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A picturesque and fishable creek protected by buffers flows freely through a valley above, while a stream with no buffers in place is shown (inset) as a contrast.

Be a voice for trout

**Make a difference by joining
TU's PA legislative team**

By Katy Dunlap

TU's Eastern Water Project Director

As we have seen over the last year, protecting native and wild trout streams is becoming more challenging in Pennsylvania. Threats to these sensitive resources are coming from every direction, especially from Harrisburg.

Regulations and policies that protect trout streams have come under attack by many members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly. That's why it is ever more important that anglers – those who spend countless hours wading streams to see the

perfect rise or planting trees to restore trout habitat – speak up for the resource.

This year, through a true “one TU” effort, we have made significant strides in staving off some legislative attacks on Pennsylvania's trout streams. You may recall House Bill 1576 – the bill that would have, among other things, made it much more difficult for the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission to designate wild trout streams.

Over the course of nine months, TU staff, leaders of PATU and local chapters and individual members worked together to make sure that the interests of anglers in protecting native and wild trout streams

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2015 CHP grant program opens

The Coldwater Heritage Partnership announces the opening of the 2015 Coldwater Conservation Grants Program. The program provides two grant opportunities that help to protect and conserve the health of Pennsylvania's coldwater ecosystems:

- **Planning Grant** – These grants help to develop a conservation plan that identifies the values and threats that impact the health of our coldwater ecosystems that have naturally reproducing trout. The collected information can be used as a catalyst for more comprehensive planning or for development of watershed improvements projects. Planning grants average around \$5,000.

- **Implementation Grant** – These grants provide funding to projects recommended in a completed conservation plan or report. Potential projects must enhance, conserve or protect the coldwater stream for which the coldwater conservation plan or similar document was originally completed. Implementation grants average around \$7,000.

Applications can be found at www.coldwaterheritage.org, and will be accepted through Dec. 19, 2014. The Coldwater Heritage Partnership urges watershed groups, conservation districts, municipalities and local chapters of TU to apply.

The CHP provides technical assistance and funding support for the evaluation,

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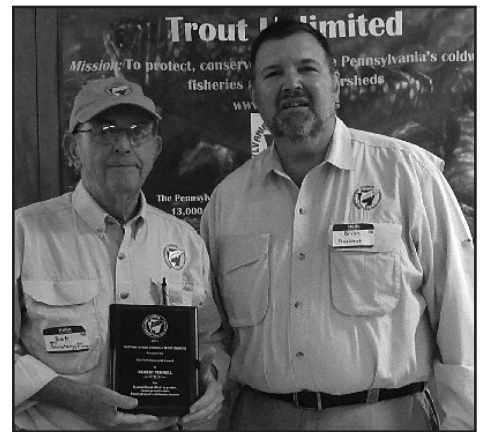
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PATU award winners

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited held its annual Fall Meeting on Sept. 13 at the Shavers Creek Community Building in Petersburg, Pa.

Throughout the day, sessions were held on conservation and protection of our coldwater streams and updates on programs and initiatives from across the state.

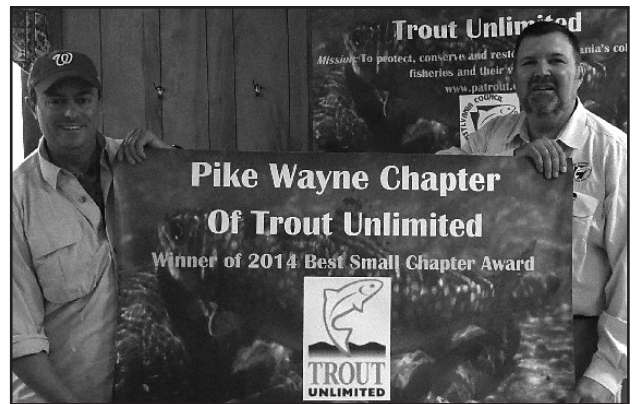
Following the meeting portion of the event, PATU held its annual pig roast and awards ceremony. We had a great event and we thank everyone who attended and look forward to seeing you and others next year.



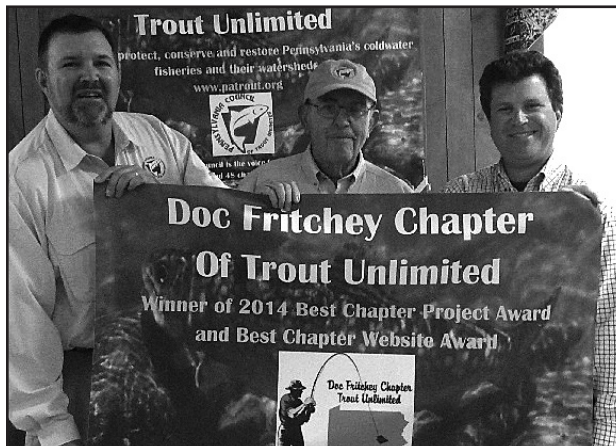
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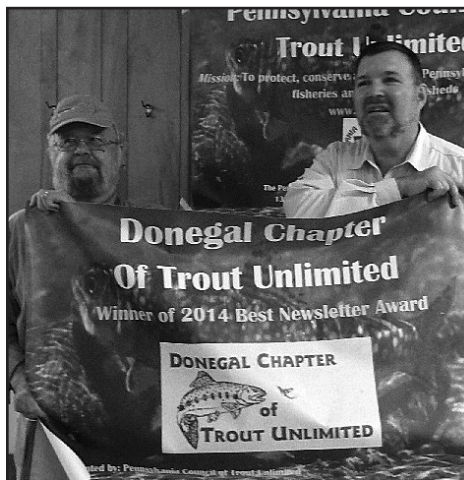
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Headwaters

A message from PATU President Brian Wagner

When was the last time that you were driving along a country road and had to hit the brakes because a brook trout ran out in front of your car? Exactly.

Unless you're an angler fishing a clean coldwater stream, you're a coldwater conservationist or someone that just likes to hang out around water, the likelihood of meeting up with a native or wild trout isn't all that good. Thus, our native brook trout, wild brown trout and fish in general live somewhat in obscurity. Especially to the general public.

We can look into their world and they can look back into ours, but we really only meet each other on a personal level on the end of a fishing line, in that small world where water and air meet.

Fish watching was popularized in Yellowstone National Park. Before the unwelcome introduction of lake trout into Yellowstone Lake, crowds of visitors would peer over Fishing Bridge on the Yellowstone River to eye a native cutthroat in its natural environment, born in a tributary, raised in the lake and moving in and out of the river to spawn.

However, it's much more likely that a person's first exposure to a trout may be at a local hatchery, stocking truck or fishing derby. That's how a lot of us started out. *PA Council recognizes the utility of hatchery trout for providing recreational fishing in waters incapable of sustaining wild trout in Pennsylvania.*

My preference is to fish for wild trout, but I have and still do fish for hatchery trout on occasion. Resica Falls on the Bushkill Creek (Monroe County) is a good example. It's a beautiful place to fish and has great hatches. But it can't sustain a wild trout population and stocking by the PFBC provides a pleasurable experience for many anglers, including myself.

So what's the problem?

Over time, we have created what I would call an artificial fishery. And with that artificial fishery has come expectations that I would argue are not necessarily realistic or sustainable.

Everyone wants more and larger trout stocked in their "spot." Meanwhile, a wild

trout has become some ethereal creature either not recognized or deemed too difficult to catch. Why do I prefer to target and catch a wild trout? To sum it up – "It's real." When you think of the incredible journey against all odds, both predatorily and environmentally, that a wild trout has taken from egg to adult and into your landing net, isn't it a bit humbling and inspiring. We all know wild trout live in beautiful places. But sometimes they don't. As Trout Unlimited members we are often put into positions defending the places where trout live. We are part of their journey.

Class A streams represent the streams with the highest wild trout biomass in Pennsylvania. Why we are still debating the stocking of any Class A stream boggles my mind. With limited hatchery resources, why would we consider stocking the streams with the highest biomass in the state when these stocked fish could be placed elsewhere and still provide the same recreational equivalency. We would actually be increasing the amount of productive fishable water.

