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## TIC program receives PAEE award

By Amidea Daniel  
*Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission*

Pennsylvania's Trout in the Classroom program received the Pennsylvania Association for Environmental Education's Government Partner Award on March 17, 2012.

PAEE's Government Partner Award is given each year to a government official who serves on a local, state or national level and has demonstrated significant support for environmental education within the Commonwealth.

This year the award was presented to the PA Fish and Boat Commission, PA Council of Trout Unlimited and PA Department of See **PROGRAM**, page 2

## Annual PATU award nominations now open

The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited will present its annual awards during the fall meeting at the Stackhouse Center in Fisherman's Paradise from Sept. 28-30, 2012.

There is a huge amount of extraordinary work being accomplished by PATU chap- See **AWARDS**, page 8



Todd Puleo Photo

Recent bills introduced by Congress could put backcountry areas at risk, including pristine wilderness trout streams like this one in the Allegheny National Forest.

## Congressional bills threaten public land access in US, PA

**Allegheny National Forest, other 'roadless' areas targeted**

By Sportsmen for Public Land

In 2011 and 2012, members of Congress introduced bills that would benefit the energy and mineral development industry, and put America's backcountry and public lands – and the significant economic benefits of those places – at risk. In the face of these threats, America's sportsmen and women are again standing up to protect our best places to hunt and fish.

One bill, the "National Security and

Federal Lands Protection Act" authorizes the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to circumvent nearly 50 conservation and environmental laws within 100 miles of the northern and southern land borders. That's further than the 70-mile trip from the Mexican border to Tucson, Ariz. If this bill, which is opposed by the Department of Homeland Security, becomes law, we'll be seeing development occur on places like Big Bend National Park and Glacier National Park with limited to no environmental review.

Another bill threatens to drastically See **BILLS**, page 3

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Pennsylvania's Trout in the Classroom program received the Pennsylvania Association for Environmental Education's Government Partner Award on March 17, 2012, at the PAEE Annual Conference. Accepting the award were Amidea Daniel of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, left, Samantha Kutskel of PATU, right, and Dr. Patti Vathis of the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Department of Environment and Ecology.

## PROGRAM

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Education Environment and Ecology for their support of Trout in the Classroom.

This year's PAEE award is a testament to the efforts and resources that many Pennsylvania individuals and agencies/organizations have provided in order to integrate coldwater resource education into Pennsylvania classrooms. In 2006, PFBC, PATU and PDE created a partnership to implement Trout in the Classroom as a statewide program. The partnership provides funding, technical and educational assistance, workshops, educator/program partner networking opportunities and statewide coordination/shipment of brook trout eggs and food from PFBC's Benner Spring Hatchery.

In Pennsylvania, the TIC program has grown from 11 classrooms in 2006-2007 to 187 classrooms in 2011-2012. This growth is a testament to everyone involved with the program and to the program's adaptability, effectiveness and appeal to students. Over the last six "documented" years, the TIC program has reached approximately 63,000 students statewide. During the 2010-11 school year, teachers

taught over 6,000 hours on topics such as watersheds, egg development, incubation, trout habitat and management.

Many hands are involved in helping to successfully implement Pennsylvania's program each year. A big thank you goes out to all involved, including teachers, program partners (Trout Unlimited, conservation districts, watershed associations, sportsmen associations, nature centers), PATU staff and volunteers and PFBC staff from the Commission's Bureau of Hatcheries (Benner Spring), administration, information and technology, law enforcement, and boating and outreach.

TIC is an interdisciplinary program in which students learn about coldwater conservation while raising trout from eggs to fingerlings in a classroom aquarium. During the year each teacher tailors the program to fit his or her curricular needs. TIC has applications in environment and ecology, science, mathematics, social studies, language and fine arts, and physical education. All classrooms end the year by releasing their trout into a state-approved waterway.

For more state TIC information visit [www.patrouinthe classroom.org](http://www.patrouinthe classroom.org).

## BILLS

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change the face of America's backcountry hunting and fishing lands. This bill would remove conservation policy on 43 million acres of "roadless" and wilderness study areas, allowing new road building, energy and mineral development and other activities in these backcountry lands. This bill would imperil these untracked refuges for fish and game and threaten hunting and fishing opportunity.

Don't be misled by the "roadless" title – it is actually a poor label for these lands. There are existing roads on many of these areas, and others have authorization for new roads. With almost 90 percent of roadless areas in the Forest Service system within two miles of an established route, these lands are accessible to sportsmen.

To add insult to injury, development of these backcountry lands would do significant economic harm. The sporting industry in the US is shown to be worth \$77 billion per year – part of an overall outdoor impact of more than \$700 billion.

These are not just issues that impact a few Western states – this is national policy that affects us all and all of our game. And

these federal public lands belong to every American. Sportsmen and women from the East enjoy the backcountry lands in the West too – if they don't already hunt and fish there on a regular basis, they dream of that trip of a lifetime. And not all "roadless" areas are out West – we have 1.3 million acres of backcountry lands east of the Mississippi River, and 25,000 acres right here in our own Allegheny National Forest. And in this "new economy" of stay-cations and thrifty travel, you can't get a better per-night rate than a tent in the backcountry, and many of us Easterners are taking advantage (and spending money along the way).

Sportsmen and women are standing up to these threats. Groups like the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, The National Wildlife Federation and Trout Unlimited are helping their grassroots networks send word to Washington, DC that we won't tolerate trashing of our lands. In the tradition of our sporting forefathers who defended America's great game lands from the unchecked development of the 19th century, the hunters and anglers of the 20th century are set to do their part.

Read more at [SportsmenForPublicLand.org](http://SportsmenForPublicLand.org).

## Annual Fly Fishing Museum Heritage Day set for June 16

The Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association will host its annual Heritage Day on Saturday, June 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs, PA.

There will be presentations and demonstrations by regional and nationally known experts on various fly fishing subjects. In addition, attendees will learn about fly fishing from exhibitors, vendors, fly tiers, bamboo rod makers and other artisans. There will be opportunities to learn and buy from some of the most knowledgeable and talented people in the areas of fine angling rods, equipment and collectibles. Bring your fly fishing memorabilia and have it appraised by one of the antique tackle dealers. There will also be great raffles and the crowd favorite Rubber

Fish Race.

There is a \$12 admission fee, which includes a buffet picnic lunch. Pre-registration must be received by June 13 to reserve lunch. Registration, without lunch, on the day of the event is \$8. Admission is free for anyone 15 years old or younger, or pre-register for the buffet picnic lunch for \$8. There will be a free youth raffle with some great prizes.

Scheduled activities include:

- Fly casting – One-on-one instruction and demonstrations with expert fly casting instructors from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Fly tying demonstrations – Watch notable fly tiers demonstrate their favorite patterns.
- Colonial Angler of 1770 – Ken Reinard portrays "The Colonial Angler of 1770" at Colonial Williamsburg and other sites.

For more, and a complete list of activities, visit: [www.paflyfishing.org](http://www.paflyfishing.org).

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# Headwaters

A message from PATU President Ken Undercoffer

The Spring 2012 PATU Executive Committee meeting was held at the Stackhouse Center at Fishermen's Paradise on Spring Creek, Saturday, March 24.

Some attendees came up on Friday and fished Spring Creek. The stream was in great shape and the weather beautiful. For those not familiar with Spring Creek, it is without a doubt one of the best, if not the best, wild brown trout waters in Pennsylvania. The guys who fished it that Friday tell me it lived up to its reputation.

We stayed overnight at the Stackhouse on Friday and Saturday evenings, then had a Northcentral regional meeting on Sunday.

EXCOM decided to divide the Northcentral Region into two parts. We felt this was necessary in order to make this region, with long distances between chapters, more manageable. Two candidates stepped forward and volunteered to take over the Regional VP positions made available by the change.

The newly formed Central Region is led by Sherwin Albert from Milton, PA. He can be reached by email at sherwina@dejazzd.com or phone at 570-524-7645. The region has five chapters: Columbia County #038, Lloyd Wilson #224, Raymond B. Winter #124, Spring Creek #185, and Susquehanna #044.

The Northcentral Region is led by B.J. Lowther from Galetton, PA. He can be reached by email at bjlowther@verizon.net or phone at 814-203-6155. The region has six chapters: Art Bradford-Northern Tier #357, God's Country #327, James Zwald #314, Kettle Creek #151, Seneca #272 and Tiadaghton #688.

Thanks guys. We really appreciate your willingness to assume these very important positions and welcome you to EXCOM.

If you haven't already heard from your new Regional VP, I urge chapters from the respective regions to communicate with them and welcome them aboard. They will act as your liaisons with PA Council.

**How Not to Treat Native Brook Trout Streams** – There are several streams in the Clearfield area where I live that were

once heavily stocked, but were taken out of the stocking program in the mid-1980s because of acid deposition problems.

Many of the streams along the Appalachian Plateau have been degraded by acid precipitation falling on the poorly buffered uplands where they originate. I have done studies on two of these streams and found that both have typical pH levels in the neighborhood of 6.0 in their lower reaches. Progressing upstream, pH declines and falls to below 5.0 in the headwaters. When it goes below 5.0, the brook trout disappear.

At this level, even the somewhat acid tolerant brook trout cannot reproduce successfully. The few brown trout that were once living and reproducing in these streams have pretty much vanished, because they are less acid tolerant than brook trout. But the brookies have persisted in the lower, slightly more alkaline, reaches.

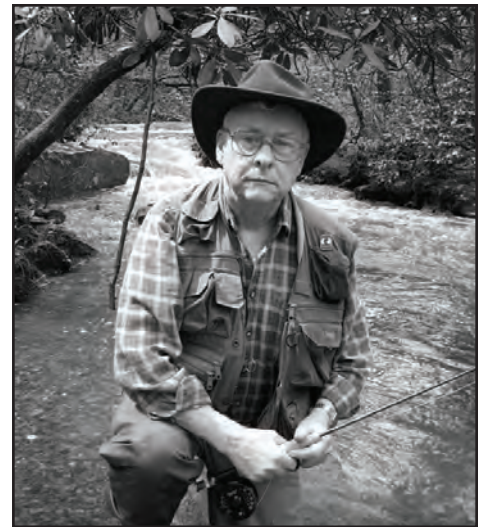
Of course these streams are very infertile. Growth rates are slow, typically about 1 to 1.5 inches per year. Most of the nourishment that these brookies use for subsistence comes from terrestrials, for benthic invertebrate life is very sparse.

However, once stocking was terminated in these streams the brookies rebounded rather well. It is not unusual now to catch 20 or so in an afternoon's fishing. In the remote and lightly fished reaches, 7- to 9-inch brookies are readily taken and an occasional 10-incher turns up now and then.

The Clean Air Act has probably helped and we even find a few mayflies in the lower, higher pH sections. At any rate, these streams have become pretty respectable brook trout fisheries and a pleasure to fish as they are relatively wild and unspoiled. And the brookies are eager eaters. Because they are so dependent on terrestrials, they readily take dry flies of just about any description.

Sadly, these streams are now declining because the local sportsmen's clubs have started stocking them.

At the request of local anglers, the PFBC



has even resumed stocking in some. This, of course draws the attention of those whose primary motivation is to fill their creels and freezers.

Although they only fish the first few days or weeks of trout season, a lot of the larger natives are taken along with the hatchery trout. There has been a marked decline in the quality of these streams now that they are being once again harvested on a more regular basis.

