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Little Lehigh riparian buffer restoration...



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Earlier this year, the Little Lehigh Chapter of TU and other volunteers completed Phase 1 of the chapter's 2016 riparian buffer restoration project on Little Lehigh Creek as part of a Coldwater Heritage Partnership implementation grant. Read more about the Little Lehigh project on page 10, or similar grants awarded during the 2016 Keystone Coldwater Conference on page 7.

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PATU Award information!

New program director joins CHP & PATU

Newly-hired Program Director, Tali MacArthur, comes to the Coldwater Heritage Partnership and Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited with over 10 years' experience in the environmental conservation and management field.

During a career at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Tali coordinated the Clean Marina Program, an incentive-based effort to encourage marina owners to reduce their ecological impacts on marine waters and habitats.

She promoted the creation of public access trails and walkways along the urban Hudson River waterfront of north New Jersey. She also coordinated the NJ Volunteer Stream Monitoring Program and recruited and trained AmeriCorps volunteers as NJ

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MacArthur

Delaware River watershed remains a top priority for TU

By Katy Dunlap

TU Eastern Water Project Director

For decades, the Delaware River watershed has been a top priority for Trout Unlimited.

If you have ever fought with a wild

brown trout in the West Branch of the Upper Delaware, or chased after small browns in the tailwaters of the Lehigh, or even cast a line in Valley Creek – a Class A stream wild trout stream located just a short 40-minute drive from Philadelphia,

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Fall Meeting returns to Bellefonte

Save the date for the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited Fall Meeting: Saturday, Sept. 10.

PATU's annual membership meeting and election of officers returns to Bellefonte and will be held at Lambert Hall, which is owned by Undine Fire Co.

The facility is similar to Shavers Creek with a large outdoor pavilion and grass area for a casting contest. The pavilion can accommodate about 300 people.

Mark the date on your calendar and look for an agenda and more information in the summer issue of *PA Trout*.

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then you know why TU has worked so hard to protect and restore the basin's trout streams.

Without a doubt, this has been a "One TU" effort with grassroots and staff working together to provide comprehensive coverage of the watershed.

TU recently organized a "fly-in" for TU members from the Delaware River watershed to meet with their members of Congress in Washington, D.C. Four outstanding TU volunteers from Pennsylvania joined the event, including Brian Wagner (Forks of the Delaware Chapter of TU), Mike Recine (Monocacy Chapter of TU), and Peter Hughes and Chuck Cutshall (Valley Forge Chapter of TU). Meetings focused on educating federal decision-makers about the importance of protecting fish and wildlife habitat in the Delaware River watershed and the need for federal funding to achieve conservation goals – both of which could be accomplished with passage of the Delaware River Basin Conservation Act (DRBCA).

The DRBCA would create a non-regulatory, voluntary program within the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to help identify, prioritize and implement projects that enhance fish and wildlife habitat protection and restoration. Importantly, this bill authorizes \$5 million in federal funding for a competitive grant program that could leverage existing restoration and enhancement efforts in the basin – most of which are currently funded by private foundation investments and state and local dollars.

In early April, TU brought that message home to Pennsylvania to raise awareness of the DRBCA among regional and local



Contributed Photo

Brian Wagner (Forks of the Delaware), Mike Recine (Monocacy), and Peter Hughes and Chuck Cutshall (Valley Forge) were among TU volunteers who traveled to Washington, D.C. to show support for the Delaware River watershed.

organizations. We hosted an intimate conservation roundtable discussion focused on the DRBCA in Malvern, Pa., with Congressman Ryan Costello (PA-06) and about 20 people representing 15 local conservation organizations from his district, including the Tulpehocken, Perkiomen and Valley Forge TU chapters. While each organization described the challenges they are addressing to protect water quality and fish and wildlife habitat, one thing became abundantly clear: additional federal dollars would significantly enhance and expand the work that is being done in Pennsylvania's 6th district.

There are countless other issues that TU staff, chapters and grassroots members are working on to improve, protect and restore the Delaware River watershed's streams and aquatic life – too many to describe here. Thank you. Without your efforts, the Delaware River watershed wouldn't be the amazing coldwater fishery it is today.

Yough symposium June 24-25

Join Chestnut Ridge Chapter of Trout Unlimited and its partners, Mountain Watershed Association and the Youghiogheny Riverkeeper, Ohio State Park and the Fayette County Conservation District for the 2nd Youghiogheny River Symposium on June 24-25.

Events will be held Friday, June 24 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Pennsylvania State University Fayette, Eberly Campus, on Route 119 in Uniontown. Cost is \$20.



Starting the day is Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn. Also, Dr. Cynthia Walter, associate professor of biology at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, will discuss World Heritage Sites and why many areas in Pennsylvania should be considered as candidates. Other panel discussions for Friday include:

- The Living River – with speakers from Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- The River of Opportunity – with speakers from Laurel Highlands Visitor Bureau, Wilderness Voyageurs and Ohio State Park
- History of Healing – with speakers from Casselman River Watershed Association, Chestnut Ridge TU, Jacobs Creek Watershed Association,

Mountain Watershed Association, Sewickley Creek Watershed Association

- The River at Risk – with topics including Invasive Species, Shale Gas, Abandoned Mine Drainage, Active Mining Water Quantity and Climate Change by California University of Pennsylvania

The symposium ends with a “Call to Action.” Afterwards, attendees and guests can meet for Happy Hour at the nearby Knights of Columbus pavilion to hear some of the best fishing guides who work the Yough talk about their creel surveys – the number and size of some of the river’s big browns and rainbows.

Saturday, June 25 is a relaxed day for attendees beginning at 11 a.m. at the Youghiogheny Lake outflow in Confluence. Tour the cage culture nursery maintained by Chestnut Ridge TU in conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, stop by the chapter’s tent at the outflow, grab a hot dog at noon and see one of CRTU’s most popular projects while taking some time to wet a line on the Yough.

Co-sponsors for the symposium include the Fayette County Commissioners, Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds, Mountain Watershed Association and the Youghiogheny Riverkeeper, and the Fayette County Conservation District.

Visit www.chestnutridgetu.org to view the agenda or download directions and a registration form. Or visit www.mtwatershed.com/events/youghiogheny-river-symposium-hosted-by-crtu/ to register online.

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Watershed Ambassadors who worked closely with local communities to monitor stream health and provide watershed education and outreach to local residents.

Tali’s passion for outdoor recreation was ignited while she was living in Seattle, Wash., for graduate school. Bike rides and hikes with spectacular vistas of the Pacific Ocean, the Cascade mountain range, and the Gorge at George along the

Columbia River inspired a desire to ensure that such critical landscapes and habitats are protected for fish and wildlife while still allowing for the use and enjoyment of those resources by local communities.

Tali brings that passion to CHP and PATU and hopes that her work will serve to conserve and protect Pennsylvania’s coldwater streams and the legacy of fisheries they provide for residents and visitors alike.

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Headwaters

A message from PATU President Charlie Charlesworth

Lead, follow or get out of the way has always been a mantra for me.

It comes easy for me, I'm a Type A personality, a self-motivator. In some aspects it makes me somewhat short-sighted though. Quite often, I can't understand why some people don't get as excited as I do about a goal, a challenge or a project. It has taken me many years to "curb my enthusiasm."

Passion, I think, is a word that best describes me. In all things I do, I have passion.

I hope you will take the time to permit me to tell you some of the things I am passionate about.

I am passionate about conservation and the environment. So passionate that TU wasn't enough. Passion for the environment has challenged me to become a board member of the county conservation district where I live.

My passion for conservation and our watersheds has driven me to get more involved in the farming practices of our region. I once saw a documentary on storm water runoff. I now find myself looking at paved parking lots to see where their runoff is going, or trace pipes that I see at river's edge to see where they lead to. When I drive by a construction site I check to see if they have the required erosion and sediment controls in place. Poor cows aren't even safe around me. I'll sometimes ask a farmer why he permits his cows to have access directly to the streambed. This makes for a great relationship when I'm fishing on his property.

Am I asking for people to be like me or follow my lead? I hope not. But, if I could get all 13,000 members of PATU to be just a little bit like me, I can just imagine what a better chance our watersheds would have.

