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That's what each year's recipients of PA State Council's awards are, and we're pleased to recognize them for their efforts and celebrate their successes. Turn to pages 10-11 for more winners and photos.

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Left, the Doc Fritchey Chapter received the Edward Urbas Best Pennsylvania TU Chapter Award, for its wide-ranging conservation programs, stream habitat and water quality work, and outreach to youth and others. Bob Pennell (left) received the award on behalf of the chapter from PATU President Dave Rothrock (center) and award presenter Ed O'Gorman.

Right, the Ken Sink Memorial Award for Outstanding Service to PATU was presented at the PFBC fall meeting to Bob Bachman (left) by Southcentral VP Fred Bohls. Bachman, a PFBC commissioner, said, "I will do my best to deserve the confidence you have in my efforts to protect and restore our trout fisheries."

A MARCELLUS SHALE CALL TO ACTION

Guest editorial by George Kutskel

If you have followed the Commonwealth's budget fiasco, you know our legislature did very little to protect our state forests or make sure the citizens of Pennsylvania were going to receive a fair value for the gas that lies beneath the forests. And DEP has taken away many of the "other" eyes that watched out for our environment.

As TU members, we need to make our voices heard. TU cannot and will not endorse candidates or lobby. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and, as such, we can't do that. But that doesn't mean you don't have a voice. TU is not against the responsible development of our natural gas resource, but we must still protect our environment. We cannot go back to what happened when everyone turned a blind eye to the coal industry and we were left with a huge legacy to clean up. Already horror stories are surfacing of issues of streams being destroyed and damaged.

So what can you as a TU member do? Contact your state representatives and senators and let them know you favor a severance tax.

Costs of environmental cleanups are going to continue to mount and Growing Greener is fading away. Money that was in the Oil and Gas Fund was used to balance the budget, so now DCNR will have little or no money to maintain OUR state forests. Part of the severance tax should go to the Fish & Boat and Game commissions, as many of our citizens use the lakes and forests, even though they neither fish nor hunt. We have a huge backlog in maintenance on many of the lakes that are owned by both commissions.

The gas companies will not move away. The Marcellus formation has long been looked at by the industry and until now it was not feasible to tap into it. Almost every state has a severance tax to help offset the increased cost on local governments. Another reason taxing the industry will not cause them to leave is that Pennsylvania is located where the bulk of the gas drilled elsewhere is shipped to now. It's like the real estate axiom, "Location, Location, Location."

Another issue that has not been dealt with in any way to protect the environment is what to do with the wastewater. I have attended
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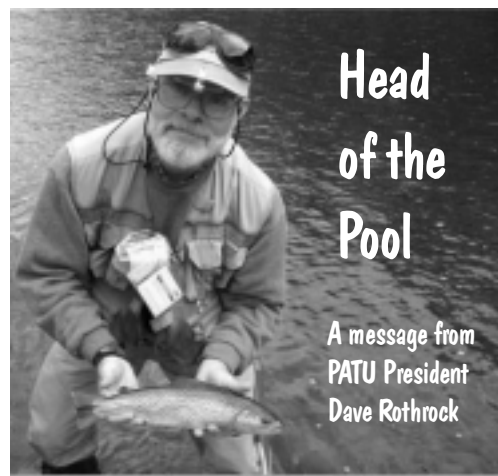
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In today's economic climate, many nonprofit organizations are finding it difficult, if not impossible, to maintain their level of function. The amount of effort expended to realize dollars in donations is much higher now than in the past. With fewer dollars available, nonprofit organizations are, at minimum, forced to devise more creative means to operate effectively. It usually means that more "pick-and-choose" will have to come into play. Some issues may not be addressed due to insufficient resources.

PA Trout has always been in a position to have to operate on a shoestring budget. If you look at the budget, you notice that all of our expenditures are directly related to providing services to the members. We have expanded a bit over what we have had in the past, and an example of this would be the introduction of our Trout in the Classroom (TIC) coordinator. This was a major undertaking for PA Trout, considering the expense associated with the position. With the incredible growth of the program, there was no way we could avoid doing so. I must say that this position is only as effective as the person filling it, and Emily Gates is performing admirably. Without a coordinator for the TIC program, I am afraid that we would have to dramatically cut back or eliminate the services we provide.

It is very difficult for me to look at this organization and deal with the fact that our ability to operate at even our current level is not guaranteed. For the most part, we continue to operate on faith. We have faith that we will continue to receive income from the sources and in the amounts we have in the past. I tend to want to say that this is the nature of the beast, but the more I think about it, the more I realize it isn't. Perhaps we've accepted our current operating status and the limits it imposes on the activity and subsequent effectiveness of PA Trout for too long. The limits become all too real when we have to face the fact that we don't even have the financial resources to pay for upgrading and webmaster services for the PA Trout website.



Head
of the
Pool

A message from
PATU President
Dave Rothrock

A PLEA

manner representative of our size? How would we define this -- most efficient and/or effective? Are we providing services and assistance to our chapters at the level we could and/or should? Are we always on top of things, and are we in a position to respond when we're called to action beyond mere letter writing or providing guidance or counsel? What would happen if PA Trout had to take the lead in action which would require significant financial resources to do so? I'm afraid PA Trout falls far short here.

All of us recognize that Trout Unlimited is a volunteer organization. We're blessed to have some incredible people with the knowledge and abilities and, most importantly, the willingness to step forward when issues arise that call for action. This is what makes PATU what it is today. But is it always enough? What do we need to make it more?

At this point, I believe so much of what we need relies on money. If you think this is a pitch for money I want to disappoint you. While all donations are greatly appreciated and I pass along a sincere "thank-you" for each one, we are seeking someone to donate time and effort to help the organization address our financial needs. I strongly believe that among our approximately 13,000 members, there is at least one person with the ability to locate and secure the funding necessary to allow PA Trout to realize its full potential and help PA Trout to be as effective as an organization our size can be.

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Responsible Energy Development: Protecting Our Coldwater Resources

conservation districts, agencies, consulting firms and academics.

Conference registration fee: \$45 (until February 1); \$60 (after February 1); \$20 (optional workshop Friday).

Conference overview: Friday evening will feature a reception, with opportunities to network in the exhibit area. It will include appetizers and a cash bar. On Saturday, the program begins at 8:30 a.m. with our keynote speakers. Eight breakout sessions will round off the morning and afternoon, with topics related to oil and gas exploration, wind power generation, access and transmission corridors, and coal extraction. Presentations will highlight research, case studies, proactive community action, policy and regulations, and targeted outreach and advocacy that have played a part in ensuring environmental protection. Guests will be treated to a buffet lunch. A Q&A session with all speakers will conclude the day.

Friday optional workshop: An optional workshop will be held Friday afternoon on the basics of wind energy development and gas exploration and extraction in Pennsylvania. The workshop is an additional \$20. Information will include economic, regulatory and policy considerations, along with the basic processes used to explore, site and implement the development of wind farms and gas wells.

Exhibitor information: Exhibitor registration materials will be mailed in early January. Table space (includes

Friday and Saturday, February 19-20, are the dates of the 2010 Keystone Coldwater Conference, to be held at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, in State College. Program details and program registration will be available in early January.

Conference objective: To promote the sharing of ideas and concepts among diverse groups with common interests, such as nonprofit organizations, TU chapters, sportsmen's groups and watershed associations, along with environmental professionals from

one complimentary registration): Nonprofits and government agencies, \$75; For-profits, \$200.

Poster sessions: Posters are invited from watershed organizations, TU chapters, students and any other groups that have projects to share with conference participants. There is no charge for posters, which should measure no larger than 4' by 5'. Easels will be provided, but you must provide your own poster board. Poster presenters do not receive a free registration and must register for the conference. E-mail poster submissions to Deborah Nardone, Pa. Council of Trout Unlimited, 814-359-5233, dnardone@coldwaterheritage.org, by February 1, 2010.

Lodging: A limited number of rooms have been set aside at The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, at the special rate of \$98 per night. Please call the Penn Stater Hotel at 800-233-7505 or fax 814-863-5002 to make your room reservation. Be sure to identify yourself as a participant in the Keystone Coldwater Conference to take advantage of the special room rate. Give the registration clerk the following reservation identification number: KEYB10A. The rooms will be held until January, 20.

For registration information: Call 814-863-5100 or visit the program's website at www.outreach.psu.edu/program/coldwaterconservation.

For program information: Call the Coldwater Heritage Partnership at 814-359-5233 or visit www.coldwaterheritage.org/coldwaterconference.htm.

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President's Message, from page 2

So, this is my plea. If you have the qualifications to seek and secure funding for a nonprofit organization and you believe strongly in THIS organization, then I ask you to step forward and contact me or another State Council officer. If you know someone who has the necessary qualifications, I would ask you to talk with that person and/or pass along a name and contact information to any one of the officers. I would really like to see someone step up and chair the Development Committee for PA Trout as soon as possible. One of my dreams for PA Trout is to see the state of our finances go from shaky to firm. I believe this will allow Trout Unlimited within this Commonwealth to become the advocate for cold water conservation it should be.

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STATE COUNCIL NEWS & NOTES

Minutes of the Annual Membership and Executive Committee Meetings

October 3-4, 2009

PFBC Stackhouse Center, Bellefonte, Pa.

Election of officers; annual awards ceremony (10/3)

The slate of officers was unanimously accepted for election to one-year terms for FY2010 on a motion by Skip Frye/seconded by Chuck Winters: Dave Rothrock, President; Rick Carlson, Vice President; Brian Wagner, Vice President; George Kutskel, Treasurer; Bob Pennell, Secretary; National Leadership Council Representative, Jack Williams; NC Region VP, Wayne Michael; SW Region VP, Chuck Winters; and SC Region VP, Fred Bohls.

A separate vote was taken on the open NE Region VP position and John Morris was elected. Jim Nelson of the Valley Forge Chapter agreed to act as temporary VP, assisted by Pete Goodman, to fill the open SE Region VP position. There were no candidates identified to fill the open NW Region VP position.

Following the election, annual PA Council Awards were presented to recipients (see pages 10-11).

Exec. Committee (EXCOM) Meeting (10/4)

Officers Attending: Dave Rothrock, Rick Carlson, George Kutskel, Bob Pennell, Ken Undercoffer, Jack Williams, Brian Wagner, Wayne Michael, Chuck Winters, Fred Bohls, Scott Wilson and John Morris. Others attending: Deb Nardone, Emily Gates, Paul Raubertas, Lee Hartman, Jerry Green, Reg Wright, and Monty Murty. Pres. Rothrock convened the meeting at 8:40 a.m. Amended minutes of the 6/27/09 EXCOM meeting were approved on a motion by Kutskel/seconded by Michael.