I have made repeated requests to the PFBC to do something about this to no avail. These recovering streams need to be recognized as still very vulnerable to degradation and protected from the harmful effects of stocking and the angling (harvesting) attention it draws.

I understand why the PFBC is reluctant to upset the "put-and-take" anglers. They buy licenses too. But our recovering native brook trout streams just cannot take the pressure that stocking draws and remain quality fisheries.

A good bit of time, money and effort is being consumed by Trout Unlimited and many other conservation groups in order to restore our native trout waters to health. And this is not helping the cause at all.

Please, if you are seeing what I am seeing, email, write or call your PFBC area manager, or drop a line to the PFBC website.

We need to get the message out that our native brook trout fisheries deserve better treatment. Streams recovering from acid precipitation – and likewise those where AMD remediation is improving water quality – need to be given time to heal.

## Treasurer's Report

by PATU Treasurer George Kutskel

I recently got an email asking why chapters do not receive the rebate referred to in the "Tackle Box" section of National's website. This has come up several times the last few years so I would like to explain how the rebate is used by PATU.

Many years ago (I'm unsure of the exact year) Council decided that the chapters' annual rebate would be used by Council. I know it's been that way since at least the mid-80s. The original reason was so PATU would not have to compete with chapters to find funding. If PATU did not obtain the rebate from National, many programs and activities would not be possible unless Council held annual fundraising events and applied for the same grants as chapters.

I've been a chapter president on and off (mostly on) since 1979. The rebate is exactly the same today as it was then. Because this was the only source of funds for Council you might get the idea there would be a cash flow issue at some point. Our membership has been mostly flat for the past 10 years – at around 11,000, give or take 500 – due to the way the rebate is paid. It is only paid on full dues paying members. For new members signing up at \$17.50, the chapter receives the \$15 rebate directly from National and nothing is paid to Council.

Since 2004, the year I became treasurer, the rebate has been about the same – at or near \$25,000. This year we failed to receive all of our members' rebates due

inactive chapters. These are going to be addressed at the next EXCOM meeting.

Prior to 2003, as some of our members may remember, Council was best known for publishing a quarterly newsletter and holding quarterly meetings. The cost of the newsletter was \$29,000, which exceeded the amount of our typical rebate. Thankfully some of our chapters chipped in so we could print all of the issues. The newsletter has since gone electronic, which costs around \$12,000. Now PATU can accomplish much more than print a newsletter.

A lasting quote from my predecessor, Dan Hill, is: "What does Council want to be known for, publishing a newsletter or offering something of value to our members?" He said it when the newsletter changed from magazine style to newspaper. This lowered costs to around \$24,000. Again, just about the entire rebate.

Council listened to Dan and we now have some great programs being run or administered through PATU, which requires additional funding. In 2002 Council was presented with the opportunity to run the Coldwater Heritage Partnership program. At the time we could not find enough money to even publish our newsletter every issue and now we were being asked to find money to help fund a position. This position costs PATU \$15,000 per year. We also help administer the Trout in the Classroom program with PFBC.

### Chapter Donations

The following chapters have donated to further council's mission, in addition to supporting fundraisers, in 2011-2012.

- Allegheny Mountain
- Donegal
- Hokendauqua '11
- Neshannock
- Oil Creek
- Spring Creek
- Mountain Laurel
- Valley Forge
- Brodhead
- Arrowhead
- Chestnut Ridge
- Hokendauqua '12
- Bucks County
- Adams County

This program costs us around \$12,000 per year. I have not even talked about the committees that serve at no cost, other than providing a lunch every meeting, and we already have exceeded the total rebate by \$15,000. These are only a few examples of how the rebate money is spent to benefit our chapters.

Every item covered above benefits each member of Trout Unlimited whether your chapter chooses to participate or you do individually. Even with our annual appeal, less than one percent of our members participated. I'm not crying that we need money now, but please share with other members that PATU does a lot for ALL of our members and chapters with the small amount of money provided from the rebate.

Hope that the summer goes great and everyone gets out and enjoys some fishing.

**The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited has nearly 12,000 members in more than 50 chapters statewide, with one common goal: The conservation and enhancement of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams and fisheries, specifically our wild trout resources. Trout Unlimited is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, functioning for charitable, educational and scientific purposes. Donations are deductible to the extent provided by law. For information on advertising in PA Trout, call 814-692-5232, or e-mail advertising@patrout.org. See pages 2-3 for Council contact information, officers and committees. For listings of Regional VPs and Pennsylvania TU chapters, and their contact information, see pages 14-24. For TU membership information, see page 17.**

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## Support Trout in the Classroom by purchasing TIC raffle tickets!

The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited is conducting a raffle for four great prizes, the proceeds from which will be used to pay our share of the wages for an outreach and education intern to coordinate PATU's youth education programs and outreach events during 2012. Through your past financial support of our previous raffles, the state's TIC program has grown to include nearly 200 participating schools over the last couple of years. Your support for this year's raffle will help ensure continued growth for this popular educational program.

The raffle tickets sell for \$5 each, or five for \$20, and can be ordered by sending a check payable to "PA Council of TU" to PO Box 5148, Bellefonte, PA 16823. Prizes will be awarded in the order of the tickets drawn at Council's annual membership meeting on Sept. 29, 2012. Please do your part to ensure PATU's successful future for Trout in the Classroom and purchase your tickets before Sept. 29, and thank you for your support!



**1st Prize**  
Wyatt Dietrich custom built 7'2" 5-wt. bamboo rod with extra tip and custom leather case.

**2nd Prize**  
Old Town Vapor Series 10-foot fishing kayak.



**3rd Prize**  
Ned Smith framed "Flushing Pheasant" conservation edition print. (Frame not shown.)



**4th Prize**  
\$200 cash card to store of choice. (Card shown is for example only.)

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# PA COUNCIL OF TROUT UNLIMITED

*Minutes of the March 24, 2012  
Executive Committee Meeting  
PFBC Stackhouse Training Center  
Bellefonte, PA*

Officers Attending: Ken Undercoffer, Brian Wagner, Charlie Charlesworth, George Kutskel, Monty Murty, Greg Malaska, Mark Hanes, Fred Bohls, Chuck Winters, Fred Gender.

Others Attending: Samantha Kutskel, Greg Grabowicz, Mitch Blake, Dick Soderberg.

President Undercoffer called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. A motion by Malaska/seconded by Hanes was approved to accept the minutes of the Jan. 7, 2012 EXCOM meeting as previously distributed. A motion by Bohls/seconded by Malaska to approve the Council bylaws as previously distributed. President Undercoffer explained that he discussed the letter opposing HR4153 Bill with Katy Dunlap. National TU Government Affairs does not want us to sign on to the letter. Keith Curley is to review the substance of the bill and we will write our own letter if needed. Charlesworth requested a list of action items completed by PATU in the last year to distribute to chapters who are not sure what Council does.

Treasurer's Report: A motion by Bohls/seconded by Hanes to approve to receive and file the Treasurer's report for the period ending Feb. 29, 2012. G. Kutskel discussed the decline in National rebate and explained that Little Lehigh and Art Bradford Northern Tier cost Council money and we need to hold a meeting to reorganize these chapters. If chapters are not reorganized by fall meeting, Council should de-charter chapters.

Awards: Council discussed the awards and feels that individuals should receive plaques and chapters should receive a raffle/auction item. A motion by Hanes and seconded by G. Kutskel to make this change permanent. Bohls and Wagner opposed this motion. S. Kutskel will discuss this change with Gerry, and if necessary, Gerry can discuss with Council at the next

EXCOM meeting. Also, a motion by G. Kutskel/seconded by Malaska was made to change the criteria of a small chapter from a 100 members to 150 or less members.

Delaware River Committee: No report was submitted, but Wagner said he would continue to email any updates that come along

Environmental Committee: Grabowicz deferred to M. Blake to update EXCOM on the CCC program. Blake explained that a survey is now being distributed to everyone who has attended a CCC training in the past and explained it is important to hear everyone's feedback even those who are not monitoring. Also there are spaces open in the fall to schedule CCC trainings. Grabowicz also stated that he was elected to the Governor's Advisory Council for Hunting, Fishing and Conservation and if we have any issues we would like him to bring up to the committee to let him know. The first meeting of the committee is Monday, March 27, 2012.

Legislative Committee: Bohls and Undercoffer will be planning a meeting with Leventrey and The House and Senate on Game and Fish Committee to discuss TU and issues we have. A motion by Bohls/seconded by Gender to approve the Keystone Fund support letter. Regional VPs will distribute the letter to their region asking chapters to sign on by April 13, 2012.

Trout Management Committee: Soderberg reported that the committee is currently working on a position paper about TU's mission on protecting native trout. Also working to create a survey to determine what is important to our members and what their needs and thoughts are.

Communications: S. Kutskel explained that Bob Pennell along with Quarter Note Systems is working to create a new website to take the place of the current website. Should have the frame done within the next couple weeks and will then begin adding content. Also noted that the summer newsletter will be sent to all members to advertise the annual fall meeting.

Development: G. Kutskel explained that we spent less money on the Year End Ap-



peal this year, and ended up equal to last year. We had more chapter donations. G. Kutskel also stressed that the Year End Appeal needs to go out around Thanksgiving this year.

Membership: Malaska stated that the college program is up and running in three schools and will be

rolling the program out across the state at the fall meeting.

Access: The access brochure is completed and can be distributed.

Youth: No report submitted, but Wayne's Coldwater Kids will be April 29. Charlesworth discussed the success of his Stream Explorer youth program.

National Leadership Council: Murty explained that if any chapter has any questions about policies, National has created a Q&A. National is putting together a toolkit for college outreach that will look at our current program. Murty also will address chapter bylaws being reviewed with National. Monty's address change is: 107 Horner Hill Road, PO Box 55, Laughlintown, PA 15655.

Veterans Service Program: Alan Folger from National discussed the Veterans Service Program and how chapters can get involved. Currently 10 chapters in PA are involved in the program. Alan was invited to attend the fall meeting to discuss the program with our members.

Coldwater Heritage Partnership/Trout in the Classroom: S. Kutskel explained she would like to create a brook trout grant program with the funds from the sale of Back the Brookies license plate. Undercoffer, Hanes and G. Kutskel all offered to help create the grant program. S. Kutskel will get the grant approved at the June EXCOM meeting and announce the grant at the fall meeting. A motion by Grabowicz/seconded by Hanes to extend the part-time position housed under S. Kutskel until June and providing an additional \$1,500 to fund the position.

Regional VP reports: It was discussed to place "No Report Submitted" in the newsletter if a chapter did not file a report.

Central: Lloyd Wilson is seeing issues

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ters, as well as many individuals and that work should be recognized. The awards committee would like to be inundated by nominations and be forced to work overtime to make choices. If you have a group, chapter or individual you feel is worthy of a nomination, **please consider filling out the nomination form on the next page.** Nominations are due by July 31.

They may be emailed to Gerry Miller, awards chair, at [fourquartets@verizon.net](mailto:fourquartets@verizon.net), or mailed to him at 306 Baumgardner Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112-8961. Please include a brief written justification for the nomination, clearly stated award for which the person or group is being nominated, and the nominator's name and contact information (email, phone number and mailing address).

For certain awards, there are specific people who should receive the nomination form.

