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Trout in the Classroom Report

Are you as smart as a 7th grader?



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Trout Unlimited's popular Trout in the Classroom program is one way students receive hands-on environmental stewardship experience, with a little fishing mixed in.

By Monty Murty
Forbes Trail Chapter

"Do trout sleep?" is the first question I was asked by a seventh grader in my chapter's Trout in the Classroom program. I'd been trout fishing since I was his age and still didn't know enough to answer.

At first, volunteering with TIC put me

outside my comfort zone. Nowadays, as the chapter's TIC program coordinator I look forward to trout questions that stump me. Researching the answers gives me the satisfaction of helping our increasingly in-door, Internet generation of young people to prepare for their future role as stewards of our state's natural heritage.

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Candidates named for PATU Officers election

The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited's Nominating Committee has put forth the following slate of officers to be voted on at the annual membership meeting on October 1.

Term of office is for one year, to serve from Oct. 1, 2011 through Sept. 30, 2012.

Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor prior to casting votes. The candidates' backgrounds and qualifications are available by contacting PATU Secretary Bob Pennell at rpennell37@comcast.net.

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NW Region Vice President – Open

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Proposed revision of Council Bylaws posted

In keeping with National TU's mandate for conformity in council and chapter bylaws, PATU's bylaws have been revised and will be posted for comparison with the current bylaws on the "Resources" page of www.patrou.org on or before Sept. 1.

Although the format and some language have been revised to correspond to the National TU template, there are no functional changes involved in how the Executive Committee conducts its business. Membership will be asked to vote to adopt the revised PATU Bylaws at the Oct. 1 annual meeting.

This should also serve as a reminder to chapter presidents that chapter bylaws must be revised to correspond to the National TU template and submitted to National no later than Dec. 31, 2011. If you have questions concerning the procedure, please contact your respective regional vice president.

TIC

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And, it makes me a better trout angler!

TIC is Trout Unlimited's award winning K-12 environmental education program. It is rapidly becoming the environmental education program of choice to help meet increasingly rigorous Pennsylvania academic standards for science. In addition to educational benefits, TIC benefits trout fishing by supporting TU's vision "By the next generation, robust populations of native and wild trout once again thrive, so that our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters."

Volunteers are the most crucial part of a successful TIC program. They help teachers coordinate with the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, acquire eggs and fish food, set up and maintain equipment, provide guest speakers, and help release trout on field trips. While an aquarium and expensive lab equipment are necessary, what really benefits kids is the additional adult mentoring and personal attention they may not be getting in homes and classrooms dealing with the recession and budget cuts.

You don't need to be an expert to volunteer with TIC. You will have experts to help you. Recently I was challenged by TIC students to explain how trout eggs and alevin, newly hatched trout, breathe since they don't have functioning gills yet. I sent out a "help" call on the TIC website. To my pleasant surprise I got answers from world-class trout expert Dr. Bob Behnke and the faculty of Colorado



Contributed Photo

The TIC program gives students the unique chance to raise trout from eggs to release in an educational setting.

State University! Of course my students think I'm the expert.

TIC has a tremendous impact on volunteers. Working with young people we come to understand there is more to fishing than catching trout. We stop judging ourselves as fishermen by how many we catch, how big they are, or the famous streams we have fished, and begin judging ourselves by how much we've given back to the resource, and most importantly, if we're replacing ourselves!

By now you've probably guessed this article is aimed at recruiting TIC volunteers. I can honestly say if you want to become a better trout fisherman, volunteer. In three years I've learned way more than I've taught.

By the way, trout don't exactly "sleep," but like all living things they do get some down time. Maybe that's why you haven't been hooking up as much?

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Monty Murty is beginning his fourth year as Forbes Trail Chapter's TIC coordinator supporting more than 500 7th graders raising trout from eggs in four aquariums.

PA COUNCIL OF TROUT UNLIMITED

*Minutes of the June 26, 2011
Executive Committee Meeting
PFBC Stackhouse Training Center
Bellefonte, PA*

Officers in attendance: Ken Undercoffer, George Kutskel, Bob Pennell, Rick Carlson, Brian Wagner, Jack Williams, Tom Buser, Larry Harris, Greg Malaska, Chuck Winters, Fred Gender.

Others attending: Bryan Moore, Dave Sewak, Greg Grabowicz, Gerry Miller, Samantha Kutskel, Al Budinsky, Archie Fenton, Bill Paulmier.

The meeting was convened at 10:05 a.m. by President Undercoffer, who presented his report of activities for the previous quarter. The question was raised about how to deal with chapter actions that run counter to National/State policies, and National VP of Volunteer Operations Bryan Moore suggested that outside intervention be used along with Regional VP involvement. Chapter de-chartering should be considered only where there are additional negative performance factors involved.

Undercoffer also mentioned that Rep. Jeff Pyle (R-Indiana & Armstrong) is proposing a bill which would require legislative approval for stream reclassifications, presumably as a result of the recent PFBC re-designation of 99 Wild Trout waters which the coal industry attempted, but failed, to halt.

Minutes of the March 26, 2011 EXCOM meeting previously distributed to the officers were approved as submitted on a motion by Kutskel/seconded by Malaska.

Undercoffer announced that Ed Bellis had been requested to form an ad hoc nominating committee for the upcoming fall elections.

Pennell asked for support to request that PFBC consider the creation of a "Blue Ribbon" waters classification, specifically suggesting that the Trophy Trout section of Penns Creek be re-designated as Catch & Release ALO as an initial example of a "Blue Ribbon" stream. A letter will be drafted and sent to EXCOM for approval.

After discussion about signing on to Penn Environment's "Marcellus Shale Statement of Principles," it was agreed that Pennell would send out for EXCOM approval.

Discussion of TU's support of proposed "Frac Act" legislation (HR1084 and S587) resulted in Moore agreeing to contact Steve Moyer at National to obtain TU's position statement.

Treasurer's Report: Kutskel's Third Quarter Report was approved to receive and file on a motion by Gender/seconded by Harris. Kutskel emphasized the need for regional VPs to promote the sale of Trout in the Classroom raffle tickets with their respective chapters.

Awards Committee: Miller tasked the Regional VPs with soliciting their chapters for award nominations.

He also suggested that a new category be created next year which would award outstanding environmental service by guides, outfitters, etc. Moore suggested taking a look at National's similar award category for guidelines. Depending on cost, it was also suggested that we reconsider presenting plaques for chapter awards.

Membership Committee: Malaska reported on his plan to target college programs/faculty over the next year with a program to recruit new TU members. He also corrected his written report to show that it is the now defunct Black Cherry Chapter, not Cornplanter, whose members will be re-assigned with Buser's input.

Youth Committee: Wagner agreed to discuss with Chair Jerry Potocnak ideas for choosing candidates for Wayne Harpster's Kids Fishing Day event based on regional guidelines.

Stream Access Committee: Winters reported that comments on the draft PATU stream access brochure had just been received from Kevin Anderson at National, and Carlson requested that they be sent to him for review.

Environmental Committee: Winters reported that a \$200,000 grant was received from the Colcom Foundation to provide stream monitoring in Blair County, and Sewak added that other Colcom grants had been received for additional areas along the Allegheny Front.

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Grabowicz will be attending a meeting this week with DCNR's Best Management Practices group. They will propose to the Marcellus Shale Coalition that their BMP recommendations be disseminated to the individual gas drilling companies.

Legislative Committee: Concern was expressed over who will be invited to serve on the state's permanent advisory group after the current Marcellus Shale Advisory Committee is disbanded on July 22.

Trout Management Committee: Budinsky advised the group that applications for Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture grants are due no later than Aug. 15.

National Leadership Council: Williams reminded everyone about the deadlines for TU Annual Meeting registration and submission of National TU Award nominations, as well as the need for PATU to complete and submit our strategic plan. All except two PA chapters are scheduled for chartering or de-chartering in 2012, and Moore agreed to work with Council to segment the evaluations to make the process more manageable. The CEI index is to be used as the minimum criteria for evaluating chapters.

National TU is looking for volunteers to serve on a new natural gas and oil subgroup under their Energy Development Workgroup.

National TU Update: Moore asked that chapter contracts for outside services be sent to National for review of indemnification language before signing. Updated chapter bylaws should be sent to members with 30 days notice for approval before officially adopting. A separate "fishing-oriented" website will be rolled out by National in July which will allow members to submit content for inclusion. The goal is to create a comprehensive site to include fly patterns, fly fishing tips, stream descriptions and conditions, etc.

