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PATU Annual Membership Meeting Sept. 23

This year, PA Council's Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Nittany Event Center in Pleasant Gap, PA. This facility has ample capacity to accommodate several hundred people, so we are looking forward to a record attendance for this annual fall event.

This event promises to offer a variety of activities and learning opportunities for chapter officers and members alike. We will be asking chapter leaders to share one highlight from the previous year and attendees will learn how to effectively communicate the benefits of riparian buffers to a lay audience of non-anglers/conservationists.

See page 6 for more information and registration for the PATU Annual Membership Meeting at the Nittany Event Center in Pleasant Gap.

Deadline to register is Sept. 15.

We have invited staff from National TU and student members of Five Rivers Clubs from around the state to present.

There will be time for socializing and networking as well as the casting competition, fly swap and raffle. Annual awards will be presented to deserving chapters and individuals, and election of Council officers will also take place. An early dinner provided by Dickies BBQ will wrap up the afternoon. Please join us!

An Intro to Fly Fishing...



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An Intro to Fly Fishing class is one of the many activities led by the Women's and Diversity Initiative Committee. For more on what this committee and others are doing for Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited see Headwaters on page 4.

Help Penn State and TU identify potential contamination sites

By Jake Lemon and Josh Woda
TU Eastern Shale Gas Coordinator

Pennsylvania has a long history of hydrocarbon extraction that extends back to the early 1800s, including coal, oil and gas. Horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing are simply the most recent additions to these many extraction techniques.

Because Pennsylvania has an abundance of hydrocarbons, the state is now home to more than 100,000 abandoned coal mines, more than 400,000 abandoned oil and gas wells, and now tens of thousands of active unconventional shale gas wells. Cases of methane migration into water supplies have been observed as a result of extraction, and in some cases, abandonment of

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Drawing to be held at the Winter Council Executive Committee meeting.

Sweepstakes aids Trout in the Classroom efforts

Each year, PATU supports the Trout in the Classroom program with an Existing Program Grant.

This competitive grant helps offset the costs of the release day field trip that is both fun and educational – a day full of hands-on learning activities for the students who have helped raise and care for their trout.

With the number of classrooms participating in TIC growing every year, so too does the number of applications submitted for this grant. This year, PATU was only able to fulfill about 50 percent of requested funds.

By entering this TIC Sweepstakes fund-raising effort, you will be supporting not only the hundreds of teachers and thousands of students who participate in

the program, but also your local chapter, which very likely already partners with one or more schools and also helps with some of costs of the program.

PATU program staff annually receives messages of thanks from the teachers we support through this grant. Many are accompanied by student letters and drawings which convey their excitement and appreciation for the TIC program and the opportunity to participate.

There is no question that TIC is meeting the goal of connecting students to the coldwater resources in their communities and instilling a conservation ethic that will last a lifetime.

Help support this critical educational program by participating in this year's sweepstakes.

Keystone Coldwater Conference scheduled for Feb. 23-24, 2018

The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited will host the 13th Keystone Coldwater Conference Feb. 23-24, 2018 at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in State College.

The conference is an opportunity for grassroots conservation organizations, environmental professionals, college faculty, staff, and students to share ideas, concepts, and network in order to protect, conserve and restore Pennsylvania's coldwater resources.

- **Friday Workshop:** Effective Advocacy for Coldwater Resource Conservation: Tips and Tools for Individuals

and Organizations

- **Saturday Keynote:** Miriam Horn, author of "Rancher, Farmer, Fisherman: Conservation Heroes of the American Heartland" (Invited)

This conference is possible only with the generous support of sponsors like you! If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Tali MacArthur at c-tmacarth@pa.gov.

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these wells and mines.

Now, Trout Unlimited and Penn State are working to identify where that's happening – with an assist from anglers, who know Pennsylvania's streams better than anyone.

Methane migration is a concern for many reasons. Methane is a stronger greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide, and it is an explosion hazard. In certain cases, it can create anoxic (oxygen-depleted) groundwater conditions that can cause dissolution of metals into water and formation of undesirable gases such as hydrogen sulfide. Introduction of metals and other dissolved solids into groundwater can pollute streams and harm the fish that live in them.

TU volunteers have been helping Penn State researchers document background methane concentrations and identify streams with elevated methane levels. This information is useful to identify contamination events resulting from hydrocarbon extraction. Volunteers trained in sample collections procedures are greatly expanding the capacity for data collection by sampling their local streams and rivers.

Seeps – or areas where groundwater comes directly to the surface – represent natural pathways of groundwater upflow. When iron or other metals stain these seeps, it can indicate that deeper, contaminated waters are interacting with

near-surface groundwater. Contaminants from oil and gas drilling or abandoned mine drainage can sometimes find their way into these natural pathways and cause these iron precipitates.

Natural processes can also be responsible for metals emerging from these seeps. Isotope analysis can often be used to differentiate between natural thermogenic methane, input from wetlands, or methane contamination resulting from hydrocarbon extraction.

Samples collected by a TU member in Moshannon State Forest near a seep were found to have elevated methane and metal concentrations. Penn State researchers are currently working to determine the source.

In order to target sampling to these high-risk areas, TU and Penn State are asking for your help to identify other seep areas that may be worth sampling.

We are interested in photos and GPS coordinates for groundwater seeps exhibiting a "rusty" color associated with oxidized iron. If you know of a location such as this on one of your local streams, please contact Jake Lemon at jlemon@tu.org. If you don't have a GPS device, you can download GPS apps such as Easy GPS or GPS Essentials to your smartphone. These will typically work even when you are outside a cell service area.

Volunteers who find seeps are also welcome to assist us with sampling those streams.

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Headwaters

A message from PATU President Charlie Charlesworth

When conducting discussions regarding a PATU strategic plan, the subject of membership will most assuredly come up. The term “membership” itself encompasses a number of aspects dealing with members.

When most TU leaders think of membership, the first thing that comes to mind is *increasing* membership. Is that really what membership is all about? Is that the only important item when discussing the organization and its members?

From a strategic planning discussion about membership, I find it more important to deliberate member retention and member engagement.

While Pennsylvania has signed up hundreds of new members each year over the past few years, at the same time we have also failed to retain hundreds of existing members. In my mind, this stagnation in numbers at between 13,000 and 14,000 members centers primarily on limited *membership engagement*.

Over the next three months, Council, with your help, will be entering into an extensive analysis and further discussions about how we can increase membership engagement. Our findings will culminate with a report and discussions at the Annual Membership Meeting in September. If you have ideas or suggestions that may help in the process, please forward them to me. Your help with this will be crucial. No idea is too small!

For those of you who have never engaged with Council or your local chapter (other than paying your dues), please give some thought to the reasons that prevent you from becoming actively involved. I know that most of you didn't join TU just to pay dues.

Speaking of the Annual Membership Meeting, this year in particular could be one of the most important annual meetings that you will ever attend. So much has developed over the past three quarters and will continue to develop over the next three months that you really need to be there in Pleasant Gap on Sept. 23.

In an effort to bolster your understanding of what Council can do for you, including improving communications between

Council, chapter leaders and their members, one of the key components of our approach is to demonstrate how our financial resources are used to benefit the programs so critical to supporting TU's mission in Pennsylvania.

You will also find in this issue of *PA Trout* a listing of the Council bylaws proposed for adoption, which include placing four-year term limits on all officers and increasing the level of authority and responsibility for our two vice presidents, each of whom is responsible for the oversight of one half of our six regions, as well as one half of our committees.

The purpose of our committee structure is two-fold: One being the methodical transfer of information going from National through Council directly to the chapters; the other being able to coordinate the work of our chapters throughout the state and their similar committees, whether they be Communications, Environmental, Membership, Diversity, Youth Education, Trout Management or Veterans Services.

These committee chairs and their volunteer members will begin to see an increase in autonomy, availability of funding, and a far smoother working relationship than existed previously. We need your participation at the Annual Membership Meeting to keep this momentum moving forward.

Speaking of committee chairs and participation, we have a few vacancies that need to be filled. Membership needs a chair, and we need two regional vice presidents. Please consider helping out.

I see that a lot of our chapters suspend meetings for the summer months. Some just suspend all organized meetings, while others continue to conduct board meetings only. Regardless of how your chapter schedules its meetings, Council will continue to be hard at work for you all summer. Some of the many things Council has accomplished so far this summer are:

- Conducted our two PA summer camps for teens.
- Three PA teens attended this year's National Teen Summit, accompanied by Youth Education Committee Chair



Judy Sittler. These students now represent us on the National Teens Council.

- Raised \$2,000 and pledged it to the TU National Youth program called the Tomorrow Fund.
- Provided volunteers and financial assistance to the Wildlife Leadership Academy's Brookie Camp.
- Implemented a concerted effort to mobilize a much stronger Diversity Initiative.
- Supported the Youth Education Program's Headwaters/Stream of Engagement (engaging youths from Kindergarten through college).
- Created a much stronger and representative Veterans Services Partnership, combining Project Healing Waters and TU's own Veterans Services Program.

Our forward progress cannot continue without **YOUR** involvement. None of what we have planned is going to successfully happen without **YOU!**



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Students shine at Keystone/TU Teens camp

By Charlie Charlesworth
PATU President

The fourth consecutive Keystone/TU Teens Conservation Camp, held June 18-24, saw a dozen attendees have the time of their lives.

As always, the summer camp was conducted at Keystone College in LaPlume, PA, where a delayed harvest trout stream runs through its campus.

Professors from three local colleges and professionals from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Protection, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the Lackawanna County Conservation District served as instructors during the week.

We pride ourselves that these teens are given the opportunity to learn both the art and the science of fly fishing. The science portion includes studies in water quality monitoring, ichthyology, entomology and botany, while the arts of fly casting and fly tying round out the program.

For the first time since we started the camp, every single teen caught a trout on a fly that he tied. That may very well be because of the experience level of the professional fly tyers that volunteered their time for each night of instruction.

The house parents who supervised the dorms commented on how well-behaved these kids were, and the instructors commented on their attentiveness and will-



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The fourth Keystone/TU Teens Conservation Camp was another success, with each of the campers catching a trout on a self-tied fly.

ingness to learn. One of the professors even remarked that these teenagers asked better questions than some of his college students do.

