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Award nominations due July 31

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited will present its annual awards at the fall meeting at the Nittany Event Center in Pleasant Gap, PA on Sept. 23, 2017.

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 are aware of a group, chapter or individual you feel is worthy of a nomination, **please consider filling out a nomination form.** Nominations are due by **July 31.**

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PATU hosts regional trainings

By Tali MacArthur
PATU Program Director

“I learned a great deal today!”

“Very informative!”

“Enjoyed the interaction with my Regional Vice President and others...thank you!”

These were just some of the comments shared by attendees at the Regional Leadership Trainings held in Pine Grove and DuBois earlier this year. At each of the

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Tully project aims to cool water...



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An excavator works on one of three stone deflectors placed in Tulpehocken Creek. Read more about the water-cooling efforts by the local chapter on page 2.

TU drafting Advocacy Chairs

By Dave Kinney
Trout Unlimited Mid-Atlantic Policy Director

In the months since landing at Trout Unlimited as Mid-Atlantic policy director after a long career as a journalist, I've been amazed at the hours and hours of work that TU's volunteers do to make a difference.

You're plotting ambitious stream restoration projects, showing military veterans how to tie flies and getting them out on the water, and teaching kids about trout biology.

Listening to one volunteer describe the complex logistics of delivering live trout eggs to dozens of schools for Trout in the

Classroom programs – it had my head spinning.

At the same time, the events of early 2017 are reminding a lot of us at Trout Unlimited that there is another hugely important role for us to play: as passionate advocates for the streams we have dedicated ourselves to protecting.

As a result, TU is naming Advocacy Chairs in every chapter. These are volunteers willing to work with staff to send letters to the editor, make phone calls, talk to reporters, meet lawmakers, give guided tours to decision-makers, and even

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The Tulpehocken Creek Chapter of TU worked closely with Berks County Parks and Recreation to utilize an open area as a staging point and to clear cut and alter the streambank as needed.

Tully project channels cold water flow of Cacoosing Creek

By Thomas Ham
Tulpehocken Creek Chapter of TU

As 2016 came to a close, so did a major project by the Tulpehocken Creek Chapter of TU. The chapter placed three stone deflectors in Tulpehocken Creek below the confluence of the Cacoosing Creek in Wyomissing, PA.

The deflectors, structurally totaling more than 200 feet in length, were placed in an effort to utilize the cooler flows of the Cacoosing.

Temperature monitoring above and below the confluence historically indicated the Cacoosing contribution is much cooler than the usual flows of the Tulpehocken, especially in the heat of summer. Unfortunately, downstream of the confluence the creek becomes much wider and shallower, thus wasting the cooler addition.

Constantly on the lookout for opportunities immediate past president Dan Shaffer met with Mike Kauffman of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and Tony Gehman of TCO Fly Shop to discuss a project in early 2015.

At Kauffman's recommendation, utiliza-

tion of the Cacoosing flow was considered.

"Cacoosing Creek creates a plum of cooler water that was being pushed against the (nearside) bank," says Kauffman, area fisheries manager for the southeast region, "Trout could always be found hugging the bank, and this project was an opportunity to serve more trout by channeling the flow to the middle where they're better protected."

Small chapters must choose their projects carefully, though placing multiple deflectors isn't simple the high impact project would allow for an easy access staging area enabling the process to unfold at a comfortable pace.

Fundraising for the deflectors included a banquet, support from the Conservation District and a grant from TU's Embrace-A-Stream program.

The EAS application approval served to validate the project even more and the \$2,000 grant provided a much needed boost in getting the work started.

"We look at the projectable merit, conservation impact, and the impact to the chapter when approving project grants,"

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said Greg Malaska, EAS committee member, "This project was a big plus; it serves an urban fishery and coincided with the Tully chapter's 40th anniversary."

Ongoing monitoring of the stream will continue and official feedback will be submitted to the EAS committee.

In May of 2016 the chapter held a fundraising banquet. With legendary PA angler and conservationist Joe Humphreys as the keynote speaker, a loyal group of attendees donated more dollars to the projects funding. Supporters contributed by donations, purchasing raffle tickets and participating in an auction.

Among the donors was TCO founder Tony Gehman, an avid supporter of TU who has long seen the need for this project.

"Over the years that section of the stream has been eroded tremendously," says Gehman, "We needed to create a way to mix that cold water from the Cacoosing with the Tully and prevent it from heating up as it heads downstream. These deflectors should achieve that goal."

The chapter worked closely with Berks County Parks and Recreation, who owns the areas surrounding the stream. Once permitting was completed the department gave the go ahead to utilize an open area as a staging point and to clear cut and alter the bank as needed.

"TU has always been a terrific partner," says Chris Stress, director of the Berks County Parks and Recreation Department, "In my opinion this project was an absolute success that will improve the waterway and stabilize the bank."

The department also worked with the chapter to understand best practices when completing bank repairs at the project completion.

Another key ally in placing the deflec-

tors was the Berks County Conservation District. According to District Executive Dean Druckenmiller, this project fit well into their mission.

"The BCCD is dedicated to the wise stewardship of soil and waters of Berks County so future generations have healthy land to live and work, and clean water for drinking and recreation," said Druckenmiller, "This project stabilized the banks of Tulpehocken Creek, while improving trout habitat and hopefully enhancing the cold-water refuge below Cacoosing Creek."

The stones used were actually boulders unearthed by a development project in close proximity to the deflector site. After getting the stone donated chapter leaders also negotiated having them hauled to the staging area at a discounted rate courtesy of M&A Excavating.

With the stones in place Highland Excavating services, a partner in past stream projects, was tasked with actually building the structures. Chapter board members, past and present, were on site at every major step, measuring and planning with Highland personnel to ensure project fluidity.

Finally, with the deflectors complete, board members and volunteers from the Wilson High School Earth Club set out to repair the bank with environmental matting donated by East Coast Erosion Blankets. Securing the matting along with seed and straw was the last step of a project which took several weeks to complete, but much longer to plan and prepare for.

Founded in 1976, the Tully Chapter has completed many projects in its footprint and looks forward to moving ahead with other habitat improvements and stream repair in the near future.

Welcome Women's and Diversity Initiative chairs

Welcome and a big thank you to Kelly Williams – kwilliamsccd@atlanticbbn.net, and Amidea Daniel – adaniel@pa.gov for volunteering to co-chair our Women's and Diversity Initiative.

Many of our members might be familiar with Amidea from her educational work with the PA Fish & Boat Commis-

sion, and Kelly as the watershed specialist for the Clearfield County Conservation District.

We invite all women who would like to join the committee to assist Amidea and Kelly to plan future events to introduce conservation and fly fishing to other women in Pennsylvania.

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Headwaters

A message from PATU President Charlie Charlesworth

Pennsylvania Council continues to make great strides forward.

In the spirit of Council's desire to create more transparency, a new policy was formulated at our April Executive Committee (EXCOM) meeting in order to comply with National TU's focus on financial control policies.

We also intend to implement four-year term limits on all PATU Council officers, to include the treasurer and secretary in addition to the regional vice presidents, executive vice presidents and president who are already under four-year term limits.

These proposed bylaws changes will be published in the summer edition of *PA Trout*, and will be voted on by all 48 chapters at the annual membership meeting in September (another great reason to make sure your chapter officers attend this meeting).

New committees are being created to focus on engagement, advocacy, budget and investments, diversity and financial oversight.

There are new regional vice presidents in three of our six regions. We are currently without a regional vice president in the South East region. I can't believe there isn't someone in one of the southeast chapters who isn't interested in learning more about what's going on at PA Council

and National TU, and how it affects the chapters in southeast PA. This position is a great stepping stone for getting even more involved in Council activities.