Following is a list of awards with a brief description of criteria for each:

- **Chapter with greatest membership increase** – Determined from National TU data.
- **Chapter with greatest percentage increase in membership** – Determined from National TU data.
- **Edward Urbas Award for Best PA Chapter** – This award is given to the chapter that best exemplifies the work of TU, including involvement

in conservation efforts, community activities, outreach, youth activities, etc.

- **Best Small Chapter Award** – We will use the same criteria as used in the Edward Urbas Award, but this classification is limited to chapters with 150 or fewer members.
- **Best Chapter Project** – We are looking for work that is either unusual, demonstrates efficient use of resources, involves other organizations or is notable for other reasons.
- **Doc Fritchey Award for Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, TU Member** – Who do you know that has a history of exemplifying the TU mission? Who is your “go-to guy” for projects, problems or advice?
- **Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, Professional** – Who have you worked with, either from a governmental agency or private enterprise, that was particularly helpful in helping you fulfill the TU mission?
- **Outstanding Volunteer (New Award)** – Who do you know, or worked with, that particularly contributed time and/or effort to helping a TU chapter or project, either one time or ongoing, and was not necessarily a member of TU or a conservationist professional.
- **Best Chapter Website** – Is your website particularly attractive, clear, up-to-date and easy to navigate? If so, send nominations to Brad Isles at

[bisles@live.com](mailto:bisles@live.com).

- **Samuel Slaymaker Award for Best Chapter Newsletter** – If your newsletter has information about your chapter's activities that is current, is well-presented and clear and is visually attractive, you may very well win this award, so send your nomination, with a few copies of the newsletter, to Brad Isles at PO Box 23, Grove City, PA 16127, or email [bisles@live.com](mailto:bisles@live.com).
- **Dr. Jack Beck Award for Outstanding Youth Outreach** – Do you have a particularly active program for youngsters, or are you involved in a number of programs or unusual programs? If so, submit your choice and reasons to Jerry Potocnak at [potatoes@consolidated.net](mailto:potatoes@consolidated.net).
- **Ken Sink Award for Outstanding Service to PATU** – This award is given to a person who contributes to PATU's mission in a notable way. It is intended to be given to people who have been involved for significant periods of time, and who have demonstrated unusual dedication. It is not necessarily presented every year.
- **Inky Moore Award for Outstanding Service to State Council** – This award is meant to recognize a person who would be considered an “up-and-comer” in PATU and demonstrates dedication to its mission and shows promise as a future major leader of the organization.

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with farmers spreading manure on frozen land. EXCOM recommends that they talk with the local conservation district.

Northwest: Northwest TU is in the process of reorganizing. Hanes has given the chapter a month to hold a meeting. If they are not reorganized before the next EXCOM meeting, Council will step in. Grabowicz will discuss the Medina Wells wastewater injection issue with K. Dunlap and get back to Caldwell Creek TU.

Northeast: Malaska reported that they will be having media training on April 28. If chapters have an issue in their area, Council will take a position if it is part of

our mission.

South Central: Council has shown its support for the Blue Ribbon Stream program proposed by PFBC.

Southeast: Regional meeting on April 14 before the CCC training hosted by Valley Forge TU.

Other News: Bohls reported that the PA Fly Fishing Museum has oral histories of some of the famous fly fishermen from PA. The museum will be donating a copy to Council and a set to each chapter. Malaska reported that he will be sending out the PATU manager position for comments. He would like to have all comments returned by April 15. Wagner was asked by National

to get involved in the Bristol Bay campaign, and will be doing so. Charlesworth explained that a public comment period for the Lackawanna River is on the PFBC website. A section of the river was recently upgraded to Class A with no regulations. Lackawanna TU would like to make it a catch and release all tackle. Charlesworth asked that Council and chapters please make a comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. on a motion by G. Kutskel/seconded by Malaska. The next EXCOM meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2012 at the PFBC Stackhouse Training Center.

-- Submitted by Samantha Kutskel



# PATU Awards 2012 Nomination Form

The 2012 Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited Awards will be presented at the annual meeting in September. Now is the time to nominate those Chapters and individuals who have done outstanding work for Trout Unlimited.

**Please submit nominations by July 31, 2012.** The awards are as follows:

- Edward Urbas Award for Best Chapter
- Best Chapter Project
- Best Small Chapter for chapters with 150 or fewer members
- Dr. Jack Beck Award for Outstanding Youth Outreach
- Dr. John A. "Doc" Fritchey Award

for outstanding Coldwater Conservationist (TU member)

- Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist (professional)
- Outstanding Volunteer
- Inky Moore Award for Outstanding Service to Council
- Ken Sink Memorial Award for Long-term Service to Council.
- Best Chapter Website
- Samuel Slaymaker Award for Best Chapter Newsletter

Many chapters are involved in projects and issues that would not be completed without the efforts of individuals committed to TU's mission.

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Listed below is the nomination form. Please copy and circulate it at your meetings. Forward the information to Gerry Miller, awards chair. He will contact the nominator with any questions. Should you run out of space on the form, feel free to continue on a separate page.

The nomination form will also be posted on the PATU website for download. Printed copies can be mailed to: Gerry Miller, 306 Baumgardner Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17112. Call 717-583-2087 with any questions. Completed forms can be emailed to: [fourquartets@verizon.net](mailto:fourquartets@verizon.net).

## Awards Nomination

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**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Chapter/Person You Wish To Nominate:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check one:**

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| _____ Edward Urbas Best Chapter                                                                                                                                             | _____ Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, TU Member (Doctor John A. Fritchey Jr. Award)                                                                                                   |
| _____ Best Chapter Project                                                                                                                                                  | _____ Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, Professional                                                                                                                                    |
| _____ Best Small Chapter (150 or fewer members)                                                                                                                             | _____ Outstanding Volunteer (Person who contributed time or effort in helping a TU chapter or project, either one time or ongoing; doesn't need to be a member or conservation professional) |
| _____ Dr. Jack Beck Award for Outstanding Youth Outreach (Submit nomination to Jerry Potocnak at <a href="mailto:potatoes@consolidated.net">potatoes@consolidated.net</a> ) | _____ Samuel Slaymaker For Best Newsletter (Send copies of at least 3 recent issues or email to Brad Isles at <a href="mailto:bisles@live.com">bisles@live.com</a> )                         |
| _____ Ken Sink Memorial (not presented every year) For an individual who has made long-term significant contributions through their work with state council                 | _____ Best Chapter Website (Contact Brad Isles at <a href="mailto:bisles@live.com">bisles@live.com</a> )                                                                                     |
| _____ Inky Moore Outstanding Contributions to PATU's Conservation Mission                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                              |

What particular characteristics, accomplishments or attributes merit consideration of this individual or chapter for this award?

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# CHP announces 2012 grant awards

The Coldwater Heritage Partnership recently awarded over \$58,000 in grants to local organizations to protect and conserve Pennsylvania's coldwater streams. The Coldwater Heritage Partnership is a cooperative initiative between Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds.

This year the Coldwater Heritage Partnership awarded both planning and implementation grants. Organizations funded by a planning grant will be responsible for creating a Coldwater Conservation plan that:

- Gathers existing data about the coldwater ecosystem;
- Identifies potential impacts, threats, problems and opportunities to our coldwater streams;
- Formulates a plan of action for proposed conservation and protection strategies; and
- Builds community awareness and support for the conservation of our coldwater streams.

Organizations receiving an implementation grant will finish projects identified in previously completed coldwater conservation plans. Potential projects must enhance, conserve or protect coldwater streams for which the original coldwater conservation plan recommended.

"Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited is excited to award grants to worthy organizations for the conservation and protection of their local streams," said Ken Undercoffer, president of the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited.

Organizations receiving grants were:

- **Berks County Conservation District, Berks County** – \$6,000 to create a coldwater conservation plan for the Wyomissing Creek Watershed to target areas of concern and where future implementation projects will occur.
- **Juniata County Conservation District, Juniata County** – \$6,000



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Pictured are, in front, 2012 CHP grantees: **Brian Wagner, Plainfield Township**; **Greg Shustring, Somerset County Conservation District**; **Melissa Reckner, Conemaugh Valley Conservancy**; **Terry Morrow, Iron Furnace TU**; **Megan Blackmon, Schuylkill Headwaters Association**; **Rachel Kester, TU Eastern Abandoned Mine Program (not pictured)**; **Matthew Glennon, Bushkill Stream Conservancy**; **Teddi Stark, Juniata County Conservation District** and **M. Kathryn O'Brien, Berks County Conservation District**. Back row, CHP partners: **Thomas Shetterly, PA Fish and Boat Commissioner**; **Ken Undercoffer, PATU**; **Dave Spotts, PA Fish and Boat Commission**; **Warren Elliot, PA Fish and Boat Commissioner**; **Samantha Kutskel, Coldwater Heritage Partnership**; **R. John Dawes, Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds**; **Terry Hough, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**.

to create a conservation plan that will build upon and validate ongoing water chemical monitoring data that has already been collected and help determine any areas of concern within the watershed for utilization of future BMP implementation funds that the district acquire for restoration projects.

- **Somerset County Conservation District, Somerset County** – \$5,525 to assess the North Fork of Bens Creek chemically, biologically and physically, in order to develop a comprehensive plan for future conservation management recommendations.
- **Schuylkill Headwaters Association, Schuylkill County** – \$6,000 to develop a conservation plan on Big Creek that will identify sources of impairments in the watershed and outline remediation strategies to improve the water quality in Big Creek so that it can be a healthy coldwater fishery.
- **Iron Furnace Trout Unlimited, Clarion County** – \$6,907 to conduct a preliminary watershed assessment to

quantify current conditions to be used to identify and develop conservation activities and direct the development of a more in-depth comprehensive assessment.

- **Conemaugh Valley Conservancy, Somerset County** – \$6,201 to develop a watershed management plan on Beaverdam Run, a former Class A wild trout stream threatened by acid deposition and industrial development.
- **Trout Unlimited Eastern Abandoned Mine Program, Clearfield County** – \$6,497 to assess the coldwater resources of the upper Potts Run watershed and will lead to the completion of the comprehensive conservation/restoration plan for the watershed.
- **Plainfield Township, Northampton County** – \$7,000 to develop a coldwater conservation plan that documents baseline data for the Little Bushkill Creek coldwater ecosystem and watershed to serve as a foundation for water

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# PA native picked to lead Marcellus Shale field team

Mitchell Blake joined Trout Unlimited's Eastern Conservation team as the Pennsylvania Marcellus Shale Field Organizer in early February, 2012. His education and experience is derived from a diverse background in wildlife ecology and management, with a primary focus on spatial ecology and management of game species.

Blake graduated from Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania with a B.S. in Biology and from the University of Florida with a M.S. in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation. As a Pennsylvania native, an avid hunter and fisherman, and a proponent of natural resource conservation, he jumped at the opportunity to get involved as a grassroots organizer with TU and help to tackle the issues related to Marcellus Shale gas development and advocate for responsible policies and practices to ensure protection of PA's coldwater resources.

In his position, Blake oversees the PATU Coldwater Conservation Corps (CCC), a state-wide network of volunteers and other sportsmen and women who conduct stream surveillance, collect baseline water quality data and identify and report violations to the appropriate agencies. The CCC program has a geographical emphasis on the Marcellus Shale region, more particularly, on subwatersheds within the Marcellus Shale region where drilling is taking place or planned to take place. However, given the potential for impacts beyond the well pad – such as pipelines and wastewater management and disposal – the CCC program is not limited to

the Marcellus Shale geographic extent.

