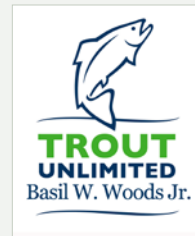


# Troutlines

## We're Celebrating our 30th Annual Conservation Banquet this Year - and We Need Your Help!!

March 17th marks our thirtieth year of gathering together to raise funds that are critical to accomplishing our mission! Your invitation, registration and more information will be in the mail on February 19th, so please watch your mailbox. In the meantime, the Banquet Committee has been hard at work putting together another fine evening of good food, entertainment, raffles - and, of course, our famous silent and live auctions. We still need auction items that contribute proceeds, so if you have fishing or outdoor items - or maybe a rental of your vacation cabin that you would like to donate, please contact Ken Welch at 603-228-0614. We appreciate whatever you can do (cont. p2) and thank you

*Above: Floodplain wetlands along the proposed Warner River Designated corridor; right, Area 23's Menu of the Day; below, our idea for Area 23's Octopus wall.. Do Salters and Octopus ever meet?!*



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### About Us

We are a passionate group of anglers and conservationists in the Concord area committed to the preservation, conservation, and restoration of North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. We all love to fish - but we also know that good fishing requires viable, healthy ecosystems. Last year our Chapter donated \$6,750 toward these efforts. Members and local volunteers contributed over 2,700 volunteer hours to our local and greater NH watersheds. Read more about us and what we do [here](#).

## President's Letter



Greetings Basil Woods Chapter Members!

Rain, freezing rain, snow, ice, thawing, ice dams, flooding – is everybody having fun?! I don't know about you but I am more than over this see-saw weather. Lucky for me, at last month's chapter meeting (great information on sea-run brookies from our guest speaker) I won one of our raffles and brought home a book titled Big Trout- just what I needed to help get me over those winter doldrums. Leafing through its pages and reading a few sections pushed my brain into overdrive – mammoth hits, blistering runs, four foot leaps and of course some break offs. Wild steelhead in March on the Olympic Peninsula – I can't wait! Even though the weather can be miserable, and it usually is, nothing beats it. They are great fish and I'll be there the week after our banquet. I encourage you to give it a try.

Speaking of March, our annual conservation banquet is coming up on March 17th and I hope to see you there. Be on the lookout for information and the ticket package that will be coming your way. The banquet committee is hard at work and welcomes your input (what would you like to see or hear at the banquet) as well as any donations, new or used, that you wish to make. If you have some equipment or books in

good shape, or if you wish to help with the purchase of an auction item, give me a call (491-9675).

This month, on Feb 15, we will have our chapter meeting at Area 23, a local pub where we met last year for an evening of good food and beer and camaraderie. In April we will meet at the Szechuan Gardens where all are welcome to come and tie flies with the experts among us, or learn to tie with some of our great instructors. Good food and drink and killer flies to take home; what a way to get ready for opening day!

I hope to see you all at these great activities that the Board of Directors has planned – it will be great fun!

Be careful on the ice and remember.... take more (fishing) trips!

- Richard

## Banquet (cont)

for your generosity.

We will be at the Grappone Center again this year, so there is plenty of parking and lots of room to celebrate with old and new friends alike. Mike Little returns as our auctioneer, and, by popular request, we'll be posting raffle and auction item previews on our Facebook page- and (hopefully) on our website, too! We thank you for your continued support and very much look forward to seeing everyone for another fun, event-filled evening.

- The Banquet Committee



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## How TU Works

Hello Basil Woods Jr. Chapter members! I have been asked to present an overview of how Trout Unlimited is organized. If you are receiving this newsletter you are either a member or friend of the Basil Woods Chapter of Trout Unlimited. We have over 350 members here in the Concord area with just over 1500 TU members state-wide. We represent the most basic unit of TU known throughout the organization as the “grass-roots.” There are more than 400 chapters like ours across the nation. As many of you know, our chapter has a Board of Directors (BOD) which is comprised of Officers and general Board of Director members who are elected to either one, two or three year terms. This Board governs the money and activities for our Chapter and determines what projects we engage in and generally how to direct our fiscal and human resources while carrying out our mission: *“To conserve, protect and restore North America’s coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.”*

As a Chapter we belong to the NH State Council of TU and send delegates to represent the Chapter at Council meetings. The Council is comprised of the following Chapters: Basil W. Woods, Jr. Chapter, Merrimack River Valley Chapter, Monadnock Chapter, Great Bay Chapter, Saco Valley Chapter, Pemigewasset Chapter, Ammonoosuc Chapter and the Greater Upper Valley Chapter (NH/VT). The NH State Council also has a BOD with a Council Chair. Currently that position is held by former Basil Woods TU Chapter President Tom Ives. There is also a Vice Chair, Secretary (currently held by Basil Woods member Paul Doscher), Treasurer, and a representative from the National Leadership Council (NLC) (currently held by past Basil Woods President March McCubrey). The NLC is made up of one representative elected from each state of TU’s 36 state councils and is responsible for setting the [National Conservation Agenda](#) and working on strengthening the organization and facilitating communications between the national and state parts of the organization. For more information visit [TU’s NLC web page](#).

