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Bob Pennell, Pa. Council of Trout Unlimited secretary, presents Erika Tomlinson, right, with the award for Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist Professional at the PATU awards ceremony on Oct. 2. Tomlinson was nominated by the Tiadaghton Chapter. See page 2 for a complete list of winners.

Conservation camp set for Allenberry Resort

The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited and the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association announce an Advanced Rivers Conservation Camp to be held March 20-23, 2011. The event will be held at Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs, Pa.

The camp will teach the science behind Trout Unlimited initiatives and fishing as well as providing a hands-on learning experience that ties fly fishing to science and vice versa. It is intended as a Trout Unlimited venture to discuss the science and policies behind Trout Unlimited's mission: "To conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds."

By partnering with the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association, additional resources are available for the attendees to explore the heritage of fly fishing.

Based on the model used for the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp the camp will include topics such as geology, aquatic entomology, wetlands, riparian buffers, the biology of pollution, stream habitat and the politics of water. In addition, there will be classes on stream etiquette, fly tying, bugs and their imita-

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Legislators agree to disagree on severance tax

by Bob Pennell
PATU Secretary

October 1 has come and gone with our state legislators failing to enact a severance, or extraction, tax on natural gas production in our commonwealth. The promise by both the House and Senate to agree on the rate and composition of this much-debated tax now appears to have

had about as much credibility as many of the campaign promises espoused by these elected representatives.

According to an ongoing study by the Pennsylvania Budget Policy Center, a non-partisan statewide policy research organization, our state coffers have already lost more than \$100 million in potential tax revenue through inaction since the tax

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Treasury Notes

by George Kutskel
PATU Treasurer

Welcome to the first electronic version of our newsletter. Also Happy New Year. Yes, our fiscal year ended on Sept. 30 so we are in a new year.

Our TIC raffle is over and we would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets. All proceeds will be going to help fund the cost of having our Trout in the Classroom coordinator. Sale of our merchandise has been great with almost \$19,000 worth of goods sold last year. Again, we would like to thank everyone who purchased some of our great items to help support council.

As you will be seeing soon we are having a capital campaign. The goal is simple – we need to have an executive director. One of the big shockers in our financial report is that we have enough volunteer hours to equal six full-time employees! I know we have been here before at least twice in my 35 years. This time we need to go over the top and do it. We have never had so many programs that affect not only us but also the general public.

Look at our Coldwater Heritage Partnership and Trout in the Classroom, not to mention all of the work that we have done in leading the public in education on

the Marcellus Shale issue. It is a tribute that we have as many programs here as we do and could not do it if it was not for a corps of dedicated volunteers.

The people who serve on the Executive Committee and all of our committee chairs have performed their duties at almost no cost to council. Total expenses from all the above totaled a whopping \$61.35. When you look at all the work done by these fine people for that amount of money I think you would agree that it's a bargain!

I also think you would agree that this kind of generosity cannot be counted on forever. That is yet another reason to have paid staff. Please take the time to read your letter when it comes in the mail and be as generous as you can. Keep in mind time is money as well, and we could certainly use more help with all the committees if that would suit you better.

Again, I would like to thank everyone that helped make last year the success it was.

Donations to Pa. Council for 2010

The Executive Committee would like to thank the following chapters for their help and generosity: Allegheny Mountain, Tiadaghton TU, Adams County, Doc Fritchey, Penns Creek, Neshannock, Spring Creek, Mountain Laurel, Cumberland Valley TU.

Council recognizes outstanding work with annual awards

The annual Pa. Council of Trout Unlimited Awards were presented to the following chapters and individuals on Oct. 2 at the PFBC Stackhouse Training Facility, Bellefonte, Pa.:

- Best Chapter Project Award – Spring Creek TU
- Best Small Chapter Award – God's Country TU
- Edward Urbas Best Chapter Award – Mountain Laurel TU
- Samuel Slaymaker Award for Best Chapter Newsletter – Tiadaghton TU
- Best Chapter Website Award – Neshannock TU



- Chapter with Greatest % Membership Increase Award – Lackawanna TU
- Chapter with Greatest Total Membership Increase Award – Lackawanna TU
- Dr. Jack Beck Award for Outstanding Youth Outreach – Melissa Reckner
- Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist (Professional) Award – Erika Tomlinson
- Doc Fritchey Award for Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist (TU) – Pete Goodman
- Inky Moore Award for Outstanding Service to Council – Bob Volkmar

HEAD of the POOL

A message from PATU President Dave Rothrock

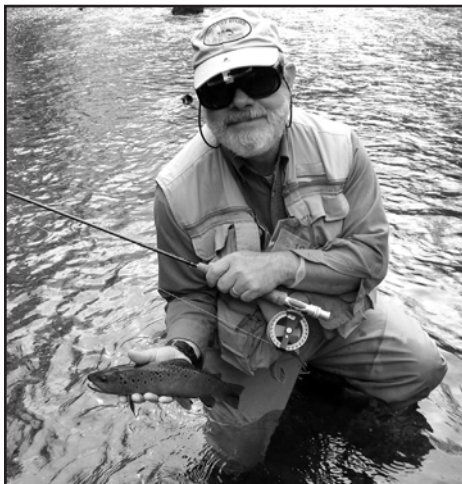
The good, the bad and the ugly

Sounds almost like the title of this column could be used as the title of a movie, don't you think? It actually captures quite well the way I see things from my PATU perspective. Since I'm one who likes to save the best for last I'll cover that which I consider the bad and ugly first.

Marcellus Shale gas drilling and its associated issues are about to drive some of us out of our minds about now. During September and much of October the hot topic was the push for a severance tax. Our General Assembly had promised to pass a severance tax bill by Oct. 1. Yeah, I know, so much for promises. What's the old saying? I believe it goes something like this: "Don't make promises you can't keep." This is just bad.

I attended some meetings regarding the severance tax issue and I was pleased that some of our state legislators were willing to present information which was vital to their constituents' understanding of how the commonwealth's tax structure applies to the gas industry. These companies are set up as LLCs (Limited Liability Corporation) and, as such, don't pay the taxes other businesses pay. The tax rate is significantly lower. Further, the industry receives substantial tax breaks from the federal government. One legislator also pointed out that around 80 percent of the gas consumed by the residents of Pa. originates outside of the commonwealth and is already subject to a severance tax by the state from which the gas originated.

Not all of what I heard from some of our legislators pleased me. I heard how some of them were concerned that enacting a severance tax may greatly hinder the industry's efforts in various ways. I also heard that some felt strongly that the industry should be able to access the gas deposits even when some land owners refuse to lease their land. These legislators are proponents of forced pooling which would allow the industry to access gas deposits even though some landowners



resist. Further, there could be provisions to penalize those landowners who resist. I interpret this as forced taking strictly for private gain. This is downright ugly!

I was made aware, only within the last few days, that former Gov. Tom Ridge has called on newly-elected Gov. Tom Corbett to enact a severance tax, even though Corbett has taken a position for no new taxes. Is Ridge's call a bright spot or is it just smoke and mirrors. I guess time will tell.

To find something about which I can feel good I have only to look within PATU. There are definitely some good things going on.

With the elections held at the annual fall meeting we have welcomed some new regional vice presidents. In the past, someone new to the PATU Executive Committee ended up flying by the seat of their pants, so to speak. The PATU executive officers realized that an orientation/training for those elected would help to ensure a smooth transition and also help the folks in these positions to better understand their role and help them to function more effectively. I'm not aware of anything like this having been provided for newly elected PATU members since I have been involved in State Council. This is good!

Hopefully, many of you have logged onto the PATU website recently. For those of you who have not, I encourage you to do so. Paul Raubertas, our website guru, has done a fantastic job in his effort to make the website more appealing and user-friendly.

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*Minutes of the
Annual Membership and
Executive Committee meetings
PFBC Stackhouse Training Facility
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Annual Membership Meeting October 2, 2010

Bylaw revisions as advertised in the Summer issue of *Pa. TROUT* were unanimously approved and adopted.

The following slate of officers were unanimously approved and elected for fiscal year ending 2011: President – Dave Rothrock; Vice Pres. – Brian Wagner; Vice Pres. – Rick Carlson; Treasurer – George Kutskel; Secretary – Bob Pennell; Northeast Region VP – Greg Malaska; Northcentral Region VP – Bob Volkmar; Northwest Region VP – Tom Buser; Southeast Region VP – Fred Gender; Southcentral Region VP – Fred Bohls; Southwest Region VP – Chuck Winters.

The annual PATU awards were presented to winning chapters and individuals. (See page 2 for a complete list of winners.)

Executive Committee Meeting October 3, 2010

Officers in attendance: Dave Rothrock, Brian Wagner, George Kutskel, Bob Pennell, Ken Undercoffer, Jack Williams, Tom Buser, Bob Volkmar, Greg Malaska, Fred Gender, Fred Bohls and Chuck Winters.

President Rothrock convened the meeting at 8:40 a.m. Minutes of the June 26, 2010 EXCOM meeting were approved on a motion by Gender/seconded by Rothrock.