President's Report: Rothrock stressed the importance of completing council's strategic plan by year-end. A draft plan will be sent to regional VPs by mid-October, to be disseminated to chapters for input at the next strategic planning meeting scheduled for November 15 at the PFBC Pleasant Gap facility. Bohls suggested that regional VPs also include chapter VPs in the draft plan distribution as a backup.

Treasurer's Report: Kutskel stressed that ad revenue for the newsletter is down about 50 percent for the year, and we could be in trouble next year if we can't find alternative funding sources. Michael suggested contacting visitors bureaus as a source. Others suggested fewer pages or eliminating one color page as alternative measures. The Education & Communications Committee must meet by the end of October to come up with recommendations. A motion by Bohls/seconded by Rothrock was approved to receive and file the Treasurer's Report.

Coldwater Heritage Partnership Report: Nardone reported that funding for the next Keystone Coldwater Conference is a concern since
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2009 Delaware River Collectible Patch

The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited is offering a special set of collectible patches, to individuals as well as to TU chapters. By George LaVanish of Wilderness Editions, this is the third in a series to be created over the next five years. The 2009 patch features a Delaware River rainbow trout. The set includes one 6-inch and one 4-inch patch. Sales are first-come / first-served, as PATU's quantities are limited. Additional patches are available from Wilderness Editions, 800-355-7645, www.wildernesseditions.com. Mail this form or send same info to: Bob Mitchell, 41 Bethel Court, Port Matilda, PA 16870; 814-692-5232; e-mail advertising@patrout.org. **Make checks payable to Pa. Council of Trout Unlimited.** Include tax-exempt certificate, if chapter is eligible.

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FALL MEETING MINUTES, from page 4

DCNR funds might not be available next year. The Heinz Foundation has been contacted with a request for funding field kits to monitor Marcellus gas drilling sites. A motion by Winters/seconded by Wagner was approved to send a letter to National TU on the FRAC Act.

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) Report: Gates reported that a vendor had been selected for the TIC website (see Electronic Media Committee Report). Pa. Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) eggs will be assembled Nov. 2, to be sent to schools Nov. 3. The TIC strategic plan is on hold, pending availability of PFBC staff to address the issues. Nardone will draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the PFBC's January meeting to define PATU/PFBC responsibilities and address PATU's concern to keep TIC as a TU-branded program. A motion by Williams/seconded by Michael was approved to increase Gates' stipend from \$100 to \$200.

National Leadership Council Report: Williams reported that National TU has emphasized that chapter officers and board members must be current with their TU memberships. Regional VPs need to reinforce this. Regional VPs also need to advise chapters to check with National TU for proper insurance coverage on their various events. A motion by Bohls/seconded by Kutskel was approved to donate \$100 to support TU's Embrace-A-Stream program. Undercoffer suggested that regional VPs advise their chapters that contributions are not allowed to non-501(c)(3) organizations. Pennell reported that Bryan Moore of National TU would be interested in a PATU proposal for hosting National TU's annual meeting in 2012.

Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture Report: Undercoffer is to get costs for council's approval to publish the brook trout brochure he is working on.

Legislative Liaison Report: Bohls emphasized that regional VPs need to reinforce with their chapters the need to establish personal contacts with their local legislators.

Awards Committee Report: Due to a scarcity of nominations, it was decided that regional VPs should be responsible for having at least one chapter in each of their regions submit nominations for each chapter award. Nardone reported that an on-line nomination form is planned for the new PATU website. Bohls suggested that council should nominate chapters for National TU awards.

Environmental Committee Report: It was suggested that a committee meeting take place very soon to prioritize our next steps in addressing Marcellus gas drilling issues. Nardone reported she is spearheading environmental action through the Campaign for Clean Water. Details will be e-mailed by Nardone for individuals to sign up to be part of a forum at ccwoilandgas.yahogroups.com. Bohls is to prepare a letter to be sent to other organizations with Marcellus concerns, requesting their members sign on to an initiative calling for support of the two policy items in the Environmental Committee Report.

Stream Access Committee Report: Winters reported that PFBC approval is near for the access brochure he has been working on. Carlson suggested Rothrock write a letter to accompany the brochure requesting feedback from the chapters and offering council assistance in identifying access problems.

Trout Management Committee Report: PFBC's new Trout Plan, which contains a number of wild-trout-friendly provisions, is expected to be approved at the Commission's quarterly meeting on October 6.

Delaware River Committee Report: Hartman suggested that, in the long haul, Marcellus drilling issues are likely to present more serious problems for the Upper Delaware than the release issues. For now, no new releases have been approved to compensate for proposed withdrawals.

Electronic Media Committee Report: A motion by Bohls/seconded by Wagner was approved to select Pem-Cor as the vendor to develop the new TIC website, at a cost of \$10,400. Raubertas reported that with the addition of three new committee members, council's new website will be done in-house. It was also suggested that this committee work with the Education & Communications Committee to explore moving to a web-based subscription service that will allow members to opt-in/opt-out of receiving the newsletter exclusively by e-mail as an option to mailing hard copies.

Youth Committee Report: Looking into establishing a pilot program to introduce youngsters ages 12-15 to fly-fishing. Requested donations of fishing equipment from major manufacturers to place in "Regional Trunks" to be available for local TU chapter youth programs.

Education & Communications Committee: Assisted Chestnut Ridge with their newsletter.

Development Committee: A chairperson needs to be identified to head this committee.

Membership Committee: A chairperson needs to be identified to head this committee.

Northwest Region Report:

No prospects have been identified to take over for Scott Wilson, who was thanked by EXCOM for his 5 years of service and awarded with one of PATU's new metal fly boxes.

North Central Region Report: Michael thanked the Environmental Committee for getting involved and arranging the recent two-day event to acquaint council with the Marcellus gas drilling issues.

Northeast Region Report: Wagner will advise Andy Snyder at TU National on zipcode reassignments for the former Endless Mountains Chapter members.

Southwest Region Report: Winters emphasized that there are major concerns right now with proposed development in the Laurel Creek watershed.

South Central Region Report: Bohls pointed out that the Penns Creek Chapter is hugely successful in attracting kids to their events, giving out door prizes and TU memberships to encourage their involvement.

Southeast Region Report: Chaz Macdonald has finished his term as regional VP, but Pete Goodman and Jim Nelson of the Valley Forge Chapter have agreed to share

Pennsylvania Council of **TROUT UNLIMITED** *Calendar of Events*



2010

JANUARY 9: Winter EXCOM meeting, PFBC Pleasant Gap facility.

JANUARY 16: Snow date for Winter EXCOM meeting, if needed.

FEBRUARY 19-20: Keystone Coldwater Conference, Penn-Stater Conference Center, State College. See page 3 for details.

MARCH 27: Spring EXCOM meeting, PFBC Pleasant Gap facility.

JUNE 26: Summer EXCOM meeting, PFBC Pleasant Gap facility.

the regional VP position until a replacement can be identified.

Other Discussion and Action Items:

-- Proposed Redesignation of Cross Fork Class A Section: Rothrock has stated that a meeting of the Trout Management Committee, as well as with the PFBC, will be necessary to resolve the issue of lowering the stream classification to allow future stocking. Kutskel wants as many people as possible to offer public comment on this proposal, which can be found on the PFBC website. The deadline is October 26.

-- Approval to Change Name of Blair County Chapter to John Kennedy Chapter: A motion by Kutskel/seconded by Michael was approved for the name change. Blair County Chapter has submitted the required documentation to National TU. Pennell will advise National of PA Council's approval.

-- Proposal by Chuck Winters for PATU Brook Trout Restoration Project: Winters has identified Mary Ann's Creek, a tributary to Canoe Creek, as a candidate stream for brook trout habitat restoration, primarily with bank stabilization work, over the weekend of July 16, 2010. No PATU funds will be involved, but Winters is suggesting that volunteers from a number of chapters can be involved as part of a council-wide project. A "stream school" to teach restoration techniques can also be incorporated into the weekend. Winters will write an article for the newsletter with further details.

-- Donation of Tackle Bag to American Museum of Fly Fishing: Jack Williams announced that he, Ed Bellis, and Ken Undercoffer, along with two members of the Virginia Council, had purchased TU-founder George Griffith's tackle bag, which will be donated in the name of the PA and VA councils to the Manchester, Vermont, American Museum of Fly Fishing.

Dates for 2010 EXCOM Meetings: The following dates were set for next year, with all meetings scheduled for Pleasant Gap -- Saturday, January 9 (snow date January 16); Saturday, March 27; and Saturday, June 26.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM on a motion by Kutskel/seconded by Michael.

-- Bob Pennell, PA State Council Secretary

Introducing PATU's Web Committee

by Chaz Macdonald



In the last newsletter, Committee Chair Paul Raubertas asked for volunteers to join the Electronic Media Committee. Three new people came forward who have various degrees of web development experience. All will be able to help drive the web experience PATU members have when visiting the www.patrou.org site.

Chaz Macdonald is the webmaster for PATU; he's been working on the web site since Ken Undercoffer's first term as president. His real job is installing and servicing computer hardware. He has held many positions on the Executive Committee, including VP, Regional VP for the Southeast Region, and he sits on several committees. Chaz also has written articles for Pennsylvania TROUT and the Pa. Outdoor Times. He has fly-fished for over 30 years.

Douglas Orner is the IT Manager for the Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania. He works with the DEP, EPA, Penn State Altoona Continuing Education, Penn State World Campus and JPL Creative Solutions, designing and producing web-based courses. Doug sits on the board of directors for the Pa. Association of Environmental Educators and is their publications director and webmaster. Doug

graduated from Juniata College in 2003 with a BS in Information Technology, with a program emphasis of "Information & Web Technologies." He is the 2008 recipient of the Outstanding Contribution to the Environmental Field award presented by the Pa. Association of Environmental Educators. Doug is a member of the International Webmasters Association, the HTML Writers Guild, National Association of Photoshop Professionals, Life Trophy Member of the North American Fishing Club and Pennsylvania Certified Recycling Professional.

Norm Benton has lived in Easton, Pa., since 1986. He's been fly-fishing for trout for four years and became a member of TU in August 2009. Norm is a semi-retired teacher who currently teaches computer courses part-time at Northampton CC in Bethlehem, Pa. A Vietnam Vet, after Norm left the armed services, he spent some years in business, working in sales, information management and web site development. Having recently taken up saltwater fly-fishing, Norm and his wife, Karin, spend summers at Ocean City, Md. Norm's other hobby is cars. He's been a member of the Allentown Area Corvette Club for almost 20 years and has held club officer positions. Norm has also been active in the National Council of Corvette Clubs, serving as regional club representative and regional competition director. Norm looks forward to working with the web development team at TU to help make our web sites more valuable tools for our members.