Marcellus Shale Activities: Dave Sewak reported that the June 4 Sportsmen Alliance for Marcellus Conservation summit meeting in Johnstown attracted about 125 people and garnered a lot of good press, including coverage in the Wall Street Journal. The Coldwater Conservation Corps training sessions have

so far trained about 200 people and signed up about 100 new TU members. There are two more sessions on the calendar for this summer, and more will be planned for next year. Sewak is scheduled to do a CCC presentation to DEP watershed inspectors statewide, and there are plans to develop a comprehensive map for all monitoring locations in PA.

Regional Reports:

- Northcentral – Harris reported that the big issue currently is the proposed gas drilling in a floodplain in the Pine Creek watershed. Four of the 11 NC chapters are currently in need of revitalization, and Harris will set up a meeting to include Undercoffer and G. Kutskel to develop an action plan.

- Northeast – Malaska reported that there has been good interest and sign-up for the CCC training scheduled in Hawley for July 16. On a motion by Malaska/seconded by Harris, approval was given for Malaska to write a letter to the Western Pocono Chapter spelling out the options for either re-organization or de-chartering.

- Southeast – Gender reported that the necessary steps have been taken in an attempt to re-constitute the Little Lehigh Chapter, with no positive results to date. Gender will use Malaska's letter to Western Pocono as a guide in advising Little Lehigh of their options.

Coldwater Heritage Partnership: S. Kutskel reported that there are eight past CHP grant recipients who are overdue on filing their final reports. We will be advertising for an AmeriCorps intern to fill the position of TIC coordinator, beginning in August. The 2012 Keystone Coldwater Conference is scheduled for February 24-25, and the theme is *Responsible Land Use: Protecting Habitat and Native Species*. The schedule has been established for the PATU Annual Membership Meeting in October.

Trout in the Classroom: S. Kutskel reported that 16 new start-up and 28 sustaining grants have been awarded, and 176 teachers registered, for the 2011-2012 school year. The TIC workshop for new teachers and partners was just conducted on June 24-25.

Other New Business:

It was suggested that regional VPs submit a list of their chapters who are not meeting CEI minimum standards to Council, and Council will then send letters to these chapters emphasizing where improvement is needed.

In consideration of hiring a part-time executive director for Council, Moore agreed to send G. Kutskel guidelines to determine whether a candidate needs to be considered an employee or contractor in a part-time position.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. on a motion by Gender/seconded by Harris. The next EXCOM meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011, at the PFBC Stackhouse Training Center.

-- Bob Pennell, PATU Secretary

CHP program offers Implementation Grant

The Coldwater Heritage Partnership (CHP) program is an initiative to protect and conserve Pennsylvania's coldwater resources.

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

The purpose of the program is to provide leadership, coordination, technical assistance, and funding support for the conservation and protection of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams. The program provides funding to non-profit conservation organizations to complete a conservation plan on exceptional value and high quality streams.

To date there are over 64 plans completed statewide. The program has had such great success that we will now be awarding funding for implementation projects. The grant will be awarded to projects where a conservation plan has already been created.

Please visit www.coldwaterheritage.org to view completed plans or learn more about CHP, or contact Samantha Kutskel at 814-359-5233 or c-skutskel@pa.gov.

Treasurer's Report

by PATU Treasurer George Kutskel

This has been a very busy year for the Treasurer and the Development Committee chair. I would like to talk about how our inaugural appeal has gone so far.

We heard from about 1 to 2 percent of our members, which is about what I felt would be a good return. We would like to thank all our members that responded. We are currently looking at what we need to do to seriously hire a part time staff person and take a lot of the burden from the president and other executive officers.

We met with National to make sure we would be OK on the issue of this person being a 1099 employee and Ken has given his assessment of what duties he feels would make being president much less stressful and less of a full-time position. We would hope this makes it easier to find people willing to serve as executive officers. My goal is to be able to give a full report at the fall meeting and let everyone know where we are and when we will start holding interviews.

I just returned from the Northeast Regional TU meeting and would like to take this space to go over some items that could potentially ruin your chapter's fun event very quickly. I attended the "Fine Print" session and it was a good refresher.

The first and the most talked about item was alcohol. While there is nothing wrong with a drink, we as TU chapters need to avoid the risk associated with serving it. We cannot purchase alcohol or serve alcohol

at our functions. Now that does not mean we cannot have alcohol at our banquets. It does mean that we need to make sure the facility we rent provides the alcohol and bartenders. There is no problem if the chapter purchased a gift basket of wine to be raffled at their fund-raiser, as long as it is not opened and served there. There was even a discussion on a chapter renting a cabin for a fishing trip and people bringing their own bottles. This could also be a problem to the chapter as they would be the sponsor and could be held liable. If you have any doubt you should contact National for a risk assessment.

We also talked about land and easements being held by chapters. There is no insurance coverage on these items through National. In fact, certain easements can violate our non-profit status with the IRS as we are not chartered as a land trust. Most of our chapters have filed the easement questionnaire and that information has been given to National. If any chapters do have a problem they will be notified and we will get it corrected.

The good news is, as TU members, we are covered by TU's liability coverage for all of our events. Also if you are an officer or director with your chapter, you also have director and officer coverage at no cost.

Something your chapter should have is the accident coverage offered by National for a small fee. This coverage provides \$25,000 accidental medical coverage

Chapter Donations

The following chapters have donated to further council's mission, in addition to supporting fund-raisers.

- Allegheny Mountain
- Donegal
- Adams County
- Spring Creek
- Mountain Laurel

There is still time to donate his year.

in the event someone is hurt at one of your chapter's events. This could be very important at a stream habitat project, but could also help out if someone fell at your chapter's meeting and didn't have adequate medical insurance.

More information on this and all of the other "non-fun" items can be found at the tackle box on TU's website. If you are a chapter leader please check it out. It may keep you having fun rather than creating problems.

Trout Unlimited's fiscal year ends on Sept. 30. The AFR form will be available on the TU website Oct. 1. Please keep in mind that ALL chapters need to file an AFR before Nov. 15.

The board of trustees for National also added teeth to this. Don't risk your chapter's ability to receive grants or to be re-chartered and make sure that your report is filed on time.

Make sure you attend this years annual fall meeting at the Stackhouse School in Bellefonte from Sept. 30 through Oct. 2. In addition to some really good programs we will again have our famous roasted pig! See you all there.

The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited has nearly 12,000 members in more than 50 chapters statewide, with one common goal: The conservation and enhancement of Pennsylvania's coldwater streams and fisheries, specifically our wild trout resources. Trout Unlimited is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, functioning for charitable, educational and scientific purposes. Donations are deductible to the extent provided by law. For information on advertising in PA Trout, call 814-692-5232, or e-mail advertising@patrout.org. See pages 2-3 for Council contact information, officers and committees. For listings of Regional VPs and Pennsylvania TU chapters, and their contact information, see pages 9-20. For TU membership information, see page 15.

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Headwaters

A message from PATU President Ken Undercoffer

I spoke briefly at the Dayton Dam removal celebration along with speakers from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the Clearwater Conservancy. The project, completed a year earlier, was sponsored by the Clearwater Conservancy. The PFBC did its usual fine job of restoring the stream and surrounding landscape after the dam had been removed. In a few years it will be difficult to tell that a dam ever existed there.

The low-head dam was located on the upper end of Six Mile Run in Centre County, near Black Moshannon State Park. It empties into Moshannon Creek – an AMD impacted stream – about seven miles below its source near Route 322. Six Mile Run contains a naturally reproducing population of brook and brown trout. A two-mile section from Route 504 to the Dayton Dam location is stocked once pre- and in-season by the PFBC. It is also stocked by the Wood Duck chapter of TU throughout much of its length. The biomass is not listed, but Six Mile Run is a pretty good wild trout fishery for this part of the state which has a lot AMD and acid precipitation problems. The fact that it holds naturally reproducing brown trout indicates that pH and fertility are pretty good for a freestone stream in this part of Pennsylvania.

There had been some resistance to this project from the Wood Duck Chapter of TU. The chapter had stocked the dam for many years, held fishing derbies there and wanted to continue this practice. The resistance was not sufficient to cause the project to be stopped, however.

PA Council supported the removal, as we do most dam removal projects. The shallow, typically silt-filled pools behind these dams warm discharge water during the summer, sometimes even beyond the lethal limit for trout. In most cases, dam removal enhances the survival and growth of trout and other cold water species below the site. Dam removal also promotes the movement of trout, which is

now recognized as more important than once thought.

