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## Coldwater Heritage Partnership distributes \$75,000 in grants

The Coldwater Heritage Partnership has announced that more than \$75,000 in grants have been awarded to local organizations to protect and conserve Pennsylvania's coldwater streams.

Grant funds for the Coldwater Heritage Partnership are provided by Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Community Conservation Partnerships Program Environmental Stewardship Fund, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds and Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited.

The purpose of the CHP is to provide leadership, coordination, technical assistance, and funding support for the conservation and protection of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams. The program awards

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## Annual PATU award nominations due by July 31

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited will present its annual awards during the fall meeting at the Shavers Creek Fireman's Park, 4811 Shavers Creek Road, Petersburg, PA 16669 on Saturday, Sept. 14. There is a huge amount of extraordinary work being accomplished by PATU

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Kelly Williams Photo

Fishery surveys revealed that native brook trout are present in many areas of the Potts Run watershed. Once AMD restoration activities are complete, these populations should be able to expand as they utilize restored habitat.

## Perseverance pays off in the Potts Run watershed

By Rachel Kester  
*TU Project Coordinator*

As a college intern at the Clearfield County Conservation District, I first sampled Potts Run in the summer of 2002 as part of an assessment of Clearfield Creek, a tributary to the West Branch Susquehanna River in northcentral Pennsylvania.

Potts Run sticks in my mind because after spending all summer sampling streams degraded by abandoned mine drainage and completely devoid of life, it was exciting to

find a stream that had at least a few tolerant macroinvertebrate species present despite the AMD influences.

I remember thinking that if any streams in the Clearfield Creek watershed could be restored, Potts Run was one of them. It had relatively good water quality, intact habitat, and at least some aquatic life. But funding was limited, so in-depth sampling was focused on other more severely degraded streams.

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Competitors in the Pennsylvania Collegiate Fly Fishing Championships gather with organizer Charlie Charlesworth from the beats during the first section of the event.

## 2nd PA Collegiate Fly Fishing Championships another success

On Friday, April 5, 28 students from eight college and university 5 Rivers Clubs convened at Port Matilda's Godspeed Hostel for the 2nd Annual Pennsylvania Collegiate Fly Fishing Championships. Currently, 11 colleges and universities in Pennsylvania support Trout Unlimited 5 Rivers Clubs on their campuses.

This event came about when Charlie Charlesworth, then-president of PATU, invited students from those schools to take part in a retreat/rally at Penn State's Lake Perez. During a brainstorming session with the students, it was suggested that holding a fly fishing competition might be a good way to get students from the different schools to connect with each other. Charlesworth invited Ryan Heisler (Juniata College) and Dan Collins (Mansfield University) to present their proposal to PA Council.

Council approved the idea and established an agreement with the PAFish and Boat Commission to sponsor the first-ever PA Collegiate Fly Fishing Championship. Charlie, Ryan and Dan collaborated on plans to ensure that the inaugural fly fishing championship would be a success. This year, with Ryan having graduated from college, it was now Dan's responsibility to put the whole thing together. This year's event was sponsored by PFBC,

Cortland Line, Syndicate Rods, Mansfield University and the Louis Koch Foundation.

If April 5 was any indication as to how the weekend would turn out, fortunately it didn't work out that way. The day was cold and rainy, and the students spent the entire evening confined to the activity room at Godspeed, either tying flies or just getting to know their competition.

Saturday turned out to be totally different, and a perfect day to fish. It was overcast, and Bald Eagle Creek was running somewhat high and a bit stained, but that didn't appear to affect the outcome a bit. On the contrary, for some it was their best day of fishing ever. Ethan Daviau (York College) set the bar for the day with a total of 27 fish for both sessions to win the individual portion of the competition. For the second year in a row, Mansfield University took top honors in the team portion of the competition.

### Individual Rankings

1. Ethan Daviau (York)
2. Dan Collins (Mansfield)
3. Tyler Olrogg (Mansfield)

### Team Rankings

1. Mansfield University (Dan Collins, Ryan Shaw, Andrew Wilson, Tyler Olrogg)

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# PATU seeks Treasurer candidates

After serving as Council Treasurer for the past 16 years, George Kutschel has decided to step down effective April 1 and hand over the treasurer's duties to someone else.

In the interim, the Executive Committee has appointed NC Region VP Bob Volkmat to serve as interim treasurer.

George's long-term commitment as treasurer involved a host of other duties in addition to keeping the books and handling the financial needs of Council. He worked tirelessly coordinating the Coldwater

Heritage Program, assisting the chapters in filing financial reports and tax forms, and handling Council's merchandise sales, to name just a few of his responsibilities.

We wish George well in his retirement from Council's Executive Committee, and know that he will continue to contribute his expertise to TU as president of the Allegheny Mountain Chapter.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving as Council Treasurer, please contact President Greg Malaska at greg.malaska@gmail.com or 570-657-7169.

## Actions Taken by EXCOM since Feb. 9, 2019

**February 13** – Approved Council to sign on to a letter to the PA Governor and legislators objecting to redirecting funds from the Environmental Stewardship Fund (Growing Greener) and Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation Fund for other non-conservation uses.

**February 18** – Approved the filing of IRS Form 990 for FY2018 as prepared by the accounting firm of Mauthe, Yutzey, Gabler & Troxell.

**February 25** – Approved adding Council's name to a letter from the state's sportsmen's groups expressing opposition to Gov. Wolf's proposal to make transfers from the Environmental Stewardship Fund for general operations instead of on-the-ground projects.

**February 25** – Approved adding Council's name to 3 letters from the Choose Clean Water Coalition outlining its FY20 Congressional Appropriations requests for the Chesapeake Bay, as well as a letter opposing rollback of the Clean Water Rule.

**February 25** – Approved adding Council's name to a letter from the Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed (CDRW) requesting FY20 Congressional Appropriations of \$10 million for the Delaware River Watershed.

**March 3** – Approved an expenditure of \$1,535.89 for the purchase of a display booth to be used for Council meetings and participation in various events.

**March 20** – Approved sending letter to National TU recommending Charlie Charlesworth for Grassroots Trustee position.

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2. York/Keystone
3. Penn State/Behrend

Awards were handed out Saturday night after dinner. A straw poll was conducted regarding the popularity of the event, and the response was overwhelmingly in support of repeating it for a third year in 2020. After the awards ceremony, everyone had a great time socializing, with many of the students making new lifetime friends.

As the event grows in popularity, some additional logistics will have to be worked out. With Dan Collins graduating this year, it will now be up to Ethan Daviau and other

volunteers to cope with our growing pains.

Next year's championships will again be held at the Godspeed Hostel and run from Friday, April 3rd through Sunday, April 5th. For more information on the PA Collegiate Fly Fishing Championships or 5 Rivers Clubs in general, contact Charlie Charlesworth at 570-954-5042 or email to ffnepa@epix.net. Charlie will be glad to help you organize a 5 Rivers Club at your school.

Charlie is co-chair of the PATU Youth Education Committee, working with the college portion of Council's youth initiatives. He also serves as advisor for the Keystone College 5 Rivers Club.

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# Headwaters

A message from PATU President  
Greg Malaska

## East-bound and down

Take a look at the picture to the right. Beautiful, isn't it. Potter County? Smokies? New England? Nope – it's Dunbar Creek in Fayette County. Surprised? I was too.

In anticipation of the April 6 regional training in Westmoreland County, I decided to embark on a roadtrip to uncharted territory-SOUTHWEST PA. The goal was to meet with our SW chapters and learn about an area I had never experienced. I began the trip with many preconceived notions, yet came home with none. The trip was full of pleasant surprises, including the accompanying photo.

Leaving Jim Thorpe before dawn, I spent the first day with Bill Anderson, president of the Little Juniata River Association. The LJRA has been a great partner of PATU's and his leadership has drawn national recognition to this waterway. Bill showed me LJRA's many projects and identified future areas for protection. One characteristic of great leaders is that they are never satisfied and are always looking for the next opportunity. Partners make projects and I look forward to partnering more with Bill in the coming years to protect this world class fishery.

That evening, I met with several officers from the Penns Woods West Chapter. It was my first trip to Pittsburgh and I was surprised by the lack of major traffic and the attractive North Shore neighborhood. Over a few drinks with Dale Fogg, Walt Reineman and Josh Weiland, I got a better feel for what makes our largest chapter tick, especially in a trout-absent metro area.

I then visited with Chestnut Ridge TU. Ben Moyer, Eugene Gordon, Joe Gudac and Dale Kotowski gave me a grand tour of Fayette County. I had heard many rumors about this region, few of which were flattering. To the contrary, I found the landscape rugged and beautiful and its people dedicated and passionate.