Paul Raubertas is a member of the R.B. Winter

Chapter of Trout Unlimited and is the chairman of the Electronic Media Committee, serving in this capacity since 2006. That was when the committee was originally formed, as an offshoot of the Education and Communications Committee, to focus exclusively on the state council web site and other web-based initiatives. Paul became a member of Trout Unlimited in 1994, serving first on the board of the Southeast Montgomery Chapter, where he helped establish the chapter's first newsletter and web site. Later Paul joined the Perkiomen Valley Chapter, where he served as a member of the board and assisted with their web site. In 1996, Paul joined State Council as a Regional Vice President for the Southeast Region and has served in various other state-level capacities over the years.

Cody Ensanian is the newest edition to the Susquehanna Chapter's board of directors and to the Electronic Media Committee. At 25 years old, with energy, excitement and determination, he hopes to bring young blood and fresh ideas to the TU organization. A 2006 graduate of Lycoming College, Cody is currently employed there as a Network Specialist. While a student there (he has fly-fished since he was about 15), Cody helped found FLYCO, the Flyfishing Club of Lycoming College. As a college staff member now, he has swapped roles and is an advisor for the club. His outdoor interests include fly fishing, fly tying, rod building, hiking, camping, scuba diving and kayaking. He next plans to obtain a private pilot's license.



-- ATTENTION ANGLERS --

If you or anyone you know had at any time in the past an experience fishing or trying to fish the Little Juniata River in the approximately 1.3 miles downstream from its confluence with Spruce Creek, or if you made a decision not to fish that section of the Little Juniata River because you believed it was not open to the public or because you were not sure whether it was open to the public, I would like to hear from you.

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several meetings with the gas industry. They say of the 3 million gallons used to frac a well, only 1 million comes back, so it's not a big problem. But what about the cumulative effect? Today only a handful of wells is being drilled. If what DEP and the industry say is true, just wait. They expect over 8,000 wells will be drilled. That's 8 trillion gallons of polluted water produced per year. Where are we going to put it? If we do what we have done with shallow gas wells, we'll need to go buy saltwater rods, since no freshwater fish will be found in our waters.

One of the other big half-truths is the subject of jobs. While it is true that many jobs will be created, most are being filled by out-of-state workers who know how to work in the deep gas fields. I know that around my home I see many pickup trucks with Texas plates on them.

The above outlines what you can say to your state representative and senator in supporting our right to clean water and a healthy environment. You can also be active in spotting areas of concern. State Council is working on providing training and equipment to help chapters.

Water withdrawals are another area of concern. In the Susquehanna River watershed, withdrawals are regulated by the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. Unfortunately, when you cross the divide into the Ohio River drainage, no such commission exists. Water withdrawals there are controlled by DEP, and rules can and do vary from drainage to drainage.

The industry has been asked not to withdraw from headwater streams. Most of these companies are subcontracting the work, so the word doesn't always get down to that level. Act if you feel a company is withdrawing water from a small headwater stream. Call the regional law enforcement office of the Fish & Boat Commission or, if it involves a fish kill, call the county control at 911. To report a disturbance or pollution to DEP call 1-800-541-2050. Perhaps have a fly shop in your area print and distribute phone numbers. Jim's Sport Center in Clearfield has cards to carry with the numbers for the Wood Duck and Allegheny Mountain chapters. Even with any training or classes you may attend, never trespass on an active drill site. There are many hazards aside from the heavy equipment that make it too risky to do; besides, it's illegal.

This is a "Call to Action" and we all need to do our part. At a recent meeting, a person asked what we were going to do about a water withdrawal he thought was wrong. We asked if he contacted DEP and he said they should already know. If there ever was a time to get involved, it is now. Don't assume someone else is going to do it. A quote I like to use is: "**The next time you say someone should do something, remember you are someone.**"

-- George Kutskel is PATU's treasurer and president of the Allegheny Mountain Chapter

REVISED ENVIRONMENTAL, TROUT MANAGEMENT POLICIES

To guide and determine future decisions of its council and its chapters, PATU committees have authored, over several years, 13 policies covering environmental and trout management concerns. Each policy simply expresses how we should go about things, as well as our recommendations to state and federal agencies for managing and preserving our coldwater fisheries and their environments. All 13 policies will be published in Pennsylvania TROUT (below is the list of published policies and the issue in which they appeared). These are more than guidelines; they are the policies we expect chapters to go by. At the same time, we welcome any suggestions for change. Our charge is to review, and update if warranted, each policy every three years. But there's lots more to it than that. I hope you will read the policies as they come down the pike, with the idea of learning something about aquatic resources and how to conserve and enhance them. I know we all learned a lot in putting them together, and we hope you will too. -- Ed Bellis, TU Environmental Committee

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited

POLICY ON WATER WITHDRAWAL & INTER-BASIN WATER TRANSFER

Clean water in abundance is vital to aquatic and wetland communities and their inhabitants, including fish, wildlife and plants.

Pennsylvanians depend on clean and abundant water resources for industry, commerce, agriculture and everyday life activities.

Pennsylvania has been blessed with an abundance of surface and ground water, but has squandered its water resources through neglect, abuse, and the failure to consider water as both a public resource and a critical ecosystem essential. Since all waters of the Commonwealth are hydrologically interconnected, and the health and welfare of Pennsylvania's citizens, economy, and natural resources depend upon both the quantity and quality of our water, PA Council holds the following official policy on water withdrawals and inter-basin water transfers:

1. Water resources shall be managed on a watershed and regional basis. All efforts shall be directed to maintaining and improving water quantity and quality within a watershed.

2. Transfers between watersheds shall be limited. These transfers defeat the objective of using watersheds as hydrological units and negatively affect aquatic ecosystems and the natural diversity of both the donor and receiving watersheds.

3. There shall be a complete inventory and assessment of all Commonwealth water resources. This shall include surface waters; ground water systems including recharge locations, recharge amounts, discharge amounts and withdrawals, and watershed land uses. The goal for the inventory shall be a database for decision making designed to conserve aquatic ecosystems and natural diversity while providing for other water uses.

4. Cumulative effects of all water users within a watershed unit and the general condition of a watershed unit shall be considered before permitting decisions are made.

5. Water withdrawals from both surface and groundwater sources shall be limited to ensure that surface water flows are adequate to protect aquatic ecosystems and natural diversity.

Consumptive water users, including golf courses, bottled water companies, power plants, municipalities, agricultural and industrial users, shall be regulated to achieve this goal. The primary objective is to maintain stream flows at levels that will not negatively affect aquatic ecosystems and natural diversity. If measurable degradation occurs, the Commonwealth must hold all those exceeding their allocations accountable.

6. Water conservation shall be enforced by permitting; and, as currently required, all water users exceeding a withdrawal of 10,000 gal./day, must report their water consumption to the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection. Water taken by municipal water systems shall be minimized and enforced at a twenty percent or less level.

7. Emphasis shall be placed on optimizing groundwater recharge, particularly in urban areas. Expansion of impermeable surfaces shall be discouraged and permeable surfaces shall be used where supported by sound engineering practice. Where necessary and feasible, im-

permeable surfaces shall be replaced by permeable surfaces.

8. New standards for conservation and construction for private water wells shall be developed and enforced.

9. Industrial users of water shall be permitted only for closed loop systems, thereby eliminating water withdrawals and net losses to the water reserve.

10. There shall be a public education process, including schools and adult education, with the goal to develop a broad base of citizen support for water resource conservation and enhancement

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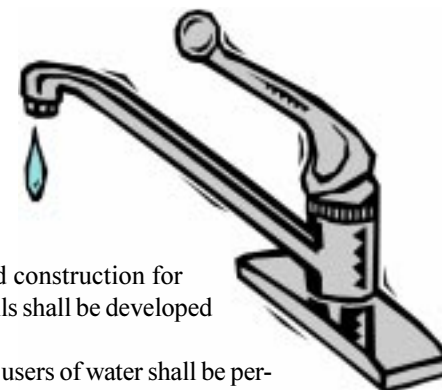
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Major TU fish habitat project completed on Spring Creek

by Mark Nale

It was an unsettling sight for TU members to see a trackhoe sitting in the famous trout stream and a huge off-road dump truck using Centre County's Spring Creek as a highway. Those were the images motorists witnessed as they traveled between Bellefonte and Milesburg last August. However, those associated with the project say this short-term disturbance will lead to a long-term habitat improvement for this well-known Class A Wild Trout Stream.

In-stream work has been completed on another large Spring Creek project. Last summer's work was concentrated upstream from the site of the former McCoy-Linn Dam, which was removed in August, 2007. Project partners included the Spring Creek Chapter, Pa. Fish & Boat Commission and the ClearWater Conservancy. Approximately \$125,000 in funding was provided by DCNR, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and a private donor.

"The first good thing is that we got that dam out of here," said PFBC Stream Section Chief Karl Lutz. "Now we are stabilizing the banks and making better habitat for the trout. This stream section was basically one long riffle, with a few trout holding in the small slack areas. Through this project we are creating more of that slack water and using the log deflectors, mudsills and root wads to provide cover for the fish."

Work started August 3, with Gleim Environmental Group of Carlisle bringing material on site and moving thousands of tons of soil to create a high-water bench to handle flood-level flows. On August 10, volunteers began constructing the many habitat improvement devices, as well as seeding and mulching the areas that had been disturbed when the riparian area was recontoured.



Clearwater Conservancy project grant manager Katie Ombolski (foreground left) and Trout Unlimited volunteer Bob Carline (right) look on as limestone is unloaded by a trackhoe and used to secure a log deflector on Spring Creek. Other TU volunteers rest on the bank until it is safe to reenter the stream.

TU project manager Cliff Wurster said that three large limestone cross vanes were constructed mainly by Gleim and large random boulders were strategically placed in the channel. Then, volunteers and the PFBC habitat crew built nine log deflectors and two mudsills and assisted with finishing the rock vanes. Root wads were placed immediately downstream from the rock vanes and the log deflectors.

Most of the devices are multi-purpose, designed to protect the banks from erosion, provide holding water and cover for trout, and stabilize the stream channel by diverting the flow towards the center. Impressive large A-shaped rock vanes stretch from bank to bank. Nearly 1,000 tons of block limestone were used in the construction of the three rock vanes.

According to Lutz and Wurster, the vanes will cause the largest immediate effect. Trout holding water will be created above the A-shaped vane and in the middle of the structure and below, where a larger tumble pool will form. Root wads were placed below each device on the railroad side of the creek.