Old angling literature gives a lot of insight into why movement is so necessary to the health and well-being of trout, especially brook trout. Brook trout often spend the winter months in larger downstream waters. When summer water temperature approaches 70 degree Fahrenheit, they begin to move upstream. They continue moving upstream throughout the summer until they reach their spawning grounds in the headwaters. After spawning in the fall, when early winter rains raise water levels, they move back downstream. Dams and other obstructions prevent these movements and confine brook trout to small, infertile upstream waters where growth and lifespan are limited. This is one of the reasons brook trout no longer achieve historical sizes and numbers. Before the old growth forests were logged and streams dammed, 9-inch brook trout were plentiful and foot-long brookies were common. Now a 10-inch brookie is a rare prize, indeed.

Removing dams and other obstructions to movement within watersheds has been a goal of TU for many years. The PFBC has a very active dam removal program and we should support them in these endeavors.

PATU Supports Clean Air Act – I attended a rally held to support strengthening of the existing federal Clean Air Act. Ed Perry, of the National Wildlife Federation, organized the event at the Schlow Library in State College. I was asked to participate in order to offer PATU's support for strengthening the Act to include mercury emission controls. The rally was covered by WTAJ, Channel 6, in Johnstown. It was great to have TV coverage. Publicity helps to promote strengthening the Clean Air Act, which has been under attack by politicians who support industries that generate much of this pollution.

TIC Teachers Learn About Brook Trout – The brook trout presentation Jack Williams and I developed several years ago was modified in order to make it appropriate for teacher training. Brook



trout and coldwater conservation are the focus of the TIC program, and that is what I was promoting.

Brook trout are raised in the classroom tanks because they are Pennsylvania's state fish and the only salmonid native to our cold water streams. They are released into approved Trout Waters near the end of the school year when they reach fingerling size. We discourage raising them to catchable size, because this would weaken the conservation message of the program.

Brook Trout Training For Young Fly Fishers – The brook trout program has been presented at the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp for several years now. It was modified somewhat from the original version, in order to gear it more to the youths who attend the camp. It was given once again this year to inform young anglers about the history and special significance of native brook trout in Pennsylvania.

Marcellus Shale and Other Issues – I attended a number of conference calls with National TU, many of which pertain to Marcellus Shale drilling problems. Katy Dunlap, Eastern Water Project Director for TU National, has been very active in Pennsylvania and has been especially involved in Marcellus Shale issues, as has Dave Sewak, Trout Unlimited Marcellus Shale Field Organizer. Both were the organizers of a Sportsmen Alliance seminar on Marcellus drilling problems. Many of the problems described occurred in Wyoming and some other western states

where deep well drilling has been going on now for many years. The seminar was held at the Pitt campus in Johnstown on June 5 and was well attended. The picture painted was not very encouraging. Vigilance by those living and recreating in the Marcellus Field is especially important if the negative impacts of these wells is to be kept to a minimum, which is what the Alliance is promoting.

Support for PFBC Wild Trout Stream Designations – There is an expanded effort underway by the PFBC to identify waters with naturally reproducing populations of wild trout. Once identified, wetlands feeding these waters receive Exceptional Value designation and cannot be degraded or developed. Several universities are being sub-contracted in order to help in this effort. Trained volunteers from TU and other conservation organizations are helping.

The PFBC had recently identified 99 previously unclassified waters as Wild Trout Streams and were prepared to reclassify them. I thought this was great and was there to speak in support of the proposal. Two PFBC meetings were held to review the reclassification proposal.

At the first meeting, the Coal Operators' Association had a representative and also a coal operator or two. They asked that these designations not be put into place until they had more time to review them. The PFBC Commissioners had also received 74 letters from state legislators asking that the decision be delayed. So the Commissioners delayed the decision for 30 days.

At the second Commissioners' meeting, 30 days later, I again supported the proposal to designate these 99 streams as Wild Trout Waters. The Coal Operators' Association and a coal company operator were again present and appealed for more time to study the proposal. I suggested that this would simply be "paralysis by analysis." The main argument the coal people presented was that the data were, in many cases, collected by volunteers and therefore not accurate. The PFBC biologists described its training program and defended the capabilities of the volunteers; I thought very well. Apparently, so did the Commissioners. The vote was taken and the Commissioners passed the resolution unanimously.

The effort to identify streams in Pennsylvania that hold self-sustaining wild

trout will continue and the addition of many more streams to the Wild Trout Waters list is anticipated. Their wetlands will receive Exceptional Value designation. This does not mean mining cannot take place near them, as the coal operators imply. They simply have to be more careful and they can't mine in the wetlands. It may cut into profits a smidgen, but that is a small price to pay for protecting these valuable places.

2012 Keystone Coldwater Conference Save the Date

The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited will be holding the 10th Keystone Coldwater Conference on February 24-25, 2012. The title of the conference is "Responsible Land Use: Protecting Habitat and Native Species." We are currently looking for speakers and posters for the conference. If you have any questions or you are interested in presenting please contact Samantha at 814-359-5233 or c-skutskel@pa.gov.

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2011 PATU FALL MEETING & TRAINING

AGENDA

Friday, September 30 – Welcome

5 p.m. & on – **Stackhouse open, fishing, dinner on your own**

7 p.m. – **Presentation:** PFBC Biologist (Tom Green): Study on Class A and Class B streams

Saturday, October 1 – Training

7:30 a.m. – **Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. – **Welcome and Introductions, Ken Undercoffer, PATU President**

8:45 a.m. – **Leader Updates / Q&A with National TU**

- What's new with National – Beverly Smith/Kevin Anderson

- Question/Answer with National TU

10 a.m. – **Break**

10:15 a.m. – **Council Updates / Q&A with PA Council of TU**

- Committee Updates

- Question / Answer with PATU

11:15 a.m. – **CCC Advance Training, Dave Sewak; Giving TU a Voice – Effective Grassroots Advocacy, Katy Dunlap**

12:15 p.m. – **Lunch**

1 p.m. – **Preventing the Introduction and Spread of Aquatic Invasive Species, Bob Morgan, PFBC Biologist**

2 p.m. – **Beyond Trout in the Classroom, Amidea Daniel, PFBC and PATU AmeriCorps**

3 p.m. – **Break**

3:10 p.m. – **Nymph Fishing Spring Creek, George Daniel, USA Fly Fishing Coach and previous USA Fly Fishing Champion**

6:30 p.m. – **Dinner, 6th Annual Pig Roast**

7:30 p.m. – **TU Membership Meeting**

- Elections of Officers, Awards (Bob Pennell) and Raffle

Sunday, October 2 – PA Executive

Committee Business Meeting

7:30 a.m. – **Breakfast**

9 a.m. – **Executive Committee Business Meeting** (all members are invited)

- Regional Reports

- Committee Reports

- Action Items and Business

Cost

Location: The H.R. Stackhouse School is located at Fisherman's Paradise along Spring Creek, just outside of State College.

Lodging: The Stackhouse has 8 bedrooms, which can accommodate three people each.

These rooms are available on a first come, first served basis. If you have a preference of whom you'll share a room with, please list them on the registration form. We will try to accommodate you the best we can. Please bring your own pillows, linens and toiletries.

You may also reserve a room at the EconoLodge at a rate of \$69 per night. This price will only be valid until September 15th. Please call (814) 355-5561; please ask to speak with "Miku" to make your reservation, and mention that you are with PA Trout Unlimited to get the reduced rate. The hotel is located on the Benner Pike (Route 150), approx. 1.2 miles north of Fisherman's Paradise.

Cost: The cost for the weekend is \$35 per person, and includes all meals, programs, and handouts.

Directions to PFBC's H.R. Stackhouse Facility

From Southeast: Following US Route 322 West to State College, take Exit 73 onto US

Route 220 N. Get off on Exit 7B (Bellefonte). Take PA Route 150 North for approximately ¼ mile to the first traffic light (Paradise Road). Turn left (west) & travel to bottom of hill to stop sign. Turn left (south) & travel to terminus of road & drive straight thru gate to Stackhouse.

From Southwest: Route 26, 45, 220 or I-99, go to US Route 322/220 intersection (Exit 73) adjacent to Penn State University and exit onto US Route 220 North to Exit 7B (Bellefonte). Take PA Route 150 North for approximately ¼ mile to the first traffic light (Paradise Road). Turn left (west) & travel to bottom of hill to stop sign. Turn left (south) & travel to terminus of road & drive straight thru gate to Stackhouse.