Blake works closely with CCC founder, Bob Volkmar, to provide instruction and training to volunteer monitors by organizing and administering trainings, providing technical guidance on equipment issues and sampling procedures, overseeing data management responsibilities and coordinating chapter monitoring strategy sessions. Another aspect of his work involves providing educational Marcellus Shale presentations to TU chapters, hunting and fishing clubs and other sportsmen and women groups across Pennsylvania. He emphasizes TU's concerns about potential impacts from Marcellus Shale development and related infrastructure on forests, water, aquatic life and wildlife.

Additionally, Blake provides presentations on how to use TU's Conservation Success Index. This is a conservation planning tool that characterizes the relative condition and vulnerability of coldwater habitats across Pennsylvania by using a compilation and assessment of information related to a species' distribution, populations, habitat features and future threats. It provides a higher-resolution perspective on the condition of and threats to trout and coldwater habitats in the state.

Since coming on board, Blake has hosted six CCC monitoring trainings, educated over 140 Trout Unlimited members and established eight chapter monitoring efforts across Pennsylvania. He has spoken



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to TU chapters, sportsmen organizations and at professional conferences about the potential impacts of Marcellus Shale gas production.

The summer is expected to be a busy season for Blake and TU's Marcellus Shale team. On May 24, Blake will be presenting "Trout Unlimited's State-wide Strategy for Monitoring Impacts of Marcellus Shale Gas Development on Pennsylvania's Coldwater Streams" at the Society of Freshwater Science 2012 Annual Meeting in Louisville, Ky.

Blake will also be participating in the Sportsmen Marcellus Shale Summit hosted by the Sportsmen Alliance for Marcellus Conservation on June 16. He will be presenting information on the efforts by sportsmen and women to monitor and mitigate drilling impacts, and more specifically the status, achievements and future endeavors for the CCC program.

He will also be working with TU's science and technical team in Boise, Idaho this summer to develop and launch a user-friendly database/mapping application that will facilitate and simplify the data entry process for volunteer monitors. The virtual user-interface is a web-based application that will allow CCC volunteers to enter water quality data directly onto a watershed map and visualize water quality trends for streams that the volunteer is monitoring.

In connection with the development of the database mapping application, Blake will be organizing, compiling and collecting water quality data for the new data portal. He will also be working on improving the CCC program by adjusting and streamlining the training materials and methodology – including creating video refresher courses demonstrating equipment use and monitoring techniques – in anticipation for upcoming fall trainings.

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resource protection through prioritized recommendations that will be included in the plan and will be tied to efforts to increase community awareness of the watershed, its natural resources and its environmental and conservation issues of concern.

- **Bushkill Stream Conservancy, Northampton County** – \$8,000 to install riparian buffers where buffers have been impacted by past clearing, and educate riparian landowners and local citizens about the values of buffer and other riparian resources in the upper Bushkill Creek basin.

Besides offering grants, the Coldwater Heritage Partnership works to provide leadership, coordination and technical and educational assistance to organizations interested in protecting coldwater ecosystems. For additional information, please contact Samantha Kutskel at 814-359-5233, or visit the Coldwater Heritage website at [www.coldwaterheritage.org](http://www.coldwaterheritage.org).

# Pete Ryan honored for commitment to conservation

On April 21, Dr. Pete Ryan of Coudersport received the "Howie Gustafson Conservation Award" from the Seneca Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the McKean County Conservation District. Howie Gustafson, the award's namesake and original recipient in 2010, presented the award.

Ryan has been an active conservationist for over 30 years. He currently serves as president of the God's Country Chapter of Trout Unlimited and was instrumental in the design and implementation of a local stream monitoring program. Volunteers participating in the monitoring program have been referred to as the "waterdogs." Ryan and the others are out to gather important baseline data on pristine trout streams in light of the increased drilling activity across Pennsylvania.

In the mid-1980s Ryan recognized the threat of sedimentation from dirt roads, worked with Penn State to create a list of threatened spots and lobbied in Harrisburg. His efforts were successful by getting a portion of the gas tax committed for funding dirt and gravel road improvement projects. Both of these programs are commonly utilized across the state.



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**Dr. Pete Ryan, right, receives the Howie Gustafson Conservation Award from the award's namesake.**

Ryan is also credited with the success of the God's Country Chapter of TU Project Healing Waters fly fishing program. This program is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled veterans and active duty military personnel through fly fishing, fly tying and outings.

Ryan was honored to receive the award named after one of his conservation mentors. As he thanked the group he said, "Howie has been a great help to me and my involvement in conservation. I have received several awards in the past, but this one is the best."



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## 2011 Little Juniata Collectible Patch



The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited is offering a special set of collectible patches, to individuals as well as to TU chapters. By George LaVanish of Wilderness Editions, this is the fifth and final patch in this series. The 2011 patch features the Little Juniata River. The set includes one 6-inch and one 4-inch patch. Sales are first-come / first-served, as PATU's quantities are limited.

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The goal in changing our method of distributing future newsletters from essentially a print medium to electronic distribution is to save a substantial amount of dollars that can be used more directly for other worthwhile projects related to PA Council's mission, "To conserve, protect, restore and sustain Pennsylvania's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds, especially our wild trout resources."

It is our belief that this move serves the best interests of our PA Trout Unlimited members. Review the following options:

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4. A limited number of printed copies for distribution to other organizations will be available at no cost to chapters on a first come/first served basis. Send requests to Samantha Kutskel, PATU, P.O. Box 5148, Bellefonte, PA 16823, or by email to [c-skutskel@state.pa.us](mailto:c-skutskel@state.pa.us).

## Outdoor writer, TU member Bob Ballantyne releases book

Outdoor writer and Perkiomen Valley Chapter of TU member Bob Ballantyne recently released "Woodlands, Waterways, and Mother Nature – Leisurely Lessons in Ecology for Outdoor Enthusiasts."

The book is designed to be a "pick up and put down at one's leisure" book with stories that are embedded with lessons in nature and ecology.

The individual stories, several of which are in each of the nine seasonally arranged chapters, are based on hunting and fishing experiences of the author in places like eastern woodlands and streams, in Yellowstone, in the Florida Keys and in British Columbia. They also draw upon the author's formal education as a high school

biology teacher and college environmental science instructor (now retired).

The book aims to increase the knowledge of readers about the natural world into which they venture with their outdoor activities. Chapters are divided into a series of stories. Most stories contain an ecology or natural history lesson told in the midst of a tale recounting an outdoor experience of the author. Each story is accompanied by some "Natural Facts" that appear at the end. The facts expand upon the lesson in each story. Each chapter ends with a series of "mind tickling" questions designed to enhance the lessons from the chapter and to get the reader thinking about the material.

The book can be purchased at <http://Woodlands.EduPublisher.com> or <http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/1934849901> or by following the instructions at [www.woodlandsandwaterways.com](http://www.woodlandsandwaterways.com).

## Book on Pa.'s Spring Creek available

Pennsylvania Council is offering for sale copies of Dan Shields's "Fly Fishing Pennsylvania's Spring Creek," at a cost of \$20 each, including tax and shipping.

All fly-rodders should appreciate this book about the Centre County stream that has played such a significant role in the development of the sport and, even more importantly, how it has proven the benefits of catch-and-release as a fisheries conservation tool. The author examines what makes this fishery what it is, its angling history and, of course, the fly patterns and techniques for successfully fishing this limestone stream.

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## Hokendaqua celebrates 25 years

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Scott Cesari, with the assistance of several board members, taught beginning fly tiers throughout January and early February. Scott and his assistants managed to complete the three-morning course despite a break forced upon them by the winter storm in the third week. Scott then offered an intermediate course on Feb. 25 and March 3. Many students of the earlier course chose to continue, adding more techniques to their repertoire. Several students joined from last year's beginner course. Scott taught skills such as spinning deer to make a Muddler Minnow, bleaching a peacock eye for quill body flies and tying a parachute dry fly. For the trout opener we held a kids tournament in cooperation with the Knights of Columbus, Stroud Township and the PFBC. We all gave up the first few hours of opening day to run this free contest for children under 12. Computer records of this event span at least eight years. It is interesting watching the children each year as they grow and become more independent. We have watched children fish as toddlers and come back each year until they are 12. This is a family-oriented event with food, drinks and prizes donated from local businesses. Each child goes home with a bag of fishing related goodies and a prize whether they catch a fish or not. This year the chapter added a "part two" to the March fly fishing seminar offered by Monroe County Environmental Education Center. Participants were offered a chance to join us at Zacharias pond on April 21 to fish for bass and sunfish with a fly they tie on-site. All of the people who attended the seminar



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Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited's Hokendaqua Chapter #535 celebrated its 25th anniversary on Friday, April 27 at the Northampton Memorial Community Center in Northampton, PA. Chapter President Dr. Dale Steventon was master of ceremonies. Approximately 150 members and guests enjoyed the dinner and a presentation, "Not Just Trout" by Wendell 'Ozzie' Ozefovich. Achievement awards were presented to several members by Dave Abraham, chapter vice president. A raffle with numerous items donated by area businesses and sponsors was held. Money raised is earmarked for restoration projects currently in progress. The chapter also celebrated the Edward Urbas Best Pennsylvania Chapter of the Year Award it received at the PATU fall meeting in 2011.

signed up for the chance to put into practice what they saw during the Saturday afternoon course. March 31 was our annual banquet at the Pocono Inne Towne in Stroudsburg.

### **Forks of the Delaware Chapter #482**

**Ryan Rush**

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**Website: [www.forksttu.org](http://www.forksttu.org)**

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, except July and August, at Stockertown Rod & Gun Club beginning at 7 p.m. The chapter sent a letter to DEP in support of removal of the lower three dams on Bushkill Creek in Northampton County. Our revised strategic plan was approved by the board at our February directors meeting and has been filed with National. Several members participated in climate change seminars at the Nurture Nature Center in downtown Easton, PA. Several members attended the Keystone Coldwater Conference in State College on Feb. 25. Our 10th annual Spring Event was March 24. Our 2012 Conservation Raffle is June 6. The chapter was pleased that DEP added Martins Creek to the existing use list as HQ-CWF for meeting Class A biomass even though the PFBC has not officially acted on it. The chapter has been monitoring remediation work and riparian situation on impaired Schoeneck Creek, a tributary to Bushkill Creek. A chapter goal is to see the buffer improved on this stream. We hosted an eight-week

beginner fly tying class in January and February. We participated in outreach events at the sportsmen's night at Grace Bible Fellowship Church and the Agricultural Expo at the Palmer Park Mall. The chapter is providing a small "coldwater conservation library" to our members and partners. It consists of various educational materials that promote coldwater conservation. Stream cleanups were planned for Martins Creek and Bushkill Creek in April. The chapter sent four youths and two mentors to the youth fly fishing day on Spruce Creek at Wayne Harpster's farm. We are planning release days with our five TIC schools.

