



fly lines and by-lines

Lee Wulff Chapter of Trout Unlimited - A local chapter of America's leading nonprofit organization committed to the conservation, protection, and restoration of North American coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

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November 2014 President's Message

Hi to all of our Lee Wulff T.U. members!

This week has certainly been a shock in that winter is making itself known in a big way! A reminder that we are swiftly approaching the holidays. That means our Christmas party is just around the corner on December 6, 2014. Pete, Betsy, and a few other members have been busy putting together a nice assortment of prizes for the annual raffle. The restaurant is asking for a final head count the last week of November and we have received only a few RSVP's. So contact Scott Roane (royalwulff01@yahoo.com) as soon as possible to reserve your space so no one misses out on this wonderful evening!

I have been approached by some of our members who have requested we include more information regarding chapter business and finances. You will see in our newsletter this month the minutes from our most recent board meeting and our annual chapter business meeting (October). We have included also the annual report we send each year to T.U national. I hope everyone takes a few minutes to look these over. Perhaps it will spark some new questions or suggestions.. Please feel free to contact me, or any of our board members. We are always open to hearing new ideas.

Our next meeting will be November 20, 2014. Our speaker will be Jason Randall. Many of you will remember Jason spoke to us last spring about Moving Waters. Jason will be speaking this time on Advanced Nymph Fishing- Contact Techniques. I had the privilege of attending this presentation at our DRIFT (DuPage Rivers Fly Tyers) meeting last spring, and it was a very interesting and enlightening program. Please come and help us welcome Jason back.

I wanted to thank Gordon, Jerry, Scott and Bob for taking over, on very short notice, to run the October meeting. They did a fine job while I was searching for my lost voice during that time. I am truly fortunate to be working with such a fine team of leaders!

Finally I want to thank a few of our members who stepped forward recently to volunteer to work with our outreach, conservation, and trout in the classroom programs. Some of these people are relatively new to our chapter as well and we welcome them!

As our year end approaches, I would encourage everyone to think about the direction we want our chapter to move in 2015. Our chapter's growth and success depend on the future involvement of our members. A small commitment from many can accomplish great things!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting, and don't forget **to RSVP to Scott Roane if you plan on attending !!**

Tight lines!

Meg

Our November Speaker Jason Randall



Jason will present: Advanced Nymph Fishing; Contact Techniques-Newer nymph fishing styles allow our flies to maintain contact with the stream bed where the trout are and allow the angler improved contact with the flies to improve strike detection. Not only will we tempt more trout with a better presentation in the right layer of water, but we'll catch more of them.

Jason Randall has been an outdoor writer for the last ten years with feature articles appearing regularly in American Angler, Fly Fisherman, Eastern Fly Fishing, Northwest Fly Fishing and many other outdoor magazines. He is a veterinarian certified in fish health and medicine. He is also a member of the World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association and the Society for Freshwater Science.

His first book, *'Moving Water: A Fly Fisher's Guide to Currents'* was released in 2012 by Stackpole/Headwater books. It studies the effect of current on trout, their prey species and presentation, where vertical layers of current create drag and requires adjustments to improve nymph fishing success.

His second book *'Feeding Time: A Fly Fisher's Guide to What, Where and When Trout Eat'*, was released in August of 2013. It focuses on matching your fishing strategies to the trout's feeding strategies, especially when targeting large trout.

In July 2014, the third book in the 'Fly Fisher's Guide' trilogy was released- *'Trout Sense; A Fly Fisher's Guide to What Trout See, Hear and Smell'*, which offers anglers an opportunity to know more about the quarry they seek.

Where We Meet

Village Pizza and Pub

145 N. Kennedy Drive
Carpentersville, IL

Social Hour: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. with pizza and pop served for \$15.00 per person

Main program: 7:30 p.m.

Other menu choices, cocktails and other spirits are available for purchase.

Please RSVP to Scott Roane at royalwulff01@yahoo.com by Tuesday the 18th so we know how many pizzas to preorder.