I've often said there are two types of TU chapters: "protect" chapters and "restore"



chapters. The former seeks to prevent damage, while the later tries to fix what has been damaged, usually by extractive industries. Growing up in the anthracite region, I can relate to the efforts of restore chapters like CRTU. These folks showed me several projects which enhanced fish passage, improved habitat and managed the massive impact of acid mine drainage. At the risk of sounding sappy, I was really inspired.

I then drove north to Ford City to meet with volunteers from the Arrowhead Chapter. Driving along the Monongahela and Kiskiminetas Rivers, I saw the lasting impact of the exodus of industry from the region. My meeting with ATU was one of the most valuable in that I asked for, and was provided with, candid feedback on how PATU can better work with chapters. It's something I needed to hear and gave me a new perspective on State Council's role.

I then headed to Ligonier to fish the Loyalhanna and spend the day with Executive VP Monty Murty. We toured much of Westmoreland County and discussed the importance of developing relationships with funding partners. These relationships have allowed Forbes Trail TU to do magnificent work in the Loyalhanna watershed. Monty and I then went to the Fly Tyers Reunion in Seven Springs, where we saw some old friends and met some new ones.

Saturday's training was incredibly valuable to the attendees. We had good lecturers and quality interaction. Kudos to FTTU

for all their help in making this training a success. One *mea culpa*. I did not realize that we were competing with several TU chapter banquets, the LJRA river cleanup, and the statewide mentored youth fishing day. My bad. Won't happen again.

My last stop was in Johnstown for the Mountain Laurel TU banquet; great folks doing great work. MLTU set an attendance record and I had the pleasure of watching Trout Management Committee Co-Chair Len Lichvar inhale four pieces of cake in one sitting. Great event that raised lots of money for a successful "restore" chapter.

So...what is the relevance of the above title? After the MLTU dinner, I had to drive to Burnham in Mifflin County, as I wanted to fish the DHALO section of Honey Creek the next morning. The trip was about 120 miles, a two-hour night ride that I was *really* dreading. Fortunately, my spirits were lifted by an unexpected source.

MLTU hired a bluegrass band, Meat Potatoes and Gravy, which covered perhaps the greatest road trip song of all time, "East Bound and Down" by Jerry Reed (Note: For any millennials who don't know what I'm talking about – Google it). Singing that song in my head along a dark and monotonous Route 22 East, really made the trip easier. Thanks, MP&G!

So that's it. Eight-hundred and ninety-five miles, tough fishing, great people, valuable restoration work, and way too much caffeine and truck stop food. Next year's destination – the Great Northwest (during hatch season, though).



# GRANTS

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planning and implementation grants to conservation organizations in an effort to protect and conserve Pennsylvania's coldwater resources.

The planning grant is awarded to organizations to create a coldwater conservation plan that evaluates the biological, physical, and chemical features of the stream or watershed to identify potential threats, impacts, and opportunities and compile recommendations for future protection.

The implementation grant is awarded to organizations to complete projects listed as recommendations in Coldwater Conservation Plans or similar documents. Potential projects must conserve, protect, or enhance the resources.

Grants have been awarded to the following organizations:

### Coldwater Conservation Plans

- Eastern Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation – \$4,750 for Huntsville Creek (Luzerne County) Assessment of naturally reproducing trout population, aquatic connectivity, macroinvertebrates, culvert assessments and identification of potential restoration and improvement projects.
- Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited Chapter – \$5,000 for Letort Spring Run (Cumberland County) Cold-water Conservation Plan between I-81 overpass and headwaters.
- Brodhead Watershed Association – \$5,000 for Mill Creek and Rattlesnake

Creek (Monroe County) Assessment of water quality, fish surveys, macroinvertebrate study, chemical analysis and to identify and recommend future project sites.

- Western Pennsylvania Conservancy – \$5,000 for Big Run (Jefferson County) Assessment and Coldwater Conservation Plan development.

### Coldwater Implementation Projects

- American Rivers – \$8,000 for Garmin-town Dam removal on West Branch of Susquehanna River (Cambria County).
- Perkiomen Valley Trout Unlimited Chapter – \$8,000 for Hosensack Creek (Montgomery County) stream bank reconstruction and in-stream habitat restoration.
- Delaware Riverkeeper Network – \$8,000 for Pickering Creek (Chester County) Experimental Eel return to control invasive crayfish and restore structure and function of a healthy cold-water stream.

- Tubmill Trout Club Unlimited – \$8,000 for Hendricks Creek – Florek Farm (Westmoreland County) stream habitat improvement for trout and Hellbender salamanders.
- Heritage Conservancy – \$7,310 for Cooks Creek (Bucks County) stream buffer improvements.
- Bushkill Stream Conservancy – \$8,000 for Bushkill Creek (Northampton County) riparian buffer installation, stream bank stabilization, stormwater runoff reduction and aquatic habitat improvements.
- Western Pennsylvania Conservancy – \$8,000 for Keal Run (Indiana County) aquatic organism passage restoration and in-stream habitat improvements.

Contact Program Director Ashley Wilmont at 814-359-5233 or [c-awilmont@pa.gov](mailto:c-awilmont@pa.gov) for project information or how to apply to the Coldwater Heritage Partnership. Additional info as well as plans, reports, and photographs from previous grant awardees can be found on the CHP website [www.coldwaterheritage.org](http://www.coldwaterheritage.org).

## Chapter Donations

The following chapters have made a commitment to PATU within the last 12 months.

### Exceptional Value \$1,000 or more

- Cumberland Valley
- Mountain Laurel
- Penns Woods West
- Valley Forge

### High Quality \$500 to \$999

- Allegheny Mountain
- Doc Fritchey
- God's Country
- Neshannock

### Brook Trout \$250 to \$499

- Adams County
- Buck's County

### Wild Trout \$100 to \$249

- Hokendauqua

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# Aid trout, habitat: Consider new voluntary permits

By Lenny Lichvar

*Trout Management Committee Co-Chair*

As co-chairmen of the PATU Trout Management Committee Dave Rothrock and I, along with the committee members, are putting together implementable concepts that we believe could be assimilated into future PA Fish and Boat Commission decisions and initiatives to benefit the wild trout resource and the habitat they require to exist.

As this cooperative effort progresses and to add to the momentum and empowerment of it coldwater anglers and conservationists would do well to seriously consider supporting PFBC's new voluntary program that among others includes a Habitat/Waterways Conservation Permit and a Wild Trout and Enhanced Waterways Permit.

During my 12 years as the District 4 Commissioner for the PFBC I lost count of the comments I received from anglers across the state, while attending countless meetings and other public events, asking why the PFBC does not do more to improve the wild trout resource. Truth be told the PFBC has actively pursued that goal for many years, but due to severe



Lenny Lichvar Photo

**Voluntary permits can be a least a part of the solution to the concerns that wild trout supporters have themselves identified as a priority.**

financial limitations those activities have not been to the level many, including the PFBC, would like to see.

A very specific example I often heard was to find methods to upgrade wild trout waters from Class C to Class B or Class B to Class A. Certainly that is an excellent priority. Well, according to PFBC Executive Director Tim Schaeffer that is exactly one of the uses that the funding derived from the Wild Trout Permit will be used for.

Also according to Schaeffer, the Habitat and Waterways Permit funds will go

toward supporting lake, stream, wetland and riparian habitat projects and can be used to match funding from other sources to further improve water quality.

I also must emphasize that these voluntary permits were derived through significant time and effort of both Commissioners and Commission staff while I was on the board. I supported and voted for them as an innovative method to secure funds that do not require legislative approval in order to try to maintain and actually enhance important programs.

Through these voluntary permits the PFBC is providing the opportunity for those that often emphatically informed me for years that they would support and contribute money to water quality improvement and enhancement of the wild trout resource if only they had more opportunity to do so. These permits can be a least a part of the solution to the concerns that wild trout supporters have themselves identified as a priority.

I purchased my permits and I encourage TU members and all those interested in contributing something positive for our coldwater resource to consider doing the same.

## Register now for National TU's Northeast rendezvous

Join fellow anglers and TU volunteer leaders from across the Northeast on May 31 to June 2 at the Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs for some great fishing, enlightening presentations, inspiring dialogue and engaging camaraderie with those who share your dedication to TU and our mission.

Located on the banks of the world-famous Yellow Breeches Creek, with hundreds of miles of incredible fishing water within a short drive, this is the perfect location to join us for the weekend – and even stay longer or make a family trip or fishing buddies escape out of this great event!

TU regional rendezvous are occasions to be inspired – by the work of TU staff, lessons from volunteer leaders, and conversations with newfound friends. They are also an excellent opportunity to discuss the unique issues facing the region as well as a

chance to network and build relationships with fellow TU volunteer leaders.