### **Hokendaqua Chapter #535**

**Dale Steventon**

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Our annual fly tying course is completed for the year. We had 35 adults and 11 youths this year. Three stream cleanup projects are planned for this season on the Hokey. The chapter celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Northampton Community Center in April. Wendell "Ozzie" Ozefovich was the guest speaker. Project Healing Waters and Cub Scout/Boy Scout Jamboree is scheduled for Kutztown University in May. In June the chapter will help at the Kreidersville Covered Bridge Festival, Women in the Outdoors and Youth Field Day. The two-fly contest fundraiser was postponed till

early fall. Two stream improvement projects are planned for the Hokey this year. They had to be delayed in fear of construction vehicles getting stuck. There are many events that the chapter will be part of this year, including fly fishing instruction for "Friends of the Allentown Parks" in April.

### Lackawanna Valley Chapter #414

Charlie Charlesworth

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The chapter conducted board meetings and had paid speakers at the general membership meetings in January, February and March. The chapter also formed a Stream Explorer Group. Seven teenagers began five months of fly fishing instruction in January. Classes are held every other Saturday. They graduate in May with a membership in TU, instruction book, videos and each graduate will receive his own fly rod, reel and fly line, all given to them by the chapter. Graduation includes a family BBQ. The chapter also ran a group trip to the Fly Fishing Show in Somerset, NJ. We had booths at the Gander Mountain Expo in February and the Orvis River Days on the Lackawanna March. LVTU is one of two pilot chapters taking part in the college outreach program. The University of Scranton, along with the assistance of LVTU, formed a fly fishing club and resurrected an environmental club. Both took part in the TU National River Cleanup Day on April 21. We scheduled a meet and greet with the students on March 27 and followed up with them attending our general membership meeting in April. We have four fundraisers throughout the year. The chapter's rod raffle ticket winner was picked at our Conservation and Youth Education Banquet and Auction on March 31. First prize was a Fred Bender bamboo rod and display case, a one-day float trip on the Delaware and a one-day trip with TV host Charlie Charlesworth of Sportsman

Channel's "Fly Fishing Top-2-Bottom." A second raffle is for a one-man pontoon boat. We formed a committee for our August pig roast. Leadership from the chapter: attended TU Marcellus water quality monitoring training; joined and attended the NEPA Conservation Alliance meetings in January, February and March; formed river keeper groups that now meets monthly and is called the Lackawanna River Alliance of Groups (LRAG), maintaining a calendar of activities each group is doing on the river plus working together on projects and cleanups; met with PFBC to work together and complete tasks suggested by a study from the commission on a seven-mile section of the Lackawanna River to do tree plantings, bank stabilization and Japanese Knotweed eradication; met with other water quality monitoring groups and sat in on a conference call from TU's Eastern Water Project Director Katy Dunlap; and attended the Keystone Coldwater Conference and the PATU EXCOM meeting. As part of the LLAG meetings, river cleanups were scheduled for April and June, shade tree planting in May, along with Knotweed cutting in June and spraying in July.

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Aquatic biologist Don Baylor kicked off our 2012 program schedule in January with a fascinating presentation entitled "The Poconos: Cradle of American Fly Fishing." In February, chapter board member Bob Signorello presented "Great Lakes Fishery." He detailed his vast experiences gained over decades of fishing rivers in the area for salmon, steelhead and brown trout. Our March program featured Erik Broesicke, our newly elected VP, who presented "Saltwater Fly Rod Tactics - Fishing Sandy Hook, NJ Area." The Lehigh Valley chapters (Forks of the Delaware,

Hokendauqua and Monocacy) sponsored our 10th annual spring event. This is a fine example of how neighboring chapters can work together on a major fundraising event while simultaneously promoting TU and its mission. Even after 10 years we have managed to keep this program free and open to the public. This year's featured speaker was Loren Williams, Fly Fishing Team USA member, teacher and guide. His presentation was entitled "Nymph Tricks: Taking You Beyond the Perception of Dead Drift." Our annual stream cleanup was April 21. We focused on the trophy trout special regulation area and downstream through Monocacy Park and the Nature Sanctuary. The City of Bethlehem helps with the removal of the collected trash. We continue to assist other local conservation groups with cleanup efforts and habitat assessment in the recently-opened Housenick Memorial Park within the Archibald Johnston Conservation Area. There was great concern that adjacent property would be re-zoned and developed with an apartment complex and retail space, adversely impacting the Monocacy and its watershed. Fortunately for now, Bethlehem Township commissioners have voted against such development and there has been some positive discussion regarding the preservation of the property as open space. We will continue to monitor this situation.

### Pike Wayne Chapter #462

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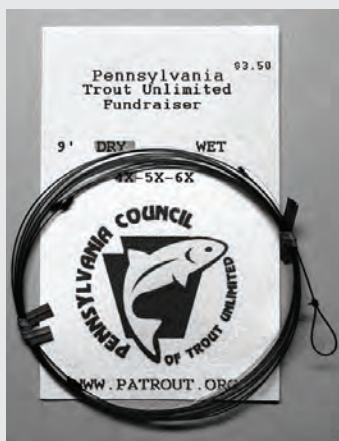
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The first meeting of the year welcomed members with a "cabin fever" fly tying night. Members brought their equipment and materials, instructed novices on methods and shared recipes with seasoned tiers. Events for the calendar year

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were planned. The board is happy to welcome members Carl Fregoni and Jim Rock as new trustees. The chapter is pleased to announce that an embroidered patch has been approved and will soon be available for purchase. It will be 3½ inches in diameter with a gold rim and dark blue inner rim then an area of lighter blue with "Pike-Wayne Chapter Trout Unlimited" in the same dark blue. The center of the patch depicts a mayfly silhouetted in the moonlight signifying "The Evening Hatch" which happens to be the name of our quarterly newsletter and title of our annual conservation award. Our newsletter editor, Jim Furno, did a fine job spearheading this project and we appreciate his efforts. At our February meeting, the membership welcomed Katy Dunlap, who gave a talk on the Marcellus Shale situation in northeast PA, which included mapping of what areas are being handled by which chapters. Our chapter continues to diligently monitor streams in our area of responsibility and is formulating a team effort plan to ensure the job gets done. Long-time members Al Bowers and John Lazar treated the membership at our March meeting with a slide presentation of their many fly fishing trips to Montana, Idaho and Wyoming.

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Our fly tying classes were earlier this year and had great turnout. We have another Eagle Scout in the area; John Clauser was awarded his Eagle. He made three float drums for the chapter, which we will use to help with stocking in our area. He is also planning to attend Rivers Conservation Camp. The chapter plans to participate in

the Schuylkill County Youth Field Day, Norm Thornberg Youth Camp, Bear Creek Festival and Valley View Gun Club Youth Field Day. We have started to plan for our fundraiser picnic in August. It will be held Aug. 18 at the Schuylkill County Fairgrounds. We had a road cleanup on a section of Route 895 near Auburn on April 24.

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During our business meeting in March we voted to transition Rich Swartz to treasurer and Gary Visgaitis to secretary. While the chapter in the short term is doing well with volunteer commitment, we are still actively seeking new volunteers to fill out remaining board openings. To assist with resource development we are currently forming a partnership with a local Cub Scout den. We provided assistance at two of their programs in April. The first was a fly fishing demonstration on April 16. The second was providing fly casting lessons at the cubs' fishing derby in Kresgeville, PA. Chapter leadership is currently in the latter planning phases for our Memorial Day chapter picnic/fundraiser and membership drive. On March 11 we took a tour of the White Haven Hunting and Fishing Club, which will be the site of the Memorial Day event. It offers ideal indoor amenities, ample space and access to some of the nicest water

on the Lehigh River. We're confident this will be a successful first crack and a significant fundraising and membership drive effort. Mailers for this event began going out on March 31 and included area chapters, Cub Scouts, PATU, partners and fly shops as well as the general membership. On the conservation front, we are still working on developing a comprehensive plan for area waters including the Pohopoco Creek, Hickory Run and Black (Hayes) Creek. The chapter is currently investigating stream temperature gauges and planning future stream habitat assessments. At the moment, we are still somewhat limited in areas of budget and resources such that these plans will be initially slow to evolve.

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Chapter President Pete Ryan, Secretary B.J. Lowther and TIC Coordinator Ted Bear attended the PATU Leadership Training Conference on March 25 in Bellefonte. Several chapter members were guest instructors at Seneca Chapter's fly tying classes held in February and March. Fundraising efforts for our fifth annual Project Healing Waters fly fishing event kicked off. Letters were mailed to past donors and our Marine Cpl. Jason Dunham Medal of Honor print will be used as



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the major raffle fundraiser prize. Cpl. Dunham's parents have donated the print and will also take part in our welcome parade, dinner and closing ceremonies. David Saulter, event organizer, and Pete Ryan had dinner at the Dunhams' home in March. They are very excited to be part of our Healing Waters event May 22-25. Our stream monitoring efforts continue to keep chapter members busy. Bob Volkmar has been assisting with the PATU Coldwater Conservation Corps training sessions as well as helping to revise the training manual. ALLARM held a monitoring training session for citizen monitors in Coudersport on March 24. A PATU CCC training session was held in Wellsboro on April 21. It is great to see our non-TU citizens getting involved in stream monitoring. Potter County Commissioners are exploring grant funding for a stream monitoring Triple Divide Watershed Coalition coordinator for the county. Several of our members have served on this volunteer coalition, whose purpose is to work collaboratively to identify efficiencies, lower operational costs and protect public drinking water resources in Potter County. Our county is the first in PA to have an approved Source Water Protection Plan for all of its public water supplies. The coalition was chosen to receive a 2012 Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence.

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In March the chapter had Bill Anderson from the Little Juniata River Association give his program about events leading up to the river's Class A designation. John Stahl agreed to be the chapter's new newsletter editor and keeper of the chapter's Marcellus data. We had several in attendance at the Northwest/Northcentral meeting at Stackhouse. The chapter held its 47<sup>th</sup> annual banquet on March 31 at the DuBois VFW. Several members, along with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, planned to talk to the City of DuBois about doing habitat work in the delayed harvest area on Sandy Lick Creek. WPC received several donations in the name of former director Dr. Colson Blakeslee to be used on the creek. Kelly Williams is working with DCNR on a limning project on the Alex Branch of Trout Run in northern Clearfield County. Marcellus Coordinator Kim Bonfardine has given dates on data loggers that have been placed in several streams in Jefferson and Elk County. The chapter is hosting a fly tying roundtable every week at the DuBois Area High School which attracts 10-15 people each week. Eric Wilson is doing an after school fly fishing club with the student of the Brockway High School. The chapter hosted Environmental Days with both the DuBois Middle School and DuBois Area Catholic School. We will again have our outing with Big Brothers/Big Sisters on June 16 at the Tannery Dam. The chapter hosted a fly tying contest at the Central

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PA Outdoor Show at the Clearfield County Fairgrounds March 24-25. We also had a booth selling raffle tickets and banquet reservations.

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We had a presentation about the PCN infection on the fish at Corry hatchery. It affects all of northwestern PA and it will be some time before this is corrected. We are involved in opposing the injection of Marcellus fracturing fluids into obsolete 30-year-old Medina gas production wells in this area and have teamed with the Brokenstraw Watershed Council and Western Pennsylvania Conservancy in developing a Brokenstraw Creek Watershed conservation plan. We held our annual fly tying classes, which were followed with casting instruction. All four of our TIC programs are doing fine and are scheduled for May releases. Assistance with our opposition to the injection wells would be appreciated. Two appeals of the permits are with the EPA in Washington, DC. Unfortunately, due to the mindset of the current administration, it could very well be ruled in their favor which will allow the development of this brown-field next to an extremely sensitive area. Waste fluids from northeastern PA and southwestern PA could be brought in for disposal in this remote location of northwestern PA.