The students enjoyed watching fishing videos each night, with an ice cream social on Thursday and a bonfire with s'mores on Friday. The friendships that were already evolving during the week were solidified by the time graduation and a family barbecue took place the last day.

The 12 teens of varying ability arrived at the beginning of the week and turned into a dozen confident young fly fishers

that departed that Saturday.

One of the final lessons that the instructors imparted to each class was how they discovered their career paths, and then emphasized with their students that there can be a future for each of them in the field of conservation.

Keystone College has been a great friend to TU since we brought the camp to their campus and started the Five Rivers Club and the Keystone Creekwalkers. The college has even created two one-credit courses on fly fishing and fly tying, plus a continuing education adult fly fishing class.

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2017 PATU Annual Membership Meeting

Nittany Event Center
Pleasant Gap, PA

September 23, 2017

TENTATIVE AGENDA

8:30 a.m. – Registration and Light
Breakfast

9:30 a.m. – Welcome and Announce-
ments; Charlie Charlesworth, PATU
President

9:45 a.m. – PATU: A Year in Review;
Tali MacArthur, Program Director

10 a.m. – TU Chapters Celebration of
Accomplishments; TU Chapter Leaders

Important note to all chapter leaders:
Please select *one* event or accomplish-
ment from the previous year about which
you are most proud. You will have *two*
minutes to share the highlights. You are
welcome to bring a one page “brag sheet”
with information about other events and
accomplishments to distribute. You may
also bring an upright tri-fold display with
photos, etc.

11 a.m. – Break and Refreshments

11:15 a.m. – TU Chapters Celebration
of Accomplishments Cont.

11:30 a.m. – Understanding and
Communicating the Benefits of Riparian
Buffers: Alysha B. Trexler, Watershed
Project Manager Western Pennsylvania
Conservancy

12:15 p.m. – Distribution of Ballots
and other announcements

12:30 p.m. – Presentation Round
Table

- Rivers Conservation Camp Video
(Falling Springs) and others

- Five Rivers Student Reps: High-
lights from '16-17 and Plans for
2017-18

- PATU President and VPs: July Stra-
tegic Planning Retreat Outcomes

- Update from National TU Staff

2 p.m. – Election, Approval of Bylaws
changes, Awards

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I am happy to assist with: ____ Sign-in Table ____ Raffle ____ Facility Clean-up

We need your help to make this event a success.

Registration deadline is Friday, September 15

(Please make checks payable to *PA Trout*)

The cost to attend is \$37.50 / person.

MAIL TO:

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More information on meeting activities can be found at www.patROUT.org.

3 p.m. – Fly Swap and Casting Com-
petition and Socializing

3:30 p.m. – Supper, Raffle, Clean-up

DETAILS

Location: The Nittany Event Center
is located at 119 E College Ave, Pleasant
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Directions: From points south: Take
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E. College Ave. Destination is on the right
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toward Bellefonte. Turn left onto PA-26
S/U.S. 220 S. Take exit 81 for PA-26 S/PA-
64 S toward Pleasant Gap. Turn right onto
E College Ave. Destination is on the right.

From points west: Take I-80 East to exit
161 for U.S. 220S/PA-26 toward Belle-
fonte. Turn right onto PA-26 S/U.S. 220
S. Continue onto I-99 S/PA-26 S/US Hwy

220 S. Take exit 81 for PA-26 S/PA-64 S
toward Pleasant Gap. Turn right onto E
College Ave. Destination is on the right.

Cost and Registration: The cost for the
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tions in State College.

Questions: Contact Tali MacArthur, PATU
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814-359-5233.

Rivers Conservation Camp concludes 23rd year

By Clark Hall
Camp Director

The 23rd annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp concluded on Friday, June 23, with the graduation of three girls and 27 boys ages 14 through 17. This was our first year at Messiah College.

Cumberland Valley TU members and friends contributed flies for the camp. Each camper was given a box with 50-plus flies appropriate for fishing Yellow Breeches during camp. Over 35 individuals contributed flies.

CVTU members also responded by volunteering as ghillies for the fishing sessions and assisting with fly tying instruction. Several campers caught their first trout on a fly. The campers were very appreciative and complimentary of the help that they received from the guides.

Several campers responded to the ques-
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Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp attendees are instructed in ecology, aquatic biology, hydrogeology, erosion and sedimentation control, riparian corridor protection, watershed management, and more, and even have a chance to fish.

35 new TIC teachers ready to join the fun

By Tali MacArthur
PATU Program Director

On July 28, 35 teachers attended the New Teacher Trout in the Classroom Workshop held at the Benner Spring Hatchery facility in Bellefonte.

These teachers will join close to 300 state-wide who already share the educational wonder of raising brook trout in their classroom with students in grades 4-12.

The act of raising, monitoring and caring for young trout fosters a conservation ethic within participating students and promotes an understanding of their shared water resources.

While the immediate goal of TIC is to increase student knowledge of water quality and coldwater conservation, its long-term goal is to reconnect youths to the system of streams, rivers, and watersheds that sustain them and to introduce them to outdoor recreational activities such as angling.

TIC is a collaboration among PATU, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission



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New TIC teachers received training for the upcoming school year on July 28 at the Benner Spring Hatchery facility.

and many other partners who work together to ensure its success and sustainability.

The teachers who attended the workshop learned how to set up their tanks, care for the fish between November when the eggs are delivered and April/May when they are released, and trouble shoot basic problems.

They also heard suggestions for developing local partnerships and received a long list of hands-on educational activities that promote watershed and coldwater conservation education and stewardship. They
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PA Council of Trout Unlimited

*Minutes of the June 25, 2017
Executive Committee Meeting
Hampton Inn – Mill Hall, 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.

President's Report: The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by President Charlesworth who referenced his written report as previously submitted.

A motion was seconded and carried to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2017 meeting as previously distributed to EXCOM.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was seconded and carried to receive and file the Budget Report dated May 31, 2017, as previously distributed to EXCOM. Lewis is planning a periodic financial review of the books in July.

Discussion/Action Items

- **Forever Wild Grant Program:** A motion was seconded and carried to approve the PATU Forever Wild Grant program to be introduced at the Annual Membership Meeting. This program will replace the Back the Brookie Grant and will provide grants to chapters of up to \$1,500 for projects on native and wild trout waters, with an annual total for all grants not to exceed \$10,000. Malaska will check on liability language to be added to the contracts.
- **Council Donation to TU Headwaters Youth Program:** A motion was seconded and carried to approve a Council donation of \$1,000 with a match of \$1,000 from the Koch Foundation toward TU's Headwaters Youth Program.
- **2017 Trout in the Classroom Fundraiser:** Kutskel announced that a sweepstakes raffle with cash prizes would be introduced later this year.

The Development Committee with assistance from Lewis will investigate the feasibility of obtaining and offering some major prizes for next year's TIC raffle.

- **Using "Ticket River" for Annual Meeting Reservations:** A motion was seconded and carried to use Ticket River software to simplify the registration process and allow online use of credit cards to make reservations for the 2017 Annual Membership Meeting.
- **Selection of a Vice President for Southeastern Region:** A date is to be established for MacArthur and Charlesworth to meet with the Southeast Region chapter leaders for the purpose of identifying candidates for the regional VP position.
- **Perkiomen Valley Chapter Application for Embrace-A-Stream Grant:** Malaska reported that the Perkiomen Valley Chapter needs to submit an organizational plan by July 15 if they are to be considered for an Embrace-A-Stream Grant they have applied for. Leonard will follow up with a letter to the chapter leaders.
- **Nomination of Officers for FY2018:** MacArthur will serve as chair for an ad hoc Nominating Committee to solicit candidates for Council offices to be voted on at the Annual Membership Meeting in September.
- **Chapter Financial Reviewer Appointments:** Wagner reported that to date 32 chapters had appointed financial reviewers, and that all chapters must comply with this requirement before the 2017 National TU Annual Meeting in September.
- **EXCOM Retreat/Strategic Planning Meeting:** A retreat for EXCOM officers is scheduled for July 7 from 8 to 10 p.m. at the Hampton Inn in Mill Hall, PA. A strategic planning meeting, which will also include committee chairs and be facilitated by Jeff Yates, will begin at 9 a.m. on July 8. Council



will pick up the cost for shared hotel rooms for July 7.

- **Chestnut Ridge Chapter Request to Enter into Litigation:** Malaska reported that Council is awaiting confirmation that the Chestnut Ridge Chapter has a funding source to cover possible shared litigation costs with PennFuture before TU can approve entering into litigation against the Deer Lake Improvement Association over environmental violations.
 - **Appointment of Charlesworth as TU Grassroots Trustee:** Charlesworth reported that National TU has elected to appoint 3 new grassroots trustees instead of 4 as originally planned, with an announcement planned for some time in July.
 - **Using "Go to Meeting" for Teleconferencing:** Lanning announced that he has picked up the cost of a Go to Meeting subscription which EXCOM will try out for a teleconference on Sept. 18.
 - **Procedure for Obtaining Email Votes by EXCOM:** Pennell stated that as much additional background information as possible would be furnished with as much lead time as feasible on requests for email votes on issues that arise between meetings.
- National Leadership Council:** Report submitted. Wagner pointed out that only nine PA chapters have Diversity Initiative chairs signed up. He also stated that he can serve as a liaison between chapters and National TU staff and assist chapters with issues that may require attention by National staff.
- Mid-Atlantic Advocacy:** Report submitted. Dave Kinney reported on his advocacy work with PA legislators and his ongoing efforts with DEP to upgrade classifications for many of the streams that have received Wild Trout designations by PFBC. He also reported that Richard Lewis has been nominated as Boating-at-Large Commissioner, one of four new commis-

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sioners nominated by PFBC. Lewis emphasized the need to support SB30 which would allow PFBC to increase license fees without legislative approval.

Program Director: Report submitted. MacArthur reviewed the agenda for the PATU Annual Membership Meeting, and it was suggested that someone from National TU leadership be invited as a speaker. She requested regional VPs to poll their chapters to determine those who operate tree nurseries. She also expressed the need for GIS mapping to locate and describe Coldwater Heritage Partnership projects.

