

In The Trout's Window

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Pioneer Valley TU Chapter 276

October 13, 2009 Meeting

Our upcoming Chapter meeting will be held at 7:30PM on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at the West Springfield/Agawam Elks Lodge, 422 Morgan Rd., West Springfield, MA. (Fly Tier's Corner begins at 7:00pm)



Our Featured Speaker is author Patrick Garner:

“Playing with Fire: The Life and Fly Rods of E.W. Edwards”

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The Pioneer Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited is proud to announce that Mr. Patrick Garner, author of Playing with Fire: The Life and Fly Rods of E.W. Edwards, will be the featured speaker at our October 13th meeting.

Mr. Garner's 2008 book focuses on master fly rod maker E.W. Edwards, who revolutionized rod making in the early 20th century. Edwards' inventions spurred the use of fast, dry fly fishing and for a period of 15-20 years Edwards was considered the country's best rod maker. Mr. Garner's presentation will be heavily illustrated with extraordinary rods, and he will bring several extremely rare Edwards rods for display. Mr. Garner's mastery of this subject led to his being asked to speak at the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum.

This entertaining historical perspective on a very significant branch of angling history will delight all... and you won't have to travel all the way to the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum to enjoy this opportunity!

Fly Tier's Corner — Join us at 7:00pm for a live demonstration

This month's featured fly tier is Terry Connolly, PVTU Board member and creative craftsman at the bench. Join him for a fun roundtable demonstration.

President's Message –

By Paul Beaulieu

Space is short in this edition of *In The Trout's Window*, so I will be very brief. Check-out the announcement on page 3 for the Special Fly Rod Raffle to be held this year. This exquisite fly rod and accompanying gear will take the place of our annual conservation banquet as our major fundraising event.

Fishon!

Paul B.

Trout Unlimited Marks 50 Years of Conservation Success

From TU National - This year marks the 50th anniversary of TU's founding on the banks of the Au Sable River near Grayling, Michigan. The 16 fishermen who gathered at the home of George Griffith were united by their love of trout fishing, and by their growing discontent with the state's practice of stocking its waters with "cookie cutter trout"—catchable-sized hatchery fish. Convinced that Michigan's trout streams could turn out a far superior fish if left to their own devices, the anglers formed a new organization: Trout, Unlimited (the comma was dropped a few years later) dedicated to ensuring that wild and native trout populations were allowed to thrive, as nature intended.

From the beginning, TU was guided by the principle that if we "take care of the fish, then the fishing will take care of itself." And that principle was grounded in science. "One of our most important objectives is to develop programs and recommendations based on the very best information and thinking available," said TU's first president, Dr. Casey E. Westell Jr. "In all matters of trout management, we want to know that we are substantially correct, both morally and biologically."

In 1962-63, TU prepared its first policy statement on wild trout, and persuaded the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to curtail "put-and-take" trout stocking and start managing for wild trout and healthy habitat. On the heels of that success, anglers quickly founded TU chapters in Illinois, Wisconsin, New York, and Pennsylvania.

From its hundreds of local stream restoration projects, to helping lead the way to remove the Edwards Dam on the Kennebec River in Maine, to compelling Congress to strengthen the Clean Water Act, TU has a strong 50 year track record of conservation achievements. Perhaps TU's greatest strength is that it works at multiple levels of society and government to achieve its mission. From the landowner on the stream bank, to the state fisheries agency, to the Halls of Congress, TU is working to achieve its vision.

To learn more about the storied history of TU conservation successes, visit www.tu50.org on the internet.

InterMedia Outdoors, Trout Unlimited Sign Partnership: TU's TV show to air exclusively on Sportsman Channel

Press Release, TU National — In an unprecedented partnership between an outdoor media company and a conservation group, InterMedia Outdoors (IMO) and Trout Unlimited (TU) have signed a long-term cooperative agreement reaching across both organizations' media platforms. As part of the deal, IMO's Sportsman Channel will become the exclusive home to TU's *On The Rise* beginning the second quarter of 2010. Production of new episodes begins this fall.

The agreement also calls for a dynamic level of cooperation between the two partners in the development of a new digital platform for Trout Unlimited, which will include content and technology sharing, as well as cross-promotion and marketing of TU's website, www.tu.org. Overall, the newly-minted partnership includes an integrated marketing campaign involving advertising in a selection of IMO's portfolio of magazines and websites, including industry-leader *Fly Fisherman*, as well as public service announcements on the Sportsman Channel to give further exposure to Trout Unlimited and its core mission of conserving, protecting and restoring North America's trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds.

"Trout Unlimited's partnership with Intermedia provides an exciting opportunity to communicate with millions of sportsmen on the web, on TV and in print," said Chris Wood, Trout Unlimited's Chief Operating Officer. "TU is proud to be affiliated with such a leader in the multimedia industry."

Trout Unlimited programming has been produced for more than a decade by IMO subsidiary Barrett Productions, and has aired on ESPN, Versus and the Outdoor Channel over that time. The new agreement will include shared content such as conservation news and developments, stories, fly-tying recipes, and attribution for both companies. Trout Unlimited is a private, nonprofit organization with more than 140,000 members who are dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring North America's trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds. In 2009 TU celebrates 50 years of coldwater conservation.

PVTU Treasurer's Report

Joe Babineau, PVTU Treasurer

The September, 2009 Treasurer's report for the Pioneer Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited is as follows:

Checking Account:	\$296.89
Savings Account:	\$10,744.00
CD Account::	\$11,252.38

The CD account is earmarked for the PVTU Memorial Scholarship fund with the goal of eventually attaining \$20,000 in order to be self sustaining.