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Our January guest speaker was a local doctor who gave us the history of the Adams fly. He grew up in Michigan and as a child fished Mayfield Pond. In February we watched a DVD of the first season of Trout Unlimited's "On the Rise" which covered Pine Creek and Slate Run. Our 5th annual Trout and Clean Streams Expo was held on March 31 at the Sheffield Lions Den on the banks of the West Branch of Tionesta Creek. We are planning stream bank work on Morrison Run where the dam was removed last fall. Our chapter had a booth at the Warren County outdoor show at Warren Mall Jan. 14-15. We had several pictures of our projects on Morrison Run and before and after pictures of the recent dam removal. In February we held fly tying demos for anyone interested in fly tying. We have seven TIC programs in six Warren County schools. We raffled a TU fly rod at our Expo to raise money for TIC.

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The chapter signed on with the Sportsmen Alliance for Marcellus Shale Conservation. Our banquet was March 31 at St. Joseph's Church in Lucinda. Cleanup and tree planting on the chapter's Piney Creek property was planned with Clarion University's Bios Club. The event was April 21 and included planting, along with road and stream cleanup along our Adopt a Highway section. The project was part of our University Pilot Program and TU's national cleanup day. The chapter received a grant from the Coldwater Heritage Partnership for \$6,908 to create a coldwater conservation plan on Cathers Run located in Clarion and Jefferson counties near the town of Fisher. Work will start later this spring and summer. Marcellus well permits have recently been approved in the watershed so this work should prove to be vital. Marcellus monitor station work is still getting started and many of the proposed stations should be up and running this spring. We still have data loggers in place throughout the Clarion and Tionesta watersheds within the Allegheny National Forest area. Fly tying classes were a big success with 17 participants of all ages showing up. We also picked up a few new members from the classes that are already stepping up and helping the chapter. We will have a Veteran Services Fly fishing outing "Day on the Water" on June 16. The event will be held at Walter Dick Park in Brookville. Local veteran organizations are already on board to help and the borough council is in full support. We hope to have 25 to 35 disabled veterans attend. We hope this will be a yearly event. We held our annual TIC event at Keystone High School in Knox on Jan. 23. We received front page coverage in the Clarion News. We also picked up AC Valley High School, which applied for a grant for the next school year. The chapter will be participating in the Jefferson County Youth Field Day on June 9 in Reynoldsville. We hope to help with the Clarion County Youth Field Day in July as well. We will hold our annual fly fishing clinic on June 9 at Fitzgerald's Pond in Brookville. We expect to have 10 to 20 participants of all ages again this year.

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Our annual banquet was March 24 at the Park Inn by Radisson in West Middlesex. This summer we will start the second phase of a stream improvement project on Coolspring with the construction of six multi-log vane deflectors. No date has been set yet for this project. We held our annual spring cleanup on the Coolspring DHALO area on March 31. The Deer Creek group will continue their work on that stream with a workday on Oct. 6. There was a nice article in the March/April issue of "Pennsylvania Angler & Boater"

about the area that has been restored and the future plans for Deer Creek. On Feb. 18 the chapter hosted a CCC training session at Munnell Run Farm to get a water quality monitoring program started. The program was well attended and future meetings will be held to identify testing locations and get the volunteer monitors organized. If you are interested, contact Jeff Kremis for the details of upcoming meetings. The Youth Fishing Derby on Wolf Creek in Grove City was April 21. The Grove City Sportsmen's Club provided hot dogs for lunch and the kids had a great time as always. We hosted a group of Cub Scouts on Coolspring in May to show them stream restoration work, macroinvertebrate life in the stream and other important aspects of the watershed. Our two schools involved in the TIC program are preparing to release their fish soon. This program has been greatly received at both schools and the kids really enjoy the experience. We plan on continuing this program at both schools next year and hope to be able to expand it to others in the future.

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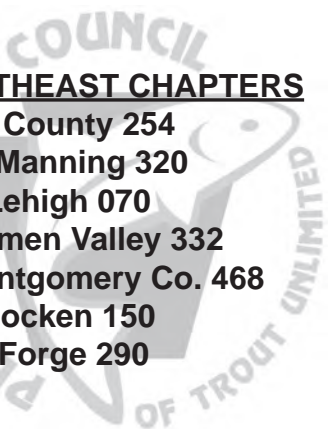
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We are currently working to provide a display on the history of the Oil Creek Chapter at the Venango County Court House. At our meeting on Feb. 12, John Terejko gave a very interesting program on fishing in the west, including what to expect, equipment, clothing, weather and seasonal conditions. John lives in Greenville, PA, but spends a lot of time each year fishing the west. Employees of Drake Well Park in Titusville, Dan Weaver and Joe Hulsizer, gave a program on oil well drilling and contemporary well drilling at our March 21 meeting. Our 29th annual conservation banquet was March 31 at the Quality Inn & Conference Center in Franklin, PA. The chapter, in conjunction with the conservation district and the PFBC are planning for possible improvements on Little Sandy Creek. There is a need for habitat improvement upstream from the trestle pool. We are considering assisting Friends of the Oil Creek State Park with habitat improvements in the regulated fishing area in the park. Youth Field Day is June 16 at the Oil City Izaak Walton League. They would like us to help with a fly tying station. Gary Ross, Walt Zinno and Vaughn MacGregor provided fly tying instruction at Meadville Middle School for three weeks in March. Teachers involved in the TIC program were invited to our March meeting. Goals are to

network with TIC teachers, create a critical list of spare equipment to have on hand to deploy for emergencies, better support classrooms' release days and get local newspaper coverage. We had two youths accepted to attend Wayne Harpster's youth fly fishing day. We are continuing to support the Clarion conservation scholarship grant this year, along with the Allegheny Mountain and Iron Furnace chapters.

State Park. Our annual banquet was April 7. It's our biggest fundraiser of the year. It was the first banquet at our new location, Pinecrest Country Club, in Montgomeryville. The chapter received a \$5,400 grant from the TreeVitalize Watersheds Program for a riparian buffer planting on Watson Creek. Two-hundred trees will be planted this fall at the project site in the headwaters of Watson Creek. Our culvert survey of the Cooks Creek watershed is proceeding as planned. Our project consultant, Princeton Hydro, is following up with field assessments of high priority culverts identified by volunteer survey teams from the chapter and the Cooks Creek Watershed Association. After the field assessments, Princeton Hydro will complete a conceptual retrofit design for at least three priority sites.

a second shipment of eggs.



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Over the winter we had some great speakers at our monthly meetings and fly tying classes on Tuesday nights were well attended. A spring trout stocking took place in the Pennypack Trust Area section of the Pennypack in March. The annual "Polar Bear" chapter trip took place on the second Saturday of January to the heritage section of the Little Lehigh. As predicted, it was cold that day but one member did have luck. Our annual banquet and fundraiser took place in March at the Willow Grove Moose. Our entertainment for the evening was a slide show of past chapter trips. We have two schools that are participating in TIC with us and received their eggs. Both schools started off great but one did have a problem and received

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Elections were held in December and the officers for 2012 are Bill Eggleston, president; Jeff Schronce, vice president; Gene Markle, immediate past president; Gloria Barnett, secretary and Ron Weidner, treasurer. We have three schools in the TIC program. We held our January membership meeting at our newest TIC school so that our members could see this program up close. Most who attended were impressed by what they saw. We join with the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture, PFBC, Willow Creek Township and others to complete the brook trout restoration effort on Willow Creek that started last October.

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The chapter unanimously approved its revised bylaws. Our Trout Show was March 29 at the Valley Forge Middle School. The featured speaker was Dave Hughes. Dave's books were available for purchase and he signed autographs. The show is our largest annual fundraiser. The publishing of our book "Trout Tales and Watershed Heroes" has been quite successful. Stories and article from the first 30 years of "Banknotes" fill the pages. Books are available through the "Contact the Chapter" portion of our website at www.ValleyForgeTU.org and from board members, local fishing shops and Amazon.com. We received another 100 books so they are available for immediate shipment. We attended the Fly Fishing Show in Lancaster on Feb. 18-19. Although not strictly a fundraising activity, we did gross over \$700 from the show due to book sales, cap sales, assisting selling "Underwater Oz" videos and a special show fly box and flies. We believe it also provided advertising for our Trout Show and we were able to acquire some new members. The chapter is still working with Tredyffrin Township to try and affect how the work on the reconstruction of the Crabby Creek sanitary sewer line will be done. There was a meeting scheduled for March 21 that included members of the Valley Creek Restoration Partnership, of which the chapter is an integral member, our contractors and the Valley Creek Trustee Council, a granting authority, to further discussions on funding possibilities for proposed Crabby Creek work. We have listened to the council and believed that this meeting would be very

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helpful as we move forward to submitting a full application on the Crabby work. The PA Turnpike Commission submitted their NPDES application in November for the widening project (from mile post 320 to 326) that occurs in the Valley Creek watershed. The chapter has done a preliminary review and has discussed the application with a number of involved parties and our environmental consultant. We are also aware that the PTC keeps changing its plans, which makes our review that much more difficult. We still believe that the current design does not meet the anti-degradation laws of the Pennsylvania code for an exceptional value stream. The chapter continues participation in Chester County Marcellus Shale Coalition. This group has many partners and is great source of information. The chapter is closely watching the Williams pipeline crossing of the East Branch of the Brandywine River. We are working with the Pipeline Safety Coalition on this issue. We are working on a Keeper of the Stream partnership with Valley Forge National Historical Park. This program puts volunteers throughout the entire Valley Creek watershed. The volunteers will sign up for certain stream sections or "beats" to monitor at least four times per year. This will give us the eyes on the ground and stream to watch out for problems. The program's initial training was Feb. 16. The chapter is attempting to obtain landowner permissions so we can get volunteers out there. There was a Coldwater Conservation Corps training on April 14 in the Education Center at Valley Forge National Historical Park. Our annual stream cleanup on Valley Creek was April 21. This year we partnered with the Tredyffrin Township EAC and the Tidy Up Tredyffrin campaign.

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Our board recently discussed easements and public access, and its importance in the future of fishing in the Commonwealth. This is our seventh consecutive year for the member incentive program. Chapter members helped PFBC stock the regulated section of Conewago Creek in March. Our new WCO Dan Neitupski was introduced to the chapter. We discussed a student from Adams County, Jude Cashman, applying for the Rivers Conservation Fly Fishing School. Chapter members will instruct at a fly tying station for Southcentral Outdoors for Youths on June 9 at Adams County Fish and Game Association. Our president and a trustee spoke to Gettysburg High School's TIC class on the history of ACTU, partnerships, the purpose of the TIC program and "How trout are so much more than just a fish." The chapter is partnering with two new schools applying for the Coldwater Heritage TIC grant. Another school is interested in applying. The program is growing with a total of four schools involved. The schools will meet on June 4 at a designated area to include stations in fly tying, fly casting, vernal pools, macros, water chemistry and releasing of the trout. ACTU sponsored a fish derby partnership with the Yellow Breeches Co-op on May 5 at the Latimore Fairgrounds. A stream survey presentation involving the chapter stream restoration work followed the fishing derby. A July date has been scheduled to perform a stream restoration project with habitat director Karl Lutz.

response to the new sewage treatment plant in the upper Codorus watershed, we are planning a public outreach effort directed to landowners immediately downstream. We want to make each landowner aware of who to contact if they spot any anomalies, sewage spills, etc. Our annual stream cleanup day was scheduled for April 21. We hoped to have some student helpers from our TIC classroom present so we could introduce them to the stream. We have started a search for a local student to sponsor at this year's Rivers Conservation Camp. It is our understanding a "Blue Ribbon Streams" concept is still under consideration by the PFBC. Our chapter would like to see the council endorse this program and keep it on the Commission's agenda.

