

## LEADERS & TIPPETS

Lee Squires, Editor

Mike Lubeach, President

### President's Corner



I call your attention, once again, to our uphill battle to protect and preserve our natural resources, like from greedy and self-serving mining companies, developers, pipelines, etc. We must protect our watersheds, the air we breathe, and our National Monument Lands.

Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Tetons, or Bristol Bay Alaska for example, are not places we need to have careless mining, polluting factories, pipelines, hazardous waste dumps, nuclear testing, strip bars or flea markets. They are, however, and should remain intact, the precious treasures of our American landscape. The rolling back of protections to the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and the Antiquities Act is an attack on our national treasures and resources. President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, our 32<sup>nd</sup> president (1933-1945), recognized and set into motion the concept that we must preserve and take care of America's iconic landscape.

In these turbulent times, we need to exercise our privilege and obligation to vote. We need to select responsible leaders who share our values and openly champion our causes. We need to actively join forces with TU National to send a strong and clear message to our legislators :

“WE ARE TROUT UNLIMITED AND WE VOTE”



Yellowstone Castle Geyser

The Grand Tetons



Colorado River in the Grand Canyon



*From the Editor .....Lee Squires*

## Trout in the Classroom

2018—2019



Trout eggs will be delivered to the schools on Friday, November 2nd thanks to Bill Davig from the Bluegrass Chapter who made the trek to the Wolf Creek Fish Hatchery that morning. Louisville TU members , John Spence and myself, will pick up the eggs in Lexington and distribute them to schools in the Louisville area.

### PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS:

Hartstern Elementary, Louisville— Teacher, Brandon Cox

Westport Middle School, Louisville— Teacher, Natalie Butcher

Freedom Elementary, Shepherdsville— Teacher, Natasha Kremer

Frost Middle School, Louisville -Teacher, Jacob Read \*

Fern Creek High School, Louisville— Teacher, Lauren Niemann \*

Lebanon Junction Elementary, Lebanon Junction. Teacher, Mike Dienno \*

\* Denotes New Schools

**Come on guys, clean out your closets and garage and get some sale or swap items to Dan .....editor**

**NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENTS & SWAP SHOP  
Dan Jackman—Board Member**

**The Louisville TU newsletter is going to start having advertisements and a Swap Shop column in each of the 6 annual issues.**

**The rules for this are simple. We will place business card size ads of speakers or sponsors and/or members to promote their business who, either pay for the advertising (\$5.00 per issue or \$25.00 per year) or who speak to or contribute to our organization in a manner appropriate to our standards. We would like to help our speakers promote their businesses.**

**Sell and/or Swap items are the responsibility of the owner to write up, to include description, price and pictures (if desired). The seller must include contact information so potential buyers may contact them for purchases. Items for sale should be fly fishing related. Swap Shop sellers must be TU members in order to participate. Our TU chapter is not responsible for any disputes or misrepresentations between the seller and purchaser.**

**All business card ads and ads for items for the Swap Shop must be sent via email to**

**Dan Jackman at:**

**d.jackman8085@gmail.com**

**These will be placed in the next available newsletter/newsletters.**

**TU will not charge a fee for the Swap Shop (trade or sell items) , however, if this becomes too burdensome to continue the board, at it's discretion, may limit the amount a person may sell or swap or discontinue the service in the future.**

# MYSTERY FLY FOR CANCER

## REEL RECOVERY KY/IN FUNDRAISER SATURDAY, November 17, 2018 Otter Creek Outdoor

**Recreation Area** 850 Otter Creek Park Road, Brandenburg, KY 40108 Registration/Rules: 8 AM - Fishing 9 AM to 1 PM Pre-Registration (by Nov 16th): \$40; Day of Event: \$50 Entry fee includes one fly, coffee, dough-nuts and lunch **Pre-Register and Pay ONLINE at [Derbycityflyfishers.com](http://Derbycityflyfishers.com)** "Mulligan" flies - \$5 each, KY Fishing License Required **100% of all proceeds will go to the KY/IN Reel Recovery Retreat. Reel Recovery is a 501 C (3) non-profit group that provides FREE Fly Fishing Retreats for men living with cancer.** If you have questions, please contact George Tipker at [derbycityflyfishers.com](http://derbycityflyfishers.com) or 502.594.2066