"You can already see the deeper water that was backed up just upstream from the first rock vane," Wurster said. "It will take a little time for the current to dig another pool just downstream from the rocks. Those root wads are already providing overhead cover for the trout."

Wurster was ecstatic how smoothly this habitat work has gone: "This stream is a treasure for our community and the entire state, and it is wonderful how all of the partners have come together to make it a true and effective collaboration. I just can't say enough about it. Members of the Little Juniata River Association and the Lloyd Wilson TU Chapter (Lock Haven area) even came up to help. There has just been incredible cooperation on this project."

Improvements were also done at the McCoy Dam site last September as TU and PFBC crews built five stone deflectors and stabilized the outflow from a nearby wetland.

"Last year's work was a good start, but the work we did on the wetland outflow at the McCoy site last year was inadequate. The first big high water just took it out," Wurster noted. "We used more and larger stone this year and hopefully our work will solve the problem."


Although the in-stream habitat work is finished, more needs to be done to return the riparian area to a natural state. Over 700 native trees and shrubs were slated to be planted along the stream later this fall, according to ClearWater Conservancy coordinator and project grant manager Katie Ombalski: "We are going to buy 400 trees and shrubs and also use about 350 shrubs that were grown as part of our Growing Native volunteer program. Trees will include silver maple, pin oak, sycamore and black willow, and the shrubs are silky dogwood, ninebark, American black currant, red-osier dogwood and others. Although volunteers grew many of the native shrubs, we are going to use a contractor to plant them. The number of trees and the distance that the materials have to be transported would make it very difficult for volunteers."

According to Ombalski, another phase of the project will improve the parking area and plan and construct a kiosk or small pavilion near the parking lot. This would be a place for anglers to put on or take off their fishing boots, and the organization will post some signs explaining the project.

"This hasn't all come together yet, but we need some sort of panels telling the history of the area, documenting the dam removal and explaining the habitat improvement," she said. "We would like to tie these three ideas together in a functional, yet attractive way -- a design that really fits the site, not just something that is thrown together."



-- Outdoor writer and TU member Mark Nale lives in Port Matilda, Centre County. His article was originally published in the Pennsylvania Outdoor News and is reprinted here with the author's permission.

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by Dr. Pete Ryan, President,
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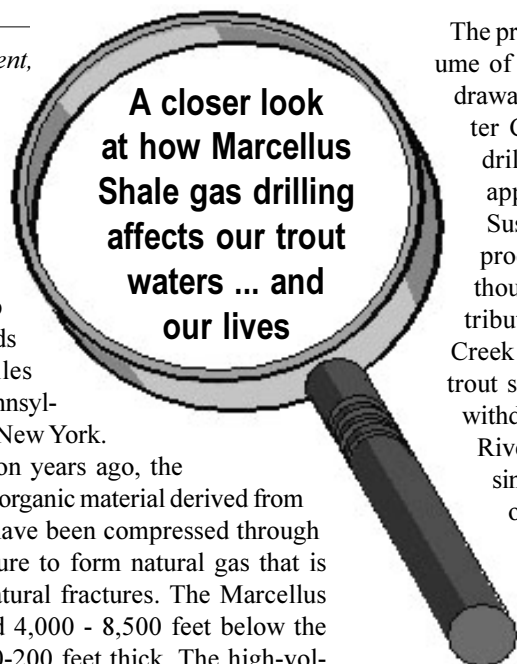
When I first learned about the Marcellus Shale almost two years ago, it was a real eye-opener. This deep geologic formation extends over 95,000 square miles through parts of Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and New York.

Formed about 380 million years ago, the Marcellus Shale is rich in organic material derived from plants and animals that have been compressed through time and geologic pressure to form natural gas that is trapped in the shale's natural fractures. The Marcellus Shale formation is found 4,000 - 8,500 feet below the ground surface and is 50-200 feet thick. The high-volume reservoir of natural gas in this shale is estimated to hold more than 500 trillion cubic feet of natural gas valued at more than one trillion dollars. The really "great" news was that a large percentage of the Marcellus Shale and its thickest formations are found in northern Pennsylvania. What a great economic opportunity this gas well drilling and production will be for the financially depressed counties in the northern tier of Pennsylvania! The state may even be able to balance the budget with revenue generated from gas-well drilling on state-owned forest and gamelands. This all sounds almost too good to be true ... and I believe it is.

It is true that this gas lies thousands of feet below us and the technology now exists to extract this "valuable" resource. But at what risk? I moved to Potter County more than 30 years ago not because it was a great economic opportunity, but because I wanted to live, raise my family and recreate in an area one would consider pristine. I believe the "Marcellus Shale Play," as those in the industry call it, has the potential to be the worst environmental disaster of our generation.

Why do I say this? Because the gas industry is not "playing." They are investing millions of dollars in leases, land acquisitions, equipment, exploration and manpower to extract this gas from the shale and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania lacks the personnel and the regulations to properly oversee these activities.

Gas wells have been drilled in Pennsylvania for over a century and there haven't been all that many problems, but Marcellus Shale gas production is a different ball game. Extraction of natural gas from Marcellus Shale requires much more water than traditional shallow vertical gas wells. Once the well has been drilled with a new technology called "horizontal drilling," the drillers pump 3-5 million gallons of water mixed with sand and "proprietary chemicals" under very high pressure into the well to expand and hold open the fractures in the shale formation, allowing the natural gas to flow more freely. This is "hydro-fracing" (fracking) and it is the basis for the concerns of many people who place a great deal of value on cold, clean water.



**A closer look
at how Marcellus
Shale gas drilling
affects our trout
waters ... and
our lives**

The problem presented with this much higher volume of water usage is twofold. First is the withdrawal of millions of gallons of water from Potter County's streams and rivers. Those wells drilled in the Susquehanna River Basin must apply for a water withdrawal permit from the Susquehanna River Basin Commission. This process seems to be working satisfactorily, although in the summer of 2008, Horton Run, a tributary of the East Fork of Sinnamahoning Creek and classified as an "Exceptional Value" trout stream, was virtually de-watered by water withdrawals for gas well fracing. The Allegheny River and the Genesee River have no such basin commission and have no regulatory agency, other than DEP, to provide oversight on water withdrawals. Currently a gas well permit must be accompanied by a "water withdrawal plan," but no one is in the field to oversee these proposed withdrawals from the Allegheny or Genesee

watersheds. This inconsistency of water withdrawal standards between various river basins or watersheds adds to the problem. In the last two years, fish, including wild brook trout, have been left rotting in the sun when gas companies pumped Pennsylvania streams dry, including Cross Creek and Sugarcamp Creek in Washington County. Four gas companies have paid \$1.7 million to settle charges of illegal water withdrawals.

The second issue is the "fracing fluid." This mixture of water, sand and chemicals pumped under tremendous pressure down the well has its own set of problems. One problem, proper storage of this chemical mixture, became apparent recently. On September 25, 2009, in Dimick, Pa., Susquehanna County, DEP initiated a cease-and-desist order to Cabot Oil & Gas Corp., a Houston, Texas-based energy company. They were also fined and ordered to re-engineer their storage of frac fluid. This order came after three separate spills of the chemical LGC-35 from a gas drilling site. DEP officials report over 8,000 gallons spilled from a loose-fitting pipe connection and entered a wetland and creek. Information provided by Halliburton Co., which supplies the lubricant, states that the chemicals in the lubricant are potentially cancer-causing. A Cabot Oil & Gas spokesman says that the substance is "relatively innocuous," but may cause eye, skin and breathing irritations. Whichever is accurate, I know I do not want this stuff entering my drinking water supply nor the streams of Potter County.

The second problem with the "hydro-fracing" process is the tremendous pressure necessary to send this mixture down the well to open the fractures in the shale. The well pipe is cased in cement the first few hundred feet through the freshwater aquifers. However, mistakes and accidents happen. Steve Kepler, a biologist with the PFBC, states his concern about damage to groundwater by citing a recent case in Centre County, in which a gas-drilling operator hit a regional aquifer, polluting Little Sandy Creek, a wild brook trout stream that delivers cold, oxygen-rich water to a cooperative trout hatchery. In areas of northcentral Pennsylvania, methane gas has been

found coming out of people's water faucets and percolating up through the ground. This gas is termed "free gas" because it is odor-free and invisible. It is also highly flammable and explosive. I don't want methane gas in my water supply or bubbling up in my backyard.

The third and biggest challenge facing the gas industry and the DEP is what to do with the frac fluid once it does its job and comes back up the well. I am told by those in the industry that approximately 80 percent of the fluid sent down the well returns as "waste water," or 2-4 million gallons of toxic residual waste water per well. The enormous volumes of water pumped into these deep wells dissolves salts, metals and radioactive substances that are naturally occurring within the Marcellus Shale. Besides the chemicals previously added to the frac fluid, this residual waste water contains toxins such as benzene, ethyl benzene, toluene, xylene, heavy metals, salts and naturally occurring radioactive materials. This waste water is estimated to contain up to 229,500 milligrams of total dissolved solids (TDS) per liter (mg/L), as compared to permissible limits of 500 mg/L in drinking water -- that is a factor of 500 times more TDS than is permitted.

Gas well operations have been going on without proper planning about what to do with these million gallons of residual waste. Most has been trucked away from the well sites to one of the two water treatment facilities in the state specifically managed to handle waste water from oil and gas operations. These facilities are designed to handle fluids from shallow gas well operations, not the much more toxic fluids from Marcellus Shale wells. Faced with inadequate and only two treatment facilities available to treat this gas well residual waste, companies went to municipal water treatment facilities for help. Several were willing to treat this residual waste, until DEP found out about this practice and shut them down. How many millions of gallons of improperly treated waste entered these watersheds has yet to be determined. Scientists, engineers and private entrepreneurs say they're working on developing new residual waste water treatment facilities, but nothing appears to be ready in the immediate future.

With nowhere to properly treat this residual waste, the concept of reusing it to hydro-frac other wells has arisen. I think this is a great idea; fewer withdrawals of clean water from our streams and rivers and recycling the toxic fluids. The challenge is where to store the millions of gallons of residual waste. It makes sense to store it right at the well site to be used again for another "frac job." However, placing this stuff in retention ponds on top of the mountains where most of the well sites are located scares me. I am confident these ponds are well engineered and lined with the most modern plastic liners that money can buy, but so was the ill-fated Thompson Hollow landfill. Built several years ago under DEP specifications on top of Thompson Hollow hill, it was closed a few years later because of toxic leachate leaking from this properly lined site into Lyman Run and eventually Lyman Lake. In late July, a reported dumping of residual waste was investigated by DEP on a gated road leading to a gas well off Cowburn Road in Allegheny Township.



