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## A Message from your President

It's that time of the year that we start having our monthly chapter meetings.

Each month on the second Tuesday the meetings are held at the Sweeney American Legion Post, 251 Maple St, Manchester, NH 03103 Doors Open at 6:30 PM.

In this newsletter you will find and complete list of meeting dates and presenters. Dick Peterson along with the officers and BOD member came up with a very informational list for each meeting. I hope you will try to get out to listen and enjoy the meetings this year.

Many of you are aware of the Milford, NH dam removal project that was started a few years back , on September 10, 2014 the Town of Milford presented the Dam Removal Feasibility Study for the McLane and Goldman Dams on the Souhegan River. For more information on the project and study please go to <http://www.milford.nh.gov/departments/community-development/active-projects/dam-feasibility-removal-study>.

You can find the complete report and timeline.

I am going to keep the message from the president short this time because we have many newsworthy article for this newsletter.

Hope to see you all at one of the monthly meetings.

Thank You,  
*Ron Sowa, President*

## Help Wanted: Volunteer Opportunity Rockingham Hunting & Fishing Expo

Our chapter will have a booth at the Rockingham Hunting and Fishing Expo in Salem, NH again this year. The dates are Saturday, January 10th and Sunday, January 11th. We need your assistance to help at the show to promote TU chapter activities and sell Grand Raffle tickets. Participants at the show get free admission. Dates and times are listed below and you can sign up at the next meeting or contact Ron Sowa @ (603) 493-3857 or via e-mail @ REELNHFISHING@aol.com.

**Friday, January 9th, TBD Set Up Only**

**3 people needed**

**Saturday, January 10th, 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM**

**3 people needed**

**Saturday, January 10th, 1:30 PM – 6:00 PM**

**3 people needed**

**Sunday, January 11th, 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM**

**3 people needed**

**Sunday, January 11th, 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM**

**3 people needed (includes break down)**



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## How to Become a Let's Go Fishing Instructor By Curtis Page

Nothing beats a rewarding day out on the water, but what I find equally rewarding is assisting a Fly Fish 101 student landing fish with a fly for the very first time. Many members of our chapter started out as students of this program which in turn is one of our largest outreach programs. This program not only converts many "worm and bobber" anglers to fly fishing, but also instills an awareness to conservation and protecting resources. Last year we pushed this program to the limits by offering classes across 4 venues covering about 130 students of adults, teens, and children. This rather ambitious schedule taxed a lot of our chapter's veteran instructors with multiple classes, many just days apart. This year we would like to keep pace of this program by continuing to expand venues with the same level of class offerings or better. To reach this goal we simply need more instructors and fly anglers willing to spend some time in the classroom and this is why we need you. To facilitate this, NH Fish & Game will be offering training to those who would like to become instructors under the state's "Let's go Fishing" program in January 2015. There are two training sessions to attend and some additional qualifications outlined below. If you would prefer to just help out in a class without becoming an instructor, that would be a great start too as we always need additional help with knot and fly tying parts of the class as well as one-on-one with students out on the water. If you are interested in taking part in teaching or helping with future fly fishing classes, please contact me at [cjsap@hotmail.com](mailto:cjsap@hotmail.com) with Fly Fish 101 in the subject line.

### How to Become a Let's Go Fishing Instructor Applicant must:

- Be at least 18 years old.
- Meet the qualifications on the Let's Go Fishing Volunteer Instructor job description.

### Complete an application and mail it in to the Program Coordinator.

- Pass a criminal background check. (Automatic grounds for non-certification are a misdemeanor conviction or Fish and Game violation within seven years or any felony convictions.)

- Attend training.
- Session 1 covers the ins and outs of the Fish and Game Department and Let's Go Fishing program's, policy and procedures and teaching practices.
- Session 2 focuses on a specific program - basic, fly fishing, fly tying or ice fishing.
- Observe two classes in each discipline trained.

## 2013- 2014 Volunteer Hours

To all members that have volunteered at any event, expo, show, fly tying, fly fishing classes please get you accumulated hours to Burr Tupper by October 31, 2014. There is a PDF spreadsheet on the website with a list of events and meetings that you can download, fill it out and email it to Burr. If you just have one or two events email them to Burr with the amount of hours, Burr's email is [nhflyangler@gmail.com](mailto:nhflyangler@gmail.com)

**These hours are very important to the chapter.**

## Website Help Needed

Have you visited [www.merrimacktu.org](http://www.merrimacktu.org) recently? The Chapters does maintain a website and regularly posts updates on meetings and other activities and events with the help of Gerry Crow, past MRVC-TU president and long-time member. We are very thankful that Gerry is available to do the updates in Dreamweaver.

It is time that we update our website platform to a newer technology with the goal of managing our content and updates. We are calling out to anyone in the chapter who has web design skills and would be willing to volunteer their expertise to help us create a newer MRVC-TU website. Please contact Ron Sowa at [reelnhfishing@aol.com](mailto:reelnhfishing@aol.com).

## Used Fly Line Wanted

The chapter is looking for used fly line, the line will be used at our local Fly Fish 101 Classes.



If you have any used clean fly line please bring it to a monthly meeting , the line will be used at our fly fish classes for knot tying practice.



## Fall Isn't Just Foliage Season

By: Chris Hunt

Summer has come to an end. The air is getting crisper and the leaves have turned as a sure sign of fall. With the fishing season winding down, people are starting to put the rods away and take out the rakes to clean the yard.

