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## PATU hosts fall meeting

### *New leaders and programs introduced at annual event*

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited held its annual fall meeting Sept. 28-30.

Seven National TU staff personnel were present to review a variety of programs being conducted here in Pennsylvania and across the nation. They discussed programs our chapters might consider getting involved with, while providing updates

to programs we are currently engaged in. Council announced the new “Back the Brookie” grant program available to all chapters, as well as providing other important information members should be aware of.

Nearly 100 people and over 75 percent of PA chapters attended the meeting, a greater turnout than originally anticipated. Looking ahead to next fall’s meeting, Council

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Volkmar

## Trout Unlimited honors Volkmar for conservation efforts

Pennsylvania resident Bob Volkmar, a longtime Trout Unlimited volunteer and environmental chair of the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited, received Trout Unlimited’s Trout Conservationist award at the organization’s annual meeting in Asheville, N.C. in September.

The award is given to an exemplary volunteer who has made a significant contribution to conservation efforts in the last year.

Volkmar, a resident of Potter County, Pennsylvania, is an active member of the

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Brad Isles Photo

Bryan Moore from Trout Unlimited talks during the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited’s fall meeting at Fisherman’s Paradise.

## Inaugural Teen Summit a success

In early August, 14 teen-aged Trout Unlimited members gathered on the banks of Spring Creek in central Pennsylvania to define and re-image teen conservation and brainstorm ways they can be involved in TU, and how TU can be an important organization in their life.

Over the course of three days, attendees explored what it means to be a teen angler, completed a stream-side service project, fished and socialized.

Now that the first-ever TU National Teen Summit is over, the attendees are using

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## Coldwater Heritage Partnership program celebrates 10 years

The Coldwater Heritage Partnership is celebrating 10 years of providing leadership, coordination, technical assistance and funding support for the conservation and protection of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams.

The CHP program is a partnership between PA Council of Trout Unlimited, PA Fish and Boat Commission, PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resource and the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds.

Since the inception of the program in 2002 over 75 conservation plans and implementation projects have been completed through the CHP program, which

has helped to protect Pennsylvania's most pristine coldwater streams.

This program provides funding opportunities to conservation organizations to assess and evaluate stream conditions and make recommendations to further protect PA's coldwater streams.

The CHP program also offers an Implementation Grant for organizations to complete recommendations listed in a completed plan or report. The 2013 grant round is now open.

Please check out the Coldwater Heritage Partnership website [www.coldwaterheritage.org](http://www.coldwaterheritage.org) for more information about the program or to apply for a grant.

## PATU eyes increase in women members

PA Council of Trout Unlimited is excited to announce the creation of a women's committee that will focus on building female membership. This important initiative is aimed at getting more women involved in the organization, and to increase participation in the local chapters.

In Pennsylvania, only five percent of TU members are female. National TU has made strides in recruiting new members – especially women and young adults – and Council wants to do the same here. With

approval from the Executive Committee, PATU has approved a committee that will be made up of current members, and will focus on increasing participation and recruiting new women into the organization.

If you are interested in being part of this committee or would like to hear more about the other committees or programs Council is working on, please visit [www.patrou.org](http://www.patrou.org) or contact Samantha Kutskel at 814-359-5233 or [skutskel@coldwaterheritage.org](mailto:skutskel@coldwaterheritage.org).

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God's Country Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

In 2010, Volkmar spearheaded a program in Pennsylvania that trains volunteers to test their local rivers and streams for pollution from Marcellus Shale development.

Volkmar provides support to TU's Pennsylvania Marcellus Shale field organizer, Mitch Blake, to implement the stream monitoring training program.

This stream surveillance program, called the Coldwater Conservation Corps, has trained over 300 people throughout the state to regularly test their local streams and rivers for short-and long-term impacts

from Marcellus Shale drilling.

"Bob Volkmar's dedication and leadership has given Trout Unlimited the ability to create a statewide monitoring project that allows its members to act as watchdogs and protectors of streams and rivers, when it comes to Marcellus Shale development," said Katy Dunlap, eastern water project director at Trout Unlimited. "Thanks to his vision and expertise, Pennsylvania streams and rivers will be under the watchful eyes of conservationists across the state."

Volkmar is the former director of the Center for Environmental Research and Education at Duquesne University and is an avid fly fisherman.



Contributed Photo

**Participants in the inaugural Trout Unlimited Teen Summit near Spring Creek.**

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social media to keep themselves organized and move forward with some of their ideas. Many of the teens will be approaching TU leadership at various levels to offer their assistance and ask for support.

From the chapter level to councils and beyond, engaging these youths – and others like them – will be vital in shaping the future of TU and other conservation-related organizations. This event is just the starting point for TU youth initiatives aimed at increasing participation of the next generation of coldwater conservationists. Teens who fish and care about their watersheds are an energetic, intelligent bunch and a big asset to TU.

The Teen Summit was conducted by the Headwaters Youth Education Program with assistance from PATU, the Spring

Creek Chapter of TU, Clearwater Conservancy and volunteers from the Tri-State TU Camp.

Trout Unlimited will be conducting two teen camps in Pennsylvania in 2013 to promote coldwater conservation.

The first is the long-standing PA Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp held on the Yellow Breeches near Boiling Springs. Hosted by the Cumberland Valley Chapter of TU, this camp will take place in June 2013. The second is the brand new River Researchers Teen Camp to be held along the West Branch of the Susquehanna River near Mahaffey in August 2013.

Both camps aim to teach students about the importance of coldwater conservation through a combination of classroom and hands-on lessons, as well as a good dose of fly fishing!

More details about these events will be available soon on the PATU website at [www.patrou.org](http://www.patrou.org).

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will be investigating other venues to ensure that similar or even greater numbers can be accommodated comfortably.

On Sunday, Council leaders held a quarterly Executive Committee (EXCOM) meeting and voted to hire a part-time staff person to help in our efforts to increase membership and further the mission of

TU. This individual, along with our current staff, will be available to help chapters in their efforts to protect, conserve and restore our coldwater streams. The position's emphasis will be on expanding current programs and developing new strategies to assist chapters. Also, a new Women's Committee, which will focus on bringing more women into TU, was created.

Thanks are extended to everyone who attended and made this meeting a success.

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# Headwaters

A message from PATU President Brian Wagner

Hey, where's Ken and who is that new guy in the picture?

After numerous terms as President, Ken Undercoffer has decided to turn over the reins of PATU and focus on new pursuits. OK, not really new for Ken. His focus will still be on native trout, and especially our native – the brook trout. Hopefully, Ken will be able to get in a little more fishing time, but he will still be active on our Trout Management Committee and the NLC Eastern Native Trout Committee, continuing his personal research on brook trout, and most importantly, be there for me as past president.

Allow me to introduce myself. I grew up in the Nazareth area and reside there today with Lisa, my wife of 23 years. I was given an appreciation of hunting, fishing and the outdoors from my father, but it was later when I became passionate about both coldwater conservation and fly fishing. Memories fade with age, but I still remember catching my first wild trout on my home stream, Bushkill Creek in Northampton County.

At that moment I had an epiphany that I had to do something more to protect this special resource, our wild trout. I found Trout Unlimited. To conserve, protect and restore our coldwater fisheries and watersheds, I had found a home.

I became active in my local chapter and began attending PATU meetings. I have served on Council for the past eight years – five as northeast regional vice president and the past three as a vice president. Throughout, I have attended many conferences and meetings to further my coldwater conservation education. I have had the opportunity to advocate for our coldwater resources, form new partnerships, provide chapter support and meet some new friends.

I attended the National TU convention in Asheville, NC, Sept. 12-15. Marcellus drilling and its potential effects on wild trout streams was a major point of discussion. Katy Dunlap gave a presentation on that topic. Amy Wolfe gave a presentation about the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Coalition she is leading and its

implications for the West Branch and its tributaries. There was a major appeal for chapters across the U.S. to back the effort to halt the proposed Pebble Mine in Alaska. Many other topics relating to wild trout conservation and restoration were covered. I encourage all PATU members, especially chapter and council leaders, to attend one of these conferences in the future. We are often asked what National TU does for us. Attending one of these conferences would quickly answer that question.

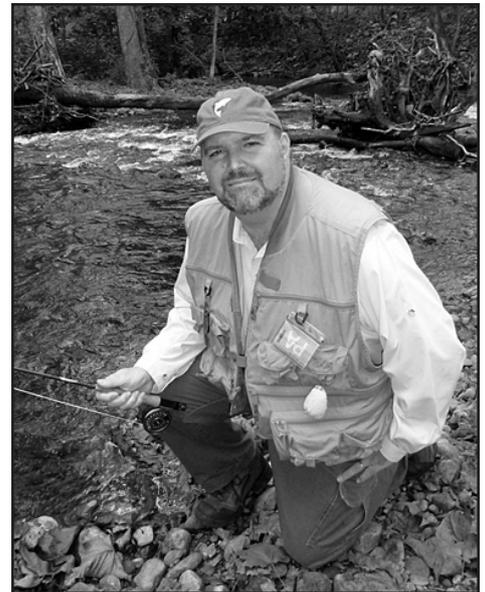
Samantha Kutskel did a great job putting together PATU's annual fall meeting, held Sept. 28-30 under challenging circumstances. It seems we are outgrowing our venue for this meeting, so we are looking at changes for next year. I would like to thank all of the chapters and members who were in attendance. I would also like to thank our inspiring award winners and those who braved the evening's chill. There was a lot of information sharing and learning. The programming was fantastic and the food delicious. Seven TU National staff members were in attendance.

I would like to highlight several new PATU initiatives rolled out at the meeting.

Greg Malaska, our membership chair, presented our College Outreach Initiative – an effort to attract younger members. Samantha Kutskel reported on the new PATU "Back the Brookie" grant program, which is made possible by PATU's brook trout license plate sales. She also helped develop the groundwork for a new women's initiative.

Hopefully, this meeting helped answer the question, "What does Council do for us?" PATU has already begun planning for the 2014 Keystone Coldwater Conference. We are also planning to host a Mid-Atlantic Council meeting in 2014 and we have submitted a proposal to host a National meeting in Scranton.

One of the first things I do when preparing for a Council meeting is read the chapter reports – the same reports found in PA Trout. It is amazing to read all of the different projects and programs our chapters are working on to further the mission of Trout Unlimited. That's what chapters



do for us. It reminds me about a concept born several years ago called "one TU." It is a principle that I truly value: National, PATU and chapters working hand-in-hand, complementing each other is TU at its best.

So, what is my vision for PATU?

Some of my focus areas will be to increase our membership, strengthen our advocacy, protect our brook trout and other wild trout from habitat degradation from Marcellus and climate change issues like increased storm water, improve multilateral communications throughout the organization and to support and service our chapters.

There are many other challenges and opportunities. Council is currently in the process of updating our Strategic Plan. We will be taking input from our chapters, committees and staff in order to create an inclusive and robust plan to guide us in all areas of coldwater conservation in Pennsylvania. We will be hiring a part-time staff person to facilitate in meeting our goals in the plan. I would also like to welcome aboard the following new committee chairs: Brad Isles (Communications), Bob Volkmar (Environmental) and Eric Wilson (Youth Education).

As president, I hope that I can inspire each of you as much as you inspire me. Get more involved with your chapter. Chapters, get involved with Council as we will engage National. Together we can protect, restore and conserve our coldwater resources in Pennsylvania – a noble, necessary and attainable goal.

## Treasurer's Report

by PATU Treasurer George Kutskel

I would like to start off by saying thanks to all who helped make the annual PATU fall meeting a success. This was the 7th annual pig roast and it couldn't be done without the help of our volunteers. My wife would also like to say thank you for the kitchen help and the "special" coffee can she received.

By now I hope that all our chapters have filed their financial reports. I know that before I sat down to write this (10/08/12) we already had two chapters filed and over 10 working on theirs. This is the one item that can cause a chapter to cease to exist. Every year it seems that some non-profit does something that non-profits should not and the IRS tightens its rules. I don't think most of us realize that many of the changes we have seen in running a chapter are a direct result in someone playing outside the rules.

I often hear complaints about how many times National or Council wants a chapter to file a report or provide additional information on an item that seems irrelevant to the chapter. In most cases it's because another group (not TU) has done something they shouldn't have done, and we all pay the price. Please keep this in mind when your chapter is asked for a report or to file a form. It's not because National or Council has nothing better to do. We certainly don't need to make it harder to run a chapter.