It seems like a waste of license dollars to be stocking over wild trout, especially with the literature available recognizing that hatchery fish released into streams containing wild populations is detrimental to the wild fish. For those anglers that prefer the hatchery product, it may mean finding and trying new spots and streams. But isn't that part of the adventure of fishing?

Over 40 years ago, Montana made the decision to stop stocking fish in their rivers and streams based on research by fisheries biologist Dick Vincent that had shown that wild trout thrived on their own but suffered in stocked waters. The rest is history.

We all know the quality fishing that Montana has to offer. I get it. Pennsylvania isn't Montana. But we do have a wild trout fishery that I would stack up against that of anyone. We could be doing things better. I'm not saying no stocking, but let's change the way we think about stocked fish and wild fish. It's going to take a paradigm shift, no question about it. Put stocked fish where they will have the most recreational benefit without marginalizing



our wild trout streams. I think the best of both worlds can co-exist, just not necessarily together.

So how do you get people to care about something they don't readily see or recognize? Education and exposure is the key. Otherwise we will constantly be playing on defense.

I've seen more and more streamside signage geared towards educating anglers and the general public about our native and wild trout. More is needed. Trout Unlimited as an organization does more to engage our youth in a multifaceted way than any organization I know. Whether it's Trout in the Classroom, youth days and camps, fishing instruction or fly tying classes, we have to bring our conservation and wild trout message in everything we do. The more women and families we get into TU, the more we can get our message out.

Our Trout Management committee is planning for a "Wild Trout" seminar to be held in 2015 to educate anglers, the general public and public officials about our wild trout resources. We are hoping that this will result in a series of educational workshops.

Getting people out on the water and experiencing our wild trout resources for themselves, may be the best way to send the message. Plus you may make a new friend and develop a new TU volunteer.

Without bold action like the State of Montana took in 1974, we will just have to keep plugging away at it. Progress has

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TIC gears up for another school year

Fall is here, which means teachers are gearing up for another exciting year of the Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program. This year, 267 schools statewide will incorporate TIC into their classrooms.

The program has grown each year – including 247 schools registered last year. Many of the TIC teachers receive valuable assistance from TU program partners.

These partners lend time and expertise to helping classrooms with anything from tank troubleshooting to conducting in-class demonstrations on subjects such as macroinvertebrates, healthy fish habitat

and fly tying. Program partners also help classrooms at their trout release days.

Teachers will be receiving their eggs around Nov. 5. Students are already eagerly helping to set up tanks and equipment in their classrooms. The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, along with PATU volunteers, will be packaging food and eggs.

Also, TIC T-shirts are now for sale! Funds from the shirts directly support the TIC program. Thanks to everyone who purchased shirts last year, PATU was able to help fund grants for teachers to replace broken equipment and also to conduct edu-

cational release days. The design will be the same as last year, but the shirt color will be royal blue. Order in bulk (10 or more) and you will have the option to choose your own shirt color.

Visit www.patrouintheclassestroom.org and click the “Support the Program” tab to see the T-shirt design and order form. Shirts are \$17 (\$20 for 2XL & 3XL). Please place orders by Dec. 1, 2014. Contact Sandy Sausser with any questions.

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All proceeds support the Trout in the Classroom program.

‘Brookie’ Mini Grant round opens

The 2015 “Back the Brookie” Mini Grant round is now open.

This grant was created to help conserve, protect and restore native brook trout in Pennsylvania. The funding for this grant opportunity was made possible through Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited “Back the Brookie” license plate sales. All proceeds from the license plate will be used to benefit brook trout restoration in Pennsylvania. PATU has been selling the plates for three years and has established a

small fund to begin accepting applications to help with projects and programs that directly relate to native brook trout.

The “Back the Brookie” Mini Grant will provide PATU chapters funding assistance for on-the-ground projects. All applications should focus on brook trout and their habitat. Chapters can apply for up to \$1,000 each fiscal year.

For more information about the grant please visit www.patrou.org.

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been made and I certainly don’t want to minimize that.

I have no doubt that we can and will get to a better state of trout fishing in Penn-

sylvania that includes both our wild and hatchery trout. We just have to realize that they are not the same and that they need to be managed differently, especially if we want to grow the sport.

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were known in the halls of the capitol. We held legislative educational meeting days with decision-makers in Harrisburg and in district offices. We sent letters and called legislators to express our concerns about HB-1576. We wrote letters to the editors of local papers and worked with local sportsmen clubs and state-wide sportsmen conservation organizations to send a strong message to the General Assembly. And it worked. Our efforts paid off. The bill lost steam in June and was not reconsidered before the end of the legislative session.

This fall, we faced another legislative assault on trout streams: House Bill 1565. This bill removed the Chapter 102 riparian buffer regulatory requirements for special protection waters and made buffers optional rather than mandatory, as long as the collective alternative practices employed are "substantially equivalent" to buffers in terms of effectiveness.

Additionally, the bill requires that if a buffer is destroyed in a high quality or ex-

ceptional value watershed then a replacement buffer must be installed somewhere else in the watershed.

Trout Unlimited members spent countless hours educating legislators about the value of stream buffers, by visiting legislative offices, making calls and sending letters. Unfortunately, the bill was passed by the General Assembly by a slim margin on Oct. 15. Prior to final passage, several amendments were adopted that improved the original bill, some of which reflected concerns that TU had raised, indicating that our voice made a difference.

These are just two examples of why TU members and other anglers need to raise their voice to protect Pennsylvania's trout streams. Join TU's Pennsylvania Legislative Team and lend your voice to our efforts.

Whether you can join us in Harrisburg for meetings at the capitol or can help mobilize members locally to talk to legislators, your help is much needed. Contact me at kdunlap@tu.org or 607-703-0256 to learn more about TU's efforts. And as always, thanks for all you do for trout.

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conservation and protection of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams. Grants are awarded to organizations in order to outline strategies and complete implementation projects that best conserve and protect our coldwater fisheries.

Besides offering grants, CHP works to: foster greater public understanding of watershed characteristics and how they affect coldwater ecosystems; identify special areas of concern, such as areas with exceptional water quality and high potential for impacts; and provide technical assistance and financial opportunities to organizations dedicated to protecting our coldwater ecosystems.

The CHP is a cooperative effort of PATU, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the PA Fish and Boat Commission and the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds.

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*Minutes of the Sept. 14, 2014
Executive Committee Meeting
Shaver's Creek Community Building*

Officers Attending: Brian Wagner, Ken Undercoffer, Charlie Charlesworth, George Kutskel, Bob Pennell, Greg Malaska, Mark Hanes, Chuck Winters, Ben Hayes, Chris Burns.

Others Attending: Samantha Kutskel, Sandy Sausser, Jeff Ripple, Jeff Yates.

President's Report: The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by President Wagner. Wagner referenced his written report and also announced that he, Katy Dunlap and Bob Schott were meeting with DEP on Sept. 17 to discuss streams that PFBC has identified with wild trout populations but have not yet been listed as such. A motion by G. Kutskel/seconded by Hanes was approved to accept the minutes of the June 21, 2014 EXCOM meeting, as amended June 26, 2014, and previously distributed to EXCOM.

Treasurer's Report: The Budget Report for the period ending 8/31/14 was approved on a motion to receive and file by Malaska/seconded by Charlesworth.

Discussion/Action Items:

- ***PATU Trout Hatchery Policy Revisions*** – Approved as previously distributed to EXCOM on a motion by Charlesworth/seconded by Malaska.
- ***PATU Trout Management Policy Revisions*** – Approved as previously distributed to EXCOM on a motion by Hanes/seconded by Malaska.
- ***PATU State License Plate*** – Pennell announced that PennDOT has increased the registration cost from \$20 to \$25, rather than reducing it as had been reported back in July.
- ***Appointment of Jeff Ripple as Environmental Committee Chair*** – Approved on a motion by Pennell/seconded by Undercoffer.
- ***Committee Responsibility Realignment*** – The VPs have accepted the following committee assignments.
Charlesworth: Communications, Environmental, Legislative, Membership, Youth Education

and a new ad hoc committee for TU's 2015 National Meeting.
Malaska: Awards, Delaware River, Development, Stream Access, Trout Management and Women's.