Treasurer's Report was approved on a motion to receive and file by Wagner/seconded by Bohls. Kutskel reminded everyone that chapter financial reports must be filed electronically with National TU by Nov. 15. Chapters who don't file will be placed on probation for one year with the reminder that they are subject to de-chartering for failure to file again next year.

Development Committee: Kutskel stated that PATU needs to have paid staff

to handle the volume of business we are currently faced with. A year-end fund-raising letter to support staff expense is proposed for mailing to the 12,000-plus members of the state council. Fund-raising training for chapters is also proposed in conjunction with the January, 2011 EXCOM meeting.

Education Committee: John Randolph has been identified as a candidate to chair this newly-constituted committee, but we will probably not have his decision until early next year.

Communications Committee: Pennell will act as chair of this new committee, and a meeting will be held in the near future to develop plans for coordinating the efforts of those individuals involved with our website and newsletter.

Membership Committee: The results of a very comprehensive membership survey conducted by Malaska were reviewed. Malaska has agreed to continue as chair of this committee in addition to his newly-elected position as NE Regional VP. Regional reps are to be recruited to assist in the membership program Malaska is developing.

Youth Committee: A motion by Kutskel/seconded by Gender was approved for Deb Nardone to send letter to the Penn State Cooperative Extension supporting the creation of a curriculum of Marcellus initiatives for teachers.

Adult Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Camp: Mike Klimkos reported that the dates of March 20-23, 2011, are set for the adult camp at Allenberry. Enrollment will be limited to 30 people, and the projected cost is \$500 per person. A motion by Bohls/seconded by Williams was approved to run the finances through PA Council, with National TU contributing to the costs. Council will also consider opting for an additional \$25K in medical liability coverage which is available through National TU at a cost of \$110 per year.

Legislative Committee: Bohls stressed that additional contact with state senators is essential to getting a Marcellus severance tax enacted. It was also stated that Council needs to coordinate its legislative efforts with those of National TU. Assistance from the regional VPs was requested by Bohls in

identifying local chapter contacts familiar with their state legislators.

Stream Access Committee: Assistance from the regional VPs was requested by Winters in identifying chapters who hold conservation easements, including descriptions of these easements. A draft stream access brochure was distributed and Winters was requested to re-submit as a Word document for final editing by Pennell.

Environmental Committee: Deb Nardone reported that PATU CCC training sessions are being planned for this fall in the NC and NE regions. A meeting with Scott Perry at DEP is to be scheduled this fall to discuss the need for a DEP district office, and also water withdrawal issues in the Ohio River basin. It was also suggested that this committee needs to convene a meeting in the near future to develop a punch list of activities and assign tasks to its members.

Trout Management Committee: Rothrock will discuss with Dick Soderberg the addition of Undercoffer as co-chair of this committee, based on his involvement with the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture.

Coldwater Heritage Partnership: Nardone reported that 62 grants for both planning and implementation have been completed to date, and the current round of grant applications will close on Dec. 17. Rothrock reported that he, Nardone and Elizabeth Maclin of National TU have agreed to teleconference at least once a month to keep each other current on their respective activities.

Trout in the Classroom: Samantha Kutskel has been hired as an AmeriCorps rep to serve as Council's program coordinator, effective Oct. 4. The TIC program plan for 2011 was approved on a motion by Gender/seconded by George Kutskel.

National Leadership Council: Williams reported that all chapter bylaws must be updated by the end of 2011, using the model bylaws recently adopted by National TU. Council's strategic plan is to be completed and submitted to National TU by mid-October. Williams reminded the group that his term as NLC rep will be up, and Council will need to name a replacement by the end of this fiscal year.

Council has been requested to host

TU's 2012 annual meeting, and Pennell has furnished the Spring Creek Chapter with meeting guidelines in consideration of holding the meeting in State College. Based on SCTU's board approval as local host chapter, further details will be presented for approval to proceed at the January EXCOM meeting. Williams is to contact the New Hampshire Council to discuss the logistics of hosting an annual meeting.

Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture: Undercoffer will meet with John Arway on Oct. 6 to discuss the EBTJV program as it relates to the current direction of PFBC's Trout Plan.

Other Issues: The Little Lehigh Chapter

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There's still much to be done and I'm really excited about what we'll have when the work is complete. A big "Thanks!" goes out to Paul for all of his work. He should be proud. He's doing really well, and that's good!

There is a lot going on within PATU. It is difficult and, at times, impossible to keep up with everything. Something is popping up all of the time and, as volunteers, we may miss something or we may not move quickly enough on a hot issue. It is our responsibility to do our best to stay on top of the issues which pose a threat to our coldwater resources. This is an enormous task. Sometimes we may fall short on ad-

in the NE Region has considered de-chartering due to lack of membership interest/involvement. It was suggested by Gender that LLTU President Stacy Reed might benefit from meeting with Valley Forge TU's Owen Owens to obtain guidance, in conjunction with scheduling two or three chapter meetings over the next six months to determine the feasibility of re-constituting the chapter.

2011 EXCOM Meeting Dates: The following dates were established, with the locations to be confirmed with PFBC: Saturday, Jan. 8; Saturday, March 26; Sunday, June 26; Sunday, Oct. 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

-- Bob Pennell, PATU secretary

dressng an issue. That's bad. Sometimes, by our falling short in a response or action, we can see something turn ugly. So far we've been lucky.

In order to be able to address issues and even the daily workings of PATU we need to change the way we do business. We need to be in a position to bring aboard a full-time executive director. We need to do more than just talk about this, we need to be in a position to act upon it. When we make this happen, for PATU this will be good!



Isles named Pa. TROUT newsletter editor

Brad Isles has been selected by PATU to replace Linda Steiner as editor of the Pa. TROUT newsletter. Steiner retired as editor after the Summer 2010 issue.

Isles, a writer, designer and website content manager, is a former newspaper editor from Grove City, Pa. He is a member of the Neshannock Chapter of TU and the Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association. He can be reached at bisles@live.com or PO Box 23, Grove City, PA 16127.

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tions and a round table discussion on trout and fisheries science. There is time set aside to discuss issues relevant to coldwater conservation.

Afternoons have been set aside to provide ample time for students to fish in the Yellow Breeches at the Allenberry Resort or explore Letort Spring Run, Big Spring or Falling Spring, all within a short drive of Allenberry. Students may also contract on their own with professional guides from the area for additional personalized angling instruction.

John Arway, executive director of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission has agreed to provide the opening keynote address. Sunday evening, March 20, will include a meet-and-greet event with fly fishing and conservation luminaries.

The classes include, at this point:

- Stream Etiquette – World Peace Begins Here – Rod Cross
- Basic Geology – Dr. Barry Scheetz, PSU
- Aquatic Entomology – Dr. Greg Hoover, PSU
- Wetlands and Why They are Important
- The Biology of Pollution
- Basic and Advanced Fly Tying
- Bugs and Their Imitations – Dave Rothrock
- Advanced Casting Techniques – Dave

Rothrock

- Stream Habitat and What You Need to Know Before You Begin – Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Staff
- The Politics of Water – Dan Hill, Esq.
- A Discussion About Trout

The camp is intended for adults 21 years of age and older. The cost per student is \$500 for double occupancy rooms. An additional charge will be applied for students who want a single occupancy room or wish to bring a non-participating spouse or other guest. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis beginning in November.

The type of students that the event hopes

to recruit are those Trout Unlimited and other conservation organization members who are active in the organization but wish to learn more about the science and history behind the fishing.

These students may not have a science background but have a strong interest in conserving, protecting and restoring North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.

For further information or to be placed on the mailing list please contact: Michael Klimkos, klimkos@embarqmail.com, 717-243-3056; or Advanced Rivers Conservation Camp, PO Box 71; Boiling Springs, PA 17007- 0071.

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Trout in the Classroom News

by Samantha Kutskel

Trout in the Classroom Outreach Coordinator

I would like to take an opportunity to introduce myself. I am Samantha Kutskel the new AmeriCorps/Trout in the Classroom Outreach Coordinator for PATU.

I will be working with all of the program partners to help implement Trout in the Classroom (TIC) throughout the year. TIC has already started for this year with eggs having been shipped to schools on Nov 2. If chapters haven't done so, they should be contacting their schools to set up the release day and other activities.

The new TIC website is up and running.

The website contains information needed to obtain and run a successful TIC program. There are sections for both teachers and program partners, so please check it out at www.patrouintheclassroom.org.

The new grant round opens on Dec. 6, 2010. There will be both start-up and existing program grants. For more information and an application please visit the website. There are a few changes in the application this year, so please make sure you read the whole thing.

I will be traveling around to chapters in the next few months to talk about TIC. If you would like me to attend your chapter meeting, please contact me as soon as possible to set up a date.

We now have TIC education trunks for program partners. These trunks are full of educational activities, handouts, vid-

eos and books to help program partners implement the program. The trunks can be signed out by program partners to help get the program. Please contact me for more information.