### SCHEDULE

#### Friday, May 31 - Hosted Fishing Day

Sample some of the finest fly fishing around in the Cumberland Valley region during the peak of mayfly hatches in this fabled fishing destination! Your local Pennsylvania TU hosts will take you to some of their most special waters – whether boulder-hopping after native brook trout in a small stream or chasing larger browns in big water. Once registered for the fishing day, you will be sent a short questionnaire asking about your fishing preferences. The \$20 registration fee includes a boxed lunch.

Following fishing, all attendees can gather for a no-host meal and networking event at a location TBD.

#### Saturday, June 1 – Workshops and

### Seminars

Saturday's full-day session will include breakfast and lunch networking, group discussions, concentrated workshops and opportunities for TU members and volunteers to share ideas, celebrate successes, and discuss common challenges.

#### Saturday Night, June 1 – Streamside Pig Roast, PA Council Fundraiser and Networking

Following the day's meetings, join your fellow TU members, volunteers and staff from for a great streamside pig roast with the sound of conversation mingling to the murmur of the nearby Yellow Breeches. You can even wander away to find some quiet water and rising trout! A fun raffle and auction will be offered and opportunities abound to network with one another. Spend time talking shop and trading stories

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I headed back to college that fall not really giving Potts Run a second thought, but now knowing that I wanted to pursue a career in watershed restoration, it's on my mind a lot.

Fast forward a decade, and my husband and I bought a home just one mile from the mouth of Potts Run. I hadn't been to the stream or thought much about it since my college days, but here I was, now working for Trout Unlimited and exploring the woods and streams around my new home.

We hiked, we fished, and we soon came to realize that Potts Run was not meeting its full potential as a wild brook trout fishery. There seemed to be areas of the stream where trout were thriving, but there were also several abandoned deep mine discharges that were polluting Potts Run in its lower reaches.

Fortunately, my supervisor, Amy Wolfe, happens to be an AMD restoration expert, after spending her early career at TU restoring trout to Twomile Run as part of the Kettle Creek Home Rivers Initiative.

Amy encouraged me to pursue funding to assess Potts Run and develop a restoration plan.

Over the next several years, we partnered with local landowners, state and federal agencies, private funders, and the county conservation district to perform water sampling, macroinvertebrate surveys, habitat assessments and fishery surveys. This assessment culminated in an AMD restoration plan for the Potts Run watershed.

The Potts Run No. 3 Mine complex, abandoned in the 1950s, was identified as a priority for restoration as it contributes high levels of acid and aluminum to Potts



Rachel Kester Photo

**TU's contractor spreads crushed limestone with a high calcium carbonate content on the Potts Run No. 3 project site to neutralize acidity and help prevent leaching of heavy metals from the coal refuse into the stream.**

Run, degrading just over three miles of stream. We hired an engineer and set to work designing a treatment system that would remove the mine drainage and restore Potts Run to a thriving brook trout fishery.

Over the next few years, I pursued multiple grants – state, federal, private – to no avail. Funding for AMD cleanup was dwindling, and it looked as though we would never get funding to build the treatment system.

Finally, late last summer, we were awarded \$1.2 million from Pennsylvania's share of the federal Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Economic Development Pilot Program.

I was thankful and overjoyed, but there was one caveat – the money had to be spent by the end of May 2019. Building a nearly four-acre treatment system in less than a year is a daunting task, but I talked it over with Amy and we decided to go for it.

Now, here we are in the middle of winter in the Pennsylvania mountains with snow

and ice blanketing the landscape. Winter held off long enough that we were able to get much of the Potts Run No. 3 treatment system constructed this past fall and we're on track to complete it by the May deadline.

Our experience cleaning up AMD in Kettle Creek has shown that it won't be long after the treatment system goes online that we can expect a response in the bug and trout populations.

Since there are multiple tributaries containing wild brook trout, I suspect that within a year or two, we will see the trout population take off.

We'll be conducting post-construction monitoring to see how the stream (and trout) recover, so stay tuned. And if you ever find yourself passing through this part of Pennsylvania, hit me up and I'll be glad to show you around my home waters.

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with people who share your passion for conservation and enjoy a fun evening.

**Sunday, June 2 – Morning Workshops and Half-Day Conservation Tour**

Have you ever wondered why a stream needs restoration? Are you curious about the role insects play in these decisions? Join us for a special Sunday afternoon special session at the Northeastern Regional Rendezvous for a conservation tour to open

your eyes and expand your understanding of stream restoration practices you can take home to your chapters and councils.

**LODGING**

Accommodations and meeting venues for the Northeast Regional Rendezvous are provided by:

The Allenberry Resort, 1559 Boiling Springs Road, Boiling Springs, PA 17007. (717) 258-3211.

**REGISTRATION**

The total cost is \$125 and includes:

- Participation in all seminars and workshops on Saturday and Sunday
- Breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday
- A dinner and fundraiser hosted by the PA Council on Saturday night

Please register at <https://gifts.tu.org/northeast-regional>.

For questions and additional details, email Jeff Yates at [jyates@tu.org](mailto:jyates@tu.org).

# PA Council of Trout Unlimited

Minutes of the March 30, 2019  
Executive Committee Meeting

PFBC Centre Region Office, Bellefonte, PA

**Officers Attending:** Greg Malaska, Bob Pennell, John Leonard, Monty Murty, Brian Wagner, Brian McGuire, Ken Undercoffer, Russ Collins, Chuck Winters, Bobby Hughes, Bob Volkmar

**Others Attending:** Ashley Wilmont, Judi Sittler, Dave Rothrock, Dave Kinney, Rob Shane, Joe Greco, Joe Kovacic

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by President Malaska. He referenced his written report as submitted. A motion was made and carried to approve the Minutes of our February 9, 2019 EXCOM meeting as submitted.

**Coldwater Heritage Partnership (CHP) Grants:** An extension has been requested for submitting the Round 23 Progress Report. Application is 90% complete for the Round 25 CHP Grant which is due April 10.

**Keystone Coldwater Conference (KCWC):** The theme of the next Keystone Coldwater Conference scheduled for February 28, 2020 will be, "Resiliency in a Changing Environment." Sponsors are needed to help fund the \$15-20K cost of the conference.

**Trout in the Classroom (TIC):** The contract with Stroud Research has been signed. A motion was made and carried to approve allowing Stroud to review the TIC grant applications and submit their recommendations to Wilmont for approval.

**Forever Wild Grants:** Malaska appointed Volkmar and Winters to assist Wilmont in the evaluation of grant applications, with April 30 as the deadline for announcing recipients. The next round of grant applications will occur 15 months from now.

**National Leadership Council (NLC):** Wagner reported that he has assumed the role of Climate Change Coordinator for Council. Charlesworth has submitted his request to serve as a Grassroots Trustee, one of three such positions to be filled this year. Wagner announced that National TU

has offered financial assistance to chapters to help cover the cost of professional tax preparers in filing IRS Form 990s during this transition to the new fiscal year period.

**Treasurer's Report:** After serving 16 years as Council Treasurer, George Kutskel has announced his resignation, effective April 1, 2019. Malaska has prepared and prioritized a list of tasks to be addressed in the interim until a new treasurer is appointed.

**Financial Reviewer's Report:** Leonard reported that he found no irregularities in any of the accounts/charges and everything is well documented for the months of January and February, 2019. Russ Thrall will assume the role of Financial Reviewer, effective April 15, 2019.

## **Regional Reports:**

- **South Central** – All seven chapters submitted reports. Collins reported that the Falling Spring Chapter has scheduled a meeting for April to deal with the election of new officers.
- **Southeast** – All seven chapters submitted reports. McGuire reported that the Delco-Manning Chapter has a desire to establish a Special Regulation area on Chester Creek.
- **Southwest** – Seven of eight chapters submitted reports; Ken Sink did not report.
- **North Central** – No chapter reports were submitted, but Volkmar expects to have these by April 6.
- **Northeast** – Four of 10 chapters submitted reports; Hokendauqua, Monocacy, Pike Wayne, Schuylkill County, Shehawken and Stanley Cooper did not report.
- **Northwest** – All nine chapters submitted reports.

**Trout Management Committee:** Report submitted. The committee has created a revised Hatchery and Stocked Trout Policy, to be reviewed further before finalization and submission to EXCOM for approval. Collins has created a PowerPoint presentation to educate and inform chapters



regarding the details and implementation of the PATU Policy on Trout Management. A motion was made and carried to approve and support redesignation of the current PFBC list of proposed Wild Trout and Class A Waters.

**Development Committee:** Report submitted. The Yearend

Annual Appeal has yielded a total of \$16,400 in donations through the end of February. With the recent resignation of George Kutskel, a new committee chair must be appointed.