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REGISTRATION

Please check the appropriate boxes:

Friday night lodging at the Stackhouse

– If you have a preference of whom you would like to room with, please list their names below:

Leadership Training (Saturday, October 2)

Saturday evening pig roast, raffle, and awards ceremony

Saturday night lodging at the Stackhouse

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I've included my \$35 registration fee (Please make checks payable to PA Trout)

I will bring a raffle item for Saturday evening

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**Registration deadline is September 16
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The chapter was involved in many events over the spring season. In April, we received a phone call from a Boy Scout leader from New Jersey requesting an introduction to fly fishing for his scouts while they were camping at Resica Falls Scout Camp, in Marshall's Creek. George Sappah, Will Daskal, Ed Filipkowski, and Tom Battista provided them with some casting instruction, equipment choices, knots for fishing use and safety instruction in fly fishing. Several boys asked about taking Fly Fishing Merit Badge course in the future. We have been active with the Stanley Cooper Chapter's Project Healing Waters program. Heide and Dave Cebrick have welcomed our assistance. We have been able to arrange two trips to Indian Mountain Rod and Gun Club, a local private club with a stream which the club stocked just before the vets arrived. The veterans had a wonderful time in May fishing the club with many of the club's officers assisting. The next night the officers and members of the gun club voted to invite the veterans back whenever they wish to fish. The veterans planned to return in August. The group fished at Tobyhanna State Park in June and were guests at Arrowhead Lakes courtesy of Bob Eddy, a chapter board member. Many members have been assisting the vets including, Bob Stevens, Joe Sadowski, Will Daskal, Mike Schwartz, Bruce Snyder, Sherwood Butz, Mike Dallam and Jim Connor. Several board members have been working with Minsi Trails Council BSA to design and establish a High Ad-

venture Camp at Camp Minsi centered on fishing, to be held during summer 2012. Participants will be able to complete fishing and fly fishing merit badges as part of the camp's program which will be designed for older scouts and venture crews. The chapter had its annual picnic on the Brodhead Creek with over 20 members attending along with wives and guests. The chapter sent four campers to Monroe County Conservation Camp this year, and provided a program on fly fishing. In cooperation with Pocono Heritage Land Trust, the chapter is pleased to announce that besides gaining access to the Learn property along Pocono Creek, the old Fairview Water Company property has been acquired by the land trust. This protects the headwaters of Yankee Run and Devils Hole Creek as well as gaining public access for fishing. We look forward to cooperation with this organization, and will be providing a program on fly fishing for them in the near future to give them more reasons to keep up their excellent work.

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Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month, except July and August, at Stockertown Rod & Gun Club. Our 9th Annual Spring Event was held March 26. A macroinvertebrate study was held this spring with Aquatic Resources Consulting on Bushkill Creek at three test sites. The chapter held a stream cleanup on Martins Creek on April 10, and focused on high use access sites. A cleanup on the Bushkill Creek in the "catch and release" area was held May 11. The chapter is proceeding with an educational sign project promoting catch and release of wild brown trout on our local streams. We are currently working with municipalities on sign placement. Release days were held with four of our TIC schools. Nazareth Middle School had its release day at Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center on April 29. After releasing about 265 brook trout fingerlings into the Bushkill Creek, about 100 students rotated through five sessions including macroinvertebrates, birding, a historical walk, a stream velocity lesson and our TU session which included a fly tying demo and casting. Wind Gap MS's release day held on May 3 was similar with 120 students rotating through six sessions including macroinvertebrates, birding, plants, a historical tour, water testing and our session. Bangor MS held their release day on May 10 with about 80 students at Pennico Park releasing 295 brook trout into Martins Creek. Their release day included a tour of Greenwalk trout hatchery, macroinvertebrates and our tying/casting session. Easton HS released 195 brookies at Penn Pump Park on May 20. The water was high, but the fingerlings settled into the roots and grasses along

the bank. Nazareth MS also participated in the PGC's Seedlings for Schools program, planting various seedlings along the Schoeneck Creek on school property. On May 14, several members assisted with Stockertown Rod & Gun Club's special kids fishing day. On June 4, our chapter offered our "Forks TU Fly Fishing Experience" at Northampton County Youth Day, featuring a conservation message, macroinvertebrates, fly casting and a fly tying demo.

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We have a good working relationship between board members and committee chairs in organizing stream cleanups and meetings. We received a \$1,000 grant for youth education from the PA Outdoor Writers Association and a \$250 grant for TIC from PATU. We have lanyards for sale at \$20 each, made by Mike Churetta. Members of Hokendauqua TU, BHCWA (Bertsch-Hokendauqua-Catasauqua Watershed Association) and students from Catasauqua High School Aquatic Biology Class (inclusive of the First Cast program) performed an environmental stewardship/community service with stream cleanup along the Hokendauqua Creek and Indian Creek on April 30. They filled a dump truck and some dumpsters with many large bags of waste gathered from stream banks. Chapter member Bud Cole had two articles published in the Northern Valley Gazette with reference to partnering with BHCWA for stream cleanup. He also mentioned our fly tying course and TIC program. The second article covered the Project Healing Waters event. Our chapter had a booth at the 1st LRSA (Lehigh River Stocking Association) Luncheon on June 4 at Bowmanstown. We talked about our chapter and its activities and mission and handed out pamphlets to a number of fishermen and youngsters. Several men expressed interest in joining TU and taking our fly tying course. Janet Reichelderfer, a chapter member and teacher at Catasauqua High School, taught Aquatic Biology students the fundamentals of environmental conservation of freshwater ecosystems and explored many parameters that impact water quality. Students had the opportunity to serve the community and develop a relationship with our chapter that fosters environmental stewardship, and helped with stream cleanup projects. They also performed stream monitoring, rearing of trout, and fly fishing with the First Cast program. They monitored water quality of Hokendauqua Creek at the covered bridge in Northampton and consistently found ideal chemical conditions for trout populations. They also monitored the macro-

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invertebrate populations, finding an abundance of mayflies, caddis flies, stoneflies and other aquatic species indicating favorable ecologic conditions in the creek. Students spent time raising brook trout and brown trout in the lab. Brook trout eggs were supplied by TIC. They had significant mortality of eggs supplied by PFBC this year. A second shipment was required from the PFBC to reestablish the egg tank. They reared 50 eggs to fry in the 30 gallon tank sponsored by Hokey TU. Students visited Paradise Valley Fish Hatchery in Cresco and brought back brown trout fry to rear in the 90 gallon tank. Approximately 12 adult brown trout were brought back to be placed in the 250 gallon tank. Students monitored and maintained the tanks to study the ecological requirements of the trout and compared these results to the water quality of Hokendauqua Creek. Students also studied physiology and development of the trout before they were released in the creek. Members assisted with the First Cast program in May, which included fly tying, casting and a trip to Paradise Valley Trout Hatchery at Cresco to fly fish with flies they tied. Our spring/early summer newsletter was available on-line by the end of June by searching "Hokendauqua Trout Unlimited" on the web. Check calendar for events and meeting dates and location. Chapter members enjoyed several trips this spring: Wilmington, NY to fish the Ausable River, May 13-15 and again June 17-19. Another group of six fished Kettle Creek, Cross Fork Creek and Trout Run in Potter and Clinton counties, May 23-26, staying at Kettle Creek Adventures. Youth Fishing Education Day was June 18, sponsored by Shad Fishermen's Association, at Point Phillips Rod and Gun Club. Hokendauqua TU members comprised over half of the instructors. Events included a fishing contest, macroinvertebrate identification, baits and lures, casting, types of rods and fishing methods and sportsman ethics. Our first Project Healing Waters event for the year

was May 7 at the residence and pond of Dr. Robert Saks. Fly tying, fly casting and fly fishing for trout in the pond was provided for 15 veterans and few of their children. Some caught their first trout on a fly. The second event was held at Benton, where five veterans and three family members were hosted at Feather Bed and Breakfast Resort. They fished some northcentral trout streams from June 24-26. All the events are under the direction of Hokey TU member Phil Hublitz, who is the chapter lead man for the PHW events. On June 11, the National Wild Turkey Federation (Jerry Zimmerman Chapter) held its 8th Annual Women in the Outdoors event at Ontelaunee Rod and Gun Club. Three-hundred forty-two women registered and ranged in age from 16 to the 70s. Chapter volunteers conducted two of the 15 events offered. We instructed 36 women in knot tying and 46 in fly fishing. We had very positive feedback as to how well they enjoyed the courses. Several look forward to taking our fly tying course next winter, and a few requested applications for joining TU. Advanced fly tying sessions are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Egypt Fire Hall. Check with Dale Ott concerning any change at 610-262-7598. A picnic was planned for July 27 at Northampton Borough Park.