160 Brookside Rd., Needham, MA 02492 ~ 800-699-4490 [www.reelrecovery.org](http://www.reelrecovery.org)



# **OUR NEXT MEETINGS**

**FLY TYING CLINIC**  
**TUESDAY, November 27th 6:30**  
**AT CABELA'S**  
**Dan Jackman will tie the**  
**WEIGHTED PAT'S STONE FLY**

**CHAPTER BOARD MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, November 14th 6:30**  
**COMMONWEALTH BANK—HUBBARD'S LN.**  
**OUR OLD LOCATION !!!!**

**GENERAL CHAPTER MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, December 12th 6:30**  
**The Holiday Party**  
**Commonwealth Bank—Hubbard's Ln.**

**DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY—FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER**  
**IS THE LAST WEEK OF DECEMBER**  
**SUBMIT YOUR ARTICLES !**

## TU CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Nov. 2, 2018 : RAINBOW EGG DELIVERY to several schools participating in “Trout In the Classroom”

Nov. 6, 2018 : GET OUT AND VOTE ! EVERY VOTE COUNTS ! Does your candidate support TU’s Mission ?

“CONSERVING, PROTECTING, AND RESTORING NORTH AMERICA’S COLD WATER FISHERIES AND THEIR WATERSHEDS”

Nov. 11, 2018 : VETERANS DAY. Take a veteran fishing, out to lunch, or just say “Thank You for your service”. Sometimes “Thank You” is just not enough to express our appreciation for their dedication and sacrifice to keep America strong and safe.

Many TU Members are veterans, too. Ask them to share their experiences of when they served.

Nov. 14, 2018 : TU BOARD MEETING. TU Board of Directors

Meeting has been relocated back to Commonwealth Bank & Trust, 286 N. Hubbards Lane, Louisville, Ky. 40207. We meet @ 6:30 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

Nov. 17, 2018 : DCFF ANNUAL “MYSTERY FLY FOR CANCER” TOURNAMENT to benefit the Reel Recovery Retreat for men cancer survivors. This fly fishing event will be at Otter Creek Outdoor Recreation Area near Muldraugh, Ky. & Fort Knox.

This has become a premier tournament that draws fly fishing men and women from over a 100 mile radius. Great prizes,

Raffles, and picnic lunch for all. (See info. in this newsletter.)

Nov. 22, 2018 : THANKSGIVING DAY. Whether you celebrate with family and friends or spend the day serving those less fortunate in shelters, keep in mind our troops serving overseas.



Nov. 27, 2018 : TU FLY TYING CLINIC @ Cabela's, @ 6:30 pm.

5100 Norton Healthcare Blvd. in the Old Brownsboro Crossing Shopping Center off hwy. 22. Bring a friend. Supplies provided.

Dec. 12, 2018 : TU ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. 6:00 PM @ Commonwealth Bank (see address above). Pot Luck, games, prizes, optional gift exchange (\$ 10-15 range), door prize, and stories of fishing adventures. Always lots of fun and camaraderie. For reservations and info. contact Linda Squires at : [bon-saiman@twc.com](mailto:bon-saiman@twc.com) .

2019 events will be in the next newsletter. One to note is the DCFF Annual Fly Fishing Show on Jan. 26, 2019. More info. to follow. Mark your 2019 calendars NOW for this regional event.

A message from your TU Chapter President :

I want to wish you all a very happy and healthy holiday season.

I am looking forward to 2019 with optimism and prayer for our chapter, its members, and the hopes that our nation's leaders return to the values of our environmental concerns for protecting clean water, clean air, and our national monument lands.