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Our annual Christmas Party is only a few weeks away!

Lee Wulff Xmas Party!!

Saturday, December 6th

The Tap Room at

The Millrose Restaurant

45 S Barrington Rd, Barrington, IL

6 pm for cocktails

7pm dinner with the raffle drawings after.

We will have lots of great items in the raffle!

It is still a great deal at \$35.00/person.

Please make your reservations early!!! Let Scott Roane know at royalwulff01@yahoo.com no later than Monday November 24th.

Bob Olach's Fly Of the Month

Black Magic Spiders

There are many North Country Spiders / soft hackled fly dressings that use little more than a thread (silk usually) and a hackle. Several partridge hackled dressings, including the Partridge & Orange, Partridge & Yellow, Partridge & Green, Woodcock & Orange and last month's write-up for the Dotterel Dun are all examples of easy-to-tie, but effective North Country Spiders that use only a thread and hackle.

Quite a few years ago, I posted a picture on a bamboo rod forum on some soft hackled flies that I tied with nothing more than black thread and a black soft hackle, a hen hackle, if I remember correctly.

Shortly thereafter, a fellow from the UK sent me a note about an old North Country dressing called A "*Black Magic Spider*" that was also tied with a thread and a soft hackle but with two differences. Namely, behind the hackle was a thorax using green peacock herl and underneath the peacock herl was a built-up area made with thin wire.

The wire wraps under the peacock herl thorax provided some weight to make the fly sink quickly while the peacock herl thorax kept the hackle from folding back onto the thread wrapped body and also added a little "flash" to the dressing.

Although a black hen hackle can be used, I prefer to use starling hackles and to leave a little of the gray, fuzzy part of the starling hackle on the hackle stem.

Variations of this fly can be made by using a heavier hook (like a Daiichi 1530) to make it sink even quicker or by using a dry fly hook (like a Daiichi 1990) and a black, dry fly saddle hackle to make a dry-fly *Black Magic Spider*. My personal favorite is the following dressing:



Dressing:

Hook: - Daiichi #1550 wet fly hook (sizes 14 - 18)

Thread & Body: - Black Danville 6/0

Hackle: - Black Starling or Hen



Grumpy's Page by Kurt Haberl

Strange things happen around a campfire, especially when it's the last outing of the season. It started when Wet Curtis told us he saw Mary Compson fishing the meadow stretch of Taylor's farm, and she said she planned to camp out with us after the caddis hatch was over.

"What caddis hatch?" Schnoz said.

"The one I was telling you about," I said, "that you ignored."

"She was catching fish," Wet Curtis said, "but it's getting dark now, so..."

"But, but," Schnoz muttered, "she's a woman. What if I want to say some cuss words and she's sitting here around the fire?"

"Then go behind a tree and say them," Wet Curtis said. "Don't you have any respect?"

"I've got a lot of respect," Schnoz said. "I respect the flag, the constitution, the military, the police-"

"Your wife," I added. "You've got a lot of respect for Huldy. As a matter of fact, if you didn't have any respect for your wife, she'd-"

"Listen," Wet Curtis said, "Mary's a TU member and a friend of mine, and if you're not nice to her, I'm going to tell Huldy, and then we'll come visit you wherever you end up."

"Not me," I said, "I'm not visiting him wherever he ends up, but if that happens, Schnoz, can I have your four-weight rod, the one you got for Christmas, since you won't be using it?"

We were still laughing, Schnoz was still grumbling, and the fire just reaching a crackling peak, when we heard a camp chair unfold and Mary stepped into the light of the fire.

"There was an amazing hatch tonight," she said. "I caught two dozen before dark. Why'd you guys leave the stream so soon?"

"Scotch," I said.

"Bourbon," Wet Curtis said.

"Beer," said Schnoz.

"Plus Schnoz lost all his dry flies in that willow behind Cotter's Pool," I added.

"I did not," Schnoz protested. "I have plenty of flies left."

"Well," Mary said, "I've fished there and you have to roll cast or do a Skagit cast, up, down, and then across."