Awards Committee: No report submitted. Information on the PATU annual awards has been posted on the PATU Website for nominations to be received by July 31. MacArthur requested a third person to serve on the Awards Committee.

Communications Committee: Report submitted. No action items requested.

Delaware River Committee: Report submitted. Lee Hartman reported that a crisis was averted recently when the decree parties for the Delaware River agreed to a stopgap contingency plan to maintain the minimum water flow and temperature regime on the upper river. He also reported on a major push for NY State to extend catch and release regulations on the upper Delaware River to ensure uniformity with PA special regulations.

Development Committee: Report submitted. See Trout in the Classroom raffle report under Discussion/Action Items above.

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

Trout Management Committee: Report submitted. Undercoffer reported on efforts to promote catch and release regulations on 26 miles of the upper West Branch of the Susquehanna River, largely due to TU's ongoing cleanup efforts resulting in a growing trout population. .

Environmental Committee: Report submitted. Jeff Ripple reported on the committee's completion of a white paper on the use/misuse of bio-solids and listed 10 PA House and Senate bills that he is currently following for possible Council actions in the future.

Youth Education Committee: Report submitted. Judi Sittler reported that 3 PA teens are attending the TU Teen Summit with her this month in Michigan. She also suggested that we consider extracting youth activities from the quarterly chapter reports and combining them for an article in Pa Trout as examples for other chapters to follow.

Women's & Diversity Initiative: Report submitted. Amidea Daniel and Kelly Williams agreed to the proposed change to "Diversity Initiative" to follow National TU's lead, while still focusing primarily on women's programs that will ultimately draw other more diverse groups into their programs.

Veterans Service Partnership (VSP): Report submitted. Lanning reviewed the status of the VSP initiative in PA and clarified that the various chapter programs,

regardless of whatever local names are assigned to them, are all part of the Veterans Service Partnership initiative.

Regional Reports:

- **Northcentral Region** – All eight chapters submitted reports.
- **Northeast Region** – Seven of nine chapters submitted reports; Lackawanna Valley and Western Pocono did not report.
- **Northwest Region** – All nine chapters submitted reports.
- **Southcentral Region** – All eight chapters submitted reports.
- **Southeast Region** – All seven chapters submitted reports.
- **Southwest Region** – Six of seven chapters submitted reports; Arrowhead did not report.

New Business:

- **Proposed Bylaws Revisions** – The proposed Bylaws revisions as previously submitted to EXCOM were approved by mutual consent, with the addition of "Secretary" and "Treasurer" under Article III, Section 10, pertaining to term limits for EXCOM officers. These Bylaws revisions will be voted on for acceptance at the PATU Annual Membership Meeting in September.

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 2:13 p.m.

– Bob Pennell, Council Secretary

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tion "What was your favorite thing about camp?" by saying it was fishing with the ghillies. It was a pleasure to see these youngsters progress as fly anglers.

Trout Unlimited CEO Chris Wood visited the camp and came away impressed.

"I asked the teenagers at the Pennsylvania camp, 'How many of you plan to become involved in conservation?' Every kid raised their hand," Wood said. "They were smart, articulate, and most important, passionate and clear-eyed about the role they need, and want, to play in helping



Contributed Photo

Students at the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp also participate in a hands-on stream habitat improvement project.

to protect the lands and waters our great nation depends on."

TEACHERS

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witnessed the spawning and fertilization process (aided by the knowledgeable and very capable hatchery staff!) and learned about how the fish and water quality are kept healthy in the hatchery.

Each teacher expressed excitement about the upcoming year and all are looking forward to sharing their new knowledge and the TIC program with their students.

TU Chapters: Please reach out to your local schools and help make this year a wonderful and successful one for participating students and teachers!

Revisions to PATU Bylaws

The following revisions (in bold italics) as proposed for the PA Council Bylaws were approved by the Executive Committee on June 25, 2017, and will be voted on for acceptance by the general membership at the PATU Annual Membership Meeting on Sept. 23, 2017:

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

SECTION 1: Designation – The officers of the Council shall be the President, two (2) ***Executive*** Vice Presidents, the number of Regional Vice Presidents corresponding to the current number of designated Regions, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the National Leadership Council Representative, and the Past President. All but the Past President shall be elected by the membership of the Council as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 3: ***Executive*** Vice Presidents – The Council shall have two (2) ***Executive*** Vice Presidents. Each shall be an ex-officio member of one half of the Standing Committees. They shall make sure that their Committees meet in a timely manner, and that Committee quarterly reports are submitted to the President and Secretary for inclusion in the Executive Committee packet, with action items highlighted. When Committee Chairpersons cannot attend Executive Committee meetings to give their quarterly oral report, their ***Executive*** Vice President may do so. They shall also facilitate communication between Committees and Chapters needing advice and aid. ***Executive*** Vice Presidents shall assist the President in filling open positions on their Committees, especially those requiring expert counsel. The Council President has the exclusive right to assign each ***Executive*** Vice President the Committees he or she is responsible for following the Annual Membership Meeting elections. Each of the two (2) ***Executive*** Vice Presidents shall also be responsible for oversight and accountability for those Regional Vice Presidents as mutually determined and agreed to.

In the event that the President is unable to attend an Executive Committee meeting and/or serve out the remainder of an elected term, the Secretary shall notify the

members of the Executive Committee, and one of the two ***Executive*** Vice Presidents shall be appointed to serve in behalf of the President.

SECTION 4: ***Regional*** Vice Presidents – Regional Vice Presidents shall report to and are accountable to one of the two (2) ***Executive*** Vice Presidents who shall determine their respective Regional coverage as indicated in the Accountability and Communications Flow Chart (Addendum B) attached hereto and made a part hereof. Day-to-day regional operational or administrative problems should be resolved at this level, with the Regional Vice Presidents responsible for adequately addressing such problems and their ramifications and for ensuring that satisfactory resolutions to the problems are obtained. In the event such problems cannot be resolved at the level, they will be addressed at the Council level.

SECTION 10: ***Term of Office*** – All Officers of the Council shall serve for a term of one (1) year commencing on October 1 of the year elected and ending on September 30 of the following year. The President, ***Secretary, Treasurer, the two (2) Executive*** Vice Presidents, and ***Regional Vice Presidents*** are limited to four (4) consecutive terms of office. The National Leadership Council Representative may serve for five (5) consecutive terms.

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES

SECTION 2: ***Standing*** Committees

(b) ***Environmental*** Committee – ***Add the following description:***

The Environmental Committee shall also be responsible for developing and implementing a stream access and conservation program. This Committee will assist local Chapters in identifying potential sites worthy of protection due to their important biological functions in maintaining healthy water quality and/or that contribute to the preservation of public fishing access. This work shall be implemented through those organizations that have the knowledge of local resources and have demonstrated their ability to work cooperatively with local landowners.

The Committee and cooperating Chapters will seek assistance from the PA Fish and Boat Commission, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources,

and local land conservancies in order to protect property critical to the health of our coldwater fisheries and to protect the rights of Pennsylvania citizens to have free and easy access to recreational fishing.

Chapter environmental and stream access problems, if not solved locally, will be directed to the Chairperson of the Environmental Committee through the Regional Vice President or a Council Executive Vice President.

(e) ***Women's and Diversity*** Initiative – ***Change the name of this initiative and substitute the following description: The Diversity Initiative is responsible for modifying and developing strategies and programs to assist with recruitment of a more diverse membership, encourage participation in leadership, programs and projects within its diverse membership, and encourage chapters to create a welcome environment for members of different genders, ethnicities, ages, and cultures to achieve TU's conservation mission.***

(i) ***Legislative*** Committee – ***Delete this Committee and its duties and responsibilities in their entirety and substitute: (i) Veterans Service Partnership – The PATU Veterans Service Partnership program follows the guidelines and principles established by the National TU Veterans Service Partnership program and the National TU Veterans Service Partnership Advisory Committee. PATU Veterans Service programs are Council and Chapter-led programs with locally chosen program names that align with other veteran and community organizations to provide outdoor and fishing programs to U.S. veterans and their family members in Pennsylvania.***

This program is designed to allow Council and its Chapters to administer fishing skills instruction and streamside conservation education to veterans and their families in a safe and healthful environment. Depending on the program, continued mentoring and transition programs may be provided at the Chapter level.

(j) ***Stream Access*** Committee – ***Delete this Committee and incorporate its duties***

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Candidates for PATU offices

Below is a list of candidates running for election for PA Council offices on Sept. 23, 2017. The election will be held at the Nit-tany Event Center in Pleasant Gap during the PATU Annual Membership Meeting. Each chapter has one vote for each of the candidates. Other nominations will be taken from the floor prior to the voting.

If you are interested in learning more about the duties of any of these positions, please contact Tali MacArthur at 814-359-5233 or c-tmacarth@pa.gov.

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Charlie Charlesworth

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Greg Malaska

John Leonard

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Bob Pennell

Treasurer

George Kutskel

National Leadership Council Rep.

Brian Wagner

Regional Vice President

Northwest

Zach Sees

Northcentral

Jim Lanning

Northeast

Open

Southwest

Chuck Winters

Southcentral

Richard Lewis

Southeast

Open

Actions taken by PATU EXCOM since April 8, 2017

April 15 – Approved signing on to letter from Sportsmen for Bristol Bay to President Trump to stop efforts to develop the proposed Pebble Mine in Bristol Bay, Alaska.

April 28 – Approved signing on to two letters from the Coalition for the Delaware Watershed urging PA Senate members to reject budget cuts proposed in HB218 that would adversely affect funding for the Delaware Watershed.

May 9 – Approved sending a letter to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation requesting an extension of catch and release regulations on the upper Delaware River.

May 20 – Approved signing on to a letter from the Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed (CDRC) to the governors of PA, NY, NJ and DE, and the mayor of New York City urging the approval of a flow management plan prior to June 1, 2017.

June 7 – Approved Ken Undercoffer sending a letter from PATU to the PA Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) in support of establishing Catch & Release All Tackle regulations on 26 miles of the West Branch of the Susquehanna River in Cambria County.

June 10 – Approved Dave Kinney on behalf of PATU advising members of the PA House of Representatives NOT to roll back the MS4 program for municipalities which is a part of the Clean Water Act.

