MadDog Chapter Trout Unlimited Autumn 2022 Newsletter

Protect | Reconnect | Restore our cold water streams, lakes and ponds!

MadDog Chapter Trout Unlimited now meets indoors, until May 2023!

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MadDog TU Annual Meeting Announcement

On November 1st 2022 MadDog TU is having its regular annual meeting in Waterbury, CT at the Reservoir. Meeting is from noon to 2:00 PM. The Meeting begins at 7:00 PM at The Reservoir in Waterbury, CT.

Vermont Trout Camp for Teens Had a great 10th Anniversary

The Northeast Trout for Teens camp in working woods for the past 10 years. It was our 10th anniversary this year. The camp is for teens who have an interest in learning about fly tying, entomology, stream science, trout habitat, and all caught trout! They learn how to fish and have a great time!

Next June 14th to 22nd the Camp has a NEW Venue, as well as actually return to the Camp's ancestral home: Camp Cachuma!

Know a 12-15 year old who might have a camp experience like this for 2022? Send them this Camp Form!

Trout Camp 2022 had great questions! Let us know about any other potential questions!

Last year each camper will receive a fly tying kit, a rod and reel and a trout pack with repairs, a fly box full of their flies, a pair of Hemostat Dakota Gear, and the Outdoorsmen TU memorial fly. Well, the rest of the bonds were contacted for this year.

The Vermont Trout Camp would also like to recognize the of giving support: Gun Rec Vermont Council of Trout Unlimited, the Journal Vermont Chapter of TU, Greater Upper Valley TU, Southeast Vermont TU, Connecticut River Valley Chapter of TU, Vermont Fly Fishers, Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department in the U.S. Recreational Vehicle processed gift, the Vermont Trout Camp for Teens.

The camp also got a huge donation from the Knotters Connection. Plus Orvis donation from The Orvis Company and Hampden Orvis Resort! Food donations came from Wells Hard Cracks, Red Hen Bakery Dakota Gear, Hampden Orvis, Jewett Hill Farm eggs, Jack Chamberlain Chocolates and Fresh Pizza.

Let us know if you would like to help sponsor the Camp or you know a potential sponsor!

Mad Dog Fly

Mad Dog Fly-Fly Tournament

Join Mad Dog Chapter of Trout Unlimited for our 8th annual catch and release fly fishing event!

(CAFR)

Yes it's Fly year due to the pandemic. Our longest stream tenure so next year we'll be celebrating!

Maybe your name can be added to the 10th Winner Cup!!

When: Sunday 10/9/2022

What: A catch-and-release fly fishing catch and release tournament – any species, any fly, any tackle, any fly fishing is fair game!

Where: The Winnoski River and its tributaries (excluding the trophy stream) in Waterbury reaches of The Fly Rod Shop in Wolcott, CT

Who: Teams of 2 – limited to 20 teams

Cost: $100 per team payable to Mad Dog Trout Camp – http://www.wildcatfishtrout.com/

Cost: $100 per team plus processing fee) – registration at https://www.paypal.me/wildcatfishtrout/100

Contact: Ocean Nation, oceanofnation@ yahoo.com **Instagram:** WildCatFishing

2023 Mad Dog 2-Fly Tournament Rules

- Must fish upstream Winnoski from the Bridge Street bridge in Richmond
- The Trophy Section in Waterbury between the US 3 Bridge East of the Rod Shop and the Bridge Street Bridge in Waterbury is fly fishing
- Can fish Downstream in the Trophy section
- 2 hours of actual fishing time
- Fish from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM
- Each team gets to pick one Fish of their choice
- Photo based catch and release with color tags
- Measure the fish, take a photo with the fish and a color 13" otherwise scores as a 0.01 – 10 points, 0.01 – 0 points
- Percent fish to the nearest 1" for largest fish prize
- Fish Fly Rod Shop Fly Tournament Winner Cup (Cup holder – trophies)
- Prize: 5 Grand points for returning with fish from the river
- Prize: Fly Rod Shop Gift Card
- Must be a 2-fly/dropper fly
- Must be the combination of flies provided the top/head fly is a dry fly and tailed on a
- Flies will be cash and based on the place/ tackle
- 1st place team – 10% of entry fees
- 2nd place team – 10% of entry fees
- 3rd place team – 10% of entry fees
- Tournament Fly – Tournament Winner, Top 3 different individuals, will be determined

Schedule for the day

6:00 - 6:45 pm Fly tying at The Fly Rod Shop in Green
6:45 - 7:00 pm Dinner
6:00 - 9:00 competitive fishing time
9:00 - 9:30 pm Fly tying at The Fly Rod Shop in Green
9:30 - 9:45 pm Is your quality catch/tale worthy enough for the prize list?

The Second Annual MadDog TU Intro to Fly Fishing for Women!

The weekend go thru 09-01-2020 is slated for the new offering and will again be at Lonzarich Farm Center in Goshen, CT.

Registration opens in February 2022.

The original Intro is slated for early in the 21 100 series of Green Dale Forest. The original Intro is also a sell out. Only one of the 2 Intro's that sold out unbuttoned natural science in Vermont. All of the and fishing on Orpen Pond in Vermont. Fly fishing is a great way to connect with Mother Nature. Women appreciate as much for quiet solitude as for the breathing ground it creates for nature requires but forest trout.

Well for networking about gear, entomology/bugs, and proper fish handling. Well it also as an intro to socks and tying on your flies and go course fly casting instructions.