He presented a program "12 Months Fishing our Freestone Streams." Once again this educational and fund-raising endeavor was well attended. We are proud that we have been able to keep this event free and open to the public since its inception nine years ago. Our annual stream cleanup was held April 23. In April, a letter of support was forwarded to the City of Bethlehem's Department of Parks and Public Property concerning the proposal to remove a dam on the Monocacy in Johnston Park, Bethlehem.

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Robbie Mulberger and Matt Wishneski of PWTU attended the Stan Cooper Chapter of Trout Unlimited Banquet. Matt Wishneski spent a day fishing with Greg Malaska and John Hochreiteher on the Delaware River, providing an opportunity to discuss TU and ideas on how to become a better chapter. President Matt Wishneski attended the Lackawanna Valley Chapter meeting to show support and contribute ideas. In April, the chapter continued to monitor local streams in Pike and Wayne counties. Jack Mynarski attended a workshop involving the Wallenpaupack Creek fall run of brown trout, and why there is a declining populations of browns in the creek each year. On July 16, we hosted a Marcellus Shale workshop with Dave Sewak and other TU members from the Northeast Region. We sponsored a student for the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp this year. We discussed areas of concern for future projects of Japanese Knotweed abatement. In June, the chapter had a "Night at the Stadium"

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The 9th Annual Spring Event sponsored by the Forks of the Delaware, Hokendauqua and Monocacy Chapters was March 26 at the Stockertown Rod and Gun Club. This year's speaker was Michael McAuliffe from Rise Form Studios.

2011 Little Juniata Collectible Patch



The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited is offering a special set of collectible patches, to individuals as well as to TU chapters. By George LaVanish of Wilderness Editions, this is the fifth and final patch in this series. The 2011 patch features the Little Juniata River. The set includes one 6-inch and one 4-inch patch. Sales are first-come / first-served, as PATU's quantities are limited.

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to watch the Charlotte Knights play the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees.

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For summer months our monthly meetings are held at Schuylkill County Park at Sweet Arrow Lake. Our major fund-raiser this year was a picnic held at Schuylkill County Fairgrounds on Aug. 20. Shirts with the chapter logo are available for purchase, \$13 and \$15, depending on size. On June 23, our chapter offered fly tying and casting classes at the Norm Thornberg Youth Camp. On Aug. 13, we helped at the Valley View Youth Field Day.

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Board meetings were held on April 5, May 3 and June 7. A membership meeting was held on April 12 with guest speaker Jack Harris, author and guide. His topic was "Fishing in Alaska" and his work with the Pennsylvania black bear. On May 10, Bob Evans presented the annual report on Bowman's Creek. Our annual hot dog night finished our 2010-2011 season. A Wyoming Valley Fly Tyers meeting was held on April 19 with a presentation, "Underwater Photography," by Rich Grencavich. On May 17, a "tie your favorite fly and swap" event was held. Project Healing Waters events take place the second Wednesday of each month, 10 a.m. at the VAMC hospital in Wilkes Barre. For more information or to volunteer, contact Heide Cebreck at heide@baut.com or 570-675-4881. Fishing events for veterans are held throughout the summer. Adult fly fishing camp was May 15 at A&G Outfitters, Dickson City, Pa. Youth Fly Fishing Camp was June 11. The chapter continues to reach the public and members through timely website and e-bulletin updates. Philip Mancini is webmaster and Mike Matso and Kim Mancini are e-bulletin editors. The web address is www.sctu.org and those interested in receiving the e-bulletin can sign up by visiting our website and subscribing. Items for inclusion may be emailed to ZimLMancini@verizon.net.

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The chapter had to cancel the proposed April 9 fund-raiser due to lack of interest. The chapter is seeking officers and volunteers. Due to an increasingly busy schedule, Acting President Greg Malaska resigned in April. The chapter is weighing its options regarding the future, which include dissolution or a split of the chapter into a Hazleton Chapter and a Carbon County Chapter.

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Guest speaker at the April meeting was Dave Butters from Williamsport who presented an informative talk on steelhead fishing in the Lake Erie tribs. On April 22, chapter members helped Mifflinburg Middle School students released 225 TIC-reared brook trout in the headwaters of Buffalo Creek, culminating another successful year for the TIC program. The May meeting featured the chapter's annual "fish out" picnic along Penns Creek. Heavy rains forced us to a streamside picnic pavilion where members got to watch Penns Creek rise another foot in height above what was a near flood stage level to begin with. Chapter members participated in the annual Summerfest held at R.B. Winter State park on June 12 and demonstrated fly casting and tying.

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The Natural Resources Director seat was filled by Wayne Creasy. The Special Events Director seat was filled by William Whitebread. We are continuing work on the revised bylaws following the National TU model. We sponsored a fly casting clinic June 11 at Briar Creek Lake. Following the Catawissa Creek tour of the new acid mine drainage treatment facility on April 7, we discussed the formation of a Catawissa Creek Coalition that would include CCTU, SCTU (Schuylkill County TU), CCRA (Catawissa Creek Restoration Association) and others to develop positive relations with landowners and provide access areas to the creek. Present at the tour were Brian Yeager, Wayne Michael (CCTU), Wayne Creasy (CCTU), Heather Almer (Columbia County Conservation District watershed specialist), Kevin Anderson (National TU), Chuck Winters (PATU), Toney Mione (SCTU) and Ed Wytovich (CCRA). Our TIC program at Central Columbia Middle School went well. On April 13 we held the brook trout release at Kocher Park. The school's entire 6th grade was on hand to release the three remaining (very strong swimmers) brook trout they had raised from the TIC program. CCTU put on a fly tying demonstration, CCCD had a hands-on aquatic insect identification program and we all took part in a roundtable discussion on coldwater conservation. We held: A fly tying class at Berwick Middle School on March 31; our sixth and final fly tying class at request of the students on April 6; CCRA Catawissa Creek & Tom Hicken Creek acid main drainage facility tour on April 7; a fly tying demonstration at Bloomsburg Christian School on April 11; three 45-minute fly tying classes at Bloomsburg Middle School on May 6; CCTU trout Stocking on Fishing Creek on May 14; participated in CCCD's Fish 'n Fun Day at Kocher Park and helped handicapped adults and children to catch fish on June 4; participated in CCCD's Outdoor Adventure Camp at Kocher Park – a program for Central Columbia Middle School students on insects, aquatic insects, conservation, coldwater conservation and casting instruction on June 10; our first casting clinic at Briar Creek Lake with two 90 minute sessions for beginners and intermediates on June 11; our annual picnic and vintage fishing night at Kocher Park on June 16. At the request of young member Breydon Chyko it was recommended that he restore and repair the CCTU steps and sign at the Orangeville Access area along Fishing Creek, and that he build a bench and rod holder that will be placed at the Orangeville Access area steps for an Eagle Scout project.

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Trout in the Classroom Raffle tickets now available for purchase

The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited is offering chapters and individuals an opportunity to help support our highly successful Trout in the Classroom program by purchasing raffle tickets for four great prizes:

1st Prize – Wyatt Dietrich Custom Built 7'2" 5wt. Bamboo Rod with Leather Case

2nd Prize – Framed Ned Smith "Greenbrier Grouse" Conservation Edition Print

3rd Prize – Charbroil 4-Burner 40,000 BTU Stainless Steel Grill

4th Prize – \$200.00 Cash Card for a Store of Your Choice.

Our Trout in the Classroom programs are currently supported by local chapters in nearly 200 schools across the Commonwealth. The task of supporting these programs has grown proportionately with the dramatic increase in the number of schools now participating. It costs Council more than \$12,000 a year to provide the services of a TIC coordinator to work with our chapters to ensure the success of the program statewide. We cannot do this work solely with volunteers.

We hope that every PATU member values this program highly enough to participate in this year's raffle. The tickets are just \$5.00 each, or 5 tickets for \$20.00. Send your check payable to "PA Trout" to George Kutskel, 107 Simmons Street, DuBois, PA 15801. The ticket drawing will be held during our Annual Membership Meeting on October 1.