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(l) Governance Committee – The Governance Committee shall monitor and ensure compliance with Trout Unlimited's mission, policies and Bylaws, and the policies and Bylaws of the Council. The membership of the committee shall be the President, the two (2) **Executive** Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, **and National**

Leadership Council (NLC) Representative.

The functions of the Committee shall be to recommend to the Executive Committee for approval any required revisions to the policies or documents relating to the governance of the Council, including the Bylaws and procedures for conducting the business of the Council, policies regarding acquisition and disposal of real property, procurement of goods and services, fiduciary responsibility and risk management.

Treasurer's Report by PATU Treasurer George Kutskel

Chapter Donations

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.

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

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- Cumberland Valley
- Mountain Laurel

High Quality \$500 to \$999

- Allegheny Mountain
- Neshannock
- Penn's Woods West

Brook Trout \$250 to \$499

- Adams County
- Donegal
- Schuylkill County

Wild Trout \$100 to \$249

- God's Country
- Hokendauqua
- Spring Creek

Want to see your chapter listed? Please contact your chapter leaders and tell them!

In Memory of:

In memory of deceased members of the Hokendauqua Chapter

In memory of Stanley Manning from Susan Hause

(m) Reporting and Accountability – With the exception of the Governance Committee, each Committee shall report to and be accountable to its respective **Executive** Vice President as outlined in the Accountability and Communications Flow Chart (Addendum B) attached hereto and made a part hereof. They shall issue written reports of their activities to the Executive Committee at least one week prior to Executive Committee meetings.

Bucks County TU aids resurgence of Aquetong Creek

After a century-plus absence, brook trout once again inhabit Aquetong Creek.

On April 29, members of the Bucks County Chapter of Trout Unlimited, with assistance from the Aquetong Watershed Association and Solebury Township, released 50 wild Pennsylvania brook trout into Aquetong Creek.

Bucks County TU received permission from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to capture and transport the brook trout from a tributary to the Lehigh River to Aquetong Creek. The fish were caught by traditional fly fishing methods. TU members, Aquetong Watershed Association members and Solebury Township officials all participated in the effort.

Aquetong Creek is part of the brook trout's historic range in Pennsylvania. However, the complete deforestation of the watershed and construction of numerous mill dams in the 19th century resulted in warming water and heavy siltation. These conditions destroyed the habitat vital to support brook trout within the watershed. The removal of the Aquetong Lake dam by Solebury Township in 2015 allowed the cold water of Aquetong Spring to once again flow downstream without being warmed by the former Aquetong Lake, resulting in near perfect stream temperatures for brook trout.

Members from both conservation groups and township officials were present for the release of the trout in Aquetong Spring Park. The TU members who led this effort, Kevin Randall and Jeff Neamand, both stated the significance that wild brook trout rather than non-native trout species were used to repopulate the creek.

"There are no longer any brook trout streams in Bucks County; the cold water and diverse insect life of Aquetong Creek provide a unique opportunity to reintroduce brook trout," they said. "The stocking of non-native trout such as rainbow and brown trout displace brook trout and prey on them, which is part of the reason why so few brook trout streams remain. We have a unique opportunity to return Aquetong Creek to its natural heritage."



Jim Searing Photos

Above, Bucks County Trout Unlimited member Kevin Randall transfers a brook trout to a holding tank for the journey back to Bucks County. He is being assisted by Frank Nassetta and Jeff Neamand.

Below left, brook trout swim in a holding pen after being caught for transport to Aquetong Creek.

Below right, BCTU member Jeff Neamand and daughter Madeline prepare to release brook trout.



Aquetong Watershed Association President Les Isbrandt thanked Bucks County Trout Unlimited for its efforts to return brook trout to the creek.

"This could not have been possible without Solebury Township's decision in 2014 to remove the 1870s earthen dam eliminating Aquetong Lake," Isbrandt said. "The resulting project by the township has restored the creek to much cooler water temperatures thereby improving the

health of our watershed and allowing the trout to return."

Solebury Township Supervisor Kevin Morrissey also thanked BCTU for taking the lead on this project as well as Solebury's Aquetong Spring Committee and the Solebury Township Administration for their contributions.

Fellow supervisor Jim Searing also congratulated BCTU on this major ac-

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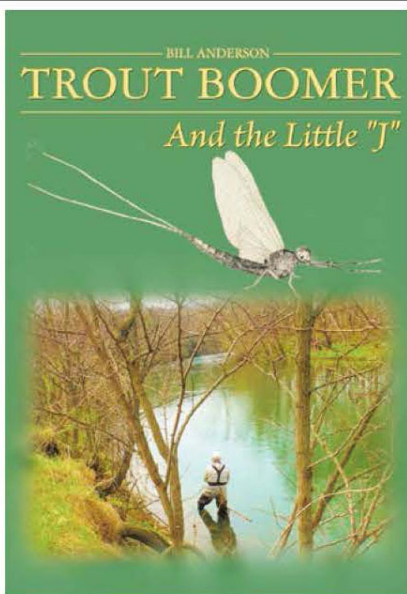
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complishment.

“BCTU was instrumental in building public support for our efforts to acquire the property, take down the dam and restore the creek,” Searing said. “Reintroducing native brook trout to Aquetong Creek after a 150-year absence is a powerful tribute to Solebury’s focus on preservation and conservation.”

In 1996, BCTU began its advocacy for the removal of the Aquetong Lake dam and restoration of brook trout to the creek.

“The reintroduction of wild brook trout to Aquetong Creek is the essence of the mission of Trout Unlimited,” said Bucks County Trout Unlimited President Dan Weaver. “I can’t be more proud of our chapter members for conceiving this plan and making it happen, successfully capturing 50 brook trout in rugged terrain and keeping them alive and healthy on the 70-mile journey from the Lehigh River to their release in Aquetong Creek is a tremendous example our members’ dedication to restoring the ecological integrity of our local streams.”



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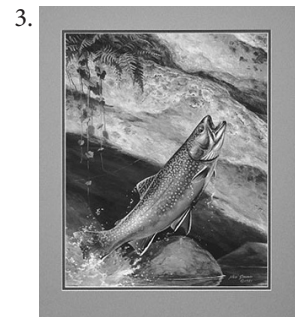
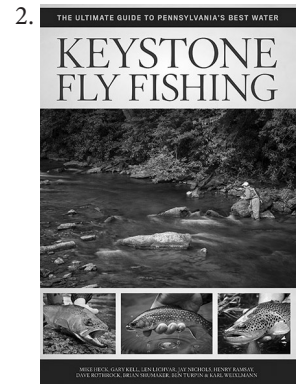
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Survival threats to our native brook trout

Editor's Note: Each year at its spring banquet, the Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association presents its Excellence in Craft Awards. These awards recognize POWA members for their outstanding work during the previous calendar year. PATU has been a longtime supporting member and a sponsor of the "Trout and the Coldwater Resource Award." The following article authored by outdoor writer Don Feigert, published in The (Sharon) Herald on April 10, 2016 – and reprinted with permission – was selected as this year's winner.



Todd Puleo Photo

A typical wild native brook trout caught eight years ago in Redtail Run, before the brookies began to disappear there.

By Don Feigert
The Evening Campfire

If you read this column even occasionally, you know how I feel about our state fish, the wild native brook trout. There's nothing I enjoy more than trekking upstream along a tiny creek on public land, where I will hike a couple of miles in a morning and enjoy the surroundings of evergreens and hardwoods, the sounds and smells of the woods and the waters, and the wild tugs of brookies on the line. However, our current environment presents certain threats to future brook trout survival. Following are five that I'm tracking:

1. **Loss of our Hemlock Canopy.**

Hemlocks shade and cool almost every trout stream I fish, and they also prevent soil erosion. But in the past several years, they have come under attack from a pest accidentally imported from Japan, the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, which feasts on hemlock sap and injures or kills trees by the thousands as they advance north in the eastern U.S. The U.S. Forest Service and other agencies have been applying insecticides and a certain black lady beetle that is a natural enemy to the adelgids, with limited success. The northeast has one advantage: the adelgid has trouble surviving prolonged or bitter cold. The strong winter of 2014-2015 caused substantial dieback of HWA and regrowth of infected trees. Keep

that in mind as you celebrate this past winter's mild weather. We didn't have much snow or cold, but our hemlocks may suffer.

2. **Air and Water Pollution.**

According to the USDA Forest Service, "Air pollution has been a serious problem for forests of northland U.S., which are downwind of our industrial heartland." The biggest negative agent is acid rain, which occurs when harmful chemicals interact in the atmosphere to form compounds that later fall to the earth, which can damage trees or make them vulnerable to disease. The Forest Service is implementing various applications of fungi and bacterial remedies, but the problem persists. Brook trout survival is the canary in the coal mine warning against pollution.

3. **Effects of Fracking.**

Is the Marcellus Shale boom an economic savior for our region or an environmental disaster? Risks from hydraulic fracking can be minimized with strict regulation and safety procedures, which many drilling companies adhere to. But accidents and polluted waters and soils have occurred. Plus, there's an impact on water conservation, since each well can use millions of gallons over its lifetime.

4. **Competition with Brown Trout.**

There's a lot of talk in the trout-fishing community about the risks of mixing brown trout with wild

brook trout, since the brown trout tend to be larger (their life span is much longer than that of brookies) and more aggressive, allowing them to out-compete the brookies for food and habitat. A microcosm of this issues exists up at camp in Warren County. Redtail Run has been our best trout stream for years, but in the past few seasons, we've caught far fewer brook trout and more brown trout upstream. This stream flows easily into the Allegheny River, which harbors some brown trout near areas of coldwater outflows, allowing them access upstream to spawn. But Antler Run, a historically average brook trout creek, is maintaining its brookie population. At the point where it pours into the Allegheny, there's a large culvert and waterfall in place, making it much harder for fish to advance upstream. We never catch a brown trout in Antler Run, and the brook trout are still there.

5. **Over-Fishing.**

This has not become a problem yet, since most anglers don't want to walk a mile for a seven-inch trout, especially since three streams local to Camp F-Troop offer foot-long stocked fish. But more anglers I talk to have been showing interest in taking wild fish, maybe because I write about them too often. The wild brookie streams could handle more traffic, as long as anglers practice catch-and-release and leave the resource as pristine as they find it.