We had another successful Trout in the Classroom raffle, but I would like some

### Chapter Donations

The following chapters have donated to further council's mission, in addition to supporting fundraisers, in 2012.

Tiadaghton	Arrowhead
Doc Fritchey	Chestnut Ridge
Oil Creek	Allegheny Mtn.
Spring Creek	Neshannock
Mountain Laurel	Lackawana
Valley Forge	Bucks County
Brodhead	Penns Creek
Hokendauqua	Adams County

Memorial: Howard Giles  
from the Shieldses

input on how we can have more of our members participate. Sending tickets to chapters seems to miss a large number of our members that, I think if given the chance, would buy a ticket to support this very important program. If you have ideas or thoughts on prizes for next year's ticket let me know at maksak@comcast.net.

Please check out our new fly rod offer and a great casting practice game that we are now offering. Details can be found in this newsletter and online at [www.patrou.org](http://www.patrou.org). Keep in mind, when you purchase any of the items we offer you are helping fund the Back the Brookie Grant and other grants we offer to chapters to help them achieve their mission to protect, restore, reconnect and sustain. To all our members that have purchased one of our great items I would like to say THANK YOU again.

## 'Series Two' PATU fly rods available

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited is offering "Series Two" of its PATU logo fly rods, which will be available in time for Christmas orders.

The limited edition rods are 7-foot, 4-piece and 2-weight with "PA Council of Trout Unlimited" inscribed on the blank.

They are similar to the 6½-foot, 3-weight rods Council has been offering, but built to a higher quality standard.

The new rods are the GS2 Series built by Greys (Hardy/Grey's, Ltd., whose U.S. distribution facility is in Lancaster, PA).

Rods will sell for \$130, which includes shipping and taxes. All rods come with a cloth sack and clear plastic tube. The rods will be covered by the Grey's warranty. Also included will be a PATU decal that can either be applied to the tube or displayed in your vehicle window.

A supply of the rods will be available in time for Christmas, so you can get it in time for that "special" person who has everything.

Watch the "Merchandise" page on the PATU website at [www.patrou.org](http://www.patrou.org) where you will soon find a photo and ordering information.

Or contact George Kutskel at maksak@comcast.net to place your order and reserve a rod as supplies will be limited.

Don't miss this opportunity and be forced to wait for "Series Three" rods at some point in the future.

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# PA COUNCIL OF TROUT UNLIMITED

*Minutes of the Sept. 30, 2012  
Executive Committee Meeting  
PFBC Stackhouse Training Center  
Bellefonte, PA*

Officers Attending: Ken Undercoffer, Brian Wagner, Charlie Charlesworth, George Kutskel, Bob Pennell, Monty Murty, Greg Malaska, Mark Hanes, Fred Bohls, Fred Gender, Chuck Winters, Sherwin Albert.

Others Attending: Samantha Kutskel, Bryan Moore, Jack Williams, Joe Mihok, Dick Soderberg.

President Wagner called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. A motion by Gender/seconded by Malaska was approved to accept the minutes of the June 23, 2012 EXCOM meeting, as amended 6/28/12 and previously distributed to EXCOM.

Confirmation of New Committee Chairs: The following appointments were approved on a motion by Malaska/seconded by Charlesworth: Bob Volkmar – Environmental Committee Chair; Brad Isles – Communications Committee Chair; Eric Wilson – Youth Committee Chair.

Letter to DCNR Regarding Gas Drilling in Loyalsock State Forest: Comments on the draft letter as presented will be incorporated and sent out for EXCOM approval prior to Wagner sending to DCNR.

Bylaws Revisions Proposed: The following Bylaws provisions are under consideration for revision. Pennell will draft language for discussion/approval at the next EXCOM meeting.

- **Article III. Section 2. President** – Add the provision that candidates for president shall have previously served for a minimum of one year as a Council officer or chairperson of a standing committee.
- **Article III. Section 4. Regional Vice Presidents** – Delete requirement for holding regional meetings at least six weeks prior to annual meeting.
- **Article III. Officers** – Add a new provision that allows for selected EXCOM officers to serve in more than one capacity, with one designated

as “primary,” and the other as “acting.”

Treasurer’s Report: The Treasurer’s Report / Budget dated 9/20/12 was approved on a motion to receive and file by Gender/seconded by Hanes. G. Kutskel reported that under Small Games of Chance rules, a separate checking account will need to be set up for raffle proceeds. PayPal will also be available for merchandise purchases on our website. The FYE2013 operating budget will be presented for approval at our next EXCOM meeting.

Legislative Committee: On a motion by Undercoffer/seconded by Gender, approval was given for Bohls to send an email to PA Representative Metcalf and House majority and minority leaders objecting to establishing an Independent Regulatory Review Commission as defined in HB2073 to oversee the operations of the PA Fish & Boat Commission.

Trout Management Committee: The following letters prepared by the Trout Management Committee were approved for submission to the PA Fish & Boat Commission on motions/seconds as indicated.

Brook Trout Enhancement Program – G. Kutskel/Charlesworth

Wild Brook Trout Stream Classification as Automatic HQ – G. Kutskel/Pennell

On a motion by Bohls/seconded by Albert, a decision was approved to not send a letter to the PFBC regarding public access on Penns Creek. On a motion by G. Kutskel/seconded by Gender, the PATU Position Paper was approved for distribution to chapters and publication in the newsletter.

Development Committee: G. Kutskel discussed an artist’s offer to produce a series of six limited edition prints of PA fishing destinations as a Council fundraiser, with additional details needed before any decision can be made. Bryan Moore is to send G. Kutskel information on conducting raffles electronically, in consideration of next year’s TIC raffle. S. Kutskel expressed doubts about the success of sending TIC raffle tickets for



TIC teachers to sell.

Membership Committee: Various ideas were discussed regarding increasing membership. Pennell will check with PFBC on their fishing regulations book and the Mid Atlantic Fly Fishing Guide publication for placing a TU ad which would include a tear-off membership application.

Environmental Committee: Volkmar reported that the proposed stream clearing legislation will probably die in the current session, but that Senator Yaw will likely introduce a somewhat reshaped bill when the legislature reconvenes.

National Leadership Council: A motion by Bohls/seconded by Malaska was approved to switch Murty from NLC’s Women’s Membership Workgroup to the New Initiatives Workgroup. Murty called attention to 10 PA chapters that have not filed updated Bylaws with National TU. If not completed by Nov. 15, these chapters will be sent letters advising that they face being placed on probation. Murty requested that more time be allotted to him at the next EXCOM meeting to explain relationships with National TU.

New Committees: On a motion by Bohls/seconded by Gender, approval was granted to combine the former Youth Committee and Education Committee into a single Youth Education Committee. On a motion by Hanes/seconded by Undercoffer, approval was given to form a new Women’s Committee. New language for incorporation of these committees into the Bylaws is to be developed for EXCOM approval.

Program Coordinator Position: On a motion by Bohls/seconded by Gender, approval was given to advertise for and hire a part-time program coordinator to assist S. Kutskel. This position would be limited to a 32-hour work week, with an annual salary of \$25,000 and no benefits. The Governance Committee will develop further details for this position.

Coldwater Heritage Partnership: On a motion by Undercoffer/seconded by Malaska, approval was given to change

S. Kutskel's job title to Program Director. S. Kutskel will be researching venues for next year's annual meeting and will present her recommendations at the next EXCOM meeting. A follow up survey will be sent out to obtain feedback from this year's attendees on the meeting content and other issues. S. Kutskel is proposing a T-shirt design contest to be administered by the Youth Education Committee.

Regional Reports:

- Northwest – Hanes reported that the Northwest PA Chapter is high on his priority list for chapter development efforts.
- North Central – A replacement is needed for B.J. Lowther who resigned as Regional VP.
- Northeast – Malaska reported a successful regional training with all nine chapters participating and the annual fall meeting with seven of nine chapters in attendance.
- South Central – Bohls reported on the Codorus Chapter's concern for the spread of didymo.
- Central – Albert reported that he will fulfill the duties as Regional VP while actively searching for his replacement.
- Southeast – Gender reported that revitalization of the Little Lehigh Chapter is proceeding well. The Valley Forge Chapter has expressed concerns over proposed routing of the Williams/Transco pipeline in Chester County.

2015 National TU Annual Meeting:

The proposal by Charlesworth to hold the TU annual meeting in Scranton has been submitted to National TU for consideration in 2015.

Status of Chapters Recommended for De-Chartering: Letters have been sent to the Art Bradford and Kettle Creek chapters advising them that Oct. 8 is the drop-dead date for developing plans for re-chartering. If no actions are forthcoming, the de-chartering will take effect after National's NLC meeting in February, 2013. S. Kutskel will organize a reassignment of the former Wood Duck Chapter members based on zip codes.

Program Speakers Bureau: Albert reported that input on program speakers has been obtained from his Central Region chapters as a first step in building

a Speakers Bureau. Gender has also added his list of speakers compiled earlier, and the other regional VPs have been requested to do likewise.

Council Strategic Plan: It was decided that PA Council needs to update its 2010 Strategic Plan by consulting with committee chairs for their input, with accountabilities and time frames assigned to accomplish both short-term and long-term goals. Wagner will coordinate this effort to be brought to the Governance Committee for review and input before presenting to EXCOM as a whole for approval.

EXCOM Meeting Dates for 2013: The following dates have been set for next year's meetings, with locations to be confirmed. Further evaluation is needed to establish a date for the fall meeting: January 5, March 16 and June 29.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45

p.m. on a motion by Hanes/seconded by Charlesworth.

– Bob Pennell, PATU Secretary

The election of PA Council Officers for FY2013 was held at the annual membership meeting on Sept. 29, with the following results:

- President – Brian Wagner
- Vice President – Charlie Charlesworth
- Vice President – Sherwin Albert
- Secretary – Bob Pennell
- Treasurer – George Kutskel
- NLC Representative – Monty Murty
- Central Region VP (Acting) – Sherwin Albert
- Northcentral Region VP – Open
- Northeast Region VP – Greg Malaska
- Northwest Region VP – Mark Hanes
- Southcentral Region VP – Fred Bohls
- Southeast Region VP – Fred Gender
- Southwest Region VP – Chuck Winters



**PATU BASEBALL HATS - Buy Now!**

PA Council currently has khaki and camouflage hats in stock. (Navy blue will be available in November). Each hat is \$15, which includes shipping and handling. Orders for all colors can be placed now, however, only khaki and camouflage can be filled at this time. All other hat orders will be filled as hats become available.

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# Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited Annual Awards

The following awards were presented to those chapters and individuals who demonstrated outstanding performance in meeting or exceeding PATU's goals during the past year during a ceremony at the annual meeting held Sept. 29 at Fisherman's Paradise.

Gerry Miller, awards chairman, presented either a plaque or customized fly box to the winners. Judge's comments are summarized in the photo captions. Photos by Brad Isles.



**Doctor John A. Fritchey Jr. Award for  
Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, TU Member  
Winner — Chuck Marshall (Valley Forge Chapter)**

Summary of nomination: Chuck Marshall is a co-founder of the Valley Forge Chapter, which occurred 30 years ago with Chuck's good friend Owen Owens. They were concerned over the pollution in the local stream, Valley Creek, and the pair needed an organization that would help them protect and restore the beautiful but despoiled creek. A TU chapter fit nicely with their goals. It was difficult at first to get the chapter up and running, but they both stuck with it and today the chapter boasts approximately 750 members. Early on, Chuck was the one who searched transportation manifests and was able to prove that the Knickerbocker Landfill, which straddled Valley Creek, was accepting hazardous waste illegally. This disclosure led to the closing of the landfill and the reduction of leachate into the creek. He was a constant behind the scenes worker for the protection of the creek. As development pressure grew in the valley he attended meetings, spoke out for stream protection and storm water controls and generally advocated for improved stream health. In the '70s and '80s, as sewers were being installed in various locations in the watershed, Chuck raised questions regarding the manner in which they would be installed to assure that environmental damage from the installations would be minimized. One of the major decisions the chapter had to make was how to react to the presence of PCBs in Valley Creek as a result of the contamination from the Paoli Railyards. Chuck was a participant in all of the key meetings and decisions regarding this pollution and its effects on the stream. He was a tireless worker on behalf of the upgrade to Exceptional Value for the creek. He recognized that this protection would provide protection in the future that would far outweigh the efforts expended to obtain the upgrade. Chuck was consulted for his knowledge on the lawsuit that the chapter brought against Vanguard and DEP. His input was crucial in deciding to proceed with a suit and for case preparation. The lawsuit yielded a settlement agreement that causes DEP to consider the cumulative effects of pollution on an EV stream. After Chuck retired from a consulting firm he worked for he went to work for the Valley Creek Trustee Council, formed as a result of the Paoli Railyards settlement that provided \$1.2 million to restore Valley Creek. His initial job was to create the Valley Creek Restoration Plan – a document that remains viable today. Chuck is still employed on a part time basis by the Trustee Council to solicit grant participants and help with grant administration. He is an amazing grant writer. In the past eight years he has probably secured 80 percent of the grants the chapter has applied for. Not only does Chuck apply for the grants but he come out on the work days too to execute them. He shows up at almost every work day the chapter calls no matter if it is debris dam modification or tree planting – Chuck is there.



