



Troutlines

TU's Keith Curley and Paul Doscher Visit DC!

Trout Unlimited's National Board of Trustees is comprised of both Grassroots Trustees, elected by the National Leadership Council (NLC), and At-Large Trustees nominated by the Board. Every year this group meets in person three times to do the business of the organization. One of those meetings is held in February each year at the national headquarters outside Washington DC.

This meeting provides TU the opportunity to have our trustees visit with their Congressional delegation to discuss TU's policy agenda and talk about our work in their states. Basil Woods Chapter Member Paul Doscher is Secretary of the NLC and a member of the Board so he was in DC in early February meeting with the NH delegation. (cont. p3)

Above: Keith Curley and Paul Doscher meet with Senator Maggie Hassan; above right: Colonel Kevin Jordon, Chief of the NH Fish and Game Law Enforcement Division - our Banquet Speaker this year.



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BASIL WOODS TROUT UNLIMITED 30TH ANNUAL CONSERVATION BANQUET

5:30 PM MARCH 17TH

THE GRAPPONE CONFERENCE CENTER
70 CONSTITUTION DRIVE, CONCORD



SPEAKER: COLONEL KEVIN JORDON, NHFGD LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
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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!

Well here we are in March already and that means a few undeniable things. First, the days are getting longer and mud season is here – it seems to be coming and going in my new driveway; second, fishing season is around the corner; and third our annual Conservation Banquet is just a few days away. On March 17th we will mark Basil Woods' 30th year of dedication to the furtherance of Trout Unlimited's mission of conservation of cold water fisheries. What a fantastic accomplishment!

Thirty years ago a few of our "old timers" (Angus Boezeman, George Cummings, and Jeddy Waterman to name a few) got together and decided to socialize a bit with an evening out to celebrate the good work they, and the rest of TU, were doing. This month our chapter will continue that tradition with our annual Conservation Banquet. And like the early years, we have every right to be proud of the efforts of our members who volunteer their time and money to further the mission of Trout Unlimited.

In the last two fiscal years our chapter has donated over \$18,000 and several thousand hours of volunteer work in that effort. We are not a big chapter in the TU world but we do contribute A LOT to our local con-

servation and education mission. But don't forget, not only will our banquet be a celebration, it is our major fund raiser. Without your support and contributions, we would not be able to continue the very important conservation and youth education work that is being done. The money raised at the banquet supports Youth Fishing Day, Trout Camp, Trout in the Classroom, Society for the Protection of NH Forests, Warner River Project, stream restoration projects, local outreach events, a brook trout tagging project, and Hope on the Rise to name a few. So I encourage you to attend your banquet and bring a friend or a spouse or a kid, it will be a fun event. Along with a great meal there'll be auctions and raffles - including a two day, three-night fishing trip for two in Pittsburg NH (this is a great package!), a beauty of an O/U 28-gauge shotgun, a nice bamboo 4 wt. rod and reel, plus lots of other items. Our guest speaker this year will be Colonel Kevin Jordon from NH Fish and Game law enforcement, who along with Lt. Scott Lacrosse and Sgt. Adam Cheney will provide some entertaining insight into the world of wildlife law enforcement – think North Woods Law.

Swap some fish stories with some old friends and make some new ones, buy some tickets for the bucket raffles, bid in the auctions, have a good time, and remember whether you spend \$5 or \$500 it's all good. Our conservation and education efforts need your help. See you at the banquet!

And remember – take more trips!

- Richard

Banquet Update

The Banquet Committee continues with preparations for our 30th Annual Conservation Banquet as your registrations continue to steadily arrive! We've got quite a night planned... so you had better don your finest green! We thank everyone for your continued support and very much look forward to seeing everyone!

- The Banquet Committee

TU's DC Visit (cont)

Paul and Keith Curley, a Concord, NH native and now VP for Eastern Conservation at TU, visited with staff at the offices of Senators Shaheen and Hassan and Representative Kuster. They were well received and discussed TU's goal of maintaining federal funding for key conservation programs in various agencies that is critical to TU's ongoing stream habitat protection and restoration work.

Also high on the TU national agenda is protecting public lands and preventing their transfer to states (primarily in the west) that have a history of selling public lands. TU is part of a larger sportsman's movement that is actively working to assure continued public access for fishing and hunting on the federal public lands and

prevent these lands from being transferred out of public ownership.

Paul and Keith met with Senator Maggie Hassan who reiterated her support for our work and the policy priorities of TU. Fortunately, the same message came from Senator Shaheen and Congresswoman Kuster's staff. With Congresswoman Kuster serving on the House Agriculture Committee that writes the Farm Bill, her staff is especially knowledgeable about the conservation programs in the Farm Bill that are critical to our work, including recent culvert replacement and habitat restoration projects in NH on the Beebe and numerous other rivers.