By the time you read this, we will have completed the first-ever PATU 5 Rivers (college clubs) Rendezvous at Lake Perez in Huntingdon County. Five colleges have already signed up for this great weekend event, a unique opportunity for college students to network with others from across the state, learn about TU, the 5 Rivers program, and what PATU has to offer to them and their clubs. PATU is working on establishing its 10th 5 Rivers club since National TU introduced the program several years ago.

To our knowledge, Pennsylvania is the only Council that offers this level of support for these college fly fishing clubs. For more information on these college programs, please contact me at ffnepa@epix.net or Tali MacArthur at c-tmacarth@pa.gov.

Also by the time you read this, our two Pennsylvania TU summer camps will be closing out registration for their 2017 camps, both of which are being held the week of June 18-24.

Again, to our knowledge, no other state makes a commitment to our youth to the extent that we do. We are the only state



with two summer camps, along with a third, the "Brookie Camp" established by the Wildlife Leadership Academy which we support.

You can get more information for the Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp at Messiah College at www.river-scamp.com, and the Keystone College/TU Teens Conservation Camp at www.flyfishingsummerncamp.com

Please enjoy the summer and all the added fishing opportunities that go with it, and please don't forget PATU's mantra, "no child left indoors."

Be safe, and remember to promote TU's mission, "to conserve, protect, and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds."

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All money we receive from chapter and individuals is used to fund Council programs or projects, including this newsletter, unlike grant money which can only be used for the purpose of the grant.

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- Spring Creek

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In memory of Doug Chester

PATU hosts 5 Rivers Rendezvous

By Tali MacArthur
PATU Program Director

A small but passionate group of Pennsylvania 5 Rivers College Club members gathered at Penn State's Stone Valley Recreation Area on April 21-22 to socialize, network, tie flies, fish and share club experiences and successes.

A total of nine members from Keystone College, the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford and Juniata College participated. Finals and a few logistical hiccups prevented a couple of other schools from being able to join the group.

The first "PA 5 River Rendezvous" was sponsored by PATU, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Louis Koch Memorial Fund; Cortland Lines, Cabela's and Orvis/Cove Creek Outfitters generously provided rods and other items at no or very reduced cost which were used as prizes and giveaways. PATU members Chuck Winters, Judi Sittler, Walt Reine-man and Gerald Smith joined the group Saturday morning and took the students to a couple fantastic (and challenging) fishing spots along the Little Juniata River.

After lunch, PATU President Charlie Charlesworth and Program Director Tali MacArthur facilitated what became an inspiring and informative discussion about club events, leadership planning, recruitment and how TU national and PATU can continue to support the 5 Rivers clubs.



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Students from Juniata College and Keystone College pose with University of Pittsburgh at Bradford students behind their 5 Rivers Club banner at the PA 5 Rivers Rendezvous.

Students also talked about conservation efforts and events they had planned and participated in.

Later, the students showed off their fly tying skills during a fun and light-hearted competition between schools and individuals. But what was really amazing was when one of the students would put aside the goal of "winning" to slow down and help a fellow student learn a new fly or technique.

It was not only their love for the sport but also the care and support they demonstrated for one another and the resource

that shows both TU and PA's coldwater resources are in good hands if these students are our future members and stewards.

Calendar of Events

June 25 – Summer EXCOM Meeting, Pleasant Gap, PA

Sept. 23 – Fall Annual Membership Meeting, Nittany Event Center, Pleasant Gap, PA

Sept. 24 – Fall EXCOM Meeting, TBD

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TRAININGS

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training sessions, TU chapter leaders had the opportunity to learn more about several important and informative topics including risk management, grants and funding programs such as Embrace-a-Stream and the Coldwater Heritage Partnership, effective communication to members and prospective members, resources on the TU Leaders page, and effective advocacy on behalf of our trout and coldwater resources.

Additionally, there were two “focused” break-out sessions. The first provided specific information on TU’s Youth Programs and the Stream of Engagement including updates on youth membership rates, planned activities for PA’s college 5 Rivers Clubs, and opportunities and ideas for enhancing the experience for youth and families within chapters. The second, led by Spring Creek members and veterans, introduced the Veterans Service Program and its benefits to vets, the community, and the chapter.

Chapter leaders were also introduced to the Casting for Recovery program – a national, non-profit support and educational program for breast cancer survivors. TU chapter members can volunteer at the retreat where they are paired up with one of the participants during the on-water portion of the weekend. Donations, flies and other resources from TU chapters are also ways to get involved.



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Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited President Charlie Charlesworth speaks during a Regional Leadership Training session held earlier this year.

During breaks and at lunch, attendees took advantage of the time for informal discussions, networking, and catching up with old and new acquaintances. Meetings with regional vice presidents provided a chance to discuss innovative ideas, review chapter requirements, and answer any additional questions not covered in the formal presentations.

PATU extends a sincere thank you to Solar Innovations who donated the gorgeous venue for the Pine Grove training as well as

to Brian Lengel, member of the Schuylkill County TU chapter and employee of Solar Innovations, for his help coordinating the event.

Thank you also to all the chapter leaders who took the time to join us at these trainings. Your commitment to learning more about effectively reaching out to your members, engaging in conservation projects, and generally furthering the TU mission is impressive and very much appreciated.

Actions taken by PATU Executive Committee since Jan. 7, 2017

Jan. 12 – Signed on to a letter supporting the PA Environmental Council (PEC) Growing Greener Grant application to continue with the “Building Capacity for Local Stewardship” project, which consists of six regional workshops across the state and a biannual statewide conference.

Jan. 30 – Signed on to a letter in support of U.S. Representative Kildee’s legislation to ban net pen aquaculture in the Great Lakes.

March 2 – Approved signing a resolu-

tion in support of DCNR’s funding for the Coldwater Heritage Partnership.

March 6 – Voted in favor of supporting the Delaware Watershed Conservation Coalition’s petition which states: “To help revitalize local economies and protect the unique cold water fishery below the Cannonsville and Pepacton reservoirs, I support the adoption of all tackle wild trout catch and release protections for the Upper Delaware River.”

March 10 – Approved sending two letters to PFBC in support of Notice 2.8.1017 for additions and changes in Wild Trout and Class A Wild Trout Waters.

March 14 – Approved signing on

to a letter with other conservation organizations to U.S. Senate and Congress representatives taking issue with proposed federal budget cutbacks in environmental and natural resources spending for FY2018.

March 24 – Approved sending letter to PA Representatives requesting support for HB30 and SB554 to allow the PFBC to set fishing and boating fees beginning in FY2018.

March 28 – Approved sending letter prepared by TU National to PA Congressmen to oppose any policies or proposals that would serve to divest America’s public lands.

travel to Harrisburg or Washington, D.C., to spread the word about TU's mission. Essentially, TU Advocacy Chairs are our point people at the grassroots level, and they can help us marshal volunteers at the local level to make our voices heard.

There is much to do.

Nationally, TU has launched a new online Action Center to focus attention on the key issues in Washington – standup.tu.org. Here, you can learn how we're working to protect against rollbacks of the conservation gains of recent years, and more important, how you can help by contacting your lawmaker. (Hint: We've made it as easy as a few clicks.)

As the Clean Water Rule is reworked, we want to ensure protection for intermittent and ephemeral streams that are crucial headwaters habitat for trout and salmon. We are working to keep public lands public. We are pushing Congress to continue to fund the conservation programs we rely on to do the work we do. And we are gearing up for a renewed fight over Bristol Bay in Alaska.