"You know how to do that?" Schnoz said.

"Yep. It's pretty easy. My brother's a guide in Montana and he showed me. He knows a little more than me, but I do fine."

"And you saw a hatch tonight?" Schnoz said.

"Yep. A big one. Kind of unusual. Even browns were jumping at them."

"Probably Grannom caddis," Schnoz said, "not that unusual."

"Hm," Mary said slowly, knowing she was wading through some rough water here, "Grannoms hatch in the spring, usually around Mother's Day. These were the ordinary gray ones."

There was a moment of silence, broken only by the crackling fire, and then Wet Curtis began to chuckle.

"Grannom caddis," he said. "Who ever heard of Grannoms hatching in the fall?"

All the guys picked up a stick or clod or even an ice cube and threw it at Wet Curtis. We all knew he couldn't tell a Grannom caddis from a goldfinch.

"What else do you know?" Schnoz asked Mary.

"Hm, well, it's going to be clear tonight and colder, so I'd expect a blue wing olive hatch, but not until ten A.M. when the sun hits the water, and it's supposed to cloud over by late afternoon, so I wouldn't be surprised if those caddis hatch again. I was going to try the Split Rock run and then head back to Taylor's farm before evening. Do you want to come along?"

"Maybe. Grumpy doesn't know anything about fishing. He just gets in the way and then makes up stories about me."

"Well," Mary said, "If it helps, I can make up stories about you. My brother's told me plenty and I'm sure I can adapt."

Wet Curtis looked at me. "Grumpy, where are you fishing tomorrow?"

"The riffles behind the red barn," I said. "You want to come?"

"I'd like that. Do you know what a Grannom caddis looks like?"

"Sure. It looks like a caddis. It's got long, antenna things coming out of its head and it hatches in the spring around Mother's Day. Everybody knows that, except maybe Schnoz."

"You just wait," Schnoz said. "We'll see who catches fish tomorrow."

"It's not fair," Wet Curtis said. "You're going fishing with Mary and she can see a hatch when there is one."

Schnoz just chuckled.

"I think I'm going to go behind a tree," I said, but I felt like laughing.

Strange things happen around a campfire at the end of a season. It's a time when even a curmudgeon like Schnoz realizes the only thing that matters is if a person knows how to fish. It was a beautiful night; the stars twinkled like they were laughing; the drinks were cold, and change was in the air.

Dreading the Winter doldrums, the snow, the cold, the long weekends with no fishing?? Here's a few upcoming fishing shows the winter to put on your calendar. We'll add more as we find them.

All Canada Show - Pheasant Run Mega Center, St. Charles, IL. Jan 8-11
<http://www.allcanada.com/>

Chicago Musky Expo - Sears Center Arena, Hoffman Estates, IL. Jan. 9-11
<http://muskieexpo.com/chicago>

Chicago Outdoor Sports Show - Rosemont Convention Center, Rosemont, IL. Jan. 21-25
<http://www.chicagosportsmenshow.com/>

Illinois Fish & Feather Expo - Interstate Center, Bloomington, IL Jan. 24-26
<http://www.illinoisfishandfeather.com/>

Chicagoland Fishing Travel & Outdoor Expo - Schaumburg Convention Center, Schaumburg, IL. Jan 29-Feb. 1, 2015
<http://www.sportshows.com/chicago/>

Rockford Boat, Vacation and Fishing Show - Indoor Sports Center, Loves Park, IL. Feb. 20-22
<http://www.landroproductions.com/boat-vacation-fishing/>

Midwest Fly Fishing Show - Macomb Community College Expo Center, Warren, MI. March 14 -15
<http://midwestflyfishingexpo.com>

Attention Lee Wulffers: Your President, Officers and Board have decided that we will post the minutes of all board meetings, minutes of our annual meeting and our annual financial report in this and future newsletters. Below please find the minutes from our August Board meeting, the minutes from our annual meeting this October and our 2014 Financial Report filed with Trout Unlimited National.