What are solutions? Practice good conservation methods whenever you wander forests and streams. Join Trout Unlimited or Wildlife Forever or some other conservation organization and participate in its conservation projects.

Don Feigert is the outdoors writer for The Herald and the Allied News. His latest book, "The F-Troop Camp Chronicles," and his earlier books are available by contacting Don at 724-931-1699 or dfeigert@verizon.net. Browse his web site at www.donfeigert.com.

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The chapter has obtained all required land-owner permissions for execution of the Pocono Creek habitat improvement project. The primary contractors are engaged and they have scheduled time to do the work this August. We drafted an Embrace-a-Stream grant application to rehabilitate a section of Cherry Creek in the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge near Saylorsburg. On May 6, the chapter conducted a cleanup on Pocono Creek and its tributary, Bisbing Run, in Tannersville. We assisted with the annual Knights of Columbus Fishing Derby on the first day of trout season at Pinebrook Park in Stroudsburg. During the event, the pavilion on the site was named for and dedicated to long-time Brodhead member, the late Bob Hosko. We participated in an Earth Day program at Northampton Community College-Monroe Campus on April 22. At our May 10 meeting, the chapter welcomed representatives of four conservation and fishing clubs within the Pocono area that protect the headwaters of Brodhead Creek and its tributaries. Presenting were the Tobyhanna Conservation Association, the Pohoqualine Fish Association, Brodhead Forest and Steam Association and Brodhead Hunting and Fishing Club. Our first "Wine, Women, and Waders" event at Mountain View Vineyards on April 29. Tom Gilmore presented his program "Pennsylvania's Blue-Ribbon Trout Streams" on April 12. Our annual picnic was June 10 at Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge. An introduction to fly fishing workshop was June 25 at ForEvergreen Nature Preserve. Advanced fly tying classes are July 24-Sept. 18 at Monroe County Conservation District Building. Membership meetings are Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13 at Monroe County Conservation District Building.

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The chapter created a chapter "business card" describing what we do, meeting information, our mission statement and website to distribute to the public. Credit to South Central RVP Richard Lewis, and the Adams County chapter for providing this idea in the May "My PATU Monthly." Chapter President Joe Baylog and his daughter participated in a video shoot for National TU on May 16-17. The video featured the Bushkill Creek watershed and the Unassessed Waters program. Also participating were Terry Klinetop, Bushkill Stream Conservancy vice president, Kathleen Lavelle, Dave Kinney, Chad Chorney and Mark Taylor, all from National. The chapter's annual pig and corn roast is on the banks of the Delaware River at Riverside Barr & Grille on Sept. 16. We applied for a TU Embrace-A-Stream grant for design work for a stream restoration project on Bushkill Creek. The chapter, along with members of the Forks United Church of Christ, held a major stream and highway cleanup along Bushkill Creek on April 22. TIC release days were held for three of our schools: Nazareth Middle School on April 21, Bangor Middle School on May 2 and Wind Gap Middle School on May 19. Chapter volunteers took our "Forks TU Fly Fishing Experience" to Stockertown Rod & Gun Club for the 25th annual Northampton County Youth Field Day sponsored by the Northampton County Youth Field Day Foundation. On June 3-4, volunteers from Monocacy TU and our chapter assisted Chad Chorney, TU Mid-Atlantic Organizer, at Step Outdoors Lehigh Valley at Steel Stacks in Bethlehem.

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Chapter members and members from the Bertsch Hokendauqua, Catasaquua Watershed Association did a cleanup on the Hokey on April 8. On April 11, our TIC program released fish into the Hokey at the Kreidersville Covered Bridge section. On May 9, we cleaned up debris from two log jams on Coplay Creek in the Whitehall Parkway. Phil Hublitz, our PHWFF coordinator, had nine vets and 19 volunteers attend an outing on May 20 at Bob Saks' pond. Two other programs are planned for 2017. The first is at the Indian Mountain R&G and the second at Green-Walk Trout nursery on Sept. 23. On May 17, members collected macros on the Hokey and did a macro-identification at the Kreidersville Covered Bridge, where the chapter did a stream restoration project a few years ago. On June 3, we assisted the Little Lehigh chapter with its Fly Fishing Youth Day. Our 2nd annual fly fishing program for women was July 8. On June 17, members taught fly fishing

at the "Women in the Outdoors" event sponsored by the Jerry Zimmerman Memorial and Walking Purchase Chapters held at the Ontelaunee Rod & Gun Club. Our next chapter meeting is Sept. 20 at Catasaquua High School.

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A summer board meeting was held on June 7. Chapter President Erik Broesicke spent a day in Harrisburg with Dave Kinney and Chad Chorney meeting with several key senators and representatives to introduce our organization, thank them for their support of coldwater issues, and discuss how we can further our initiatives from a policy level. The City of Bethlehem and Wildlands Conservancy have put the Illicks Mill Park restoration project out to bid. We are expecting a mid-summer start date. Members attended the Step Outdoors event with Chorney at Steel Stacks in Bethlehem.

Pike-Wayne Chapter #462

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Our annual banquet was April 8 at Lukan's Family Resort. John Lazar received the Charlie Bright service award (renamed in honor Charlie Bright, a longtime member who passed away.) The award was presented by Mrs. Bright. On April 9, members and Boy Scout Troop 129 held the annual Lackawaxen River cleanup. In April, members participated with other community conservation organizations at the Hawley Earth Day. Members also participated with the Pike County Conservation District's Adopt-A-Highway cleanup on Route 402 in Blooming Grove. In May, PWTU participated in "Fish for Kids in Newfoundland." Members attended a fundraiser for Casting for Recovery held at Mountain Top. Members are tying flies for the women to use on their September retreat. Matt Barr, watershed specialist from Pike County Conservation District, presented at our June meeting. He discussed the placement of sensors in the Lackawaxen River to monitor water quality during the Orion Pipeline river crossing. He had recently completed a macroinvertebrate survey of 10 streams in Pike County, and in August he will conduct a fish survey of 10 different streams in the county. We presented three one-time \$500 stipends to area seniors attending college next year who are majoring in conservation or environmental studies.

Schuylkill County Chapter #537

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This year is our 30th anniversary and a celebration will be on the project site at the Little League Field in New Philadelphia from 1-6 p.m. Sept. 16. It will include prizes, raffles, drawings and door prizes at a cost of \$20 per person. Call Ann McCole at 570-277-6249 for tickets. Regular meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at Amvets in Pottsville. Board meetings are every month on the fourth Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Solar Innovations® cafeteria. April 1 was the first in over 150 years that we saw trout fishing in the stream along New Philadelphia. Our chapter supplied the trout for this special day. Each year we help with Family Fun Fishing Day at Sweet Arrow Lake. We conducted a Bear Creek cleanup with assistance from Scout Troop 651. This was our sixth consecutive year at Cabela's for Captain's Weekend. We assisted Schuylkill Haven Recreational Association run its fishing derby, one of five different derbies we assisted with. Four TIC schools held release days: Tamaqua West End School, Tri-Valley School, Saint Clair Elementary School and Williams Valley School.

Stanley Cooper, Sr. Chapter #251

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The Fly Fishing Film Festival was April 12 at the Kirby Center. Several members of the chapter were there when Friends of the Upper Delaware was formed. As we have done every year, we bought a boat in their "One Bug Tournament." Our SCTU chapter picnic was July 10. We held adult and youth fly fishing camps. We hold Brews and Bugs on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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No report.

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We are awaiting assignment of a section of Route 487 in Orangeville for Adopt-A-Highway roadway cleanup adjacent to Fishing Creek. Two chapter members are monitoring natural gas pipeline construction on the Fishing Creek and Susquehanna watersheds in the Columbia County area. At our April 11 chapter meeting, Andrew Trelease from Trout Haven Fly Fishing Adventures presented a seminar on central PA fly fishing strategies. The presentation covered fishing opportunities on Valley Creek in suburban Philadelphia and Spruce Creek near State College. Chapter members served as guides during the annual Fish-n-Fun day for handicapped children at Kocher Park in Lightstreet on June 3. Chapter members assisted with the fishing portion of the annual Outdoor Adventure Camp conducted by the Columbia County District Conservation Office. Upcoming meetings are Sept. 12 and Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. at Columbia County District Conservation Office, Bloomsburg.

God's Country Chapter #327

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Several members participated in the Upper Allegheny Watershed Association's road cleanup and the Upper First Fork Watershed Association's outreach/member recruitment activities. Members also attended the special meeting in Sweden Township on May 17 to explain the knotweed eradication efforts by the UAWA as well as the UAWA members meeting in April. The chapter had a booth, sold raffle tickets, and distributed Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing and TU literature at the Potter/Tioga Maple Festival held May 6 in Coudersport. On May 7, we assisted the Potter County Anglers Club stocking of the Allegheny River and Oswayo Creek. During April and May, PHWFF programs were presented to the Crosby Legion Riders, the Coudersport Legion, the Oswayo Valley Senior Center and the Coudersport Legion Auxiliary. Members attended the JKLM Energy Stakeholders meeting in April and attended JKLM's well pad site visit on June 29. Our chapter's 10th anniversary PHWFF event honoring all past participants, volunteers and loyal supports was May 23-26. David Sautler attended a June 9 Potter County Veterans Association meeting attended by the state's lieutenant governor and did a presentation on the chapter's PHWFF

events. Members attended the April, May and June Potter County Conservation District meetings. On June 1, President Pete Ryan, serving as chairman of the Potter County Dirt & Gravel and Low Volume Road Quality Assurance Board, reported over \$800,000 was allocated for 2017-18 road projects. Chapter members participated in the UAWA cutting of Japanese knotweed along Mill Creek May 7-8 in Sweden Township as part of a CHP Implementation grant. Letters of support were sent to PFBC in support of the recent recommendations of Class A and Wild Trout listings of Potter County streams. May 16 was our TIC release day, which has become a conservation day held at the Austin/Costello Sportsman Club grounds. Potter County Youth Field Day returned to the PA Lumber Museum June 10 with GCTU members providing fly casting instruction as one of the activities. June 24 was "Women in the Wild" weekend at Sinnemahoning State Park.