Awards Committee:

No report submitted.

Delaware River Committee: Report submitted. Reservoir releases this summer have provided consistently good fishing as far south as Callicoon. FUDR is planning its fourth "Water, Water Everywhere" meeting for this fall.

Environmental Committee: Report submitted. Ripple reminded EXCOM to sign up for TU's Webinar on the Clean Water Act scheduled for Sept. 16 at 7 p.m. He also discussed conflicts in the legislation on riparian buffers being proposed by the PA House (HB1565) and PA Senate (SB1465).

Stream Access Committee: Report submitted. Winters reported that PFBC intends to increase Cooperative Habitat Improvement Program (CHIP) contributions of materials for stream habitat work to \$10,000 per project, based on receiving funding from the VPA-HIP Program.

Trout Management Committee: Report submitted. Undercoffer reported that the committee finalized revisions to the Trout Management and Trout Hatchery policies which have been approved (see above). The committee intends to organize and conduct a seminar on wild trout sometime next spring.

Women's Committee: Report submitted. Sausser is interested in planning a breakfast or luncheon for women, similar to what the Donegal Chapter hosts in the spring. A followup is planned with committee members to recruit volunteers to help organize this and other planned events.

Communications Committee: Report submitted. Charlesworth reported that we now have ads from five fly shops in digital format. Isles plans to conduct a meeting by yearend to discuss the format for a special



TU National Meeting issue or insert for the summer 2015 issue of *PA Trout*.

Development

Committee: Report submitted. G. Kutskel reported that we are targeting early October to send out our yearend appeal letter in a simpler

one-page format, possibly with a tear-off donation form instead of a second sheet.

Legislative Committee: Since the chair is vacant, no report was submitted. Alan Howe of Carlisle has joined this committee and will be given consideration as a possible chairperson.

Membership Committee: Report submitted. Hanes noted that there had been a 3.7% decline in statewide membership numbers between June and September. Hanes also suggested that merging several of our smaller chapters should be considered.

Youth Education Committee: No report submitted. Yates pointed out that chapter presidents need to include their youth education chairs on the chapter leaders listings on www.tu.org. He also stated there are changes in the works for the Youth Membership fees.

National Leadership Council: Report submitted. Wagner, Charlesworth and Murty attended National TU's Annual Meeting in Santa Fe in early September. PA Council was honored to receive the Best Website Award for 2014.

Program Director: Report submitted. S. Kutskel will attend the PFBC quarterly meeting on September 29 to comment on the stocking of 10 Class A Wild Trout waters. She also announced the opening of grant rounds for both Back the Brookie and Coldwater Heritage Partnership grants for 2015.

Outreach Coordinator: Report submitted. Sausser announced a contest inviting members to submit designs for an official PATU T-shirt to be available for sale in early 2015.

Regional Reports

- ***North Central*** – Six out of eight chapter reports were filed. Penns Creek and Columbia County did

not file. A follow-up meeting with Columbia County Chapter to gauge interest in reorganization is planned for Oct. 8. Spring Creek was the recipient of PATU's 2014 Best Chapter Award.

- **Northeast** – All nine chapter reports were filed. Pike-Wayne received the 2014 Best Small Chapter Award and Schuylkill County received two awards for Youth Outreach and Greatest % Increase in Members. Fred Gender has been elected NE Regional VP, replacing Greg Malaska who was elected VP.
- **Northwest** – All nine chapter reports were filed. On a motion by G. Kutskel/seconded by Hanes, approval was given for Council to write a letter to the Office of Surface Mining recommending the re-mining of the Fran coal site in Clinton County.
- **South Central** – All seven chapter reports were filed. Doc Fritchey won two awards for Best Project and Best Website, and Donegal won for Best Newsletter.
- **Southeast** – Six out of seven chapter reports were filed. Perkiomen did not file. Chris Burns of the Valley Forge Chapter has been elected SE Regional VP, replacing Fred Gender who is moving to northeastern PA.
- **Southwest** – All eight chapter reports were filed.

New Business:

- **Approve Council Letter to PFBC** – On a motion by Winters/seconded by Malaska, approval was given for Council to write a letter to PFBC in support of obtaining funding from the Voluntary Public Access & Habitat Incentive Program (VPA-HIP) for PFBC's Cooperative Habitat Improvement Program (CHIP).
- **Approve Council Letter to PA House** – On a motion by Malaska/seconded by Charlesworth, approval was given to write a letter to the PA House of Representatives outlining the problems associated with HB1565 which proposes to remove riparian buffer requirements on special protection waters.
- **Participation in Youghiogheny**

Symposium in 2015 – Winters will get more details from Scott Hoffman of the Chestnut Ridge Chapter to determine to what extent Council may want to get involved.

- **Preparations for National TU's 2015 Annual Meeting** – Charlesworth reported that the Pike-Wayne, Lackawanna Valley, Stan Cooper and Brodhead chapters will be the host chapters for the meeting. PA Council and the host chapters are responsible for arranging the hosted fishing, conservation tour, hospitality room and fundraising (raffle) functions during the meeting. Planning is well underway at this point.

The EXCOM meeting was adjourned at 12:40 p.m. on a motion by G. Kutskel/seconded by Hanes.

Election of Officers for FYE2015:

The following officers were elected unanimously by the membership at the PATU Annual Meeting on Sept. 13, 2014 to serve one-year terms beginning on Oct. 1, 2014:

- President – Brian Wagner
- Vice President – Charlie Charlesworth
- Vice President – Greg Malaska
- Secretary – Bob Pennell
- Treasurer – George Kutskel
- NLC Representative – Monty Murty
- Central Region VP – Ben Hayes
- Northeast Region VP – Fred Gender
- Northwest Region VP – Mark Hanes
- Southcentral Region VP – John Leonard
- Southeast Region VP – Chris Burns
- Southwest Region VP – Chuck Winters

Approval of PA Council Bylaws

Revisions: At the PATU Annual Meeting on Sept. 13, 2014, the membership voted unanimously to accept the Bylaws revisions of Article III, Section 4, regarding the election process for regional vice presidents, as published in the Summer 2014 edition of the *PA Trout* newsletter.

– Bob Pennell, Council Secretary



Contributed Photo

Web editor Bob Pennell, right, accepts National TU's 'Best Website Award' on behalf of Pennsylvania Council.

PATU website claims top honor

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited received the Best Website Award at the Trout Unlimited National Meeting in Santa Fe, NM on Sept. 5.

“Communication with our chapters and members is critical in furthering our mission. We are honored to receive this award and appreciate all of the hard work and dedication that our web editor, Bob Pennell, has put into making this website a success,” said Brian Wagner, PATU president.

Council has been working diligently to improve communications with members over the last few years. One of the main goals is to keep the website up to date and ensure it provides all information pertinent to chapter leaders and members. Although Pennsylvania has paid staff to help with many initiatives and programs, the website is maintained, edited and updated solely by Council volunteer Bob Pennell.

The website is updated daily, or sometimes multiple times a day in an effort to keep everything current for members. The site includes information on current news, events, programs and action items the Council is working on. The site provides members with chapter contact information and meeting locations. Members can also utilize the Google calendar feature to keep up to date on chapter events occurring across the state.

The PATU website is the “go-to” to find out what is happening with coldwater conservation measures in Pennsylvania. Please check it out at www.patrou.org.

Treasurer's Report by PATU Treasurer George Kutskel

Happy New Year!

Sounds weird, I know, but for Trout Unlimited we have just begun a new fiscal year on Oct. 1.

By the time you will be reading this, you should have received our annual appeal letter. When it comes, please take a moment to read it. We have been very fortunate to weather much of the financial turmoil of the past six years, but we have not been spared all the pain.

Over the past year we have lost roughly \$25,000 that helped to fund many of our programs our members are proud of.