Michael B. (Mike) Lubeach

The featured fly at our November 27th clinic by Dan Jackman



## WEIGHTED PAT'S STONE

HOOK: 3XL STREAMER 6 – 12

BEAD: TUNGSTEN (PAINTED AMBER)

THREAD: 140 BROWN OLIVE

LEAD: .015

TAIL: BUGGY NYMPH LEGS BROWN

BODY: FINE VARIEGATED CHENILLE BLACK/COFFEE

ANTENNAE: BUGGY NYMPH LEGS BROWN

THROAX CASING: FINE VARIEGATED CHENILLE

TAIL: BUGGY NYMPH LEGS BROWN

**TROUT UNLIMITED, CHAPTER 476  
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM  
COMMONWEALTH BANK, HUBBARDS LANE**

**THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF FOOD AND DRINKS  
PLEASE BRING A FOOD ITEM TO SHARE**

**IN ADDITION WE WILL HAVE GAMES AND DOOR PRIZES!**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
GIFT EXCHANGE PLEASE BRING  
A \$10.00 TO \$15.00 GIFT**

**IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GIFT EXCHANGE, THAT'S  
OK, JUST PLAN TO COME AND ENJOY THE EVENING WITH NEW AND OLD  
FRIENDS AND SHARE 2018 MEMORIES**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE**

# THE MAYFLY PROJECT

AMBER LEACH

**The Mayfly Project is a national nonprofit on a mission to mentor children in foster care via the sport of fly fishing while introducing them to their local ecosystems because we believe that connecting them to a rewarding hobby will provide an opportunity for foster children to have fun, build self esteem and develop a meaningful connection with the outdoors. TMP is about much more than catching fish--we empower, connect and help youth in foster care heal from trauma by using a fly rod as a tool. We understand the benefits of time in rivers for youth in foster care as well as the deficit in time they get to experience nature with positive role models. We know that these children will begin a cycle of healing in their own lives when given the opportunity to participate in a healing environment.**

**TMP fills the gap for children in foster care y working with the foster care system, forging through barriers in order to help this population connect with the outdoors through mentoring sessions we call "Projects." A Project is a minimum of 5 sessions with the mentees. During these sessions, we help the child build confidence by teaching them all things fly fishing, guiding them through our curriculum designed to support character development, educating them on environmental awareness and having them participate in conservation-minded projects.**

**The Conservation Initiative part of our program encourages youth to make "Positive Prints" on the environment. We teach mentees about protecting against invasive species, creating clean rivers and practicing safe catch and release practices. Thus far, 95% of mentees agreed that learning about their environment was interesting and 99% of them stated that they plan to continue to participate in conservation efforts in the future. We believe strongly that our children need rivers and our rivers need children!**

**When youth complete 5 sessions, they receive all of their own fly fishing gear to continue to pursue the sport as well as a curriculum that has all the best tips about fly fishing. We are currently building a website portal for youth to stay plugged into TMP and have a way to order flies, tying materials and find jobs in the outdoor industry.**

**Our national program is established in 15 states, with over 300 children in foster care being served in 2019. TMP has grown from 8 mentors in 2015 to nearly 200 mentors in 2018. We continue to add skilled mentors and staff to our team and will have around 30 projects established in 28 states in 2019. We are always looking for mentors to join our team and, if not mentoring, there are many ways you can be involved with TMP through**

**gear donations, monetary donations and spreading the word about what we are doing. We believe it takes a village to make a Mayfly Project take flight and the foster children in our communities need to know they are not alone in this journey. Thank you for your support.**

Amber gave a presentation to our members at the meeting on October 23rd



Contained below is an article featuring an update to the status of the Pebble Mine, a timely issue followed by many TU members locally and nationally. This issue has received heightened interest of late as it is the consensus among environmental and naturalist groups that permitting pebble mine to operate would threaten and potentially devastate the entire Bristol Bay ecological system including its treasured salmon population and subsequently the trout population that rely on it for their mainstay food supply - salmon eggs and ultimately salmon flesh.

For those unfamiliar with NRDC, it is a 501c3 non profit environmental organization that has been a leader for over 40 years in protecting the earth while TU focuses on protecting cold water streams for the benefit of healthy trout populations.

