

## HAVING FUN AND RAISING MONEY FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF CONSERVATIONISTS



Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> saw 10 teams of 2 fly fisherman each descend upon the waters of Central Vermont for a little competition – the second annual Mad Dog Two Fly. The goal was to see which team could catch, photograph, and release the largest 6 trout over the course of the day. By 3:30 it became clear that Chunky Speedman with 92.5 points, the team of Tom Getz and Matt Getz, were this year's winners and will have their names added to the coveted Old Wicker Creel!

Following in second place was Trout Techies, the team of Peter Brooks and John Ritter, with a total of 64.5 points and a truck tire (they brought in as part of their river cleanup). In third place with 52.75 points was team OX-SYNOT, John Synnott and Kevin Oxford, the defending champs.

The Mad Dog Two Fly is a dry fly/dropper only event that awards points to each team with 1 point for each inch of fish length. Bonus points are awarded for each of the 3 trout species and for picking trash along the rivers. Registration is \$100 per team with 50% going back to the teams in prizes, that meant first place was worth \$250, second place \$150, and third place \$100.

Where does the other 50% go you ask, to Vermont Trout Camp. Trout Camp is an annual event (except this year which would have been the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary) where 12 girls and boys get to visit the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont at the end of June. The camp is 5 days and 4 nights of fly fishing, fly tying, stream ecology, and cold-water conservation. In other words, starting the next generation of river stewards.

This event was huge for Trout Camp as all three teams donated their winnings back. We are very appreciative of the generosity of Tom Getz, Matt Getz, Peter Brooks, John Ritter, John Synnott, and Kevin Oxford.

We also want to thank Ryan Whitney, Andy Massena, Brian Ganley, Tim Traver, Tom Stickney, Brian Lang, Clark Amadon, Kurt Budliger, Dave Aronson, Warren Coleman, Colin Cascadden, Matt Brown, Joey Nailor and Shawn Nailor for participating this year and making the event a success.

The Two Fly is a team event, but we do like to recognize the three largest fish landed each year. This year the largest fish was a 17" Rainbow caught by Matt Getz, the second largest was a 14 ¼ " Rainbow caught by Kevin Oxford and the third largest fish was a 12 ¼ " Brown caught by Peter Brooks.

We would also like to thank The Fly Rod Shop for allowing us to use their place in Stowe as the base for the tournament for the second year in a row. You can also find the Old Wicker Creel on display here.



The first-place team of Matt and Tom Getz – Chunky Speedman



The second-place team of Peter Brooks and John Ritter – Trout Techies





The third-place team of John Synnott and Kevin Oxford – OX-SYNOT