Look, I know you don't have all the time that I do, and I can see where someone wouldn't have the ambition that I have, but if you could turn that little bit of passion into some type of volunteerism we could accomplish three times the amount of conservation efforts we now complete.

I also know that many of you wouldn't even know where to start. I have the perfect solution. Attend a chapter meeting. It all starts with one question: "What is it I can do?"

Another thing I am quite passionate about is youth education. Do I need to say it? Do I need to say "they are the future of fly fishing?"

Of course they are, and what are we going to do about getting them outside and on a stream instead of playing a virtual fly fishing video game? If you're interested you don't need to go out and re-invent the wheel. National TU has programs already in place and, I guarantee you, local chapters, all local chapters, are doing some type of youth activity. On the National level, TU has a series of programs called the Stream of Engagement, including: Stream Explorers (12 and under), TU Teens (13-18) and the College Initiative 5 Rivers Program, all under the Headwaters program.

Check with you local chapter to see what they have or what you can do to help out. Because of your lack of available time,



the only way you may be able to help is through financial assistance. Chapter leaders, this is for you: National could do a lot better job if you would go to the "Chapter Leaders" section of the "Leaders Only" part of www.tu.org and list a chapter TIC chair if you support TIC, and a separate Youth Education chair if you do youth programs other than TIC.

One last area I'm passionate about, and this is because my wife and daughters fish, is the Women's Initiative. Fishing is a sport that more and more women are becoming involved in. We have put WI programs in place both nationally and on the Council level. Our state chair is a great lady named Kandy Weader, and you will see first-hand what we need to do in Pennsylvania to make all women feel comfortable and welcome at TU events, and to increase our female membership to levels of other fishing organizations. We can do better. Again, chapter leaders, we need you to take the lead and assign someone to chair your WI Committee and list them in the Leaders Only section of the website.

I'm not the kind of person who is going to fill you with a lot of flowery rhetoric and platitudes. That's not my nature. I do hope, however, that I can motivate you enough to reach out and help those that have been carrying the burden for us for so many decades. You know them – the same 12 guys in every chapter that have been doing all the work all along. Regardless of what you think, they will invite you to help with open arms.

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Annual PATU award nominations due July 31

The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited will present its annual awards at the fall meeting at Lambert Hall in Bellefonte, PA on Sept. 10, 2016.

There is a huge amount of extraordinary work being accomplished by PATU chapters, as well as many individuals, and that work should be recognized. If you have a group, chapter or individual you feel is worthy of a nomination, **please consider filling out a nomination form**. The form is available on the next page. Nominations are due by July 31.

Forms may be emailed to Tali MacArthur at c-tmacarth@pa.gov or mailed to her at P.O. Box 5148, Bellefonte, PA 16823.

Please include a brief written justification for the nomination, clearly state 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 as indicated below 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** – Who do you know, or have worked with, that particularly contributed time and 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.
- **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. Send nominations, with a few copies of the newsletter, to Brad Isles at PO Box 23, Grove City, PA 16127.
- **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?
- **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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CHP awards 9 grants at coldwater conference

The Coldwater Heritage Partnership presented nine conservation grants during the 12th Keystone Coldwater Conference held Feb. 26-27 at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in State College, PA.

This year's conference, "Coldwater Resources: Connecting Conservation, Protection, Restoration and Stewardship" was attended by over 200 individuals from conservation organizations, conservation districts, watershed associations, TU chapters, state agencies and universities.

The conference opened Friday with a workshop, "Conservation Opportunities for Stream Stewards and Environmental Professionals." Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and National Resources Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn gave the keynote address Saturday morning. Nearly two dozen workshop sessions and a student poster contest were also part of the weekend.

The Coldwater Heritage Partnership this year awarded five grants to create coldwater conservation plans and four grants to implement projects listed in completed plans.

These coldwater conservation plans provide funding to assist conservation organization in:

- Gathering existing data about the coldwater ecosystem
- Identifying potential impacts and threats
- Formulating a plan of action, and
- Building community awareness for the conservation of our coldwater streams

The implementation projects help to enhance, conserve, or protect the quality of the state's coldwater streams.

- **Anderson Creek Watershed Association:** To create a Coldwater



Brad Isles Photos

Above, the Coldwater Heritage Partnership awarded nine grants to recipients during the Keystone Coldwater Conference held Feb. 26-27 at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in State College. Below, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and National Resources Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn gave the keynote address to more than 200 attendees.

Conservation Plan to protect and conserve the Anderson Creek watershed.

- **Chest Creek Watershed Alliance:**

To create a Coldwater Conservation Plan to protect and conserve the Chest Creek watershed.

- **Jacobs Creek Watershed Association:**

To assess any potential impacts that would directly affect Jacobs Creek Watershed's only Chapter 93 Exceptional Value Stream, Green Lick Run.

- **North Pocono Citizens Alert Regarding the Environment:**

To monitor Ash Creek for impacts of the PPL transmission line and to make a concerted effort to protect Ask Creek.

- **Western Pennsylvania Conservancy:**

Western PA Conservancy and partners will develop a Coldwater Conservation Plan for the South Branch of Bear Run that will used along with existing North Branch Plan to guide restoration and improve fish habitat and water quality.



- **Little Lehigh Chapter of Trout Unlimited:**

To plant 160 to 200 trees and shrubs to help restore the riparian buffer along a 1,200-linear-foot segment of the Little Lehigh Creek that is susceptible to stormwater runoff from an adjacent secondary road.

- **Somerset Conservation District:**

Restore native riparian vegetation throughout a golf course corridor along Heckman Hollow and the North Fork of Bens Creek.

- **United States Youth Fly Fishing Team:**

Collaborating partners will design and construct in-stream habitat enhancement structures and complete riparian improvement.

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PA COUNCIL OF TROUT UNLIMITED

*Minutes of the April 10, 2016
Executive Committee Meeting
PFBC Facility, Pleasant Gap, PA*

Officers Attending: Charlie Charlesworth, George Kutskel, Bob Pennell, John Leonard, Brian Wagner, Mark Hanes, Monty Murty, , Chuck Winters, Fred Gender, Alan Howe, Chris Burns.

Others Attending: Ken Undercoffer, Tali MacArthur, Kandy Weader, Bob Vierck (Spring Creek Chapter).

President's Report: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Charlesworth who recapped his principal activities since Jan. 4. Approval was granted on a motion by Hanes/seconded by Burns to accept the minutes of the Oct. 3, 2015 and Nov. 7, 2015 EXCOM meetings, as previously distributed to EXCOM. Council's new program director, Tali MacArthur was introduced to EXCOM members.

Treasurer's Report: Kutskel reported that an independent financial audit of Council's books had been completed and our Form 990 and tax returns had been filed. The Treasurer's Report dated Spring 2016 was approved on a motion by Hanes/seconded by Wagner. Pennell will send out the latest Budget Report to members of EXCOM.

Discussion/Action Items

- **PATU Annual Fall Meeting:** Kutskel announced that Lambert Hall in Bellefonte had been selected as the site for our Annual Meeting on Sept. 10. A different location will be selected for our EXCOM meeting the following day.
- **PATU Regional Trainings:** Locations and dates for 2016 regional trainings will be researched by Charlesworth, Wagner, Malaska and Gender for eastern PA, and Kutskel, Hanes and Winters for western PA.
- **PFBC Commissioner Vacancy:** After considerable discussion regarding Charlesworth's application for the PFBC Boating Commissioner at Large position and whether this represented

a conflict of interest with his position as president of Council, it was decided that he should proceed with the application process.

Communications Commit-

tee: Brad Isles' report pointed out that online "reads" for the digital edition of the Winter issue of *PA Trout* had doubled to just over 1,000 compared to about 500 for the Fall issue. A media kit with advertising rates was distributed to EXCOM, and Charlesworth stated that Council needs to find someone other than him to solicit advertising.

Delaware River Committee: Wagner reported that for the first time in 3 years all of the Regulated Flow Advisory Committee (RFAC) committee members were in attendance for their April 5 meeting. Lee Hartman's report stated that Trout Unlimited, Friends of the Upper Delaware (FUDR) and the Delaware Watershed Conservation Coalition (DWCC) recently released the 2016 "Fair Share" requests addressing the next Water Management Plan (FFMP) for the NYC Delaware River basin reservoirs.