The PATU newsletter will feature an article every quarter showcasing a specific classroom that a chapter is working closely with. I would like the article to be written by the chapter, and it should be about what the school and the chapter are working on together. These articles can be sent to me any time throughout the year. I will pick one to be placed in the newsletter.

If you have any questions please e-mail or call me. I am excited about this year and look forward to working with all of you!

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was first proposed by Gov. Ed Rendell in October of 2009.

Their study shows that across the country, more than 96 percent of the natural gas is produced in the 14 states that currently impose a severance tax. With potential reserves in Pennsylvania representing the largest share of the estimated 500 trillion cubic feet of natural gas in the Marcellus Shale field, it certainly stands to reason that the oil and gas industry is not about to turn its back on this valuable resource due to the levying of a reasonable severance tax.

The industry typically argues that this tax would place them at a competitive disadvantage in expanding their exploration efforts in Pa. compared to the other states. What they don't typically tell the public, however, is that they already receive other tax breaks and incentives in the state.

For instance, unlike other mineral industry extractions, there are no local property taxes levied on production of oil and gas. And the costs associated with producing and transporting the gas are typically lower in Pa. due to higher concentrations of methane in Marcellus Shale gas and the proximity to the major east coast markets.

Many, if not most, of the major exploration companies are incorporated as

limited liability companies (LLCs) which allow these companies to pay much lower (3.07%) tax rates than the higher (9.99%) rates typically imposed on corporations in Pa. In addition, federal law allows these companies to deduct their drilling costs in the year incurred rather than over the life of the well production.

While at this time it would appear that a majority of our legislators either favor a tax or at least are willing to concede that it is inevitable, there are still formidable hurdles to overcome. Agreement on the tax rate, and how it is applied and allocated, is the principal impediment to passage.

A variety of bills have been introduced with widely varying rates and schemes for using the tax income. A House-amended Bill which passed muster on Oct. 8 was later rejected when returned to the Senate for a final vote, and the Senate then ended their current legislative session without passage. Of even greater importance than simply enacting the tax is how the projected income will be used.

It should already be evident to anyone who has even a casual knowledge of Marcellus-related issues that in spite of environmental safeguards, accidents have already occurred ... and will likely increase proportionately with the projected ramp-up in drilling activity.

It should also be apparent to anyone who lives in or has traveled in the northern tier

of our state in the past year that the huge increase in heavy truck traffic is exerting its toll on highways and secondary roads which were never designed to carry these kinds of loads. There must be funds allocated to cover these eventualities.

By the time you read this, the elections will be over and we will be dealing with a whole new cast of characters, be they Democrat or Republican. Regardless of your political persuasion, pressure must be exerted on the new governor and legislative side of state government to pass a severance tax that allocates the lion's share of the income to environmental and infrastructure needs. According to the environmental watchdog organization PennFuture, the oil and gas industry has spent over \$3 million in political campaign contributions and more than \$5 million in lobbying efforts to date to defeat a tax which ultimately benefits all Pennsylvanians.

Let's keep in mind what happened to our rivers and streams during the last century when the coal industry largely walked away from their obligation to clean up their mess. We can't match the dollars expended by the oil and gas industry, but collectively our voices can, and will, make a difference ... but only if they are heard. **Take the time now to phone, write, e-mail, or even better, visit your elected representatives and tell them what you think!**

How to receive your issue of Pa. TROUT

As previously announced, Pa. Council has made the decision to cease mailing printed newsletters to its members. Beginning with this issue, a limited number of copies will continue to be printed, and the following options are available to ensure that you have access to future issues of Pennsylvania TROUT:

1. You will automatically receive an electronic copy by e-mail, provided your e-mail address on file with National TU is current. If not, log on to www.tu.org and update your e-mail address as follows:

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The goal in changing our method of distributing future newsletters is to save a substantial amount of money that can be used instead for other worthwhile projects related to achieving Pa. Council's mission: "To conserve, protect, restore and sustain Pennsylvania's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds, especially our wild trout resources." It is our belief that this move serves the best interests of our PA Trout Unlimited members.

-- Bob Pennell, Council Secretary

Book on Pa.'s Spring Creek available for purchase

Pennsylvania Council is offering for sale copies of Dan Shields's "Fly Fishing Pennsylvania's Spring Creek," at a cost of \$20 each, including tax and shipping.

All fly-rodders should appreciate this book about the Centre County stream that has played such a significant role in the development of the sport and, even more importantly, how it has proven the benefits of catch-and-release as a fisheries conservation tool. The author examines what makes

this fishery what it is, its angling history and, of course, the fly patterns and techniques for successfully fishing this limestone stream.



The author is a former partner of a State College fly shop and one of the first to become a Federation of Fly Fishers certified

casting instructor in the eastern U.S. Dan teaches fly fishing and fly casting, with over 2,500 students to his credit.

Dan also authored the "Penns Creek River Journal" and compiled the book, "George Harvey: Memories, Patterns and Tactics." To quote Joe Humphreys: "Fly Fishing Pennsylvania's Spring Creek is a 'must read' for anyone interested in fishing and conserving Spring Creek."

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Brodheads chapter traditionally doesn't meet during July and August, but that doesn't mean that we are not involved in some endeavor! The chapter sent two boys, Spencer Yeakel and Dan Bartron, to the Rivers Conservation School at Allenberry Resort. During July, we sent three campers to the Monroe County Conservation Camp. We then provided a program demonstrating fly tying, taught the participants to cast and showed them a PowerPoint presentation on the insects that fly fishermen use of imitations of while fishing. Will Daskal gave the PowerPoint presentation; he designed it and put it on our website. Bob Stevens and Spencer Yeakel demonstrated tying several flies. While some campers watched the demonstrations, the rest of the group learned simple casting techniques from Ed Filipkowski, Carl Meyer, and me. The director of the camp, Roger Spotts, was very happy that Spencer was part of our group since he is an alumnus of the camp. He made sure the campers all knew that just the year before Spencer had attended and pointed how he had developed into an instructor. I finally got a chance to help Heide Cebrick and her husband Dave with a Project Healing Waters outing. We were guests of the Arrowhead Lakes Fishing Club, and the veterans fished the lake for bass with fly rods. Bob Eddy, a longtime Brodheads board member, was instrumental in arranging this trip for the veterans. The Arrowhead Lakes

Club put on a barbecue for the Healing Waters group, and assisted them with fishing. They have already invited them back next year. In August, Mike Schwartz, Gerry Bortz and I assisted Heide with another Healing Waters trip to Lackawanna State Park. Each person who had the wonderful experience of helping these veterans came away "hooked" and is anxious to help again. On Aug. 8, Don Baylor, Spencer Yeakel, Will Daskal, Frank Russo, Gerry Bortz and I presented at the Brodhead Watershed Association's Michaels Ramble at two stations along the stream. Don demonstrated insect sampling at a station near the Pohoqualine Fishing Association. The rest of us demonstrated casting (hands on) and explained the stream improvement project in the delayed harvest section of the stream. In September, Heide Cebrick put on a presentation on Healing Waters for our chapter meeting. George Sappah helped out at the fishing station at the Monroe County Youth Field Day, while I provided demonstrations on retrieving with my three Golden Retrievers at the dog handling station. The event is in its 16th year and I have been involved with my dogs every year. Our chapter supports the program with donations and personnel. In October, we had Art Weiler speak about making bamboo rods and demonstrate splitting bamboo, which he does by hand.

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The chapter currently has a website under construction at forkstu.org. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, except July and August, at Stockertown Rod & Gun Club, at 7 p.m. The chapter is selling raffle tickets for our annual Holiday Raffle. Drawing is Dec. 1. The chapter sold tickets for PATU Trout in the Classroom. The chapter assisted with two Martins Jacoby Watershed Association habitat projects on Martins Creek in June. In partnership with the Bushkill Stream Conservancy, the chapter contracted Don Baylor from Aquatic Resource Consulting to perform two fish studies on Bushkill Creek. The first was done on Sept. 3 and the second on Sept. 18. Macro-invertebrate studies will follow in the spring. We conducted our summer Adopt-a-Highway cleanup. The chapter is preparing for five Trout in the Classroom set-ups for this school year. We participated in the second annual Hunting and Fishing Expo at the Phillipsburg Mall (NJ) on Sept. 25 and 26. We also attended a Lehigh River Trout work group meeting on Sept. 30.

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We have a good working relationship between board members and committee chairs, organizing stream cleanup and meetings, the fly tying course raffle and the combined meeting of Lehigh Valley Chapters in March. No other fund-raisers are scheduled to date. We are still working with the PFBC along with leaders of the Bertsch Hokendauqua Catasaquaque Watershed Association on a stream bank restoration project. The start date was to be mid-October on Hokendauqua Creek, upstream from the covered bridge North of Kreidersville. A fall stream cleanup was planned. TIC will be conducted by Janet Reichelderfer, a Hokendauqua TU member and science teacher at Catasaquaque High School. Fertilized eggs will be obtained in November for this activity. This program was held at Sky Top Lodge again this year (in September) and our chapter donated flies for the event. A breast cancer survivor, Mrs. Cathy Gray from our area found out about the event when she attended one of our fishing clinics at the Women in the Outdoors program in June. She applied and was accepted to participate. She attended a recent monthly meeting and related how educational and rewarding the event was for herself and other participants. She plans to attend our fly tying classes in January and February and take up fly fishing. On Aug. 7, 15 members of Hokey TU assisted 150 youths age 7-14 at this annual event at Ontelaunee Rod and Gun Club. We helped with the fishing contest. There were 226 fish caught throughout the day, the largest a 13¼-inch bass. Our biggest reward was to have the kids come up to us at the end of their sessions and thank us for fishing with them. We handed out six free fly tying course certificates to children interested in wanting to take the course. Our second event this year was held on the Little Lehigh Creek in Allentown on Oct. 2. Additional report of this event will be forthcoming. Our fall edition of the chapter newsletter will be posted on our website.