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Chapter bylaws were approved by the membership at the May meeting and were submitted to National. On May 7, our chapter assisted the Southern Clinton County Sportsmen's Club in its youth fishing day at the club's pond in Loganton. On May 11 and 12, chapter members taught fly casting and fly tying to students during Jersey Shore Middle School's Outdoor Environmental Days at Ravensburg State Park. Students also released brook trout as the culminating activity of their TIC project. Also in May, members participated in the release of brook trout that were raised as part of the TIC programs in the Central Mountain Middle School and High School. The NE Fishery Center held several fishing events. We have partnered with them since they began these events several years ago. On June 4, approximately 150 children ages 4 to 12 were in attendance. On June 7, approximately 40 special needs students from area schools had the chance to fish and catch several large trout and salmon. On June 13, patients of Lock Haven Hospital's Extended Care Unit were guests. On June 16, girls from the local Camp Cadet program were there to

experience fishing. Other events held at the facility which chapter members are involved with are boys from Camp Cadet and guests of Susquehemi Nursing Home. On June 8, the chapter held our annual family/friends picnic at the Sieg Conference Center in the narrows section of Big Fishing Creek. In July, we taught fly tying at the Clinton County Conservation Day Camp.

God's Country Chapter #327

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We held chapter meetings in April and June and a Project Healing Waters event in May. The event kicked off May 24 with a 40-mile parade/escort with 45 motorcycles leading 14 disabled veteran participants on a route from the New York state line through Shinglehouse, Coudersport, Austin and finally to the First Fork Lodge in Costello. Arrangements were made for school students along the way to be out waving flags, singing songs, or having the bands playing. Residents were also out in full force showing their appreciation to our guests. We also had the new CEO of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Brig. Gen. Ret. Craig Peterson, as our guest. He spent two days with us visiting with chapter members and veteran guests. The volunteers and disabled veterans all had three great days learning to fly fish, tie flies, eating well, catching fish at Big Moore's Run Fish & Game Preserve. Marcellus gas drilling rapidly increased this spring in Potter County. A non-TU citizen volunteer group has been organized by chapter member Loren Fitzgerald with assistance and support of the Potter County Marcellus Gas Task Force. On June 3, the ALLARM Group from

Dickenson College instructed a six-hour stream monitoring hands-on class aimed at citizen waterdogs/monitors. Eighteen volunteers attended. Four chapter members serve on the Marcellus Gas Task Force water quality sub-committee which has been working on grant proposals to fund water quality assessment/ monitoring of streams in the Marcellus drilling areas – which is now everywhere in Potter County. Awards totalling \$58,000 have been allocated and will be used to buy volunteer citizen monitoring kits and purchase and install instream auto data loggers. A new auto data logger was recently installed at Logue on the East Fork of the Sinnemahoning by the SRBC, with direction and assistance by chapter member Ted Bear. Seven chapter members are currently monitoring headwater tributaries and main stream sites on Pine Creek, Allegheny River, First Fork of the Sinnemahoning and Oswayo Creek. We are doing what we can be let the industry know we are watching them with critical eyes.

Spring Creek Chapter #185

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Our board adopted updated bylaws this quarter using the National TU template. We added a new teacher to our TIC program – Jessica Martin, a science teacher at Penns Valley Middle School. Ron Shealer, a former board member and current middle school teacher, has been a TIC teacher for the past five years. His chiller broke this year and our chapter replaced it. This year's fish food was a different formula and those fingerlings were almost twice as big as last year by the time we released them. Judi Sittler attended TIC training on June 25. Our Trout Camp was held the last two weeks in June for grades 5 to 8. We run this camp in partnership with Centre County Parks and Recreation. The instructor, Mike Lyle, is a science teacher at Bellefonte High School and he does a great job of teaching the camp kids fly tying, casting, stream etiquette and conservation. We take about four field trips to Spring Creek. Our trout camp uses member volunteers. Board member Scott Brumbaugh will be organizing members to give fly tying and casting instruction for a local Cub Scout troop. We would love to expand that in the future to other Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops. Recent meetings included Barry Eckwahl, who drew an audience of 50 for his presentation on "Steelhead Solitude: Techniques to Avoid Crowds and Catch More Steelhead" and a presentation on "Kayak Fishing 101" given by Juan Vereute. Local expert Dennis Charney gave us "Lessons from the Wulff School." We take the months of July and August off without any meetings. In September our speaker will be Charles Meck, and in October it will be John Arway. We

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are researching the possibility of fund-raising through the Centre County Community Foundation, Inc. We would also like to find avenues for identifying and writing grant applications. This would be a good workshop to offer all TU chapters. We continue working with Katie Ombalski of the Clearwater Conservancy to organize a plan for restoring the riparian buffer in the Oak Hall area.

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In April, we had our road cleanup along Route 6 east of the Grand Canyon. We collected about three times more trash than in other years. It was thought by the cleanup crew that this was a result of more cars and trucks on Route 6 due to gas drilling activity. In May, we had our fifth First Cast Program at Stoney Fork Campground outside of Wellsboro. Attendance was on the light side, possibly due to damp weather, but all the kids and adults caught fish and had a lot of fun with tree planting, exploring stream invertebrates, fly tying, casting and great food. In September, we will host our second Stand Down on the Stream weekend for veterans. It will be a free two-night stay at a camp on Pine Creek, with fishing, fly tying and casting lessons plus some quiet time for camaraderie around the campfire. On June 16, in partnership with DCNR, we took out an old jack dam on Asaph Run, and on July 8-9 we installed a stream deflector where the old dam stood. On June 18, we hosted a PATU Coldwater Conservation Corps stream monitor training session at the USGS Leetown Science Center, Northern Appalachian Research Laboratory, located on the Asaph, led by David Sewak, Trout Unlimited

Marcellus Shale field organizer, Jinnie Woodward, assistant director of the Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring, and two of her staff. Kelly O. Maloney, an ecologist with the Research Center, also shared the basics of his research on local streams. We had an optimum attendance of about 30 people, gaining 10 new members. We plan to have a follow up meeting soon to map out a program that best utilizes our volunteers across streams in Tioga County. All of our TIC fish from the four classroom sites sponsored by the chapter in Northern Tioga, Central Tioga and Southern Tioga Schools were released into Pine Creek, Little Pine Creek and Stoney Fork Creek in May. All of the teachers reported that the kids learned a tremendous amount and are enthused about continuing the programs next year.

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The chapter held its annual watershed meeting on Jan. 12. Seven watersheds were represented, and each gave presentations regarding stream restoration projects for the past year, along with progress regarding stream designations, etc., and plans for the coming year. William Worobec, president of PFBC, gave an update on current challenges facing the agency. Dr. Mel Zimmerman gave an update on their stream assessment projects. The chapter hosted a public meeting in cooperation with the Clean Water Institute on Feb. 16 at Lycoming College to discuss the impact of gas leasing of state forest lands. Nels Johnson of The Nature Conservancy, Harrisburg office, described a study and report conducted with DCNR on impacts of leasing additional State Forest land.

The study includes a mapping analysis of surface disturbance effects on the sustainable balance and wild character of remaining state forest lands not yet leased for gas development. In addition to the presentation by Nels Johnson, Doug Kepler of Seneca Resources discussed Seneca's plans for the development of the 2008 DCNR gas lease in the Tract 100 - Hagerman Run - Grays Run area in the Lycoming Creek watershed. He is the director of the Environmental Engineering Group, which covers all aspects of drilling development from site location through permitting, construction, operations and reclamation. Also presenting was Katy Dunlap, Eastern Water Project director for Trout Unlimited. Walt Nicholson of the Susquehanna Chapter gave an overview of the DCNR gas program website and statistics, as well as a summary of issues from water quality and aesthetic perspectives. There was good representation from other gas companies, watershed associations, academia, environmental and sportsmen's groups, PFBC, DCNR and local government. The chapter held its 34th Annual Trout Kickoff at Pickelner Arena March 5-6. The event included a number of local vendors, booths for the PFBC, PGC, local watersheds, the Conservation District, demonstrations and the usual fish pond for children. Attendance exceeded 600 people.