Development Committee: Kutskel reported that approximately \$15,000 has been received to date as a result of our yearend annual appeal, and sales of Trout in the Classroom raffle ticket sales are approaching \$5,000. Merchandise items will be highlighted in future issues of the PATU Monthly online news publication, and the price of leaders will be raised slightly to cover increased mailing costs.

Legislative Committee: Katy Dunlap reported on her efforts on behalf of PA Council in support SB1168 which would allow PFBC to raise fishing license rates without legislative approval. She also organized congressional support in Washington for the Delaware River Basin Conservation Act (DRBCA).

Membership Committee: Hanes reported that PA membership currently is 14,053 members and commented that National TU's recent change in adding spouses to the roster apparently was a significant factor in increasing the numbers.

Trout Management Committee: Undercoffer commented on the proposal to stock fish and allow the use of bait in the



Trophy Trout section of Saucon Creek in Bethlehem which is classified as a Class A Wild Trout stream. After a lively discussion on the fallacy of this proposal and the contradiction with the PFBC's established policy, Wagner volunteered to

visit the mayor of Bethlehem with Erik Broesicke who is spearheading the effort for the Monocacy Chapter. The Northampton County Conservation District's watershed specialist has also volunteered to write a letter to PFBC in support of our efforts.

Proposal for Revisions to Bylaws: Leonard proposed a change in the Council Bylaws to add the responsibility for each of the two vice presidents to oversee the activities of three regional vice presidents. Adding specific requirements for chapters to file quarterly reports and send a delegate to the PATU Annual Meeting were also requested. Pennell will compose language for these Bylaws revisions for approval at the next EXCOM meeting.

Environmental Committee: Jeff Ripple's report included his consultations with Cumberland Valley Chapter on upgrading Big Spring and Letort Spring Run to HQEV status, DelCo-Manning Chapter on a golf course development along Ridley creek, and Monocacy Chapter on a development along Monocacy Creek and the proposal to allow stocking and bait fishing on Saucon Creek.

Stream Access Committee: Winters reported that the Mountain Laurel Chapter will obtain an access easement on Yellow Creek in Bedford County which will require three years of stream improvement projects that will be completed without any funding assistance.

Youth Education Committee: Judi Sittler's report included her activities with the National TU NLC workgroup to assist chapters in their efforts to design more youth and family friendly activities. She is also involved in planning for the Wildlife Leadership Academy's Brookies Camp and plans to attend National TU's Teen Summit in Montana later this year.

It was also agreed that National TU needs to understand that startup 5 Rivers programs in PA must be associated with

a chapter, even though National does not require this.

Women's Initiative: Kandy Weader reported that 15 chapter coordinators have been signed up in PA, the highest number in the nation. A Facebook ad seeking volunteers reached 3,094 women at a cost of \$8. Six women's events took place in the past quarter, with 10 more planned for the upcoming quarter. Kutskel will meet with Weader and Hanes to establish a budget for a statewide event to attract women.

National Leadership Council: Murty reported that National TU approved Council's submission for re-chartering all 48 chapters, all except seven of which were recommended for a full four-year term.

Regional Reports

- **North Central** – All eight chapter reports were filed.
- **Northeast** – Seven out of nine chapter reports were filed. Schuylkill County and Stanley Cooper did not report.
- **Northwest** – All nine chapter reports were filed.
- **South Central** – All eight chapter reports were filed.
- **Southeast** – Five out of seven chapter reports were filed. Bucks County and DelCo-Manning did not report.
- **Southwest** – All seven chapter reports were filed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m. on a motion by Hanes/seconded by Winters.

– Bob Pennell, Council Secretary

Women's Initiative chair seeks to jump-start events across the state

By Kandy Weader
Women's Initiative Chair

My goal as chair of the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited Women's Initiative Committee is to help all chapters initiate or improve their women's events.

If your chapter is sponsoring an event,

I would like to know about it. If you want to have an event, I can help you plan it. Reach me by email at kweader@comcast.net or by phone at 814-574-5570.

Listed below are events some PATU chapters already have scheduled. Ladies, we look forward to you joining us.



Upcoming events

If you are interested in getting started in fly fishing or are looking to improve your skills in a relaxed and friendly environment, then the **Frontiers' Women's Fly Fishing Clinic** is for you.

Join Barry and Cathy Beck in Benton, PA from May 13-15 for a weekend of fly fishing instruction, making new friends, superior accommodations and farm-to-table meals. Plus, you'll have the chance to swap travel stories with fellow anglers from Frontiers. Learn more at www.frontierstravel.com/womens-fly-fishing-weekend-may-2016.

Other upcoming events include:

- **2nd Annual Ladies Spring Outing** – Time TBD on May 14. This year we will be fishing at Yellow Creek Trout Club with a day of fishing, lunch and instruction. Contact Leah Eggers at flygirl_fish@yahoo.com for more information or to register.

- **Spring Creek Women of Trout Unlimited Fishing Day** – May 22 at 2 p.m. at Spring Creek Canyon.

- **Get Outdoors Family Fishing Picnic** – June 12 from noon to 4 p.m. at Tussey Mountain pavilion and pond. It is sponsored by the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Central PA Women Anglers group.

- **Family Outdoor & Fishing Picnic** – June 18, 2016 at Penns Cave from 9 a.m. to 3p.m. It is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission.

- **Family Fishing Festival** – June 26 at Bald Eagle State Park Pavilion #8 (winter boat launch; where the fishing pier is) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission.

Visit www.tu.org/connect/groups/pa-women-fishing for more details or to register.

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- **Wildlands Conservancy:** Funding will be used to implement a recommended stream restoration project on the East Branch of Saucon Creek.

Sponsors included Earth Conservancy; Pennsylvania Sea Grant; Glenn O. Hawbaker, Inc.; Western Pennsylvania Conservancy; Pennsylvania DCNR; Environment Digest, Crisci Associates; Conservation Service, Inc.; Hanover Engineering Associates, Inc.; and PATU.

Student poster sponsors were Allegheny Mountain TU, Spring Creek TU, Penns Creek TU, Ken Sink TU and Forks of the Delaware TU.

The Coldwater Heritage Partnership is a cooperative initiative between Pennsylvania Trout, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds.

The purpose of the Coldwater Heritage Partnership is to provide leadership, technical assistance and funding support for the conservation and protection of

Pennsylvania's coldwater streams. This program targets Pennsylvania's most pristine coldwater resources to ensure they are around for future generations.

Since Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited began administering the program in 2003, the Partnership has awarded 95 coldwater conservation planning, and 19 implementation grants. The initial investment of more than \$350,000 has helped leverage more than \$5 million in implementation projects worthy of protecting our headwater streams.

Learn more at www.coldwaterconference.com.

CHP grant aids Little Lehigh buffer project

On April 9, approximately 40 volunteers from the Little Lehigh Chapter of TU, Boy Scout Troop 131 and several community members completed Phase 1 of the chapter's 2016 riparian buffer restoration project on Little Lehigh Creek. The chapter was awarded a \$7,000 Coldwater Heritage Partnership implementation grant earlier this year to fund planting of 164 native trees and shrubs along a 1,200-foot long section of the Little Lehigh in Lower Macungie Township, Lehigh County.

The chapter's project partners included Troop 131, which provided labor; Lower Macungie Township, which owns the land where the project took place; and Wildlands Conservancy, which consulted with the chapter on planning and selecting appropriate riparian buffer plants. The township's Public Works Department also assisted by augering all planting holes ahead of time and providing mulch for the new plantings. Members of the community also volunteered to cut up sections of chicken wire to be used for protective cages for the finished plantings.

The obvious beneficiaries of this project will be the trout in Little Lehigh Creek, which is designated by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection as a high quality coldwater fishery. The township was also interested in mitigating stormwater runoff to the creek, because DEP's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System regulations hold the township accountable for the quality of stormwater entering the creek. The riparian buffer plantings will help to filter contaminants from stormwater washing off of the adjacent road and coming from residential development across the road. Because the neighboring development dates to the 1960s, its stormwater is conveyed directly to



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Local Boy Scout Troop 131 assisted with riparian buffer planting along Little Lehigh Creek as part of a restoration project aided by a Coldwater Heritage Partnership implementation grant.

the Little Lehigh with no detention or retention structures. Water quality in the Little Lehigh is important to humans as well as trout because it is one of the public water sources for both the City of Allentown and Lower Macungie Township.