We have been able to make adjustments just as many of our members have to keep working with the money we have, cutting where we needed to. Some of the programs really cannot be pared any more without eliminating them. Trout in the Classroom alone has lost \$15,000 that was being given to chapters and schools around the state through grants. We no longer receive our affinity with Nationwide Insurance that was a cash award to be used as needed to run state Council.

We have a goal for this year's annual appeal to raise \$25,000. It's the same as last year's goal, and fell short by

about \$6,000. Again, due to good fiscal management, we were able to keep our programs going.

Keep in mind that money raised by our appeal or any fundraiser we hold stays with our state Council for use in Pennsylvania. The other big plus is this money does not need to go to a specific program or grant, rather the funds can be used for programs that our members want to be funded.

Together we have accomplished a lot this past year. Over \$50,000 was distributed to chapter and other conservation groups to help protect, restore and reconnect our coldwater resources in Pennsylvania through our Coldwater Heritage Program. We also provided close to \$10,000 in direct funding to the Trout in the Classroom program for field trips and equipment.

I could continue to go on with all your Council has done in the past year and I may in future issue newsletters. We all should be proud of our accomplishments. Today I ask that you please be as generous as possible when you receive your annual appeal so that we can continue to provide the same service to our members in the new year as we did in this past one.

Chapter Donations

Please note that all money we receive from chapters and individuals is used to fund Council program or project, including this newsletter. Grant money can only be used for the purpose of the grant. We know how hard it is to raise funds and wish to recognize your efforts.

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- Chestnut Ridge
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- God's Country
- RB Winter
- Spring Creek

***Want to see your chapter listed?
Contact your officers and tell them!***

CCC training sessions on tap

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited's Coldwater Conservation Corps (CCC) is a state-wide, volunteer water quality monitoring effort focused on monitoring Pennsylvania's coldwater streams for potential impacts from shale gas development and collecting baseline water quality monitoring data in streams where shale gas is not yet occurring.

To complement TU's basic shale gas monitoring protocol, TU recently introduced an advanced monitoring program designed to train volunteers to survey benthic macroinvertebrates.

For more information about upcoming training opportunities, contact Jake Lemon at jlemon@tu.org or 814-779-3965.

All basic trainings are held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and advanced trainings are

held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is required by the Wednesday before the scheduled training workshop.

Advanced Benthic Macroinvertebrate Monitoring Training Sessions

Date: Nov. 15, 2014

Location: Shaver's Creek Environmental Education Center, Petersburg, Pa.

Date: March 28, 2015

Location: TBD, Erie, Pa.

Basic CCC Shale Gas Monitoring Training Sessions

Date: Feb. 28, 2015

Location: East Stroudsburg University, East Stroudsburg, PA

PATU Calendar

Nov. 1 – Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Workshop at Jacobsburg Environmental Center, Nazareth, PA (Contact Samantha Kutskel at skutskel@coldwaterheritage.org for details)

Nov. 15 – Chapter Annual Financial Reports due

Nov. 16 – Brook trout redd survey in Cross Fork watershed

Dec. 1 – Deadline for PATU "Design Our Shirt" contest

Dec. 1 – Deadline to order a TIC T-shirt

Dec. 9 – Embrace a Stream grants due

Dec. 31 – Last day for women to renew at reduced rate

Jan. 10 – EXCOM meeting

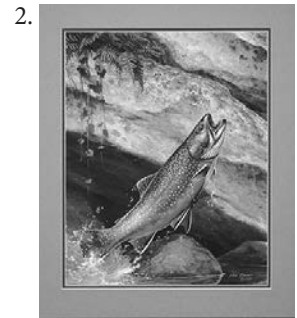
Stay up to date with the latest from PA Council by visiting www.patrou.org.

Merchandise Order Form

Thank you for supporting the efforts of the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited in protecting, conserving, and restoring Pennsylvania's coldwater streams. Merchandise orders are processed during volunteer time. Please allow adequate time for your order to be filled and shipped. Direct questions to George Kutskel at maksak@comcast.net or 814-371-9290.



	Item Description	Price	Qty.	Total
	"Back the Brookie" License Plate	\$25.00		
1	Ball cap w/logo (circle) Khaki Navy Camo	\$15.00		
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	Dry Fly – 5X Tippet			
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	Wet Fly – 5X Tippet w/ 2 Droppers			
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	Kinzua Creek Patch 2010 – 6"	\$10.00		
5	Delaware River Patch 2009 – 4"	\$6.00		
	Delaware River Patch 2009 – 6"	\$10.00		
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	Pine Creek Patch 2008 – 6"	\$10.00		
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	Adult TIC T-Shirt (circle size) 2XL 3XL	\$22.00		
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Note:	6% sales tax (where applicable), shipping and handling costs included in unit prices.			
		Total \$		



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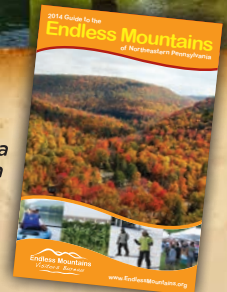
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Submit your design for the official PATU T-shirt

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited would like to have an official T-shirt to represent Pennsylvania and all of our members, and we want you to design it! Showcase your talents while promoting our mission of "conserve, protect, restore."

The winning design will be featured on a brand new PATU T-shirt to be for sale starting in January, 2015. The winner will also receive a Cabela's gift card.

Guidelines:

- Pieces submitted must be original creations
- Artwork should be consistent with the TU mission of "Conserve, Protect, Restore."
- Submissions should be no larger than a standard sheet of paper (8.5" by 11")
- Any submissions will become property of PATU for use in future promotional and marketing endeavors

Submissions will be accepted from now

until **Dec. 1, 2014.**

Your artwork must be submitted by email in a digital format (jpeg, etc.) to Sandy Sausser at outreach@patrout.org.

Fill out and sign the waiver form below and return either a scanned copy by email or hard copy by postal mail (but your artwork must be submitted by email).

Without the waiver, we cannot consider your submission.

The winner will be notified the week of Jan. 19, 2015. Please contact Sandy Sausser at 814-359-5114 if you have any questions.

Please fill out the bottom of this form and mail to:

**PA Trout
Attn: Sandy Sausser
PO Box 5148
Bellefonte, PA 16823**

Or email it to outreach@patrout.org

I hereby give **PA Trout Unlimited** the right to use artistic work submitted by me this date for publishing, illustration, advertising, trade and promotion, or any other use in any medium for any purpose.

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TU Chapter: _____ **Date:** _____

NORTHEAST CHAPTERS

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Forks of the Delaware 482
Hokendauqua 535
Lackawanna Valley 414
Monocacy 491
Pike-Wayne 462
Schuylkill County 537
Stan Cooper Sr. 251
Western Pocono 203**

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Brodhead Chapter #289

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Chapter members assisted with the Monroe County Field Day and the Monroe County Conservation District's Conservation Camp. They demonstrated fly tying, entomology and casting.

Forks of the Delaware Chapter #482

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The chapter signed on to the Sportsmen's letter in support of the EPA and the Clean Water Act. Our 3rd annual Pig & Corn Roast was Sept. 20. We provided financial assistance to an Eagle Scout project at the upper parking area of the catch and release section on Bushkill Creek. It includes invasive plant removal, native shrub plantings and construction of an educational kiosk for use by our chapter and the Bushkill Stream Conservancy. The chapter and BSC are planning for a multi-year habitat project on the creek. Several members are assisting BSC with DEP sponsored E. coli testing along with their regular water monitoring of the creek. We are hosting a PATU Aquatic Invasive Species/Habitat workshop at Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center on Nov. 1.

Hokendauqua Chapter #535

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The chapter consolidated its committees from 15 to eight and filled each with a chairperson. Our annual fly tying class begins Jan. 10 and runs eight consecutive Saturdays. Removal of the Atlas dam project is currently at a standstill. On July 26, eight members helped at Minsi Trails Council's Cub Scout Fishing Derby at Camp Minsi, Mt. Pocono. Cub Scouts participated in a day of fishing on Stillwater Lake, fly tying, casting, macros, learning knots and lures. On Aug. 2, 10 members helped at Ontelaunee Rod & Gun Club for the NWFJ Jake's Youth Field Day. The chapter's picnic was Aug. 27 at Bob and Nancy Saks' pond. Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at Catasauqua High School.