TU is also working with our partners to urge Congress to fund the Delaware River Basin Restoration Program, passed by lawmakers at the end of last year. We joined more than 50 stakeholders at a meeting convened by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in Philadelphia to discuss how the program can coordinate and prioritize

If you're interested in becoming your chapter's Advocacy Chair – or if you're just interested in getting involved with TU advocacy at any level – please contact David Kinney, Mid-Atlantic Policy Director, at dkinney@tu.org or 856-834-6591, or Chad Chorney, Mid-Atlantic Organizer, at cchorney@tu.org.

projects in the basin. Most congressmen in the Delaware watershed support the program, which is similar to federal initiatives focused on the Chesapeake Bay and the Great Lakes.

But at a time of major budget cutbacks, we need to make our voices heard to ensure that they press their colleagues to give this new regional initiative the funding it deserves.

At the state level, we're continuing to push for the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) to add streams with naturally reproducing populations of trout to its lists of Class A Waters and Wild Trout Streams. TU staff helps the PFBC survey streams for wild trout each summer. Before the PFBC votes at its quarterly meetings to officially designate new wild trout streams, we have a chance to make our voices heard, and we do, by sending them letters and emails from fishermen.

We're also supporting efforts in Harrisburg to put the PFBC on sound financial footing. Senate Bill 30, which began moving through the General Assembly this year, would allow the Commission to set its own license fees. Rather than large,

irregular hikes, the PFBC could institute smaller, predictable increases. The Legislature has not raised fishing and boating license fees since 2005, and as a result, the Commission has had to cut staff and defer necessary maintenance.

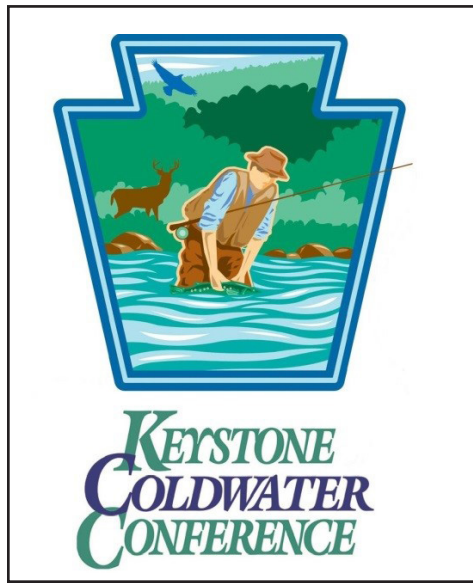
There are other potential opportunities and challenges in the Pennsylvania Statehouse. TU's projects have been supported by Pennsylvania's Growing Greener program in the past, and a campaign is underway to fund a third round of funding. Lawmakers are considering legislation to tweak the riparian buffer bill we fought in 2015. And Chesapeake Bay advocates are pushing again for a Clean Water Fund and water usage fee.

I've already been working with dedicated TU volunteers in recent months to write letters to the editor, file public comments in support of wild trout streams, meet with the chairmen of the House and Senate Game & Fisheries and Energy & Environmental Resources committees, and visit with state DEP officials to discuss upgrading wild trout streams. One chapter is giving its House representatives a tour of its recently completed restoration project.

When it comes to advocacy efforts, volunteers can help the cause in a lot of different ways, large or small—and all of it helps. If you're interested, please don't hesitate to raise your hand. We can help you understand the hows and the whys of advocacy, show you what works and what doesn't, give you a sense of where we can have the most impact.

Getting our message out to decision-makers is as important as restoring degraded trout habitat and as rewarding as reaching out to those who can benefit from a little time on the water.

Just a few months in, I can say I'm glad I joined the ranks. I hope you will, too.



Save the Date

The 2018 Keystone Coldwater Conference will be held Feb. 23-24, 2018 at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in State College, PA.

The conference theme is:
Coldwater Resource Conservation and Education: Rising to the Challenges; Embracing Opportunities.

Sponsorship details and more information and can be found at www.coldwaterconference.com.

PA COUNCIL OF TROUT UNLIMITED

*Minutes of the April 8, 2017
Executive Committee Meeting
PFBC Facility, Pleasant Gap, PA*

Officers Attending: Charlie Charlesworth, George Kutskel, Bob Pennell, John Leonard, Brian Wagner, Greg Malaska, Fred Gender, Jim Lanning, Richard Lewis, Chuck Winters and Zach Sees.

Others Attending: Ken Undercoffer, Tali MacArthur, Bob Vierck, Dave Kinney and Chad Chorney.

President's Report: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Charlesworth who referenced his written report and introduced Zach Sees, our newly-elected Northwest Region Vice President.

Approval was granted on a motion by Wagner/seconded by Gender to accept the minutes of the Jan. 7, 2016 EXCOM meeting, as previously distributed to EXCOM.

Treasurer's Report: Report submitted. Kutskel reported that PATU's Year-end Appeal has netted \$16,500 to date, exceeding the 2017 target by \$1,500. National's 2017 member rebate to Council was \$28,030, exceeding the budgeted amount of \$25,000. On a motion by Leonard/seconded by Gender, the Budget Report was approved to receive and file.

Discussion/Action Items:

- **5 Rivers Program:** 5 Rivers clubs from University of Pittsburgh's Bradford and Pittsburgh campuses, Keystone College and Juniata College will hold their PATU 5 Rivers Rendezvous on April 21-22 on Lake Perez near Shaver's Gap. It was also reported that Gettysburg College has applied to establish a 5 Rivers club.
- **Requirement for Chapter Financial Reviewers:** On a motion by Lewis/seconded by Malaska, a directive was approved for the Regional VPs to instruct their chapters to appoint financial reviewers no later than June 1.
- **Appointment of a TU Grassroots Trustee:** On a motion by Lanning/seconded by Leonard, approval was given for Charlesworth to apply for

a National Grassroots Trustee position representing Pennsylvania.

- **Update on Strategic Planning:** As a result of the Bayer Center's inability to fulfill their previously planned facilitation of a strategic planning session for Council, approval was given on a motion by Wagner/seconded by Malaska for Charlesworth to contact TU's Jeff Yates as a possible facilitator for a future date to be established.
- **Motions to Support a Financial Controls Policy:** Malaska prepared 12 motions to establish the basis of a Financial Controls Policy, each of which was reviewed and voted on by EXCOM (see separate report).

National Leadership Council: Report submitted. Wagner's action items regarding the requirement for chapter financial reviewers and appointment of a National TU Grassroots Trustee from PA were covered above.

Mid-Atlantic Policy Director: Report submitted. Kinney requested that Regional VPs reach out to their chapters to create Advocacy Chairs who can help with TU's campaigns, whether it's by writing a letter, making a call, or visiting Harrisburg or D.C. He is also looking for volunteers to attend an Advocacy Day in Harrisburg on May 8-10, where they will meet with members of the Game & Fisheries and Energy committees

Program Director: Report submitted. MacArthur proposed the creation of a new "Forever Wild" mini-grant that would incorporate and expand upon the current "Back the Brookie" grant. Action on this was tabled for further discussion at the June EXCOM meeting. It was also announced that our Annual Fall Membership Meeting will be held at the Nittany Event Center in Pleasant Gap.

Awards Committee: No report submitted.

Communications Committee: Report submitted. No action items requested.



Delaware River Committee: Report submitted. No action items requested.

Development Committee: Report submitted. A Trout in the Classroom raffle will be rolled out this summer which is to be geared more to individual members instead of

relying on the chapters to spread the word.

Membership Committee: No report submitted. A chairperson is needed for this committee.

Trout Management Committee: Report submitted. Ken Undercoffer reported that two chapters so far have adopted stocked trout streams that support wild trout in an effort to urge PFBC to experimentally cease stocking to determine the response of the wild trout population. It was also announced that the PFBC's Wild Trout Symposium is planned for Aug. 26 at PFBC's relocated offices in Bellefonte.