Phase 2 of the project, scheduled for May 14, will involve planting an additional 118 trees and shrubs in the riparian buffer to 500 feet upstream of the Phase 1 project area. The second phase will be funded by a \$5,000 private grant that the Little Lehigh Chapter was awarded from the Rettew Charitable Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Rettew Associates, Inc. Rettew employees will be assisting with the field work for the Phase 2 planting.

Perkiomen TU seeks members to fill chapter positions

The Perkiomen Chapter of Trout Unlimited has Trout in the Classroom release days scheduled for Upper Perkiomen High School on May 12; Hereford Elementary School on May 13; and Upper Providence Elementary and Evans Elementary schools on May 31. Anyone interested in helping with these releases should contact Tom Smith, TIC coordinator, at twsmith623@comcast.net or 215-513-9709.

A fifth TIC release, a beginner's fly casting class on the Perkiomen and a tree planting are in the process of being scheduled. The TIC release and the beginner's fly casting class will be in May, and the tree planting will be during the summer. As soon as these dates are available they will be emailed to chapter members and be posted on the chapter's Facebook page and website. The chapter's Facebook page is <https://www.facebook.com/Perkiomen-Valley-Trout-Unlimited-332-420754394776827/>.

Like the page and watch it for announcements and event dates. Any chapter member who would like to share a fishing story/photo or stream conditions is welcome to add it to the page.

The chapter is in the process of setting up a new website, which should be available shortly, and is looking for a tech savvy person, or persons, who would be interested in managing the new site and the Facebook page. An announcement will be sent to all chapter members once the site is ready.

A call to members: The chapter has a few positions that need to be filled and we are looking for members who are willing to volunteer a few hours of their time each month. In particular, the chapter needs a secretary and a membership coordinator. The secretary is responsible for recording the minutes of board meetings and for chapter correspondence. The membership coordinator is responsible for welcoming

new members and for communications with all members to keep them informed of chapter events. Of course, help is always needed and welcome for any of the conservation and restoration projects, like the upcoming tree planting.

Lastly, the chapter is exploring a partnership with Casting for Recovery and Project Healing Waters and would like to know if there are any members who would be interested in participating in either of these programs. Both of these partnerships will need a coordinator at the chapter to oversee those programs, and volunteers don't need to be experienced with fly fishing or tying. Volunteers are also needed to help with outings and other events.

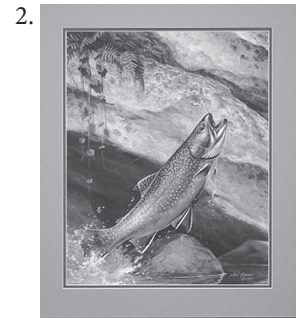
Anyone interested in volunteering for any of these positions or programs should contact Chaz Macdonald at chazmac1949@rcn.com or Tom Smith, chapter VP, at twsmith623@comcast.net.

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TIC Raffle winners announced

The PATU Trout in the Classroom Raffle drawing was held on Friday, April 15. The lucky winners for 2016 were:

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- Adams County TU
- Jeryl Green
- Steve Podrotsky
- Lloyd Wilson Chapter TU
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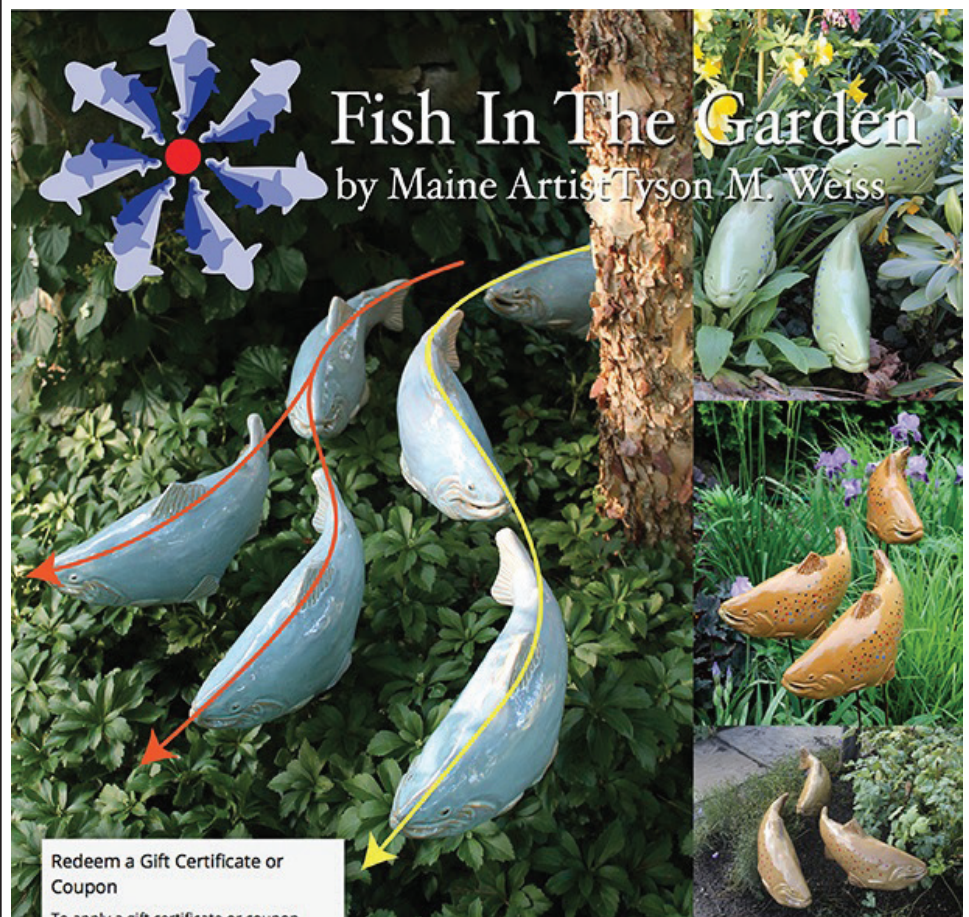
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- Dale Ott
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Our 18th annual banquet was March 18 at Stroudsmoor Country Inn in Stroudsburg. We plan to complete our Pocono Creek Phase 1 project in June. We communicated with Stroudsburg High School regarding the start-up of a TIC project. The school would join Swiftwater Intermediate School as our TIC participants. On March 19, we conducted our fly fishing workshop for the Monroe County Conservation District. Upcoming events include Project Healing Waters from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 11 at Indian Mt. Rod & Gun Club, a general membership meeting at 7 p.m. May 11 at Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, Project Healing Waters from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 8 at a location to be determined, our chapter picnic on June 11 at ForEvergreen Preserve in Analomink, and a fly fishing workshop from 1-4 p.m. June 26 at ForEvergreen Preserve.

Forks of the Delaware Chapter #482

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The chapter appointed Karl Loser as its financial reviewer. We had a table at Stockertown Rod & Gun Club's flea market. Tickets were distributed for the 2016 conservation raffle to be held on Sept. 17 at our pig & corn roast. Lehigh Valley chapters held their joint spring event on March 19. Design work is complete and the permitting process will begin for a stream restoration project on Bushkill Creek between Tatamy and Newlins Mill. The chapter is partnering with the Bushkill Stream Conservancy on the project. The chapter

had a table at the Grace Church sportsmen's dinner and at St. John's U.C.C. sportsmen's dinner. Due to an emergency, a new chiller was purchased for Bangor Middle school. Nazareth's release day was April 29 and Wind Gap's is May 20.

Hokendauqua Chapter #535

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The chapter's eight-week fly tying course ended March 5. We had 30 participants and 26 instructors. We had a stream cleanup on the Hokey on April 23. A second date is May 14 on Coplay Creek beginning at 9 a.m. at Hokendauqua Park in Whitehall. Catasauqua High School students released TIC fish in the Hokey before the Easter break. Our May 18 membership meeting is at our outdoor education area by Lerchenmiller Drive bridge. We have a Project Healing Waters event on May 21 at Dr. Saks' pond. We are taking part in the Kreidersville Covered Bridge Festival June 4-5. On June 11, the chapter will teach fly fishing to ladies participating in Women in the Outdoors at Ontelaunee Rod and Gun Club.