Lackawanna Valley Chapter #414

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We conducted an all-women fly fishing class. That group and other ladies from LVTU formed their own club within LVTU and call themselves NEPA Fly Girls, and have their own website and Facebook page. Chapter members assisted at two kids fishing derbies. We had displays at events for the Lackawanna River Corridor Association and the Lackawanna Heritage Valley Authority. Our Trout Unlimited Teens president attended the national teen summit in Wisconsin. Members attended an agricultural program featuring methods to eliminate storm water runoff from farms. Chapter reps attended meetings for the conservation district and the NEPA Conservation Alliance. LVTU met with Karl Lutz of PFBC for his inspection of our boulder placement project and habitat improvement. Lutz and LVTU met with Clifford Twp. in Susquehanna to design several habitat structures in the East Branch of Tunkhannock Creek. This will be a joint effort with the township. We are determining if any mitigation money is coming from the disturbances in Leggetts Creek by the sewer authority that crossed the creek six times in the sewer upgrade. The money would be used to mitigate storm water runoff and soil erosion on the banks of the creek. A member discovered the remnants of an oil spill, and notified the river steward. We utilized our system for notifying the authorities and had a DEP emergency response team to the source of a 6,000-gallon oil spill in 45 minutes. The property owner where the spill occurred is being held responsible for the cleanup. The notification system was also utilized when an unidentified green foam was discovered on the river. Result from testing showed that the foam was a very caustic commercial engine degreaser. Members and the executive director of the Lackawanna River Corridor Association found the source of the chemicals and turned them over to the DEP. We took TU Teens on a field trip to the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum. They put on a demonstration on erecting

wooden split logs for trout habitat. We conducted two meetings with Marywood University students to form the Pugwash Fly Fishers, and a second session with a new club at Keystone College. Marywood filed for a charter with the university. Keystone is submitting their charter for approval. The University of Scranton lost its faculty adviser for its fly fishing club and is behind in filing for its charter. Keystone College opened its fly fishing Phys. Ed curriculum, taught by a member. They have also joined LVTU to hold NEPA's first-ever Keystone College/TU, Youth Conservation Camp on its campus from June 21-27, 2015. This has been in the works for almost 10 years.

Monocacy Chapter #491

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In July, our directors had a special summer planning meeting to discuss the future of the chapter, and how best to get there. We focused on how to market our chapter, recruiting and retaining members, programming and fundraising ideas, and what conservation initiatives we should focus on. A team comprised of TU, American Rivers, PFBC and Wildlands Conservancy spent a morning in June surveying a small dam we hope to remove next year. The work consisted of measuring the dam, taking up and downstream cross section measurements, slope measurements and measuring 200 randomly sampled pebbles. The data will be used to apply for the required permits to remove the dam. Thanks to the PFBC Fisheries Biologist Ben Lorson for loaning his time and equipment, to Laura Craig from American Rivers for organizing and lending her expertise, and to Kristie Fatch from Wildlands Conservancy for measuring pebbles. Our next meeting is Oct. 28 at the DAR Log Cabin, followed by one on Nov. 25.

Schuylkill County Chapter #537

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We held a stream cleanup at Tri-Valley High School on Aug. 28. We are still getting permission from land owners to get access on the Schuylkill River Project. We held a fish fry July 4 at Locust Lake State Park. On July 23, members were at Friedensburg Fish and Game to help with a kids fishing event. The Schuylkill County Fair was July 28-Aug. 1, which gave us a chance to interact with the public and get our chapter's name out. Members gave away six dozen flies and each night we had a free drawing for one dozen flies and a box.

Stanley Cooper, Sr. Chapter #251

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Heide Cebrick, our Project Healing Waters coordinator, continues to get vets out to various water. Vets from the Wilkes Barre VA fished different sponsored venues this spring and summer, including Arrowhead Lake, Indian Mountain Rod and Gun Club, Lake Ledore and McMichaels Creek in the Pocono Mountains. Stan Cooper Jr., Mike Romanowski and Joe Gruszkiewicz Jr. attended a memorial service for Jack Ganz at the Catskill Fly Fishing Museum in Livingston Manor, NY in July. Jack was on the "ground floor" of SCTU when it formed in the late '80s. Chairman Romanowski, along with his banquet committee, are readying for our banquet at the Holiday Inn in Wilkes Barre Twp. on March 28, 2015. Members Jay Downs and Gruszkiewicz Jr., and others helped in a cleanup on the Delaware River sponsored by West Branch Angler, Patagonia, Friends of the Upper Delaware and Trout Unlimited in late August. Romanowski had an article published in Summer *Fly Tyer* magazine titled the "Delaware Dozen."

Western Pocono Chapter #203

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We held a seminar on acid mine water and its effects on freshwater streams in Northeastern Pennsylvania on Oct. 21. Scheduled to speak were National TU's Amy Wolfe; Bob Hughes, director of the Eastern PA Coalition of Abandoned Mine Reclamation; Bernie McGurl, director of the Lackawanna River Corridor Association; Peter Haentjens, executive director of Eastern Middle Anthracite Recovery and Ed Wytovich, director of the Catawissa Creek Association. We have been contacted by a gentleman who owns several hundred acres of land that has a stream flowing through it. A number of years ago an upstream company accidentally dumped soap into it. Everyone thought the stream was dead, but the gentleman said the stream supports trout and that it may need some remediation. Chapter representatives plan to meet with him to assess the situation and see if we can help.

NORTHCENTRAL CHAPTERS

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Raymond B. Winter 124

Spring Creek 185

Susquehanna 044

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Columbia County Chapter #38

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The chapter has been working on reorganizing over the last few years. There is a lot of work to be accomplished, but we need volunteers to do so and help move us forward. Anyone interested in helping with youth activities and projects over the next year is encouraged to contact Samantha at 814-359-5233 or info@coldwaterheritage.org.

God's Country Chapter #327

Dr. Peter Ryan

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President Pete Ryan and VP Dave Saulter met with Dan and Deb Dunham, parents of Medal of Honor recipient Marine Cpl. Jason Dunham. The Dunhams agreed to work through the Medal of Honor Association to facilitate a Vietnam-era recipient to attend our 2015 Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing event. The Dunhams also donated a print of Jason to be used as a fundraiser for PHWFF. Pete and Dave also presented a PHWFF program at the August meeting of the Odin Grange. Ryan was appointed chairman of the Quality Assurance Board of the Potter County Dirt & Gravel Road Program with Dave Saulter serving as an alternate on the board. Chapter member and world renowned artist Jesse Hyde worked with the CEO of Dick's Sporting Goods and procured a sponsorship to support our 2015 PHWFF event. Nine chapter members participated in the Unassessed Waters Initiative. Over 70 waters in the Kettle Creek, First Fork, Pine Creek and Allegheny watersheds were accessed. B.J. Lowther is submitting the data. Several members attended the Japanese knotweed workshop on Aug. 28 at the Sinnamahoning State Park Wildlife Center. Plans are to address the knotweed problem on Mill Creek in the spring of 2015. We continue an acid rain study as part of the Upper Allegheny Watershed Association, keep our seven boot wash stations viable, and stream monitoring as part of the CCC program. Members Dick Hribar, Loren Fitzgerald and son Jon were instructors for the fly casting program at the Potter County Conservation Camp on Aug. 6. New "Delayed Harvest" signs were replaced the ones that either fell down or were ripped down on the upper Allegheny Delayed Harvest area. As a result of funds received from a CHP grant by the UAWA, the conservation plan for the Allegheny River headwaters was submitted in August to the CHP.

