



# "TROUT LINES"

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## KANAWHA VALLEY CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED BANQUET AND AWARDS CEREMONY

On March thirteenth KVCTU held its annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony at the Charleston Elks Club. At this time KVCTU recognizes the persons who over the course of the past year have shown or promotes Trout Unlimited through individual or corporate donations or giving.

As always thanks go to Robbie Spears and his committee for arranging the evening. This years menu was Italian and the caterer did an excellent job.

Charlie Krepps has continued to spearhead the angling arts classes with up to fifteen volunteers and, this spring will add Putnam County Parks and Recreation to the rotation.

Steve Sattler has reported KVCTU will stock up to 63,450 fingerlings to primarily southern West Virginia waters from April through October.

KVCTU has sponsored an annual cleanup of Elkhorn Creek in McDowell county. Partnered with the watershed association 1/2 mile is cleaned yearly.

Max Robertson created a voluntary catch and release signage program with private land owners of several of our stocked streams.

Larry Orr is leading the chapters SOS program on Loop Creek , twice yearly samples are taken to judge the stream health.

Over the past few years chapter membership has grown to over 600 members, among them volunteers have logged over 10,000 hours in 2011 alone.

Next Chapter Meeting  
April 10th 7:00 PM  
South Charleston Library  
Next Board meeting  
April 24th 6:30 PM  
South Charleston Library

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Lewis Wilson and Charlie Krepps



Jeff Nelsen served as speaker and host. Throughout the year KVCTU has been involved with many projects to expand the cold water fishery in the state, through Trout in the Classroom to colleges visiting our ongoing stream preservation programs. KVCTU in the past year has added a new veterans group to Project Healing Waters with a startup at the Huntington VA Hospital, along with the Beckley VA it is an honor to serve.



Lisa Dean of Elk Springs Resort with Jessica Hodges



### Certificates of Appreciation

**CD Caldwell:** Work with TIC and Hunt Show

**Gary Chancey:** Help with Beginning Fly Fishing Class, TIC, and youth activities

**Dennis Cottrill:** Helping with projects and taking over as newsletter editor

**James Duty:** Helping with Beginning Fly Fishing Class and youth activities

**Ken Eigenbrod:** Instructor for Rod Building Class, built rod for a wounded warrior, rod building class at Huntington VA Hospital, and provides photos

**Eddy Grey:** Work on Morris Creek, cooperation with KVCTU, and presenting information on Marcellus Shale drilling at TU functions

**Mike King:** Work on Morris Creek, cooperation with KVCTU, and helping with Pratt Elementary TIC project

**Jason McDaniel:** Has helped with Fayette County and Dunloup stockings and recently took charge of the Piney Creek stocking

**Bill Murray:** Revision of KVCTU By-Laws and Fundraising VP

**Asley Orr:** Participation in Elkhorn Cleanup for many years and participation in the Bucket Brigade

**Judy Pence:** Works for the Kanawha County Continuing Education Program. Very helpful on all issues related to KVCTU classes and prints materials for classes.

**Alice Riffie:** Outstanding performance as treasurer

**Chuck Spann:** Printing and mailing newsletter for several years

**Bob White:** Work with Project Healing Waters

**Lewis Wilson:** Help with Beginning Fly Fishing Class, youth activities, Project Healing Waters, and driver for Charlie Krepps

**Spring Hill Rod & Gun:** Provides discount for shotgun for raffle and handles the gun for the KVCTU

**West Virginia American Water Company:** Provided free printing of KVCTU brochure several times and donated \$500 to TIC program.

### Banfield Memorial Award

**Jeff Shafer:** Hauling fingerlings for several years and in charge of Dunloup stocking

### Presidents Award



Jeff Shafer with Jeff Nelsen KVCTU President

**Marc Kramer:** Newsletter editor for 2 years and help with various projects

**Steve Young:** Hauled fingerlings for many years, served as Secretary, Programs VP, Chair of Nominating Committee, participates in SOS, and Vice Chair South WVCTU



Steve Young, KVCTU VP Programs, WVCTU Council Chair South





LOOP CREEK  
HELP MONITOR & REPORT MINE  
DISCHARGES  
MAX ROBERTSON

Please, help report silt discharges in Open Fork and Taylor Branch, major mine outlets, when you are fishing Loop Creek. Take your camera and cell phone with you. Call the DEP on the spot when you find Open Fork and/or Taylor Branch running dingy and Loop above Open Fork and/or Taylor Branch are clear. The 1<sup>st</sup> example is Open Fork and the 2<sup>nd</sup> is Taylor Branch.

to the mine's attention and put on record.