Lackawanna Valley Chapter #414

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Our banquet was May 7. We had a booth at a hunting and fishing indoor flea market and an all-you-can eat pancake breakfast at Applebee's as other fundraisers. We have been working on our Sweeney Beach Environmental Education Center since March. We are \$30,000 into the \$120,000 project. We recently did a controlled burn on the property with the help of the Scranton Fire Department. The 6th year of our TU Teens Fly Fishing School was January through May. Our 2nd Keystone/TU Teens Summer Conservation is June 19-25. Our 5 Rivers Clubs from Keystone College and the University of Scranton held a fly fishing video tour and expo at Keystone College on March 11 and held a steelhead fishing trip to Altmar March 12-13. TU Teens and the Keystone Creekwalkers presented at our March meeting. We had a chapter social and wine tasting on May 7 at Hart Lake Lodge in Germin. A women's beginner fly fishing class was May 7 at Hillside Park in Clarks Summit. Our family fly fishing day is June 25 at Lackawanna State Park.

Monocacy Chapter #491

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On March 22, we shared a meeting with the Monocacy Creek Watershed Association that featured an update by Wildlands Conservancy on the plan to renovate Illick's Mill Park. The plan

calls for major changes to the park, many of which are safety related. Monocacy Creek runs through the park and is currently lined with railroad ties on both sides. Many of the ties have washed away leaving rebar sticking up along with dangerous holes. The plan also calls for the removal of the roughly 10 "dams" that are built up each year for the fishing derby. These will be replaced with flow improvement structures, in-stream habitat and other features. Specific attention has been paid to allowing public access to the stream, but doing so in a responsible way. The chapter, in partnership with ArtsQuest, featured the sold-out 2016 Fly Fishing Film Tour on March 30. We are closely monitoring and making comment on a recent PFBC letter sent to the City of Bethlehem that outlined options for changing the current fishing regulations in Saucon Park. Current regulations are Trophy Trout, Artificial Lures Only. The PFBC states that the letter was sent in response to angler requests to allow bait fishing, and outlined options for that and stocking. Saucon Creek in the park is Class A in that section, hasn't been stocked in 20 years, and according to PFBC biologists reports, had a dramatic increase in wild trout populations when the regulations were made Trophy Trout, ALO in 1995. Erik Broesicke and Bob Signorello met with parks director Ralph Carp to discuss our opposition to the changes. We also sent a letter to the mayor, Robert Donchez, and have asked others who fish the creek in that section to do the same. Our next event is fishing the evening hatch at 6 p.m. May 24 at Illick's Mill Park.

Pike-Wayne Chapter #462

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Our annual banquet was April 2 at Lukan's Farm Resort in Hawley. Our annual Lackawaxen River Stream cleanup was April 10. Upcoming monthly meetings are May 9 and June 13 at the Picnic Pool on the Lackawaxen River.

Western Pocono Chapter #203

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On March 15 at the Penn State Hazleton campus, four panelists presented on Waterways Hiking Trails of Pennsylvania. They were: Bridget Kane, Susquehanna Greenway Partnership; Scott Everett, Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor; Don Miller, Pocono Heritage Land Trust and Brodhead TU; and Bob Skulsky, Greater Hazleton Rails to Trails. On April 14, Ken Undercoffer, presented on brook trout at Nescopeck State Park. WPTU is currently working with the Luzerne County Conservation District on a stream riparian planting project at Nescopeck State Park. We sponsor two TIC projects at Hazleton Area and Jim Thorpe Area school districts. Chapter members George Hludzki, Ray Youngblood and

Mike Gondell gave presentations in February to the Hazleton STEM School Ecology Club. Our summer picnic at Austin Blakeslee Park on Tobyhanna Creek, Blakeslee, is to be announced.

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Columbia County Chapter #38

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We made a chapter trip to The Fly Fishing Show in March and fishing trips to Spring Creek in April and the West Branch of the Delaware River in Deposit, NY, May 6-8. Our chapter picnic is June 14 at Kocher Park, Lightstreet. The next chapter meeting is Sept. 13 at Columbia County District Conservation Office, Bloomsburg.

God's Country Chapter #327

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Fundraising efforts continue with our "Cast Away" raffle, a six-hour charter for four anglers on Lake Erie donated by Capt. Fred Forsythe. In early March, several members met for an evening of addressing, signing and stamping letters and envelopes to previous sponsors of our Project Healing Waters fishing events. Plans are underway for our 9th annual PHWFF event on May 24-27 in honor of "Conflicts and Rescues 1975-2000." A call reporting E&S violations occurring at an old stone quarry at the headwaters of Peet Brook, a tributary of the Allegheny River above Coudersport and recently re-designated as Class A was received by the chapter. The Potter County Conservation District, acting upon our complaint, shut down the quarry. Having no permits on-site or to the knowledge of anyone on-site, the issue was referred to the Bureau of Mines for further investigation and enforcement. Chapter members Ted Bear and Kathy Mitchell hosted a meeting at their home attempting to "re-invigorate" the Upper First Fork of Sinnamahoning Creek Watershed

Association. Local newspapers published articles concerning the "Snapshot Day" held last summer in the watershed. All parameters tested by the monitors in the watershed streams showed excellent water quality. By request from Katy Dunlap, the chapter and members sent letters of support of DEP's recommended proposed rulemaking to the Environmental Quality Board to upgrade 50 Class A Trout Streams, including Potter County's Mill Creek, to High Quality status. Our "bootwash stations" are ready to be or have been re-installed at Potter County special regulation areas on the Allegheny, First Fork and Kettle Creek. Coudersport High School health and physical education teacher, and "Outdoor Class" instructor, Scott Andrews attended our February meeting to solicit assistance with his class. We encouraged him to get started on a TIC program for next year, but did manage to have the class outing and stock "excess fish" in the Allegheny River on March 11, courtesy of the Potter County Anglers Club. We have plans for the class to assist in the removal of invasive plants and beaver dams in the DHALO project on the upper Allegheny in late April or May. The TIC program in Coudersport Elementary School experienced a high mortality rate and the Anglers Club again stepped up to provide brookie fingerlings for the May 19 6th grade TIC release day in the First Fork. Tree planting, macroinvertebrate sampling, fly casting instruction, several other activities and lunch are planned. Plans are in progress for new signs for the Allegheny DHALO to be installed. Road cleanup along Route 6 in cooperation with the Upper Allegheny Watershed Association was April 9.

Lloyd Wilson Chapter #224

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The TIC program at Jersey Shore High planned a release for May 10. A successful five-session fly tying course ended March 24. Members will teach fly casting and tying to Jersey Shore Middle School students at Little Pine State Park May 17-18. The first of several fishing events at the NE Fishery Center in Lamar are on May 24 and guests will be students from the Life Skills class of Keystone Central. Our family picnic is at the Sieg Conference Center along Big Fishing Creek at Lamar on June 1. Our next membership meeting is May 25 at Citizen's Fire Co. Lock Haven.

Penns Creek Chapter #119

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Our spring banquet was March 5. Mike Klimkos from the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp presented. We voted at our March 9 meeting to support the April 28 Envirothon in Juniata County, and to purchase additional plants for the Little Kish Creek project. We also

discussed support for the Lost Creek watershed project. Members manned a table at the Field & Stream store in Altoona on March 20 where we publicized the coldwater conservation mission of TU as well as chapter projects. We also offered fly tying lessons for kids at the table. June 11 is our Penns Creek chapter summer social at Kevin Lutz's camp. Aug. 13 is the NWFY Youth Field Day at Mifflin County Sportsmans Association clubhouse.

R.B. Winter Chapter #124

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Members have been attending monthly meetings of the Snyder/Union Counties Conservation Union where many key contacts have been made with the conservation agencies of the area. We are working on a new TIC program for the Lewisburg area. Our annual banquet was April 1 at Sunbury Social Club. We held a Penns Creek cleanup on April 24 and a Project Healing Waters event on April 30. Our chapter picnic is May 18 from 3-7 p.m. at The Lodge on Penns Creek. The R.B. Winter State Park Summerfest is June 19 at the park.