Environmental Committee: Report submitted. Jeff Ripple has been successful in reconstituting a full slate of committee members and is planning the next committee meeting to immediately follow the EXCOM meeting in June.

Youth Education Committee: Report submitted. Judi Sittler reported that one teen from the Spring Creek Chapter will be attending National TU's Teen Summit this year. National is encouraging chapters to promote this annual event in an attempt to develop more youth leaders at the local level.

Women's & Diversity Initiative: Report submitted. The new co-chairs appointed in March are Amidea Daniel and Kelly Williams.

Veterans Service Partnership (VSP): Report submitted. Lanning clarified that Council's VSP program was a combination of the Project Healing Waters program and a "home-grown" program that will serve as a model for National TU. He also requested that future VSP training rollouts be conducted separately so as not to conflict with other program trainings at regional

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training events.

Regional Reports

- **Northcentral Region** – All eight chapters submitted reports
- **Northeast Region** – Five of nine chapters submitted reports; Stanley Cooper, Lackawanna Valley, Monocacy and Western Pocono did not report.
- **Northwest Region** – All nine chapters submitted reports.
- **Southcentral Region** – All eight chapters submitted reports.
- **Southeast Region** – Six of seven chapters submitted reports; Bucks County did not report.

- **Southwest Region** – Six of seven chapters submitted reports; Ken Sink did not report.

Other New Business:

Proposed Bylaws Revisions: The following revisions were agreed to prior to formalizing the language to be approved by EXCOM at the June meeting for adoption by the membership at the Annual Fall Meeting in September.

- Designate Council Vice Presidents as Executive Vice Presidents
- Add NLC Representative as a member of the Governance Committee.
- Change “Women’s Initiative” to “Women’s & Diversity Initiative”

- Eliminate Stream Access Committee and include duties as part of Environmental Committee
- Eliminate Legislative Committee
- Add the Veterans Service Partnership as a standing committee.

Personnel Evaluation: On a motion by Lewis/seconded by Leonard, approval was given on Malaska’s recommendation to increase the Program Director’s salary, retroactive to April 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. on a motion by Malaska/seconded by Leonard.

– Bob Pennell, Council Secretary

AWARDS

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Forms may be emailed to Tali MacArthur at c-tmacarth@pa.gov or mailed to her at PATU, P.O. Box 5148, Bellefonte, PA 16823 Please note: nominations for Best Newsletter and Best Chapter website (described below) should be sent to Brad Isles at bisles@live.com.

Below is a brief description of each award with eligibility criteria when applicable:

- **Chapter with greatest membership increase** – Nominations not accepted; Recipient determined based on data collected from National TU.
- **Chapter with greatest percentage increase in membership** – Nominations not accepted; Recipient determined based on data collected from National TU
- **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** – The same criteria used in the Edward Urbas Award will applied to this award, but it is limited to chapters with 150 or fewer members.
- **Best Chapter Project** – This award recognizes an exceptional initiative, project, or effort on the part of a TU chapter which demonstrates efficient

use of resources and which utilizes effective partnerships with other organizations such as government agencies, other non-profits, schools, etc., and which had a notable impact on the community and/or environment.,

- **Doc Fritchey Award for Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, TU Member** – This award recognizes a TU member with a history of exemplifying PATU’s core values and mission- conserving, protecting, and restoring PA’s coldwater fisheries and watersheds – and who demonstrates a commitment to volunteerism.
- **Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, Professional** – This award recognizes an individual, either from a governmental agency, private enterprise, or non-profit organization, who has made an exceptional effort to help fulfill the TU mission of conserving, protecting, restoring, and sustaining PA’s coldwater fisheries and watersheds.
- **Outstanding Volunteer** – This award recognizes a person who, while not necessarily a member of TU or a conservationist professional, was particularly helpful and who contributed time and effort to supporting a TU chapter or project. Their efforts on either a single project or on an ongoing basis can be considered and described in the nomination.
- **Best Chapter Website** – Is your Chapter’s website particularly at-

tractive, clear, up-to-date and easy to navigate? If so, send nominations to Brad Isles at bisles@live.com.

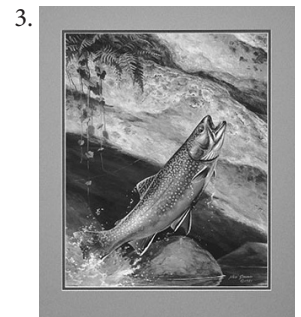
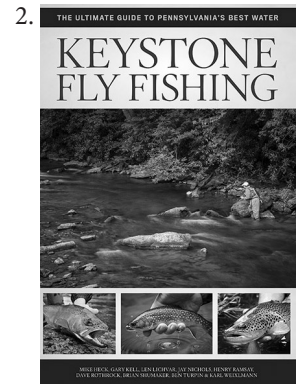
- **Samuel Slaymaker Award for Best Chapter Newsletter** – If your newsletter includes information about your chapter’s activities that is current, well-presented and clear, and is visually attractive, your chapter may very well win this award. Send nominations, with a few copies of the newsletter, to Brad Isles at PO Box 23, Grove City, PA 16127. A digital copy can also be sent to Brad at bisles@live.com.
- **Dr. Jack Beck Award for Outstanding Youth Outreach** – This award recognizes an individual who has shown exceptional leadership and commitment to youth outreach, programs, and activities.
- **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 recognize a person who has been involved for a significant period of time and who has demonstrated steadfast dedication to coldwater conservation, protection, restoration, as well as volunteerism and leadership. It is not necessarily presented every year
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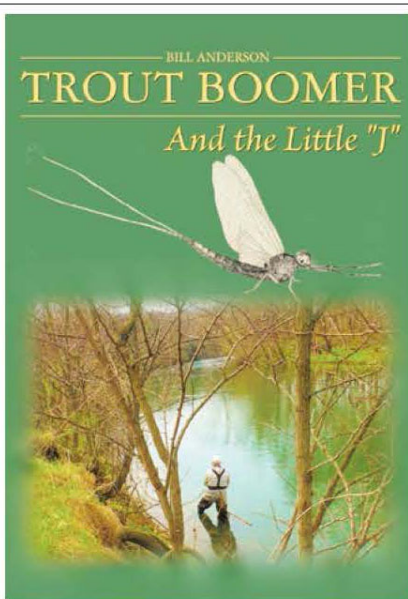
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Our annual spring fundraising banquet was March 24 at Stroudsmoor Country Inn, Stroudsburg. The chapter presented plans for Phases II-IV of our habitat improvement project on Pocono Creek in Tannersville to Pocono Township Commissioners. The plans were approved and the chapter, in conjunction and cooperation with the Pocono Heritage Land Trust, Pocono Township, and Northampton County Community College, will pursue creation of in-stream habitat improvement devices, construction of a parking area and signage, and development of an access/walking trail. Monroe County Commissioners approved an Open Space mini-grant application for \$13,000 to the chapter for use to help defray expenses. Landowner permissions are being obtained and work

will commence after June 15. The chapter also is in the early stages of working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in rehabilitating a section of Cherry Creek in the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge near Saylorsburg. Formerly a public golf course, this tract harbors Cherry Creek, a low-gradient, limestone influenced stream that is unique within the Pocono region. The project will provide a living laboratory for visitors to observe the changes that occur as riparian buffers and in-stream habitat creation transition the golf course and stream into a more natural state. Brodhead TU is creating initial plans for approximately 1,000 feet of stream. Work is expected to begin this summer. The TIC project in Swiftwater Intermediate School has several classes observing, learning and caring for approximately four dozen brook trout fry. Release will occur later this spring. We conducted a six-session introduction to fly tying course at the Monroe County Conserva-

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tion District building. Additionally, the chapter held its February Fly Tying Round Robin in lieu of a general meeting. Unfortunately, the annual MCCD fly fishing seminar scheduled for March was cancelled due to the effects of winter storm Stella. The chapter held a "Wine, Women, and Waders" event at Mountain View Vineyards on April 29. Don Baylor presented a new program entitled: "The Poconos of PA – Cradle of American Fly Fishing" at our March meeting. Tom Gilmore presented "PA's Blue Ribbon Trout Streams" on April 12. We have a stream cleanup on May 6 at the Pocono Creek Project Area, Tannersville. We have a membership meeting May 10 at the MCCD building. Our annual picnic is June 10 in Pinebrook Park.