August 16th, 2014 LWTU Board meeting from 9:04 am to 10:55 am

In attendance: Meg Gallagher (Pres.), Dennis Higham (ex-Pres.), Jerry Sapp (VP), Scott Roane (Treasurer), Matt Gregory (Secretary), Pete Koenig (Newsletter), and Charlie Schmitz.

For 2014 Christmas party (Fundraising banquet) finals

- Need to try to get more items outside of fly fishing for wives/ family.
- Idea of purchasing high-end items for raffle was discussed, no final decision on.
- Will stay at the Millrose, most likely Dec. 6th- Dennis taking care of. Same menu as last year agreed to.

Treasurer report/ Allocation of Funds:

- Want to begin setting up allocation of funds for fundraising, general expenses, projects, donations, etc. Matt, Scott, Charlie, and Pete to look into % needed for general operation, could put into fundraising, etc. A budgetary plan that would be followed.
- Currently funds are batched in one place. Need to know how much to sustain, keep for emergency fund.

Newsletter Report:

- Not addressed except for the electronic variations under the website discussions.

Dinner/ Chapter Meetings/ Locations:

- All agreed it is OK for Mark D. to sell merchandise at the LWTU meetings.

Membership/ Committees/ Chapter Goals:

- Would like to set up conservation committee to help Jerry, need volunteers.
- Fundraising committee—many untapped outlets (i.e. Lee Wulff T shirts, or other). Going outside fly fishing to find vendors to donate for more variety at Christmas party. Planning and executing other potential fundraising. HOWEVER—we need to make some meaningful donations this year before expanding our fundraising. Let's spend some of this money and turn it over every year- some debate on how much (need Budget).
- Outreach committee—Jean and Woody might be good candidates – Meg will ask.

- Have “Greeters” at meetings as well as for follow up and retention of attendees at meetings.
- Volunteers to distribute flyers or brochures at local/ related retailers (Cabela’s).
- Important with committees to have several people not just appoint chair. Chapter participation essential.
- Begin setting up mentoring program for future officers- TU national has excellent training program available for steps to take to achieve new officers ready to be in place by the time elections come. Set up outline of responsibilities (and for chairs and committee members).

Conservation Report:

- Conservation work days to be established. Statement from Gordon Long, president of Blackhawk chapter:
 “Our chapter has been pretty stagnate this summer. A work day in May and a few donations to Green County and their work on the Little Sugar. We just sent \$2400.00 to Vernon County for work on Sidie Hallow near Hornby creek. Other than that things have been slow. Weister creek is still on the docket but the big grant did not go through. We are waiting to see if another grant goes through. We donated \$5000.00 to Weister creek to bring the total to \$20,000.00. They are doing some tree removal with that money this year. We will see what that will bring next year.

Outings / Chapter Events:

- Need more “family friendly” opportunities.

Example: family picnic, casting contest, demos, games next May. May meeting needs to take place this year. No cancelling for more time to get to outing. But this successful plan only will take place if members help.

- Charlie mentioned moving the Picnic to a Saturday to allow for more families. Max McGraw may be an option for location to have use of ponds.

Web Status/ Report:

- New web is a go, Meg and Mark D. working on.
- Face lift” coming with new color scheme, more modern look, larger buttons, face book link, and many new user friendly buttons and features. Kurt to charge \$800 for this fix. Charlie mentioned that we should double check on any monthly or service charges.
- Select members will have direct/full access to site and will be able to make our own changes for day to day information (Meg, Mark?).

- Will be using Mail Chimp for emails, eblasts (Mark D has done a great job compiling new email list from national registry for our chapter. He has been invaluable helping Meg sort out all the details for our web facelift).
- Mark has also set up Google account with calendar and added most if not all events, meetings, etc already. We are pretty sure this will be linked right to the web site so if changes take place on Google account they automatically change on the site. Mark's looking into this.
- Update LWTU member e-mail list monthly from TU National? Mark D.?