NEXT ISSUE: PART 2



The Crabby Creek Project, which used BMPs in the in-stream work and included a host of stakeholders, garnered Valley Forge Chapter the Best Chapter Project Award. Rich Bauer (left) and Owen Owens (right) received the chapter's award from Awards Committee Vice Chair Ed O'Gorman (center).



Announcing the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited 2009 Award Recipients

Look who's done so much for coldwater conservation in Pennsylvania! Not one of these folks works for the accolades, but we're thanking and recognizing them anyway, because the resource wouldn't be the same without them. Thanks also to Awards Chairman Frank Viozzi, the committee and the awards judges, and to all who made award nominations (remember, you may resubmit nominations next year). The Summer 2010 issue will contain information on how to nominate a deserving individual or chapter for one of PATU's prestigious awards. Note: The Best Small Chapter Award was not presented this year, as no nominations were submitted.



John Mauser (right) was honored with the Doc Fritchey Award for Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, TU Member, for his involvement in virtually every project of his chapter (Hokendauqua). Chapter president Dale Steventon congratulates him.



Mark Pennell (left) was presented the Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, Professional, Award, by Ed O'Gorman. Pennell works for URS Corporation, an international environmental engineering firm. Trained as a hydrogeologist, he has consulted with Pennsylvania TU chapters and watershed organizations on many dam removal and stream restoration projects.



Congratulations to Brian Wagner (right), the 2009 recipient of the Inky Moore Award for Outstanding Service to PA Council, presented by Ed O'Gorman. Wagner is State Council's newest Vice President. Awards Committee Chair Frank Viozzi commends him for "making his group of chapters into a real entity ... (and being) a compelling voice of reason for the Council."

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The Sam Slaymaker Award for Best Chapter Newsletter went to Penns Woods West, for "Hatches and Rises." Chuck Winters (left) receives congratulations on behalf of the chapter from award presenter Ed O'Gorman. The revamped newsletter's editor is Christian Shane.

majority of whom are fly fishers, who believe primarily in catch and release angling.

The Dr. Jack Beck Award for Outstanding Youth Outreach was awarded to the Lloyd Wilson Chapter. Pictured (left to right) are Richard Rogers, award presenter Ed O’Gorman, Skip Frye and Bill Bailey. The chapter had the most youth projects, ranging from fly-tying classes to Trout in the Classroom programs to sponsorships to conservation camps, and reached the largest number of young people.



Tiadaghton was the Chapter with the Greatest Percent Membership Increase (23%). Larry Harris (left) received the award for the chapter from Ed O’Gorman.



At the fall meeting, a cake to celebrate TU’s half-a-century of cold-water conservation. Thanks to Emily Gates for taking photos of the award presentations.



Best Chapter Website Award went to Forbes Trail. Chaz Macdonald, State Council webmaster (left) congratulates Monty Murty, who received the award on behalf of the chapter. The award-winning website is at www.forbestrailltu.org



Penns Woods West received the Chapter with the Greatest Membership Increase Award (89). Chuck Winters (left) accepted the award on behalf of the chapter, from Ed O’Gorman.

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The chapter now has a website, thanks to the efforts of our newsletter editor, Will Daskal. Ben Turpin provided a slide program on "Trout Streams of Central Pennsylvania" for our September meeting. The McMichaels Creek project has been slowly moving along. We have approval to place a diverter into the stream. We received three additional truckloads of boulders to be used in the project. The diverter will allow access for placement of the boulders, similar to the project the chapter did on the upper Brodhead. The boulders will increase habitat in

the Delayed Harvest area of the stream. We have arranged for Bill Hakim, All Construction and Repair, to do the heavy equipment work. Last summer, the chapter sent several youths to the Monroe County Conservation Camp, and we provided a program of instruction in casting and fly-tying. Thank you Gerry Bortz, Bob Stevens, Ed Filipowski and Frank Russo for accompanying me to provide this afternoon program at camp. We also sent Parker Johnson and Jeffrey Strunk to the TU Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing School this past summer.

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Several chapter members assisted Martins Jacoby Watershed Association habitat projects in September on the Little Martins and Martins Creeks. The projects were led by Rich Budihias, under the direction of the PFBC. We are lending support to several dam-removal projects in the Bushkill and Martins-Jacoby watersheds. The chapter is expecting arrival of the trout eggs to start our third year with the Trout in the Classroom program. We have expanded the program to two more schools, for a total of four schools. The chapter is planning to conduct its second annual trout redd survey in late November or early December. Preparations are being made for our annual fly-tying classes, to begin in February.

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The chapter will conduct the Trout in the Classroom program again this year, under the guidance of Janet Reichelderfer at Catasauqua High School. NWF JAKES Youth Field Day, in conjunction with Lehigh County Federation of Sportsmen, hosted 160 youths at Ontelaunee Fish and Game Club. Our chapter (15 mem-

bers) assisted the youngsters in the fishing portion of the event. Last August, chapter members represented TU at the 4th annual event held at Kempton Fair Grounds. We demonstrated fly-casting and fly-tying and discussed local, state and national conservation projects as part of TU's mission. Casting for Recovery held an event at Skytop Lodge in September. Three chapter members attended and volunteered as stream guides for women recovering from breast cancer. Chapter members tied and contributed over 200 flies again this year and made up presentation boxes of assorted flies for each participant. We have affiliated with Project Healing Waters, which held an outing September 19 in Center Valley, at the home of Dr. Robert Saks. He has a spring-fed pond heavily stocked with trout, and he graciously offered to have us host wounded veterans there for a day of fishing and fly-tying. Future outings will progress to streamside fishing. Nine veterans attended this event and they loved it. It was rejuvenation for the vets and the instructors, some of whom are also veterans.

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We are watching the activities of a project by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to update the dike system on the Lackawanna River. We're planning a spring banquet.

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The chapter is working with Lower Macungie EAC, Lehigh Conservation District and the Wildlands Conservancy on two stream plantings/cleanups. The Little Lehigh continues to be subjected to stress related to upstream development. Local municipalities are planning to drill wells, which is causing concern that the water table that supports the Little Lehigh may be threatened. Large bottling companies already draw millions of gallons of water from this area and, last summer, residents of Lower Macungie needed to reduce their water consumption. Small tributaries are being inundated with storm water and runoff. Sewage lines that run along the stream are operating beyond capacity and during heavy rains discharge raw sewage into the stream. The Little Lehigh is not only a habitat for wild trout, but also provides drinking water to the City of Allentown. Stakeholders are aware of the issues and increasingly concerned, as no moratorium has been put on development so this issue can be addressed.

Monocacy Chapter #491

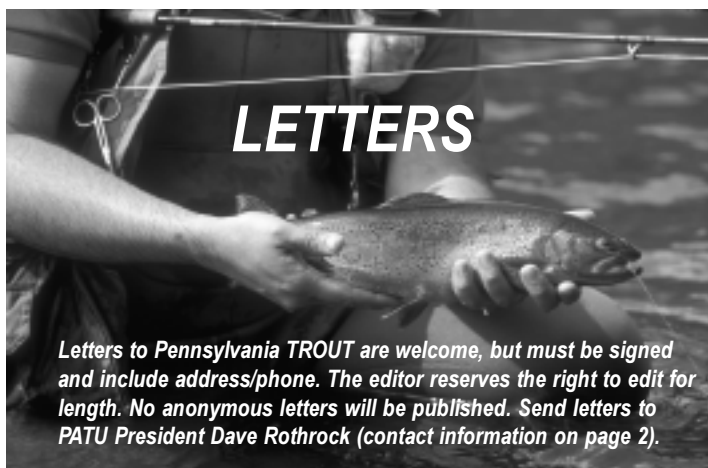
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We had an organizational meeting Sept 22 at the newly restored Illicks Mill. The mill sits on the banks of the Monocacy Creek as it meanders through Monocacy Park. The mill now serves as an environmental education center. With the mill's close proximity to the stream, we believe meeting there will open new opportunities for programs and events. November's meeting may be a joint meeting/program with other Lehigh Valley chapters.

READER GIVES COUNCIL KUDOS FOR PUBLISHING POLICY ON STREAM ACCESS

Bob Steiner Photo



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Water" in prime trout surroundings and the placement of hatchery product and dollars into much of the remaining. I know there is still outstanding water in PA (which is one of the reasons I moved here), but we can do better ... a lot better. The PATU's Policy Statement is a stand in the right direction. Thanks.

-- Doug Swanson, Fayetteville, PA

bait users can also have an appreciation of our coldwater resources and the policies as set forth by TU.

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We returned to our indoor meetings at Cora's, on October 5. Our last meeting was hosted by John, at Lucan's resort. Thank you, John. Our Ladies' Night Dinner was great. Thank you, Tony, for putting that together. Our outing to the ball game was rained out, but we still had a good tailgate. Our stream project was finished recently, with the removal of the plastic and the planting of the seed. The landowner was so happy with the results of the demo plot that he is joining the chapter. Thanks to all who helped. The chapter co-hosted, with the Lackawaxen River Conservancy, a program on gas well drilling in our area.

Stanley Cooper, Sr. Chapter #251

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The chapter's September meeting featured Jim "Coz" Costolnick, owner of Border Water Outfitters and ESPN-TV personality, discussing steelhead fishing on Cattaraugus Creek, in western New York. Chapter VP John Morris debuted "The Stanley Cooper Sr. Chapter's E-Bulletin," on September 21. The bulletin is distributed by e-mail weekly and is composed using a rolling calendar of recent and future events held by the chapter. John says it can be time-consuming to manage, but ultimately it is a time saver because members can remain informed of all activities, contacts and goals. Hopefully this tool will foster cooperation within the region where chapters may have interests that are aligned. At a minimum, it will provide a touchstone for the chapters to turn to for guidance, based on what others are doing. To sign up, send your e-mail address to us. In October, Dan Plummer, from Friends of the Upper Delaware (FUDR), showed a video he helped create regarding the critical condition of Upper Delaware tributaries. The chapter has partnered with FUDR to restore optimum spawning habitat on those tributaries destroyed by 2006 flooding and unregulated use of heavy equipment in its aftermath. The two tributaries featured in the film, Sands Creek and Cadosia Creek, are important spawning tribes in dire need of help. The chapter continued its Project Healing Waters involvement in October by taking our group of veterans to Lake Ladore, where they enjoyed another day of fly-casting poppers for bass and panfish. November's meeting will feature fly-tying as a kickoff for the chapter's fly-tying classes, to begin in January.

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Several chapter members attended the Lehigh Trout Work Group meeting in September.