There is plenty of fishing to be had in the fall. The scenery is spectacular, the crowds are gone, and the water temperatures have come back to a more tolerable level for the fish.

Although many of New Hampshire's water bodies close on October 15th, a select few remain open.

The Three Rivers area in the seacoast is a great place to spend a day catching some trout. These rivers include the Lamprey River in Durham, the Cocheco River in Dover, and the Isinglass in Rochester. All three of these rivers are stocked by the State and the Three Rivers Stocking Association.

The Newfound and Sugar River have extended seasons. Although these rivers do not get stocked in the fall, plenty of fish remain from their spring stocking and drop down to Newfound River from Newfound Lake.

If you're looking to fish some bigger water, try the Merrimack River, lower Pemi in Bristol, and Androscoggin in Berlin to the NH/ME border. These are great places to practice your casting and have the chance to catch that fish of a lifetime.

New Hampshire has many lakes and ponds that remain open until the ice comes. In the fall the state stocks majority of them with brood trout to prepare for the ice fishing season. This is the time to get that old row boat or kayak out of the shed and spend the day trolling a streamer.

Along with New Hampshire, Massachusetts offers a variety of fishing locations open year round. Head south of the border to streams like the Nissistisitt, Squanacook, Swift, and Deerfield rivers. Each are stocked by the Massachusetts DFW and will make for a great trip.

Fall is the time to work on your nymphing game. As the water temperatures drop, the fish's metabolism starts to slow down. Because of this, you need to get the fly closer to the fish, so nymphs are your best bet. When fishing a nymph, you'll want to use a dead drift in the deeper pools and runs as the fish sit in the bottoms of them. Flies like zebra midges, pheasant tails, and hares ear are good options to use as they imitate just about every nymph in the stream.

Fish like salmon, brown and brook trout are starting to spawn. These fish are moving around and become very aggressive. They will strike at anything that gets in their way and irritates them. Don't be afraid to tie a streamer to the end of your line. Streamers are the best way to aggravate these fish into striking.

The "junk flies" such as egg and worm patterns can be effective this time of year. The fish in the streams like to target both due to their high calorie and protein values. To fish these, the best method to use is a dead drift like you would with a nymph.

Stellar scenery and reduced crowds make this a spectacular time to be on the river. So keep those rakes in the sheds and get out on the water before the snow falls.

## 2014 Kids Trout Camp



Sadly summer is almost over and the fishing will slow down some, but I am happy to report that NH Trout Unlimited had another successful Kids Trout Camp. We had a great group of campers this year, and while some got off to a slower start than others they all managed

to land many fish. In addition our campers this year excelled at fly tying and the tying competition was very spirited. The councilors came from many different chapters in the state and MRVTU was well represented by Ron and Helen Sowa, who did an awesome job of feeding us, Burr Tupper (my 6th year), Mary Weiss (her 4th year) and Yvonne Nanasi, the camp director who has been involved for 7 years.

The focus of the camp is teaching the art and science of fly fishing and environmental stewardship. We had presentations by members of Fish and Game, including in the stream work with Dianne Timmins, Angus Bozeman on stewardship and a tour from the dam keeper at Murphy Dam.

We were lucky to again to be able to stay at Metallak Shores Lodge on First Connecticut Lake, not far from the trophy section on the Connecticut. Again our sponsors came through for us this year led by LL Bean who donated equipment and a nice stipend.



Mary, produced a great video & slide show this year on the trout camp and it can be viewed by following two links to You Tube. We hope you enjoy it as we believe that it does a great job of capturing what it is all about.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NBBtY7Qs55M> – 2014 Trout Camp slide show

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TEkqdHhCV-s> – 2014 Trout Camp Video

Or just go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and type in 2014 NH Kid's Trout Camp in the youtube search field and the video and slide show will come up

The 2015 Camp will be held June 24-28 and is open to all kids 13-16 years of age. If you know of young person that would like to attend please contact Yvonne Nanasi at [yln@comcast.net](mailto:yln@comcast.net) or 603-472-3247. Detailed information can be found at [www.merrimacktu.org](http://www.merrimacktu.org)

If you would like to make a tax deductible contribution to the trout camp to help in acquiring much needed new waders and boots, please send mail a check to;

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owned by the Hunt Family which Chris Hunt is on the BOD for MRV. We raised the most the Chapter has ever done at a banquet. Again this was in part due to the great items, but I think also due to the new ticketing system we implemented this year, instead of rolls of tickets, the attendees purchased blocks of tickets all with the same numbers. This made raffles easier to manage and they went faster.

We have reserved Fratello's again this year and the save the date for you is April 11, 2015. This has to be one of the most enjoyable ways to support your local Trout Unlimited Chapter. Please plan early to attend and consider reserving a table for a guaranteed excellent evening with family and friends.



This year's banquet was held at Fratello's Restaurant in Manchester. While the previous several years were very good, last year was the by far the best venue, the best food and definitely the best prizes. We had almost 100 people attend including Tom Ives, NH TU Council Chair, George Embley, Basil Woods TU president and Ben Nugent, NH Fish and Game biologist.

The auction items were numerous, including a women's basket, gift basket from Hammarford's, the Merry's Italian dinner basket and many other items of interest for the angler and non-angler. Each guest went home with a custom bottle of NH Maple Syrup that was donated by Sugar Hill Maple Farms and Ron and Helen Sowa, Sugar Hill Farms is

## 2014 MRV TU Spring Banquet