The NH State Council oversees state-wide TU programs including the NH Youth Trout

Camp, Trout in the Classroom and many projects undertaken by NH Fish and Game. The Council holds regular meetings to oversee the work of the chapters, works to provide a unified voice for TU advocacy in the state legislature and serves as a critical link with TU national on large-scale projects.

The State Council Chair and NLC Representative are required to represent the State of NH to the National Trout Unlimited organization. All of the State Council Chairs meet on a quarterly basis via conference call and once per year at the annual meeting. The NLC reps also meet quarterly via conference call and also are required to attend the TU’s Annual Meeting in person. Collectively the chapters, councils and NLC representative comprise the volunteer portion of Trout Unlimited.

The professional side of Trout Unlimited is made up of the paid TU staff (more than 200) that are located throughout the country in charge of the various TU programs and projects. We have several of them here in NH. For example, Colin Lawson, head of TU’s New England Culvert Project, maintains a staff and office at the Forest Society headquarters in Concord.

The national staff that administers the organization is located in Arlington, Virginia. The national President, Chris Wood, presides over the entire organization and reports to the Board of Trustees (BOT). The BOT is comprised of Grassroots Trustee members selected from the grassroots members and “at large” members nominated by the BOT itself. All Trustees are elected by the membership at the TU National Annual Meeting.

Collectively TU functions as one organization in protecting our watersheds and ensuring that we have clean, cold fishable water for future generations. Each member plays an important role in accomplishing our mission whether it’s through annual membership dues, volunteering for stream survey work, taking an active role in the local chapter, state or national organization, attending chapter meetings, or just spreading the word about what we do.

- March McCubrey

*Brookies & Beer*

Thursday, February 15th  
5:30 - 8pm

**AREA 23**  
254 No State St  
Smokestack Center  
Concord, NH

**TROUT UNLIMITED**  
Basil W. Woods Jr.



*Pictures from last year’s Brookies & Beer (from top to bottom): Ken Welch and Tim Pease tying streamers; a selection of their artistry; a shot of the event prior to the start of the Darts Tournament. We heard nothing but rave reviews last year, so we hope you will join us again - or for a first time!*

## Basil Woods TU Troutlines

### Youth Education Program Updates

#### TROUT in the CLASSROOM

Connecting Students with their Watersheds

#### Trout in the Classroom (TIC)

We learned from Judy Tumosa that TIC schools picked up their brook trout eggs from Powder Mill Hatchery January 15th - 19th. So classrooms are off to an early start. We look forward to visiting the classes we support over the next couple of months.



#### NH Trout Unlimited's Youth Trout Camp

#### NH Youth Trout Camp's 2018 Brochure / Application is Posted!

If you know a teen interested in applying to attend our Youth Trout Camp, please visit our [Current Events page](#) to download the brochure and application. The NH TU Council and Phil Donovan confirmed that NH's [The Glen at Bear Tree](#) has been selected for the lodging. Phil is looking forward to this year and hopes to have 10 kids participate.

The Ammonoosuc Chapter's Schilling Brewery Event was very successful in raising funds for the camp and financial aid. Accordingly the Council is encouraging other chapters to pursue similar events with them to provide long-term financial support for the Camp.

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## The Elk Hair Caddis

Another fly on Trout Unlimited's list of Expert Flies is the Elk Hair Caddis. Trout Unlimited describes the Elk Hair Caddis as:

*'The perfect fly to experiment with. As its name states, this is a quintessential caddis imitation and can be floated, dead-drifted, and even sunk to lure trout. A real workhorse.'*

The Elk Hair Caddis was created in 1957 by Pennsylvania fly tyer Al Troth who developed the fly to resemble caddisflies in his resident Loyalsock Creek. Rusty Dunn wrote a great article for the Southern Wisconsin TU Chapter's *Conserving Cold Water Fishing* Blog *'Fountains of Youth - Classic trout flies that have withstood the test of time... flies that remain "forever young"'*. (here: <https://www.swtu.org/2017/02/26/fly-tying-elk-hair-caddis/>) According to Dunn Troth *'merged key features of two ageless caddis imitations into a truly fine pattern, one that is a blend of simplicity, impressionism, and uncanny effectiveness.'* Both originally meant for the Elk Hair Caddis to be a wet fly, but due to the hollow elk hairs, the fly remained constantly buoyant - but effective, and thus this fly became *'a premier dry'* fly instead. Dunn describes it as *'ready-made for little twitches and jerks that excite trout to caddis emergers'*. In his article, he explains how this fly evolved from other historic patterns, encourages experimentation and provides a list of materials.