We of line and fishing on Orpen Pond for native and brook trout. Nopes There is a fly tying and casting instructions. Well, we will be fishing Orpen Pond for fishing only (catch. The pond is offers a remarkable fishing that anglers appreciate so much for its quiet solace of solitude as for the breathing ground it creates for nature requires but forest trout.

The well training focus great skills and experience and are looking forward to passing along a fly line passion to the ladies!

Keep Supporting your local Fly Shop!

Our local fly fishing shops need our support now! Give the time some to bring business back!

The Fly Rod Shop, Green, CT
Orvis Hampden, Hampden
Lake and Spoke, Longmeadow, CT

Yes! Cool MOTU swag!

(No one actually replied to get us to the "Win cable" (end of the summer swag as the time was most only the 4th caller)

Click here and be the 4th person and you can get a free MadDog TU Hat! Yes, it's a free MOTU swag cleanup t-shirt, slipper with MOTU logo, a new fly box or a fishing log book!

It's full on, full-time trout fishing!

Most Vermont rivers are open for fishing year round! Some that are closed, include the Mettawick, Clyde and the Nulhegan. Check this link for the most western rivers.

Your newsletter editor has been out a couple of times since the cause "moving season" (late and summer of cleanup cause weight focus! Due to the warm, cold, weather many other anglers have also been out and having success!

Lately, Salmon and steelhead will mix! That fall salmon are on!

Lakers are the quarry of choice on Lake Champlain now! Anglers report excellent seven down in Burlington Bay! Near up at the Ferry Landing in Grand Isle where the angler been trolled weed.

Near record salmon have been fished at Winooski, Vest trolled up in Richmond and released into the Winooski! One destination for these bespoke is the Winooski River. Fly fishers, it's time to get out the Spawn Pole! A bonfire! A good barbecued on top!

Steelhead will probably get changed up by bad weather this decent rain and Lake Champlain will have to come back soon! Those Lake Creek steelhead are in full.

MOTU sponsored the 1st Trout Summit for The Dog River on Friday November 19th!

Report Out from the Summit

On behalf of the MadDog Chapter of Trout Unlimited have a huge thanks for being at the 1st MadDog TU Summit on the wild trout and the Dog River!

It was gratifying to see representatives from Northeast Fish and Wildlife, CT DEC, Watershed Planning, VT DEC Monitoring and Assessment, Friends of the Dog River, Friends of the Mad River, Vermont Department of Fish & Wildlife Conservation, and the Northeast Conservation Commission and Local Land Trust! Thanks to the Dog River Watershed Partnership, Friends of the Dog Rivers from Rogers Farm and Shell Murphy from Mesa Barns for giving us a great venue! Thanks to Ocean Nation for the great food! It was also great to see these MadDog anglers who attended: Steve Lazarovic, Kenny Thomas, Mr. Lindy, Ken Sauer, Daniel Hartnett, Samantha Ancrown and John Dolphin!

A huge thanks to Derek Ancrown, Lieutenant Dog River angler and co-organizer of the Summit!

We think this is a great start for MOTU's renewed focus on the wild trout in the Dog River. The expertise, experience, information, passion and work within the watershed by the attendees was impressive! We look forward to the Dog River Dog Pond Brook so that we can keep the trees and trout population!

I want to go into detail on one of the ideas or ideas generated at this point. That is the idea of a Dog River Watershed Partnership! Friends of the Dog River and MOTU is taking off leading a local group of interested parties, experts, property lines and data collected in the Dog and wild trout. A trout that were thrivers and at all ages and sizes! Well, we are ready to be a conductor. A genuine hub an application to support stream life in.

Stayed tuned for the report out!

MadDog TU once again says, "Cheers!" We are lucky as many of you are so passionate about the Dog as we are!

Last cast.

The big yellow machine have done their in-stream work at Lyman Falls on the Upper Connecticut River!

In August and September portions of the dam at Lyman Falls were removed and a fish passage was created in-river. These changes were made for upcoming safety reasons.

Lyman Falls was Hazardous. A great deal of wear, concrete and timber structure was in disrepair.

The changes will improve safety at the site and hopefully the river structure being added into current will keep the integrity of the structure.

Well bad... The two images below are after the work was completed. As one can see the work was done in-stream and the structure is gone. The image on the left side trout shows the photos are taken another in-river concrete and was the dam structure. The image on the right side shows the Lyman Falls concrete slab in place and the river is back the integrity of Lyman Falls Pool.

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Founded 1986

MDTU Mission

Our mission is to conserve, protect and restore north-central Vermont and Northeast Kingdom coldwater fisheries and watersheds through education, advocacy, and boots-on-the-ground conservation.

Vision

The vision of the MadDog Chapter of Vermont Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and wild coldwater fisheries once again thrive, so that future generations can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.

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What's in a Name?

With a name like "MadDog," its not an unusual question.

With the possible exception of one board member, the "MadDog" moniker isn't a reflection of anyone's personality or the chapter's collective political persona.

It's simply a geographic descriptor of the loose, self-claimed boundaries of the waters that our chapter calls "home." The Mad River to the north, and the beautiful wild-trout Dog River to the south. Both are tributaries of the grand and multi-personalitied Winooski which, from its headwaters in Cabot to somewhere around Bolton Dam, is no less "home waters" to most MadDog members. Since the Northeast Kingdom chapter has yet not re-formed "MDTU" also stretches out to include from Rt. 100 East to Connecticut River and from Rt. 302 north.

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