make sure we have your correct address, including 9-digit ZIP, and that your dues are paid up (label reads PP-0910 until this November, or 0911 after that). If you are missing a back issue, please contact us for a copy. For future reference, we try to mail the Conservationist to our active members about 2 weeks before the next meeting. Remember, we have no mailings or meetings in December or during the summer months of June, July and August.



Annual Supporting Contribution (ASC) now Payable

The \$20 we ask to help support our administrative and printing costs is now payable. We operate on a September to September basis for the chapter's publication, The Conservationist.

Very simply, it costs a lot of money to operate the chapter for meeting room rentals, postage, printing, web site, and other costs. We want to use all the contributions we receive and raise through our fund raisers to support our work for the resource.

If your mailing label reads "PP-0910" (or there is no "PP-" designation) then you need to renew your ASC. You can pay the ASC at the next meeting or just mail it to our chapter mail box. Make checks payable to PPTU. You can choose to have the Conservationist delivered in hard copy or via the Internet; please advise which method you wish and include your email address. You do not have to be a TU member assigned to PPTU to subscribe to the Conservationist by paying the ASC. November will be the last issue for those with "PP-0910" on their label.

Fly Rod Building Class

PPTU will be offering a six week fly rod building class starting in mid-October.

Details will follow . If you are interested, contact Jim Robinson at

jrobinson@fm.umd.edu.

TYING FLIES FOR TROUT FOR THE NOVICE OR INTERMEDIATE FLY TYER --

Tying Flies for Trout is designed for the tyer who wishes to learn new tying skills or improve the techniques they already have. The basic skills and materials for tying nymphs, emergers, duns, and spinners, coupled with basic wet fly and streamer construction will be covered. The class focus will be on proven local patterns.

Jim Greco, Carl Smolka, Larry Vawter, Bob Dietz, and possibly Dennis Covert will conduct the class. The class will be at the Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, MD, from 7 to 9 PM on Tuesday nights: January 4, 11, 18, 25 and February 1, 8, 2011.

Tuition for this 6 week class is \$135.00. For TU members who have made a \$20.00 Annual Supporting Contribution (ASC) to PPCTU a discount of \$20.00 applies, making the tuition only \$115.00. The tuition fee covers the room rental, class handouts, and tying materials for flies to be tied in the class with the balance of revenue going to the PPCTU Chapter for use in its education and conservation efforts such as stream restoration, Trout in the Classroom, and Project Healing Waters.

Right now, joining National TU costs only \$17.50, see www.tu.org/intro. Be sure to enter chapter number 236 so PPCTU will get the proper chapter rebate. The introductory offer will also include the PPTU ASC, and entitles you to the \$20.00 discount and other benefits associated with it. Once you join National TU and select PPCTU (#236) as the chapter you wish to be affiliated with, you will be a member of PPCTU. The ASC is optional.

Limited enrollment -- sign up now. Materials included. Students must supply their own tools. A few, Optional tying manuals available for \$11.00 -- "Fly Tying Made Easy for Beginners", Randall Kaufmann (\$21.95 value)

To register, contact Jim Greco for information at a chapter meeting, or at Jimg6128@verizon.net..., or 410-997-2787.

Information about tools needed is available from Jim.

By the way -- I should point out each student will receive enough material to tie at least 4 flies of each pattern we teach. That means you will finish the class with approximately 48 flies in your box you didn't have before taking the class. Have you bought any good flies lately??? -- Just the value of those flies makes the class tuition almost free, and you will have a new skill to practice for the rest of your trout fishing future...



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