Lloyd Wilson Chapter #224

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Our annual family picnic/meeting at the Sieg Conference Center was June 7. We had an unscheduled litter pickup along the Narrows section of Big Fishing Creek in February as someone dumped what appeared to be a pickup load of trash over the bank. The chapter wrote letters of support to PFBC for the addition of the proposed Class A streams and the Wild Trout streams to the approved and existing lists. Our two TIC programs successfully raised and released several dozen trout. In partnership with PFBC and US-FWS, chapter members assisted with four fishing events at the NE Fishery Center in Lamar. Chapter members assisted at a fishing day for a Wounded Warrior group from North Carolina. The event was held at the Ante's Creek Fishing Club. On May 16-17, chapter members taught fly tying and fly casting to students from Jersey Shore Middle School for their outdoor environmental learning days. We again partnered with PFBC and the NE Fishery Center in Lamar for a series of fishing events in June. We also assisted at the Family Fishing Day held at the Bald Eagle State Park.

Penns Creek Chapter #119

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The chapter issued letters of support for the Mifflin County Conservation District's riparian buffer/outreach and technical assistance program to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and to PFBC in support of passing all Class A and Wild Trout classifications. Individuals also submitted letters supporting inclusion of Musser Run to the Class A list. April and May were busy with five TIC release events. We have a chance

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for a TIC-type setup in the Juniata Valley YMCA that could potentially lead to fly tying and/or fly fishing classes for all ages. Members also participated in Mifflin County High School's ECO day, with assistance from Spring Creek TU; a Mifflin County Envirothon fly casting station; tree planting on Tea Creek with help from MCHS Ecology class; stocking of the four-mile DHALO section of Licking Creek; "Day On The Stream" at the Little J; a summer social along Musser Run, and the Juniata River. Upcoming on Aug. 12 is a NWF Field Day. Regular monthly meetings are being changed to the second Wednesday of each month at the Mifflin County Library. Our next meeting is Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

R.B. Winter Chapter #124

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A stream cleanup by members, assisted by Mifflinburg Cub Scouts, was April 23 from the Poe Paddy tunnel to Weikert. Cub Scouts also helped with the planting of 350 trees and shrubs streamside below the PFBC Station 22 cabin. On April 29, members participated in a PHWFF program, guiding for 22 veterans from North Carolina along Penns Creek and local ponds. On June 11, members conducted fly casting and fly tying seminars at the R.B. Winter State Park Summerfest. All fingerlings in our four TIC projects were stocked. Three fly tying sessions were conducted for the Mifflinburg TIC participants. Our April 19 meeting featured the Lewisburg seventh grade class presenting on this year's TIC project. It included an analysis of three local streams to determine which was most suitable for stocking their fingerlings. Bucknell biologist Shaun Reese presented update on stocking of eels in local streams and habitat requirement for fresh water mussels. Our May 19 meeting featured a cookout along Penns Creek for chapter and fly tying class members. Our next meeting is Sept. 20 at the Lewisburg Hotel.

Spring Creek Chapter #185

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We submitted a NFWF grant for \$160,700 with total project amount of more than \$270,000 for Houserville Road, Rock Road and Gordon D. Kissenger Meadow. We are doing special stewardship at Fisherman's Paradise, McCoy Dam and Oak Hall sites. Permits were received by Penn State for armoring the dike at Thompson Run. The Spring Creek Cleanup had over 600 volunteers and we had leadership and 40 volunteers covering three sites. Other activities include SCTU conducting a Get Outdoors Family Picnic at Tussey Mountain pond, a first aid instructional course for our VSP

group, fly fishing instruction at Bald Eagle State Park and fishing for Big Brothers Big Sisters at the Lamar Hatchery. Our VSP held its Spring Opening with 43 veterans attending. The program worked with the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* and PFBC on an outing at Fisherman's Paradise. Our Women Anglers held four events, including a special day on Penns Creek with guide Tom Doman and fly fishing at Benner Springs. Other past chapter activities include the Brookies Camp July 20 at the Sieg Conference Center in Lamar. Upcoming events include Arbor Day Reinvented - PSU Arboretum from 10 a.m. to noon on July 26 at The Arboretum at Penn State, State College; Y Trout Release Day from 4-7 p.m. Aug. 8 at Whipple Dam State Park, Petersburg; and a chapter meeting from 7:30-9 p.m. Sept. 7 featuring an Introduction of "Spring Creek White" - a wine tasting and introduction of the Spring Creek White by Mt. Nittany Winery. Upcoming VSP events are from 1-6 p.m. on Aug. 13, Aug. 27, Sept. 10 and Sept. 24 at Fisherman's Paradise, Bellefonte; and Women's Group fishing from 5-7 p.m. on Aug. 27 at Fisherman's Paradise and 2-4 p.m. Sept. 24 on Spring Creek near Fisherman's Paradise.

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In April, Bill O'Connor and Don Daughenbaugh presented the notable history of the E. Hille Company and the famous anglers and public figures that shared our local streams. We're planning to sponsor a TIC program at Loyalsock Middle School. Shawn Rummel of TU has completed the Rock Run CHP grant plan and we look forward to having a final meeting on it in the fall. Director Steve Szoke will be working on post-flood studies in the Loyalsock Creek watershed with Dr. Niles of Susquehanna University this summer. Our next chapter meeting is in September.

Tiadaghton Chapter #688

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Members attended the Shale Gas Network conference at State College that included gas company representatives, government regulators and citizen science/environmental groups and academic presenters. Brine disposal and induced seismicity were the major topics discussed. We are partnering with the Pine Creek Watershed Council on the Hemlock Headwaters Project, which includes replacing hemlock trees and other species in the riparian buffer that are dying off from an infestation of the woolly adelgid. The first plantings took place this spring along Babb Creek and four locations along Pine Creek. Members helped with the Pine Creek watershed snapshot day on June 24, spearheaded by Jake Lemon. The chapter also completed macroinvertebrate surveys on six tributaries of Little Pine Creek in May to add data to

our EAS study of the Little Pine Creek watershed. Springfest at Hills Creek State Park was May 20. Members helped the Tioga County Conservation District with a county-wide field trip for all ninth graders in Tioga County at the Fallbrook AMD treatment facility May 3-4. Members manned an educational table at Mill Cove in Mansfield on Earth Day. Several members assisted with stocking the Pine Creek canyon stretch in April and we also float stocked a section of upper Pine Creek on May 15. Several weeks ago, the *Wellsboro Gazette* had a "notice" in its classified section from "Merchant Hydro Developers" of Doylestown for a proposed hydro-electric facility in western Tioga County near Gaines. This project would build a 70-acre reservoir at 2,200 feet elevation, a 60-acre reservoir at 1,300 feet, a 3,337-foot-long 48-inch diameter "penstock" connecting them, and a two-turbine "powerhouse" for electric generation. The water source listed is, of course, Pine Creek, and with necessary electric lines the proposed project would add 283,000 megawatts to our nation's electricity grid. Chapter meetings are the first Monday of every month except July and August at 7 p.m. at Wellsboro Community Center, Wellsboro.

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We had our annual joint picnic with the Iron Furnace chapter at Walter Dick Park in Brookville, where we had the chance to meet two of the four students selected to the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp. Our 51st annual banquet was held at the Falls Creek Eagles in April. The project on Wilson Run was inspected by our members and it appears to have held up

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well with the high water and winter. We are waiting for a Growing Greener grant to place habitat in the DHALO section of the Sandy Lick Creek. We received notice that the state was accepting bids for the Fran Contracting site, which when completed should restore Rock and Camp Run and six miles of Cooks Run. We have spent 18 years trying to get these streams cleaned up and it looks like maybe we will finally see it happen. We received a CHP grant for a tree planting on Montgomery Run to reforest an old splash dam. We have done water quality and some soil samples to prepare. Three-hundred students from DuBois Middle School attended our environmental day at Camp Mountain Run. We also had students from DuBois Central Catholic's eighth grade collect macros and release their TIC trout in Wolf Run. Brockway Area schools held an environmental competition with Redbank and Clarion Limestone FFA. We helped with the wildlife test and provided a fly tying demo. We held a fly fishing day with the DuBois Middle School Fly Fishing Club, SMART Angler with students from New Story and SMART Angler with the special needs students from the DuBois Middle School. The chapter had a station at the Clearfield Youth Field Day on June 3. We had a station at the Jefferson County Youth Field Day and a SMART Angler program on June 10. DuBois Area Girl Scouts family fishing was held at the Tannery Dam. We hosted a veterans fishing day on July 8 at Tannery Dam.

Caldwell Creek Chapter #437

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We completed stream stabilization plantings and live staking at four locations on Brokenstraw Creek with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. We also assisted the conservation district and WPC in a planting project on Coffee Creek. We had four TIC projects conclude with release days in May. We were mentors for students on two fishing days for the fourth and fifth grade students at Columbus Elementary School.

Cornplanter Chapter #526

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A Paddlers Dice Run is planned on the Allegheny River for July 30 from Kinzua Dam to Allegheny Outfitters Livery. We are working on both Farnsworth and east branch of Tionesta Creek with Win's Coalition and Forest Service identifying specific projects for rehab or enhancement in 2018 and beyond. Habitat improvement and acid remediation are being considered. Morrison Run activities have been completed except for one that is on private land. We are working with the landowner but have not come to agreement. Brown

Run habitat improvement and erosion control projects are planned for this summer and early fall. A grant has been received by Cornplanter TU and contributed labor will be needed. The Morrison Run fish habitat improvement is scheduled for Sept. 23. Chapter volunteers were involved in several youth educational activities, including a TIC release and field day for McKean County Conservation District. We also participated at "Green Day" for Eisenhower Elementary School in Warren County. We provided a fly casting demonstration for the McKean County Envirothon. A \$10,000 grant was received for stream improvement and erosion control on lower end of Brown Run on the east end of Warren.