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The chapter started a fly fishing education

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program in conjunction with Keystone College to try and infuse some youth into our program. We worked diligently with Keystone and PFBC to obtain a \$5,000 grant to purchase all equipment needed for the program. We are still in the process of tweaking our website. Our 2010 spring banquet was an overwhelming success. We are now in the planning stage for our 2011 spring banquet. We are watching the ongoing activities of natural gas drilling throughout our watershed. A private enterprise has purchased real estate in Carbondale, Pa. for the sole purpose of mixing fracturing material to then be shipped to Marcellus drilling sites. They plan on drawing water for this purpose from the Lackawanna River, a world class fishery. We will keep state council posted on the effects this may have on the river and fishery.

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We recently received the final revised minutes of the Saucon Creek Proposed Cooperative Nursery meeting held in February at the City of Bethlehem's Parks and Public Property Office. The meeting was orchestrated to determine the direction this proposal should take and allow for the exchange of information and option. The Saucon co-op group is seeking to secure city support and grant funding in an attempt to establish a trout nursery in a spring fed raceway that discharges into the Saucon Creek. The Saucon is a Class A wild trout stream and under special regulation in that area. In addition to the co-op group, participants included the City of Bethlehem, PFBC, PFBC-WCOs, Lehigh University, PATU, Monocacy Chapter TU and PA-DEP via phone. The City of Bethlehem expressed a lack of funds and the personnel to support a nursery but would support if all concerns were met and if the sponsor would fund the project in full. PFBC cited that the creek's high quality designation may not allow nursery discharge that would most likely contain chemicals and antibiotics needed to treat sick fish in the nursery. DEP regulations state that any new facility discharging into a high quality stream would require a general permit and comply with non-degradation standards. This essentially means that certain chemicals and antibiotics be "non-detectable at the lowest method detection limit." DEP emphasized that such a standard is difficult to meet and an additional permit would be required to justify a level above the standard. Ultimately the PFBC recommended that the Saucon co-op group hire an environmental engineer to conduct a feasibility study, complete

all the permitting paperwork and work with DEP to address DEP's critical issues. The co-op group would be responsible for the cost of the study and were made aware the results of the study maybe that the nursery is not feasible. Brian Wagner, PATU, Dr. Ted Burger and this writer represented TU. Our concerns included the negative impact on macro invertebrates, degradation of water quality, nursery escapees transmitting disease/interbreeding with wild stock, storm water issues and the lack of a sound conservation approach. Our chapter appreciates the support of PATU in our efforts to halt such a proposal. Although the Saucon Creek is not our home water, we are strong in our convictions that such a nursery is in direct opposition of TU's mission statement. We feel this is a critical issue that needs a TU presence, especially in that the Saucon no longer has a TU chapter and we did absorb some of their former members. We will continue to monitor this situation and maintain a presence in this issue. In other chapter news, member Erik Broesicke is our representative working with the City of Bethlehem and American Rivers on a proposed dam removal on the Monocacy Creek in Johnston Park. It has been receiving favorable response so far. We are all aware of the benefits of dam removal from a fishery perspective, but a removal in this area will also aid in controlling flood damage to this 18th century colonial industrial site. Success of this project will hopefully launch other removals as well. Earlier this year, member Eddie Hart recapped his experience at the 2009 Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp with an impressive PowerPoint presentation. The Lehigh Val-

ley TU Chapter's 8th Annual Spring Banquet was once again a huge success. Don Baylor presented Pocono Streams to a standing room only crowd. Our annual stream cleanup and membership fishing outing to fish the sulphur hatch on the Monocacy rounded out the year.

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Meetings were not held during July and August. September opened our 2010-11 season with a presentation by fly fishing pro George Daniel, 2008 U.S. National Fly Fishing Champion. George presented fly casting techniques. A "Fisherman's Flea Market" was held Oct. 12. Wyoming Valley Fly Tyers meets the third Tuesday of each month and is open to anyone interested in the art of fly tying. Attendees are encouraged to bring their vise and materials. September's featured tyer was Richard Gren-cavich, who demonstrated tube flies. October's featured tyer was Gary Silverstein, who presented the Red Tag fly and photos from his recent trip to Tasmania. Project Healing Waters hosted a fly fishing outing at Lake Ladore in Waymart, Pa. on Sept. 8 for area veterans. In October, participants of Project Healing Waters held a party at the VAMC in Wilkes Barre. Philip Mancini, president of SCTU is featured in the Everhart Museum's SPARCS: Raising Awareness about Water in the Ecosystem exhibit that runs Sept. 24-Dec. 31, 2010. Philip



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presented a hands-on aquatic life program for students enrolled in the Everhart's SPARCS program. The chapter continues to reach the public and members through timely website and e-bulletin updates. Philip Mancini is our webmaster and Mike Matso and Kim Mancini are our e-bulletin editors. The website address is www.SCTU.org and those interested in receiving the e-bulletin can sign up by sending an e-mail to the chapter president, Philip Mancini. Items for inclusion in the e-bulletin may be e-mailed to KimLMancini@verizon.net.

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The chapter has partnered with the Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit for its first-ever Trout in the Classroom project to be held at CLIU's Palmerton Campus. Corinne Durange from the IU will be the teacher in charge and several volunteers from the chapter will partner with other conservation organizations to develop a school year's worth of programming for the students. The chapter held a fall meeting on Sept. 25 in White Haven to elect new officers and develop plans for the future management of the chapter.

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We held our annual picnic and June meeting at Frank M. Kocher Memorial Park in Lightstreet, Pa. Members enjoyed prime rib and all the fixings, including German potato salad made by Carla Wright. The prime rib was prepared by our treasurer and B.J. Ribs restaurant chef Bob Christ. Ed Wytovich of the Catawissa Creek Restoration Association gave us an update on an acid mine remediation project. The park is on the banks of Fishing Creek, so members enjoyed some fishing after the meeting. There were no meetings in July or August.

God's Country Chapter #327

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We have had several workshop meetings with chapter members to facilitate stream monitoring through the PATU Coldwater Conservation Corps program. Monitoring of the headwaters of the Allegheny River and the upper First Fork watershed is now in place and we look forward to receiving two more monitoring kits for the upper Pine and Kettle Creek watersheds. Conversations will be taking place with the Potter County Commissioners to possibly expand the monitoring into a Potter County Waterdog Program to include interested concerned citizens who are not TU members. Marcellus issues continue to be our main focus as people are now starting to see how the "gas rush" will adversely affect their everyday lives. On a brighter note, we received news from Ray Markiewicz, northeast director of Project Healing Waters, that the God's Country chapter Project Healing Waters event has been designated a "National Destination" site. This means that a disabled veteran from anywhere in the country will enter a lottery and be sent to participate in our event because of the quality experience we provide. Navy Capt. Ret. Ed Nicholson, founder of Project Healing Waters, will also attend the May 2011 event to again be held at the Big Moore's Run Fish & Game Preserve.

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As a membership drive, the chapter held a pig roast at Lake Clear Creek in July, hosted by Pacifica Neepier. The pig stuffed with sausage and all the other "dishes to pass" were fantastic. Todd Dellucia, watershed specialist, presented

an excellent program including handouts on the hatches of the Driftwood Branch. The chapter will be taking an active part in monitoring and "watchdogging" our water supplies as the Marcellus Shale drilling becomes more active. We will be partnering with our county conservation districts and the Bucktail Watershed Association.

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We are planning our annual family banquet that will be held at the Southern Clinton County Sportsman's Club on Nov. 5. The program will be presented by Dr. Mel Zimmerman of Lycoming College. The title of his program will be "The Susquehanna River — Good, Bad and Ugly." Over the summer, chapter members participated in a total of nine fishing events which were held at The NE Fishery Center in Lamar. These events involved young children, teenagers, special needs children and senior citizens. Thanks to the folks at the Lamar facility for providing this opportunity for not only those who actively participate, but also for the rewarding experience enjoyed by those who assist the participants. In addition to the fishing events, members assisted at the annual Youth Field Day, conducted a fly tying session at the Clinton County Conservation District's day camp, had a litter pickup on our adopted highway in the Narrows Section of Big Fishing Creek and helped with a habitat improvement project on Big Pine Creek. The chapter placed memorials in the Ross Library in Lock Haven for two deceased members. The students and advisors at Jersey Shore Middle School and Central Mountain Middle School are anxiously preparing for another year of raising trout through the TIC program and the Central Mountain High School is planning on starting a TIC program that we will also sponsor.