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The chapter has investigated several concerns in our local watershed. Members worked with the conservation districts and DEP to resolve some issues, such as improper sedimentation controls for excavation sites along Sugar Run Creek. Preparations have begun with our Trout in the Classroom schools for the 2009-10 year.

Columbia County Chapter #038

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One of our junior members, Stephen Salwocki of Danville, was selected a member of the USA Youth Fly Fishing Team. Not only did he make the team, but he also was selected for the Competition Team. They will be competing in the World Championship in the Czech Republic. Stephen attended the national try-outs at the Seig Center last May, where he was selected to the 8-man team. He became interested in fly fishing while earning his Fly Fishing Merit Badge, and he also attended the TU Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing

Camp. The chapter held its annual picnic/vintage fishing night in June at Kocher Park. Ed Wytovich gave an update on the Catawissa Creek Restoration project. Bob Christ, Randy Bennett, Brian Yeager, Bryan Miller, Ralph Reedy and Reg Wright assisted the Montour Sportsman's Club with their kids' fishing derby. Bob Christ put on a fly-tying demonstration. Dick Rimple and Wayne Michael presented three fly-tying classes at the Bloomsburg Middle School Kid's Conference. Chapter volunteers Bill Whitbread, Bob Christ, Pat D'Amico and Wayne Michael conducted the Fly Fishing Merit Badge at Camp Lavigne.

God's Country Chapter #327

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On August 14, chapter members manned the fly-casting station for the Potter County Youth Field Day. Later that week, as part of the Upper Allegheny Watershed Association, we attended an on-site visit to the ARG oil refinery in Bradford and a program explaining the steps taken at the refinery to protect the environment and the stream running through it. We were invited and attended a forestry workshop sponsored by Hancock Forestry Management, who explained the programs being initiated by Hancock in Potter and McKean counties. Chapter members made the trip to Pleasant Gap for the northcentral regional PATU meeting on August 22. It was a good meeting and two members signed on to join the Environmental Committee. We also spent a pleasant afternoon and evening pounding the wild browns in Spring Creek. Two chapter members helped with the fly fishing and casting instruction for an afternoon program at Rainbow Paradise Trout Farm, sponsored by the American Cancer Society and Charles Cole Hospital. "Hooked on a Cure" is a program for breast cancer survivors and the instructors and 14 ladies all had a lot of fun and even caught some trout. On Sept. 13, five of us made the trip up to Derby, NY, to help with a Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing event sponsored by the Lake Erie Chapter of the Federation of Flyfishers. Twenty-five disabled veterans from the Batavia V.A. Hospital spent the day learning fly fishing. Five chapter members serve on the Potter County Marcellus Shale Gas Advisory Committee, and we have been attending

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Treasury Notes

by George Kutskel,
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PROACTIVE vs. REACTIVE

When you get this issue, most will be getting ready to celebrate the holidays. For Trout Unlimited, we already have started the New Year, fiscal that is. Looking back on the past year, even with the bad economic news for the most part we did quite well. We hired an AmeriCorps intern to help with Trout in the Classroom (Emily Gates). We held a raffle to help keep Emily paid and started a fund to assist brook trout conservation by selling the "Back the Brookie" plates. We also reintroduced the PA Council leaders after a 10-year gap. Most if not all of these endeavors have worked out quite well for council.

Six years ago, when I became Treasurer we couldn't even keep printing this newsletter. Thanks to a lot of help from Ed Bellis, Linda Steiner and adding Bob Mitchell to sell ads, plus some help from others, we have what most would consider a fine newsletter. Most will remember the format change as the most significant change, but really it was the addition of ads. Not that we filled this paper with ads, but we increased the number and size of them.

Last year we were able to almost pay half the cost of the newsletter through ads. This year that number has been cut in half. This I feel was due to the "bad" economy. In talking with Bob just a few weeks ago, he informed me that the Lycoming County ad that appears on the back of this issue will not be back next year. As I said, this year the ad revenue is half of what it was last year and now it looks like, without a replacement, next year will be half again.

Let me put some numbers to this. It costs approximately \$26,000 per year to produce and mail this newsletter. Last year we received \$13,000 in ad revenue. This year that is \$8,000. Next is looking like about \$4,000, if everyone else comes back. That will leave us with a \$22,000 newsletter bill that must come from our funds, rather than ad income.

Rather than saying, as we did back six years ago, "Let's not print a newsletter" (reactive), I would rather be proactive and ask for some help in two ways. First is if you know of a company or business that would be a good candidate to advertise with us, please contact Bob or any member of ExCom. The second way is to voice your opinion as how to best communicate with our membership. We will be holding a newsletter committee meeting in December to talk about what we can or should do. One idea that keeps surfacing is going electronic. That would mean receiving this newsletter via the computer instead of the paper version, saving the postage and printing cost. What is your opinion? I would like to hear from our members (my contact information is on page 2).

One thing I do know, I really don't want to see us go back to not having money to do anything but print a newsletter, since we have made what I feel is real progress at making State Council more helpful to chapters and members with programs like Trout in the Classroom and Coldwater Heritage.

Finally I would like to thank each chapter listed below for its financial help this year. I'm also a chapter president, and I know full well how hard each and every one of these chapters works to raise the funds to do not only its projects, but also to send us a donation to help us provide the best TU council to benefit all our members.



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waters which will support decent numbers of wild trout. We believe that hatchery trout should be stocked only in more marginal waters where a respectable wild trout

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meetings and doing what we can to protect the precious headwater streams of Potter County. A gas well residual waste spill was identified and reported to DEP in late July. DEP came that day and took samples, but at this time no action has been taken with the results of the analysis. Our president attended the Quality Assurance Board meeting for the Potter County Dirt and Gravel Roads Program; four new projects were approved for funding. In a unique fund-raising activity, Upper Allegheny Riders, a motorcycle group, and American Legion Post #192 had a fund-raising ride and presented the chapter with \$2,000 in cash to be used to offset our expenses for our Healing Waters event. Three stream improvement projects have been completed on the First Fork, in partnership with the Upper First Fork Watershed Association and the Potter County Conservation District.

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The chapter has reapplied for Growing Greener funds for AMD and acid rain remediation in the Smith Run watershed, a tributary of the East Branch of the Clarion River. We received a donation (\$500) from Hancock Forest Management Services for Outdoor Classroom. In early August, our partner, the Elk County Freshwater Association, held a dedication ceremony for the first of four acid rain treatment facilities in the Allegheny National Forest, in Big Mill Creek watershed.

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Editor's Note: Correcting last issue's report, "the chapter will be working with local watershed groups to improve the flow and holes in the special regulation area on Kettle Creek, in the village of Cross Fork."

Congratulations all around! The majority of the special regulations area at the bridge at the village of Cross Fork, on Kettle Creek, has been completed. The physical placement of the overhead structures was coordinated by the PFBC, led by Dave Keller, and the Kettle Creek Watershed Association. The handwork was completed two days early, thanks in part to Dave's crew (John, Lance and Wyatt); the Ohioans; Jerry Boone; the Screamin' Maggots (Ken Skala, Dan McClintock and Jason Weese); the Toch family; Steve Polonkey and friend; Jeff Lewis and son Steve from Meadville; and Scott Koser from the Clinton County Conservation District. Thank-you to George Labant and Highway Equipment for the donated work and equipment. Danny Labant delivered the stone and logs, and he restored the work area to its original condition. The cost of the project was picked up by the Kettle Creek Watershed Association, Toth family, PFBC, Cross Fork Sportsmen and friends of this project. A special thank-you goes to the landowners bordering this project and to the citizens watching who gave us moral

support. I added some comic relief on Monday by unceremoniously slipping on a rock and falling into the stream. If you have any questions on this project or the latest news that may be affecting the McCoy Meadow area on the Cross Fork, please call me at 570-923-0778. If I don't know the answer to your questions, I will try to contact someone who does.

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Chapter members participated in six fishing events at the North East Fishery Center at Lamar. Most of the events involved young children, special needs youth or senior citizens. Thanks to those volunteers who made a fishing experience possible for many who would otherwise not be able to enjoy the sport of fishing. Members participated in fly-tying instruction at the Clinton County Conservation District Day Camp and at the Summer Happenings Program at Lock Haven University. Members participated in two habitat improvement projects, one along Cedar Run on the Dotterer Farm property in conjunction with the PFBC and Clinton Co. Conservation District, and the other was at the McCoy Dam site on Spring Creek, with the Spring Creek Chapter. Members manned the fishing station for Youth Field Day at the Southern Clinton Co. Sportsmen's Club, in Loganton.

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Streams in our area came through the summer in good shape, primarily due to the abundant rainfall. Waters are cooling and we are looking forward to some good fall fishing. We resumed monthly meetings in September, with a guest speaker from Deitz and Gourly Engineering, which has been constructing the acid remediation project on the headwaters of Buffalo Creek. The dedication of this project took place on September 13, with chapter members in attendance. We will now see if the project is successful and if brook trout once again will inhabit the headwaters, as they did in earlier years.

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The chapter received grants from DCNR C2P2 (\$170,000) and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (\$44,000) for habitat improvement work that began in 2007 and will run through 2010. In partnership with the PFBC and the Clearwater Conservancy, habitat work was completed in August upstream of the former McCoy Dam site, between Bellefonte and Milesburg. The habitat work included construction of a floodplain bench, widening of the stream channel, installation of 4 rock cross vanes, and a number of additional in-stream habitat enhancement structures, including 2 multi-log vane deflectors, 7 multi-log vane deflectors with root wads, 12 root wad deflectors, 4 modified mud sills, and 30 boul-

der placements along 2,000 feet of stream. Riparian zone plantings were done this fall. Planning is underway for two additional reaches to be done in 2010.

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At the October meeting, we had PFBC staff and a watershed specialist plan a stream project on Wallis Run. At the November meeting, several members presented a program on steelhead fishing in Pennsylvania. We will have a quilt made with an outdoor theme to sell chances on and are planning our annual spring fund-raiser. A meeting was held last May with members from the gas companies and from TU State Council on the Marcellus Shale issue in Pennsylvania. There were many questions on how the drilling process is being done and the steps the companies are taking to ensure the safety of our environment and waterways. The main areas of concern were water withdrawals, consumption and disposal.