**Delaware River Committee:** No report submitted.

**Environmental Committee:** No report submitted.

**Women/Diversity Initiative:** Report submitted. A motion was made and carried to approve an expense of \$750 in addition to the \$1,000 previously approved to support the Women's Leadership Retreat to be held on April 26-28. It is understood that whatever amount that is not needed from the total of the \$50 per person entry fees will come back to Council and applied to the Women/Diversity Initiative budget.

**Youth Education Committee:** Report submitted. Sittler's budget request in support of the STREAM Girls program was praised by Malaska as a model for other committees to follow, but explained that approval would be deferred until further evaluation of the Council's overall budget structure can be completed in the transition to a new treasurer.

**College/5 Rivers Initiative:** Report submitted. A motion was made and carried to match the \$500 pledge from the Louis Koch Foundation in support of the PA Collegiate Fly Fishing Championships.

**Proposal for Mission-Focused Committee Structure:** Murty submitted a proposal for evaluation and possible renaming of certain committees with a goal of structuring them on a more mission-focused basis. Further discussion is needed at the next EXCOM meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**2019 PATU Annual Meeting:** A mo-



tion was made and carried to approve an expenditure of \$425 to reserve the Shavers Creek facility for September 14 (Annual Meeting) and September 15 (EXCOM). A motion was made and carried to approve Dave Allbaugh as our speaker for the Annual Meeting, with the understanding that he will receive a T-shirt and decal from Council.

**PATU Regional Trainings:** Everything is set to conduct our Western Regional Training on April 6 in Ligonier, and the Eastern Regional Training on April 27 in Bloomsburg.

**National TU Northeast Regional Rendezvous:** A motion was made and carried to host a “happy hour” at the Allenberry Resort on June 1 and allow National TU to bill Council approximately \$1,500 to cover the cost.

**Status of Falling Spring Chapter:** A notice has been sent to the chapter members announcing an annual meeting on April 8 for the purpose of electing new chapter officers.

**Status of Northwest PA Chapter:** Election of new chapter officers will take place at this chapter’s next membership meeting.

**Status of Perkiomen Valley Chapter:** Everything is reported to be in good working order after this chapter’s restructuring last year.

**PA TROUT Advertising Sales:** A motion was made and carried to approve a 10% commission to be paid to Charlie Charlesworth to act as our advertising sales rep for the newsletter.

**Budget Committee:** Malaska appointed Murty as chair, and Leonard, Hughes, McGuire, Collins and Sittler to serve on the newly-formed Budget Committee.

**June 22 EXCOM Meeting:** Arrangements have been finalized to hold the summer EXCOM meeting at Sinnemahoning State Park. The God’s Country and Seneca chapters will serve as hosts for the meeting.

**Clean Water Rule Update:** Shane reported that to date 35 PA chapters have signed on to TU’s letter supporting the reinstatement of the Clean Water Rule.

**PATU Display Booth:** A motion was made and carried to approve storing the new PATU display booth at Wilmont’s workspace at the PFBC Centre Regional Office. Wilmont will be responsible for

coordinating the use of the display booth for Council and chapter activities.

**Project Healing Waters & MOUs:** Regional VPs need to advise any chapters who plan on establishing a separate Project Healing Waters (PHW) chapter not to sign any Memos of Understanding (MOUs) with PHW before seeking direction from Council.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Status of Shehawken Chapter:** The chapter has recently elected Joe DeMalderis as its new president.

**Embrace-A-Stream Grants:** Any chapters planning on applying for a TU Embrace-A-Stream-grant need to contact Malaska for approval no later than April 15.

**Advocacy Initiative:** Kinney announced that the Sportsmen’s Policy Workgroup will be holding a Sportsmen’s Day at the PA State House on April 10, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. He also stated that about 75 TU members across the state have signed up as advocacy representatives. Kinney and Shane explained that their time is spent mainly on advocacy efforts, but they are proposing that Council appropriate \$20,000 to support an increase in their time devoted to wild trout issues. No action was taken at this time.

**API at PATU Regional Trainings:** The American Petroleum Institute (API) has requested an opportunity to participate in our upcoming PATU regional trainings, but since the agenda is already set, that will not be possible.

**Constant Contact Renewal:** A motion was made and carried to approve an expenditure of \$1,638 to renew our contract for Constant Contact email service, effective for one year beginning April 4, 2019.

**Resignation of Treasurer:** A motion was made and carried to accept the resignation of George Kutskel as Treasurer, CHP Administrator and Chair of the Development Committee, effective April 1, 2019.

**Additional Presenters at Regional Trainings:** A motion was made and carried to allow 15 minutes during lunch for presentations by PSU Extension Services at the Western Regional Training and the Lehigh Coldwater Alliance at the Eastern Regional Training.

**PFBC Quarterly Meeting on April 29-30:** A conference call will be scheduled prior to April 29 to review the Commission’s agenda to determine if there are items that need to be addressed by Council.

The regular session of the Executive Committee meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 1:15 p.m., followed by a discussion of the tasks to be completed during the transition leading to the appointment of a new treasurer. The Executive Committee meeting was reconvened at 3:05 p.m. and a motion was made and carried to adopt a resolution prepared by Malaska, including the appointment of Bob Volkmar as interim treasurer and outlining 15 items to be acted on, effective immediately.

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 3:18 p.m.

– Bob Pennell, Council Secretary



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## AWARDS

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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.** Forms may be emailed to Ashley Wilmont at [c-awilmont@pa.gov](mailto:c-awilmont@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](mailto:bisles@live.com).

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

- **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.
- **Inky Moore Award for Outstanding Service to State Council** – This award recognizes a person who through his or her recent efforts shows promise as a future leader of the organization.



PATU Program Director Ashley Wilmont extends thanks to Donegal Trout Unlimited Chapter for this wild brown trout she caught by jigging a black rabbit strip streamer at the Fishing Creek Herr/Beiler Project.

The Donegal TU members partnered with multiple state agencies and conservation organizations to complete this cold-water conservation project. The fresh erosion control straw from the stream bank stabilization can be seen in the background. (Ashley Wilmont Photo)



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## **NORTHEAST CHAPTERS**

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**Monocacy 491**

**Pike-Wayne 462**

**Schuylkill County 537**

**Shehawken 81**

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bass. The chapter also participated in Stockertown Rod & Gun Club's flea market in March. Our February membership meeting featured Rich DeFebo, a farmer who has been raising grass-fed beef in Upper Mounty Bethel Township for about 15 years. He has been using sustainable techniques that help protect water quality. Our March membership meeting featured Rob Shane, TU Mid-Atlantic organizer, presenting on the Unassessed Waters Initiative, the Clean Water Rule and other wild trout advocacy issues. The chapter tied flies and displayed at two outdoorsmen dinners, one in January at Grace Bible Fellowship Church and the other in March at St. John's U.C.C. Church, both in Nazareth. The chapter sent a letter of support to Nazareth Middle School for a TIC grant.

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## **Brodhead Chapter #289**

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Our annual banquet was March 29. The chapter received word that the NFWF grant we partnered on has been approved, which opens the door to finishing in-stream work on Cherry Creek and proceeding with planning for the next stage. Our TIC release day was April 10 at the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge in Stroudsburg. The chapter is planning a women's Introduction to Fly Fishing Class in July with the PFBC. We are holding an Introduction to Fly Fishing class on April 28 at Pocono Environmental Education Center. A stream cleanup is May 4 in Tannersville. Our meeting on the Brodhead is May 9 at Brodhead Creek Heritage Center. Brodhead Fly Tyers meetings are May 20 and June 17 at Eastern Monroe Public Library, Stroudsburg. Our annual members picnic is June 8 at Brodhead Creek Heritage Center.

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

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President Joe Baylog published a letter in the *Morning Call* in response to the proposed new EPA Clean Water Rule. The chapter held three Bugs & Suds fly tying events at Riverside Barr & Grill. The chapter also participated in the 18th annual Spring Event along with the Hokendauqua, Little Lehigh and Monocacy chapters. The guest speaker was Chris Gorsuch from Reel River Adventures with a program on fishing for smallmouth

## **Hokendauqua Chapter #535**

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No report.

