



The Olive Cruncher – this month's Fly of the Month – instructions inside

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Promoting Habitat for Wild Trout and Salmon
Trout Unlimited Has Been Fighting for Coldwater Fisheries
Conservation for 57 Years*

Join us before each meeting at 6:30pm for a tying demonstration. Meetings begin at 7:30pm, the third Monday of each month (except Banquet month, July and August), at the Albany Ramada located on Watervliet Avenue Extension off Exit 5 of I-90 (Everett Road).

Upcoming Events

- Jan 16** Chapter General Meeting – **Mike and Kim Walchko** on “Fishing Northern Iceland” - guest tier at 6:30pm with the featured speaker at 7:30pm – Albany Ramada Exit 5 of I-90 – all are welcome – free of charge
- Jan 20 – 22** Marlborough, Mass Fly Fishing Show
- Jan 27 – 29** Somerset, NJ Fly Fishing Show
- March 11** Chapter Annual Conservation Banquet – Details and Reservation Form Inside this Newsletter
- April 22** First Battenkill Roadside Cleanup for 2017 – Details Inside

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Fly Fishing Shows 2017

It's that time of the year again where we begin to dream of what the 2017 season can be. No matter what kind of fishing you do think about attending a fly fishing show this winter. The two closest to us are the Marlborough, Mass and Somerset, NJ shows being held on Jan 20 – 22 and Jan 27 – 29 respectively. For more information see www.flyfishingshow.com

Chapter General Meeting

The Clearwater Chapter is very pleased to welcome Clearwater TU members **Mike and Kim Walchko**. They will be giving a presentation on fly fishing the Laxa Myvatnssveit in Northeast Iceland located 1 hour from Akureyri. Laxá in Mývatnssveit is considered to be one of the best brown trout rivers in the world. The fish are famous for their spectacular stamina and fighting ability. Iceland structures its fishing on a typical European format and it is especially interesting to contrast it to fishing in the USA.

6:30PM at the Ramada Plaza in Albany, NY.

At the Ramada Inn off exit 5 of I-90 Albany. Free of charge and all are welcome.

Fish of the Month 2016 Contest in Full Gear

Mark A Brown

The Chapter's Fish of the Month Contest is already in its sixth year having crowned **Rich Atkinson, Noe Mead, Jim Berry, Bill Bach, Ron Boutin, Brad Mohr, Jim Boyle** and for 2015, **Paul Kalacs** winners in its first eight years.

The contest is open to all members (except me!) and family members of Chapter members and is not necessarily based on the biggest fish, but the quality of the fish, story behind it and picture quality all make up a winning entry. Simply send a photograph to me at my email address at mrbrownie6@gmail.com or contact me via email for my mailing address if you have a Polaroid or 35mm shot. As the entries come I'll publish them in the newsletter and select a winner at the March Banquet when the winner will get a dozen hand tied flies or something else really nice as a prize.

Fish of the Month for 2016 has ended – careful evaluation is underway by the entire 'Currents staff to determine the winner at the March Banquet

There were no entries for January, 2017

2017 FISHERMAN'S FLEA MARKET

The Clearwater Chapter of TU Fisherman's Flea Market will be held Saturday, April 8th at Ramada Plaza Hotel from 9am - 1:00 pm.

To purchase a table contact **Bob Mead** at 399-9000 or by email at rmead1@nycap.rr.com . Tables cost is just \$20 plus we ask a 10 percent of sales donation. If you need a second or third table they are available at only \$15 each. Set up time is 7 to 9 a.m. Table purchase is not limited to Chapter members, so if you have a friend or neighbor who you might think would like to participate please refer them to me.

The flea market is a great place to find deals on rods, reels, lines, fly tying material and tools, books, old catalogs and magazines, vintage lures and about anything you can think of fishing-related. Hopefully Mary will be there again with her fantastic maple syrup in various size jugs.

It is also an opportunity to sell any extra items you have listed above. If you don't have enough to warrant buying a table why not team up with another member or friend and share a table. Or, if you only have a couple items you'd like to sell you can bring them to the Chapter tables to be sold for you at 10 percent of sales. Please tag with a price and your initials and sign in with your name and phone number.