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Our chapter held the second session of our women's fishing programs, funded by an educational grant from the PFBC, called "WOW" or "Women on the Water." We had 9 ladies participate at Hills Creek State Park. Chapter members taught fly casting to 130 local youths at the Annual Tioga County Youth Field Day, sponsored by the Wildlife Conservation Officers of Tioga County. The chapter finished Phase II of our Asaph Run jack dam project, funded by a TU EAS Grant and the Arnot Sportsmen's Club. We also finished a habitat improvement project on Long Run, north of Gaines, funded by a grant from the North Central PA Conservancy. We partnered with the Tioga County Conservation District, PFBC and Pa. Game Commission, with additional help from students in the Environmental Science Program at Mansfield University. We got some extra muscle from the Youth Conservation Corps from DCNR's Bureau of Forestry. Thanks to Erica Tomlinson from the Conservation District for coordinating the project and to all those who helped on all the work days. We will be doing another habitat improvement project on Marsh Creek in 2010, also funded by the North Central PA Conservancy.

Wood Duck Chapter #235

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The chapter has completed a fish habitat and erosion control project on Cold Stream Run, with the assistance of the PFBC and the Northeast Regional Conservation Organization. The nearly \$7,500 project will stabilize the banks on the stream and provide habitat for fish and other aquatic life. Both limestone and larch wood logs were placed in the stream, with grass planted to further enhance the banks. The total length of the project was 250 feet.

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At September's membership meeting, Dan Surra was our speaker and talked about the PA Wilds. October's was about the Sandy Lick Creek. Eric Wilson has started a fly-tying group that will meet in DuBois, starting in October. We will hold a beginner's fly-tying class at the YMCA in January. Orwin Srock and Sam Sleigh helped at the Clearfield County Watershed Festival, at Curwensville Dam, tying flies and teaching fly-casting. Several members will help bag food and sort eggs for the Trout in the Classroom program in Bellefonte, in November. We are also working with the six schools that are in the Trout in the Classroom program. August 1 we placed

three double log vanes in the Sandy Lick Creek; 23 people showed up to help. Thanks to Kelly Williams, watershed specialist from Clearfield County, for bringing the crew to help. We received plans for the bank stabilization on Wolf Run; construction will be next year.

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We again have two Trout in the Classroom projects going on in the Corry Area School district. We will be adding one to the Union City School District this year.

Cornplanter Chapter #526

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After nearly two years of working with the WINS Coalition and raising funds through the Trout and Clean Streams Expo, chapter efforts are finally starting to pay off. In early August, the chapter completed the Morrison Run right-of-way stabilization and sediment control area rehab. The first day, a contract bulldozer reshaped a steep, primitive road that was sending sediment directly into Morrison Run. Then the bulldozer cut in a series of water bars to intercept runoff before it has a chance to enter the stream. The next day, a dozen TU members seeded and mulched the raw ground. At the time this was being written, a fine catch of grass could be seen. Cooperating partners for this project were First Energy Corp., Pennsylvania General Energy and the U.S. Forest Service. By the time this is published, another project will be complete, the Morrison Run in-stream habitat improvement. In late September, fish habitat will be improved on a portion of Morrison Run using natural materials found on site. With the cooperation of the Collins Pine Co., a private landowner, the Cornplanter Chapter, the PFBC and the Allegheny National Forest will join forces to create "holes" and cover for fish, using available logs and rocks. In-stream habitat improvement will be a multi-year project as we address several sections of Morrison Run that lack significant fish habitat. Chapter members have been supportive of local sportsmen's group events, especially those related to educating our youth in fishing and other outdoor activities. It is our chapter's belief that we can accomplish so much more working together. Chapter members are excited as we move forward this fall planning next year's activities, including Trout in the Classroom, support for the Beaty Middle School Fly Fishing Club, WINS Coalition, Morrison Run and next year's Expo.

Iron Furnace

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The chapter had its semiannual cleanup day on Piney Creek, on September 30, and discussed other business and plans for conservation, education and fund-raising activities in the coming months. An excellent meal of pierogies, kielbasa and sauerkraut was served by Chef Ronnie Battaglia. On July 25, the Ohnahdagon Society, a local sportsmen's group, sponsored a golf outing at Hi Level Golf Course, near Clarion, to support the Alliance for Wetlands and Wildlife and the Iron Furnace Chapter. The outing was successful, and we thank the society.

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Our main project last summer was continuing stream improvement on Deer Creek, in Mercer County. A workday was held August 29 and a mud sill and other in-stream devices were completed. Thanks to the "Deer Creek Group," a recent addition of new members from that area of the county, for their hard work and dedication to improving this stream. They are currently looking into adding a youth and handicapped fishing area on the stream. Next year's fund-raising banquet will be March 20.

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At October's meeting, we met with the regional representative of Project Healing Waters to discuss a program here in Erie County. We'll have a rod raffle to raise money for our Trout in the Classroom and future conservation programs. Strong Vincent High School, Waterford Elementary School and Iroquois Middle School will be participating in the 2009-10 TIC program.

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We had four members who conducted fly-tying instruction at the Venango County Youth Field Day, on June 20. We are continuing our support of Trout in the Classroom in area schools and another elementary school class may be added to the program. Unfortunately, one of our cooperating instructors, Curtis Ditzenberger, passed away last spring. The chapter provided support to the Venango Conservation District and the PFBC to place porcupine cribs to improve fish habitat in Justus Lake, in Two Mile Run County Park. Our annual banquet is planned for March 27, 2010; Tom Young is banquet chairman. A stream bank stabilization project on Little Sandy Creek is in the planning stages. A stream bank stabilization project on Little Sugar Creek has been completed.

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Our chapter participated in a family fun day with CRC Watersheds, doing fly-casting instruction and an introduction to fly fishing. The event was well attended and hopefully will result in an increase in our chapter's membership. We also had members assist the Delaware Co. Field & Stream with National Hunting and Fishing Day, by providing fly-casting lessons, leader building, and fly tying. We participated in additional tree planting and maintenance at Ridley Creek State Park, in conjunction with CRC Watersheds. We also rebuilt a deflector on Ridley Creek with five tons of rock. To monitor the water temperature of Ridley Creek in the fly-fishing-only section, our chapter installed two loggers. We will monitor the water temperature on an ongoing basis to determine fluctuations that may indicate environmental issues of concern.

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We are a small chapter with limited resources, located in the heart of the anthracite coal region. We have searched for manageable conservation projects for several years, but being located in an area with a significant coal silting and AMD history, it was difficult to find affordable projects we could undertake. Frustration grew as many of the promising projects we investigated had to eventually be dropped for reasons beyond our control. It came to the chapter's attention last summer that Cold Run, a Class A high quality stream, could benefit from riparian upgrades. Furthermore, many of the individual projects would qualify for federal USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service

The Perkiomen Valley TU Chapter is having a special raffle. The grand prize is a custom-made fly-tying bench, crafted and donated by chapter member Ken Tietjens. Ken makes custom cabinets in his shop at his home. He was gracious enough to donate this bench. There will be 400 tickets available at \$10 each. Proceeds will be used for stream improvement projects on Perkiomen Creek and West Branch Perkiomen Creek. Both streams support Class A wild brown trout populations in their headwaters. Perkiomen Valley TU has been working on improving sections of headwater streams in the watershed, to extend the wild trout water downstream from the Class A sections. Contact Chaz Macdonald at chazmac1949@rcn.com for raffle tickets.



(NRCS) funded grant programs, such as the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) and 319, since these were originally enacted to conserve and preserve agricultural lands and, hence, the wildlife that depends on them. While these programs have functioned locally for many years under the conservation district Farm Service Agency (FSA), many farmers were not fully aware of the direct benefits of these programs. In return for putting acreage into a riparian border and receiving rental for doing so, they also could have cattle crossings, electrified fencing, watering tanks, feed bunkers, and other upgrades designed and financed by the NRCS. The cost-sharing provisions of many of these upgrades usually cover 90% or more of the direct cost, essentially providing a "win-win" for the farm owner, conservation district, and fish and game that depend on these resources. Our chapter recognized that many of these farmers were suffering from collapsing market prices and reduced subsidies, making consideration of even short-term reimbursed investments a low priority. They wanted the upgrades but, most importantly, needed to survive the market crunch. Furthermore, they lacked the time to locate and coordinate the contractors involved in these upgrade projects. Our chapter offered two services to get past these hang-ups. We would locate contractors and coordinate their activities and, where necessary, offer no-interest bridging loans to relieve cash-flow problems. The end result conserved chapter funds, while enabling us to seek additional projects. While still early, it seems we have established some initial credibility in the township that contains the watershed for Cold Run, the ultimate target for each of these efforts. We hope this credibility will help in building partnerships with other landowners in the watershed in the coming years. Other resources have also been used in providing important project support. At the state level, the PFBC provided design services and installation supervision for a section of Cold Run that was severely impaired by a 500-year downpour three years ago. The storm flow washed 24 to 30-inch boulders onto one parcel of land, radically diverting the previous course of the stream. The PFBC designed log and bank deflec-

tors to minimize future damage, while providing improved holding for many of the native brook trout found there. It is our hope that other small chapters might be encouraged by some of these efforts. Most of these projects can be managed with a few members and a modest conservation budget. The NRCS and PFBC in your district are the most useful starting points in looking for opportunities.

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In September we transferred 50 wild brook trout from Six Penny Creek into Crabby Creek. The project was supported by the PFBC and the electro-fishing was done by Mark Hartle. This tributary originally held brook trout, but it is believed they were washed out during Hurricane Floyd in 1999. The tributary currently holds a good population of wild brown trout. We secured a NFWL grant and implemented habitat improvements in the stream (22 new habitat structures) to support a new brook trout population. The areas where the brook trout were to be released were electro-fished and the brown trout relocated from these areas. All of the fish transfers went well, as there were no fish lost in the process. The new brook trout were weighed and measured and we will track their progress over time. We plan to transplant additional brook trout next year.

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In 2009 the chapter partnered with a corporate sponsor and completed the final phase of a three-year restoration program on the upper reaches of Opossum Creek. The partnership between our chapter and the Northern Virginia Chapter has completed restoration work on Conewago Creek in the C&R FFO section, installing wooden tip-deflectors and buffering the stream banks to prevent further erosion problems. We partnered with the Adams County Watershed Alliance on a Middle Creek watershed assessment/final phase, utilizing a \$5,000 TU Coldwater Heritage grant for project. Chapter members have completed construction of a memorial pavilion in honor of Gladys Rodgers, who had maintained a partnership with us for 27 years, by naming this C&R FFO section of the Conewago Creek "Gladys Meadows."

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Our primary concern continues to be the progress of the Jefferson/Codorus Township sewage treatment plant and associated collection system. Residents received a mailing concerning their impending hookups, and the plant is set to be operating in late 2010. During the first quarter of 2010, we intend to have a survey done to establish baseline predischarge data on water quality and macro-invertebrates. We may establish a Trout in the Classroom location and will be following up in the near future. Some debris removal on the Codorus was necessary after a severe high-water event earlier this summer. Other items of concern are the indiscriminate maintenance of railroad property adjacent to the Codorus and maintaining and/or reestablishing angler access.