## **Lackawanna Valley Chapter #414**

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Our annual pancake breakfast fundraiser was Feb. 2, with funds raised earmarked for our upcoming macroinvertebrate follow-up study on the Lackawanna River this year. We are measuring the effect of 2018's high water events on the insect life in the river. Three representatives of LVTU attended a Habitat Mixer in Dallas, Pa. on Feb. 23, where we spoke with other local conservation organizations to find common ground in order to achieve goals in the region. On March 1, three members plus our 5 Rivers Club (Keystone Creekwalkers) and TU Teens initiatives attended the Fly Fishing and Wing Shooting Expo at Split Rock Lodge and Resort. On March 23, we had a booth at the annual J&B Sportsmen's Show in Tunkhannock. The Creekwalkers are currently selling wristbands and T-shirts as a fundraiser. Our TU Teens are considering a stocked trout fishing contest next year on Tunkhannock Creek to raise money. Our Roaring Brook stream restoration project is going smoothly. The permit applications are in the approval process, and we expect to begin ground work in 2020. The Creekwalkers have conducted one stream cleanup at Keystone College so far this spring. A large dump site was discovered along the Lackawanna River in January. After contacting local PFBC Officer Walter Buckman, the person responsible was contacted and cleaned up the trash in exchange for a reduced fine. On Feb. 24, we held our first "Fly Tying for Vets" event at Happy Valley Sports Bar in Dickson City. On March 10, we held a fishing day on the Lackawanna River that was televised on the local FOX56 news station. A stream cleanup is set for April 27. President Jake Bliss will be teaching

a fly tying course at Salt Springs State Park in winter of 2020. He will also be attending the Northeast Regional Rendezvous and the PATU meeting this year. TU Teens President Hunter Langman has been accepted into the Wildlife Leadership Academy in July. On June 22, the Fly Girls will be helping with the women's Intro to Fly Fishing course at Francis Slocum State Park. We are pursuing grant money for our Roaring Brook project from Growing Greener and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. We anticipate the project to cost roughly \$200,000, so multiple grants will be needed.

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No report.



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No report.

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No report.

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**Shehawken Chapter #81**

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No report.

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**Stanley Cooper, Sr. Chapter #251**

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No report.

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**Western Pocono Chapter #203**

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In February, WPTU invited members of Brodhead TU to join in presenting a program that emphasized trout fishing opportunities in the Poconos, and the good work TU has done in the area. Brodhead TU members showed stream improvement work done on Brodhead Creek, Pocono Creek and Cherry Creek, among others. WPTU highlighted the many trout streams in the Upper Lehigh River area and elsewhere in the Poconos. In March, Dr. Ben Hayes of Bucknell University presented a program at Nescopeck State Park

on his innovative stream improvement projects known as Chop and Drop, where he uses natural woody debris to create habitat in headwater trout streams. In April, guide Adam Nidoh discussed the recovery of the previously-AMD polluted Lackawanna River and tips on fishing for its trophy trout. WPTU will again assist students from the Hazleton Area STEM School in releasing their TIC trout at Nescopeck State Park. Chapter members continue to monitor the situation regarding wild brook trout tributaries at Penrose Swamp. Plans are being made to further explore this unique area with scientific experts this spring.

**NORTHCENTRAL**  
**CHAPTERS****Columbia County 038****God's Country 327****Lloyd Wilson 224****Penns Creek 119****Raymond B. Winter 124****Spring Creek 185****Susquehanna 044****Tiadaghton 688****REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT****Bob Volkmar****443 West Br. Fishing Creek Rd.****Roulette, PA 16746****Email: [rdvolkmar@gmail.com](mailto:rdvolkmar@gmail.com)****Phone: 814-544-7174****Columbia County Chapter #38**

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We are working with the Columbia County District Conservation Office to plan for grant applications and projects during the spring and summer for the benefit of Fishing Creek. The chapter attended The Fly Fishing Show in Lancaster on March 9. We held a chapter fishing outing to Spring Creek on March 16. Tom Gilmore presented Pennsylvania's Blue Ribbon Trout Streams at our meeting on March 12. Our next chapter meeting is May 14 at the Columbia County District Conservation Office, Bloomsburg. Our chapter family picnic is June 11 at Kocher Park on Route 487 just north of downtown Lightstreet.

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**God's Country Chapter #327**

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The chapter began publishing a quarterly newsletter – The Headwaters Herald. The second issue was sent to members in April. The chapter is sponsoring a student for the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp in June. In February, three members instructed fly tying for a “Women in the Wild” event at Sinnemahoning State Park. Also in February, our Diversity chair participated at a women's Intro to Fly Fishing in State College. GCTU held a tree planting on April 27 on Sartwell Creek. We're holding a women's outing May 3-4 in Wellsboro. The chapter's TIC release day is May 16 at Austin-Costello Sportsmen's Club. The GCTU Project Healing Waters event is May 21-24 at Moores Run Fish and Game Preserve. We're assisting with Potter County Youth Day on June 8 at the Lumberman's Museum.

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**Lloyd Wilson Chapter #224**

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We are currently waiting for more information concerning restoration work scheduled for this summer in the Kettle Creek watershed. The TIC

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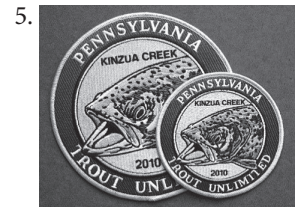
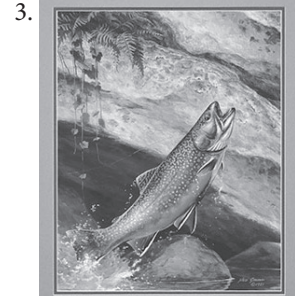
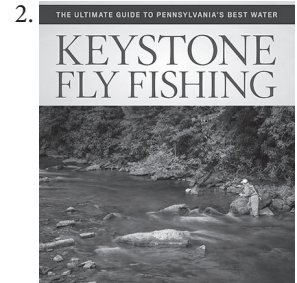


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program in the Jersey Shore High School is doing well and they are planning on releasing the fish into Little Pine Creek on May 7. Chapter members will participate in that and provide instruction in fly tying and casting following the release. The program at Renovo Elementary School had some problems and lost a lot of fish, but the survivors are doing well and will be released sometime in May. Members are continuing to pick up litter along Fishing Creek Narrows on an as-needed basis. We participated in a Wounded Warrior fishing event on April 26. In partnership with the NE Fishery Center in Lamar, we are assisting in several fishing events this spring and summer. The chapter is instructing fly tying and casting at the "Brookies" camp this summer. Our Family & Friends picnic is at 4 p.m. June 6 at Sieg Conference Center.

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

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Penns Creek TU's annual banquet was March 9 at Belleville Mennonite School. President Joe Dunmire is representing the chapter at the Water For Ag project sponsored by Penn State Extension. This project explores water quality issues by, and for, the agricultural community, and possible solutions to those issues. The project is being tested in four areas nationwide, with two counties in Pennsylvania and others in Nebraska and Arizona. Mifflin County's coldwater resources are greatly impacted by agriculture. Many of the possible solutions are voluntary and rely on changes in attitudes towards how we utilize resources. TIC classrooms in Juniata County are in a state of flux due to school consolidations and closures. Our release day is May 6 in Richfield. TIC classrooms in Mifflin County School District are going well. The Mifflin County schools release day is May 10 at Rec Park in Lewistown. The chapter is sponsoring a student at the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp. Local WCO Cory Girt attended our February meeting and gave an update on changes at PFBC. Our next meeting is May 8 at the Juniata Valley YMCA.

### **R.B. Winter Chapter #124**

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Our January monthly meeting featured PFBC's Amidea Daniel speaking on women's initiatives. Our March meeting featured a speaker from the Merrill Lynn Conservancy updating us on conservancy activities, and a speaker from the Buffalo Creek Watershed Alliance updating watershed activities, including the success of the passive water treatment facility at the headwaters of Buffalo Creek which now supports wild brook trout. Our

banquet was April 12 at Watson Inn, Watsonstown. Summerfest is June 15 at RB Winter State Park.

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We represented TU at the Spring Creek Watershed Association and at the Spring Creek Watershed Commission. The chapter continues to receive 10% of the sales proceeds of "Spring Creek White" a new wine release by Mt. Nittany Winery, Centre County. Our banquet was March 23. Preparations have begun to start the 2019 portion of our stream improvement projects to be funded under our National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant of \$160,700. We are staffing three sites as part of the annual Spring Creek Stream Clean Up Day in conjunction with Clearwater Conservancy. Planning began for a stream improvement project to be developed for Sparrow Run near Port Matilda. The chapter continues to include dialogue to DEP on the local discharge permit of the University Area Joint Authority (Wastewater). The chapter concluded its winter Veterans Service Program at the South Hills School of Business and Technology. We began our outdoor VSP on March 24 with a large turnout of veterans and family members as part of our all-inclusive program. Our next chapter meeting is May 2 at Comfort Suites Motel, State College. Get Outdoors Day is June 8 at the Tussey Mountain Ski Resort pond. Our VSP meets at Fisherman's Paradise on May 12 and 26, and June 9 and 23.