Iron Furnace Chapter #288

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There are no chapter meetings until September, but there will be a board meeting to plan for the coming year in late July or early August. Members attended the public meeting with Western Pennsylvania Conservancy about their CHP grant work in the streams in the Clear Creek State Park and Forest area. Members are hoping to assist in the work this summer. Plans were also made to have a meeting with all parties involved with the future removal of dams on the Callen Run watershed. Before work starts we all want to be on the same page and make sure Heath Sportsman's Club does not have issues with getting water for its hatchery. We hope this will allow us to move forward with the John's Run fish passage project to start off the dam removals in the watershed. Chapter members participated in release days for area TIC schools. The chapter held an Introduction to Fly Fishing event at Fitzgerald's Pond in Brookville on June 10. Mark Hanes was the head instructor and he modeled the event after the PFBC program he completed this spring. The chapter is in the planning stages of working on a future family fishing event in conjunction with the Brookville YMCA later this summer or early fall. Our next meeting is Sept. 18 at Sigel Sportsman's Club, Sigel.

James Zwald Chapter #314

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The chapter continues to monitor portions of West Creek tributary to the Driftwood Branch of the Sinnemahoning as part of the development of an acid mine drainage plan for remediation under a grant from the Norfolk-Southern spill monies. This study concludes in September. Luke Bobnar from Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and Chuck Keeports from the Allegheny National Forest presented a workshop on Aquatic Large Woody Materials Restoration projects in the ANF at the chapter meeting on April 25. Jeff Ream of J. Ream Engineering and Kim Bonfardine of Elk County Conservation District conducted a program update with preliminary data review on the West Creek

AMD monitoring project during the May meeting held in Emporium. Our next chapter meeting is 7 p.m. Sept. 26 at St. Marys Area Middle School.

Neshannock Creek #216

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The North Deer Creek group held a stream improvement project in the youth fishing area of Deer Creek on June 24. Streambank stabilization work was done to repair areas damaged by recent flooding. We held a workday on July 15 to repair several areas on the access trail that were damaged by the recent logging to facilitate future stockings of the area. Our TIC programs had release day events and reported successful years. Our 13th annual Youth Fishing Derby at the Grove City Sportsmen's Club was June 17. We are planning to start a Veterans Service Program this summer with an instructional/fly tying program. We have a picnic and board meeting on Aug. 28. Upcoming board meetings are Sept. 25 and Oct. 23 at Penn State Shenango beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Northwest Chapter #41

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The chapter is looking into a potential stream improvement project in Erie County. We are reaching out to the PAFBC to lay the groundwork. We do not meet again until September.

Oil Creek Chapter #424

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One of the chapter's long-time members, Linda Wilson, passed away on June 5. Linda was a former treasurer and current board member of OCTU; a member of the Rainbow Bowmen Archery Club; and The Friends of Drake Well. She also volunteered for the Oil Creek and Titusville Railroad. Linda's husband Don is the vice president of Oil Creek TU. We received a thank you letter from Franklin YMCA for our recent donation. We also received a thank you note from a family for supporting their YMCA membership. OCTU contributed to the Freshwater Conservation Scholarship at Clarion University again this year, as did two other chapters. We sponsored two students from Cranberry High School to the Conservation Leadership Academy. Our 34th annual banquet was a success with a sold-out crowd for the fifth year in a row. Next year's banquet is April 7. For several years, we have had survey sheets in boxes on Little Sandy Creek. These are for fishermen to make comments and suggestions on their fishing experience. This year many respondents were impressed with the improvements we have done on Little Sandy. TIC students at Cochranon

High School had their trout release day on May 24 at Camp Chick-A-Saw on Little Sugar Creek. We donated a rod outfit to the students in tribute to our late founding member Ron DeWoody. Members represented OCTU at the Polk Center Earth Day events on April 19. Venango County Youth Field Day was June 17. Upcoming meetings are Sept. 20, Oct. 18 and Nov. 15 at King's Restaurant in Franklin beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Seneca Chapter #272

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The chapter will resume regular meetings on Sept. 6. Our annual banquet was April 22 at Port Allegany Fire Hall. The chapter applied for a Patagonia Enviro Grant to remove a dam in the Kinzua Creek watershed and is in the process of applying for a TU Embrace-A-Stream grant to improve trout habitat on Kinzua Creek. Domenick Swentosky of Troutbitten presented his set-up and tactics for fishing the Mono Rig on June 13.

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We completed brook trout restoration work in Aquetong Creek earlier this year. Three TIC release day events were completed in May.

Delco Manning Chapter #320

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Our annual barbeque fundraiser was June 17 at The Grist Mill in Glen Mills. We are currently involved in a TIC program with Strath Haven Middle School.

Little Lehigh Chapter #070

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Earlier this year, we were named as a beneficiary in the will of Mr. Donald B. Hawthorne, and as a result, our chapter was presented with a number of fly rods and reels, spinning rods and reels, fly tying materials, flies, streamers, poppers, fly boxes and nets. A sale of these items at our May chapter meeting raised \$277, and we are the remaining equipment that we are holding for sale to any interested parties in the future. We also received a check for \$5,000 from the Hawthorne estate. We are waiting to hear about a DCNR grant opportunity for Wildlands Conservancy in the amount of \$50,000 for riparian buffer restoration along several Lehigh Valley streams, including a significant amount of work 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. Another opportunity we pursued through PPL, the electric utility in our area. PPL will be giving out hundreds of trees this fall and next spring to community organizations. We reached out to PPL to inform them of our interest in using any trees which they would provide for additional riparian buffer plantings along the Little Lehigh. Our three TIC schools released their trout in late April and early May. We held a Fly Fishing Youth Camp on Jordan Creek on June 3. We received a grant from the women's auxiliary of the local chapter of Safari Club International. At our April



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5 chapter meeting, guest speaker was Kristie Fach, director of ecological restoration at Wildlands Conservancy, who provided us with updates on the conservancy's recent and current restoration projects around the Lehigh Valley. Our next chapter meeting is Sept. 6, 2017 at the Wildlands Conservancy, Emmaus.

Perkiomen Valley #332

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We had two TIC releases into Perkiomen Creek. At our April meeting, Lee Hartman spoke to us about fishing on the Upper Delaware River. Our next meeting is in September.

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The chapter's annual trip to Penns Creek in April was a success. A stream restoration project is planned for the Pennypack Trust this summer. We had three schools participate in TIC this year, up one from one last year. Two schools spent the entire day at Tyler State Park and Pennypack Park releasing their fish, learning about the environment and the insects in our streams.

Tulpehocken Chapter #150

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Recent events included Del Val Women's Fishing at our meeting on May 17. Pennsylvania State Representatives toured our deflector project in the Tulpehocken on April 27.

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Our annual fly fishing school was May 21. On April 8, VFTU held a cleanup day along Valley Creek and a tributary, Little Valley Creek. The team pulled out 450 pounds of debris. West Valley Creek is under repair following several sinkhole issues that effectively de-watered the stream. The sinkholes have been addressed, but there remains a lot of work to turn it back into a living stream. Our appeal of the PA Turnpike's DEP issued permit is moving through the discovery phase. The National Parks Conservation Association has also joined the appeal. This is likely to be a long and expensive process. VFTU is committed to making the PA Turnpike manage the storm water runoff from this project. The current design is lacking and does not adequately protect this exceptional

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value stream. A major development project has been proposed on a superfund site adjacent to the headwaters of Little Valley Creek. We are working to make sure that the creek is protected. We are opposed to the project because the storm water management approach in the current plans would be disastrous to Little Valley Creek and in turn, Valley Creek. Our eight schools in the TIC program were informed of their responsibility to prepare and submit all end of the year reports as well as the registration renewal for 2018 by June 30. Each had a great experience during their release days. We are hoping to increase our schools for next year and know of one, Oxford High School, which will be joining us. All of our TIC schools were invited to the Chester County Conservation summer camp via email invitation. We informed our teachers about the 2018 Keystone Coldwater Conference. Also, we are hoping to encourage our TIC teachers and students to come to the Stroud Water Research Center for a field trip to learn more about our "fresh water resources, trout habitat, water chemistry and watershed understanding." The Valley Creek Restoration Partnership is putting together an education program on Valley Creek as an exceptional value stream. Our annual Fly Fishing School was May 21. The chapter sponsors three PHWFF groups and all are actively working with vets to help them tie flies and to coach them on fly fishing. Monthly general meetings are the second Thursday of each month from September through May at Chester Valley Grange, 3285 Phoenixville Pike, Malvern. Monthly board meetings are the first Thursday of the month year round at the East Bradford Township Building, 600 Copeland School Road, West Chester.

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A board meeting was held in May to discuss the June chapter picnic details and the upcoming stream project on the fly fishing only stretch of Conewago Creek. We participated in several TIC release days held at the Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve in Fairfield, and we conducted a Youth Fishing Derby on Latimore Creek on May 9.

Codorus Chapter #558

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We're in the early stages of two potential stream improvement projects in the Codorus watershed. One involves a small, spring-fed unnamed tributary that flows through a local sheep and horse farm. The other is a considerably larger project on an impaired section of the Codorus well upstream of the wild trout section. That area is significant because of its potential to generate unwanted silt, and it also has little if any canopy to keep the stream from warming. Chapter member Ethan Daviau recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout. His Eagle Scout project was a stream improvement project on the Codorus. His efforts resulted in some great habitat that has been holding plenty of trout. We had three TIC release days in May. On June 10, we held our first-ever women-only fly-fishing clinic on Codorus Creek. A great group of 13 women took part in the event, which included sessions on gear and clothing, casting, aquatic insects, fly selection and fly tying. Upcoming meetings are Aug. 9 and Sept. 13 at Sawmill Pavilion.

Cumberland Valley Chapter #052

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Tom Gilmore was our guest speaker in May and gave a very informative talk about fly fishing all throughout Pennsylvania. Our June membership meeting was a picnic held at a Harrisburg Senators game. In April, we launched a special yearlong raffle. We will be selling a limited number of 250 \$50 tickets for a chance at a single \$5,000 cash prize. The drawing will be held March 16, 2018 at our annual Limestoner Banquet. We are currently tackling an emergency sinkhole repair along Letort Spring Run. Through coordination with Pennsylvania DEP and the landowner we've temporarily reestablished the breached stream bank. We are working to have a more permanent solution in place by mid-July. The Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp completed a habitat project on the Yellow Breeches in the vicinity of Trout Run at Messiah College. The

chapter has begun stream monitoring efforts in the Tuscarora State Forest as construction of the Mariner East II pipeline has moved forward. We will be keeping an eye on a few native brook trout streams that will be affected by the pipeline. We have also began taking samples from the Letort in coordination with ALLARM. Our TIC installations held their releases to wrap up another year for the program. On June 13-14, we supported a Reel Recovery event at Allenberry Resort. On June 17, we set up our outreach table at the PA Fly Fishing Museum Annual Heritage Day Event. From June 18-23, we supported the 2017 Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp. And June 27-28, we supported the annual Streets to Streams event held at Barnitz Church along the Yellow Breeches. Our membership picnic is Aug. 25 at South Middleton Park, Boiling Springs. The Last Supper picnic is Sept. 9 at Vince's Meadow, Carlisle. And our next membership meeting is Sept. 20 at Monroe Twp. Fire Hall, Churchtown.