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This past quarter CVTU was involved with three chapter events. The first event was our annual introduction to fly tying which started in January and ran to March 8. We were also involved with the PFBC's fly fishing heritage day event on Jan. 30. We provided fly tiers and were also recognized for receiving the Gold Trout Award from National TU. Our last event was Feb. 4 at the Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show where we had our first of two fundraisers and also sponsored a fly tying competition. We held our annual Limestone Conservation Banquet on March 17 at the Letort View located on the Army War College property. The sports and outdoors show and Limestone are our two biggest events and both require extensive planning and preparation. We received a grant for \$11,000 from DEP to address Knotweed issues along Yellow Breeches Creek. We are still waiting for DEP approval to complete the sinkhole project on the Letort. We are working on finalizing a grant with DEP to pave the Run parking lot located in Boiling Springs.

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Construction was recently completed on what is, by far, our chapter's largest stream improvement project to date. Approximately 500 total feet of stream bank restoration was done in a highly eroded and vulnerable area. As a result, further damage has been prevented, structure and woody debris has been added and trout habitat has been greatly enhanced. Additional grading, seeding, planting and signage this spring will complete the effort. Our thanks go out to our contractor, Aquatic Restoration Resource Company of Seven Valleys, PA (arrc1.com) for the fine job they did. We would also like to thank our very cooperative landowners and PA's Growing Greener Program which provided the primary funding. Our first TIC project continues to be a success. We hope to further engage the students in some other conservation-related activity prior to the end of the school year. It also looks like we'll be adding at least one more classroom next year. In

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Our 2012 banquet was March 24 at the Wildwood Conference Center at Harrisburg Area Community College. This new venue provided more space for additional guests and activities. As always, chapter members are actively maintaining our diversion wells on the headwaters of Stony Creek. This is an ongoing effort for our chapter and one that is very important to this beautiful watershed. The chapter is also working with the Twin Valley Conservation group on their project to rehab the children's and handicap area on Powells

Creek. We also receive regular updates from the Quittie Watershed Association on their activities and plans for stream improvement projects where the chapter can provide assistance. We have several education projects keeping chapter members busy. This spring we held a beginner's fly tying class, which was very well attended. In addition, we held a fly tying class specifically focused on great lakes steelhead patterns. We are planning another specialty class focused on bass flies. We are also happy to be working with several local schools on their TIC projects and recently had one of the schools present their TIC experience at our membership meeting. Members enjoyed hearing first-hand about the students' experiences.

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On April 28 we hosted a ladies breakfast and conservation morning. Besides describing what we do, we concluded the workshop with casting and fly tying demonstrations. The purpose of the event was to encourage more ladies to be active participants in our chapter. We hosted a conservation class from Elizabethtown College on March 24. We described TU's mission and showed some of the work that we have done on Lititz Run. Our annual banquet was March 31 at the Host Resort. The evening offered raffles, games and silent and vocal auctions. We are considering running a casino night as another or alternative fundraiser. Several board members are collecting data so that the board can make a decision. On June 20 we will hold a fishing/golf tournament in conjunction with Fox Chase Golf Club. All bass caught in the club's three ponds will deduct .5 strokes from our golf score. Prizes and lunch are part of the event. US Fish and Wildlife will be completing some stream work on Climbers Run in early spring. Although our devices on Climbers held through floods last fall some new problem areas were created and need to be rectified. In June, work is scheduled to begin on three major projects in the Conowingo watershed. We have received \$370,000 in grant money to cover construction costs. All permits are completed and the work has been scheduled. By the end of summer we will use our donations and volunteers to complete work on Charles Run, a tributary of Donegal Springs Creek, and a second site on Fishing Creek just below the one we completed last year. All permits are completed and the work has been scheduled. Bob Kutz, our conservation chair is pursuing several very promising leads on several other projects in the Conowingo watershed for next year. We are pleased to have Art Thorne accept the job of managing the massive amount of paperwork associated with the grants. We will again be purchasing about 1,000 trees and shrubs which we will care for over the summer in our nursery. All the seedlings will be

transplanted along stream throughout the county before winter.

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New chapter members have stepped forward to chair and serve on some of our committees. Two directors and one officer attended the Keystone Coldwater Conference. The February membership meeting held at a local restaurant was successful with good attendance. A presentation of the types of stream improvement structures and their benefit was shown by Maurice Chioda at our March membership meeting. We had a cookout along with fly casting and fly tying demos at the April membership meeting. Chapter members helped to complete the North Branch Phase 1 Growing Greener Project monitoring. A walk-thru of the project with the concerned agencies and contractor was held to discuss repair plans. A pre-application meeting was held at the Pine Run Growing Greener 2 Project. PFBC is in the process of designing and permitting a restoration project along Owad Road on the main stem of Muddy Creek. Plastic tree tubes were removed from the lower end of the fly fishing only area that were dislodged from last September's flooding. Also, the cable that marks the upper boundary of the fly fishing only area was torn down by flooding was reinstalled. The chapter recently held two community outreach events. The first was held at the Red Lion Street Fair. Chapter members manned a display of our stream restoration projects and conservation efforts. Bottled water and chapter merchandise were sold. This has become an annual event and provides good exposure to the local community. The second event was our Open House and Landowner Appreciation Day which was held on the nursery grounds. The public and all landowners in the Muddy Creek Watershed were invited to attend this event. Objectives included sharing knowledge with and educating the general public on stream restorations and improvements. Plans are underway to hold our third open house next year, along with the possibility of another event to be held along the streamside next spring. The objective of both events is educating the public to our conservation efforts, expanding our membership and fundraising. A fishing day with Sight for Vision children at the handicap area is being planned for this spring. Chapter members rebuilt float barrels and stocked trout from

PFBC in the fly fishing only section of Muddy Creek. Last November's planting of eyed brown trout eggs in incubators was largely successful, although one of the incubator sites suffered some mortality from low water flow when an intake got clogged with debris due to a rain event. Ron Heuston again led this effort which yielded good results at a low cost to the chapter. The chapter was one of 10 recipients of a generous donation from Otter Creek Campground to help fund our youth activities. This spring's fundraising plans included a spring outing, the sale of T-shirts, opening day of trout season food stands and the sale of flies tied by chapter members.

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### **Penns Creek Chapter #119**

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Our January meeting was highlighted by a presentation from Dave Sewak, TU's Marcellus Shale Field Organizer. Dave presented information on the history of the Marcellus drilling along with information on where the drilling is headed. The information was very enlightening and informative. Even though the drilling is not affecting Penns Creek Chapter's local area, the effects of drilling will have a far reaching impact on the Commonwealth. Dave answered numerous questions about drilling and its possible effects, as well as what individual chapters and their members can do to help educate our communities. At our February meeting, chapter members spent time tying flies to be donated to the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp. An update on the Spring Creek Canyon area was given, thanks to the Spring Creek Chapter's newsletter. Information on the Coldwater Conference was also distributed. Our banquet was March 24 at the Belleville Mennonite School. John Arway, executive director of PFBC was our speaker. In February the chapter was introduced to our new watershed specialist for Mifflin County, Justin Kozak. Justin updated us on the Hungry Run Project, which the chapter is looking to provide labor and some monetary assistance. Justin also informed the chapter the conservation district has received \$455,000 in 319 grants for continued work in the Kish watershed. The chapter hopes to assist in future work in the Kish watershed. Due to numerous chiller issues, some of our TIC programs either lost all or most of their fish. A second shipment of fry helped to bring our numbers back up. The chiller issue was resolved by the manufacturer, with the problem being a hose between the chiller and the tank. May 17 was the release date for Lack Tuscarora Elementary School at Guss Park. Our TIC project at Thompsontown Elementary will release fish in Delaware Creek. Information on the PATU youth event at Spruce Creek was distributed. The chapter also supplied information on the Rivers

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Arrowhead's current officers are Jerry Potocnak, president; Don Carney, VP; Jeff Lipniskis, secretary; and Tom Davis, treasurer. Our primary fundraising activity is the annual banquet held in mid-March at the C.U. Club in Ford City. The chapter has recently partnered with Verizon Communications and we will receive funding when members purchase either new cell phone/Fios contracts with Verizon and/or renegotiate existing cell phone/Fios agreements. The chapter held a beginner fly tying course earlier this year. Special thanks to chapter members who assisted. Arrowhead had two trout stockings from its nursery to the Buffalo Creek DHALO with additional PFBC stockings taking place. The chapter also held its annual "March Madness" fly tying exhibition where eight professional tiers demonstrated their methods and techniques. The chapter applied for an MOA in conjunction with Project Healing Waters. Chapter members will assist with teaching disabled armed forces veterans fly tying and casting. Several Arrowhead members assisted with the third annual Wayne's Coldwater Kids outing in April at Harpster's Evergreen Farm on Spruce Creek. As in the past, Arrowhead sent area youths to the mentored fly fishing event.

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In an effort to reach out to different regions of the chapter, the April 11 meeting was held at the Washington Gander Mountain lodge room. The meeting included a presentation by chapter members Dale and Cyndi Kotowski on their fishing adventures in Colorado this past fall. DEP refused to meet to discuss the status of Jonathan Run citing it is investigating Purco's financial condition and mine sites, and the DEP is not at liberty share its legal strategy. The DEP also failed to provide any response on the status of its investigation of the illicit discharge on Glade Run. We anticipate the damage to the passive treatment system drainage and conveyance channels done by a logger on Morgan Run will be repaired. Approximately 180 tons of alkaline sand will be placed on the banks of Glade Run, Big Piney and Little Piney along with the collecting water samples. A Hu-plits Grant from the PA Chapter of the Sierra Club will fund the purchase of alkaline sand and monitoring on Glade Run and its tributaries. To promote trout fishing and coldwater conservation in southwestern Pennsylvania, the Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor (LHHC) conceived the idea of the "Trout Trail" launched in spring 2012. The Trout Trail features a series of guided events and excursions in the region, all linked in some way to trout fishing and the region's valuable, but sometimes under-appreciated coldwater resources. As such, numerous events were planned throughout April and May culminating with the Trout Rendezvous at Hidden Valley Resort on May 19. Various events in the Trout Trail that chapter members contributed to were: Match the Hatch with Dale and Cyndi Kotowski, April 28 at Ohiopyle State Park; TIC release at Meadow Run at the Meadow Run Community Church on May 2; hike and fish Quebec Run with Ben Moyer on May 6; Beginning Fly Fishing with Dale and Cyndi Kotowski at Ohiopyle State Park on May 12; Trout Rendezvous, cooking demos of different ways to cook trout, displays, etc. at Hidden Valley Resort on May 19; and a celebration of Indian Creek – a Trout Stream Reborn, on May 20 where the chapter had fly fishing and fly tying demos at Resh Park in Indian Head. Visit [www.LHtrouttrail.com](http://www.LHtrouttrail.com) for more information.