**Dr. Jack Beck Award for Outstanding Youth Outreach  
Winner — Hokendauqua**

Judge's comments: This chapter had numerous activities for young people to participate and learn about coldwater conservation and fly fishing, including: free fly tying lessons (an eight week course); demos at the local Boy Scouts "Jambo;" Jake's Day, a National Wild Turkey outdoor event for youth; local rod and gun club field days; TIC with Catasauqua High School; work with the outdoor club at Whitehall High School; teaching at the Allentown Parks Day; Youth Education Day sponsored by the Delaware Shad Fishing Association; and teaching at the Kreidersville Covered Bridge Festival.



**Outstanding TIC Coordinator Award  
Winner — Adam McClain (Adams County Chapter)**

Accomplishments include: In 2009 accepted the position of youth coordinator for his chapter; became the "go-to" guy for his chapter's TIC program; grew the program in his area with six schools currently enrolled, two schools waiting for grant acceptance, and another ready to join the program; he serves as vice president of his county's Watershed Alliance; and demonstrated knowledge about what works and what doesn't concerning TIC.



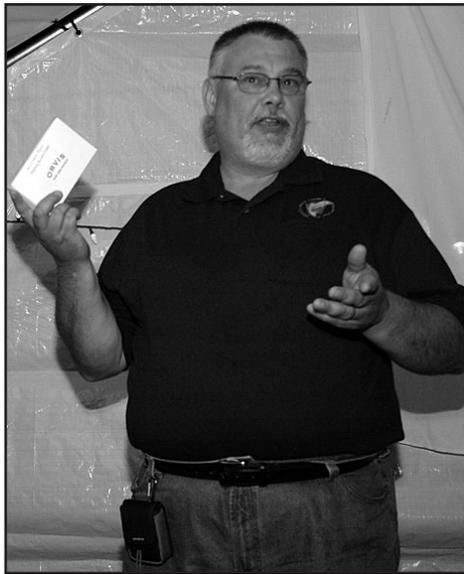
**Best Chapter Website  
Winner — Doc Fritchey**

Judge's comments: This recently refurbished website carries content that is relevant and current; the layout and design is fresh, crisp, and pleasing to the user; plus the navigation is intuitive and easy to use.



**Inky Moore Award for Outstanding Contributions to PATU Conservation Mission Winner — Greg Malaska**

Judge's comments: This person has been a great asset to Council over the last three years; he has been the voice of the Northeast Region, ensuring that those chapters are successful at meeting TU's mission; he has been chairing the membership committee, and has been the force behind the creation of a college outreach program; Council can rely on him to provide great ideas to help benefit our chapters; he has been a major contributor in helping create a new program coordinator position, which will help benefit all our members.



**Best Chapter Project Winner — Allegheny Mountain**

Judge's comments: This award is for the chapter's Wolf Run habitat improvement project. It highlights a solution to a problem many of our chapters face, namely, how to conduct a project for chapters with many older members. By enlisting the support of three local TIC schools, the chapter was able to attract younger people to help successfully complete the project in a less strenuous manner for the older members and in much less time, plus it attracted young people to the work of TU.



**Best Small Chapter Winner — Iron Furnace**

Judge's comments: This chapter has slightly more than 100 members that have been exceptionally active this past year. Some of their accomplishments include: yearly fly tying classes; an annual fly fishing clinic; eight schools in the TIC program; an Allegheny National Forest water quality monitoring network project; a Cathers Run watershed assessment; Project Healing Waters; membership in the Mill Creek Coalition; participation in the Piney Creek Restoration cleanup; North Fork fly area habitat improvement; membership in the Allegheny Wins Coalition; the water quality monitoring network collaborative school program; and its yearly banquet was as successful as much larger chapters.



**Samuel Slaymaker Award for Best Newsletter Winner — Donegal**

Judge's comments: Quality content, wonderful layout/design and it does a great job detailing the chapter's projects.

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**Edward Urbas Award for Best Chapter Winner — Donegal**

Judge's comments: This chapter does a lot to forward the aims of coldwater conservation and fly fishing in their area, which includes the following: Involved with the Chesapeake Bay cleanup by receiving over \$1.4 million in 319 grants to work on 126 impaired sites in the Conowingo watershed, of which seven have been completed; conducted stream repair work on 2,200 linear feet on Clumber's Run, Charles run and Fishing Creek using the \$25,000 made during their annual banquet to do the work; introduced mayfly larva to Donegal Creek, acquired from the LeTort; restored Lititz Run to a premier trout fishery through association with the Millport Conservancy; sponsors a fishing derby for Big Brothers Big Sisters; sponsors a fishing derby for Special Olympics; sponsors two students for the PA Rivers Youth Conservation Camp, plus provides hats for all participants; hosts an annual ladies conservation and fly fishing breakfast, as well as a fly fishing workshop as a follow-up; hosts a group of grad students from Elizabethtown College, three or four times a year; has eight schools involved in TIC; worked with 186 youths as part of Lancaster County Sportsmen's Youth Field Day; sponsored four youths for Wayne Harpster's youth fishing event on Spruce Creek.

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**Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, Professional Winner — James Eckenrode Jr.**

Judge's comments: His achievements in the name of coldwater conservation are almost too long to cite. Highlights include: Watershed Specialist for Blair County Conservation District; volunteer and/or director for the Juniata Clean Water Partnership, Stonycreek River Improvement Project, Western PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation, Kiski-Conemaugh Stream Team and Southern Alleghenies Conservancy; oversees a county-wide volunteer stream monitoring network; assists with a watershed assessment for the Little Juniata River; seeking funds and technical assistance to rehabilitate Sugar Run and Glenwhite watersheds; reviewing possible dam removable on an unnamed tributary to the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata River; participates in many recycling and litter cleanup events; was instrumental in acquiring the Exceptional Value 50-acre Sandy Run wetlands located in Antis township, Blair County.

# PA COUNCIL OF TROUT UNLIMITED

## Trout Management Committee Position Paper

The Trout Management Committee of the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited is charged with the task of protecting and enhancing wild trout in Commonwealth waters. The major component of this effort over the past two years has been to convince the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, the Cooperative Nursery Program and PATU chapters that stocking of hatchery-produced trout is detrimental to wild trout populations. Our goal is not to eliminate stocking, reduce the number of hatchery fish produced or to close hatcheries. It simply addresses where the fish should be stocked.

Fish management strategies are influenced more by politics and politicians than by the wisdom and insights of agency fishery biologists. Politicians answer to their constituencies. Thus, our goals might be better achieved through an educational campaign to inform the public of the values of wild fish, especially natives, and of the adverse effects of stocking on wild trout fisheries. This campaign should initially be directed to the PATU membership. This effort would take the form of a position paper reminding (informing) PATU members of the conservation mission of TU. Much of the membership views TU as a fishing club rather than a conservation organization.

**From the TU website:** *July 2009 marked the 50th anniversary of TU's founding on the banks of the Au Sable River near Grayling, Michigan. The 16 fishermen who gathered at the home of George Griffith were united by their love of trout fishing, and by their growing discontent with the state's practice of stocking its waters with "cookie cutter trout" – catchable-sized hatchery fish. Convinced that Michigan's trout streams could turn out a far superior fish if left to their own devices, the anglers formed a new organization: Trout, Unlimited (the*

*comma was dropped a few years later) dedicated to ensuring that wild and native trout populations were allowed to thrive, as nature intended.*

Trout Unlimited is signatory to the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture (EBTJV), a recognized Fish Habitat Partnership operating under the National Fish Habitat Action Plan. The EBTJV coordinates efforts that build private and public partnerships to improve brook trout habitat. The long-term goals of the EBTJV are to implement a comprehensive conservation strategy to improve aquatic habitat, raise public awareness, and prioritize the use of federal, state and local funds for brook trout conservation.

In 2005, in recognition of the need to address regional and range-wide threats to brook trout, a group of public and private entities formed the EBTJV to halt the decline of brook trout and restore fishable populations. The partnership spearheaded a range-wide assessment of brook trout populations and threats to brook trout and brook trout habitat in the Eastern United States. Seventeen states are working to prioritize policy changes and on-the-ground actions to improve water quality and restore brook trout habitat and populations in their individual state using locally-driven, incentive-based, and non-regulatory programs. The EBTJV recognizes that the presence of non-native fish, including hatchery trout, is one of the major threats to brook trout.

In Trout Unlimited's North American Salmonid Policy, approved in 1997 and amended in 1998, the National Leadership Council of TU presented a National Conservation Agenda calling for the protection of native trout and salmon watersheds, stream habitat and riparian zones, wild trout and other salmonids, outstanding trout waters on public and private lands and coldwater aquifers/groundwater from:

- The impacts of climate change
- Pollution from energy development, mining, agricultural run-off, acid deposition and other sources



• Invasive species including inappropriate stocking of hatchery salmonids

• Transbasin diversions

In 2011, meeting in Bend, Oregon, the National Leadership Council passed the following resolutions:

**RESOLVED**, that the NLC is opposed to chapters

or councils stocking of non-native hatchery trout on top of native trout populations.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Trout Unlimited fully supports the NLC's directive to chapters and councils that no chapter or council can participate or support the stocking of non-native, hatchery trout in streams containing native trout.

Trout Unlimited has a long history, dating back to its very conception in 1959, to the opposition of stocking hatchery trout in wild trout waters.

The stocking of hatchery trout on top of native trout populations is clearly not a part of the TU mission.

Please address comments on this paper to Dick Soderberg, Co-Chair, Trout Management Committee, at [rsoderbe@mansfield.edu](mailto:rsoderbe@mansfield.edu).

### **PATU Policy on Cooperative Nurseries Operated by TU Chapters April 2008**

This policy establishes guidelines for the operation of trout nursery facilities operated by TU chapters in Pennsylvania. It applies solely to those facilities being used to raise fingerling-sized trout to catchable size, for release into streams in order to provide recreational angling opportunities.

The TU National policy on hatcheries and stocking is that they should only be used to restore wild fish populations. Trap-and-transfer of wild fish is considered to be the best way to re-establish wild trout populations, if no other source of wild trout is present in the immediate watershed. PA Council recognizes the utility of hatchery trout for providing recreational fishing in marginal waters (those incapable of sustaining wild trout) in Pennsylvania. PA Council also recognizes that hatchery

fish released into streams containing wild trout populations is detrimental to the wild fish. PA Council is especially cautious of the idea that streams containing a modest population of wild trout can be improved by adding stocked trout to bring the abundance up to some designated desirable level.

Financial support of cooperative nurseries that stock hatchery fish over wild trout or that violate any of the below listed principles is contrary to TU's conservation mission. PA Council does not support the continued involvement by TU chapters with cooperative trout nurseries that do not conform with PA Council's stated Trout Management Policy and the PA Fish and Boat Commission's stated rules and regulations with regard to the stocking of trout in the Commonwealth's approved trout streams. PA Council strongly opposes the establishment of any new trout cultural facilities in the name of Trout Unlimited.

To best protect Pennsylvania's wild trout resources, while at the same time allowing the continued operation of its existing trout cultural facilities, PA Council of Trout Unlimited establishes the following set of principles for its chapters:

1. Excessively warm and/or untreated or marginally treated nursery discharges should not be discharged into streams that support wild trout.

2. No more than a minimal amount of water should be removed from any stream that holds wild trout. In no case should so much water be diverted from a wild trout stream (in order to support the nursery) that the feeding stream is degraded.

3. PA Council does not support chapter-operated cooperative nursery facilities that stock in waters capable of sustaining wild trout.

4. Due diligence should be applied when making donations of TU monies to any club that is violating any of the above principles.