Lloyd Wilson Chapter #224

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Chapter members assisted with 10 fishing events at the NE Fishery Center in Lamar during the summer. Those being assisted were young children, special needs students, adults from nursing/assisted living homes, a group of vision impaired folks and young people from the Camp Cadet Program. Several members instructed fly tying and casting at the "Brookies" camp at Sieg Conference Center. On July 30, members instructed fly tying at the Clinton County Conservation District Day Camp. Our annual family banquet is Nov. 7 at Southern Clinton County's Lions/Sportsman's Club in Loganton.

R.B. Winter Chapter #124

Robert Laubach

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Guide Tony Dranzo presenting on steelhead fishing in Lake Erie tributaries at our September meeting. In October, Pennsylvania Game Commission WCO Dirk Remensnyder is discussing current PGC activities.

Spring Creek Chapter #185

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Chapter leadership is actively engaged in planning a Sustainable Watershed Program-Summit with Penn State Environmental Resources and other area stakeholders. We received a \$500 contribution from the Bellefonte Cruise – a local fundraising group that provides funds for Bellefonte area non-profit organizations. Veronesi Construction installed a memorial bench in honor of former President Tony Gerace at the upper reach of Fisherman's Paradise and installed an interpretive sign in Milesburg. At Lower Milesburg, an interpretive sign was installed along with protective mats around saplings. At Upper Milesburg (McCoy), we did significant weed removal and brush clearing and herbicide application. Fisherman's Paradise parking lot improvements, along with in-stream stabilization and planting were completed, as were Rock Road parking lot improvements and planting. We are coordinating with Bellefonte borough and PFBC for habitat improvements along Spring Creek in Bellefonte as part of flood wall construction. The permit application will include several in-stream habitat structures as well as a 180-foot overhang using block construction. The chapter initiated a veterans' service program that meets twice a month. There has been as many as eight vets coming to Fisherman's Paradise for one-on-one guidance and assistance from chapter members. A fishing event for Little Brothers and Sisters with

the Youth Service Bureau was Aug. 18 at Whipple Dam State Park. Past President Judi Sittler was an instructor and guide at the Teen Summit held in Wisconsin. Dwight Landis presented on fishing for native brook and brown trout on the forested freestone streams on public land on Sept. 4. Bill Anderson, president of the Little Juniata River Association, gave a "History and Status of the Little J" presentation on Oct. 2. Upcoming meetings include Jeff Skelding of Friends of the Upper Delaware speaking about the history and current status of the Upper Delaware River on Nov. 6. The veterans' service program meets Nov. 13 and 27 at Fisherman's Paradise.

Susquehanna Chapter #044

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Discussions have been held with Project Healing Waters, which is planning to establish a chapter in Williamsport. Five chapter members were instructors at the family fishing day event held on Slate Run on July 19. Participants learned knot tying, insect identification, fly tying, fly and spin casting, etc.

Tiadaghton Chapter #688

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The Asaph project, in conjunction with DCNR and PFBC, has been postponed until next year to give us more time to acquire landowner permissions. Several members surveyed unassessed waters this summer. Stream monitoring continues and several aquatic macroinvertebrate surveys were completed on numerous streams. A support letter was written for an SRBC-proposed study of brook trout and the potential impact from Marcellus gas extraction in the northern tier of Pa. Our many CCC monitors in the area may be asked to take an active role in partnering with the SRBC biologists in this study.

NORTHWEST CHAPTERS

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Allegheny Mountain Chapter #036

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Our next banquet is March 28, 2015 at the Falls Creek Eagles. Kelly Williams and others met Shawn Rummell from National TU to electroshock Sandy Lick Creek as part of our Coldwater Heritage grant. We think the issues with our data loggers have been fixed. We are getting some background data on Montgomery Run. We want to get baseline data and check the temps to see how the old splash dam is impacting the stream. The chapter received the initial plans for the DHALO area on Sandy Lick for the habitat project. We have been waiting for several years for the City of DuBois to have a hydraulic engineer draw up plans and submit them to the Corps of Engineers for their approval. The chapter hosted a macroinvertebrate display at the Clearfield County Conservation District Conservation Celebration on Sept. 6 at Curwensville Dam.

Caldwell Creek Chapter #437

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Permitting for the next project on Caldwell Creek is progressing. We had a very successful outdoor day, which included fly casting instruction and a raffle in conjunction with Glenn Mead Day in Corry on Aug. 10.

Cornplanter Chapter #526

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We are in the final stages of removing three culverts and replacing them with a bridge on Morrison Run. We held a stream enhancement work day Sept. 20. We are planning on resuming fall/winter fly tying at the Kalbfus Club in Warren.

Iron Furnace Chapter #288

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We are working with the Alliance for Wetlands and Wildlife to transfer our share of the Piney

property to them. A workgroup has been formed and is headed by Jack Williams. We met with Bernie Spozio of the Alliance and developed a rough draft that will be presented to the chapter's board for approval. Porcupine culvert replacement is ongoing. 3 Rivers Quest sampling is also ongoing. The chapter was also reissued the grant for the pavilion work on the Kellettville Campground. We will be working with the Army Corps of Engineers on this project. Upcoming general meetings are at 6 p.m. Oct. 20 at Sigel Sportsmen's Club and Dec. 15. Our next board meeting is Nov. 3.

James Zwald Chapter #314

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In late May, directors met at Bendigo Park with park, Headwaters Foundation, Elk and Cameron counties Conservation District personnel and chapter members to discuss habitat enhancement projects on the East Branch of the Clarion River within the park. Kim Bonfardine, Elk County watershed specialist, and Todd DeLucia, Cameron County watershed specialist, will develop plans for additional habitat structures below the dam removal site in the park. We are identifying land owners adjacent to the park boundary to obtain consent to develop both sides of the stream. Janie French of the Headwater Foundation will continue to identify grants and possible stakeholders to advance the project once memorandums of agreement are obtained. We are supporting TIC classrooms in over half of the school buildings both public and private in Elk and Cameron counties.

Neshannock Creek #216

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Mark Sausser from PFBC visited Coolspring this summer to start planning our next stream improvement projects. Due to logging activities on the Beagle Club property we decided to put future plans on hold until the logging is completed and we can assess what needs to be done to restore the access trail. Next summer will likely be devoted to repairing damaged bridges and restoring access for fishermen, and stream restoration will resume after that work is completed. Our five existing TIC programs are all back for another year, and we have added two new programs in West Middlesex School District. We have heard from several other local school districts that are interested in getting involved. We held an introduction to fly fishing program at Mercer High School for students involved in TIC. It involved a series of five classes to teach the basics of fly fishing and tying, and the students were given a complimentary youth membership to TU. Upcoming meetings are Oct. 27, Nov. 24 and Dec. 15 at Penn State Shenango.

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We sent local student Matt Schultz to the PA Rivers Conservation & Youth Camp and he attended our September meeting to tell us of his experiences. Our next meeting is Nov. 18.

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This year's banquet, our 31st, was a huge success. Next year's date is April 4 at the same location. Our habitat improvement project on Little Sandy Creek was scheduled for Sept. 16-18. We continue to monitor data loggers in Little Sandy and Sandy creeks. Members attended the outdoor program and dinner of the Living Word Church at Seneca Fire Hall on Sept. 11. Our next meeting is Nov. 19 at King's Restaurant in Franklin.

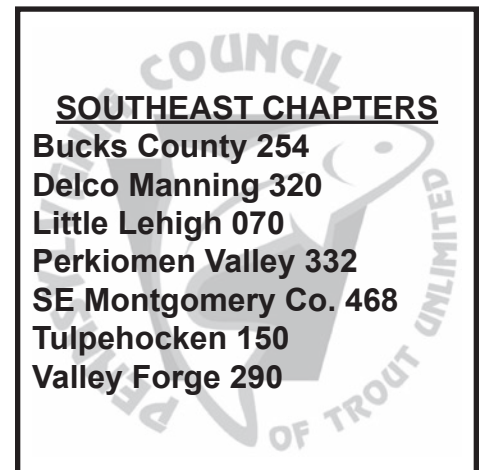
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Our fall member/guest dinner is Oct. 23 and includes a raffle for a 5-weight rod/reel/line, a 6-weight rod/reel/line or an Orvis chest pack. We continue to collect data for the Unassessed Waters Initiative. Anyone interested in assisting should contact the chapter president.