Spring Creek Chapter #185

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The strategic planning committee began meetings to develop a new plan for the chapter, including a survey for membership. We entered into discussions with the Central Pennsylvania Women Anglers to create a women's program. Our Veteran's Service Program at Fisherman's Paradise was attended by U.S. Rep. Glenn Thompson and PFBC Director John Arway on opening day. We wrote letters to PFBC and others to oppose changing the regulations for Saucon Creek. We established a plan for conservation activities for Thompson Run for the dedication of a plaque commemorating the work accomplished by the chapter in 1977 to separate Thompson Run from "the Duck Pond." We established a work plan for the wetlands at the site of last year's Oak Hall project. We are preparing a NFWF grant proposal for various sites on Spring Creek. Our 43rd annual FUNraiser was April 16 at Mountain View Country Club. Our Veteran's Service Program met April 24 at Fisherman's Paradise, and Women Anglers met with guide Tom Doman, who presented leader construction and casting instructions the same day on Spring Creek at Shiloh Road. Centre Gives, a 36-hour fundraising event, was May 5-6. The Veteran's Service Program meets again on May 22 at Boalsburg. Women Anglers meets the same day. Our board's strategic planning day is June 4 and the Get Outdoors Family Fishing Picnic is June 12 at Tussey Mountain.

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Susquehanna Chapter #044

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We continue monitoring at five stations on the headwaters of Rock Run, a tributary to Lycoming Creek, as part of a Coldwater Heritage Partnership planning project. Project Healing Waters fly tying sessions were held and we planned an outing on Penns Creek in April. Regular fly tying sessions were weekly through February and March. We arranged for a TIC program at Montgomery High School. We hosted a meeting with Eric Hussar, PFBC commissioner, and WCO Emmitt Kyler on new issues and programs.

Tiadaghton Chapter #688

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Our annual banquet was April 2 at the Penn Wells Hotel in Wellsboro. Amy Wolfe, from National TU was our speaker. Charles Andrews, president of TCCC Inc., talked about a \$2.5 million AMD remediation project on the Fallbrook Branch of the Tioga River near Blossburg, the first of many needed in an effort to bring the Tioga River back to life. On May 6, we participated in a riparian restoration project on the North Fork in Tioga County, a tributary of the Cowanesque River that is undergoing extensive reclamation. We will also resume sampling on six tributaries on Little Pine Creek to collect baseline data both biological and chemical to add to our data sets for these tributaries. We are assisting with several TIC release days throughout the county in May. Hills Creek State Park's Springfest event is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 21. Chapter members will teach the fundamentals of fly tying, casting and provide educational activities in aquatic biology. May 19 is the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Fallbrook project at the Hillside Rod and Gun Club. Chapter meetings are the first Monday of each month except July and August at Wellsboro Community Center.

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Allegheny Mountain Chapter #036

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Our 50th annual banquet was April 2. We received a grant through Headwaters and filed a permit application for habitat work on Wilson Run in northern Clearfield County. We are working to find funding to complete habitat work in the Sandy Lick Delayed Harvest Area with the City of DuBois. We hosted several youth fishing events, including Girl Scouts on April 23 and DuBois Middle School special needs on May 6 at the Tannery Dam in DuBois. On May 19, Brockway Elementary is doing a macro collection at Clear Creek State Park. DuBois Middle School Environmental Day is May 20 at Camp Mountain Run, and reaches 400 students.

Caldwell Creek Chapter #437

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We attended EPA hearing in Columbus, challenging the permitting of two new Class 2D injection wells and the 10-year extension on three previously permitted wells. These are approximately 35-year-old wells being used for the disposal of brine and all other fluids permitted under Class 2D, which is extensive. We continue weekly water testing under the CCC/Allarm program and filed with CITSI. We attended a workshop on the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and found two local sites that are infected. We have four TIC programs. Our fly tying classes finished April 6. We had a very successful fly fishing workshop on March 26 at the Rotary Pavilion on Presque Isle.

Cornplanter Chapter #526

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The chapter's annual fundraising event was April 2. Another fundraiser is being discussed and planned for August. We plan to assist with invasive plant removal on Dutchman Run, a tributary to Brown Run. We are holding a Morrison Run habitat improvement day on Sept. 24. We had three TIC classrooms this year. The chapter is planning to assist McKean County with educational activities during the fish release and field day probably at Wild Cat Park.

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The chapter had a meeting with the Alliance for Wetlands and, as a result, presented them with the terms for handing over ownership for our part of the Piney Creek property. The next step is to send the terms to National TU for approval. The chapter also decided to, for now, discontinue the use of our chapter website. We could not find someone to take over its management and decided that our Facebook page has been more useful. Our 40th annual banquet was April 2. Work finally began on erecting the pavilion at Kelletville Campground and, as of March 31, the pavilion is up with a concert pad was to be poured the week of April 4. Thanks to chapter member Bruce Dickson and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Our road cleanup along the Piney Property in Limestone was in April. The chapter is planning to set a date later this summer to work with the local Scouts to fix the deflector at the Brookville dam and have a stream cleanup. Fly tying classes were again a success with around 15 students of all ages in attendance. Our TIC programs are all getting things in order for their upcoming release days.

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We supported TIC release days as requested by local schools in April and May. The chapter received verbal notification that it was awarded a grant to conduct a year-long study of the West Creek tributary to the Driftwood Branch of the Sinnehamoning from the Norfolk/Southern spill monies. This formal assessment and remediation proposal will be on a three-mile reach adjoining the Rails to Trails path near the village of Rathbun. Elk County Conservation District, Cameron County Conservation District and Jeff Ream will be conducting this survey. The chapter has received two grants through the North Central Regional Development Center to cover costs for in-stream habitat structures on the East Branch of the Clarion in Bendigo Park. All funding and materials are in place for this project. Final permitting was completed in April, and the project is scheduled for installation in September. The chapter meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month in the St. Marys Area Middle School Library except for June, July or August.

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Our annual banquet was March 19 at the Park Inn by Radisson in West Middlesex. Our spring

cleanup at the Coolspring DHALO area was April 23. Our Fishing Derby is July 18 at the Grove City Sportsmen Club's pond. The Deer Creek group held opening day activities at the youth and handicap area, which is "youth only" for the first month of the season. Plans are also being made for TIC release days. Our Oil Creek fishing outing was May 7. Our next board meeting is at 6:30 p.m. May 23 at Penn State Shenango.

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The 2nd annual Fly Fishing Film Tour night was Feb. 27 at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center at Presque Isle. We had 150 people in attendance with the proceeds going toward local TIC projects, sending students to the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp and replenishing our general fund.

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Our annual banquet was April 2. We have been planning for the final stage of our Little Sandy Creek habitat improvement project. Work is scheduled for June 14-15. This is a joint effort involving the chapter, PFBC and the Venango Conservation District. We provided financial assistance to the Evangelical Church Tabernacle in Cooperstown for its youth fishing day this year. Venango County Youth Field Day is June 18. We are sponsoring seven TIC programs in five area schools. Cochran High School TIC students are having their release day in May, and we're providing two fly tying instructors. Upcoming meetings are the annual board budget meeting at 4:30 May 17 and a membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 21 – both at King's Restaurant, Franklin.

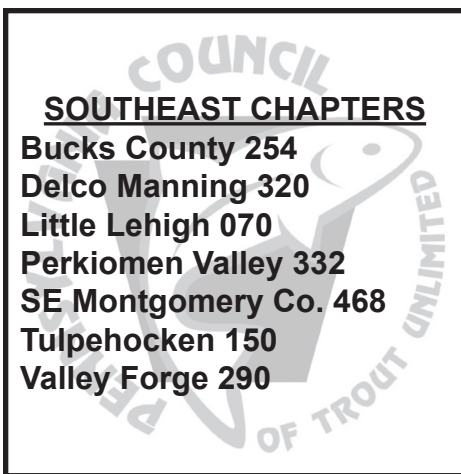
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The chapter hosted the Fly Fishing Film Tour on March 13 at the Coudersport Theater. Our annual banquet was April 23 at the Port Allegany Fire Hall. George Daniel came to Port Allegany on March 20 to tie flies and share his strategies for fly fishing with streamers. In addition, the chapter's four-week fly tying class concluded. Tyers learned how to tie nymphs, dry flies, streamers, and intruder style flies. Chapter member and McKean County Watershed Conservationist Heather McKean applied for a TIC grant to keep our local programs going strong. She has also coordinated the TIC release day set for mid-May at Wildcat Park in Ludlow.