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The chapter hosted PATU CCC training on Jan. 29, and despite a snowstorm 29 people attended. Kim Bonfardine agreed to be the chapter's Marcellus coordinator. We will be monitoring



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several streams in the Brockway and Ridgway area. We are also monitoring several streams in the Moshannon State Forest. Dave Sewak was our speaker for our monthly meeting in January to give an overview of the Marcellus drilling and to speak to what TU is doing. We had a good turnout of non-members that later joined and took the training. While January was all Marcellus, February was Trout in the Classroom. Our February meeting had several teachers that are involved in TIC attend as well as Council's TIC coordinator, Samantha Kutskel. Samantha gave a presentation on how we as a chapter could work with the teachers as well as activities that we could do. She showed the TIC trunk and all the great info that we could use. The teachers, Rich McClelland and Kyle Norman, gave their perspective of how TIC is used in classes. Recent developments in the standards for graduation have come about and students need community service hours to graduate. We talked of ways that both the students and our chapter could benefit. Brockway students will be helping with our environmental day with the DuBois Middle School in May. At our March board meeting, we made plans for the Environmental Field Day for the DuBois Middle School on May 27. We hosted several stations, including macroinvertebrates, habitat and AMD with help from National TU. We reach over 350 students during that day. We are also planning our release day for the other schools. Eric Wilson has started a fly fishing club with the help of Rich McClelland at the DuBois High School. This is

an afterschool event and has about six students currently participating. DuBois Area Catholic Schools are looking at a possible "First Cast" program for the next school year. The chapter had a booth at the Central PA Sportsmen's Show March 25-27 at the Clearfield Fairgrounds. The chapter's 45th annual banquet was April 9 at the DuBois VFW. Board member Kelly Williams worked on our GP 1 permit to work on Wolf Run this August. Trout Unlimited lost a real treasure in February. Dr. Colson Blakeslee passed away after a brief illness. Doc was the recipient of Distinguished Service Award from National TU two years ago, as well as from PATU. He was responsible for adding many acres to our state forest system, and was a leader in trying to clean up many of the acid mine discharges around the state using innovative ways to accomplish them. He was chapter president when he went after PennDOT to stop a new road along the First Fork of the Sinnemahoning Creek back in the late '60s. As a result, PennDOT now needs to do environmental impact studies before building or moving roads. He will be sorely missed.

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March began with six CCTU members attending the Coldwater Conservation Corps Water

Monitoring training with David Sewak. The training was held and sponsored by the Iron Furnace Chapter TU in Lucinda. At our regular monthly meeting we finalized the plans for the Trout & Clean Streams Expo, adopted a strategic plan and new bylaws. A program on Antique Fishing Equipment was presented by Troy McDunn. On April 9, the chapter held its 4th Annual Trout & Clean Streams Expo at the Sheffield Lions Club. The day included demonstrations, displays and various interactive events. A raffle and auction was held at the expo to help support the Morrison Run Watershed restoration project, TIC, stream monitoring and chapter-sponsored educational programs. In April, CCTU welcomed Rose Reilly, water management biologist from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Allegheny River water temperature study and data below the Kinzua Dam. May was the chapter's cookout at the Sheffield Lions Den followed by an evening of fishing on the Tionesta Creek. The Morrison Run Watershed restoration project continues to move forward with a possible removal of the lower dam sometime this year. Instream habitat project work is set for the last Saturday in September. Once again the chapter's four TIC programs were very successful this year. Plans are being made to expand the program by three classes next year. We are in the process of identifying, prioritizing and selecting monitoring sites targeted for Marcellus Shale drilling in our area. In addition to choosing monitoring sites, we are placing temperature data loggers in selected streams. The temperature data loggers will not only be used for information, but will also serve as an educational tool in our TIC programs.

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Our annual banquet was held in March at the Radisson in West Middlesex and was another huge success. There were over 160 people who attended and enjoyed a fun night of receiving tying tips from the fly tiers present, winning many nice prizes and sharing fishing stories with friends. We also raised over \$5,000. Next year's banquet will be on March 24 at the Radisson. Many thanks to our banquet co-coordinators Nick Loprire and Carol Jochman and all of the members who volunteered to make this event a success. Spring was a busy time for the chapter. We had our annual Spring Cleanup Workday in April to get the Coolspring DHALO area ready for the fishing season. We also participated in several youth education events including the Kid's Day at Buhl Park where members gave a demonstration of fly fishing to students from the Farrell School District, hosted 50 Cub Scouts on Coolspring

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where they learned about stream bank erosion and the devices we build to help control it, the insects that live in the stream and what they can tell us about the health of the stream and stocked some trout. Later they toured Munnell Run Farm and visited our nursery. Several members again volunteered to man a station at the Grove City Sportsmen's Club Youth Field Day with a program on different types of fishing methods, a fly casting demonstration and gave them a chance to try their hand at casting. This spring we completed our first TIC program when 25 students from the 6th grade class of Rick Stephens at Delahunty Middle School took a field trip to Coolspring to release their fish. Not a lot of fish made it through to be released, but the program was a success judging by the kids' excitement and enthusiasm about what they learned. We are looking forward to next year when we will again be working with Rick and also starting our second program in the Mercer School District. High water and wet weather played havoc with the Wolf Creek Fishing Derby but we still managed to hold it after a one-week postponement. On June 25, we had a workday to build two deflectors in Coolspring. This is the first year of a three-year plan to complete 14 stream bank stabilization devices on the stream. On Aug. 27, the Deer Creek group will be starting the next phase of their work on that creek with the construction of a mud sill and other devices that will eventually be part of a youth and handicap fishing area. They also hosted a youth fishing derby on Deer Creek.

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Peter V. Straub, our director emeritus, passed away on April 30. He was one of our founding members and served on the Board of Directors for many years. He was also a good friend to all and will be greatly missed. Five of our members and officers, including chapter President Gary Ross, attended the Northwest PATU Regional Meeting on May 22, at Petroleum Center, Oil Creek State Park. It was a very informative meeting, and it was great to socialize with members of other chapters and some of our state officers. Our 28th annual banquet was held April 9. Judging from the comments the committee received, it was one of the best ever. The Inn at Franklin treated us great, the food was very good and we sold 126 tickets. Our income was comparable to last year, which in today's economy was pleasing to us all. A big thank you to everyone who made it possible. Next year's banquet may be March 31. The chapter again provided support to the Venango Conservation District and the PFBC to place porcupine cribs to improve fish habitat in Justus Lake in Two Mile Run Park. We had our annual spring

trout stocking for the special regulations areas of Oil Creek and Little Sandy Creek on March 19. A number of our members also helped with the PFBC pre-season and in-season trout stocking. We had no applicants for the 2011 Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp. However, we were able to sponsor two students to attend Harpster's Fly Fishing School at Spruce Creek on April. The two boys gave a slide show presentation of their activities for the weekend at our next meeting. We again provided fly tying instruction this year at the Venango County Youth Field Day on June 18. We also made a cash donation and donated a fly rod outfit. The TIC program has been a success again this year. Victory Elementary released trout on April 20, and Meadville Middle School released their trout on May 6. We may be able to add another classroom next year.

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We held our end of year picnic on June 7. The event was well attended and produced some new members. We participated in the annual stream cleanup by the Chester Ridley Crum (CRC) Watersheds Association.

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The annual fishing derby for kids in Lorimer Park was held in April. Although it rained off and on during the day, the kids that did come out had a blast and caught some nice rainbows. By the

afternoon the stream was high and brown and the kids were soaked. All in all, it was a good day. Our two schools that participate in Trout in the Classroom released the fish that they had raised over the winter into the Pennypack. Both schools had a great survival rate and the kids learned a lot with the experience. Some of the kids even created PowerPoint presentations on the progress of the trout. The annual chapter trip to Penns Creek took place in the third week of May. By Thursday of that week the stream was running at 5,100-plus cfs, so fishing it was not an option. A side trip to the "Little J" on Friday and Saturday provided some nice fishing for all. Trout in the Pennypack Trust are still looking good as the water levels and temps have cooperated so far this spring. In June we performed our annual maintenance to the plantings previously made on the Natural Land Trust in Horsham. Stream improvements projects on the Pennypack Creek & Harper's Run will be completed during the summer months.