### **Susquehanna Chapter #044**

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The Susquehanna Ripples newsletter was distributed in January, February and March. The January issue included an exclusive interview with President Jimmy Carter. Walt Nicholson and Dave Craig attended the public meeting convened by Rep. Garth Everett regarding Loyalsock State Forest gas development. Our board sent a letter supporting directional drilling in order to preserve the unspoiled scenic nature of the Route 87 corridor and reduce erosion and sediment impacts. The chapter recently received a generous donation of fishing tackle, fly tying equipment and materials from David Ambrose. The March 13 chapter meeting was about scientific and practical approaches to post-flood stream cleaning, by Dr. Larry Brannaka of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. We concluded another successful fly tying session on March 26. The chapter taught fly tying at a "Bugs and Brews" event at New Trail Brewing Company on March 31. Five Project Healing Waters participants built fly rods starting in early January. A fishing outing for veterans was April 24 at Rainbow Paradise in Coudersport.

### **Tiadaghton Chapter #688**

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The Fly Fishing Film Tour was March 30 at the Deane Center. Members are attending the Galeton Dam meeting on April 29 at the Galeton High Scholl gymnasium. We assisted with a riparian buffer planting along the Tioga River in Blossburg on April 25. The chapter is assisting the Pine Creek Watershed Council with a series of riparian planting on tributaries on Upper Pine Creek on April 20, 27, May 4 and 11. We manned a table at Mill Cove Recreation Area Earth Day in Mansfield on April 20. Springfest is May 18 at Hills Creek State Park. Meetings are the first Tuesday of every month except July and August at 7 p.m. at the Wellsboro Community Center.

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We will be joining Iron Furnace TU in our annual chapter picnic at Walter Dick Park in Brookville on May 15. We are also hosting a summer picnic at Bendigo State Park on July 28. Our 53rd annual banquet was April 6 at the Falls Creek Eagles. Our habitat project on Sandy Lick Creek went out for bid in April with work slated to start in June. This is a joint project with the City of DuBois and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. We have a student from Brockway School District doing a tree planting along the Clarion River in Clear Creek State Park this spring to assist the chapter and WPC. We will be meeting with the Pennsylvania American Water

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Company to see how best to proceed with doing a watershed plan on the East Branch of Mahoning Creek. Our annual outing with the DuBois Middle School fly fishing club is May 1. We are hosting the Smart Angler program with the Girl Scouts on May 11. We will have our Environmental Day on May 17 at Camp Mountain Run. The chapter co-hosted a women's Intro to Fly Fishing event at the Clearfield YMCA with Jim's Sport Center.

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### **Caldwell Creek Chapter #437**

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We are assisting the Western PA Conservancy with spring planting on projects on Brokenstraw Creek, Indian Camp and Andrews Run. The chapter participated in the HWA assessment of selected Hemlock sites designated by the Conservation District. We participated in the ANF snapshot day on April 8. We continue weekly stream monitoring, and the volume of wastewater being injected to the wells in our area has increased in our watershed. Our four TIC programs doing well.

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### **Cornplanter Chapter #526**

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We're holding a Kinzua Reservoir cleanup on May 11. Our chapter meeting with a picnic and fishing is May 28 at Island Park, Youngsville. The chapter is holding a Barton Run Evaluation in Pittsfield in May. Our TIC release day is also in May. In June we will be holding a water chestnut removal along the Allegheny River in Starbrick.

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### **Iron Furnace Chapter #288**

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Our banquet was April 6 at St Joseph's Church Hall in Lucinda. We donated \$500 to the Allegheny Valley Authority to help cover the court costs of a property transfer along East Sandy Creek. The property will add access to the river and connect the Rails to Trails to State Game Lands. The property will be open to public use and access. We are looking into working more with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy on projects on Clear Creek, Callen and Cathers Run. We are hoping to apply for an Embrace-A-Stream grant for one of the projects. We are also working with Brookville Borough so we can fix the deflector in the fly fishing only area at Walter Dick Park. We are planning a trash cleanup on the Clarion River for late summer/early fall that is in conjunction with the Clarion River - River of the Year Celebration. We have been doing Pies and Flies with the Clarion University Backcountry Hunters and

Anglers chapter since November of last year. We have done three fly tying and one fishing outing to Piney Creek Delayed Harvest area and had 15 to 20 participants come out each time. On March 29 we held a fly casting and knot tying event on campus. We held a fishing outing at Walter Dick Park in Brookville in April. It has been a great program for getting college students and younger members involved. We have a new teacher for the TIC program at AC Valley, and we are looking for a new teacher to take over the program at Redbank Valley. Our picnic and meeting with the Allegheny Mountain Chapter is May 15 at Walter Dick Park. There will be a summer picnic for the NW chapters of TU on July 28 at Bendigo State Park.

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### **James Zwald Chapter #314**

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We received a Growing Greener grant that allowed the completion of the West Creek tributary to Driftwood permitting and planning phase. This project is in partnership with Elk County Conservation District, and it has received matching Act 13 funds from Elk County and a grant from the Stackpole Hall Foundation. The chapter continues to support TIC in Elk and Cameron counties. Stephanie Stoughton of the Elk County Conservation District has received a \$30,000 grant from the local Norfolk/Southern spill funds for the West Creel tributary of Driftwood. This grant will be used for bank stabilization.

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### **Neshannock Creek #216**

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Our annual banquet was March 16 at the Park Inn by Radisson in West Middlesex. We are currently working on plans for the streambank stabilization project on Neshannock Creek at Plantation Park in Mercer. The work will start Sept 9 and take approximately three days. This project will be funded by an EAS grant and also by funds received through the Give Where You Fish Campaign. The spring cleanup day at the DHALO area on Coolspring was March 30. We also plan to complete some trail maintenance later this summer. Work will also continue on Deer Creek with dates and times to be announced. All of our TIC programs are planning their release day activities. The chapter again is hosting two youth fishing events. The first was on Deer Creek on opening day. The second fishing derby is June 15 at the Grove City Sportsmen Club. Our Oil Creek fishing outing is May 11. Our next board meeting is May 20 at Munnell Run Farm.

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### **Northwest PA Chapter #41**

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We completed another successful year of presenting the Fly Fishing Film Tour at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center at Presque Isle. Chapter President Erik Cronk and director Bill Eckert met with representatives of the Erie County Conservation District and Waterford Township to discuss a stream/sediment erosion plan for a section of Trout Run in Erie County, bordering a township road. The chapter has signed on as a partner in this project. Member Ric Gilson met with the French Creek Valley Conservancy and expressed our chapter's concerns with coldwater resources in the French Creek Valley. Tyler Waltenbaugh of the Edinboro University Fly Fishing Club gave a presentation to our chapter on how their group became organized and future plans. It led to a spirited discussion on working together with them in the future, as well as several of their members volunteered for upcoming positions within our chapter.

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### **Oil Creek Chapter #424**

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A Veterans' Service Program event is planned on June 29 at the Sandy Creek Conservancy on Sandy Creek. Our 36th annual banquet was April 6 at the Quality Inn in Franklin. We assisted the Venango Coon & Fox Club with a restoration of a trout pond on the club's grounds. We continue to provide support to the Venango Conservation District. Last year we gave assistance in the purchase of an electro-shocking unit so local waters can be evaluated for wild trout and their reproduction. They are planning a survey of trout populations on Pithole Creek this year. Habitat improvement for Bullion Run is approved and planned. A well plugging grant for Oil Creek State Park has been approved. Eleven wells need to be plugged by the Conservation District. We continue to provide aquarium set-ups to six schools that are involved in our TIC program. We are planning on participating in an environmental scholarship at Clarion University, in conjunction with two other TU chapters. We provided support for the Cranberry Conservation Club at the Cranberry High School. Our next meeting is May 15 at King's Restaurant, Franklin.

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### **Seneca Chapter #272**

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The chapter recently hosted our fourth showing of the Fly Fishing Film Tour in Coudersport. The film was followed by "Hackle and Hops" organized by the God's Country chapter. The Seneca chapter hosted its annual banquet on April 20 at the Port Allegany Fire Hall. Chapter members will assist with an Upper Allegheny Watershed Association riparian planting on Sartwell Creek on April 27. The chapter received a Watershed Mini



Grant from the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy for a streambank stabilization project to be implemented on Sartwell Creek this summer. The chapter held fly tying classes on six consecutive Tuesday evenings from Feb. 19 through March 26. We hosted a macroinvertebrate monitoring workshop on April 6 at the McKean County Conservation District Office in Smethport.

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Our fundraising banquet was March 9. We are in the planning stages to expand the brook trout population range in the Aquetong Creek watershed. In 2017, we re-introduced brook trout to

the Aquetong Spring branch of the creek at the former Aquetong Lake dam site. In 2018, we documented that these fish spawned successfully. We monitored temperatures in the headwaters of the Honey Hollow branch of the creek and confirmed that temps are within the preferred range of brook trout. We have applied for a Scientific Collector's permit from PFBC, and should we receive the permit, we will transfer approximately 20 brook trout from the Aquetong Spring branch to the Honey Hollow branch this May or June. We had introductory fly tying lessons for any chapter members and non-members at our March meeting.