#### **PATU Policy on Trout Management** *September 2007*

Pennsylvania's 10,000 plus Trout Unlimited members regard trout, salmon, and their habitats as their badge of identification. Their interests are broad enough to embrace all aspects of

aquatic ecosystems: water quality, water quantity, acid precipitation, influences of forestry and agricultural practices, point and non-point sources of pollution, wetlands, riparian corridors, land use and management practices, stocking policy, regulations to restore wild trout populations and all other related factors which affect salmonid populations and the waters they inhabit. For these reasons, the long-term goal of PA Trout – a State Council of Trout Unlimited – is the following: **Preserve and enhance wild trout populations, coldwater habitat and diverse recreational angling opportunity for wild Pennsylvania salmonids.**

This goal establishes a broad foundation for developing future policies, actions, and recommendations by PA Trout. In order to achieve this goal, PA Trout has adopted the following, which more explicitly sets forth the policies of this organization regarding trout fisheries throughout Pennsylvania.

**Policy #1 – Wild Trout:** Protect, restore and enhance wild trout stocks and promote self-sustaining populations wherever possible.

**Policy #2 – Native Brook Trout:** Brook trout are Pennsylvania's only native stream-dwelling salmonid. Protecting existing native populations requires special considerations and management policies to assure healthy and sustainable populations of this species.

**Policy #3 – Coldwater Habitat:** Habitats currently providing healthy, wild trout populations should be protected from degradation. They should be restored and improved in those situations where they have been degraded. The aquatic biota of coldwater ecosystems should be conserved, adequate water quantity and quality assured, and environmentally sound land use fostered on a watershed basis.

**Policy #4 – Hatchery Trout:** Hatchery-reared trout provide valuable recreational fishing for Pennsylvania anglers. Adult sized hatchery trout should be stocked only in those waters in which such stocking will have no detrimental effect on existing wild trout populations or the ability to restore wild trout populations. Streams should be stocked with hatchery trout only if it has been determined that such streams

are unable to support self-sustaining wild trout populations. These guidelines should apply to all stocking programs including cooperative nurseries and private stockings within the Commonwealth. Fingerling stocking is preferable to 'put-and-take' stocking in situations where natural reproduction cannot be sustained because of limited or nonexistent spawning habitat but where conditions are otherwise suitable for sustaining year-round trout populations.

**Policy #5 – Overharvest:** Notwithstanding the inherent natural annual variability of wild trout populations resulting from climatic fluctuations and other environmental insults, Pennsylvania trout considers over-harvest an impediment to increasing the size and numbers of wild trout in Pennsylvania. Accordingly, trout management programs should be instituted to reduce harvest of wild trout and minimize hooking mortality.

**Policy #6 – Stream Assessment:** Scientific management of Pennsylvania's trout waters should be based on the individual assessment and evaluation of each waterway. Knowledge of the resource and its potential is essential to a scientifically justified management program. Every stream should be evaluated, classified, and periodically reviewed to determine measures appropriate for improving the standing stocks of wild trout. This assessment should also measure the overall health of coldwater habitat and the condition of the ecosystem throughout the watershed. Staff and equipment should be enhanced to insure that these assessments can fully and adequately be conducted.

**Policy #7 – Stream Access:** Access to trout waters on both public and private property is necessary for the public to enjoy trout fishing and central to the management of trout water throughout Pennsylvania. Trout management, watershed improvements, and land conservation policies should encourage both acquiring public lands and fostering partnerships with landowners, local governments, conservation organizations and others to promote increased public access to designated trout waters.

## PATU Awards Continued...



**Outstanding Volunteer  
Winner — Mary Ann Kutskel**

Judge's comments: This award goes to an individual or group, not necessarily a TU member, whose volunteer effort has helped TU attain its mission either on a project or overall basis. She has helped at the fall meeting for many years; makes lunch and dinner for all members in attendance; is not a member, and is not paid; she simply volunteers and takes vacation to help Council; buys the food, cooks it and serves it for dimes compared to what it would cost to have these meals catered; the food tastes great; she also does all the dishes and makes sure the kitchen is spotless at the end of the weekend.



**Most New Members  
Winner — Cumberland Valley (63)**



**Greatest Percentage Increase in Memberships  
Winner — Caldwell Creek (40%)**

## Practice casting game sales benefit veteran programming

Another item PATU has for sale is a fly casting practice game, introduced by Alan Folger from National TU at the fall meeting. We have a limited supply of games available for \$20.

The kit contains a blue mat that represents water, four pins to hold it in the ground, a fish that looks like a tarpon and three weighted flies. Because the flies are weighted, this serves to slow down the casting speed and teach users to properly load the rod with line.

Chapters, if you are involved with youth programs these make an excellent teaching tool. Contact George Kutskel at maksak@comcast.net to work out a special deal on a case of 10.

All proceeds from the sale of the casting games goes toward veterans service projects.

Like with the "Back the Brookie" plate, plans are to offer a grant program that helps chapters provide programs for veterans.

## PATU Polo Shirts Now Available!

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited will now be selling polo shirts and baseball caps.

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year they were forced to cancel just before the afternoon session. Chapter volunteers Bob Stevens, Gerry Bortz, Don Miller, Carl Meyer and Tom Battista adjusted the program plan to make four stations so the campers had a full program. We added a "fishing equipment and safety" segment where participants were taught how to remove an impaled hook. During the summer the Monroe County Conservation inquired if the chapter would like to become a "nominating organization" to suggest members for appointment to the Monroe County Conservation District Board. We filed the required paperwork, and after approval by the state, we were approved. Brodhead Watershed Association asked us to provide a program at their "Brodhead Ramble" in August. We provided an entomology PowerPoint, fly tying and casting program. "Flies" were tied on safety pins and given to people attending or they could tie their own. On Oct. 5, the Brodhead Watershed Association honored Bob Stevens, our chapter secretary, for his work as a "Streamwatcher" on the Brodhead. Bob is retiring after more than 20 years of measurement and data collection, accomplishing this while being an active TU volunteer and chapter secretary. We had a stream cleanup on the Pocono Creek Sept. 29. Our ongoing project on the McMichael Creek will be completed this fall, as will repairs on the rocks in the Brodhead by Stokes Ave.

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Chapter volunteers assisted at Project Healing Waters this summer, joining Heide Cebrick and volunteers from Stanley Cooper Chapter. Two trips were made to Indian Mountain Rod & Gun Club, where veterans had great success fishing the stream that runs through the club. In June, Bob Eddy arranged for the vets to fish at Arrowhead Lakes as guests of their association's fishing club. Greg Malaska arranged for Paradise Rod & Gun Club to invite vets to fish in June. They provided an excellent barbecue as well as a fish fry of some of the catch of the day. The stream was stocked the day before in anticipation of the visit. Paradise also had contact with WNEP Channel 16, which sent a reporter and aired a story on that night's six o'clock news. On Sept. 8, chapter volunteers helped at Monroe County Youth Field Day. We assisted at the fishing area, kayak patrol to insure safety at the waterfront for the canoeing, wildlife art, and general help. That evening, when the event chairman and his registrar got home, they found several complimentary emails, with more the next morning, and more each day afterward. At the September meeting the chapter elected officers, followed by a presentation by Kelly Brong about her week at Rivers Conservation School. Kelly provided an excellent presentation using a slide show that she designed herself. In October, Kelly's father Mike will speak briefly about the parent's introduction given at TU Rivers Camp, and the positive changes he has seen in his daughter since attending the camp. October's meeting is a show on Don Baylor's trip to Wyoming in search of Golden Trout in the Tetons. The November meeting features Bob Ballantyne with a program on fishing in Yellowstone National Park. Each year the chapter sponsors a scholarship for two youths to attend Monroe County Conservation Camp. We also provide a program on Thursday afternoon, demonstrating fly tying, entomology and casting. We share time with BASS. This

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

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Nominations are open and annual elections will be held in November. TIC eggs were delivered to participating classrooms. After the usual summer break, the chapter welcomed back members at the September meeting. Noted biologist, fly fisher and local fly fishing historian Don Baylor presented his excellent program "The Poconos: The cradle of American fly-fishing." The program traces the rich history of fly fishing in the Poconos and rightfully recognizes the region as the birthplace of American fly fishing, well before the Catskills became a fly fishing destination. Our October meeting featured a program on "Stream Restoration: Beyond Dam Removal" by Brian Cowden, TU Musconetcong River home waters coordinator. The chapter held its first pig and corn roast, and despite lousy weather it was a great success. The chapter decided this will be a worthwhile and fun annual event. Funds raised will support the chapter's TIC programs. Ticket sales for the annual holiday raffle are underway. Our quarterly highway cleanup of Bushkill Drive was completed. Chapter volunteers continue to support the Bushkill Creek water quality monitoring program. On Sept. 22, chapter volunteers participated in the family fishing program at Jacobsburg State Park and the Roseto Rod & Gun Club's Youth Day. Chapter volunteers introduced participants to fly fishing and fly tying at both events.

## **Hokendauqua Chapter #535**

**Dale Steventon**

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On July 14, Boy Scouter and chapter VP Dave Abraham, along with Kerry Marsh, assisted Cub Scouts at Camp Trexler with a fishing contest, fly tying and a fly casting clinic. There were over 500 attending, including

scout counselors, Cub Scouts and family members. About 260 of the scouts participated in the fishing contest that took place on two lakes at the camp. Over 100 fish were caught and released after being measured. We held our 3rd annual chapter picnic on July 19 in Northampton Borough Park. Twenty-three members and guests attended. Fred Hutterer commanded the grill and other food was prepared by members and wives. Lehigh Valley's 10th annual JAKES (juniors acquiring knowledge, ethics and sportsmanship) Youth Field Day sponsored by the National Wild Turkey Federation and Lehigh County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs was Aug. 4 at Ontelaunee Rod & Gun Club. Thirteen Hokendauqua members and one from another chapter assisted youngsters in the fishing contest. There were 10 groups of 15 boys and girls each having 30 minutes to fish. They participated in many other activities throughout the day. Trophies for the largest fish overall and first- and second-place for each group were awarded. Flies and fly boxes (14 with a dozen flies in each) were donated for the Casting for Recovery event held at Skytop Lodge Aug. 26-28. Additional flies are being tied for donations again next year. Advanced fly tying is conducted at the Egypt Fire Hall on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Monthly membership meetings are held at Catasauqua High School on the third Wednesday of each month from September to June. September's speaker was Dean Druckenmiller, president of Lehigh Coldwater Fisheries Alliance. We had a cleanup on Hokendauqua Creek on Sept. 13. We had a booth at the Walnutport Canal Festival on Oct. 21. We have chapter T-shirts and caps for sale and lanyards made by Mike Churetta for sale at \$20 each.

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Regularly scheduled meetings were suspended over the summer months but the BOD meetings continued as scheduled. Our first meeting of the fall was a PowerPoint presentation on a member's recent Alaska trip. The chapter is working on grant applications for a Lackawanna River project and a brook trout habitat improvement on Leggets Creek. The chapter donated a park bench and garbage receptacle for use on the Lackawanna. On Aug. 18, the chapter held a pig roast with its partners on the Lackawanna River projects, the Lackawanna River Corridor Association and the Lackawanna Heritage Authority. It was a fundraiser for the chapter and it also celebrated the redesignation of five miles of the river as a Class A Wild Trout Stream. This section runs through the City of Scranton and is part of the River Walk. River Keeper for the chapter has reported several unknown discharges coming into the river to DEP and the county conservation unit which turned out to be a green dye that the sewer authority utilizes to check for locations of leaks. The chapter is also mapping, inventorying, photographing with GPS locations of CSOs and other influxes and discharges in the river in cooperation with the City of Scranton. We have finally completed all baseline data for our Marcellus Shale water quality monitoring.

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## Friend of the Lehigh...



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On June 25, the Wildlands Conservancy presented its award "Friend of the Lehigh River" to three recipients, including the Hokendauqua Chapter of Trout Unlimited. The chapter received the award for bank restoration in two areas of the Hokendauqua Creek that flows into the Lehigh River. The chapter was also recognized for educational programs such as sponsorship of Trout in the Classroom at Catasauqua High School, assisting youth field days, fly fishing instruction at the Women in the Outdoors event, equipment and instruction for Casting for Recovery, several Project Healing Waters events and streamside education for several Cub and Boy Scouts.

