



# Clear Water Journal

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The Official Newsletter of the Clear Fork Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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## Upcoming Events

**Chapter Meetings: All meetings run from 7:15-9:00 pm with doors open at 6:45.**

**September 10** -Speaker is Curt Wagner, He will present "Northeast Ohio Fisheries Management: Managing our resources for exceptional angling experiences."

**October 10**—Speaker is Cindi Crawford, "In search of the Holy Grayling: Grayling fishing in Alaska."

**November 12**—Speaker Paul Swarmer will give an illustrated talk on "Photographing Ohio's wildlife".

**December 10**—CFRTU members Randy Rowe, Skip Nault, Steve Slack and Bob Rohr—"Fly fishing Alaska's Naknek River for sockeye and king salmon, grayling, rainbow trout, Dolly Varden and arctic char."

**October stocking of Apple Creek and Fly Fishing Clinics** 10/20-10/21. (See page 3 or CFRTU.Org for details)

**Wounded Warriors**—11/9/18—Noon-3:00 PM (Volunteers needed)

**Second Stocking of Apple Creek**—11/17/18—10 am to Noon

Future Chapter Meeting dates:  
January 14-  
February 11-  
March 11-  
April 8-  
May 13-

## President's Message -

It has been over a year since we mailed our last Clear Fork River Chapter Newsletter to you, so this one is long overdue. At our annual elections last year, some new and old officers have been elected to serve the chapter. I am one of the old ones, now serving a two-year term to end October 2019. Randy Rowe has returned to serve as chapter secretary and two members relatively new to the chapter, Steve Slack and Renee Jackwood, were elected to serve as vice-president and treasurer, respectively. Floyd Schanbacher is now past president.

The big news is the restart of our website, [cfрту.org](http://cfрту.org). Sometime early last year our old site was hacked and vandalized, making it unusable. The past few years we had been talking about building a new site, so the hacking of our old website spurred us into action.

We contracted with the web-builders from Henley Graphics in Loudonville, to entirely rebuild the site. We are delighted with the result and hope you will be, too.

Refer to the picture of our homepage as I walk you through some of the key features (see page 2). Start with the menu bar at the top of the page. Place your cursor over "About" and click on Chapter Leaders and Contacts or Join TU (if you are not a member). The next heading is "Coming Events." Check this out frequently to learn the when and where of chapter meetings, trout stockings, fly fishing clinics and much more.

Next you will find "Programs," where we highlight and describe with pictures our six programs, Fly Fishing Clinics, Fly Tying, Macroinvertebrate Surveys, Stocking Apple Creek, Trout in the Classroom and the Wounded

Warriors Program. Next, under "Articles," we resurrected the popular articles from our old website. These will be updated frequently to include extensive summaries from some of our monthly chapter meetings on a variety of fly fishing and conservation topics.

We have added a new feature we call "Home Waters." Here we include the Ohio streams chapter members most frequently fish, Apple Creek, the Clear Fork River and the tributaries of Lake Erie along Steelhead Alley. Here we include a history of these trout and steelhead fisheries, provide information on how to best fish these streams with fishing maps, access to up-to-date information on water levels and other helpful information.

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In my opinion, the hardest part of fly tying is holding their little feet still!

## President's Message (Continued from First Page)

Also we include a form whereby members and others can report their fishing results on our Home Waters. These reports are first reviewed by the webmaster before they appear on our website. These reports can be viewed by anyone who logs into our website. The reports are not meant to reveal your special or "secret" fishing sites on our streams, but rather how well a fishery is responding to anglers and to encourage others to put on their waders and get out their fly rods and spin fishing equipment. By the way, this has been by far the most popular page visited by those logging into our website.

Under "Gallery" you will find a selection of fly patterns with pictures and tying descriptions as well as pictures of events spon-

sored by the chapter over the past 12 months. If you have pictures you would like to include on our website, send them to me ([bugmanosu@gmail.com](mailto:bugmanosu@gmail.com)) with a caption and I will upload them to the Gallery. Finally we have a listing of "Sponsors" who have provided to us raffle items for our chapter meetings at no cost or very low cost. We appreciate this support of our chapter and want to recognize them.