Youth Committee/ Programs:

- New youth program chair will be Bob Becker this year

Miscellaneous / Open discussion:

- Should we present/appeal to the Illinois council our concerns about changing zip codes for appropriate Lee Wulff counties. Gary Borger was contacted by Gordon and their board decided not to change anything. Should we pursue?

To be further looked into with National for purposes, possible consequences. Will check if Gordon can pursue.

- Clarification of rules for those on board who are qualified to vote. LWTU OK.
- Voting per email is allowed.
- If Brian S. still in town and coming to September meeting, have an appreciation for him for all he has done for the Youth Group. Jerry will check with him.

Speaker listing / update:

- Need speakers from Jan- April:
Dennis, Meg, and Jerry looking into speaker options and availabilities for this time frame. Dennis is also looking into the possibly putting together a presentation on Lee Wulff with help from Joan Wulff.
- May also consider a movie night showing "The River"
- Costs of speakers versus presentation; do not want high-priced speakers giving hour long sales pitch.

October 16th, 2014 LWTU Chapter Business Meeting / State of the Chapter
***Presented by: Gordon Rudd, Jerry Sapp (VP), Scott Roane (Treasurer),
Pete Koenig, and Bob Becker.***

For 2014 Christmas party:

- Pete discussed the need to try to get more items outside of fly fishing for wives/ family, Golfing, Restaurant gift certificates. If anyone can ask around, please do.
- Will stay at the Millrose, December 6th, same cost (\$35.00).

Treasurer report:

- Scott discussed the recent filling of the AFR to TU National, covered various topics listed within (volunteer hours, divisions of the hours, and overall monies of the Chapter. LWTU is in good financial standing with over \$45,000.00 in the bank- looking for worthy conservation projects.
- Can use help in Treasury department, looking for potential next volunteer to take over from Scott.
- Charlie helping with working with numbers, creating a budget scheme.

Membership/ Committees/ Chapter Goals for:

- Gordon mentioned the conservation committee to help Jerry, need more volunteers. Also for fundraising and outreach of members.

Conservation Report:

- Jerry summarized recent past projects at Weister creek for tree removal and the knotweed program.
- Discussed the idea of getting trout for Trout Park in Elgin.
- Looking for potential new projects in working with the chapters of Blackhawk, Harry and Laura Nohr, and Aldo Leopold.
- Asking for help in the search.

Outings / Chapter Events:

- Need to try to get everyone that will attend the meetings RSVP so that the amount of food available can be better planned for.
- Gordon gave a summary of upcoming outings for 2015: Early outing for Viroqua-April, Fennimore in May, Wa-Wa Sum in June, Viroqua in late June, and the Fall outing.

Web Status/ Report:

- New website going well, Gordon giving praise to Kurt, Meg, and Mark.

- Chris Young also commended for his work with LWTU on Face book and keeping up to date.

Youth Committee/ Programs:

- Bob Becker gave the updates and summary of this years' Trout in the Classroom.
- Been in contact with Brian's replacement at NISRA about the Fishin' so Fly program- needs volunteers for about 2 hours on Wednesdays for 4 weeks. Will also be put into newsletter.
- Discussed the idea of reaching out to expand the Trout in the Classroom to other schools- need to ask around and find willing teachers to take part and bring into their classrooms.

TU Annual Financial Report - FY2014

This financial report for FY2014 has been submitted and can no longer be edited

Chapter Name: 448 Lee Wulff

Chapter Number: 448

EIN: 521491923

Member Count: 394

Treasurer Name: Scott Roane

Treasurer Phone Number: 8476396624

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Revenue

1. Contributions from individuals (including bequests), corporations or private foundations	4040.
2. Contributions from workplace giving campaigns	0
3. Federal & State Government Grants	0
4. Rebates from TU National/council	0
5. Embrace-A-Stream Grant	0
6. Investment/interest income	25
7. Meeting, banquet, special events and raffle income	0
8. Sale of inventory	0
9. Advertising	0
10. Grants from other chapters	0
11. Councils, Foundation/Other nonprofit Grants	0
Other Revenue (itemize:)	
12. Dinner income	7395
13. Trip income	5310
14. Total Revenue	\$16,770