Public entrance is just \$3. Children under 16 are free. We will have a couple urns of coffee on hand for sellers and their helpers.



**The Clearwater Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Proudly invites you and your guests to attend the
45th Annual Conservation Banquet**

March 11, 2017

at

The Century House

997 New Loudon Rd (Rt. 9) Latham NY 12110

Doors open at 4pm. Dinner served at 6pm.
Tableside menu choices to include Filet Mignon or Salmon or Vegetarian Option.

Live Auction-Silent Auction-Bucket Raffles-Card Raffles-Door Prizes
Artwork- Fishing Gear-tying Materials-Jewelry-Fly Rods and Reels-Gift Certificates

Reservations only available in advance

\$48 per person

Please complete this form and mail it by March 1, 2017 with your payment to

Mike and Kim Walchko, 244 Quarry St., Cobleskill NY 12043

Make checks payable to **Clearwater Trout Unlimited**

(Reservations will not be confirmed prior to the Banquet)

Grand Prize Drawing at the banquet

Classic Matrix Carbon Fiber/ Kevlar Hybrid 12ft Canoe by Hornbeck Boats with Rowing Package (valued at \$2000)

Canoe raffle tickets are available: One for \$5 or 5 for \$20.

You need not be present to win.

All proceeds from this event to benefit local conservation of our cold water resources

Contact: **Mike and Kim Walchko 518.275.1243** or email them at mwalchko@nycap.rr.com

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All are welcome

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

NUMBER ATTENDING _____ X \$48 EACH = \$ _____

I CAN NOT ATTEND BUT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONSERVATION DONATION

\$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ OTHER \$ _____

I WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE CANOE RAFFLE TICKETS:

OF INDIVIDUAL CANOE TICKETS: _____ X \$5 EACH = \$ _____

BEST DEAL.....BOOKS OF 5 CANOE TICKETS: _____ X \$20 EACH = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUT ENCLOSED \$ _____

Route 313 Roadside Clean-Up Schedule for 2017

April 22, 2017

June 24, 2017

August 26, 2017

October 07, 2017

Meet at the DOT Parking area, Route 313 at 09:00AM. Coffee and donuts provided prior to the start of clean-up. Soda will be provided at completion of clean-up.

This is a good time to socialize with other members of the Clearwater Chapter of Trout Unlimited and also to meet and socialize with members of the Battenkill Conservancy.

Also, this can be an excellent opportunity to get some fishing in on the Battenkill River.

Fly of the Month: Olive Cruncher

Used primarily in England and in North America as a stillwater fly it is an excellent nymph pattern no matter where you are or the type of water you fish. Fairly easy to tie and it offers a beginning tier the opportunity to coat the body with varnish and heat it dry to give it a more lifelike look and increased durability. See the link at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsL-OaZn3fI> for more information and a lot more great flies from **Davie Mchail**. **Hook:** nymph hook – 8-18; **Thread:** Olive 6/0; **Tail:** olive feather fibers; **Body:** olive peacock herl; **Resin:** uv cure resin with uv light to dry it – 2 coats; **Thorax:** peacock herl; **Wingcase:** two olive goose biots tied on each side of thorax; **Hackle:** olive tied with a couple of wraps. Mount the hook and tie on the thread over the shank. Tie in the tail and then the biot for the body. Wrap the biot body to a point about 1/3rd or 1/2 of the way back from the eye of the hook leaving enough room for the thorax. Once done with the biot wraps use some uv resin with a dubbing needle or toothpick. Then use a uv light (available at well stocked fly tying shops or online) to cure the two coats of resin. Your body should be translucent and the resin will make the fly more durable. Tie in the wingcase biots and then the herl. Create a fat thorax with the herl and then bring the wingcase forward on each side of the thorax and tie off. Tie in a hackle and make a few wraps to make some legs. Use the thread to push back the hackle fibers over the thorax a bit and then tie off. Don't think that olive is the only color possible – other great combinations are black, brown, and even red.