Forks of the Delaware Chapter #482

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The chapter, along with the other Lehigh Valley chapters, held our joint annual spring event, which featured a program by Eric Stroup on March 4. The chapter also participated in Stockertown Rod & Gun Club's annual spring flea market on March 19. Several members of the chapter continue to do monthly water testing on Bushkill Creek in conjunction with the Bushkill Stream Conservancy's monitoring program. We provided comment in support of the proposed streams up for consideration for the Class A and wild trout stream lists at the April PFBC meeting. We had a major stream cleanup along with our Adopt-A-Highway on April 22. TICrelease day dates are set for three of our schools. Nazareth Middle School's was April 21, Bangor Middle School's was May 2 and Wind Gap Middle School's is May 19. The chapter will be applying for an Embrace-A-Stream grant for a project on Bushkill Creek. Our annual pig & corn roast is Sept. 16 at Riverside Barr & Grill on Route 611 along the Delaware River.

Hokendauqua Chapter #535

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The joint TU chapters' annual spring meeting was March 4. Some members took part in the Monocacy Chapter's Fly Fishing Film Tour fundraiser at Steel Stacks. The Hokendauqua stream cleanup was April 8. Students at Catasauqua High School are getting ready to release the trout into the Hokey. Our PHW coordinator has two outings planned for vets this year. The first is May 20 at Bob Saks'. The second outing Sept. 23. We will be doing a macro program for new fly fishers in May. A nymphing program on the Hokey is being planned for our Women's Initiative.

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No report.

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In March, Tony Capatano presented information about Pike/Wayne Trout Unlimited on local cable TV show "Out in The Open." Our banquet was April 8. The annual Lackawaxen River Cleanup was April 9 between the Lackawaxen River Conservancy, Boy Scout Troup 129 and our chapter. The Orion Pipeline is slated to cross

the Lackawaxen River in mid-June. The Pike County Conservation District and PWTU will monitor progress. Members provided a fly tying demonstration and instruction to Boy Scout Troup 129 on March 29. We submitted a candidate to the 2017 Keystone TU Teens Conservation Summer Camp and a candidate 2017 Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp. Bob Plumb from PFBC outlined the 2017 stocking schedule during our March meeting. On March 28, members of the community and PWTU completed the first stocking of the Lackawaxen River. PWTU member Wayne Poppich gave a presentation on evening fishing at our April meeting. Chad Chorney, TU's Mid-Atlantic Organizer will speak at our June meeting.

Schuylkill County Chapter #537

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Our regular meetings are always on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. in Pottsville Amvets, with board meetings the previous Sundays at 2 p.m. at Solar Innovations in Pine Grove. Our New Philadelphia project will continue this year with another 500 feet planned for the summer. Plans are to submit for another Embrace-A-Stream grant so we can finish this by fall. We just completed a stream cleanup in the borough of Middleport. It is hoped that we will do some kind of restoration project in the area in the future. Members SCTU attended Troop 651's annual awards dinner. We did a program on fish identification and talked about Trout Unlimited and our collective efforts in conservation and coldwater solutions that balance the needs of fish and people. Our chapter was the host chapter for the Northeast training held at Solar Innovations in Pine Grove. Our first cleanup of the year was in Middleport Borough. We held seven fly tying classes this year. The first three were in Pine Grove at Sweet Arrow Lake. The other four were at Tamaqua Art Center in Tamaqua, Whipoorwill



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Dam in Frackville, Valley View Gun Club in Valley View, and Schuylkill Haven Rec. Center in Schuylkill Haven. We had over 140 fly tying participants, with some as young as 10 years of age and some as old as 80 years of age. We held two different trout ID classes at two of our TIC schools, North Penn Elementary in Tamaqua and Saint Clair Middle School in Saint Clair. We are working on some ideas to implement a Women's Initiative program this summer.

Stanley Cooper, Sr. Chapter #251

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No report.

Western Pocono Chapter #203

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No report.



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depth explanation of the high and low points of his more than 25 year career monitoring the biological baseline and impact of the nuclear power plant in Berwick on Feb. 14. Chapter members attended The Fly Fishing Show March 4 at the Lancaster Convention Center. Andrew Trelease of Trout Haven Fly Fishing Adventures discussed "Central PA Fly Fishing Strategies" at our meeting on April 11. Our next chapter meetings are at 7 p.m. May 9 and June 13 at Columbia County District Conservation Office, 720 Sawmill Road, Bloomsburg. A Fish 'N Fun Day for children is June 3 at Kocher Park, Lightstreet.

God's Country Chapter #327

Dr. Peter Ryan

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Five chapter members assisted PFBC in stocking the Delayed Harvest section of the upper Allegheny River on March 24. Planning is nearly complete for the chapter's 2017 Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing event on May 23-25 at Moores Run Fish & Game Preserve. Two chapter members attended a presentation by the R.K. Mellon Foundation and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. These two groups have developed a joint strategic plan for funding conservation projects over the next five to 10 years. One of their target species is the eastern brook trout, one of the targeted geographic areas encompasses a large portion of Potter County. The chapter has identified these organizations as primary sources of funding for stream habitat rehabilitation projects. Two chapter members attended the Watershed Connections Conference in State College and the Stream Workshop in Emporium hosted by Cameron County Conservation District. Chapter members will once again participate in the Three Rivers Quest stream monitoring program. A monitoring network has been established in the Oswayo Creek basin, and 10 sampling events will be conducted during 2017. Data loggers also will be deployed at those sites. The upper/middle Allegheny River has been elected Pennsylvania's 2017 River of the Year. The God's Country Chapter will be collaborating with the Upper Allegheny Watershed Association to plan a celebratory event during the summer. The chapter is once again deploying boot washing stations on the upper Allegheny, First Fork of Sinnemahoning Creek and Kettle Creek. The stations are intended to prevent the spread of didymo and other aquatic invasive species. Fly tying instruction for the Boy Scout Troop in Shinglehouse was April 3. Justin Boatwright, Potter County Waterways Conservation Officer, attended the Feb. 28 chapter meeting and discussed several conservation and enforcement topics. Upcoming events include the Potter Maple Festival May 5-6 on Courthouse Square in Coudersport. Our TIC release day is May 16 at Austin-Costello Sportsmen's Club. Youth Field Day is June 10 at Pennsylvania Lumber Museum.

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No report.

Penns Creek Chapter #119

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Members attended two planning meetings for the Upper Kish Watershed Improvement Project, an initiative coordinated by the Mifflin County Conservation District to encourage land owners, farmers and government entities to voluntarily aid restoration efforts on headwaters of Kish Creek. Our annual spring banquet was March 4 and Greg Hoover was our guest speaker. We held a stream cleanup on Lost Creek on April 8. Our TIC release for Thompsontown Elementary was April 10. Mifflin County High School's ECO day at Rec Park was April 28. Our chapter's "Day on the Stream" was April 29. The chapter will assist with Envirothon at Kish Park on May 4. A TIC release for Monroe Elementary is May 8 in Richfield. Our next monthly meeting is May 9. A TIC release for Lack-Tuscorora Elementary is May 13 at Lost Creek Golf Course, and Fayette Elementary's release is May 16 at Thompsontown AMVETS. Our Summer Social at Joe Dunmire's farm in McVeytown will be held in June.