All of the above website content is available to member and nonmembers alike. There is a Member Only section (see Member Login at the top right hand corner of the page). To login, use your TU membership number and password, just as you do when you login to the TU National Site. Here you will find current and past CFRTU Newsletters, the

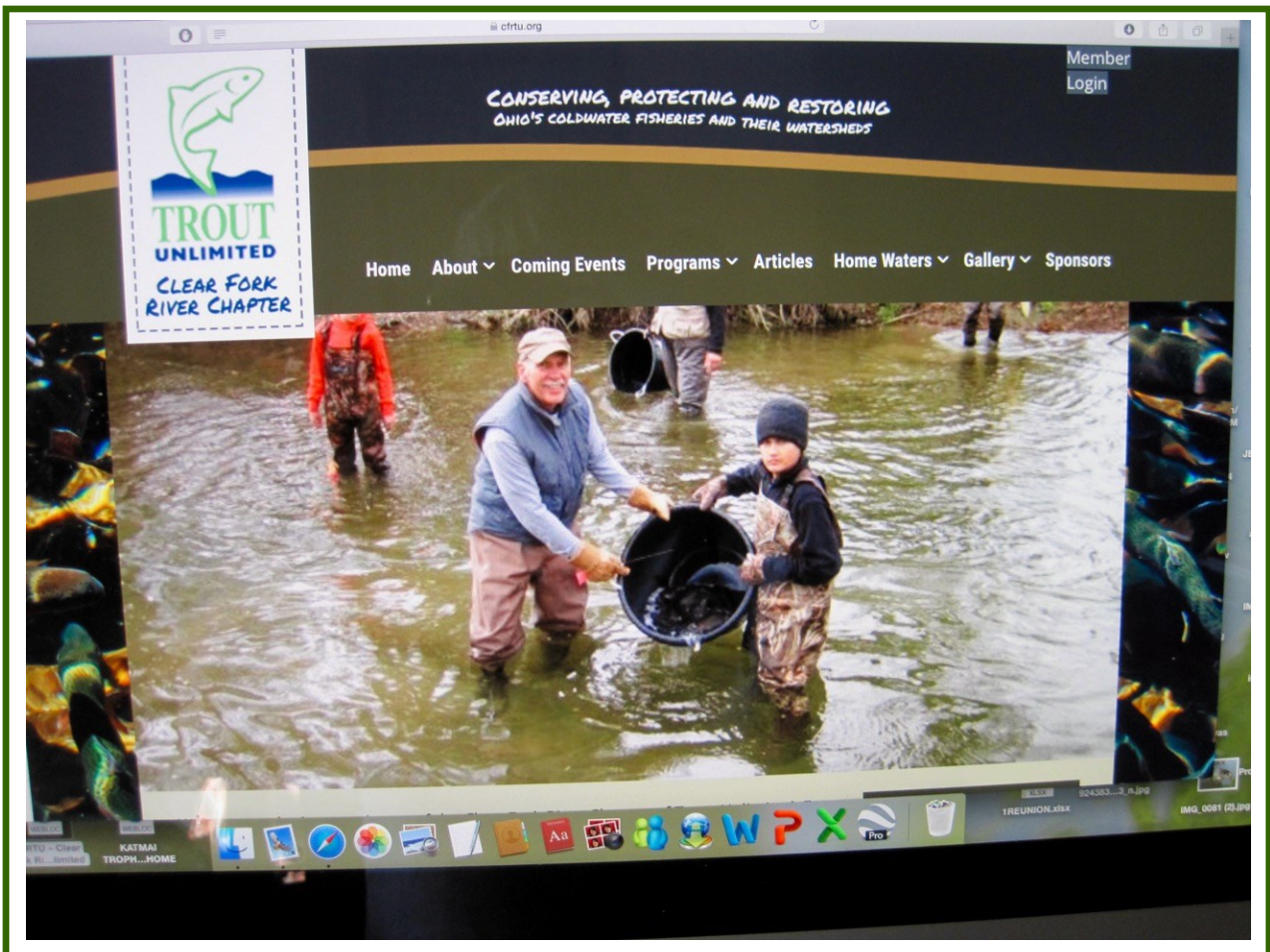
Chapter Bylaws and additional content meant only for members.

Since the new website first was uploaded in November of 2017, more than 3,700 users have logged in. More than 30,000 pages have been viewed. By far and away, the fishing reports page is the most popular with over 6,400 visits. Other popular pages are the descriptions of the Clear Fork and Apple Creek fisheries, Coming Events and Pictures.

I consider the website still being under construction. Please come forward to me with your suggestions to improve the site. For the next year I will serve as president and as webmaster of the site. Please contact me at [bugmanosu@gmail.com](mailto:bugmanosu@gmail.com) with your comments and suggestions.

