



# New River Valley Chapter Trout Unlimited

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Dear TU member,

Kid's Fishing Day, May 6th, was a blast. TU members Lynn Hayes, Brad Jones, Andy Dodson, Phil Taylor, Rachel McManamay and I joined the party. Along with Andy was his daughter and along with Phil was his wife Nichole and their 1-yr old son Thatcher. The banks of Pandapa's pond was a smorgasbord of children ages 2 through 15 and their parents. Apparently, the hot bait of the day was white power bait. There were a few large fish pulled out of the pond, however, the majority of fish stocked the night before remained in the water (cont'd on pg 4).

In our April meeting, Joe Williams, the fisheries biologist for the New River Valley came and discussed some potential conservation/stream projects for our chapter. One project that Joe brought to our attention was Peak Creek, a short term restoration project. The members gladly accepted the opportunity to work on the creek and adopted the project as a great conservation goal for the summer and fall. Peak Creek runs through downtown Pulaski into Claytor Lake and will eventually be a special regulation water. Our chapter, along with the town of Pulaski, and other volunteers from American Fisheries Society, will be responsible a day of trash clean-up and two separate days of fish habitat work. It will be our chapter's responsibility along with the Parks and Recreation Department of Pulaski to organize the river clean-up and install the fish habitat under Joe's instruction. This is a 2-mile project that needs to be accomplished before October; so we will need your help (cont'd on pg. 3 ).

We hope to see you next meeting, June 7th at 7pm. We will be discussing our upcoming participation in the Peak Creek restoration project. Also, in our July meeting, our guest speaker is Jim Thomas, who will be talking about his adventures of fishing around the world (more about this on page 5). Please come and join us.

Sincerely,

Ryan McManamay

President New River Valley Chapter

**Peak Creek:** Volunteers will be served a free lunch on the big clean-up day, July 15th and will also receive up to 4 free tickets to go to the Pulaski Blue Jays vs. Kingsport Mets minor league baseball team. So bring your family and clean up on the river and then go watch the baseball game. Please remember the dates listed on the right so you can help with the Peak Creek project.

**Please send an email to [rmcmanam@vt.edu](mailto:rmcmanam@vt.edu) by July 8, if you are participating in Peak Creek clean-up day, July 15th.**

**Next time:** Andy Dodson will be showing the new TU logo for the NRV Chapter. Come and vote on which logo you would like to see on banners, T-shirts, jackets, and hats.

Special points of interest:

• **Next Meetings:**

**June 7th**

**July 5th**

• **When: 7pm**

• **Where: 1033**

**Derring Hall**

Upcoming  
Activities

**Peak Creek**

**Restoration Project**

**Dates:**

**July 15:**

**Big clean- up day on  
Peak Creek**

**Aug 9:**

**Joe's Cover Log in-  
stallation course on  
Peak Creek**

**Sept 9:**

**Big Fish Habitat  
work on Peak Creek**

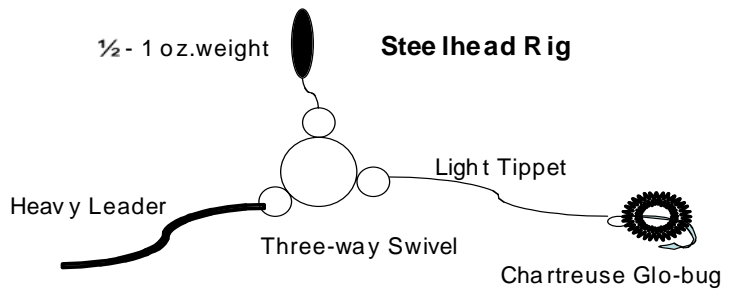
**Bring in your used  
Cat food cans: find  
out why on PG. 5.**



Pictured above: Phil Taylor with his huge spring Steel-head

Pictured right: The fishing rig that Phil used

Down in South Carolina, the Chauga River runs through the mountains in the north-west corner of the state. Pictured here, is Rachel McManamay fishing a deep run. The Chauga is characterized by many deep runs where a heavy nymph pattern is essential, especially places like this below the Narrows.



Fishing big nymph patterns pays off in early spring and early summer when fish start feeding heavy. Rachel found out first hand when she found this fat rainbow in a honey hole. Sometimes big but simple patterns really work great.

**Contribute to the newsletter:** If you'd like to send in some pictures and a fishing story please send them to [rmcmanam@vt.edu](mailto:rmcmanam@vt.edu) so we can post it in the newsletter.

## Next Meetings: June 7th and July 5th 7pm @ 1033 Derring Hall

### Activities at the June 7th Meeting:

Due to the fact that our first clean-up day on Peak Creek is June, we will discuss our involvement and what resources we need. Andy Dodson has been working on the New River Valley TU logo and it looks great. Next meeting, Andy will unveil the logo that will be on our chapter banner, t-shirts, and fleece jackets. When you're fishing on a cold day, do you ever wish you had a hot cup of coffee or a hot cup of soup without carrying the kitchen sink? Or do you like to combine hiking and fishing? All you need is two different sized cans of canned cat food, a church key can opener, and some insulation. Yes, that's right, a backpacking stove made from cat cans that runs off denatured alcohol and it fits inside your vest (<http://zenstoves.net/CatCanStove.htm>). Also we'll go over the Granny weave EZ stone fly pattern (Granny Weave EZ stone <http://www.flyanglersonline.com/flytying/advanced/part4.html>).

### Activities at the July 5th Meeting:

Jim Thomas, will be our guest speaker talking about his adventures of fishing around New Zealand. Come and enjoy his presentation and hear about some of the huge browns he's caught. Also, once again we will talk about the progress made on the Peak Creek project clean-up day and what lies ahead on future stream clean-up and cover log work. Learn to tie some new knots and learn how to fish for steelhead with Phil Taylor.



Jerry Rigged Backpackin/Fishin Stove:



Granny Weave EZ stone

### Cat Can Stove:

- 5.5 oz. aluminum cat food can
- 3.3 oz. aluminum cat food can
- Thin/small section of insulation
- Church key can opener
- Sharp utility knife

### Granny Weave stone:

- Size 6 or 8 streamer hook
- Orange and black ultra chenille
- Black rubber legs
- Black swiss straw
- Black saddle hackle

**Get on the NRV Chapter Listserv.** Keep updated on chapter involvements and projects. If you want to be on the listserv, send an email to Lynn Hayes, [leh550@aol.com](mailto:leh550@aol.com) so that we can send you announcements of chapter meetings and activities.

Included in this edition is the list of NRV chapter members, their addresses and their phone numbers. Hopefully, the spreadsheet will allow the chapter to be more connected. Maybe your neighbor is a TU member and you didn't even know it.

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## **Directions to our meeting:**

Take Price's Fork Rd. exit of 460 Bypass toward campus. Turn right onto West Campus Drive and then a left on Perry Street. Derring Hall is the 2nd building on the right. Our meetings are always on the first Wednesday of every month in 1033 Derring Hall.

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