R.B. Winter Chapter #124

Bob Laubach

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Our February meeting featured Nick Raftas from Sky Blue Outfitters, who presented on fly fishing for bass on the Susquehanna River. Our March meeting featured Bucknell University biologist Sean Reese, who presented program of re-introduction of eels into area streams as a way to provide alternate hosts for freshwater mussels. Our annual banquet was March 31 with George Daniel as guest speaker. Our April 19 monthly meeting featured Lewisburg Middle School students presenting program on their TIC project.

Spring Creek Chapter #185

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We met with US Fish and Wildlife and PFBC to discuss NFWF proposals for 2017. We began planning for the completion of the Thompson Run dike with the Penn State Office of Physical Plant. The chapter worked with the ClearWater Conservancy to coordinate the annual Spring Creek cleanup, which covers the entire county and includes in excess of 500 volunteers. We had a group tour of a quarry requesting deepening to evaluate permit request. Dr. Arthur Kemp present-

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Columbia County Chapter #38

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We are awaiting assignment of a roadway section of Route 487 in Orangeville to be our "Adopt A Highway" roadway cleanup. It is adjacent to Fishing Creek and the TU access site. Two chapter members are engaged through the Susquehanna Riverkeeper in monitoring of natural gas pipeline construction on the Fishing Creek and Susquehanna watersheds in the Columbia County. Ted Jacobsen, PPL retired director of Ichthyological Associates, Inc., provided the chapter with an

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ed a talk on "Searching for Alaskan Silver" at our March meeting. We conducted a seminar, "First Aid for Mental Health," to assist in mentoring for our Veterans Service Program on the stream. We partnered with the YMCA to host a seminar/training for certification to work with children. And we attended a seminar with Chesapeake Conservancy to learn and evaluate a new GIS-based model to assist in prioritizing riparian buffer projects. Our Women Anglers Initiative held meetings featuring "Basics of Fly Fishing," "7th Annual Joe Humphreys Film Festival" and "Preparing to Fish." We plan to submit a NFWF grant for two sites for bank stabilization, habitat improvement and erosion prevention on Spring Creek. We are working with four partners to create a grant for bank stabilization, habitat improvement and erosion control on Sparrow Run. Veterans Service Program fishing at Fisherman's Paradise are May 9, May 28 and June 25. SCCTU board meetings are May 8 and June 5 at Comfort Suites State College, 132 Village Dr., State College. Women Anglers meet May 21 at the Benner Hatchery parking lot and June 25 at the Rock Road parking lot. Get Outdoors Day at Tussey Mountain Ski Resort is June 12. Youth Service Bureau Fishing is June 14 at the Lamar Hatchery.

Susquehanna Chapter #044

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We are finalizing our CHP grant project on Rock Run. Fly tying instruction sessions were Feb. 21 to April 4. We convened a summit of area watershed organizations, public officials and conservation organizations in order to learn about the volunteer efforts and accomplishments to protect and conserve our area streams and watersheds. We provided an update of the PFBC Unassessed Waters Initiative at our March meeting. Our April meeting featured "Local Streams Fished by Angling Legends and Famous Personalities" by Bill O'Connor and Don Dagenbaugh.

Tiadaghton Chapter #688

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The chapter will soon be partnering with a new 5 Rivers Club formed at Mansfield University, which has 20 students. Our annual banquet was March 25 at the Penn Wells Hotel in Wellsboro. Barb St John White gave an update on our EAS project in the Little Pine Creek watershed. Phil Thomas, TU's Pennsylvania Coldwater Habitat Restoration Project Coordinator, will also be sharing information on the AOP assessments in the watershed. Several members assisted with over 600 culvert assessments in the Pine Creek watershed. We are also partnering with the Pine Creek Watershed Council on its hemlock head-

waters project. The project includes replacing hemlock trees and other species in the riparian buffer that are dying off from an infestation of the woolly adelgid. The first planting will take place this spring. Springfest at Hills Creek State Park is May 20 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. We will help the Tioga County Conservation District with a county-wide field trip for all 9th graders in Tioga County on May 3-4 at the Fallbrook AMD treatment facility. We will be coordinating the macro-invertebrate study station. Members also assisted Tioga County's new WCO, Chad Lauer, in posting new signage along Pine creeks DHALO section in the canyon and we will also be assisting him with stocking of this section of Pine Creek. We recently applied for a Pro Am grant to help fund our TIC partners. We also plan on applying for an EAS grant to fund a pipeline crossing study that will look at thermal impacts in the stream from removal of the riparian vegetative canopy. Chapter meetings are the first Monday of every month except July and August at 7 p.m. at the Wellsboro Community Center, 3 Queen St., Wellsboro.

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Allegheny Mountain Chapter #036

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Our annual banquet was April 1 at the Falls Creek Eagles. We received a Coldwater Heritage Partnership grant for a riparian planting to shade Montgomery Run. We are also getting soil samples to make sure the plantings take root. Our environmental day is May 19 at Camp Mountain Run. Our TIC schools' fish are doing well and we are finalizing our release dates as well as the educational programs that go with our release days. Ten students wrapped up our fly tying class with

an evening on the stream. We took 15 members of the DuBois Middle School fly fishing club on a field trip to the Tannery Dam on May 3. Our annual special needs fishing event at the Tannery Dam is May 12. Seven members became fishing skills instructors. We have a family fishing event with the Girl Scouts on May 13.

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We are working with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and Brokenstraw Watershed Group doing the spring plantings for streambank stabilization on several projects done on Brokenstraw Creek last fall. Our four TIC projects have stockings scheduled in early May. We hosted a fly fishing workshop on April 8 at the Waterworks Pond Cabin on Presque Isle in Erie, which included casting and tying instruction, wildlife and macro study, and a tackle and equipment seminar.

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Our Meal and a Movie event was April 7 and featured John Norman Mclean, son of author Norman Mclean who wrote "A River Runs Through It." Our Paddlers Dice Run is July 30. Work on Morrison Run is scheduled for September. We are working with several groups to obtain grants for bank stabilization on Brown Run. We are recruiting new teachers for two more TIC classrooms next year.

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We are still in the planning stages of a John's Run fish passage project. It has been confirmed with National Fuel that the dam and the lower dam at Heath Pump Station is on their land. We hope to be meeting with National Fuel, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, PFBC, DCNR and Heath Sportsmen's Club to get everyone on the same page with the future removal of all three dams. Plans are in the works to get the deflector fixed at the Brookville fly area on North Fork. Coordinating with the Scouts has made this take much longer than originally planned. Special care will be taken to make it easier to access the spot for handicap or older anglers to fish from. Our 41st annual banquet was April 1. TIC programs all have fish doing well and many release days are set. Our fly tying classes ended in early March. President Mark Hanes attended both the PFBC intro to fishing and into to fly fishing instructor classes and hopes to take what he learned to help the chapter get more family fishing programs up

and running. We are also planning on working with and helping Allegheny Mountain Chapter get a veterans fishing started. Our May picnic with the Allegheny Mountain Chapter is May 23 at Walter Dick Park, Brookville.