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Regular monthly meetings resumed Sept. 15. Robert Young from the local chapter of the Sierra Club spoke on the Readers to Leaders program being sponsored by the chapter. Monthly meetings will continue the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Towne Tavern

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in Lewisburg. Chapter donations received in honor of deceased member Robert Leipold have been put into a "Robert Leipold Memorial Fund" and will be used for special projects.

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On Spring Creek Day each year in October, the Spring Creek Chapter of TU and Clearwater Conservancy jointly present the Spring Creek Heritage Award to an individual who has made unusual contributions to the preservation and protection of Spring Creek. This year we will be presenting the award to a longtime, active, SCTU member and our current secretary of the board, Bob Eberhart. Bob is also very active in the Clearwater Conservancy organization and is the perfect recipient for this award. Last year's award was given to Joe Humphreys. Each summer our chapter, in conjunction with the Centre Region Parks and Recreation Department, sponsors a two-week youth day camp to teach fly fishing to children in grades 5 through 8. This program continues to be a success, with enrollment filling up as soon as it is advertised. Many of our SCTU members volunteer to be mentors for fly tying, field trips or casting practice. This year we plan to review the program, and consider ways to make this program even better. Our star reporter, Chris Hennessey will be heading up this program. Bob Donaldson, a dedicated board member, is moving us forward on three different memorial projects, the most well-known of which will be a fitting tribute to George Harvey. The other two memorials will be for Dave Carson and Tony Gerace. This summer's Steak Fry at Poe Paddy was a success thanks to Jay Lynch and his enthusiasm for grilling outdoors. A nice surprise was running into another chapter of TU having their steak fry at the same time and place. Maybe we should plan it that way next year! The annual banquet is our primary fundraiser and will be held Saturday April 2, 2011 at the Ramada Inn, State College. We can't talk about money without taking our hats off to our treasurer, Rick Van Horn, who keeps our books and keeps us on track financially. Our three-year habitat improvement project has come to a successful close. The Spring Creek Habitat project was a joint effort between our chapter, Clearwater Conservancy, the PFBC and the DCNR. Through grant money from DCNR and matching funds from Clearwater Conservancy and our chapter, we completed a project that greatly improved the fish habitat for our Class

A coldwater stream, Spring Creek. Five areas of Spring Creek were targeted: Fisherman's Paradise, Spring Creek Park in Houserville, the former McCoy Dam site near Bellefonte, PFBC's SR 550 property, and the PSU Sheep Farm area. Restoration activities included installation of 1,539 linear feet of stream bank fence and riparian buffer planting at the PSU Sheep Farm site. More than 100 in-stream fish habitat enhancement structures were installed at all sites, such as mud sills, rock vanes and rock walls. Fish habitat was enhanced or restored, and bank erosion was abated. The planting of trees and re-seeding of grass was included. The funding for this comprehensive project also included two \$5,000 TU Embrace a Stream grants, \$178,000 from DCNR, \$60,000 from NFWF. With in-kind contributions from the PFBC, volunteers and donations, the project easily exceeded \$500,000 in total project benefits. Many TU volunteer hours went into this project, as well as volunteer help from high school students, and PSU students from related environmental subject areas. These young people are now new TU members. Everyone involved was hard working and enthusiastic. Nobody was harder working on the above project than Katie Ombalski, conservation biologist, from Clearwater Conservancy. She continues her hard work along with Clearwater Conservancy in working toward the procurement of the Galbraith Gap property. This property has one of the five remaining native brook trout populations in the Spring Creek Watershed. When acquired, this property will be incorporated into the adjacent Rothrock State Forest. She has enlisted our chapter in assisting with their fund-raising efforts.

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We are currently organizing for our upcoming elections for various offices and board members. During the weekend Sept. 17-19, our chapter sponsored an event we called "Stand Down by the Water" for area veterans similar to the "Healing Waters" program. The event was hosted by our Treasurer, Maj. George Schuler, U.S. Army retired, and board member Ed Vandergrift. The chapter would like to thank area VFWs and other chapter members for supporting this event which was deemed a success. We may get some new chapter members as a bonus for our efforts. We are now in the early stages of planning fund-raising efforts for next year and a committee has been formed. We intend to have our annual spring banquet along with our "Blast 'n Cast" raffle. Our chapter has received a Winston rod

for next year's fund-raising which was donated by an anonymous chapter member. Thanks, Anonymous! The chapter completed the installation of a cross vane deflector which replaced a broken water jack dam in Asaph Run in July with the assistance of the DCNR-Bureau of Forestry and the direction of Mark Sausser of the PFBC. We are also planning to continue work on Asaph next summer. The chapter now has four active Trout in the Classroom projects in Tioga County with the addition of Liberty Elementary School and teacher Ms. Jennifer McCarthy. We wish to thank Babb Creek Watershed Association for funding to make it happen. We are making plans to implement stream monitoring with the equipment and training received for the TU Conservation Corps in July.

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The chapter held no meeting until August. Chapter members Kim Bonfardine, Matt Marusiak, Ken Undercoffer and George Kutskel attended the PATU Coldwater Conservation Corps training held in Emporium in July, and they plan to hold a similar training in DuBois for other chapter members that would like to help monitor Marcellus activity in our area. Eric Wilson and George Kutskel attended the Trout in the Classroom training held at the Stackhouse School in late June. Eric is working with all the schools making sure that all is ready for the upcoming school year. Dr. Colson Blakeslee helped the City of DuBois receive a

grant for an aerator to be used to control weeds at the Tannery Dam, a local trout lake. The grant was from the PA Foundation for Watersheds. The chapter was happy to hear that one of their own was going to head up the Trout in the Classroom for State Council. Congratulations to Samantha Kutskel. Samantha has been the go-to person in setting up the chapter's banquets for the past two years. The chapter is very happy to have her back again. Chapter members Ken Undercoffer, Orwin Srock and George Kutskel participated in the Clearfield County Watershed Festival held at Curwensville Dam. The trio tied flies, demonstrated fly casting and sold Trout in the Classroom raffle tickets. The chapter kicked off its fall meetings in September with a program from Dave Rothrock demonstrating different casting techniques. We

had 26 people attending, and the weather held up as well. In October we held elections. We also voted to change our board meeting night from the first Tuesday to the first Thursday of each month, effective November 2010.

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We had our first meeting in September and discussed Marcellus drilling and how it may affect our area as we are not in the prime drilling zone. It seems there is much greater concern in areas adjacent to us in the southern and eastern parts of the state. We must continue to maintain a watchful eye on this. We expect to have four Trout in the Classroom programs up and running this fall – two in Corry, and the other two in Union City. The program has been very well received and successful. Our chapter conducted a fly tying demonstration at the Corry Rod and Gun Field Day on Oct. 3 in hopes it will attract new members to Trout Unlimited.

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The chapter held no meetings since late May, but that doesn't mean things weren't happening. Chapter members Tom Buser and Nate Welker helped Kelletville Sportsmen's Club and PFBC with habitat improvement work on Ross Run in Forest County on Aug. 14. This is a designated children and handicapped persons stretch of stream. Chapter members Gary Kell

and Tom Buser helped with Allegheny River cleanup on Sept. 13, working on six miles of river, from Indian Waters Canoe rental to the boat launch in Tidioute. Sixty-six volunteers collected all sorts of trash, including 12 bags of recyclables and almost 300 feet of various sizes of metal pipe. Several chapter members were on the river for a cleanup on the Kinzua Dam to Warren stretch of river. This is a great community effort, organized by Piper and Josh Lindell, owners of Indian Waters Canoe Rentals. The chapter will be sponsoring four Trout in Classroom setups this fall. We have gotten some corporate sponsorship so hopefully we will be able to do more with the program this year and next. September 25 was a work day on Morrison Run, focusing on as many habitat improvement structures. Mark Sausser of PFBC has designed 17 structures for Morrison Run and three were installed last year. Kylie Mailand of the Western Pa. Conservancy and WINs Coalition is working with Mike Fadale of the Cornplanter Chapter on grants to fund work on Morrison Run, particularly involving the removal of the two dams which impede fish passage and also contribute to sedimentation and warm-water conditions in the summer. Chapter members also participated in Warren County Youth Field Day at Chapman Dam State Park on July 29, with more than 95 kids, age 6 to 15, receiving instruction in fishing, canoeing and kayaking, shooting sports and other activities. Most importantly, our chapter also provided the donuts. Chapter meetings resumed in late September, and plans are already underway for 2011.