Our chapter continues to support the reorganization efforts of the Monocacy Creek Watershed Association. We participated in a "launch event" weekend Sept. 14-15 for the MCWA's Know Your Watershed Day. A Friday night symposium consisted of meet-and-greet activities, guest speakers, a slide presentation on the past, present and future of the Monocacy, water monitoring results and plans for future restoration projects. Saturday consisted of educational activities, a fly casting/fishing

demonstration and picnic. Hopes were the event reached out to the community to foster a greater interest and awareness of the creek and the challenges it faces. It also gave TU an opportunity to convey our mission to environmentally conscious individuals that do not necessarily fish but have an interest in the stewardship of the Monocacy. Following summer break, our chapter resumed meetings on Sept. 25 at our usual meeting site, the DAR House, Bethlehem. Our program committee is planning to poll our membership and public via

our website to the type of programming they would be interested in during the coming year. Officer and board member elections will be held at the October meeting. Chapter member Viorel Dragan continues to monitor water quality on the Monocacy at several different sites. Chapter VP Erik Broesicke, along with Viorel, continue to lead our dam removal efforts on the Monocacy. A meeting was scheduled for September with representatives from American Rivers, City of Bethlehem, MCWA and other agencies. Chapter members continue to assist in stream cleanup efforts of the newly opened Housenick Memorial Park within the Archibald Johnston Conservation Area. Debris from flash flooding frequently blocks stream flow in this area.

### Pike Wayne Chapter #462

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We are venturing into the sponsorship of a fly fishing club at the Delaware Valley High School. Member and newsletter editor Jim Furno will act as liaison. We continue our stream water quality monitoring efforts pertaining to the threat posed by Marcellus drilling in our area. In cooperation with the Stanley Cooper, Upper Delaware, New York City and Long Island, NY chapters, as well as other interested organizations, we planned and participated in a major cleanup project on the West Branch of the Upper Delaware River at a location known as the Monument Pool on Aug. 11. We filled a 30-yard container with an assortment of illegally dumped garbage from the very steep riverbank. More than 30 volunteers contributed equipment and time. Our efforts to prevent a watercraft livery on the Lackawaxen River continue. The condition of the Lackawaxen River has vastly improved due to our negotiating the implementation of a program where mandatory releases from Lake Wallenpaupack are called for when the river temperature reaches critical temperature downstream.

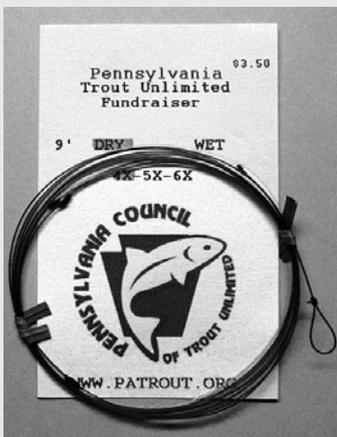
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The chapter is looking for new meeting location. Randy Emerick was appointed vice president. Nominations were taken at the October meeting for elections in December. Mike Gogal gave a presentation at the October meeting. He owns Gogal Publishing, which harnesses GPS technology to assist fishermen. Other speakers are planned for the remainder of the winter. The chapter recently joined the Schuylkill County Chamber of Commerce and we plan to put together a program and article for the Chamber's website. SCTU had its annual picnic on Aug. 18 in Summit Station. Bruce Schneck was the banquet chairman with Bud Noll serving as head chef. SCTU is working with Boscov's department store with the promotion of the program "Friends Helping Friends." Chapter members Tony Mione and Ivan Willard participated in Community Day at Williams Valley High School on May 30. They tied flies for the students. On Aug. 11, Tony Mione, Bruce Schneck, Dave Moyer, Ivan Willard and John Bondura did a fly tying demonstration for over 50 youngsters and their parents at the Valley View Field Day in Hegins. SCTU has allocated funds for the purchase of 12- to 14-inch trout to be stocked locally in the fall. A spring stocking is also considered.

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Our September meeting featured guest speaker and chapter member Lee Hartman, who presented "Reeling Around the World." He shared stories and photos of some of his global fishing adventures. The board of directors decided to try an incentive for member attendance at meetings. Each member in good standing is given a ticket and at each meeting, and one is selected. This member's name will be entered into a drawing at our May meeting with the winner getting to choose a high end Orvis or Winston graphite rod in the length and line weight of their choice. The officers and board are not participating in the raffle. Our members and those from other chapters continue with the monthly Project Healing Waters program. Outings in July, August and September included Lackawanna State Park, Indian Mountain Rod & Gun Club and Lake Ladore. Program lead, Heide Cebrick, reported that 14 veterans new to the program were introduced to fly fishing in the last quarter. Wyoming Valley Fly Tyers' monthly meetings resumed in September. Mike Romanowski announced plans for tying lessons for the winter. Classes will be open to the public and there will be a fee. Chapter webmaster, Philip Mancini, continues to keep our site updated and Kim Mancini sends out the press releases announcing chapter events. Plans for the 23rd annual conservation banquet on Sept. 18, 2013 at the East Mountain Inn, Wilkes-Barre have begun. Chapter board member, Mike Romanowski, worked with FUDR in organizing a cleanup at Monument Pool on the West Branch of the Delaware River on Aug. 11. Chapter members Mike Romanowski, Lee Hartman, John Morris, Scott Brady, Jay Downs, Rich and Cindy Grenavich, Dave and Heide Cebrick and Joe Gruskiewicz, Jr. joined with volunteers from Pike Wayne, New York City, Long Island, Upper Delaware chapters of TU, Wild Trout Flyrodders, West Branch Angler and FUDR to accomplish this project. It was a very efficient and effective initiative with the use of duck boats, a winch, trailer, pickup truck and dumpster. It took less than two hours to clean up the mess, and the land owner was

very pleased. Joe Gruskiewicz, Jr. continues as the chapter representative with the Conservation Coalition. This group is involved with conservation and water quality issues. Other member organizations include DU, QDMA, NWTf and the Luzerne Conservation District.

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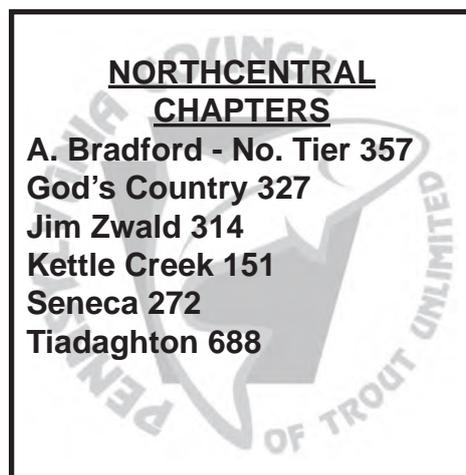
We have reconvened our regular members meeting schedule after a somewhat quiet summer, save some administrative changes with the leadership and board. These include moving Cory Blair to newsletter editor and Shane Becker to conservation coordinator. Both have provided an immediate impact. Cory developed and published our new newsletter. At our August board meeting, leadership discussed and agreed to implement regularly scheduled board meetings, separate of our membership meeting/programs. We agreed to hold board meetings the first of Sunday of each month at the East Side Tavern in White Haven. Also discussed was identifying a central location for future membership meetings. Lehigh Gap Nature Center is an ideal meeting site in terms of room and amenities, but the overall feeling is the site a bit of haul for members toward the borders in Luzerne and Carbon counties. Board members are exploring locations in the Jim Thorpe, Albrightsville area and a couple of sites were recommended for further review. Heading into fall, our meetings will be geared more toward conservation topics. Since Jan. 1 our chapter has brought on 19 members. It's our hope that new members will translate into new active members as we are still looking to fill critical roles on the board. Shane Becker has been working on a draft letter to PFBC in coordination with our partners to address illegal fishing practices on the Pohopoco Creek below Parryville Dam, and to recommend both regulation changes and submit a formal conservation plan for this section of the creek. On Oct. 20, we hosted CCC training at the Lehigh Gap Nature Center in Slatington.

We met for regular monthly meetings in August and September. The July meeting was canceled due to a tornado ripping through Potter County the afternoon of our meeting. We continue with our in-stream monitoring as part of CCC along with chapter member Loren Fitzgerald coordinating training for the Potter County Waterdogs with ALLARM. The next training session is Nov. 16-17 and will be for those monitors who have had the initial training and need to be updated. We have been in contact with the Tioga County Conservation District concerning Long Run and the poor job Tennessee Gas Pipeline did in the final seeding of the pipeline at the stream crossing. They assured us they have met with the operator and the problems will be rectified. We sponsored student Heather Fitzgerald to attend the Potter County Conservation School. In her thank you note she stated that she had a wonderful time, learned valuable skills and that it was an experience she will never forget. Ted Bear has met with TIC teachers and is working to correct a few minor problems before eggs arrive. Chapter member Frank Weeks, who is also president of the Upper Allegheny Watershed Association, has had meetings with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy concerning the purchase of land that is the actual headwaters of the Allegheny River. We are hoping to have an area set aside for an informative kiosk at the site and a small parking area. The big news from God's Country is that chapter member Bob Volkmar received TU's National "Trout Conservation Award" for the volunteer category. Bob's extraordinary commitment to the Coldwater Conservation Corps has kept the program first rate in achieving its goal of putting boots on the ground in watersheds where Marcellus Shale gas drilling may affect coldwater resources.

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Work by individual volunteers continued over the summer with stream monitoring, most importantly getting and submitting a baseline sample at each predetermined site and submitting the sample to ALLARM for review. Many attending our August meeting took the opportunity to inspect the latest Asaph Run habitat improvement project completed in July. Chapter members, in cooperation with PFBC and DCNR Bureau of Forestry, installed a new cross vane deflector on Asaph Run July 7. The device was placed in an area of the stream that previously had a blown out jack dam that was removed in 2009. Marc Sausser, PFBC habitat specialist, created the design of the in-stream device and directed the installation. Logs and heavy equipment were donated by DCNR. Also assisting with the project was Lori Davis, newly-appointed watershed specialist from the Tioga County Conservation District. PFBC has drawn up plans for more stream work to be done adjacent to the Asaph Campground area in 2013. According to Marc Sausser, there is money left from a grant that PFBC received from the US Fish and Wildlife Service for the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture in 2010. Most of the original grant money was spent on habitat devices on the Left and Right Branches of Asaph Run above the campground in 2011. Release of the remaining grant money is pending a decision within PFBC and is critical to the expansion of stream work on Asaph Run next year. Thanks to all TU members and state agencies that helped with the project. Hopefully, our chapter will have a chance to continue with more stream work in the Asaph Run Watershed next summer. Discussions developed on how we might expand our



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relations with Mansfield University and with the Army Corps of Engineers relative to stream assessment and habitat improvement issues. Volunteers will be initiating a dialogue with these organizations. A number of chapter positions are up for election in November, including president, vice president and several board positions. Because our vice president and president have served our limit of terms in both positions, we are enthused about an infusion of new ideas and skills.

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We held election of officers and directors on Oct. 12. The board will reorganize on the first Wednesday of November with a dinner meeting at Hoss's in DuBois. Our 2013 banquet is April 6 at the Falls Creek Eagles. Two chapter members attended a presentation from the PA Liquor Control Board on the rules governing the small games of chance and the effects on chapter fundraising. John Stall is working on getting chapter water monitoring up and running. The chapter, along with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, met with the City of DuBois asking to allow WPC to take the lead in getting permits needed to do the work in the flood control on Sandy Lick Creek. Ken Undercoffer and George Kutskel are looking at Lick Run to see if we can get a grant to implement the findings from our Coldwater Heritage Grant from 2004. The chapter has several TIC schools and we will be making plans on how best to cover the needs of each. We learned that two schools would like to have the chapter become their program partner. We will be working with Council on building a PowerPoint program and video that can be used when schools have open houses or to make presentation at the school easier to do. We will again host fly fishing programs with Brockway and DuBois schools on an after-school basis. The chapter participated in the Clearfield County Watershed festival held at Curwensville Dam. The chapter is meeting at

its new location: The Community Room at Martins Grocery Store in DuBois, on the banks of the Delayed Harvest Area.

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We co-sponsored, with the Brokenstraw Watershed Council, a rally on Sept. 6 at the Bear Lake waste injection site that aired on WSEE and WICU TV from Erie. It's available on YouTube under Bear Lake Injection Wells. We did an ALLARM training on Sept. 15 to train additional people for our monitoring programs in the Brokenstraw and adjacent watersheds. Mitch Blake, Marcellus Shale field organizer, spoke at our Sept. 20 meeting.

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We met in September after a summer break. We held a work project on Morrison Run Sept. 22. Our TIC projects had another successful year with all fish being stocked in local streams in April. With the start of a new school year we will be starting our TIC program and hope to have another successful year.