**Delco Manning Chapter #320**  
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We are exploring the possibility of creating a new DHALO section in the county to create more fishing opportunities for anglers. Three fishing outings were planned and fly tying nights started in January. Our February speaker was Steve Turris, who presented on leaders and rigging. TU's Robert Shane spoke at our March meeting.

**Little Lehigh Chapter #070**  
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We are working with Wildlands Conservancy on a riparian buffer planting event. The project area is open space owned by Lower Macungie Township that borders Little Lehigh Creek. Also in April, we held a steam cleanup on the Little Lehigh Creek in the CRFFO section in Lower Macungie. We now sponsor five TIC schools. We have a sixth school lined to begin the TIC program in fall. In conjunction with the other three Lehigh Valley area TU chapters, we held our annual spring event on March 16. It featured fishing

guide Chris Gorsuch talking about bass fishing, along with door prizes and raffles. Lehigh County WCO Travis Miller spoke about special regulation waters in Lehigh County at our April meeting.

**Perkiomen Valley #332**  
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We hosted the Fly Fishing Film Tour on April 4 at the Colonial Theatre in Phoenixville. We are working on Hosensack Creek stream restoration in 2019. The chapter held a Perkiomen Creek cleanup on April 6. We support five TIC schools and have release days set for May 2 and May 3. PVTU is planning for a possible youth casting/fishing education program in April or May. We were awarded a \$7,781 CHP grant for restoration on Hosensack Creek. Emerson Cannon discussed pike fishing in Alaska at our meeting on March 18, and Jerry Coviello presented on fly fishing for trout in western waters on April 15.

**SE Montgomery County Chapter #468**  
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Our annual Polar Bear fishing outing was the second Saturday in January. A winter stocking took place in the section that flows thru the Pennypack Trust property. TIC release dates have been picked. A fly tying class was offered to TU and Pennypack Trust members in January and February. The chapter's annual banquet was March 23 at the Pennypack Nature Center.

**Tulpehocken Chapter #150**  
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We are working on the Cacoosing Dam removal in conjunction with American Rivers and PFBC. Our TIC release dates for 20-plus schools are set, including Governor Mifflin High School, Twin Valley and Wilson West Field and Stream Day. We held a 5K fundraiser in April.

**Valley Forge Chapter #290**  
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The three PHWFF programs we sponsor held trips to the Lancaster Fly Fishing Show and the VFTU Trout Show. In April, the chapter co-sponsored the Fly Fishing Film Tour in Phoenixville. Also in April, the chapter held a fly fishing workshop focusing on Euro-nymphing in partnership with a local fly shop. VFTU will host a trip to the Little Juniata in May. We will be repairing in-stream devices on Valley Creek that help create

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better habitat for trout. Based on previous success on West Valley Creek, VFTU will be installing one or more stream monitoring devices in tributaries to upper Pickering Creek prior to planting trout eggs using Whitlock Vibert boxes, along with Stroud Water Resource Center, VFTU offered its a Model My Watershed workshop in April. Our annual Fly Fishing School is May 19 at Paradise Farm Camps, Downingtown. We have 12 TIC schools. STREAM Weekend is Aug. 17-18, half the time at Stroud and half at Nixon Park or Sporting Gentlemen waters. We applied for a MAPAIS grant for removal of invasive rusty crayfish from Valley Creek. Monthly meetings are the second Thursday of each month from September through May at Chester Valley Grange. PHWFF – Royersford is the second, third and fourth Monday of each month at Royersford VFW. PHWFF – West Bradford is each Monday at the West Bradford Firehouse. PHWFF – Coatesville is each Wednes-

and game concerns. The chapter had an exhibit at the Heidlersburg Fishing Show Feb. 23-24. Dave Swope attended the Watershed Alliance Partnership meeting on March 26. TIC release dates for our 11 programs are May 14 at Strawberry Hill Nature Reserve for middle school students and May 16 at Strawberry Hill Nature Reserve for high school students. Marybeth Norton is the chapter's new Women's Initiative Leader and plans to have an event this year. ACTU applied for and received a check for \$750 from Walmart. The Latimore Fishing Derby is. May 11 at Latimore Fairground, York Springs. The Gettysburg Middle School student fishing outing is May 17 in Gettysburg. Capt. Joel Stewart will speak at our May 21 meeting at the ACCD Building, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg. Southcentral Outdoors for Youth is June 1 at Littlestown Fish and Game. The annual ACTU June Picnic is June 18 at Gladys Meadows with State Rep. Torren Ecker.

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Permits arrived for new stream improvement work, which will extend an improved area we worked on last year. We need to establish when our contractor is available, with a tentative goal of late summer/early fall. We're also keeping an eye on a large Growing Greener project that we've committed to assist with. We held a spring cleanup day on April 6. Work from last year's flooding still remains, and has not only affected our stream but the facility we use for meetings and outdoor chapter events. We'll be focusing on that facility, and helping the landowners there who have supported us for many years.

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Our 50th anniversary celebration was March 16. The chapter received a \$5,000 CHP grant to do a comprehensive study on restoring the Letort, beginning at the headwaters. We were unable to begin our Wittlinger Dam restoration project in January/February due to high water and now must wait until after June 15. We will also be completing a restoration project on the Yellow Breeches at Messiah College in conjunction with Rivers Camp. Our women's Intro to Fly Fishing will be held on May 4.

### Doc Fritchey Chapter #108

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Guest speaker at our annual banquet on Feb. 23 was retired PFBC Executive Director John Arway. The construction phase of our Lower Snitz Project

is now complete and in the coming months we will be doing the riparian plantings donated by Donegal TU. Plans are moving forward in our partnership with Donegal TU on the upper Hammer Creek watershed. On Feb. 28, we held a Hammer Creek landowners meeting at the Middle Creek Visitors Center. The presentation included the No Till Alliance, Roger Rohrer, a Lancaster County farmer speaking about the CREP program, as well as Dave Wise from Stroud, who spoke about the tremendous benefit of trees in streamside buffers. This watershed runs from just above Speedwell Lake in Lancaster County up to the headwaters at Buffalo Springs in Lebanon County. DEP is going to do an extensive assessment and do a TMDL for the area which should help raise the priority level. We received a CHP planning grant. The watershed was segmented into three parts to better manage the survey phase lead by Shaun McAdams of National TU. The planning phase of our Powell's Creek handicapped and children's access project is moving forward and we are awaiting funds to be released. We are continuing to work with the Quittaphilla Watershed Association on two grants awarded for Beck Creek and Upper Snitz Creek. We secured documents for moving forward on the final plans for the Beck project and are beginning to secure property owner support for the Snitz section near Cornwall Borough. We are awaiting word on two grant applications to Forever Wild related work being done in the Quittaphilla watershed – one to hire two interns to survey tributaries in the watershed and the other to purchase monitoring equipment.

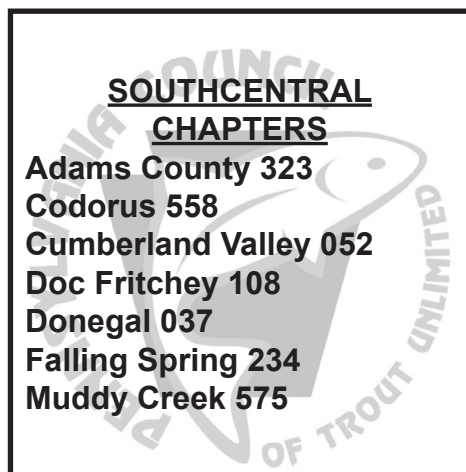
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Our 40th annual fundraiser was March 16. Preliminary plans are moving forward in our partnership with Doc Fritchey TU on the upper Hammer Creek watershed. Work has been ongoing over the winter on the Bob Herr farm on Fishing Creek in southern Lancaster County. In February we organized an ECO bus tour of the area that included representatives of DEP, DCNR, US Fish & Wildlife and Alliance For the Chesapeake Bay. It was a very positive and has already started opening doors. The Herr project is not quite complete because of time constraints concerning a stocked trout stream. Our TIC students are preparing to release their trout. Lydia Martin, Becky Whitson and Barry Witmer are working on the TIC portion of the Campbell Foundation grant for education, which includes funding for four classrooms in the Fishing Creek watershed as well as landowner outreach. Derek Eberly is planning an Introduction to Fly Fishing in mid-May to be held at Millport Conservancy. It is available to all ages. Pam Williams, our Women's Initiative coordinator, hosted a women's Intro to Fly Fishing event on April 27 at Hugh Wenger's



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We hosted new PFBC Executive Director Tim Schaeffer at our March meeting. ACTU members stocked the Conewago with the state on March 9 and Mummasburg's Trophy Trout on March 27. The chapter plans to have a stream cleanup day for the Conewago and add new names to the Memorial Bench this year. Commissioner Richard Lewis, April and Dave Swope met with new State Rep. Torren Ecker on Feb. 25 to discuss our fish



Farm just outside of Elizabethtown. Bill Nolan, our VSP coordinator, held his veteran's kickoff event at Millport Conservancy on April 6. We are hosting a Special Olympics fishing event on June 22 at Wenger's Farm, Elizabethtown. Our next chapter meeting is May 15 at Lancaster Farm & Home Center. Our chapter picnic is June 19.