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The chapter is hosting a "Night at the Cabaret" on Nov. 8 at Finn McCooles. We received a grant for a habitat and water quality improvement project on Aquetong Creek to create habitat for trout and macroinvertebrates, and plant trees on approximately 100 yards of streambank that is currently a lawn. The site also has remnants of a colonial mill dam. A lateral channel that is cutting through the sediment deposition upstream of the dam will be stabilized to reduce fine sediment from entering Aquetong Creek. The site is downstream of Aquetong Lake dam. The project's goal is to improve habitat in preparation for the reintroduction of brook trout to Aquetong Creek once the dam is breached and restores the direct flow of cold water from Ingham Spring into the creek.

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At our September meeting, Laura Hopek from the Lehigh County Conservation District discussed stream restoration work along a tributary of Hosensack Creek. She obtained a Growing Greener grant to fund the project and worked closely with PFBC and the land owner, PP&L. We have two TIC schools this year. We conducted our first Youth Fly Fishing Camp in June at Lower Macungie Townships Camp Olympic. We would like to thank the township, Macungie Ambulance and our members who donated time. Special thanks to Stacy Reed, a past president, Bob Saks of the Hokendauqua Chapter and Bob Signorella of the Monocacy Chapter for their assistance as well.

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The chapter's annual trip was to Colorado this year. We spent five days on the Frying Pan enjoying the Green Drake hatch. Then we moved to Eleven Mile Canyon, where the fishing was more technical.

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We served burgers and dogs on Aug. 17 at Cabela's in Hamburg as part of a Casting for Recovery fundraiser. We have continued our streambank restoration at Hay Creek in lower Berks County. We are coordinating efforts with the Johanna Furnace Historic District to help them solve bank erosion problems. The Schuylkill Highlands Land Trust, the Berks County Conservancy and the Hay Creek Watershed Association are also included. The chapter has allocated up to \$2,500 to help the project. Site plans to defray erosion are in hand and a joint permit is necessary to continue. We will move forward with tree plantings and await the decision of the JFHD as to their intentions for help with the project longer term. The chapter also hosted a presentation of the Unassessed Waters Initiative during a membership meeting in July. We are embracing the project and had a preliminary meeting with those individuals and organizations that want to be involved. Representation from the Berks County Conservancy, the Berks County Conservation District, Reading Area Water Authority, Maiden Creek Watershed Association, Hay Creek Watershed Association and our members attended. The first step is identifying streams to target. Along with the Unassessed Waters Initiative program, other chapter meetings included a student we sponsored for the kickoff of the Schuylkill Sojourn who discussed his experience, and we had a professor from Albright College give us a detailed talk about bats and their habits. We may apply for a grant from the Berks County Conservation District to offset permitting fees, project management fees and other associated costs involved with the Hay Creek project.

Valley Forge Chapter #290

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Atwater Lake did not provide cold water to Cedar Hollow Run this summer. Frank Donohoe and Pete Goodman have been working with Trammell Crowe/Atwater land developer to determine why the lake is very high and the discharge is extremely low. The situation is to be remedied prior to signing an agreement for perpetual maintenance. It has been a slow process to continue protecting Cedar Hollow Run, a major coldwater tributary to Valley Creek. Underwater photos have been taken of the outflow grate. There is a great deal of growth on the grate but it does not appear to be blocked from the outside. The land yet to be developed around the Atwater Quarry is being sold in several parcels for development. We are planning a fall raffle with a number of prizes. Member Jim Lowe and Ed Penry have combined efforts to create two beautiful shadow boxes made by Ed and filled with trout flies tied by Jim. VFTU signed on to the Delaware Riverkeeper's letter on Senate Bill 1565, the Riparian Buffer Protection Act and expects to sign on to their EV group's letter to PFBC supporting their listing of Class A wild trout streams and stating that stocking of these streams would set a bad precedent and negatively impacting the wild fish these streams hold. John Dettrey, Chuck Marshall and Chuck Taney maintained the newest rain gardens. Pete Goodman and Robbi Freisem attended the Tredyffrin Township board meeting in June to further understand what the township might be considering to prevent the need to discharge millions of gallons of raw sewage into Valley Creek through Valley Forge National Historical Park when the high pressure main near the mouth of Valley Creek to the Schuylkill River ruptures. The township supervisors believe there is no other solution, while VFTU and the Valley Creek Coalition continue to request that an alternate emergency plan be developed. DEP has been requested to electroshock and monitor to determine if there has been any delayed or long term damage to the macroinvertebrate and fish populations. PFBC had an electro-shocking scheduled, but recently withdrew. Katy Dunlap, Congressman Jim Gerlach and a staffer visited the Crabby Creek project with members Owen Owens, Chuck Marshall and Chuck Taney. The visit included walking the section accessed from Walnut Drive as well as the lower portion where the stream was relocated and sewer line repairs have taken place. Board member Dave Macaleer is keeping tabs on five TIC programs with board member Jim Leonard, who is the contact for a sixth, Pocopson Elementary School. Dave is also preparing to assist Margot Taylor of Green Valleys Association in introducing fly fishing to the Phoenixville Middle School environmental

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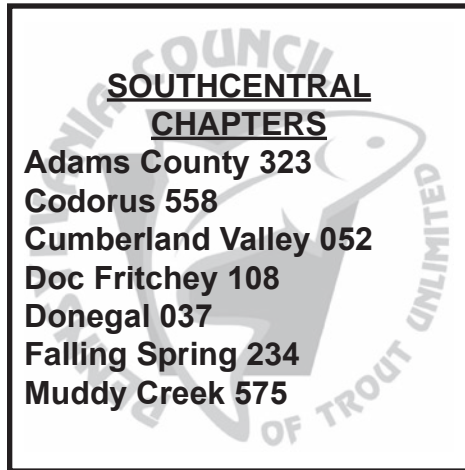
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awareness club in spring 2015. The PHWFF program is meeting weekly outside of the Coatesville VA for any veteran. We received a matching grant from Valley Creek Trustee Council for Friendship Drive and Hilltop Lane infiltration trench projects. A Growing Greener grant application was submitted by Chester County Conservation District for work on the two miles of Valley Creek flowing through Valley Forge National Park past George Washington's headquarters. To be funded is a complete viable bank restoration.



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A Southcentral regional meeting was held July 19 for chapter presidents. The agenda included strategic planning of the chapters' activities and the unity among chapters in the region. Ideas were discussed on promoting fundraising, partnerships, restoration projects, the TIC program, leadership and more. The Rivers Conservation Camp was presented by Clark Hall. PATU Secretary Bob Pennell was present to discuss Council's website and offer his thanks for the conservation work being carried out in this region. PATU VP Charlie

Charlesworth also encouraged our efforts and discussed the TU National meeting being held next year in Scranton. Framed colored stream maps of all eight approved trout streams, including access points, were designed and sold to sportsmen clubs. Our 33rd banquet is scheduled for March. Phase 2 of the Conococheague Creek project was completed with two grants received by ACTU. An Aug. 16 Conewago Creek workday was held to remove downed trees and repair older fish habitat devices. A fall planting of seedlings is scheduled. Electrofishing by PFBC was completed and showed native brookies in Phase 1 and Phase 2. We are designing signage for partners involved in the restoration project. Our officers instructed students along Conewago Creek. Youth Mentoring Day was held in Adams County at the Orrtanna Pond and we supported PFBC in hosting.

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We are currently developing an email campaign to re-establish a system for chapter-wide communication. Our previous efforts relied almost solely on our chapter website, and that approach has not generated the interest and participation we'd like to see from membership. We're also discussing potential new activities and venues we hope to use to get more members involved. Our chapter this fall will add a second TIC program in the West York School District. We applied for a Growing Greener grant for a restoration project along Codorus Creek. The project would be the largest that our chapter has been involved in. Upcoming chapter meetings are Nov. 12 and Dec. 10.