The story is reprinted with the permission of NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council) from their Fall 2018 newsletter

Submitted by Ed Allgeier, TU Ky. State Council National Leadership Council Representative

## Alaska Mega Mine Loses Big Backer

In the wake of intense public pressure generated by NRDC and a coalition of Alaska Native and other local groups, Canadian mining company First Quantum Minerals has terminated its agreement to invest in the Pebble Mine, the massive open-pit copper and gold mine proposed at the magnificent headwaters of Alaska's Bristol Bay. The announcement came a mere three weeks after the company's annual shareholder meeting in Toronto, at which NRDC joined Bristol Bay Native leaders in urging First Quantum to abandon its interest in the project. The delegation delivered more than 250,000 petitions from NRDC Members and other activists demanding that the company walk away from the proposed mega mine, which would devastate the Bristol Bay wilderness and imperil its wild salmon runs, among the most productive in the world. "First Quantum's exit is a tremendous step forward," said NRDC Western Director Joel Reynolds, "and the most recent confirmation that the Pebble Mine is an international pariah because of its singular environmental, social and financial risks."

The mine's sole owner — cash-strapped Northern Dynasty Minerals — must now restart its search for a new corporate partner for the ill-conceived scheme. That would seem a tall order, considering that three of the world's largest mining companies — Anglo American, Rio Tinto and Mitsubishi — have each also abandoned the Pebble project since 2011, owing in no small part to immense local and international opposition.

Yet the battle continues. Despite the findings of the Environmental Protection Agency under President Obama that the project would cause irreparable, even "catastrophic" harm to the Bristol Bay watershed, President Trump's former EPA administrator, Scott Pruitt, abandoned those findings. Now, Northern Dynasty is moving ahead with a grossly deficient permitting application that the Army Corps of Engineers is expediting toward approval. Says Reynolds: "In opposing the permit application, we will do everything we can to force Northern Dynasty and the Trump Administration to heed the opposition of independent scientists and 80 percent of Bristol Bay residents. And if they *don't* listen, then we'll see them in court."



## Reflections from Redding, CA by John Spence

I had the distinct honor and privilege to represent the KY state council at the TU annual meeting in Redding, CA. As a new state council chair, I likened the experience to “drinking from a fire hose.” There is so much to learn. I also made several important contacts with TU national office that will serve the trout aficionados from KY well into the future.

My time in Redding began with a conservation tour sponsored by the local Shasta, Trinity, and Cascades Chapter. This chapter has been in existence for just over three years but has already completed 17 of 50 identified projects in partnership with local landholders and other invested partners. One such project was to convert a wet weather oxbow of the Shasta River into habitat for juvenile salmon. The project results were 22.9 fish for the studied area as compared to 3.9 fish in the control area. The other project was the Kutras Lake project that provided 17 10X15 foot structure bundles to provide cover for juvenile salmonids.

The conservation tour also brought us through the area burned by the recent Carr fire. This tragic event, burned over 288,000 acres. Keep in mind that this is an area larger than all of Jefferson County, KY. They will face additional issues with erosion and run off given the hilly terrain and loss of ground cover. Many of the local TU members lost everything but were also so grateful for TU keeping the faith and holding the annual meeting in Redding.

During staff Q&A, we heard a report on Pebble Mine. This project is currently in limbo with no present financial backing. Public and local opposition is high and Alaska has an initiative to increase state-based regulations that will impact such projects moving forward.

I attended reports from the New Initiatives work group, the Responsible Energy Development work group, and the Tailwater work group. TU has purposely included tailwater fisheries to counter the perception of elitism around native and wild trout. For me, this was good news for fishers in KY who enjoy tailwater trout.

Trout magazine has the largest readership of any fly fishing related magazine! This is a real benefit for TU members.

Our CEO reported on the State of TU. He focused on inspiring stories from around the country. His taking points included: stream engagement, keeping it local, creating opportunity, building community, leading with science, recover resiliency, investing in solutions, and good stories make good policy. How can we as a local chapter inspire new stories?

Finally, the State Council Leaders meeting focused on familiar topics. How best to develop members into new leaders, dealing with stagnant chapters, and chapter communications. One suggestion was to identify local STEM and environmental teachers to advance the science based approach to cold water conservation.

This experience, for me, was a tremendous opportunity to learn and to connect with like-minded conservationists and fishers in the USA. We have accomplished much but there is still much to do.