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Both of the recent grants we received were used to fund a riparian buffer project done on April 9 with the assistance of a \$7,000 CHP grant. We are currently sponsoring three TIC schools. We were recently notified of a grant award from the Rettew Charitable Foundation for \$5,000. We held a Little Lehigh cleanup on April 6. Our April meeting and social was the same day. Our last meeting until September was May 4 at Wildlands Conservancy.

Perkiomen Valley #332

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The chapter is moving forward with the second phase of a dam removal project on the main stem of Perkiomen Creek at the confluence of Hosensack Perkiomen creeks. The first phase was completed two years ago with the removal of the foundation of an old dam as well as other concrete structures that remained in the creek. Phase 2 involves removing invasive plants, trees and shrubs and planting native trees and shrubs. There will also be habitat structure created for holding lies and bank protection. The in-stream work will be completed over the next two summers. Invasive plants will be removed this year and new plantings will continue until the structures are complete. We have five TIC schools in TIC. The individual who initiated and maintained the program at The Perkiomen School, recently left the institution to further his education. We expect to maintain a

relationship with this school. We are also waiting on a reply from two teachers who have assumed the responsibility for the school's TIC aquarium in which we requested a personal meeting. We were plan to participate in the release day activities in May in each of the other four programs that we support – Evans Elementary School, Hereford Elementary School, Upper Perkiomen High School and Upper Providence Elementary School. We will be conducting hands-on fly casting instruction and providing an overview of fly fishing to students in addition to showing the students an array of flies to give them a better understanding of fly fishing. In 2015, we gave lessons to more than 125 boys and girls from 2nd through 4th grades and approximately 25 of high school age.

SE Montgomery County Chapter #468

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A spring stocking took place in the Pennypack stream that flows through the Pennypack Trust. Our banquet was a success with great prizes and evening, which was partially due to selling raffle tickets at the Fly Fly Show in March.

Tulpehocken Chapter #150

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On March 21, we participated as a consulting party on the removal of the Paper Mill dam along with American Rivers, PFBC and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Alvernia University. The same day, we participated in a PFBC stocking along Tulpehocken Creek. We manned a chapter information booth at the Lancaster Fly Fishing Show in March. On March 28, Tom Ham participated in a BCTV-Berks County Outdoors TV program with Roger Mallon and Bob Entler. They discussed the opening day of trout season, stocking, past and current stream projects and chapter accomplishments. We partnered with Berks Nature to provide TIC and Enviroscope kits to 400 students in six school districts. Enviroscope teaches about watersheds, storm water and pollution from various sources. On March 2, we received a \$2,000 Embrace-a-Stream grant to install deflectors on Tulpehocken Creek at Cacoosing. Our 40th anniversary banquet featured guest speaker Joe Humphreys. Kutztown University Design-a-thon took place over a 24-hour period starting on March 18. The chapter was one of 41 non-profit organizations there to have a group of communication design students work on re-designing the chapter website. In a 24-hour period our group re-designed, illustrated and coded a new website for us.

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In June, our picnic is a special event shared with West Chester Fish, Game and Wildlife Association. Member survey returns were organized and categorized with volunteers being contacted to help in areas where they expressed interest. Members participated in a conservation round table with U.S. Rep. Ryan Costello (R) supporting his Delaware River Basin Conservation Act. VFTU had a table at the Lancaster Fly Fishing Show and supported a number of veterans participating in PHW programs. Our 36th annual Trout Show was March 19. The Dusenberre Award was presented to John Dettrey, who continues to serve as secretary, participates in PHW programs, volunteers for weeding and maintaining the rain gardens in Wilson Farm Park, organized the member survey, manages the fly fishing school and makes sure our donation acknowledgment letters get out, among other tasks that support VFTU. To celebrate our 40th anniversary, T-shirts and hats with an updated logo and 40th anniversary logo are available. As we try to protect Valley Creek from a massive increase in pollutants and warm water from turnpike expansion between Route 29 and Valley Forge, Pete Goodman was interviewed for an article in the Philadelphia Inquirer. A stream cleanup on Valley Creek was April 10. Dave Macaleer and new member Dave Dickens helped the Pocopson TIC program with their fingerling release and tables were planned for Villanova and Vanguard Earth Day activities. Our fly fishing school is May 15 at Paradise Farm Camp. Contact John Dettrey at jdet@comcast.net.

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The chapter is incorporated and we are working on revising the bylaws and taking them to the members for a vote. We raised \$1,000 for the Latimore Creek fish rodeo on May 7. The first session of "Women, Wine and Waders" was March 17. We held a meeting with the Boy Scout regional director to see if it is possible for us to help scouts earn merit badges for fly tying and fly fishing. We applied for a TIC grant. Our chapter picnic is June 11 at Pine Grove Furnace State Park.

Codorus Chapter #558

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We've been working diligently to secure child safety clearances for as many of our participating members as possible. Our stream cleanup was April 23. We also refreshed our preventive wader wash stations, hopefully stopping the spread of Didymo from the nearby Gunpowder River. Our TIC release days were May 3 and May 5. We moved to a new location at York County's Spring Valley Park and added a second day to accommodate the growing number of participants. We are applying for a grant administered by PFBC for watershed improvements in York and Lancaster counties. Our target project is to implement various pasture BMPs (stream fencing, cattle access, etc.) along an unnamed tributary just upstream from Codorus Creek's wild trout section. Upcoming meetings are May 11, June 8 and July 13 at Laughman's Sawmill Pavilion.

Cumberland Valley Chapter #052

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Our annual Limestoner banquet was March 18. We also had a booth at the Yellow Breeches Anglers spring open house. We continue to address ongoing sinkhole issues along the Letort in the Bonnybrook Quarry meadow area. We continue in-stream channel maintenance of the Letort via silt and invasive plant removal and monitor new development within the Letort watershed and potential impacts on the stream along with existing runoff issues in the headwaters area of the stream. We continue stewardship of our properties along the Letort, removing dead trees and general property maintenance. We identified potential projects along the Yellow Breeches and are identifying potential funding sources. We removed a recently-fallen tree from Trindle Spring that was impacting the habitat work we completed in 2015. We also addressed a water main break in the vicinity of Trindle Spring. We continue to

monitor planned natural gas pipelines that will impact local watersheds. We added two TIC programs for the 2016-2017 school year. The Letort Scholarship Award was established for local high school seniors to encourage scholarship into and awareness of the challenges facing the Letort watershed. Planning for the Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp June 19-24 continues. Upcoming meetings are May 18 and June 15 at Allenberry Resort, Boiling Springs. The Mid-Atlantic 5-weight Casting Championships are June 18 and held in conjunction with the PAFFM Heritage Day at Allenberry Resort. Other events include the Streets to Streams program on June 28-29 at Allenberry Resort; a Pine Creek fishing trip from May 31-June 3 and an East Licking Creek chapter fishing trip on June 11.

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We continue to make a special effort to reach out to new members through personal letters and by phone when possible to encourage participation. We are also working to implement a program to reach out to lapsed members. We created a new position for communication in order to assist in maintain our Facebook page and other things we will be putting out to the public. Our banquet was April 9. Weekly work continues at our diversion wells in the head waters of Stony Creek. Our permanent monitor in Stoney Creek continues to provide valuable data. We participated in and organized several trout stocking events in area streams. We assisted with the installation of a new access area for handicapped and children at the Dauphin County Anglers fishing area on Clarks Creek. We are working closely with the Quit-taphailla Watershed Association in anticipation of the second phase of major streambank restoration in June. We support seven TIC programs in Dauphin and Lebanon counties. We participated in Earth Day with Penn State Middletown, the Wetlands Festival at Wildwood Park, the Garden Faire at Ft. Hunter Park and the youth fishing event at the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art. Our Home Waters veteran's event is June 11 on Clarks Creek.