Troth's fly pattern was first published in 1976 in Terry Hellekson's classic book *Popular Fly Patterns*. Dave Long interviews Al Troth himself and his son Eric, who provides great advice on presentation [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WR27csOJPVc) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WR27csOJPVc>).

**Video Instruction:** Our favorite is [this one from Orvis](https://howtoflyfish.orvis.com/fly-tying-videos/dry-flies/735-elk-hair-caddis/) (<https://howtoflyfish.orvis.com/fly-tying-videos/dry-flies/735-elk-hair-caddis/>).

**Step-by-Step Instructions:** see Raif Killip's article on the Fly Fisher's Republic web page [here](http://www.flyfishersrepublic.com/patterns/elk-hair-caddis/) (<http://www.flyfishersrepublic.com/patterns/elk-hair-caddis/>).

**Local Tying Materials and Fly Sources:** Stoneriver Outfitters carries both the materials and the fly [here](https://www.stoneriveroutfitters.com/fly-fishing/elk-hair-caddis-olive.html) (<https://www.stoneriveroutfitters.com/fly-fishing/elk-hair-caddis-olive.html>).

**Correction:** Last month Chris inadvertently omitted part of the materials list in *'The Tyer's Bench' Pheasant Tail Nymph* article. A revised newsletter was posted right away, however those trying to tie that fly, should download the corrected January issue from [our newsletter web page](#). Chris sincerely apologizes for the error and the inconvenience. Due to formatting difficulty, we are offering shorter fly tying articles like the above.

## Full NH Senate Passes Warner River Designation and Recommends 'Ought to Pass' to the House!

On Thursday, February 1st, the NH Senate unanimously passed [Bill SB445: Designating the Warner River as a protected river \[within the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program \(RMPP\)\]](#), retaining the 'Ought to Pass' recommendation to the House of Representatives. Senator Bradley strongly affirmed the bill within his introduction, citing the presence of brook trout, a species indicative of high water quality, as the impetus for the nomination. He went on to point out that the broad-based community support for this effort validates the RMPP's success. Senator Feltes, the bill's primary sponsor, echoed Senator Bradley's remarks and thanked all those who worked so hard to produce such a well-written nomination. Mid-March, the bill will be scheduled to resurface in the House Recreation and Development Committee, where more resistance is anticipated. For a 'cheat sheet' on this bill and guidance for voicing your support, please see our new web page for the bill [here](#). Thank you for your continued support!

- Chris Connors



## Something is Brewing in February... Literally!!

In case you didn't meet him last year, Kirk McNeil, owner of Area 23, opened doors in 2015 to provide a hip, off-the-beaten-path, neighborhood brew pub where locals could just hangout, play games, listen to bands, the juke box or watch Chromecast... while enjoying fantastic food, beer and cider - pouring from nine rotating taps featuring NH's best. Read the 179 Facebook reviews that rank this place top 5.0, or simply join us on February 15th to learn why you will always want to return. Congratulations on your growth this year, Kirk! And thank you for providing such a hip haunt along the Upper Merrimack to enjoy our neighbors' company and celebrate our talented watershed breweries for a second year!

This year in preparation for Brookies & Beer we returned to the same watershed breweries that we highlighted at last year: [Litherman's Limited](#), [Concord Craft](#), [Oddball Brewing](#) and [Henniker Brewing Co.](#) All have had positive growth this last year across the board. Lithermans' expanded their tap room ([take their Facebook tour.](#)) Read [Tim Goodwin's Concord Insider article](#), *'It's quite the process to make a batch of beer'* for an update on Lithermans' and Concord Craft. Oddball and NH's elder pioneer, Henniker Brewing Co. (HBC), have also expanded their offerings and production. Special congrats to HBC- their [Kölsch](#) garnered [#3 NH Beer of 2017!](#) Our watershed selections will be unveiled at Brookies & Beer! In the meantime, here are some brews we liked (helpful links and definitions embedded):

**Lithermans Limited Misguided Angel 7.5% abv (alcohol by volume) 80 IBU** (International Bitterness Unit. Get hopcentric, read [The Beer Connoisseur's 'What's the Meaning of IBU?'](#)) From their Facebook page, *'A true New England-style IPA... hoppy, juicy, and best when fresh. A silky mouthfeel and lush tropical fruit notes make this a perfect beer for the lengthening days of Spring.'*

**Concord Craft's Safe Space NEIPA (New England Style India Pale Ale) IPA (India Pale Ale) 6% ABV 52 IBU** From their website, *'... an enticing complex citrusy aroma from liberal dry hopping and late addition hops... a light, hazy yellow hue and a full mouth feel bursting with tropical fruit... so smooth and delicious, it will bring you to your safe space. Love free or die!'*