Cumberland Valley Chapter #052

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In addition to our four Trout in the Classroom programs already in existence and supported by grants from PATU and the chapter, we added one more that we're fully funding. Our Stream Access and Improvement Committee organized several cleanups, weed clearings and facility repairs in the summer. Work was done by the "Feet in the Stream Gang," under the leadership of Gene Giza. Work on the Big Springs project will not begin until spring 2010. The Yellow Breeches Dam Removal project was completed as originally planned. Since funds remained unspent in the NFWF grant, the granting organization has generously extended the time line and enlarged the project to include a full riparian buffer planting at the Spanglers Mill site. Planning and planting will be done by the forestry students of Cumberland Valley High School. The long-languishing plan to surface the parking lot at the "Little Run" in Boiling Springs is back in full action, and we expect final approval from DEP any day. Work will begin in the spring of 2010.

The Cumberland Valley Chapter is again sponsoring the Pa. State Fly Tying Championship, to be held at the Eastern Sports & Outdoor Show, at the Farm Show Complex, Cameron St., Harrisburg, February 13, 2010, at 10 a.m. There will be three categories: Youth (under age 16); Amateur (any fly tyer who has never tied for money or other substantial remuneration); and Open (any fly tyer, professional or otherwise). Entry requires a \$20 nonrefundable entry fee to be submitted with the flies for prejudging (make checks payable to CVTU). Application forms, rules and fly patterns can be found at the chapter's website at <http://cvtu.homestead.com> or at the Eastern Sports & Outdoors Show website at <http://www.easternsportsshow.com>. Fly tyers must submit flies to be prejudged in order to make it to the final competition. The top 5 tyers from each category will be selected to participate in the finals. The top tyer in the Open category will receive a cash prize based on the number of entrants, with \$100 minimum guaranteed. Trophies will be awarded for Youth and Amateur categories. All flies for entries must be mailed to: CVTU Fly Tying Contest, P.O. Box 520, Carlisle, PA 17013. Prizes are supplied by the Eastern Sports & Outdoor Show and Bass Pro Shops.

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Our annual picnic on Clark's Creek last summer was hosted by the Lauver family. A picnic at the Rausch Creek diversion wells (Stony Creek headwaters) was attended by John Randolph, Publisher Emeritus of Fly Fisherman magazine. The preliminary plan for constructing a passive system of acid remediation was presented by URS Corporation. Work continued on the diversion wells, which consumed unusually large amounts of limestone due to the rains of spring and summer. We are indebted to Pennsy Supply for donating the stone and to John Reigel for hauling it to our wells. We have put major effort into clearing Manada Creek of huge log jams, with assistance from Karl Lutz of the PFBC. Stream flows are improving there. The chapter is again sponsoring Trout in the Class-

room projects in four area schools. The chapter is planning a March 27, 2010, banquet.

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Our annual Special Olympics fishing derby event was held in July, at Dr. Hugh Wenger's farm in Elizabethtown. Thanks to Faye Haering for doing a great job with setting this up again. August 23 was the Big Brothers/Big Sisters fishing outing at the Oregon Dairy farm pond. The event went off without a hitch, thanks to Scott Trefny's handling of it. The Conowingo Creek project is underway, with Flyway Construction Co. completing three sites of the first five targeted for restoration with our \$129,000 grant. All work should be done by November. We applied for additional funds for another property. The Fishing Creek project is awaiting permits. The Climbers Run project will have design done in September by the PFBC, and all five landowners have signed easements. Lititz Run has received a much-needed stream improvement above the old dam site. We partnered with the Lancaster Conservation District, Lititz Run Watershed Association, Warwick Township and the Millport Conservancy to finance the project.

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The chapter had a booth at the Red Lion Street Fair and 10 new members were signed up. We stocked over 500 brown trout from our cooperative trout nursery in both the C&R FFO area and open-water sections of Muddy Creek. The Trout in the Classroom program has begun at Central High School. Chapter members removed a fallen tree from the Toms Run tributary in August, to restore unimpeded flow and prevent future erosion. September stream projects included removing a debris jam and planting a riparian buffer at the Spencer Run tributary.

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Our biggest issue is the damage done to Poe Creek by the dam repair work at Poe Valley State Park. Todd Bowersox has asked us to get involved in finding a solution to the siltation problem in Poe Creek. We have two Trout in the Classroom programs for the 2009-10 school year and may have more. Don Douple presented a program of videos and photos from the field day at Lack-Tuscarora in 2009. He also shared his videos showing hatches and aquatic insects' life cycles.

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We're nearing a decision on the feasibility of a DHALO project on Plum Creek, in Armstrong County. The chapter recently installed a new ladder feeding mechanism at its trout nursery. The annual fall fishing outing was October 24, at Yellow Creek in Indiana County. Three new DHALO signs were constructed and scheduled for installation at the Buffalo Creek DHALO. We dedicated a 300-yard section of the Buffalo Creek DHALO in memory of Herb Barch, who pioneered the solicitation of grants and solicited landowner approval to start this project. The chapter is purchasing one of George Harvey's books, which will be donated to the Highlands School District library in memory of Mr. Barch. Our banquet will be in March.

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Jonathan Run: Purco Coal has installed a temporary system to treat the acid mine discharge from their past operations. DEP has published draft NPDES limits in the Pennsylvania Bulletin for the permanent treatment system. We have requested a public meeting because we have serious concerns that the proposed NPDES permit limits from the permanent treatment facility are not stringent enough to restore Jonathan Run to its Exceptional Value (EV) designated use, which included a native brook trout population.

Morgan Run: Construction of the flush ponds, settling ponds and wetlands were completed spring 2009. The system is producing good water. The stone lining of the outflow channels from the flush ponds and wetlands was washed away during the storms of mid-June. Larger stone was placed in the channels by Ligonier Construction and will be paid for by WPCAMR. A \$15,000 grant from the

Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds has been received and will pay for piping modifications to reconfigure the flow path to minimize premature iron precipitation. This fall, a work party will relocate plants from the lower wetland to the upper wetland. The Fayette County Zoning Hearing Board denied Amerikohl's request for a special exception for a strip mine that could have wiped out the chapter work on Morgan Run. Zoning officials said concerns over noise, acid mine drainage and the operation's impact on woodlands and streams were among the reasons cited for the denial.

Dunbar Creek Corridor Assessment: The final report and closing documents have been submitted to DEP. We have submitted an application to the Richard King Mellon Foundation for funding Potential Project Site 14 (parking area 2,000 feet upstream) to improve fish habitat. The Western Pennsylvania Conservancy has submitted a Growing Greener Grant Application for Potential Project Sites 8 & 9 (near mine entrance) for stream bank stabilization and fish habitat improvement.

Water Resources Management Plan for Laurel Hill Creek: The permit application for expansion of the Bakersville Quarry and water reallocation permit for the Borough of Somerset for surface water withdrawal of Laurel Hill Creek in Bakersville are under review by DEP. The nomination for the creek to be designated a Critical Water Planning Area has been formally moved forward from the Ohio Water Resources Committee to the State Water Plan Committee in Harrisburg. We are continuing to monitor an on-site ("land-apply") gas well fracking waste disposal proposal near the creek.

Glade Run: This summer, alkaline sand was placed along Glade Run, Little Piney Creek and Big Piney Creek. A Grower Greener Grant application was submitted to DEP to fund future alkaline sand additions.

Nursery: The aluminum walkways, railings, etc. have been fabricated, disassembled, trucked to the outflow area and reassembled. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Giovanelli for the use of their farm for the fabrication. We applied for a \$2,500 grant to the Fayette County Tourism Board to help defray nursery operation costs.

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Chapter members enjoyed fishing the evening hatch at our June meeting, held on the DHALO section of Loyalhanna Creek, in Ligonier. This special reg section was restored by the chapter and remains our most visible presence in the community, contributing significantly to the tourist economy. Last summer, we completed our final Growing Greener grant initiative on Mill Creek, Westmoreland County. This was the last major stream improvement project of our Mill Creek Conservation Plan, which we developed under a grant from the Coldwater Heritage Partnership. This marks a major milestone for the chapter. Our Trout in the Classroom program was expanded into the Greater Latrobe Middle School, our third site. The chapter thanks Dr. Lou Izzo, outgoing president, for his service. His leadership earned Forbes Trail the 2008 Pa. Chapter of the Year Award.

Fort Bedford Chapter #291

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The chapter held a fund-raising banquet with the John Kennedy Chapter, on September 26. The event was a great success and a good time was had by all who attended. Chapter members are also lending a hand to the Bob's Creek Stream Guardians in their efforts, on a local Class A stream, to replace outdated jack dams with up-to-date structures that will not impede brook trout movement.

John Kennedy Chapter #045

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We're working on stream restoration plans for next year on Mary Ann's Creek and Poplar Run. Mary Ann's Creek empties into Canoe Lake, in Canoe Creek State Park, and has brook trout. Karl Lutz of the PFBC met with us on September 30 to do initial surveys and restoration plans. Plans for Poplar Run are done and DEP permits are being completed. Jerry Green and Lynn Hildebrande are setting up two Trout in the Classroom projects. One will be at the Altoona Area Junior High, our second year there, and the kids are anxious to get started. We will also have a project at St. Benedict's School, in Carrolltown. Our banquet, on September 26, went very well. Plans for next year's fly-tying classes are in place, as well as plans for us to be part of the annual Jaffa Sportsmen's Show, in Altoona.

Mountain Laurel Chapter #040

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Ed Engle joins us January 19 for a presentation on "Catching Difficult Trout." Dinner at Rizzo's and talking Ed into tying flies on a size-32 hook sounds like a great way to spend a winter evening! Contact Randy (above) or Pat Buchanan for ticket info. The Yellow Creek Coalition is pleased to present a chance to spend a day on the water with famed fly fishing author Charlie Meck. The raffle winner will receive a day of fishing for two anglers on Yellow Creek (Bedford County) or the Little Juniata River, with Mr. Meck. Lunch will be included, along with some flies and signed books. Call or e-mail Randy for more details. Fly-tying classes will start in January at Gander Mountain.

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In early September, with the PFBC and Allison Park Sportsmen's Club, we placed 80 tons of shot rock in two new log cribs on Pine Creek. A week later, members installed 12 devices with the PFBC on Little Deer Creek, in Indiana Township's Emerling Park. Tom Walsh, our Pine Creek coordinator, is working with Shaler Township on a Growing Greener grant to install stone gabions in Little Pine Creek to reduce stream bank erosion and sedimentation. The Cabin Fever show will be March 7, 2010.

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