Cumberland Valley Chapter #052

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Our summer picnic was Aug. 22. We also completed a project on Yellow Breeches with funding from the South Mountain Partnership and PATU. On Sept. 20, we hosted an intro to fly fishing class for the Army War College. We also hosted the Pa. Casting Competition Sept. 6 at the second annual Carlisle Sports and Outdoor Show, and the "Last Supper" at Vince's Meadows on the same day. We completed two stream improvement projects this quarter. One was on Birch Run and the other on Yellow Breeches. We have been working closely with our chairperson on our TIC program. The

chapter's next meeting is Nov. 19 at Allenberry Playhouse and Resort.

Doc Fritchey Chapter #108

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We are making initial arrangements for our annual banquet in March. Ongoing weekly work continues at our diversion wells in the headwaters of Stony Creek. The Quittapahilla Watershed Association continues to move forward with a substantial restoration and improvement project in the Quittapahilla Nature Park and we are looking forward to assisting with it. The chapter has decided to move forward with installation of its first permanent water monitoring devices in Stony Creek. We have finalized a partnership with the Dauphin County Conservation District for technical assistance and publication of data collected. The chapter planned streambank restoration work on Manada Creek in September with assistance from the PFBC Habitat Improvement group. The Chapter is also exploring other opportunities to partner with watershed and conservation groups to get work done on local streams. We support six TIC programs in Dauphin and Lebanon counties. The chapter's eight-week advanced fly tying classes have begun in the community room at the Linglestown Giant, and we are looking forward to spring beginner classes at Wildwood Park.

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Our annual Oktoberfest banquet at Four Seasons Golf Club was Oct. 15. This event included the installation of officers, raffles and fundraising and featured guest Jack Hubley, local wildlife expert with his own feature on WGAL Channel 8 every Friday at 5:30 p.m. Our inaugural family picnic was Aug. 20 at Millport Conservancy. On Sept. 18, we met with representatives from the Williams Co. of Houston, Texas concerning possible mitigation funding for environmental damages from existing and proposed natural gas pipelines through Lancaster County. The site of the new pipeline extension is yet to be determined as there has been significant public opposition. We will be looking at sections of the Conowingo Creek, Fishing Creek and perhaps a few others for restoration assistance. The Lancaster County Conservancy's Climbers Run Nature Preserve project is on-going, although our part of the stream restoration process will not be able to begin until late winter or early spring 2015. Adam Smith and his crew from US Fish & Wildlife will be doing the stream improvement work. Faye Haering organized our inaugural youth fly fishing clinic on Sept. 13 at Dr. Hugh Wenger's farm, just outside of Elizabethtown. We taught basic fundamentals

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of rod, reel, line and knots as well as casting instruction, and they fished for bluegills, bass and some monster catfish.

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Our chapter is starting to position itself for a change in officers and directors over the next year or two. A picnic is being planned in honor of the chapter's 25th anniversary. A number of members participated at chapter's stand at the Red Lion Street Fair. The display booth included a fly tying demonstration, photos of our most recent stream projects and merchandise for sale. Over 50 people visited our stand resulting in a nice income from merchandise sales along with interest in becoming a TU member. A chapter workday was being planned for a fall cleanup and winterizing of the nursery. One of our local schools has expressed interest in the TIC program. A contact from our membership will be following up with the school.

Falling Spring Chapter #234
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Our annual banquet is Oct. 18 at the Landis-McLeaf Marine Corps League banquet facility. On Aug. 30, we joined Safari Club International to assist with a pork and chicken BBQ at Hamilton Hyundai in Chambersburg to raise money for fishing and hunting outings hosted by both organizations. Local Boy Scout Jordan Bender of Chambersburg Troop #125 completed his Eagle Scout project by replacing two fences at parking areas along the Falling Spring, Spring View Drive and Briar Lane. It was an excellent project by Jordan that involved all planning and paperwork flow to PFBC, awarding a bid contract to Perry Fence Co. of Chambersburg, arranging for materials and labor from the chapter and Jordan's Troop, and follow-up grading and seeding of the areas. The project was funded by the chapter, which is proud to not only protect the Falling Spring, but to give opportunities to local youths to become involved in coldwater conservation efforts.

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The chapter recently completed a stream enhancement relative to its Buffalo Creek DHALO. Members assisted in placing 40 tons of limestone rock within the stream under the direction of Dave Beale, who heads the Armstrong County conservation agency. Chapter members assisted in an electroshocking survey of several area waterways. We participated in two TIC release day activities, with a macroinvertebrate study, casting demonstrations and mentored youth fishing.

Chestnut Ridge Chapter #670

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The chapter continues to implement its Strategic Plan. On Sept. 29-30, the chapter hosted the quarterly meeting of PFBC at Nemaocolin Woodlands. Our CCC continues to monitor four local headwater streams: Beaver Creek, Ramcat Run, Quebec Run and Mill Run. To date, data compiled over the last two years shows no suspicious conditions. This fall we will supplement the alkaline sand distribution in the Glade/Dunbar watershed. We continue to document native brook trout reproduction in this once-damaged headwater system. We will support 15 TIC projects this school year. In August, we provided casting and fishing instruction in conjunction with Ohiopyle State Park's DCNR staff for students from community centers in the greater Pittsburgh area.

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The chapter is limestone dosing Rock Run, a tributary to Linn Run. Upcoming meetings include our monthly meeting at 8 p.m. Nov. 19, youth group fly tying on Nov. 1 and steelhead outing on Nov. 15 and our monthly meeting with speaker Mike Mumau, DCNR Parks Operation Manager, at 7 p.m. on Dec. 12.

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Chapter members picnicked at Blue Knob State Park on Aug. 23. This was primarily a social function to meet members who have not attended meetings or other events. Casting and small stream fishing demos were presented by Ed Thompson and everyone enjoyed dinner and door prize drawing. FBTU will be planting stream-side trees and shrubs in October and/or November at several sites.

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Our summer banquet was Aug. 23. Two stream projects are planned for early fall. We participated in Blair County Water Fest at the Logan Valley Mall, and provided education on macroinvertebrates. We taught fly tying to 150 youths that attended the Blair County Field Days. We have four or five TIC projects planned. The next fly tying will be held in January, 2015.

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We held a monthly membership meeting in July to discuss possible stream improvement projects for the coming year. Adam Cotchen discussed several upcoming PennDOT projects in the district that will impact local watersheds. Eli Long gave an update on the Bear Run project. We continue to support the opposition to the proposed use of a shallow gas well as an injection well for the disposition of Marcellus waste at the headwaters of Little Mahoning Creek. TU members conducted fly tying and casting classes at the annual Shelocta Sportsman's Club Youth Field Day.

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Twelve Days of Christmas Fundraiser tickers were sent out in support of our yearly banquet. A stream restoration project on Ben's Creek was completed on Aug. 23. Assisting Yellow Creek Coalition with stream habitat improvement and bank stabilization was completed on Aug. 16. The chapter had a booth at Johnstown Visitors Bureau Outdoor Expo from Oct. 3-5. Our banquet

is scheduled for March 22, 2015.

Penn's Woods West Chapter #042

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We held our first chapter meeting at a new location, Grazie in the North Hills, in September. We switched locations in response to changing demographics, ease of access and overall attractiveness of the venue. Plans are underway for 2015 Cabin Fever. Last year's pre-event dinner with Lefty Kreh was very successful, and we plan to repeat this event with a to-be-determined angling or conservation personality. On Aug. 22-23, over 25 workers from our chapter, PFBC, Allison Park Sportsman's group and Hampton Township Water Authority installed various habitat enhancement and erosion control structures on Pine Creek. Special thanks goes to Hampton Township for donating the heavy equipment time and labor along with much of the material to get this project completed. As a bonus, a fly rod built by member Bill Hayes was raffled off to participants. We have two strong TIC projects and are actively looking to support more. Though not finalized, one of our prime goals this year is to recruit more and have greater participation with our women members. Our meeting on Nov. 10 will feature Lee Terkel, discussing fly fishing for carp.