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Jack Williams attended the TU National Meeting in New Hampshire. We did not hold chapter meetings in June, July and August. Regular monthly meetings began on Sept 20 with a picnic at Walter Dick Park in Brookville. Over the summer, an "industrial-size" pile of sawdust, scrap metal and debris were removed from the banks of Piney Creek in Limestone, Pa. This project took over two weeks to complete and more than 100 large tri-axle truck loads were hauled away. Iron Furnace TU and the Alliance for Wetlands and Wildlife jointly own nearly 100 acres along Piney Creek, which is Clarion County's only delayed harvest trout stream. The new section that we purchased two years ago contained the remains of an

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old sawmill. We plan to continue making improvements to land through landscaping and planting vegetation along the riparian corridor and adjacent fields. The land is in much better shape at this time, and the chapter recognizes member Joe Gilligan for doing such a great job in spearheading this project. The chapter sent three members to Warren to participate in the great Allegheny River Cleanup on Sept. 17. The river is in great shape, very clean, and appears to be holding a large number of trout between Kinzua Dam and Warren.

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Plans are already underway for next year's spring banquet, which will be held at the Radisson in West Middlesex on March 26, 2011. Last year was the first time we used the Radisson, but with great food and a fine banquet hall we hope that we have found a home for many years to come. Mark your calendars now and don't miss this fine event. The Deer Creek group finished the last phase of their first project on the Stallsmith property. They constructed two log vane deflectors on Aug. 28 with the help of about a dozen volunteers. Many thanks to Eric Armbrurger and his crew for their hard work on this project. They are already planning another project to start next year to do stream bank stabilization in the Boy Scout camp area of the stream. A workday was held Oct. 9 on Coolspring to do repairs to existing deflectors. Ten volunteers came out on a beautiful fall day to help throw stones and do trail maintenance. A macro-invertebrate identification training class was held this summer with hopes that the participants will use the training to do insect sampling and develop baseline data to help determine water quality issues in the area.

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OCTU is partnering with Meadville Area Middle School to start up Trout in the Classroom this coming fall. Meadville will join other area schools like Titusville, Oil City and Franklin, which have been involved with this program for the past few years. A Clarion University student majoring in Environmental Biology has won the scholarship funded jointly

by the Allegheny Mountain, Iron Furnace and Oil Creek chapters of TU. Applicants for the TU scholarship were evaluated based on academic achievement and a commitment to the conservation of coldwater resources. Our first chapter meeting for the fall was held on Sept. 15. Dwight Landis, author of "Trout Streams of Pennsylvania," presented a program on fly-fishing for trout in central and north central Pennsylvania. His program covered a wide variety of streams, with an emphasis on streams with wild trout populations. OCTU members recently placed angler survey forms on the Catch and Release/Fly Fishing Only section of Little Sandy Creek, at both State Route 62 and Polk Center Pump Station parking areas. Anglers utilizing this special regulations area of Little Sandy Creek were encouraged to take a few moments to complete a survey and provide comments relating to their fishing experience on the stream. Survey forms were placed within mailboxes attached to wooden signs marked "Angler Survey." The results of the survey forms turned in through July 25 can be found on the chapter website at www.oilcreektu.org. They have been very informative and interesting. We are utilizing some of the suggestions to better improve Little Sandy Creek. At the Venango County Youth Field Day event on June 19, the Oil Creek Chapter introduced fly tying to approximately 140 children. Each young student was introduced to the tools, material and application of tying a wooly worm, which they proudly took home. As announced in our spring newsletter, Oil Creek and Little Sandy Creek were stocked with several hundred large trout on Saturday, March 20. Since then we have had many positive reports of some of these fish being caught and released. Also, during the week of May 10th, our neighboring TU chapter, Neshannock Creek, brought 200 very nice brown trout from their nursery for release in Little Sandy Creek. Without this supplement, the fishing would not be nearly as good as it has been, judging from our stream survey reports. A big thank you goes out to coordinator Pete Anthony, his team and the Neshannock Chapter. The 28th annual fundraising banquet is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2011 at the Quality Inn in Franklin. On July 10, eight chapter members undertook the job of repairing and replacing the jack dam on the upper end of the fly fishing project waters on Little Sandy Creek. The original construction occurred in 1988-89. After five hours of hard work the task was completed. All the wood needed to complete this project was donated by Dan 'Huck' Miller through his logging operation. Huck and his scout troop helped us in the original construction of the dam. In addition to the jack dam replacement, we are scheduled to

complete a Growing Greener Grant Project on the Little Sandy with the assistance of Venango County Conservation District. We will place eight diverters located above the trestle area. This should correct and improve bank erosion and improve the holding water on this area of Little Sandy. This project is scheduled to start on Sept. 23. On June 29, the Venango County Dirt and Gravel Road Committee met at the Venango Conservation District's office to discuss and give approval for projects submitted by township supervisors within Venango County. A total of seven proposals were reviewed and scored. Of that seven, six were approved for this year, and the seventh will be resubmitted for next year. Work completed to improve these roadways crossing waterways in the county ultimately impacts positively for trout habitat, water conditions and trout fishing. Since this program's inception, millions of dollars have been spent in the commonwealth for this cause.

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Over the summer, chapter volunteers logged 168 hours, while helping local Boy Scouts earn their fly fishing merit badges at Camp Ockanickon. In September, we attended the Bucks County Fish & Game Youth Field Day and taught all the children how to cast a fly rod and tie a Wooly Worm. Also this summer, we completed a stream temperature survey of the Mill Creek watershed. Thirty-two automated

temperature loggers were installed throughout the watershed and water temperatures were recorded every 30 minutes continuously from July 1 to Sept. 15. Criteria for the placement of temperature loggers were: upstream and downstream of impoundments, at the extreme upstream and downstream ends of stream reaches that lack forested riparian buffer, and in tributaries and upstream and downstream of the tributary-mainstem confluence. With the data collected we will be able to identify thermal impacts to the stream from surrounding land use and from impoundments with a high degree of certainty. We can then proceed with stream restoration projects that will mitigate these thermal impacts.

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Our chapter participated in a stream cleanup orchestrated by Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds on the West Branch of Chester Creek and it proved to be a great success. A lot of big, bulky junk was removed from a pleasant park and trail area. The trash included 28 tires, three drums, a rowboat, a cement trash can, washing machine parts and a kitchen sink. We also installed additional temperature loggers along Ridley Creek at specific locations to monitor temperature changes at along the stream especially in areas stocked with trout.

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The chapter is still looking for candidates to fill the president and vice president positions for

the chapter. We are planning our fund-raisers for the coming year at our next meetings. PVTU completed the third and final phase of our stream bank stabilization project on the West Branch of Perkiomen Creek. This project took three years to complete and was coordinated with the PFBC. The chapter would like to plan a project on Hosensack Creek similar to the one just completed on the Perkiomen.

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Our fall meetings will return to the Yorkville Hose Company instead of the picnic style meetings we enjoyed at Sweet Arrow Lake. Christmas party/meeting will be one of the upcoming highlights. Di Bogdon will again be conducting her fun gift exchange/trading event again. Our main event of the summer was our first ever pig roast. We had this as a changeup from our annual banquet, and it seemed to be a good move. Randy Emerich and Di Bogdon headed up this successful event that will most likely become our annual major fund-raiser. Despite record heat that had some attendees leaving early and others sweltering, raffles, auctions and games did well. Some of the proceeds from the event were donated to help with shoreline reclamation and enhancement as well as handicapped accessibility issues at Schuylkill County Park at Sweet Arrow Lake. Since the lake is being handled as a split-level fishery the trout fishing has responded well. Our chapter, led by Bruce Herb, provided both fly casting and fly tying lessons at the Norm Thornberg Youth Conservation Camp. Bruce and Mary Ann Herb also headed up our efforts at the fishing pond for the county's youth field day. Tony Mione chaired a fly tying and cast-

ing day at the Marysville Sportsman's Club. This was a very successful program that found some of the attendees catching trout on flies they had just tied.

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In May, there was a chapter excursion to Penn's Creek. As always, the stream proved to be both a challenge and rewarding to those that went. July saw a group of the members on a trip to Montana, fishing the Bitterroot, Rock Creek, Madison, Ruby River and Yellowstone to name a few. Some nice trout were brought to net. The chapter was granted two Trout in the Classroom awards that we will have the honor of working on this fall. In August, stream restoration was performed in Huntingdon Valley on a tributary to the Pennypack Creek.

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Elections were held at our regular monthly meeting Sept. 9, and the following new officers were elected: Pete Goodman replaced Jim Nelson as president, and Chuck Cutshall replaced Karl Heine at vice president, external affairs. All other positions were filled by existing members. Our fall fund-raiser, the clean streams raffle, has kicked off. It is a 100 ticket raffle at \$50 per ticket. The first prize is \$1,000 cash. All other prizes have a minimum retail value of \$100. The prizes include gift certificates to Orvis and Lowes, a Weber Grill, artwork, fine dining gift certificates and more. Several items remain active on our "to do" list. Crabby Creek remains a focus. Native brookies were again transferred into upper Crabby this year with the assistance and blessing of the PFBC. The repair of the Crabby's restoration section got a boost when DEP funded a Rapid Response Repair grant application to repair the stream to a stable condition until we can find permanent fix funding. September 25 was National Public Lands Day and we worked to rebuild a stream bend protection revetment in Valley Creek in Valley Forge National Historical Park. Other activities included a walk of the

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affected area with activist residents and board of supervisor members for lands impacted by the Pa. Turnpike widening project in the Valley Forge area. Our negotiations with the Turnpike continue. Lastly, the chapter's involvement with a Chester County Marcellus Shale coalition continues. The coalition continues to grow and have a greater impact. We would offer to the Pa. Council that the Valley Forge Chapter could provide assistance in negotiating with the Pa. Turnpike or PennDOT for projects impacting HV and/or HQ streams with regard to stormwater controls.