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The board approved a motion that all board members must obtain youth clearances. So far, five board members have received both clearances and two have received one clearance. Many others are in process of obtaining their clearances. The board approved the formation of a three-member nominating committee consisting of Tom Hall, Mark McMaster and Mark Ebner. The chapter has

been listed with the federal government's System for Award Management and can now receive federal funding directly. Bill Nolan, our Veterans' Initiative chair, spent a day as a guest of the Spring Creek chapter to learn about their program. There are 10 veterans enrolled in this year's program. Our Fly Drive was a success with 13 dozen flies provided by our members and more flies have been pledged. Our annual banquet was April 9. On March 19, we led a stream cleanup event on Lititz Run at the Banta property. Our 13 TIC programs planned release days for the brook trout they raised. We are pursuing a \$500 grant from PATU for TIC. In early March, Greg Wilson met with Tyler Neimond of PFBC and Adam Smith of USFW to look at sites on Fishing Creek and Peters Creek. As a result, we worked with both to prepare plans and budgets in anticipation of submitting grants to the PFBC by April 30. We are still waiting for our approved 319 grant monies. Past events included a volunteer work day on March 26 at Climbers Run Nature Preserve; a youth fly tying event on March 26 at Stauffers of Kissel Hill; nursery tree potting on April 22-23 and May 6-7 at Millport Conservancy; the Ladies Coldwater Breakfast on April 23 at Millport Conservancy; Millport Earth Day; Lancaster Native Plant and Wildlife Festival on April 30 at Overlook Park; Lititz Run stocking on May 10 and Lititz Watershed Day also on May 10 at Millport Conservancy. Upcoming events include Fly on the Run from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Millport Conservancy; meeting with speaker Henry Ramsay presenting terrestrial fishing from 7-9 p.m. at Farm and Home Center.

Falling Spring Chapter #234

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Recent events included a fly tying demo at Grove Family Library in Chambersburg on April 11 and the Falling Spring Invitational on April 14 at the Gabler property along Falling Spring. Upcoming is the Franklin County Sportsmen for Youth Day on April 11 at Waynesboro Fish and Game Club.

John Kennedy Chapter #045

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Our flying tying classes ended on March 12. We applied for a TIC grant. We currently have six members with clearances to work with kids. We are proactively asking all members to hold clearances before participating in youth events. We attended an Earth Day event to provide TIC awareness on April 23 at Altoona Logan Valley Mall. We held a stream cleanup on April 30. Upcoming, we are co-sponsoring Women Take Aim and providing Fly Fishing Lessons on May 21, and participating in Riggles Gap Sportsmans Club's Youth Field Day on June 4.

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Our board and officers are working on creating liability waivers for events, stockings and project sites. We generated a letter explaining the need for child abuse clearances along with instructions for how to complete them. We added an assistant treasurer position who will help to oversee the books and will maintain our child abuse clearance records. This position does not have a vote on our board. We continue to sell T-shirts and hats and purchased insulated travel mugs with the National TU logo to sell. Opening day fishing food stands were our first fundraising event of the year. We continue to work with the Bonham Reservation project. The Boy Scout who completed his Eagle Scout project on this site has submitted his project paperwork. The For Sight fishing event was May 7 and we provided a picnic, fishing equipment and assisted visually-impaired children and their families at our handicap fishing area. Chapter meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Meadow Hill Restaurant.

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Our annual fundraising banquet was March 19 with 255 attendees. We raffled off over 10 rods and many spinning rods in the kids raffle, a Yeti Tundra 65 cooler, a one-night stay with four

fishing passes to Yellow Creek Trout Club and the LIVELY LEGZ boys donated over 160 flies just to name a few of the prizes. This funding keeps our TIC projects going, along with other club projects. We are now in the permitting stage in regard to the AMD reclamation project on Hulings Run. Our six TIC programs set their release dates. We had a stocking on April 21 in the Buffalo Creek DHALO area and our monthly meeting on April 21. A nursery cleaning is to be determined.

Chestnut Ridge Chapter #670

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On June 24-25, the chapter, Mountain Watershed Association, Fayette County Conservation District and Ohio State Park will host the Youghiogheny River Symposium at the Penn State Fayette campus in Uniontown. Threats to the river will be examined during the symposium, including shale gas exploration, climate change, invasive species and issues impacting water quantity. A report by PFBC fisheries biologists will examine their plan for the Yough's recreational fishing based on recent electroshock surveys. A panel of regional fishing guides and outfitters will discuss their creel surveys and address the river's big fish potential. Visit www.chestnutridgetu.org for more information. The Dunbar Creek cleanup was April 9. Many of our 20 TIC schools are conducting release days in May. CRTU is assisting and providing casting and hydrology, water biology and chemistry analysis.

Forbes Trail Chapter #206

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Chapter officers attended the SE Regional meeting at Cabin Fever in March. We are selling custom tied flies in TU boxes to raise funds for the Laurel Highlands Trout Trail project. A special program, Citizen Science, was held in March to publicize the Unassessed Waters Initiative. Members attended the Keystone Coldwater Conference and brought home materials for a special chapter program to educate the membership on the state's coldwater conservation issues and priorities. The chapter did not receive the Coldwater Heritage Partnership grant it applied for in November 2015. A local grant source is being sought. Trout Trail opening night was April 12 at Johnson House in Latrobe.

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The chapter's fundraising picnic is June 18 at Egolf Park near Bedford. A cash-prize raffle is underway to support the picnic. The chapter purchased redosier dogwood seedlings which will be placed at the stream bank/habitat project installed last August on Little Wills Creek. Additional riparian plantings are also anticipated. Fly tying classes concluded on March 19. FBTU presented fly tying and casting demos at a meeting of the Bedford Middle School Fishing Club and participated in the school's TIC release day.

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In March we had Chad Hough, president of Arrowhead TU, do a presentation on "Finding Brown Trout in Unlikely Places." Plans are underway for our annual banquet at the VFW in Indiana. We received a Cold Water Heritage grant in partnership with the Western PA Conservancy. Phil Palko of the Homer City School District said their chiller is in need of repair. Emily Hixson of the Indiana School District expressed interest in having a TIC program.

Mountain Laurel Chapter #040

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Our annual banquet was April 2 at the Holiday Inn Downtown Johnstown. The chapter held stream cleanups on Little Paint Creek on March 26, Ben's Creek on April 9, Yellow Creek on April 23 and Clearshade Creek/Shad Road on April 30. TIC releases were already held with Conemaugh Township, Bishop McCort, St. Benedict and Blacklick Valley. Upcoming releases are Forest Hills on May 12, Cambria Heights on May 20, Shad-Central City on May 24 and Berlin-Brothersvalley is to be determined. Also upcoming is our fishing adventures program on May 12 at Rizzo's Restaurant.

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In exchange for presentations given by members Dale Fogg and Bill Nagle, we manned a booth at the Allegheny Sport Travel & Outdoor Show in February. In addition to promoting the chapter and the TU message, we also were able to raise money by selling flies tied during the

show. A very effective tool in engaging attendees was giving passing youths a quick tutorial and a chance to tie a basic fly to take home with them. We are excited that Leah Eggers is spearheading our new Women's Outreach program. The initiative kicked off at Cabin Fever. Events are being finalized for spring and summer. Our newsletter and our website continue to be instrumental in communicating to our members. Membership chair Charles Buffington is fine-tuning our mentoring program and the expectation is that we will have small groups of new or neophyte members going out with experienced fishers this summer. Our Cabin Fever show on March 6 featured speakers Jen Ripple, Greg Senyo, Steve Galletta, Todd Deluccia and Scott Loughner and was a resounding success. Flies sold at various chapter functions continue to be a steady source of income. In addition to flies tied by our members, we also had a generous donation by local shop International Anglers that bolstered our inventory. In an effort to try something different, we raffled framed print of a steelhead by Tesha instead of a fly rod. We will continue to offer alternatives to fly rods in the future. We have two strong TIC participants and a third classroom in the pipeline. Our free fly fishing seminar was so strong that a second class was added the weekend of April 2 to accommodate over 80 students.