Special Fly Rod Raffle to Replace Fundraising Banquet in 2010

In 2010 the Pioneer Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will take a break from holding it's annual Conservation Banquet.

After 12 years of coordinating this event, the co-chairmen have decided to step down and since no volunteers have come forward to assume this role, the Chapter has decided to replace this fundraising event with a special fly rod raffle to be held over the next several months. And special it is...

The Chapter will be raffling a Sage VT-2, 4 piece, 5-weight, 9-foot custom-crafted fly rod by renown fly rod maker, Dan Trela. Special features include: jungle cock eyes embossed above cork grip and hand painted label: "PVTU 276 Special".

This rod will be on display at each upcoming PVTU Chapter meeting and tickets are \$5 apiece or 5 tickets for \$20. You have to see this magnificent piece to believe it. Also included is a reel, fly line, backing, flies and accessories. The winner will be announced at our May meeting.

PVTU Member Interview

Interviewed by Gary Metras

Chapter Member Name: Gerald (Jerry) W. Eves, Jr.

Home town: Wilbraham, MA (Moved to Massachusetts from Maryland in Feb. 2008 to be nearer grandchildren).

Age: 67

Occupation: Retired. (27 years U.S. Air Force. 20 years government contractor in the field of Information Technology Systems Engineering.)

How long a member of PVTU: 1 year

Favorite fly: Woolly Bugger and Copper John

Favorite local river: Swift River

Best fish you ever caught: 33" 12 lb. Steelhead

Why is fishing important to you: Best form of relaxation I know. Allows me to blend with nature and its beauty.

Why is "to conserve, protect and restore North America's trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds" (TU's mission statement) important: We need to preserve our coldwater resources for future generations to enjoy as we do.

Instructor Wanted

How about assisting your TU Chapter by instructing this winter's beginner fly tying classes? An instructor is needed for Wednesday evenings (7:00pm - 8:30pm at the Lodge of Elks) during the month of February. It's easy and fun. The Chapter will supply all fly tying materials. See Paul Beaulieu, Jim Turcotte or Ed Bauchiero at the October meeting, or email Ed at bigfished@comcast.net.

Pioneer Valley TU Trivia Questions Throw Me a Line ...

(Answers at bottom of page)

1. Is a fly line's identification code based on the line's weight or diameter?
2. Which fly line type is designed to achieve the longest cast: level, shooting taper, or weight forward?
3. For leaders designated 1X - 8X, what do these numbers represent?
4. A fly line is designated DT-5-S, what does the "DT" and "S" stand for?
5. A fly line is designated ST-9-I, what does the "ST" and "I" stand for?

Westfield River Clean-up

The Westfield River Watershed Association (WRWA) will hold its annual clean-up of the Westfield River on Saturday, October 3 from 9:00 a.m. until about 1 p.m. This is part of the Source-to-Sea Clean-up carried out by numerous groups along the Connecticut River and its tributaries.

The clean-up focuses on trash left along the banks of the river, so most volunteers don't actually go into the river. Volunteers of all ages are welcome.

Volunteers should wear work clothes, bring work gloves and river boots, if possible. Meet at the WG&E power substation on Meadow St. in Westfield. After a brief orientation, groups will be sent to trashy places in Westfield and neighboring towns. For further information, contact Mark Damon at 572-9991 or mjdamon@verizon.net. Heavy rain cancels this event.

Donate Your Magazines for our Overseas Troops

Chapter member Rex Hryniewicz, is still collecting sporting magazines at our monthly meetings to be shipped to our overseas troops. This is part of the, Beanies for Balad Program, locally sponsored by the Sage Book Store. This summer our TU Chapter received a very nice 'Thank You' letter from our troops.

So, if you have any sporting magazines (must be published within the past 12 months) please bring them to any of our monthly Chapter meetings, or to Sage Books located at 220 College Highway, Southwick, MA.

Great job, Rex! For more information on this project visit the Sage Books website at www.sagabks.com or call the store at (413) 527-7703.

Answers to TU Trivia Questions:

1. Weight
2. Shooting taper
3. Line diameter
4. Double Taper, Sinking
5. Shooting Taper, Intermediate

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Chapter Meetings

Meetings are held at 7PM on the second Tuesday of each month from September through May. We meet at the West Springfield/Agawam Lodge of Elks, 422 Morgan Rd., West Springfield, MA. The general public always welcome— no admission fee.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

October 13, 2009	Patrick Garner, “The Master of all Master Fly Rod Makers”
November 10, 2009	Doug Lyons, “Stream Restoration on the Battenkill River”
December 8, 2009	T.B.A.
January 12, 2010	Annual PVTU Fly Tying Extravaganza
February 9, 2010	Russ Cohen Massachusetts Riverways Project, Topic TBA.
March 11, 2010	Tom Roginski “Phenology – Matching the Hatch to Blooms ”
April 13, 2010	T.B.A.

Don't forget to visit your PVTU Chapter Online!

Nearly 1,000 people that have visited the Pioneer Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited online! Have you? Thanks to Chapter member Patty Kuralowicz, the Pioneer Valley Trout Unlimited **MySpace page** is continually updated, and keeping Chapter members and visitors from near and far informed about Chapter happenings. Our MySpace page covers Chapter-related news articles, photos of Chapter members' fishing exploits, and other relevant information. So, for those of you with access to a computer be sure to visit us online at: www.myspace.com/pvtroutunlimited

Quote of the Month

Fishing consists of a series of misadventures interspersed by occasional moments of glory.

- Howard Marshall