Taylor Branch at Loop Creek 10-1-2011

The KVCTU was on Loop this day doing the semi-annual SOS. Situations like this need to be reported to the DEP as, in fact, it was. Taylor Branch is located about 100 yards below the Baptist Church on Missionary Church Road. A slip off the mine site is apparently causing silt releases. Hopefully Taylor will get better.



Open Fork at Loop Creek 4-22-2011

This is particularly bad because Loop is up and fairly clear and the mine flow is bad! This type of contrast should be embarrassing to the people at the Mine. Open Fork is located about 50 yards below the Canterbury Road bridge in front of the first house. You can walk down to the creek here despite the signage, fishermen are welcome.

Several Chapter members met with the DEP in early September. At this meeting we were assured that the mine was making headway with their silt problems. Unfortunately, we continue to see problems. Sediment control structures are designed based on a certain amount of rainfall. The DEP must be at the discharge to sample it, if the problem is to be brought

**Hence, be prepared to contact the DEP when you are over on Loop Creek.** The DEP inspector is Mark Burks and he will respond if we are timely. Email your pictures to him when you get home. Contact Mark and the DEP as follows:

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LOOP CREEK: Mark Burks,  
DEP Inspector for Frasure Creek Mine  
Weekday cell 304-673- 6009  
Weekend 304-222-0859  
DEP Hot Line 1-800-322-5630  
Email mark.a.burks@wv.gov  
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## MORRIS CREEK AND DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

ERNIE NESTER 3-18-2012



the stream the discharge was checked again and the pH was now about 7.0.

During lunch on the patio behind Mike King's house I presented a Kanawha Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited (KVCTU) Certificate of Appreciation to Mike King. The MCWA has done great work on Morris Creek including securing \$1.6 million grant to fight acid mine drainage, removing over 170 tons of trash from the watershed, building and erecting bird-houses, planting trees, and constructing several K-Dams to provide hiding places for trout. Trout can now live in most sections of Morris Creek which was a dead stream 10 years ago. Mike helps with the Trout in the Classroom (TIC) project at Pratt Elementary School and is very cooperative with the KVCTU on various projects.

On March 16, 2012, I attended an event for Dartmouth College students that started around 8:30 AM at the Morris Creek Watershed Association (MCWA) Building. The 10 Dartmouth College students along with an advisor arrived at Mike King's house at 2:30 that morning. This event was organized by Mike King, Watershed Restoration Chair for the MCWA. Other folks attending the event included Jennifer Garlesky (DEP), Glenn Nelsen (DEP), John King (DEP), John Rebinski (DNR), Matt Earnest (Bridgmont), Deb Beutler (WVUIT) and Obi Henderson (VISTA for MCWA).

Glenn Nelsen gave instructions and demonstrations on how to test for pH and alkalinity. Later on the students checked the pH and alkalinity at three locations at each of the two main stem acid mine drainage treatment sites.

There is a culvert that carries mine water under the road and discharges into Morris Creek just below the Watershed Building. A lot of aluminum precipitates out shortly after this mine water mixes with the stream water. The pH of the water at the discharge was 3.5. Next the Dartmouth students shoveled some limestone sand at two locations into the ditch along the road that was carrying the mine water. After some of the limestone sand had reached



### Brent Best explaining Trout in the Classroom

After lunch we went to Pratt Elementary School to see their TIC operation. Jack Williams, Joe Crowder, and Brent Best met the group at the school. I did not count the number of Pratt students who are participating in the program, but there were a lot of students. Jack, Brent, and Joe explained the TIC program to the Dartmouth students and talked about the good work of the Pratt students.

This was the first leg of an energy tour for the Dartmouth students and they will tour several energy operations by the time the tour ends on March 20, 2012. Dartmouth College is located in Hanover, NH.





# UPCOMING KVCTU EVENTS

- APRIL 7TH: WVCTU Fly Fishing Film Tour
- APRIL 14TH, Walback Fishing Derby (Connie Sizemore 304-587-4497)
- APRIL 14TH, Loop Creek S.O.S. ( Larry Orr edhorse@suddenlink.net)
- APRIL 14TH: South East TU Rally in Asheville, NC
- APRIL 21ST: Elkhorn Creek Cleanup (Ernie Nester eenester@suddenlink.net)
- APRIL 28TH: Elk River, Back Fork of Elk, & Paint Creek stocking (Elk River Steve Young, shy|wv@suddenlink.net, or the Back Fork, Jason Butcher Ph. 304-881-5265, and Paint Creek, Mim Campbell ph. 304-595-2229)
- April 20th West Teays Fishing day
- MAY 18th: Cranberry Catch & Release, Class Q Stocking
- May 18th-20th: WVCTU Fly Fishing School- Thornwood

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