- Paul Doscher

Tying the Woolly Bugger

Another fly that repeatedly makes the Top Ten - and even the Top Five must-have-in your-fly-box lists is the world-renowned Woolly Bugger. Just read Gink + Gasoline's [Fly Fishing: The Woolly Bugger Isn't All That, Or Is It?](#) to find out why.

'I believe in the woolly bugger so much, if I only had one pattern that I could take with me fishing, that would be it. Why the woolly bugger, you ask? Because it has probably caught more species of fish on this planet than any other fly pattern created since fly fishing was born.' Kent Klewein, Editor, Gink + Gasoline Blog.

The Woolly Bugger was created by the late Russell Blessing in 1967 and named by his seven-year-old daughter, Julie. Blessing originally tied this fly to resemble Dobsonfly larva to catch smallmouth bass. He soon realized the fly appealed to many more species. Here's a short article from Orvis [Repost: The Original "One-Fly"](#) with a link to *Fly Rod and Reel's* Kirk Werner's interview with Fred Blessing, Russell Blessing's son.

Today the Woolly Bugger is easily and not-easily tied due to a myriad of variations

(check out [Woolly Wisdom: How to Tie and Fish Woolly Worms, Woolly Buggers, and Their Fish-Catching Kin](#)). According to Fred Blessing the original Woolly Bugger had an olive chenille body, black hackle and marabou tail.

Video Fly Tying Instruction: Our favorite is from Tim Flagler of Tighline Productions which is embedded in the Orvis article [Video: How to Tie the Olive Woolly Bugger](#) by Phil Monahan. A materials list is also included.

Video Fly Fishing Instruction: If you are new to fishing this fly, see the video [How to Use a Woolly Bugger Lure When Fly Fishing...](#) by Expert Village.

Local Tying Materials and Fly Sources: Stoneriver Outfitters carries the materials (including [special Woolly Bugger Marabou](#)) and also sells [many variations of the fly](#) in their Streamer section.

Some Great Children's Books: Don't miss the Children's book series ['Olive the Little Woolly Bugger'](#)

- Chris Connors

Cool Green Science Blog

In our web-surfing efforts to find interesting content and keep up to date, we repeatedly stumble upon internet blogs with high quality, interesting articles. So we decided to start recommending these to you. This month we share a series of great articles we found on the Nature Conservancy's 'Cool Green Science' Blog. We hope you find these articles:

From 'Fish & Fisheries':

[Recovery: Benefits of Salmon Failure](#) by Ted Williams, March 14, 2017.

[How Do Conservationists Target Dams for Removal?](#) by Matthew L. Miller, April 11, 2017.

[Recovery: Why Sea Lampreys Need to Be Restored and Killed](#) by Ted Williams, December 11, 2017.

From 'Climate Change':

[New Study Shows Flood Risks Across the U.S. are Underestimated \(in a Big Way\)](#) by Cara Byington, February 28, 2018.

To access the study that the above article discusses, click on this link: ['Estimates of present and future flood risk in the conterminous United States...'](#). There is also an outstanding video on this same web page.

- Chris Connors

Congratulations

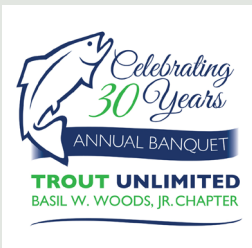
Martin Bean, our 2017 Warner River Watershed Project Intern, was hired late last fall for a full-time position with Fish and Game at the Powder Mill Hatchery.

Casey Koonan, our 2017 Warner River Watershed Project Student Volunteer, graduated in January from the University of Southern California with a Master's Degree in Marine Biology.

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The detail of the Headwaters Bamboo Fishing Rod, one of the Special Raffles in our upcoming banquet. Tickets are only \$25!

Upcoming Events

BASIL WOODSTROUT UNLIMITED
FLY TYING CLASS
SATURDAY, MARCH 24
10AM-2PM
MAINSTREET BOOKENDS
16 E MAIN ST, WARNER
PLEASE JOIN THE EXPERT FLY TYERS OF BASIL WOODS TU TO LEARN HOW TO TIE FLIES. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS PROVIDED. MORE INFO AT CONCORDTU.ORG

BASIL WOODSTROUT UNLIMITED
FLY TYING MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 19
5:30 - 9PM
SZECHUAN GARDEN
108 FISHERVILLE RD, CONCORD
PLEASE JOIN THE EXPERT FLY TYERS OF BASIL WOODS TU TO LEARN HOW TO TIE FLIES. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS PROVIDED. MORE INFO AT CONCORDTU.ORG

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Concord Public Library
- 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.