Thanks, L.R. "Skip" Nault

CFRTU's new website homepage.





## *Northern Ohio Fly Fishing Expo – January 20, 2018 – Brecksville, Ohio*

Fly fishing takes place in states like Alaska, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado. Other states coming to mind include Upstate New York, Vermont and Maine. Ohio is not one of the states normally associated with fly fishing. However, the North Coast Fly Fishers chapter of Fly Fishers International put on a great event on Saturday, January 20, at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center in Brecksville, Ohio, entitled the “**Northern Ohio Fly Fishing Expo**”. Hundreds of fly fishing enthusiasts attended this all-day happening which showcased everything fly-fishing.

The occasion started at 9 a.m. with more than 50 displays. These included corporate displays and non-profit displays. Under the corporate banner were guides and outfitters there to expound on the waters they cover. They offered trips from the Chagrin River to Pennsylvania and even to Alaska! There were Rod and Reel manufacturers allowing attendees to try out the newest equipment. Multiple professional fly tyers were in attendance to demonstrate and sell the newest and best flies known to man. Some of the big names in sporting goods were there including Orvis and L.L. Bean. Leaders, fly boxes, flies, rods, and many more items I didn't even know I needed!

The non-profit displays included trout clubs, Project Healing Waters, ODNR, Cleveland Metroparks and Lake Metroparks. Wooster's own Clear Fork River Trout Unlimited chapter was in attendance with a fly-tying demonstration. Other

groups giving demonstrations were: Buckeye Fly Fishers, Western Reserve TU, Firelands Fly Fishers, Three Rivers Fly Fishers, Geauga Park District, Mohican Fly Fishers and many more. There were so many flies floating around it was like an insect hatch inside the building.

However, the displays and demonstrations were not the only reason to attend. They offered 20 different seminars. One series which was specifically on destination fishing. The seminars highlighted: Northeast Ohio, Northern Michigan, Virginia & W. Virginia, Central and Northwest Pennsylvania and ended the day with a discussion on the magnificence of fly fishing in Alaska.

Another series was strictly on fly-tying. The different flies demonstrated included Spey flies, Shiners, Surface bugs for Bass and Bluegills, Nymphs, Sculpins and Streamers. These all offered professional fly-tyers showing the way and answering questions.

The “Masters Seminar” offered instruction on: Fisheries in Northeast Ohio, Nymphing, Hatch Fishing, Tactics for Streamers and Spey Casting (one of the new, big innovations in fly fishing).

Those new to the sport were not forgotten with titles revolving around getting started in fly fishing. Those seminars included “Why Fly Fish”, “Gear Needed to get started”, and “Successful Fly Fishing on Streams, Rivers and Ponds”. The final session in this series was a hands-on demonstration of learning to cast a fly. A professional guide was on hand to instruct and answer questions while

willing participants got the feel for casting a fly line. I must admit I learned something new myself while watching.

In speaking with many of those in attendance, everyone seemed to have a fun time looking over the displays and sitting through the seminars. But, the best takeaway was simply talking with like-minded individuals and learning something new about the sport of fly fishing. It looks like Ohio can now be listed alongside those other fly-fishing states.

Taken from an article written by CFRTU Chapter member Nick Wisda published in the Wooster Daily Record.



## *Stocking Apple Creek and Fly-fishing Clinics*

On the morning of Saturday, October 20, the Chapter will be stocking Apple Creek at Grosjean Park in Wooster, starting at 10 am, with ca. 500 big rainbow and brown trout. We should be done before noon. Bring along a family member, neighbor or friend to join in on the fun. Be prepared to get wet. It is best to wear waders, hip boots, or if it is warm enough day, you can wade in old sneakers and pants. In addition to stocking rainbows over a one-mile stretch of the stream, we will be picking up trash from the stream and the Park.

The afternoon of Saturday October 20 and the next day, Sunday, October 21, we will be holding fly fishing clinics from 1 until 4 pm. The clinics are intended for kids and

adults who have no or limited experience fly-fishing. A parent or responsible adult must accompany kids 10 through 15 years of age. Those participants 16 and older must possess a valid Ohio fishing license.

Experienced Trout Unlimited members will guide fly fishing students. The clinic will familiarize students with fly fishing tackle and fishing flies, how to cast a fly line, fish a fly, and to hook, play, land and release trout back into the stream. We encourage family members to participate. Each class is limited to 20 members each. Fly fishing tackle will be available to students who do not have their own.