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We launched a new website: [www.ironfurnacetu.net](http://www.ironfurnacetu.net). A Facebook page has also been established at <https://www.facebook.com/IronFurnaceChapterTU>. Current officers were approved by the chapter to stay in their positions for one more year. Evan Say and Bruce Dickson were nominated to the board of directors. Our summer board meeting was July 27 at the Onahdagon Camp. Plans for the next year and the future of the board and officers were the main topics. The 2013 banquet is April 6 at St. Joseph's Church in Lucinda. Real-time monitoring stations are up and running on the following streams: Millstone Creek, Cathers Run, Salmon Creek and Spring Creek. For more information on the project

or to check the real time data from the stations, visit <http://v4.wqdata.com/webdbblink/iftu.php>. Plans are being made to join with the Boy Scouts this fall to work on and fix more of the habitat structures at the fly area on North Fork at the Walter Dick Park in Brookville. Work on the watershed assessment of Cathers Run is ongoing and is slated to be completed during the summer of 2013. Plans are in the works for next year's Project Healing Waters outing. We would like to do it a little earlier in the year in hopes of better fishing conditions.

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Next year's banquet is March 9, 2013 at the Park Inn by Radisson in West Middlesex. There will be several rods, artwork and many prizes to be won. Ticket sales will start after the first of the year and order information will be in our newsletter and on the website. The Deer Creek group held a workday on Oct. 6 at the Boy Scout camp to continue improvement of that stream. They are working to create fish habitat for a handicap fishing pier to be built at a later date. We are still looking for volunteer monitors for the CCC program. If you are interested in helping, contact Jim Kearney at [mayfly1278@aol.com](mailto:mayfly1278@aol.com). There will be a meeting this fall for anyone who wants to help and the date will be published when finalized. We again had a booth at the Environmental Education Day at Buhl Park on Oct. 2. Thanks to a donation from the Joy Cone Company, we will be starting two new TIC programs in the Farrell School District. We are also sponsoring a new TIC program in Greenville School District, bringing us up to a total of five. The program continues to grow as word gets out and we hope to add more schools in the future.

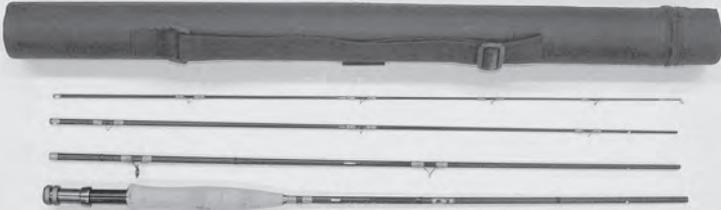
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Directors met Sept. 19 for a reorganizational meeting, as participation from chapter members has decreased in recent years. We continue to sponsor TIC projects at local elementary schools.

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President Gary Ross, Treasurer Dan Rockwell, Secretary Vaughn MacGregor and Banquet Chairman Tom Young attended training for the new regulations for Games of Chance licensing in Franklin on Aug. 29. Our first meeting of the fall was Sept. 19. Guest speaker was Mitch Blake, Marcellus Shale field organizer. Our 29th annual conservation banquet was a huge success, with a sellout crowd. We had seating for up to 160 people and may be able to fill that next year. We are planning further habitat improvements on Little Sandy Creek upstream from the trestle pool, in conjunction with the Conservation District and PFBC. We also had the display at a fund-raiser in Seneca on Aug. 23, which highlighted outdoor activities for disabled veterans. We gave information about the chapter during a question and answer format. Youth Field Day was June 16 at the Oil City Izaak Walton League. OCTU volunteers Ed Atts, Walt Zinno, Vaughn MacGregor, Frank Emanuel, Regis Senko and Gary Ross manned a fly tying station. The goal was to teach each child basic fly tying and different types of flies. We had approximately 120 kids tie wooly worms. OCTU donates to this event and this year we donated \$300 and we supply fly tying tool kits and material. We had two youths attend Wayne Harpster's fly fishing day. Four teachers and a middle school principal involved in TIC attended our March meeting to brainstorm improvements to the program. Goals for the meeting were to network with TIC teachers and OCTU, create a critical list of spare equipment to have on hand to deploy for emergencies, and to better support classrooms' release days and get local newspaper coverage. We need to look at having some spare equipment such as chillers and filters in order to deal with emergencies. Some schools needed to list their Program Partner on forms. Deadline dates for applications and training were discussed. We will have two new TIC classrooms in the fall: Mark Ferringer, Valley Grove Elementary School and Simoan Ray, Cochran High School. We also discussed planning a new category for TIC on our

website. One of the teachers noted that PATU is very helpful with aid. Tom Young and Gary Ross gave a presentation on "OCTU and Trout in the Classroom" to the Franklin Rotary Club in July and the Franklin Kiwanis Club in August. It's very possible that the Franklin Kiwanis Club will give OCTU a donation to purchase a spare chiller for our TIC partners. We are continuing to support the Clarion conservation scholarship grant this year, along with the Allegheny Mountain and Iron Furnace chapters. Further work was done on the display case on the history of the Oil Creek Chapter at the Venango County Court House. An OCTU card was placed for contact information for visitors. Additional pictures were also placed in the display. Chapter members created the display in March.

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In early September, several chapter board members met with U.S. Rep. Michael G. Fitzpatrick. The Bucks County congressman took an on-site tour of our Watson Creek project on the Lindquist Farm located in Buckingham Township. Conservation chairman Joe Mihok led the site tour while providing historical, scientific and financial background information on the project. Afterwards, we had a half-hour Q&A session. Specific issues discussed included the Land & Conservation Fund, Bristol Bay, Marcellus Shale, Good Samaritan Act and the National Wildlife Refuge Act. We believe if the congressman walked away with knowledge that BCTU is not just a fishing club, that we have nearly 500 members, are reasonable environmentalists and have done meaningful hands-on work in the county, then the meeting was a great success. On Sept. 15, the Bucks County Fish & Game Association held its annual Youth Field Day. For many years we have participated in this event. Attendees learn skills such as shotgun, rifle, flintlock, archery shooting and other outdoor activities. Chapter volunteers taught over 100 children fly tying and casting. It's rewarding to see the joy on the kids' faces as they create a fly (wooly worm) to take home and fish.. Our culvert survey of the Cooks Creek watershed is nearly complete, we have a prioritized ranking of culverts that are blocking fish passage and are working on retrofit designs for the highest priority culverts.

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Chapter members recently participated in a freshwater mussels survey program with CRC Watersheds. We also installed stream temperature gauges on Crum and Ridley Creeks.

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On Sept. 6, the chapter met to determine if we had enough member support to keep from being de-

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chartered. The Little Lehigh has been a well-known coldwater fishery and a major asset in the Lehigh Valley. It has served the recreational and commercial needs of the area for many years. Population growth, commercial and residential development has placed a significant strain on the stream. Members at that meeting wanted to continue the chapter and protect the waterway. It would have been very unfortunate for the Little Lehigh not to have representation from a TU chapter. Officers and board members were appointed and the chapter had enough support to carry on work. In the past, a core group of individuals attempted to keep the chapter active and in compliance with the charter. We would like to thank those individuals for the work they have done. It was apparent that they needed more help. We would also like to extend our thanks to Fred Gender, South East Regional VP and Brian Wagner for their guidance through the initial stage of this effort. Additionally, many PATU staff and members of other chapters have reached out to us to offer suggestions, support and assistance.

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The chapter met on Sept. 18 and elected its board from the coming year: Chaz Macdonald, president; Lou Wentz, VP; Chris Ulmer, secretary; Mike Fries, treasurer. The chapter organized efforts to remove an old dam at the American Legion on Route 29 in East Greenville. The dam was about 200 yards below the mouth of Hosensack Creek, a wild brown trout stream and major tributary of Perkiomen Creek. The dam was damaged beyond repair years ago by one of several hurricanes that hit the area. The only thing left was the foundation, but it backed up several feet of water to the mouth of the Hosensack. Temperature readings at the site after the removal were favorable for trout, which always held on the side of Perkiomen Creek below the mouth of the Hosensack. The path is now clear for bank restoration and tree planting. The chapter has long been a partner with PFBC, American Rivers, PGC and the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy. There are two more dams of concern along the Upper Perkiomen, one is about a half mile below the removed dam the other dam is just above Green Lane Reservoir. The chapter will be working with landowners to remove the other dams. Water temperatures in the watershed are being monitored by the chapter by using thermographs and stream thermometers for about 20 years, the temperatures have shown a steady decline over that time period in part due to the chapter's efforts to restore vegetation along the banks of the creek.

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The chapter took its first organized trip to the Upper Delaware during the last weekend in July and it was a

learning experience. The water was cold and clear which equated to stealth presentation and extremely small flies. Some of the members were able to catch a couple but it was a very humbling experience. Due to dry conditions this summer we deferred tree planting until the fall.

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With the organization and sponsorship of Pier and Dan Shaffer, and support from our membership, we held two "Teach a Kid to Fish" events at French Creek State Park with underprivileged kids from the Opportunity House of Reading. On Oct. 6, we hosted CCC Marcellus Shale training at the Tully House. Field training was done in Tulpehocken Creek. We held five successful "Breakfast on the Tully" events at Tully House this year. We held an Italian Night dinner on Sept. 29 and it was sold out. We are planning a chili cook-off event in the spring of 2013. We sponsored two students to attend summer conservation schools. One went to the Don Hartman Conservation Leadership School and one went to the PA Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp. We are asking these students to attend a membership meeting and talk about their experiences at these two schools. We dropped off the 55 gallon aquarium and hood to our newest TIC school, Conrad Weiser Middle School. We currently have three schools running this program and two additional schools in queue. We set up an information table the Sportsman Expo at the Oley Valley Fairgrounds on Sept. 6 to explain to the public what our chapter is doing.

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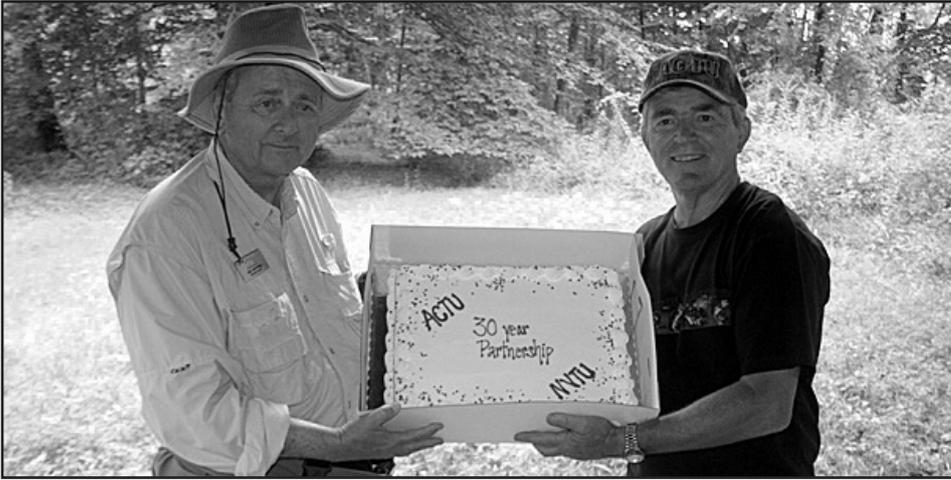


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**Adams County Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Northern Virginia TU recently celebrated their 30th year in partnership while restoring Conewago Creek. At left is Jay Lovering, president of NVTU, at right is Dave Swope, president of ACTU.**

Paperwork for two stream projects in the Tulpehocken and Quittapahilla Creek Watershed are being signed off now. Hopefully these projects can be completed in 2013. TCTU members are monitoring several Berks County streams to gather baseline information on stream quality in preparation of the possible natural gas pipelines that may be coming through Berks County.