# FISH TALES



By Tyler Winger

Louisville TU Board Member

## *The Devils in the Details—5 Days of Fly Fishing Bliss : Part 2*

### *JASPER LAKE*

Stewart and I are getting going on day three in the Indian Peaks Wilderness of Colorado, backcountry camping and fly fishing for cutthroat or brook trout that call these high alpine lakes home. We had broken down camp, loaded our packs, and energized for the day before setting off on our decent from Devils Thumb lake to Jasper Lake. Compared to the first day's hike, day three was a piece of cake. My body had acclimated to the altitude and environment including the dry heat which was much more enjoyable than the typical swampy feeling humidity of Louisville if you catch my drift!

It was roughly a mile hike from Devils Thumb Lake to Jasper Lake, quick and easy being a decent in elevation, we found ourselves spending more time determining where we would camp. Ultimately settling on a less visually appealing campsite, with better weather protection. We had been lucky to this point avoiding any wet weather and lightning but that won't last forever. With camp setup, the bear bag rigged, we headed off to the much larger challenge of Jasper Lake.

We had passed a handful of day hikers as we travelled the trail from camp to the edge of Jasper Lake, a much larger lake with obvious signs of man's engineering. The outflow of Jasper lake was obviously created, blasting away sections of rock to create a controlled outflow. A large 1-inch metal plate ran the edge of the lake with material built up on both sides, clearly acting as a dam. A random shipping container dotted with solar panels was off to the right edge, looking as if it washed across the lake. Upon inspection we found no logos or documentations beyond no trespassing. A large sewer drain sat on the central edge of this man made dam, making for a perfect fly casters platform with unlimited back casting space! We assumed it was done a long time ago and paid no attention to the structure outside of calling dibs on its casting platform as trout continuously rose 50 yards off shore!







We got stuck, we couldn't leave the most easily accessible spot of the lake, the fish were everywhere, we spent more time changing flies as they were useless after a couple fish to hand! Gorgeous brook trout were the main fish to hand at Jasper Lake, but we did catch plenty of colorful cutthroat. The area was popular compared to Devils Thumb where we ran into a few people each day, Jasper lake was clearly the day hikers turn around spot! Day three was also a Friday, so as expected the weekend crowds started showing up.

The few fly rod totting hikers we talked to were in disbelief of us staying out 5 days straight, but then again, we didn't see them wet a line before they turned back for the day... Most of the other fishers and day hikers were short lived and rolled out as the mid-day storm clouds rolled in. We literally were the only people fly fishing at all until day four.

Friday passed quick as we caught fish after fish, it was pointless to count, our fly patches filled with water logged flies good for 2 to 3 fish to hand max! Thunder and food were the only reasons we stopped fishing, watching risers and the clouds while relaxing to snack. A few marmots poked around, and one osprey called the lake home, giving us quite the show diving on multiple occasions.

We decided to spend some time before dinner exploring the outflow creek, which was much easier to fish but held very few fish. It flowed for a half mile or so before plunging over a cliff and disappearing in the tree top abyss below. The clouds were getting darker and darker, we thought it would be best to fill our water bottles and head back for dinner and to discuss a plan for encompassing the entire lake for our final full day.



Saturday came quick, finally sleeping at night helps, so does discovering that 2<sup>nd</sup> zipper on a sleeping bag allowing your feet some much needed breeze! Our mornings were routine, wake up, get the bear bag, energize, pack and set off for the days adventure, purposeful but not rushed. We packed a single pack for the day trip around the lake, taking some extra gear, snacks, and a lunch. It was Saturday and we could hear how busy the area was before emerging from the woods, we found tons of day hikers and others setting up camps all over the lake, it was obvious the weekend had arrived.

We set off and started bushwhacking on a half obvious trail, planning to spend the entire day fishing counter clockwise around the lake. To this point we had been very lucky with the bugs but the light rain the day before clearly woke up the mosquitoes who were constant, all day, everywhere, especially around the face. We failed to purchase any bug spray and suffered from it, our thin lightweight fishing shirts which were needed for the hot days were of no protection from the bites. We saw how bad it was when we decided to take a quick ice cold lake side bath. Our arms and back were dotted like a kid who just got tested for every allergy in the late 90's, and yeah, they itched, and we swallowed a few!