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Don Barnhart is working on a website for our chapter. The website should be up and running by next year sometime if everything goes right. The chapter is also working on the budget for 2011. Members have been asked to express their desires for different projects and activities they would like to work on next year. The Adams County Chapter is working on the 2011 banquet. The banquet, which has been held at a local fire company, is the chapter's one fund-raising project for the year. The 2011 event will be the 30th annual banquet, and the chapter is planning a special celebration. The banquet usually draws about 180 people. The chapter has been working on two Adams County streams and assisting with another chapter on sand dosing in another stream. On July 24, members of the Northern Virginia TU chapter

joined with Adams County chapter members for stream work on the Conewago Creek. The work entailed repairing two habitat devices and installing a new bank stabilizing device that is a floating deflector. The new device is more than 90 feet long and is comprised of floating logs, tied to each other at the ends and also to the bank with cables. It is hoped the new structure will control bank erosion during high water and provide cover. A second stream to receive work was Opossum Creek. The project developed under a partnership with the landowner and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Two truckloads of rocks were moved into place and an old device was repaired. The chapter has also been working with the Cumberland Valley TU Chapter for a few years in a limestone sand dosing program on Mountain Creek in an effort to lower the pH in a highly acidic section of water. The chapter is co-sponsoring two Trout in the Classroom programs – one is in the Gettysburg High School and another one is in the Fairfield High School. The Fairfield High School is a new TIC program in our area and started this school year.

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Earlier this year, our chapter established an important agreement with a local hunting club. That club leases hunting rights on a parcel that includes a substantial portion of the Codorus. The parcel has been posted for the last several seasons. Under the agreement, the club allowed fishing through Sept. 18. We furnished and posted the appropriate signage for them, outlining when the stream would close again for private hunting. This deal restored access to more than a half-mile of the stream's Trophy Trout water, but it will be protected during spawning. So far, after the first season, this arrangement has worked out well and many anglers were grateful to have access there again. Fishing will resume in mid-January. We are grateful to the club for their cooperation. The chapter recently applied for a Growing Greener grant to repair approximately 500 feet of heavily damaged stream bank. We have a contractor on board, a design completed and a cooperating landowner. An unusually intense storm brought a deluge of rain earlier this season, which made the damage even worse, so we're hopeful we can make some much-needed repairs. Fortunately the storm also flushed a great deal of silt which should benefit spawning in the Codorus this fall. We're continuing to monitor the construc-

tion of the new sewage treatment plant in the upper Codorus watershed. So far there haven't been any problems during the construction of the plant. The dry summer has worked to our benefit. The plant is scheduled to begin operations in the first quarter of 2011. Because of the impending startup of the sewer plant, we'd like to gather some baseline data to establish a "before picture" of the creek. We've made some minor progress toward this goal, and need to step up our efforts to gather the data we need.

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We held our annual family picnic at the Al-lenberry Resort. We had great food, a fly casting competition and a bucket raffle of donated items. The raffle went well and board member Mike Danko won the casting competition. Our annual "Last Supper" event which was originally initiated to mark the end of trout season was a get together at Vince's Meadow on the Letort to share food and spirits and was successful. Our Healing Waters project was held at board member Gene Giza's on the Yellow Breeches and also went well both with regards to the fishing and gratifying to be able to visit with these warriors who have sacrificed so much for all of us. The fish cooperated and some participants were on the stream until dark. We met with Sen. Pat Vance to impress upon her our concern about the effect of the Marcellus Shale drilling on the environment, especially the aquifers and coldwater streams. I am pleased to report that she will support the proposed legislation which involves a tax on the extraction process, portions of which will go to the PFBC and Department of Environmental Protection. Our "feet in the stream" gang removed downed trees and limbs in "The Run" below Children's Lake in Boiling Springs and removed invasive weeds from the Letort, as well as maintenance of stream access in the fly fishing only area. We were joined by participants from the Cumberland County Juvenile Probation Program who now routinely help when requested. We are extremely pleased that work resumed on the restoration of the upper portion of Big Spring covered by our grant. It should be completed in a month or so. It involved dam removal, realignment and narrowing of the stream, creation of fish cover, bank protection and appropriate riparian planting. The purpose was to improve the habitat for the native brook trout. We think they will thrive.

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We have received additional funding from a Pa. Dept. of Community & Economic Development grant for our Rausch Creek passive treatment project. We reorganized our chapter in preparation for our annual meeting in September, and a slate of officers and board members was chosen and publicized. We are planning a memorial in memory of Russell Blessing, creator of the Woolly Bugger and a longtime member of our chapter, to be placed on one of his favored stretches of Manada Creek. We completed a major restoration project at the O'Gorman property on Clark's Creek, installing four structures with the helping hands of Karl Lutz of the PFBC. Many thanks to the wonderful support from the O'Gorman family who provided manpower and equipment to accomplish the task. We also removed a small man-made dam on Manada Creek, and used the rocks to build a structure to mitigate bank erosion and provide fish habitat. Our banquet committee is in the midst of reorganizing, and we have made arrangements for the site of our banquet in April 2011.

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Mark McMaster has created a new website for the chapter and it is now up and running. A Big Brother, Big Sister fishing day was held at Dr. Hugh Wenger's farm at Elizabethtown in August. The Conowingo Creek project on the Herb Weaver farm is currently ongoing with contractor Flyway Excavation and Mark Metzger's Wild Resources. This project is funded by federal 319 funds. The Climbers Run project just started Sept. 14 due to delays in receiving our permit from DEP. This project is in partnership with US Fish & Wildlife Service. This is funded by Donegal TU and donations from three utility companies and is expected to cost about \$40,000.

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Meetings are held every first Monday of the month starting at 7 p.m. at the Norlo Park office just off Route 30 in Chambersburg. FSTU's banquet was held on Oct. 2 at the Marine Corps facility in Chambersburg. Live and silent auctions, and bucket raffles were featured, with the buffet dinner at 6 p.m. Supplies have been purchased and FSTU will be working with Chambersburg Area High School for their Trout in the Classroom project.

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New fingerlings arrived in early September. Being larger than normal, we had to stock 1,000 to reduce crowding. The Open House event was a success with more than 30 people in attendance over five hours and more than 13 volunteers helping to set up and run the day. MCTU showcased its accomplishments by having tours of the trout and native plant nurseries on the grounds, a wild vs. stocked trout tank for folks to compare the trout, and even native minnow species from a local stream, a Trout in the Classroom exhibit, a streamside incubator to demonstrate this successful program, and even a recent stream improvement project on site to show on a small scale what stream structures do to abate erosion. We also had raffles, sold food and merchandise to make a tidy little profit for the day. The Pine Run Growing Greener II project has begun with surveying and wetland delineation. The construction contractor awarded the project work through a rigorous competitive bid process is Aquatic Resource Restoration Company. The GG II grantee is the Watershed Alliance of York who partnered with MCTU to apply for funding because of their incorporation status. MCTU is responsible for site supervision, project reporting and a pledge of \$5,000 in labor and \$5,000 in plant material for the riparian buffer along this 1,700-foot section of Pine Run. A detailed water temperature study was performed in the watershed after four straight days of 90-plus degree temperatures in mid-July. Maintenance was performed at our native plant nursery to prepare plants for the upcoming Pine Run project.

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In August, the chapter worked with the Shade Mountain Chapter of the Wild Turkey Federation with their annual youth field day. Eight chapter members taught fly tying and worked with the youths at the fishing station. A total of 65 youths went thru all the station setups. We see a number of returnees, but also many new ones getting their first taste of fly tying and fishing. The youths caught and released numerous fish. At our September meeting, Larry Winey updated us on the three TIC programs we will be active in this year. We have one elementary school and two high schools working with the chapter. Don Douple gave us another presentation on mayflies. Don's photography and video work is excellent, and his knowledge of the aquatic life is amazing. A discussion of the upcoming officer elections was also held. In October, Spencer Miller and Owen Welch spoke about their experiences as members of this year's USA Youth Fly Fishing Team which competed in Slovakia in August. The USA1 team finished in fourth place this year.

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Arrowhead's sole fund-raising activity is its annual banquet held in mid-March of each year at the CU Club in Ford City. Arrowhead TU does not hold monthly meetings for July and August.

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and thus the activities over the summer months are limited. Several officers and members cleaned Arrowhead's nursery raceways in June prior to receipt of approximately 3,500 brown trout fingerlings furnished by the PFBC. Three chapter members also assisted Blair County TU relative to stream restoration work on a Class A wild trout stream near Altoona. We continue to pursue the possibility of a second DHALO on Plum Creek in Armstrong County where such is on hold pending approval by PFBC officials.