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The chapter held elections at the September general meeting. Robbi Freisem was elected president; Pete Goodman is past president; Karl Heine is VP, Internal Affairs; one board member stepped down, Bob Jones; and three new board members were added: Jeff Bush, Ed Penry and Jeff Turner. The chapter has been using Constant Contact email marketing service for over a year to produce a nearly monthly e-newsletter. This has proven to be a very good communication tool. It is being used in addition to our mailed quarterly newsletter, "Banknotes." It enables us to reach our membership more quickly with issues needing immediate attention that otherwise would go unaddressed. Further consideration has been given to creating a chapter veterans program. We are also looking at strengthening our membership committee. Our Clean Streams fall fundraiser was Oct. 27 at the Great Valley Nature Center and was a departure from our usual fall raffles. We held a fishing tackle extravaganza and family social. We offered, for a small donation, used and new fishing paraphernalia (rods, reels, vests, tackle boxes, flies and fly boxes, books, etc.) that have been donated to the chapter. We served hot dogs and sodas, demonstrated fly casting and fly tying and discussed local streams, fishing, tactics and equipment. "Trout Tales and Watershed Heroes" is available through "Contact the Chapter" on our website, board members, local fishing shops and Amazon.com. Inventory is available for immediate shipment. The PA Turnpike Commission submitted its NPDES application in November 2011 for the Widening Project (MP320 to MP326) that

occurs in the Valley Creek watershed. An additional submission was made in May 2012 which DEP judged as administratively complete. The chapter has done an extensive review and has discussed the application with a number of involved parties. We believe that the current design does not meet the anti-degradation laws of the Pennsylvania Code for an Exceptional Value stream. DEP seems to feel that the plan has some deficiencies as well since they sent a 12-page "comments" letter back to PTC on Aug. 8, which also included our comments as well as Tredyffrin Township's, Penn Future's and several residents' all supported by engineering reports. We continue participation in Chester County Marcellus Shale Coalition. A proposed natural gas pipeline crossing of the East Branch of the Brandywine Creek and two crossings of Ludwig's Run by Williams/Transco has been a focal point of the this group. A public meeting and hearing was in August, coordinated by DEP and Williams/Transco. Williams/Transco reapplied to DEP to allow their preferred method of crossing, a dry cut. This method was turned down by DEP in 2009. Very little has changed in their application since then, but DEP seems poised to grant the reapplication over much public concern and outrage. We are working on the Keeper of the Stream partnership with Valley Forge National Historical Park. This program will put volunteers throughout the Valley Creek watershed. Volunteers will sign up for certain stream sections or "beats" to monitor at least four times per year. This will give us the eyes on the ground and stream to watch out for problems. After a summer hiatus, we are working to obtain landowner permissions to get volunteers out. The chapter is partnering with several different organizations to enhance our watershed through the planting of trees and shrubs. Plantings were held the last two Saturdays in September and the 28th. Each event was with different partners. More planting days are coming up. The chapter will be using a Valley Creek Trustee Council grant for "backyard ecology" to create two demonstration rain gardens in Wilson Farm Park in Tredyffrin Township. Approvals have been received and we are moving ahead on design. We should have some volunteer workdays associated with this project. Chapter members are partnering with Green Valleys Association and PEC to put together a Growing Greener Grant application

for modifying detention basins in the Valley Creek watershed. Chapter members are also involved with the Chester County Conservation District's Valley Creek Trustee Council grant that is targeting detention basins in the Valley Creek watershed. This grant provides for engineering concept designs for retrofitting certain basins to be more efficient in managing storm water.

### **SOUTHCENTRAL** **CHAPTERS**

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Officer nominations took place at the September meeting. In July, chapter members and the PFBC habitat manager finalized our restoration project for 2012. A memorial bench was built and passing members from ACTU and NoVTU were recognized during our 30th year in partnership together this past July. September's chapter meeting featured local PFBC Advisory Board member Loren Lustig as guest speaker, along with Thomas Oleskey, who presented a slide presentation on June's Rivers Conservation School. The chapter supported two youths who attended this year. In September, two officers attended a meeting hosted by our state representatives on Games of Chance licenses and changes in the law. On Oct. 5, the chapter participated with PFBC in float stocking the 1.1-mile C&R FFO section.

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We are in the very early stages of applying for funds from several sources. Our intent is to secure and match those funds to finance another substantial stream improvement project in 2013. Our chapter recently installed the first two wader wash stations we're planning for the Codorus. Permission has been granted

for three more that are currently under construction. Due to our close proximity to Maryland's Gunpowder River and Big Hunting Creek, both contaminated with didymo, our chapter decided to install the stations as a preemptive measure. We often see vehicles with Maryland license plates on the Codorus, and we're concerned about the potential for an outbreak in the Codorus' tailwater environment. We hope these stations will both educate the public and prevent an outbreak in our home stream. Our two TIC projects will be getting started very soon. One is a new project, and the other will begin its second year.

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We hosted a Reel for Recovery event in July with eight individuals. Another event was our CVTU picnic, which is both an organizational event and has a small fundraiser component for the chapter. We had a turnout of over 60 people for the picnic which was held at the Allenberry Playhouse in the "Meadow." We also completed an Intro to Fly Fishing class at the Army War College in Carlisle for military staff and families. We had one of our largest turnouts ever for the event. We have been teaching the intro class for a few years now, and it continues to grow each year. We also had the "Last Supper" which is held at "Vince's Meadow" on the Letort. This causal picnic is always a great time for everyone to get together and reflect on the fishing season. We completed a few conservation projects this past quarter. We were in the Letort removing invasive grass and two trees that had fallen in the lower Letort that were causing some flooding issues. We also completed another fish habitat project in Boiling Springs. This is the second of eight total projects. We attempted to complete a third project on Sept. 18 but the heavy rains made the conditions hazardous for staff and heavy equipment.

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Archie Fenton was elected president and Ed O'Gorman as vice president at our annual membership meeting on Sept. 25. Fred Fortney was elected as a new board member and all other existing officers and directors were reelected to serve an additional one-year term. Ed is immediate past president. The date of our 2013 annual banquet is March 23 at Wildwood Conference Center in Harrisburg. The chapter has paid Skelly & Loy \$5,500 of the \$15,000 pledged for an archaeological study required before a stream bank restoration project can begin on Quittapahilla Creek in Annville. An Adopt-a-Highway cleanup along the road paralleling the Clarks Creek FFO stretch was Aug. 11. On July 28, a stream bank restoration project on Manada Creek was completed with assistance from Karl Lutz of PFBC's habitat section. Low stream flows this summer resulted in minimal weekly maintenance required for our Rausch Creek limestone diversion well. On Sept. 12, chapter volunteers assisted in netting and transferring trout from an existing section of the upper Tulpehocken Creek to a newly-created 1,500-foot stream channel on Pennsy Supply's Prescott Quarry property in Lebanon County. Volunteers participated with displays at the

Ned Smith Center for Nature & Art Festival on July 28, and the Celebrity Classic sporting clays event on Aug. 24. Plans are in place for an eight-week beginner's fly tying course in October and November. The chapter is sponsoring six TIC programs again this year, with the St. Margaret Mary's program being transferred over to the Holy Name of Jesus School. Details for administering a scholarship for college-level environmental science majors utilizing the Dr. Frank Viozzi Memorial Fund are being finalized through a separate foundation.

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On Sept. 22, we organized and hosted a fishing event for local Special Olympics athletes. Twelve attendees were assisted by DTU "fishing guides." The Special Olympics group provided lunch and PFBC discussed fishing etiquette. It was held on a private pond owned by one of our members. A ladies fly fishing workshop was Oct. 13. This was an outgrowth of our Ladies Conservation & Fly Fishing breakfast held in the spring. We will be working with two more classes of Elizabethtown graduate students at the Millport Conservancy in the fall. We use the opportunity to discuss TU's mission in conservation and the importance of taking care of our streams and water. Our Oktoberfest featured Cathy & Barry Beck as keynote speakers at the Four Seasons Golf Resort on Oct. 17. Work in the Conowingo watershed is about 70 percent complete. This three-month, one-mile project is scheduled to be done by the end of October. The Amish landowner has been very satisfied with the work so far and we hope that he will encourage others to work with us on other sections of the watershed. The design and construction for the project will cost about \$650,000 and is covered by grants. We have identified six projects in the Conowingo watershed that we will work on for next year. We are working with DEP on funding. Repair work due to last fall's floods will be done in mid-October on Clumber's Run. US Fish & Wildlife is providing equipment and expertise for the project. DTU will cover cost of materials. The Fishing Creek project along Scalpy Hollow Road in southern Lancaster County is complete. About 200 linear feet of mudsills were designed and constructed with in a joint effort by Flyway Construction and PFBC. The Charles Run project was postponed until November due to bad weather. We are working with the owner of Oregon Dairy to possibly do work on a small tributary to the Conestoga Creek.

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

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Our 38th annual banquet was Sept. 15 at the Landis-McLeaf Marine Corps League in Chambersburg. The chapter finished a stream habitat project on Falling Spring at the properties of Kurtis Frey and Carl and Becky Helman. The project's mission is to purge buildup of silt out of potential spawning areas. The chapter worked with PFBC in planning the work and received enthusiastic support from the landowners. Log vanes and rock structures narrowed the stream, increased depth and increased velocity which in turn pulled silt from the stream bottom and exposed clean gravel. As a part of the project, a historic old water wheel was removed

and T.B. Woods has volunteered to sandblast the wheel to be painted and replaced. We will host our annual fly tying classes this January.

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Three chapter members attended the South Central Regional meeting in July. Chapter T-shirts are selling well. An additional purchase of shirts in a different color than the original ones was approved and arrived in time for sales at the Red Lion Street Fair. The North Branch of Muddy Creek Growing Greener Phase 1 project has been permitted for maintenance and repairs. The chapter will supply and plant the necessary riparian buffers. Repairs are scheduled to be completed this fall. A section of Toms Run below Ted Wallace Road has been designed and permitted by PFBC using the CHIPs program. Plans include a modified mud sill, stone deflectors, cross rock vanes and single vane deflectors. Two more possible stream restoration projects have recently surfaced. One is on the North Branch and the other on Tom's Run. Chapter conservation committee members are currently working with the landowners and the York County Conservation District. Both projects are in the initial planning stages. Chapter members set up a booth at the Red Lion Street Fair in August. This event is a great way to present TU to our local community as well as an opportunity to recruit new members. A free raffle of chapter merchandise was held and TU applications were distributed. A display of past and current activities was set up. We sold merchandise and bottled water for fund raising as well. Chapter members had a chance to get a look at the "My Healthy Stream" books that are being provided and sold by National TU. At our meeting in August we decided to purchase some books. Although the book is targeted for landowners we feel that it can serve as an educational tool for chapter members and youths. Our August meeting was held on the deck of Allegro Winery. A social hour preceded the meeting. Both were well attended. A workday was held in August to prepare the nursery for fingerlings, which arrived from PFBC on Sept. 5.

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

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The chapter resumed monthly meetings in September. Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month. We reviewed the South Central Regional meeting held on July 21 with information on the new small games of chance rule changes, the possibility of the chapter becoming a member of the PA Fly Fishing Museum and discussed re-chartering. Chapter members were brought up to date on the Penns Creek designation changes proposed by PFBC. The chapter was asked for a donation for the Juniata Valley Council of BSA for the purchase of new .22 rifles for their rifle range. Chapter member voted to donate needed funds for the purchase of one rifle. The chapter's name will be engraved on the rifle. Other outdoor organizations are also being solicited for funds. Chapter members were asked to come up with ideas on possible speakers for our annual banquet in March 2013. A donation from Metz Hatchery was accepted for youth prizes at the banquet. We also

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purchased tying kits from Metz for the banquet. The chapter received information from the Mifflin County Conservation District on work completed on Hungry Run in August. Hungry Run is classified as impaired by PFBC. The work completed included 22 devices installed for stream bank stabilization. The Conservation District requested that the chapter assist in stream bank plantings to be done in the spring of 2013. The chapter will assist on a second section of Hungry Run near the Lion's Club property. Work will begin in 2013. On Aug. 11, nine chapter members helped the Shade Mt. Chapter of the Wild Turkey Federation with its annual Youth Field Day. The chapter ran fly tying and fishing stations. About 60 youths attended this year. Larry Winey completed an introductory class for nine youths and adults on basic fly tying and fishing. On Aug. 6-7, three chapter members guided military personnel from Walter Reed Medical Center as part of Project Healing Waters. The chapter is adding two additional schools to its TIC program, bringing the total number to five for the 2012-13 school year.

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Our involvement in Project Healing Waters is in preliminary stages where chapter officers and members are anxiously awaiting the start of this endeavor with the Butler VA hospital. The chapter's annual youth fishing and environmental awareness outing in June was a great success. Special thanks to everyone who assisted. The chapter is currently making plans for two TIC initiatives this year. The chapter will receive a grant this coming year for the upgrade of its trout nursery facilities. Plans are also being made for the sponsorship of another beginner fly tying class in late January.