The payoff was worth it, tons of brook trout, with a handful of hefty healthy cutthroat mixed in. My favorite part was when we scrambled over landslide boulders to get a high vantage point and spot a cruising fish, call it out, hook it and land it! We got stuck in a few spots but really the lake was full of fish eager to rise. Different sections were nice and flat at different parts of the day, and once they did go flat the fish rose furiously, putting our fly in the center of a riser's ripple almost guaranteed a hook up!



We made it until 2ish before our first major storm rolled in, it had minimal rain but plenty of thunder and lightning. We settled down, got comfortable it would be a couple hours before we would cast again. We ate our lunch while waiting out the storm, reminiscing on being fortunate with the bugs and weather to this point. The rain lingered around the lake long after the thunder moved out and sun moved in. The mosquitoes were put down by the rain, but the trout did not mind at all, they seemed more comfortable, rising to attack a skidding caddis versus a still one!

We made it to our starting point around 6pm and fished the remainder of the evening allowing time for dinner before darkness set in. We have no idea how many fish we brought to hand through the day leading us to say it was a good day, a good trip, and we still had the Sunday morning to hook into a few more before descending to the car.

The trip flew past, the memories will last, and to my pleasure we finally came across some big game as we hiked out to the trail head. We came upon a couple with their dogs in tote, we did the right thing moving to the side to let them pass but they were just frozen. After a few awkward moments of us making noise adjusting our gear waiting for them to pass we decide to go ahead. No more than 20 steps down the trail, the vegetation to our right disappeared revealing a mature bull moose no more than 30 yards away eating the nearest brush to him. We found ourselves mimicking the frozen couple, peaking at their lead husky who was clearly dying to break leash or verbally greet this giant animal!

After a few enjoyable minutes of watching this bull moose we put our whistles in our mouths and set off on the trail which inevitably switched back towards him. We maneuvered nervously but quickly, unsure where the animal was, as we paralleled its last location before letting our guard down. We were out of the woods, heading down the final miles of open alpine tundra to Stewarts Western Gem of a 90's deep forest green Jeep Cherokee and home headed to Denver. Alive with memories of brook and cutthroat trout that have me eager for my next encounter!



**Notes:** We had no idea what the purpose of the manmade dam and mysterious shipping container were utilized for until returning to civilization and searching the internet. Jasper Lake is a reservoir whose water rights are owned by a ranch at a lower elevation. The ranch happens to be very famous in the music industry being a destination recording location for Sir Elton John, Michael Jackson, and numerous other famous musicians. *The Caribou Ranch. Now owned by Indian Peaks Holdings LLC. Stewart returned to Jasper Lake a month after our trip and it had been drained, it was crazy to see the difference.*

*Jasper Lake is a 19-acre alpine lake in the Indian Peaks Wilderness outside the town of Nederland in Boulder County, Colorado. The trail to Jasper Lake is 4.5 miles one way and begins at the Hessie Trailhead. A backcountry camping pass is required, and campfires were prohibited*



AUGUST

Saturday 11 Board Meeting 8:30 Orvis

Tuesday 28 FLY TYING - No General Meeting 6:30 Cabela's

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 4 Annual Banquet/Fund Raiser 5:30 Knights of Columbus Hall

Wed 19 – Sat 22 TU National Annual Meeting — Redding, CA

Tuesday 25 FLY TYING 6:30 Cabela's  
No General Meeting or Board Meeting

October

Saturday 13 Board Meeting 8:30 Orvis

Tuesday 23 No Fly Tying

Tuesday 23 Program & General Meeting Program 6:30 Cabela's  
John Spence—TU Annual Meeting

November

Wednesday 14 Board Meeting 6:30 Commonwealth Bank

Tuesday 27 FLY TYING - No General Meeting 6:30 Cabela's

December

*Holiday Schedule*

Wednesday 12 HOLIDAY PARTY 6:30 Commonwealth Bank  
No Fly Tying or Board Meeting