Expenses	Total	Program Services	Mgmt& General	Fund-Raising
15. Grants to other 501 (c) 3 organizations	\$6232	6232	0	0
16. Grants to other TU Chapters/ Councils/National Programs	\$0	0	0	0
17. Accounting fees	\$0	0	0	0
18. Bank and credit card processing fees	\$0	0	0	0
19. Legal fees	\$0	0	0	0
20. Supplies/Materials (for habitat work, events, recruiting,etc)	\$208	208	0	0
21. Telephone	\$0	0	0	0
22. Postage and shipping (newsletters, events, recruiting, etc)	\$0	0	0	0
23. Printing(newsletters, events, recruiting)	\$0	0	0	0
24. Rent (office and/or storage space)	\$0	0	0	0
25. Conference, convention and meeting expense(room rental, or other costs)	\$3928	3928	0	0
26. Travel	\$0	0	0	0
27. Cost of merchandise sold	\$0	0	0	0
28. Interest expense	\$0	0	0	0
29. Compensation of officers and director	\$0	0	0	0
30. Compensation of staff	\$0	0	0	0
31. Contractors, Consultants, and Designers (website, habitat work, etc)	\$923	923	0	0
32. Pension plan contributions	\$0	0	0	0
33. Other employee benefits	\$0	0	0	0
34. Payroll taxes	\$0	0	0	0
Other expenses (itemize:)				
35. Speaker fees	\$525	0	0	0
36 Trip expenses	\$4707	4707	0	0
37. no entry				
38. no entry				

		Program	Mgmt &	Fund-
		Services	General	Raising
39. Total Expenses	\$16523	\$16523	0	0

	Assets	Total
40. Cash (in bank)		\$19987
41. Receivables (money owed to Chapter)		0
42. Investments (money market account, etc)		\$25578
43. Office equipment		0
44. Inventory (special events merchandise, printed materials, etc)		0
45. Land and Real Estate		0
46. Conservation easements		0
47. If easements held, does the chapter set aside assets for long term stewardship & legal defense		No
Other assets (itemize:)		
47. no entry		
48.	Total Assets	\$45565

	Liabilities	Total
49. Unpaid Expense Reimbursements		\$0
50. Money owed to TU members		\$0
51. Money owed to Financial Institutions		\$0
52. Money owed to other Chapters or Councils		\$0
53. Money owed to National		\$0
54. Payroll liabilities		\$0
Other liabilities (itemize:)		
55. no entry		\$0
56.	Total Liabilities	\$0

57 Net Assets \$45565

Matching Funds and Volunteer Hours	Total
58. Leveraged or Matching Funds	\$0
Volunteer Hours	Total
59. Conservation	11
59(a) "Protect" percentage	100%
59(b) "Reconnect" percentage	0
59(c) "Restore" percentage	0
60. Advocacy ("Sustain")	40
61. Communications ("Sustain")	20
62. Fundraising ("Sustain")	85
63. Engagement ("Sustain")	40
64. Youth Education and Outreach ("Sustain")	72
65. Total Volunteer Hours	268 hrs.

Additional CEI Data Input	Index Score
Conservation Activities	
66. Number of conservation projects	3
67. Any project over \$50k or 500 hours?	No
Education Activities	
68. Number of education projects	3
69. Any project over \$50k or 500 hours?	No
Service to Members	
70. Number of Chapter meetings	8
71. Average chapter meeting attendance	27
72. Number of newsletters publishes(incl. electronic)	9
73. Quality of Chapter website	site updated monthly
74. Have Chapter listserv or email list?	Yes
75. Quality of strategic plan	active plan reviewed annually
76. Quality of budget process	no budget
77. Number of active chapter leaders	7
78. Amount of participation at council meetings	no chapter rep at council meetings
79. Number of chapter members who are council officers	0

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PS: Any grammatical errors spotted in
this newsletter were purposefully put
there to keep you on you're toes.

PPS: You Are Welcome.