### **Falling Spring Chapter #234**

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Repair work on the Conococheague at the intersection of the Appalachian Trail is still in progress. We are working with the Antietam Watershed Association and Renfrew Institute on local streams. Stocking of Falling Spring and Antietam Creek in cooperation with PFBC was Feb. 27. We completed our winter fly tying class in February. Chapter VP Chris Rudyk gave a brief presentation to Waynesboro Fish and Game Association on March 20. On April 27, we participated in Renfrew Park's Earth Day. Our TIC release day was April 23. June 8 is Franklin County Youth Day. The chapter's annual meeting was April 8. The Falling Spring Invitational in cooperation with Franklin County Izaak Walton League and Mason-Dixon Warrior Adventures is May 11.

### **Muddy Creek Chapter #575**

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Our new annual patch is for sale, as are our buttons. We will be ordering T-shirts again this year for a fundraiser. The Muddy Creek watershed sustained significant flood damage this past fall. We have already reached out to land owners and/or have been contacted by landowners to work with them to repairs areas of damage. Our priority, outside of our own flood damage, is getting the handicap site up and accessible once again. We have dates set for our TIC releases. Recent meetings featured "History of the Ma and Pa Railroad" on March 20 and "Colonial Angling in 1770" on April 17.

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Our annual banquet was March 16 at 10th Street Station in Ford City. We currently have eight TIC schools located throughout our geographical region. Various Arrowhead members are responsible for guest lectures at these schools as well as attending each of the school's year-end release day. Activities usually include a hands-on macro study of the local stream, fly casing demonstrations and assistance with the school's fishing endeavors. Arrowhead TU continues to operate its co-op trout nursery where approximately 5,000 brown and rainbow trout are reared and then stocked in the Buffalo Creek DHALO. The initial stocking occurred in December of 2018 and was followed by a second stocking on March 9. The chapter has secured \$3,000 in donations for the planned rebuild of our nursery raceway this summer.

### **Chestnut Ridge Chapter #670**

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Chapter President Ben Moyer attended the regional training in Ligonier on April 6. On March 23, we held our 24th annual fund-raising banquet at the Ramada Inn in Uniontown. State Rep. Matt Dowling of the 51st Legislative District presented an official proclamation recognizing the outstanding volunteer contributions of past CRTU president and secretary, Scott Hoffman, who passed away unexpectedly last September. On March 8, we partnered with the Pennsylvania Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers to co-sponsor the International Fly Fishing Film Festival in Washington, PA, hosted by the Washington Elks and the Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency. Chapter committees are working hard to improve our Facebook presence, website and newsletter. On April 6, we conducted our annual litter cleanup along Dunbar Creek on State Game Lands 51, and along the Dunbar-Ohiopyle Road as part of our PennDOT Adopt a Highway commitment. Since 1996 when we began this annual cleanup, the litter problem along Dunbar Creek has gradually improved. But we continue to have problems with occasional dumping of tires. We are working with both Game Commission and PFBC law enforcement to curtail these eyesores. We have several release dates planned for later in

the spring during which students and faculty from our participating TIC schools will release their fingerling trout. Releases occurring on Meadow Run in Ohiopyle State Park are done in cooperation with the DCNR state park interpretive staff. Park staff conducts stream surveys with students and CRTU volunteers conduct fly-casting lessons. We are also conducting another fly-fishing outing for military veterans on Meadow Run in Ohiopyle State Park. We applied for and won a \$1,500 grant from the Dominion Energy Mini-Grants program. The grant will be used to continue our fish-passable habitat projects along Dunbar Creek. In late April, we will do our spring application of alkaline sand to neutralize mine acid in the Glade Run headwaters of Dunbar Creek. We will place approximately 220 tons of alkaline sand at three treatment locations. As a nursery cooperator with the PFBC, we continue to provide trout for youth fishing events, and for public fishing areas reserved for youth, in Fayette and Somerset counties from our cage-culture nursery in the Youghiogheny Dam tailrace.

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Forbes Trail and Miss May Fly co-sponsored a one-day fly tying session for ladies at the Westmoreland Conservation District's Education Center on March 23. Chapter members assisted with Ligonier Valley Middle School's TIC program. Members helped monitor tank parameters and assisted with the trout release. Members also worked with the school's Outdoor Club to teach fly tying and casting. The six-session, in-classroom program culminated April 4 with FTTU mentoring students on fly fishing on Loyalhanna Creek. At our March meeting, representatives from Westmoreland Conservation District, the Loyalhanna Watershed Association, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and two local PFBC WCOs provided updates on projects and activities they completed in 2018 and are planning for 2019. We are creating opportunities for state and local agencies, as well as resource conservation based nonprofit organizations, to interact on stream related activities. We are participating in Greater Latrobe Junior High's earth day program on May 8, which is part of the school's STEAM curriculum. FTTU will hold its second annual fly fishing event for disabled veterans at Foggy Mountain Lodge near Stahlstown on May 11. The chapter is planning a fundraiser picnic on June 29 at the Kingston Veterans Sportsmen Club near Latrobe. We are selling 500 buttons at \$5 each to raise funds for our ongoing Veterans Service Program. There will be no monthly meetings for July and August. Our September meeting will be held at the Westmoreland County's Donohoe Center on Sept. 4. Presentation by Westmoreland Conserva-

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tion District will be "Ticks and Mosquitoes and the Diseases They Carry."

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The chapter's annual banquet was April 6 at the Bedford Moose Lodge. Our stream and fly fishing program at Blue Knob State Park is in July at the Burnt House Picnic Area. We are holding Bugs and Brews events in May and June at Olde Bedford Brewery. The chapter will hold a youth casting clinic this summer at Friendship Village Campground. We are assisting at the Outdoor Expo at Blue Knob resort and the Bedford County Sportsman's Club Youth Field Day. Both are June 1. We held bank stabilization and planting days on March 26-27 at Buffalo Run and March 28 at Ryot Run. We followed with another on an unnamed tributary to Adams Run on April 10, a buffer planting on Beaver Creek in April, and we plan to do another summer bank stabilization and planting on Potter Creek this summer, in conjunction with the Mountain Laurel chapter.

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JKTU will be raffling off two fly rod and reel

outfits at our May 7 meeting. The chapter planted more trees on Plum Creek with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy on April 9. We are working on dates to do a project on Poplar Run. We are planning Family Fishing Days at Canoe Creek State Park in June, July, August and September, and we have set tentative dates of June 10-11 for a women's fly fishing class. Release day field trips are scheduled for May 13 (Penn Mont), May 16 (St. Benedicts), May 20 (Cambria Heights) and May 24 (Altoona Junior High). JKTU will be offering basic fly casting instructions at "Women Aim High" on May 18 and providing fly tying instruction at "Youth Field Days" June 1.

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Our annual banquet was April 6. The chapter conducted a Saturday morning and Monday evening beginners fly tying class in January and February. We recently added the Shanksville-Stoney Creek School District to our TIC lineup, bringing our total to 10 schools. We held our Fly Tyers Reunion on April 5 at the Seven Springs Sporting Clays Building, and a Yellow Creek litter

pickup on April 20 as well as another on Shade Road in Windber on April 27.

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We manned a booth at the Allegheny Sport, Travel & Outdoor Show in Monroeville from Feb. 14-16. In addition to promoting the chapter and TU to a constituency not necessarily aware of our conservation message, we also sold flies tied during the event. The chapter's Cabin Fever show was March 3 with speakers Tommy Lynch, Josh Miller, Mark Signorino and Scott Loughner. Our involvement continues with local suburban stream, Pine Creek, in Allison Park. Our expenses have diminished recently due to our relationship with Hampton Twp., which has generously provided materials and heavy equipment for recent projects. In addition, the Allison Park Sportsman's Club coordinates a stream stocking, cleanup and youth fishing derby. We are excited about our women's outreach program. Events are being finalized for spring and summer. Our membership chair is fine-tuning our mentoring program and we expect to have small groups of new or neophyte members going out with experienced fishermen this summer. Another offshoot of our tenure with Pine Creek is a one-day exclusive stretch of Little Pine Creek for young fishermen under 12 that's stocked for opening day. We have four strong TIC participants with a several more in the pipeline.