James Zwald Chapter #314

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Several chapter members attended the stream workshop held in Emporium on March 28. We continue to work with Elk and Cameron County Conservation Districts and contractors to conduct stream assessment on the West Creek tributary to the Driftwood Branch of Sinnemahoning. This assessment will conclude in late summer 2017. In April, we hosted Luke Bobnar from Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, and Chuck Keeports, hydrologist for the USDA Forest Service/Allegheny National Forest for a seminar on "Large Wood Restoration" methods to enhance in stream habitat. During the May meeting, Jeff Ream of Ream Engineering Consultants, and Kim Bonfardine from Elk County Conservation District will present a program update on the monitoring and assessment project at West Creek being conducted by the chapter. The chapter arranged with PFBC's Amidea Daniel to provide fry to Ridgway Senior High so a long-term substitute could continue the TIC program there after their brookies were lost during staff transition. During a meeting on March 28 at South St. Marys Street Elementary, teacher Russ Micale conducted a seminar on TIC for chapter members in attendance. Among the items discussed were equipment, student and teacher duties, basic science involved, and trouble shooting. During February and early March, the Chapter conducted weekly basic fly tying classes, which were attended by students as young as third grade to beginners looking for retirement projects. The chapter was not successful in receiving a CHP grant to study the Middle Fork tributary of the East Branch of the Clarion this year; however, we intend to pursue this grant during the next cycle. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of May and June at St. Marys Area Middle School Library, 979 S. St. Marys Road, St. Marys.



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Our annual banquet was March 18 at the Park Inn by Radisson in West Middlesex. Our annual cleanup of the Coolspring DHALO area was April 1. Another workday will be held later this summer to repair several culverts on the access trail to facilitate future stockings of the area. All participating TIC programs are reporting successful years and getting ready for their release day events. We will once again be holding our Youth Fishing Derby at the Grove City Sportsmen's Club on Saturday, June 17. This event is open to kids 12 and under and those with disabilities to enjoy a day of fishing at their pond. We are currently planning to start a Veterans Program this summer with an instructional/fly tying program. The North Deer Creek Group held opening day festivities at the youth and handicapped special regulation area on Deer Creek off Creek Road. This area is open to kids only for the first 45 days of the season. Our annual chapter fishing outing on Oil Creek is May 13. Our next board meeting is at 6:30 p.m. May 22 at Penn State Shenango. No meetings are held in June or July.

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We had another successful Fly Fishing Film Tour night on Feb. 28 at the Tom Ridge Center at Presque Isle. We are currently looking for interested youths to sponsor for the Fly Fishing Conservation School.

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Our annual fundraising banquet was April 8 at the Quality Inn & Conference Center, Franklin. The lower DHALO section of Oil Creek is now part of the Trophy Trout program. We are plan-



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ning on providing fly tying and/or fly casting instruction to two schools involved in our TIC program this spring. Venango County Youth Field Day is June 17.

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The chapter hosted its annual fundraiser banquet on April 22 at the Port Allegany Fire Hall. We received a grant from the Western PA Conservancy and Dominion to implement water quality monitors to track stream temperatures across McKean County. Luke Bobnar of WPC and Chuck Keeports attended the chapter meeting on May 3 to discuss stream restoration projects in Allegheny National Forest utilizing large wood materials. TIC projects are underway in McKean County schools. A regional release day is May 18 at Wildcat Park, Ludlow. Tying classes recently concluded for beginner, intermediate, and experts.

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The chapter assisted PFBC with stocking the delayed harvest fly fishing only section of Ridley Creek in March. We are currently involved in TIC with Strath Haven Middle School. Our annual fly tying courses were conducted on Tuesday evenings when we did not have chapter meetings. Our annual barbecue dinner is June 17 at Newlin Grist Mill, Glen Mills, PA.

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Little Lehigh Chapter #070

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Last quarter we provided a commitment letter to Wildlands Conservancy in support of its \$50,000 DCNR grant application that would be used for several riparian buffer restoration along nine Lehigh Valley streams, with a significant amount of planned for the Little Lehigh Creek. LLTU pledged to provide up to \$3,000 of labor in-kind through volunteer assistance in planting, project planning, and outreach. We are monitoring TIC progress in our three current schools. We are planning a Fly Fishing Youth Camp on Jordan Creek (a Little Lehigh tributary) on June 3. We hope to have 25-30 attend this year to learn such topics as knots & rigging, reading the water, entomology, fly casting, and fly tying. Participants will be provided with lunch and the opportunity to try out their new knowledge on the water with members serving as guides. Chad Chorney spoke at our March meeting about his work with educational outreach and monitoring trout fisheries in Idaho. At our Spring Event, also in March, and sponsored jointly by LLTU, Monocacy, Hokendauqua and Forks of the Delaware chapters, our featured speaker was Eric Stroup, who presented the Little Juniata and the Juniata River, with an emphasis on trout and smallmouth bass. Mike Siegel spoke about the precarious relationship between the Little Lehigh Creek and the sanitary sewer line that closely parallels the creek from Lower Macungie Township all the way through the city of Allentown at our February meeting. Mike is currently vice-chairman of the Lower Macungie Township Environmental Advisory Council and is a former Planning Commission member in Lower Macungie.

Perkiomen Valley #332

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We had a number of site visits to our TIC classrooms. The chapter received a \$2,500 Growing Greener Grant for the Perkiomen Creek American Legion project. We also have an Embrace-A-Stream application in progress.

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The chapter held its annual Polar Bear fishing outing on the second Saturday in January. A winter stocking took place in the Pennypack stream that flows thru the Pennypack Trust Property.

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We completed construction of our Embrace-A-Stream deflector project on Tulpehocken. We are supporting two new TIC programs at Glenside school and Amity Elementary Center in Daniel Boone School District.

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VFTU has added a third Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing group based in Royersford. This will make it more convenient for vets from northern Chester and Montgomery counties to participate. The other two PHWFF groups are based in West Bradford (out-patient) and Coatesville (in-patient). Jim Clark of VFTU was presented with the Project Healing Waters Volunteer of the Year Award for Pennsylvania. Our annual Trout Show was March 18 and featured Bob Romano, who gave a presentation on wild brook trout and landlocked salmon fishing in western Maine. Our annual Valley Creek Clean Up was April 8. VFTU has added three more schools to our TIC program, bringing the total to eight. Our annual Fly Fishing School is May 21. Marsha Benovengo, program coordinator for Casting for Recovery, attended our Spring Trout Show and had a display table where she was able to educate the public on this great program. VFTU is partnering with Chesterbrook Parcel 1 and Gilmore Associates to do a Wilson Run riparian buffer restoration and stream stabilization. We provided a letter of support and matching grant funding for a Growing Greener grant application submitted by the Open Land Conservancy for storm water BMP enhancement to increase capacity and eliminate erosion/sediment discharge. Monthly meetings are the second Thursday each month Chester Valley Grange, 3285 Phoenixville Pike, Malvern.

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A board meeting was held after the member meeting in March in preparation of the Latimore Creek fish derby being held on May 6 at the special regulations area located with the Latimore fairgrounds. We are currently working with nine individual local schools and one college on TIC projects. Release dates are May 4, 10 and 11.

Codorus Chapter #558

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An important stream improvement project was recently completed on Codorus Creek in the area near Laughman's sawmill by member Ethan Daviau, who chose this effort as his Eagle Scout project. Our annual stream cleanup was April 8. Our TIC release days are May 9, 11 and 16. We recently held a successful open fly tying event at York County's Nixon Park. Upcoming programs at chapter meetings include a presentation on fishing the Madison and Yellowstone rivers, and an on-stream clinic on European nymphing techniques. We are planning a Women-only fly fishing clinic on June 10. Upcoming meetings are May 10 and June 14 at Laughman's Sawmill Pavilion.