**Oddball Brewing Co.'s Nymph Belgian Pale Ale 4% ABV** According to [rDev's Beer Advocate Post](#), *'... hazy, unfiltered looking pale yellow with a long lingering white head... aroma is effervescent with citrus, lemongrass, and white bread with a mild spicy note... body is medium and smooth. The taste is clean, crisp, and lemon-like with a mild to moderate bitterness at the end. Some mild peppery notes too.'*

Please join us at our favorite neighborhood pub that showcases all of our watershed's finest! Wait until you see Kirk's new table for our fly tiers... it's a fisherman's dream - simply impossible to get too far from the stream! - Chris Connors and Mike Petrun

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## Youth Education Program Updates (cont)



### The 2018 TU Teen Summit GRAVES MOUNTAIN LODGE, SYRIA, VA (Near Shenandoah National Park) June 17 - 21, 2018

Do you know a teen in our community who has promising leadership skills, loves TU and fishing, and would like to join TU's Youth Leadership Council? If so, please suggest they visit the [TU Teen Summit page](#) to learn more and download an application for attending this year's Teen Summit. Interested applicants from our area are encouraged to email the Chapter. We are happy to assist any teen from our area wanting to attend. Deadline to submit the application is midnight, March 12, 2018.

- Chris Connors

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### Newsletter Information

*Troutlines* is published September through May. Chapter members who have given TU national their email address will receive an email notice from us through the TU national server advising that the latest newsletter is online at our website. Paper copies are sent to members who don't have an email address listed with TU national or who have made a special request. Our 2017-2018 electronic newsletter is in color and has web links embedded within the articles to enrich your reading experience. If you receive the paper copy and would prefer to read the electronic version, drop us a line or login to TU national and update your contact information. If you are receiving the email notice and would prefer to be sent a paper copy, let us know. Please also contact us to be on our non-member newsletter email list. If you have an article and/or pictures to submit for *Troutlines*, we would love to hear from you! Please email us at [concordtu@yahoo.com](mailto:concordtu@yahoo.com).



*Trout in the Classroom* is underway! This is a photograph of Eric Anderson's 2017 Trout in the Classroom tank at Kearsarge Regional High School. The insulation keeps the tank cool and dark. The students use the window cutout to monitor the fry. Photo: Chris Connors

### 16th ANNUAL FLY FISH NEW HAMPSHIRE SHOW

Indoor Venue, Door Prizes & Free Parking

Saturday February 24, 2018

9:00AM to 4:00PM

Executive Court Banquet  
1199 South Mammoth Rd Manchester, NH

Visit Merrimack River Valley TU's 16th Annual Fly Fish New Hampshire Show! Fly tiers from around New England will be on hand to demonstrate their artistic use of fur and feathers, tinsel and braid. Learn new techniques, styles and patterns in day-long fly tying classes. Local fly shops will display new products and materials. Talk to local fishing guides about their favorite flies. Meet custom fly rod builders displaying rods for every type of fly fishing. The show will offer over 50 exhibitors and many exciting seminars on Fly Fishing in NH and the tri-state area. For a complete listing of exhibitors and information go to [www.merrimacktu.org/fly-fish-new-hampshire-show-2017](http://www.merrimacktu.org/fly-fish-new-hampshire-show-2017). Also find them on FB: <https://www.facebook.com/Fly-Fish-New-Hampshire-Show-1653178651616649/>.

### Chapter Calendar

**2-15-18 CHAPTER NIGHT OUT!**  
**2nd Annual Brookies & Beer**  
Area 23, 254 No. State St., Concord

2-05-18 Banquet Committee  
2-12-18 Banquet Committee  
2-19-18 Banquet Committee  
2-26-18 Banquet Committee

3-01-18 Board Meeting  
3-05-18 Banquet Committee  
3-12-18 Banquet Committee  
**3-17-18 CONSERVATION BANQUET**  
**3-24-18 FLY TYING CLASS**  
MainStreet Bookends, Warner

4-05-18 Board Meeting  
**4-19-18 CHAPTER FLY TYING & ANNUAL MEETING**  
Szechuan Garden, Concord

**4-21-18 YOUTH FISHING DAY**  
**4-21-18 DISCOVER WILD NH DAY**

**5-03-18 Board Meeting**  
**5-17-18 CHAPTER PICNIC**

**CHAPTER** Meetings begin at 6 pm Social Hour, Raffle & Pizza; Program Begins at 7 pm. SPNHF, 54 Portsmouth Street, Concord, unless posted otherwise. All are welcome!

**Board Meetings** begin at 6 pm at Szechuan Garden, 108 Fisherville Rd, Concord. All are welcome!

For more events, [please visit our website](http://please visit our website).