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The chapter filed a formal complaint with the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) over DEP's investigation of illicit discharge on Glade Run and DEP's response to the chapter's inquiries and lack of progress on illicit discharge on Jonathan Run. Unfortunately, OSM determined that DEP's responses to the violations contained in the chapter's complaint were appropriate. However, OSM added, "We (OSM) recognize these determinations are of little comfort to Chestnut Ridge Chapter of Trout Unlimited and other concerned citizens of Pennsylvania, who see continued degradation of Jonathan Run and Glade Run through PURCO's illegal mining practices." To address that problem, DEP's response advises that the discharges will be placed on the Department's Alternative Bonding System (ABS) Legacy Sites list, which will make them eligible for treatment using funds from the Reclamation Fee Operation and Maintenance trust account. In the near future, we hope that funds from the trust account will be used to remediate discharges to Glade Run and Jonathan Run so brook trout may return to the upper reaches of these streams. Laurel Hill Creek's Critical Area Resource Plan final report is anticipated to be completed by June. A project meeting for the Jimtown stream rehabilitation project is tentatively scheduled for early November. A farmer in the Upper Laurel Hill watershed has agreed to allow a stream bank stabilization project (approximately 3,200 linear feet) on his property. To date, the chapter's CCC has completed seven rounds of monitoring on Beaver Creek and Ramcat Run in Fayette County. Monitoring did not show evidence of contamination related to natural gas drilling. Also, the corps monitoring results was found to be within the ALLARM's QA/QC standards. The chapter has partnered with the Western Reserve Chapter of Trout Unlimited (WRTU) in Ohio on the Glade Run Alkaline Sand Project. WRTU secured an Embrace-a-Stream grant from TU which will be used to purchase alkaline sand and pay for analysis this fall. WRTU members will collect water sample to document the water quality from the sand addition. Several WRTU members often fish the Youghiogheny River and realize what a tremendous resource the river is, thus their involvement. We received a \$2,500 grant from the Anthracite Region Independent Power Producers Association (ARIPPA) for alkaline sand, which the chapter anticipates will be used in the spring of 2013. We will build five gear wash stations to minimize the spread of didymo. Ohiopyle State Park placed the stations along the Youghiogheny River at the Ferncliff take out area, Middle Yough take out area, Ramcat Run, sewage treatment plant near Confluence and the Meadow Run trailhead. Gear wash stations contain a sign aimed at educating about didymo and ways to minimize its spread.

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We completed a major trout habitat restoration and stream bank stabilization project on lower Mill Creek, Westmoreland County, this summer. The project improves trout fishing and protects the new hiker/biker bridge that expands the Ligonier Valley Trail and Bikeway. Director Don Kowatch conceived the project and was the chapter's project superintendent. Attesting to the importance of the project, we received this

response from Ligonier resident Jim Kurtz: "My brother drowned in Mill Creek. An unstable bank collapsed when he and a friend, against parental warnings, snuck off to scout promising trout hot spots. He was 5 years old. Trout fever runs in our veins. Thanks for getting those banks stabilized." The chapter funded the project with a matching grant from PA Coldwater Heritage Partnership that includes DCNR, PFBC, Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds and PATU. This grant is the first of its kind given to implement projects identified in the chapter's Mill Creek Coldwater Conservation Plan developed under past president Ken Vallino. Since publishing its plan in 2005, the chapter has completed more than 35 stream bank restoration and trout habitat improvement projects along Mill Creek.

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Chapter members participated in a stream improvement project on a headwaters tributary to Bob's Creek in August. Seven devices were placed on the stream to establish and maintain a low-flow channel and provide fish passage. Members also held an event at Blue Knob State Park to introduce the public to the world of coldwater conservation and fly fishing. At the event, a macro sampling was taken and examined, fly tying demonstrated and fly casting demos were held. Participants had their chance tie a fly and to cast a variety of equipment ranging from modern graphite to fiberglass to bamboo. The end of August brought our annual joint chapter picnic with John Kennedy TU.

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KSTU volunteered to host CCC training at the end of September, but due to low response the event was canceled. This program coincided with the PA Outdoor and Sports Expo held at Indiana University of Pennsylvania's Convention Center. KSTU attended the expo with materials from both state and national TU and demonstrated fly tying during the course of the three-day event. Membership meetings kicked off in October. We showcased PFBC's Unassisted Waters program. We have an exciting series of presentations for the coming year, including Joe Humphreys in January. We will assist the Indiana County Conservation District with habitat projects on Brush Creek in southeastern Indiana County. This stream is an approved trout water as well as being home to a wild trout population. We are also looking into possible projects for Two Lick Creek under funding of the Coldwater Heritage Partnership.

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The chapter recently held nominations for officers and one- and two-year board positions. Twelve Days of Christmas tickets were sent out to raise money for the chapter/banquet. We completed stream improvement projects on Bens Creek. Wide-body cattle crossings were installed on Potter Creek to improve stream access. We will be supporting 10 schools with TIC this fall. The

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**Penn's Woods Chapter of Trout Unlimited received the Bollinger Newsletter Award for publishing the best newsletter among more than 400 TU chapters in the United States. Christian Shane, editor, received the award at the TU national convention held at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, NC, in September. Shane has been editor of "Hatches and Rises" since 2008. During his tenure, the newsletter has twice won the Samuel Slaymaker Award for best newsletter, awarded each year by PATU. Shane is a second grade teacher at McKnight Elementary School in the North Allegheny School District. He also heads the Trout in the Classroom program and conducts fly tying classes for third through fifth grade students at the school.**

chapter has been conducting stream monitoring as part of the PATU's CCC. Monitoring has taken place on parts of Clearshade Creek, with others to follow.

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We are proud that "Hatches and Rises" has been recognized with National TU's Bollinger Award for the best 2012 chapter newsletter. Under the direction of editor Christian Shane, H&R has grown and improved immensely over the last eight years. Christian was able to travel to the fall National TU meeting on Sept. 14 and accept the award. Plans are under way to celebrate the chapter's 50th anniversary next fall. We have a full meeting schedule this winter. Our speaker for September was Bob Wheeler, WCO with PFBC. The October speaker was Steve Brugger of Lake Erie Ultimate Angler. Our annual bus trip is to Fisherman's Paradise on May 18, 2013. Our annual Cabin Fever show is Feb. 14, 2013. It's our major fundraising event and last year we had over 900 attendees. It is held at the Sheraton in Cranberry with featured speaker Lefty Kreh. Our Joe Kline Great Fly Sale will be held at our January meeting. Along with our Holiday Rod Raffle this has been a consistent fundraiser for us. All flies are tied by members. On Sept. 8, under the direction of member Tom Walsh and with supervision by PFBC, several rock and log deflectors, and a modified mud sill were installed on local Pine Creek near Allison Park with the

help of some 30 volunteers. These structures were placed at the lower end of the delayed harvest section. Lunch was provided along with a chance to earn a graphite fly rod handcrafted by Greg Caldwell. Our chapter is again sponsoring two TIC projects. Christian Shane and his second grade class at McKnight Elementary (North Allegheny District) are in their sixth year of raising trout. Dennis Holderbaum, an 11th grade Biology teacher from Academy Charter School in Pittsburgh is participating for the second year. Students and teachers will receive their brook trout eggs in early November. We are in the process of organizing youth fly tying classes for the winter.

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In August, the Executive Committee met with Samantha Kutskel and Sherwin Albert. After a discussion, the Executive Committee decided to undergo reorganization and has been chartered for the next four years. Samantha attended our Sept. 20 meeting and presented a program on ways to increase member participation and ways to network with other partners. This is an excellent opportunity for the chapter and will lead to new and exciting programs and projects. Samantha has crafted an excellent letter describing this great news. The letter will be sent to the membership asking for their participation in this very important meeting. On June 30, we sponsored a fly casting clinic at the Briar Creek Recreation Area. Our instructor was Bill Whitebread, a FFF master certified fly casting instructor. On June 2, six members provided aid to the Columbia County Conservation District's Fish 4 Fun Day at Kocher Park in Lightstreet. This is a fishing event for those with special needs. On June 7, five members worked with the Outdoor Adventure Camp. This program is co-sponsored by the Columbia County Conservation District and the Central Columbia Area High School's Ag Department. The camp was four days and we participated on Water Day. Our responsibilities included: presentation of the PFBC's Smart Angler Program and spin casting instruction. Other classes were a macro study, bird walk and an outdoor craft session.

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We are currently planning our annual banquet that will be held on Nov. 2. Chapter members worked on stream restoration projects on Antes Creek and Texas Creek. We are collecting a lot of used mono and some other "junk" in our mono collection receptacles. Perhaps people are getting the message about the dangers to birds and other wildlife of improperly discarded materials. Chapter members, in partnership with the NE Fishery Center in Lamar, assisted in seven events over the summer where young people and senior citizens were able to enjoy some time on the water and catch some large trout and Atlantic salmon. Members instructed fly tying at the Clinton County Conservation Day Camp. That was held at the Sieg Conference Center along Fishing Creek.

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MaryAnn Haliday Bierly, R.B. Winter State Park naturalist, called in January and told us she needed our assistance with the Canon Envirothon, an academic event that challenges high school students to think critically about the natural world and their role in it. The event combines in-class curriculum and outdoor training helping students to learn more about aquatic ecology, forestry, soil and land use, wildlife and current environmental issues. Team competitions are held at local high schools with the winners competing at county levels, then state levels. Each year, state winners are invited to a national Canon Envirothon, where they compete for national recognition. We felt the best approach would be to use the video camera and projector we purchased for our fly tying classes. We also decided we would tie two flies, a simple Green Weenie and a more involved Wooly Bugger. Tying instructor Jim Wagner estimated the number of hooks and materials we would need to tie about 250 flies. Chapter member Lee Lowery volunteered to supply all materials and member Dennis Keefer supplied plastic cups with lids to hold the materials and finished flies. Since the students would be divided into four groups of 25-30 students, member Bob Layton assured us he would have that many of our fly tying kits in shape for tying. We knew we would need volunteers to monitor and help students as they tied. Several members or our chapter volunteered and Jim Smith, of neighboring Lloyd Wilson chapter, volunteered several of their members to help. On July 23, about 450 students from across the United States and Canada descended on R.B. Winter Park. We were scheduled for four sessions of 25-28 students for 45 minutes each. Our prior planning paid off. With Jim Wagner showing each step via the video camera and the volunteers helping, students were able to get their flies tied on time. For many it was the first time they had heard of fly tying. A couple

had tried it in high school. Some said their fathers tied and fished flies and they couldn't wait to show them their flies. They were all enthusiastic, and I think had a real sense of accomplishment when they were finished. For students it was a chance to physically accomplish something and to see the tie into the real world and the importance of "bugs" in the environment. For us it was a chance to mingle with some of the brightest, most courteous young men and women from across North America. One of the boys I helped had driven for twenty hours from Nova Scotia to attend.

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The first Teen Summit was held at Fisherman's Paradise in August. Our chapter assisted Samantha Kutskel from PATU in hosting this event. We were able to get Joe Humphreys, a SCCTU founder, along with Owen Welsh, USA Youth Fly Fishing Team member, to speak to the teens. National TU directors of the event, Franklin Tate and Rochelle Gandour, were terrific with the teens and they were very appreciative of the local help from our chapter and PATU. Our September meeting drew several new faces. This might be due to our new and much improved website. Bob Vierck has been working long hours to update our site and add many features which were not there before. It will also begin serving as our archives. At the end of June we participated in the "Centre Gives" event. This fundraising event was organized by the Centre County Community Foundation now known as Centre Foundation. Our chapter, along with other local non-profit organizations, participated in

an online campaign which lasted 48 hours. People could make cash donations via a credit card, to their favorite organization. The Foundation also contributed money from their foundation fund according to the percentage collected. Our chapter raised a total of \$2,804.94. We also have a commitment from the State College Rotary Club to assist in the purchase of new fishing and fly tying gear that needs replacing after 10 years of our summer trout camp for youth. We are extremely happy to announce that we received a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant in the amount of \$69,800. This is a Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grant. Over the next two years we will be restoring approximately 600 feet of eroding stream banks, reducing sediment, improving fish habitat and establishing approximately 1.5 acres of good quality riparian buffer. Bob Vierck was the driving force for the grant, and Jason Detar from PFBC was invaluable for advice and editing. Members Jean Brenchley and Judi Sittler will assist Amidea Daniel from PFBC in a new beginners fly fishing class offered to women. The Sept. 22 class filled up so quickly, with many more women wanting to attend, that a second class was added in October. Classes are held at the Stackhouse Center in Fisherman's Paradise, with time on the water to fish. Perhaps TU chapters should think about offering beginners classes to this population, which seems to be very interested in learning more about fly fishing.

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The board met in September to discuss the meeting in October which featured Don Daughenbach discussing fall fishing.



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