Cumberland Valley Chapter #052

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Our annual Limestoner Banquet was March 17. Chuck Furimsky received the Charles K. Fox "Rising Trout" award, Bill Strockbine received the Order of the Quill and Jeb Betar was recognized with The Limestoner Award for his extensive conservation efforts and chapter involvement. With the recent transfer of The Allenberry Resort to new owners, the chapter remains in communication with the new ownership regarding conservation issues along the Yellow Breeches Creek, along with discussions of continued public access to the special regulations stretch of the Yellow Breeches. We began our stream monitoring efforts in the Tuscarora State Forest as construction of the Mariner East II pipeline is slated to begin. We took water sampling training with ALLARM in late March to add to their water quality monitoring on the Letort Spring Run. We will be conducting

bi-monthly sampling to pinpoint suspected areas of detrimental runoff in the headwaters region of the stream. We have identified five potential project sites throughout the Yellow Breeches watershed and will be pursuing funding to move forward with these much-needed improvements. We are working with 14 individual TIC installations in our local schools and working to engage additional resources to further expand the program. Upcoming meetings are May 17 and June 21 at Monroe Twp. Fire Hall, Churchtown. Reel to Recovery is June 13-14 at Allenberry Resort. The Rivers Conservation Youth Camp is June 18-23 at Messiah College, Mechanicsburg, and Streets to Streams is June 27-28 at Messiah College.

Doc Fritchey Chapter #108

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Our Lower Snitz Creek project has gotten through several major milestones, first review approval of up to \$115,000 grant from PFBC and approval by Commissioners. This project is comprised of approximately 2500 feet of stream improvement to include livestock fencing and crossing, invasive plant removal, additional riparian buffer tree planting and substantial in-stream boulder structure habitat improvement. Due to other projects on the agenda for our contractor and the permitting process, our project may slip into 2018. We were asked to participate in the restoration of the handicapped and children's access area on Powell's Creek in upper Dauphin County. On Feb. 15 a group of interested organizations and individuals, including PFBC Director John Arway, met with the landowner who posted the area several years ago but removed them after the meeting. It will be a year or so until design work and planning for the restoration takes place. We continue to have success with cooperating TIC schools. Our next chapter meeting is May 23.

Donegal Chapter #037

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Construction work is finished at the Drumore Township Park on Fishing Creek. A planting day was scheduled with the Friends of Fishing Creek Association. We plan to continue to work with the township on roadway/streambank issues in the same region. Our nursery and conservation chairmen met to determine the number of plants needed this year for our different projects. Our TIC program will add three new classrooms in the fall, bringing our total to 17. We now have a poster board map of the county with the school districts designated and marked for the schools that are in the program. We will use this map at public meetings to educate the community about the program and our involvement. We plan to apply for Embrace-A-Stream and Susquehanna

Riverlands grants for future projects. Our Watershed Day is May 9 at Millport Conservancy. Our next chapter meeting is 7-9 p.m. May 17 at Farm & Home Center, Arcadia Road, Lancaster.

Falling Spring Chapter #234

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Planning has started for a stream cleanup on a section of the Falling Spring with the help of Sen. Richard Alloway. The chapter is planning a Family Fishing Day in May on the Conococheaque Creek. A presentation by Tom Gilmore was well-attended and members from the Adams County and Cumberland Valley chapters were represented along with members of the Antietam Fly Anglers group from Maryland. We made a \$500.00 donation to the Grove Family Library for the support that they give to the chapter in promoting the mission of Trout Unlimited in protecting and preserving America's cold water resources, and in supporting veteran's programs of the chapter and the community. Chapter members assisted with a macroinvertebrate study on a stretch of the Falling Spring on April 6 that was led by Tammy Piper of the Franklin County Soil and Water Conservation District Office. Teacher Janine Stottlemeyer's science class will be looking specifically for examples of Ephemerals(s) invaria, rotunda and Dorothea, or "Sulphurs." Hatches of these mayflies have been sparser in the recent years. Our Project Healing Waters Falling Spring Invitational is May 13 at the Isaack Walton League Meadows on the Conococheaque. The Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp is June 18-23 at Messiah College.

John Kennedy Chapter #045

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Our annual banquet is in August. We also have a Kelso Run project slated for August. TIC release days are May 16 and May 26 for our five local schools. Youth Field Day is at Tyrone Sportsman's Association, Tyrone on June 3. Blair County Women Take Aim is May 20.

Muddy Creek Chapter #575

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Our annual Trout Fund letter was mailed mid-February. Our new 2017 patch has arrived and is available for sale on our website. Our TIC students will help plant trees at the Bonham after their TIC release day and we are hoping to involve a local Girl Scout troop as well. Chapter meetings are the third Wednesday of each month at Felton Pizza Shop. Our Fall Fling at Bonham Reservation is in September.

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Our annual banquet was March 18. The AMD reclamation project on Hulings Run has begun. We finished a six-week fly tying class. Our six TIC programs are about to kick off their release.

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On April 21, 22 and 23, the chapter conducted a fly fishing retreat for military veterans in partnership with the DCNR staff at Ohiopyle State Park. The retreat with 25 vets was held on park property along the Youghiogheny River. Participants are both from PA and WV with the majority being members of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing chapters. Plans are in the works for a second retreat in the fall. The chapter held its annual banquet on March 18 at the Park Inn by Radisson in Uniontown. The chapter continues to maintain AMD treatment facilities on Glade & Morgan Runs, tributaries in the Youghiogheny watershed. We also actively manage an alkaline sand project in the headwaters of Glade Run.

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The chapter received a grant to support the 2017 Laurel Highlands Trout Trail. Our chapter created the LHTT to conserve our home waters by promoting tourism and engaging Laurel Highlands residents and businesses in preserving, protecting and restoring our trout streams that are so important to our quality of life and to the economic prosperity of our region. The 2017 program includes distributing LHTT color tri-fold brochures that include a map, GPS coordinates, trout stream description and how to fish the "Top Ten" Laurel Highlands trout streams open to the public. Prior to the tourist season, TU volunteers will distribute the brochures to the three State Parks within the Laurel Highlands, to the Laurel Highlands Visitors Bureau and to Chambers of Commerce. TU volunteers will distribute LHTT educational and motivational materials (T-shirts) to local schools, and assist schools with visits to Laurel Highlands state parks. Financial support for this project was provided by the Dominion Foundation which is dedicated to the economic, physical and social health of the communities served by Dominion companies. This grant program is administered by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy in commitment to its core mission of conserving Pennsyl-

vania's diverse ecosystems through science-based strategy, leadership and collaboration. Our annual Fly Tying Roundtable is May 11 in Youngstown, PA. Our TIC field trip to Linn Run State Park is May 16 in Ligonier.

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FBTU is selling raffle tickets for cash prizes and picnic tickets for the 2017 Conservation Picnic at Egolf Park on June 17. We had a strong presence at the 16th annual Bobs Creek Watershed Cleanup on April 1. We had a fly tying demonstration booth at the Bedford County Home, Garden and Lifestyle Show at the Bedford Fairgrounds on April 2. On May 27, FBTU will partner with Blue Knob State Park to present a program on stream ecology and fly fishing to Park campers and visitors.

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After a successful winter fly tying course, the chapter had a very successful banquet. Now we turn our attention to stream cleanups on Yellow Creek, Clear Shade Road and others. Volunteers will be helping with about 10 TIC releases. We will also be planning our summer work projects.

Penns Woods West Chapter #042

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The annual Cabin Fever show was Feb. 19 with 750 attendees and speakers, Josh Miller, Tom Doman, Leo Vensel and Greg Hoover. The annual PWWTU Pine Creek workday was April 1. We added two schools to our TIC program. Our Bar Flies fly tying program continues to be successful and meets at Grazie! Restaurant and Event Center in Wexford at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of the month. Our May meeting is May 8 at the same location.