If you or someone you know is interested in signing up for one of the clinics,

please contact Skip Nault at [bugmanosu@gmail.com](mailto:bugmanosu@gmail.com) and provide the following information:

1. Name(s) of participants.
2. Age of kids (10-15)
3. Email address and telephone number
4. Preference of Saturday, Oct. 20 or Sunday, Oct. 21 clinic.



## *Volunteers needed for TIC Program*

For the past seven years, the Chapter has been assisting middle school and high school teachers with their Trout in the Classroom projects. Currently, the Clear Fork River Chapter sponsors a half dozen TIC programs in area schools. It takes about \$1,200 to set up a trout-rearing tank, with most of the cost going toward a water chiller (trout like cold water). The cost for subsequent years is minimal once all equipment is on hand after the first year. The program begins in January when classrooms receive fertilized rainbow or brown trout eggs from an Ohio Division of Wildlife fish hatchery and ends when trout fingerlings are released into a stream (usually Apple Creek in Wooster) in May. On the day of the release, kids learn about stream ecology and sample the stream for aquatic macroinvertebrates, the insects and their relatives that trout feed on when living in the stream. They also clean up trash from the stream.

Since the inception of the program, Anthony Salupo has been the coordinator for the Chapter, and has done an exceptional job. Because of increased commitment to his employer, he has asked that someone else take over as coordinator. This means keeping in contact and providing assistance with current teachers enrolled in the program and encouraging other area teachers to get a TIC project started in their school. See a write up on Trout in the Classroom by Anthony on our website, [cfrtu.org](http://cfrtu.org), under articles. A second volunteer is needed to assist the coordinator to deliver fertilized trout eggs to schools in January. The eggs will be shipped to the volunteer from the Division of Wildlife hatcheries who will then distribute eggs to the schools.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Skip Nault at [bugmanosu@gmail.com](mailto:bugmanosu@gmail.com).

### **Steelhead Wooly Bugger**



Hook: Mustad 9672 size 4  
Thread: Uni-Thread 6/0 Black  
Tail: Black Marabou  
Body: Peacock Herl  
Body and head: Saddle Hackle in furnace color

- Make a thread base layer on the hook from the front of the hook to the bend
- Attach the marabou feather to the bend in a length equal to the length of the hook
- Do not trim the marabou. Lay it on the hook and fasten in place by wrapping thread over the feather to the front of the hook. This helps to build a fat body
- Trim the feather back from the eye
- Wrap thread to the back of the hook
- Attached the saddle hackle by the tip to the hook
- Take four or five peacock herl pieces and lay them on the hook with tips extending to the eye
- Tie the herl in place at the bend and wrap thread forward to eye and then back to the hook bend
- Trim excess at the eye. This adds another layer of bulk to the fly
- Grasp the herl and wrap with the thread to the eye of the hook secure and trim excess
- Palmer the saddle hackle forward making three or four wraps of the hackle at the eye
- Secure with thread and trim excess
- Pull the saddle hackle back with your fingers and build a neat thread head
- Whip finish and trim thread

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## *E-Mail Updates*

Although we will be sending out this newsletter once a year, our main method of communication is email! Email messages are sent monthly to keep members up-to-date on chapter events and activities.

There are two ways to update your email address. One, you can log onto [tu.org](http://tu.org) to update with TU National. By updating on [tu.org](http://tu.org), you will receive emails from TU National, the Ohio TU Council and CFRTU.

Your other option is to log onto [cfrtu.org](http://cfrtu.org), and update your information with CFRTU. You will need your member ID to log on, which can be found next to your name on the address label of this newsletter. After logging on, you will see a link on the left side of the page that says "Email Settings".

### **Meeting Location/Time:**

CFRTU Meetings are normally held the second Monday of the month. Unless specified otherwise, we will meet in Room 111 of the Fisher Auditorium building located on the OSU/OARDC campus in Wooster, at 1680 Madison Ave, south of US 30. The auditorium is just inside the main entrance off Madison Ave, Wooster. Meetings start promptly at 7:15 PM, but plan on arriving at 6:45 to catch up with old friends, make new ones and meet new members—and maybe, learn a new fly pattern. We do not meet June through August (so we can all go fishing). For the most up-to-date information on meetings and other events please visit our website at [cfrtu.org](http://cfrtu.org).