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Our January program included award-winning documentary "Trout Grass: From plant to rod, an international journey from Southern China's bamboo forests to the cane rod shop of Glen Brackett in Twin Bridges, Montana." Following the film Forbes Trail's cane rod aficionados hosted a

bamboo rod show-and-tell. Our February program was a leader tying seminar and demonstration. Our March program was a trout season tune-up. Greg Kassimer helped us prepare our techniques for trout season, and share his advice on where to find the best local/central PA fly fishing. We also discussed Czech and Polish weighted nymphs. We held our 39th annual coldwater conservation banquet March 3 at the Latrobe American Legion with 220 attending. Our grand raffle prize was an Orvis Helios freshwater fly rod with a matching reel. We are working with the Carnegie Powdermill Nature Reserve to update our macroinvertebrate sampling. A new chapter education program "Women's Fly Fishing Course," in cooperation with the Ligonier "Y," began in January. Our award-winning annual youth education program also began in January. We held a TIC fly tying demonstration at Ligonier Valley Middle School in January. A key element of our new chapter strategic plan is to work more closely with our local businesses and non-profits to increase fly fishing tourism in our area, thus making our community more conservation-minded and involving them in preserving, protecting and restoring Pennsylvania's coldwater streams and their watersheds. Forbes Trail Chapter, together with the Lincoln Highway Heritage Corridor tourism development organization, has achieved a broad partnership among state parks, cultural and historical attractions, upscale boutique shops, restaurants, and lodging partners to create the 70 mile north/south "Laurel Highlands Trout Trail." Because of this partnership, more than 50 special events, geared to fly fishermen and their families were offered throughout the Laurel Highlands Trout Trail region in May. Fly Fishing in the Laurel Highlands of Pennsylvania (about an hour east of Pittsburgh) is great all year long. The sheer abundance of high quality streams in this region made it very difficult to identify the prestigious "Top 10 Streams" list. Visit [www.LHtrouttrail.com](http://www.LHtrouttrail.com) to see the list, each location (by coordinates and also description), recommended go-to flies and equipment for the Trout Trail, specific PA fishing regulations and license guidelines and suggested lodging accommodations. One of the month's highlights was the Laurel Highlands Trout Trail Rendezvous on May 19 at Hidden Valley Resort, a beautiful mountain resort within the Laurel Highlands. The Rendezvous offered a number of demonstrations, information booths, fine arts, hearty appetizers and dessert, cash bar, door prizes, and of course, a compelling speaker – world renowned fly fisherman and instructor, George Daniel.

### **Fort Bedford Chapter #291**

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Our newly elected officers are Derrick Miller, president; Corey Brown, VP; Guy Stottlemeyer, treasurer and Terry Strait, secretary. The chapter

finished up its fly tying classes in March. Participation was great and a few new members were added to the roster. In February, a program highlighting several years work on Bob's Creek and Wallacks Branch was presented. The work ranged anywhere from stream cleanups to habitat improvement to bank stabilization. Chapter members are currently selling raffle tickets for our remaining PATU fly rods and for flies that were tied by our instructors throughout our tying classes. Other chapter events include several stream cleanups, tree plantings, Earth Day activities, Youth Field Days, stream rehab projects and preparation for our annual picnic which is held in the fall.

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### **John Kennedy Chapter #045**

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We are working on plans for our fourth annual banquet to be held Aug. 25. We will be assisting the Little Juniata River Association in completing another stream bank restoration project on the upper reaches of the Little J the summer. Three sites have been identified and PFBC habitat management division personnel are working on site designs. Tentative dates for this project are Aug. 2-4. The Sandy Run Wetlands purchase has been approved and the deeds have been recorded. Now that this is complete, we can move forward with several projects identified by PFBC and initially approved by representatives of DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers. Projects include dam removal, the removal of invasive plant species and spawning habitat improvement in Sandy Run, which runs through this 52-acre parcel. PFBC has completed project plans for Clover Creek for this year and next year, and are working on being involved in a wetlands project involving the American Legion Park in Hollidaysburg and the Sheetz Corporation. We trained our monitoring team on March 27. We will be monitoring Olde Town Run, Brush Run, Halter Creek, the Beaverdam Branch of the Juniata and the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata. We will be doing annual macro surveys and quarterly stream flow measurements as well as water quality testing. We had a booth at "Waterfest" at the Logan Valley Mall on April 21. We had a display of our Clover Creek project, fly tying demos and a TIC display with live fish from one of our classrooms. We spent a day in the field with DEP, Army Corps of Engineers and PFBC visiting a site for a possible dam removal project. PFBC has identified a brook trout population trapped by two dams on an untitled tributary in Blair County.

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January's meeting was well-attended and featured a presentation by Don Bastian. The

evening prior, Don held a tying class for a small group where we learned the methods of tying the classic wet flies of Ray Bergman. Don was both entertaining and educational. We were happy to host him. February featured our fly tiers round robin. More than 15 tiers were in attendance and tied everything from midges to musky patterns. Keeping with that theme, KSTU also assisted with an intro to fly tying class in cooperation with the Homer-Center Recreation and Park Department. In March we had Yough River Guides speak at our monthly meeting and we held our annual banquet. Plans are under way for involvement in upcoming local youth events and our annual Youth Conservation Field Day.

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The chapter recently held elections and all positions remain unchanged. Our new chapter bylaws were completed. Fly tying classes were held at Gander Mountain of Johnstown and were well attended. The chapter's annual banquet was March 24 at the Holiday Inn in Johnstown. The chapter recently hosted PATU's Coldwater Conservation Corps training. The event was attended by eight members of Mountain Laurel TU and seven representing other chapters. The chapter will be having stream improvement workdays on Ben's Creek and Potter Creek (permit pending). The chapter will be conducting stream cleanups on Clearshade Creek, Yellow Creek and Little Paint Creek throughout the spring. Three chapter-sponsored schools participating in the TIC program will be releasing their trout soon. The chapter has four other schools under sponsorship.

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### **Penns Woods West Chapter #042**

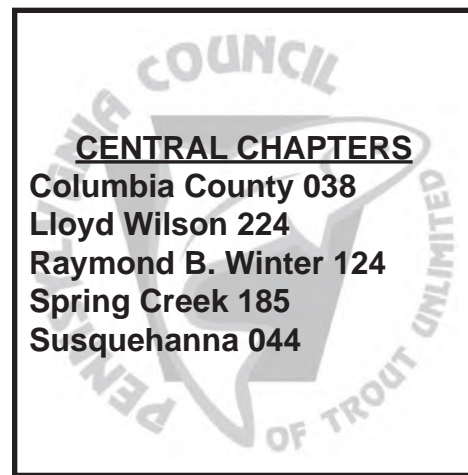
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We hope to have two TIC programs in place with a third one in the pipeline for next school year. We feel TIC has paid great dividends in getting students and their parents involved in either TU or conservation activities in general. Southwest VP Chuck Winters talked about stream access at our April meeting. Our Cabin Fever event was a resounding success. Over 40 vendors, along with Family Tyes and speakers Katy Dunlap, George Daniel, Mike Heck and Denis Hanson helped to bring 750-plus attendees through the door. Proceeds will be used for work on local Pine Creek and for monitoring Marcellus Shale activity. Our spring fly fishing seminar at St. Bede's Church was also success and introduced techniques and conservation ethics to over 25 eager students. Our annual bus trip is scheduled

for Fisherman's Paradise on Spring Creek on June 2. We continue to partner with the Allison Park Sportsmen's Club for their spring cleanup and stocking, and with our fall habitat improvement projects. We have made a substantial contribution to their Dan Wagner Fishing Day for area youths. Our Pine Creek workday and cleanup is Sept. 8-9. We are pleased to have a strong core group of members that will be working with Mitchell Blake in monitoring area creeks for water quality in relation to any impacts from Marcellus exploration and drilling.



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We were unable to hold our regular monthly membership meeting in September, October and November due to extensive flood damage in the Bloomsburg area and FEMA using our meeting location for their disaster relief efforts. We held EXCOM meetings for those months. We finalized plans for a CCC training session on March 10 and a Marcellus Shale program held by Mitch Blake, Marcellus Shale field organizer, on April 19. Both were held at The Columbia County Ag Center on Sawmill Rd in Bloomsburg. Our booth at the Early Bird Sports Expo went well. We had 50/50 raffle and Quarter Drop fundraisers that went well. Our TIC program at Central Columbia Middle School lost all eggs for the second time this year. We plan on having the class do an adult trout stocking for the release date at year's end. A six-week fly tying roundtable is being held by our treasurer, Bob Christ.

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At our annual banquet/meeting Skip Frye, Les Kleckner, Bill Long and Dick Rogers were re-elected to the board of directors. All officers remain the same. Stream improvement projects have been scheduled for Cedar Run, Big Fishing Creek and Kettle Creek in Clinton County this summer and are being planned by PFBC and Clinton County Conservation District. The TIC programs at Central Mt. middle and high schools are both doing well with no problems at this time. Both report about 200 trout have survived. Membership has agreed to financially support an area student for the River's Conservation Camp, if he is selected. Several fishing events have been scheduled at the NE Fishery Center in Lamar. We have had some questions concerning concentrated animal feed lots and the handling of resulting manure. There are concerns that the manure will be spread on frozen ground and run off rather than soak in. We've been trying to find a TU policy statement concerning this and haven't found one.

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Chapter meeting programs included: Dave Sewak who briefed the chapter on current Marcellus activities in January, local Susquehanna River guide Jim Charles who spoke in February on recreational activities on the river and the lack of smallmouth bass reproduction and chapter member Jer Motto who presented a program on Charles Wetzel. Our annual banquet was May 23. Cleanup along Penns Creek was April 21. The chapter participated in the Snofest at R.B. Winter State Park, where we demonstrated fly tying. We will conduct fly tying lessons for National Envirothon winners at R.B. Winter State Park on July 23. Our TIC project at Mifflinburg is doing great.

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## Spring Creek Chapter #185

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The chapter re-elected Judi Sittler as president for the next two years. Bob Eberhart, secretary, needed to end his term early due to other commitments. Scott Brumbaugh replaces Bob as chapter secretary. We elected one new board member, Fiona Stewart, who is an instructor on the PSU campus. She will be taking on membership chair duties. The board had a presentation from Michelle Kittell, Wildlife Leadership Academy

director. The academy is planning a PA Brookies Field School and is asking for help from our chapter. Our chapter had a poster presentation at the Keystone Coldwater Conference. Our annual banquet was March 24 at the Ramada Inn in State College. Rick Van Horn, chapter treasurer, invited Judi Sittler to a Rotary Club meeting in February to give an overview of our chapter's history as well as our current activities. The conservation committee is moving forward with an erosion abatement project for the summer along Spring Creek. Our chapter is part of a large stream cleanup effort organized by ClearWater Conservancy. As a side note, we were the first to organize a Spring Creek streamside cleanup in March, 1973. Bob Carline is organizing a youth mentoring program. Bill Voigt organized a table at the PSU Arbor Day outdoor expo on April 27. Activities were child-oriented. One of our general meetings was a fly tying demonstration by Don Bastian. Another informative meeting was given by Bob Hazelton, who talked about the history of Spring Creek Canyon. Bob is a member of our chapter and a member of our local historical society.

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