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The chapter anticipates one new Trout in the Classroom (TIC) Project in the Albert Gallatin Area School District in the 2010-11 school year. The election of officers and board of directors will occur in early December. This is a great opportunity for members of the chapter to get involved. Jonathan Run – Regulatory agencies don't seem interested in meeting to discuss the current situation, proposed treatment and implementation schedule to return Jonathan Run to its Exceptional Value designation along with restoring and maintaining a native brook trout population. The results of analysis on Morgan Run that was paid for by a \$1,000 grant from Dominion Gas revealed an aluminum concentration in Morgan Run of approximately 1.4 mg/l. The source of the aluminum is believed to be acidic seeps located a significant distance downstream from the discharge of the

AMD treatment system. Additional sampling is planned in the spring of 2011. The chapter authorized a sampling for later this fall to monitor parameters such as iron, aluminum, manganese, alkalinity, etc. at critical points within the AMD treatment system. Glade Run – Samples have been collected to document water quality from the alkaline sand addition this summer. Later this fall, each of the alkaline sand addition sites on Glade Run, Big Pine and Little Piney will be visited. The sand may be pushed closer to the stream, or additional sand may be placed as required. Another round of sampling and alkaline sand addition is anticipated in the spring of 2011. We continue to pursue additional funding for this successful and cost effective treatment for mitigating acidic flows and restoring the biological integrity of the stream.

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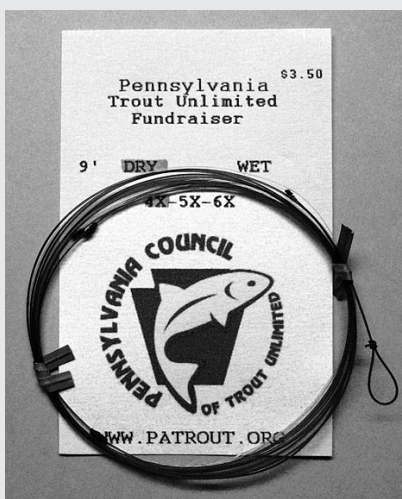
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Chapter officers continued to put together a wide selection of meeting programs to satisfy the desires of our many members. Our program year ended in September, so we devoted that meeting to getting input from members on the kinds of future programs they most want. The chapter joined the newly-formed Conservation Coalition for the Laurel Highlands, and is a founding member of a more local Loyalhanna Watershed environmental coalition. Our application was approved and we were awarded a Prudential Insurance Company grant to help

purchase limestone sand required annually for our Rock Run trout stream restoration project. We got an early start soliciting raffle prizes for our annual banquet to be held in March, 2011. A noted western rod company donated a bamboo fly rod blank that a chapter member is finishing as a replica Leonard Catskill model 39DF. During the summer, the chapter participated in restoring and protecting Naugle Run in Ligonier Township. Heavy rains caused this small freestone stream to flood the grounds of the Compass Inn, a restored 1799 stagecoach stop, and threaten the historic log barn. These historic buildings, on the National Register of Historic Places, are now better protected from high water by in-stream structures that also provide excellent trout habitat for this important coldwater tributary of the Class A wild trout stream Laughlinton Run. Members of the chapter worked with the board of the Ligonier Valley Historical Society and owners of the Compass Inn, to get the project approved. The Loyalhanna Watershed Association secured a grant to fund the work, and their Youth Conservation summer interns contributed their labor. The PFBC designed the project and supervised construction. The Western Pa. Conservancy and the Westmoreland County Conservation District facilitated the permitting process and participated on-site. The chapter was awarded a local history preservation award for that work. "We sure learned a lot about trout fishing this year." That remark was heard after August's meeting when Laurel Highlands Guide Services dragged in their Clackacraft drift boat for us to admire, and took us to school on fishing the Youghiogheny River, a bottom-fed tailwater

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fishery in our neck of Penn's Woods. And it was no beginner's remark. It came from one of our long-time members and ace fly fishermen. It really sums up Forbes Trail's year of great meetings, superb youth education programs and much needed trout stream restoration projects. This year we had a wide selection of programs to satisfy the desires of our 350-plus members. We fished together at world-class venues. If you didn't camp with us the week of the Spring Creek sulfur hatch, you "really missed it." If you didn't mentor kids in our First Cast or Trout in the Classroom programs, you missed out on the kinds of personally rewarding experiences that keep you young. If you didn't get wet sampling bugs, testing water or pounding rebar, you missed the chance to get "skin in the game" as TU began dealing with Pa.'s own version of the Deepwater Horizon - Marcellus Shale gas well impacts. Last but not least, some congratulations and thanks are due. Congratulations Ralph Koscianski on winning FTTU, a Prudential Insurance Company grant to support our Rock Run trout stream restoration project. Thanks to all Youth Group mentors and TIC volunteers. I received a personal note from Chris Wood, our new national TU president, saying the word had gotten to national about Forbes Trail's outstanding youth programs. And thanks to the Loyalhanna Watershed Association, Western Pa. Conservancy and Westmoreland County Conservation District for supporting this summer's Naugle Run protection project in Laughlintown. The chapter was awarded a Local History Preservation Award for that work.

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FBTU is selling the Back the Brookie license plates. We are also selling 50th Anniversary TU pins available from Lansing, Mich. TU and FBTU fly boxes. Bedford County Stream Cleanup was Sept. 18. FBTU held its 2nd annual fund-raising picnic along with the John Kennedy Chapter on Aug. 28. This year we had exceptional member turnout. An excellent time was had by all attendees from both chapters. We have already started planning for next year's event! On Sept. 18, several chapter members participated in the first Bedford County fall waterways cleanup. Members joined with approximately 60 other county residents in cleaning up debris and planting trees in the Raystown Branch of the Juniata River watershed and the upper reaches of the Bob's Creek watershed.

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Election of chapter officers was held Nov. 3. We will be selling raffle tickets on two fly rods at the Outdoor Times and Jaffa shows in February of 2011. We will also be selling flies at the Jaffa show. We completed a stream project on Mary Ann's Creek in July. We also completed a stream bank restoration project on Poplar Run in September. We are gearing up for this year's Trout in the Classroom with several schools participating. Fly tying classes will be held starting the second weekend of January, 2011. We are also planning a series of fly tyers roundtables for next year.

Ken Sink Chapter #053

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Over the summer, the Ken Sink chapter attended the Shelocta Sportsman Club Youth Field Day. Fly tying and casting were demonstrated. We weren't able to make the Twolick Valley Rod and Gun Club's youth day, but we donated a \$50 gift certificate. The chapter's annual picnic was Sept. 19. In October, we held our reorganization meeting. There were six board members who stepped down. The chapter is proud to announce that we had noted fly tyer Chris Helm at the Oct. 10 meeting at the Indiana Elks Club. Chris talked about using deer hair in making flies. The chapter participated in the annual fingerling stocking of brown trout in Twolick Creek, scheduled for late October.

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MLTU has wrapped up another busy season on the waters, and is now ready for a busy fall and winter. Please check our website for details on tying classes. Along with our project on Bens Creek and many successful workdays, the chapter has also worked with the Yellow Creek Coalition this summer and on a project at Canoe Creek. All told many weekends were not fishing, but improving fishing areas, either through workdays or road cleanups. We will be partnering with Project Healing Waters and working with our veterans on tying through

the winter. Casting and fishing should follow in the spring. MLTU has adopted the Somerset Conservation District "Fishwater" management program, and has allotted funding for potential fingerling stocking in the Quemahoning tailrace once the biological studies are completed. We'll await PAFB and SCD recommendations. The Trout in the Classroom program has grown to eight schools, and we are always in need of assistance. Our partner from the Kiski-Conemaugh Stream Team, Missy Reckney, can be reached at mreckner@kcstreamteam.org if you want to volunteer for this great program. Fly tying classes will be starting in January at Gander Mountain. This popular class is always a fun way to introduce new tiers. Please check www.mltu.org for updates and calendar events.

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We have a newsletter editor and a new program director. Our annual Cabin Fever show will be Sunday, March 6, 2011. Our major fund-raising event, last year we had over 900 attendees. We will meet at the Sheraton in Cranberry with a new slate of speakers. Family Tyes will again present their youth tying and casting program, open to all youngsters. To date we have raised more than \$400 with the TIC raffle. Christian Shane continues to successfully lead our TIC program. We are actively looking for more schools to be involved. Our September work project on local Pine Creek was a resounding success with more than 30 volunteers helping to install three new stream structures along with upgrading some of the older ones with additional stone. Tom Walsh, our Pine Creek coordinator, continues to manage grants and projects. Along with fish habitat enhancement structures, there is more partnering with local municipalities for erosion abatement and flood control projects.

2011 Calendar

January 7-8: Committee meetings
TBD - Friday; EXCOM meeting - Saturday. PFBC Stackhouse Training Center, Fisherman's Paradise, Bellefonte, Pa.

March 20-23: Advanced Rivers Conservation Camp. Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs, Pa.

March 25-26: Committee meetings
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