Doc Fritchey Chapter #108

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Our annual banquet was April 1. The featured speaker for our April meeting was PFBC Executive Director John Arway, who presented an overview of the agency's work and announced plans for a Wild Trout Symposium to be conducted in Bellefonte on August 26. We continue to tweak the format of our grant for the Lower Snitz Creek stream improvement project approved by PFBC commissioners prior to submission to additional levels in advance of the funds being issued. The start date will be Jan. 1, 2018 and allowing for possible weather interruption, the completion date is set at Sept. 15, 2018. To combat what is perceived to be considerable illegal poaching in the special regulations area of the Quittapahilla, we are developing bi-lingual signage that emphasizes and reinforces the special regulations. Chapter members participated in Earth Day activities at Penn State-Middletown on April 21. The TIC releases by the Harrisburg Math Science Academy and Harrisburg Catholic Elementary schools at the Ned Smith Center was completed on April 19, and a second release by the Sylvan Heights Charter School was May 16 at the Dauphin County Anglers & Conservationists property on Clarks Creek. Our ninth Home Waters disabled veterans fishing event was June 10 at Ed O'Gorman's property on Clarks Creek. We hosted 19 vets and some of their children. Other events held this quarter were stocking Manada Creek on April 28, stocking Quittapahilla Creek on May 2, guided fishing for the Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association on May 19, an Adopt-a-Highway cleanup on Clarks Valley Road on May 20 and a chapter meeting at Snitz Creek Brewery's Tasting Room in Palmyra on May 23.

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Our spring fundraiser was April 1. Planting and maintenance was done at the Weaver site on Conowingo Creek. With the help of the Lancaster County Conservation District, we did an electro fish survey on the restored section of Climbers Run. Peters Creek was also surveyed to secure baseline information before this summer's restoration project. Members and community partners potted over 2,000 plants at our Nursery. Our TIC classes released trout into various local streams. DTU sponsored six young men for the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp. The Pa. Land Trust Association held its conference in Lancaster this year and five board members joined representatives from the Lancaster County Conservancy and the Lancaster County Conservation District in presenting a workshop at Climbers Run Nature Preserve. Our topic was Wildlife Habitat and Stream Restoration – Engaging Partners, Volunteers, and Donors in Water and Land Conservation Efforts. Our VSP kickoff event was April 8 at Millport Conservancy. Twenty-five veterans attended. Our veterans group traveled to Penns Creek in May and met up with members of the Spring Creek VSP for a day of fishing. Both groups were the guests of Total Outdoors in Weikart. The EPA is reviewing our plans for the Woy project on Conowingo Creek. Tom Gilmore and Henry Ramsey spoke at this quarter's chapter meetings. Recent events include the Fish and Golf Tournament on June 15 at Foxchase Golf Course, our chapter picnic on June 21 at Millport Conservancy, an introduction to fly fishing course on June 24 at Millport Conservancy, VSP fishing on June 24 at Big Springs, Newville, VSP fishing on July 8 at Yellow Breeches, Boiling Springs, and VSP fishing on July 22 on the Susquehanna River.

Falling Spring Chapter #234

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Our banquet committee has elected to change the chapter banquet from October to March. President Rod Cross attended a public meeting held by the Transource Energy Company that has been contracted to build a new high voltage transmission line to the Maryland electrical grid. There are several proposed routes and a few of them cross the Falling Spring. Transource was reminded that Falling Spring is a Class A wild trout fishery and that protections are in place there for high quality waters and exceptional value wetlands. He detailed wetland areas and sites where chapter and Growing Greener projects have been completed. We participated in a TIC trout release on Dicky's Run. The Waynesboro Rod and Gun Club Sportsmen for Youth event was very successful. We sponsored Erika Eichelberger of McConellsburg to attend the 2017 Rivers Conservation

and Fly Fishing Youth Camp. Erika is an active junior member of the Fulton County Sportsmen Association. The chapter's Project Healing Waters event, The Falling Spring Invitational, was again a very rewarding day. The veterans fished both the Conococheaque Creek and Falling Spring. A barbeque lunch was held at the Izaak Walton League Park along the Conococheaque.

John Kennedy Chapter #045

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Our annual banquet is set for August. We're in the planning stages for a Kelso Run stream project slated for September. We had a booth for Earth Day activities at Logan Valley Mall in Altoona on April 22. We had cleanups on the Little Juniata on April 8 and at the Altoona Water Authority on April 29. The chapter participated in TIC release days for Cambria Heights School District on May 16 and Altoona Area Junior High School on May 26. And we participated in a Youth Field Day on June 3. Our Blair County Women Take Aim Women's Initiative event on May 20 was a success. We are planning to apply for a Trout Unlimited Stream Restoration grant for Halter Creek. Our next meeting is Sept. 5 at Allegheny Township Firehall.

Muddy Creek Chapter #575

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Our chapter has begun discussing what positions will be open for our elections this fall. One of our chapter members created a pattern to make fly earrings, and we have been able to sell a few pairs at our meetings. There are high hopes that these will be a big hit in August at the street fair. Our new T-shirt colors/inventory has had great success. We added a third food stand to our first day of fishing event. Despite the weather, we had a successful day selling food and merchandise. We finalized three dates to work at our local baseball team's playland area. In August, we will have stands at Red Lion's annual street fair, where we will sell merchandise, recruit members and educate the community on our mission. We continue conservation work on the Bonham Reservation project. The signs we designed were posted, and there have already been groups of students through the Bonham. Our TIC students released their fish at the Bonham and participated in tree plantings. We are slated to do restoration/place a bridge later this fall to next spring. Our third grade TIC classroom in Dallastown School District was a success and release day went smoothly. We have had a junior high teacher in the Red Lion School District be in touch regarding a partnership. Chapter meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Co-Op Nursery. We are having a meet and greet and TIC presentation at Allegro

Winery in August. A marshmallow/wiener roast is in September at the nursery. Our Fall Fling will be in September at Bonham Reservation.

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Our Hulings restoration project is going well. The chapter's TIC releases are complete. Our next meeting is at the Mantini Auxiliary Building on Sept. 21.

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The chapter's fishing retreat was June 2 at Beaver Creek Anglers. Our annual meeting is in September and election of officers will be completed. A tour of the chapter's stream restoration projects was June 9. State Sen. Pat Stefano and his staff visited the passive Morgan Run Abandon Mine Remediation AMD facility and the Glade Run Anoxic Alkaline Treatment System and alkaline sand sites in the Glade Run drainage. Sen. Stefano chairs the Senate Committee on Game & Fisheries. Thanks to the Wharton Township officials for the use of their facilities, where the day began with a presentation of the chapter's work by Ben Moyer and Scott Hoffman. Thanks to Dave Kinney, National TU's Mid-Atlantic policy director, for his help in making the day possible.

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Release days for 10 of our TIC programs were in May, and we participated in the Fayette County Conservation District's Water Festival. In June, July and August, we will participate in fly fishing instruction programs for Boy Scouts as well as two fly fishing merit badge classes. On June 24, we assisted at a fly fishing retreat for Project Healing Waters at Yellow Creek in Bedford County.

Forbes Trail Chapter #206

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We met with local veterans organizations to plan veterans outreach programs for fiscal year 2018. Chapter members helped the family of a deceased member dispose of a significant collection of fly fishing art, memorabilia, fly tying and fly fishing equipment in return for a significant donation to the chapter. We updated the chapter's scientific equipment used in rapid bioassessment. The chapter conducted macroinvertebrate and fish shocking in main stem of Linn Run in Linn Run State Park, and confirmed errors in latest PFBC stream assessment report on Linn Run. We supported three TIC end-of-year school field trips, involving 500 middle school students, and supported end-of-year TIC teacher administrative and planning activities. We are looking into a Wa-

ter Trails Mini-grant for Laurel Highlands Trout Trail. No meetings are held in July or August.

Fort Bedford Chapter #291

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FBTU held its 2017 Coldwater Conservation Picnic on June 17 at Egolf Park near Bedford. Fly tying demonstrations were presented by members. Blue Knob State Park naturalist Jessie Kohan displayed and discussed aquatic animals found streamside in Pennsylvania. On May 27, FBTU partnered with Blue Knob State Park to present a program on stream ecology and fly fishing to park campers and visitors.

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Members assisted the Indiana County Conservation District with its Envirothon. Members, along with the Evergreen Conservancy, looked at Tom's Run and offered suggested ways to improve it. We assisted Saltsburg and Indiana ninth grades with TIC releases. Our next board meeting is Sept. 12 at Indiana VFW.

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The chapter's annual banquet was April 1 at the Johnstown Holiday Inn. We conducted litter clean-ups along Paint Creek, Bens Creek, Clear Shade Creek and Yellow Creek in April. We also removed approximately 1,000 old tires from along the Ghost Town Trail in Ebensburg. The chapter supports nine local schools in TIC and assisted in their releases.

Penn's Woods West Chapter #042

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We will be having a work day on our local Pine Creek on Aug. 26. Six rock and log deflectors are planned for a stream section just downstream from North Park. Lunch will be served and a fly rod built by member Bill Hayes will be raffled off. Jodie Minor and Nora Kline are coordinating our Women's Initiative and there will be at least one outing this fall. Upcoming monthly meetings are Sept. 11, Oct. 9 and Nov. 13 at Grazie Meeting & Events Center, Wexford. Upcoming Bar Flies meetings are Sept. 25 and Oct. 23 at Grazie's.