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The chapter is looking into updating our bylaws to parallel the National model. We hope to have this completed by the end of the summer. March 31 was our annual Trout Show which featured a presentation by Ed Engle. It was our biggest fundraiser of the year and generated nearly \$9,300. The publishing of Trout Tales and Watershed Heroes has been quite successful and very well received. Our initial order of 200 books is nearly sold out and we have had a number of sales through Amazon.com. The chapter has reordered books for sale and will be placing them in local shops, or you can contact us for a copy – just go to the contacts us section of our website, www.ValleyForgeTU.org – a \$15 donation will get you one (postage extra). It is the best articles from our award winning newsletter, Banknotes, from the past 30 years. All proceeds go to the chapter's youth programs. Our website is newly updated. Beyond the new look is new content and links. It is a more user friendly format and we are planning on frequent updates. The Sidley Road Stormwater Basin in East Whiteland Township, which we retrofitted in 2006, was the subject of a recent review. The basin was re-graded and planted to change it from a mowed flow through basin to a low maintenance vegetated basin with a serpentine discharge path. The planting and grading are doing fabulously, although there are some invasive plant issues. It is a huge success and we will do some invasive plant. Several chapter members will be meeting with the engineering firm Buchart-Horn and Tredyffrin Township to attempt to insert ourselves in the planning process for the reconstruction of the Crabby Creek sanitary sewer line. We will

also do a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on why we need to be a part of the process. Through our work, we have caused \$700,000 worth of improvements to be made in the watershed and have eliminated three sanitary sewer crossings of the stream protecting the township's infrastructure investment. Our negotiations with the PA Turnpike continue over the stormwater issues involved in the Turnpike's widening project from the Route 29 Slip Ramp project to the Valley Forge interchange. We provided a statement to interested parties that the current design does not meet the anti-degradation laws of the Pennsylvania Code for an Exceptional Value stream. The Turnpike's reply does not address the volume issue we addressed in our statement. The chapter's involvement with a Chester County Marcellus Shale coalition continues. Chapter members have participated in local rally as well as participating in Rally Day in Harrisburg. The chapter continues to work through the Valley Creek Restoration Partnership to accomplish projects in the Valley Creek Watershed. One such project is the Growing Greener funded Conestoga High School practice field bio-retention swale. This project will be built this summer to reduce runoff significantly from the practice field. More projects include a couple of rain gardens to be installed in the Wilson Farm Park, and an application on behalf of Valley Forge National Historical Park for the correction of erosion issues on Mt. Misery.

We held a discussion on easements and public access and its importance in the future of fishing in the Commonwealth. Membership approved our updated chapter bylaws. We are planning to honor our Adams County WCO who left. The chapter presented the Merit and Recognition award to Joe Heine at our last banquet program. Our chapter meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Adams County Conservation Building at 7 p.m. Our local landowner that has been involved in one of the regulated sections of streams in Pa. has applied in the land preservation program. The Adams County Chapter website is now up and running www.adamscountytu.org. The chapter performed a stream survey of the Conewago Creek regulated section of Gladys' Meadow's on June 29 with the PFBC habitat director. A chapter member is reviewing the South Mountain Grant Program which may be utilized in securing a stream easement. Over 160 kids were involved in Southcentral Outdoors for Youth program where our chapter members educated the kids in fly tying while other members worked the trout fishing station. Our partnership with CVTU continues in adding limestone sand to the upper reaches of Mountain Creek. The chapter plans to review the restoration projects needed on Latimore Creek. The chapter supported the State Council with a donation.

the appropriate proposal to DEP. The participants in the American Rivers Youth Camp did a stream project on the Yellow Breeches to provide bank protection and alignment correction. It involved placing and pinning substantial-sized logs at the new alignment, allowing hangover for fish cover, and filling behind the logs with some 40 tons of good-size rock. These efforts involved substantial donations of materials, hand tools and excavation equipment. CVTU partnered with the PFBC to formulate a plan to improve the trout holding water in Boiling Springs Run, a tributary to the Yellow Breeches. Several weeks of site inspections and home and office work resulted in a completed plan which will again require volunteer help and community support and donations.

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Our annual conservation banquet was held on April 9. We had a great turnout and a successful fund-raising effort netted a near record amount in funds. These will primarily be put to use in our conservation and education activities. We had a day scheduled to build streambank improvement structures on Manada Creek, July 30, and we completed another project on Clarks Creek, installing diverters and boulder placements, on Aug. 13. The heavy rain this spring kept our Rausch Creek diversion wells running strong. Work crew meets at the wells weekly to keep them fully stocked with limestone. We continue to work with the Twin Valley Conservation group, the watershed group for the Powells and Armstrong watersheds in the Halifax area of Dauphin County. The watershed group is in the final phases of permitting for the rehabilitation of the Children's and Handicap Fishing Access on Powells Creek. We are hopeful to begin the project in the fall this year. During June, the chapter held two education/outreach events. For the third year in a row we held a fly fishing event for veterans. Our "Home Waters" event was attended by 10 vets from the Lebanon VA Hospital who were treated to lunch, dinner, an introduction to casting and a few hours of guided fishing on Clarks Creek. This was a successful and rewarding event for guests and volunteers alike. The chapter also hosted a ladies' fishing day where we offered about 12 women an introduction to fly casting and fishing. Again, supported by a group of member volunteers, we had an enjoyable day exposing the group to fly fishing, conservation and TU. Earlier in the spring, the kids participating in our Trout in the Classroom project released their fish. The releases were held at the Dauphin County Anglers and Conservationists property on Clarks Creek. Unfortunately, one of our TIC schools lost their fish due to a weekend power outage at

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This past quarter found us preparing for a busy summer of events as well as participating in some intense corrective work on the Letort, hosting the Rivers Conservation Fly Fishing Youth Camp and our second "Street to Streams" camp. The Youth Camp started on June 19 and ended the 25th. It involved youths from age 14 to 17, male or female, and took place at Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs. Our "Street to Streams" camp involved 15 disadvantaged juveniles, some of whom are in the Cumberland County Juvenile Probation program, who will be exposed to the basic aspects of fly fishing, including casting, wading, flies and necessary equipment. We believe we had a positive influence on the participants. An important issue was the appointment of a nominating committee and nominations for our board of directors which was voted on in July. CVTU is blessed to have such dedicated and talented board members who we depend on for so much. Last quarter I reported that another sinkhole was developing on the Letort and we were looking into both short-term and permanent solutions. We were able to obtain permission from DEP for a temporary fix, which was accomplished, and we moved on to applying for a permit to pursue a permanent result. This required hiring a consultant to make

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their school. In place of a release, these kids were hosted to a visit to the Ned Smith Center.

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Chapter President Wayne Boggs and Millport Conservancy managers Lynn and Logan Myers met with graduate students from Elizabethtown College on May 21. Students learned about the conservation measures that have been implemented on the section of Lititz Run that flows through the conservancy. Our Youth Fly Fishing Workshop was July 9. The event hosted a group of teenagers on Ned Bushong's pond near Lititz. Participants progressed through fly tying, casting, knot tying and conservation stations, and culminated with fishing on the pond for bluegills and bass. Lunch was also included. On Aug. 28, we hosted a fishing event for Big Brothers/Big Sisters at the same location. We are looking forward to our September chapter meeting. The topic is Marcellus shale and its impact on PA streams and water sources. We sponsored a Fishing/Golf Tournament on June 22 in conjunction with Foxchase Golf Resort, Denver, PA. All bass caught deducted .5 strokes from each team's golf score. Prizes and lunch concluded the event. New fence posts were installed and grass mats were repositioned along Climbers Run in southern Lancaster County. This is part of a wrap-up from last fall. More trees will be planted this year. Dates are being set for stream work on two locations along Fishing Creek in southern Lancaster County. DTU will coordinate and participate in the work with the local township, DEP and Lancaster Conservancy. The township will provide heavy equipment. Generous donations have been received from PPL and Cargill Corporation. DEP will complete plans by this fall for stream work to be done on Charles Creek, a tributary of Donegal Creek. The work will be completed in 2012. Stream work on more than two

miles of stream on the Tanglewood Golf Course and the Smucker Farm were to begin in August. Grants will pay for this work

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FSTU will be hosting our 37th annual banquet on Oct. 1. For members in our chapter, please make sure that your email address is updated with the Trout Unlimited website so that you can receive more details about our chapter and the banquet. For the fourth year, the chapter spearheaded the Falling Spring Invitational Fly Fishing Outing for Wounded Warriors from May 19-20. This outing was conducted in tandem with the Franklin County Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, the Penn National Fishing Club and the Chambersburg Rod and Gun Club. The participating warriors were treated to a Thursday evening welcome social followed on Friday by fishing the Falling Spring with their "in-water companions." Lunch on Friday was provided by three competing BBQ teams with the Wounded Warriors as the "judges." They selected Big Ugly's BBQ Team as the Grand Champion, Appleyway BBQ Team as the Reserve Grand Champion and the "Gorilla Tough" BBQ Team the First Runner-up. It was a great two days for the warriors and an excellent adjunct to their ongoing therapy. The greater Chambersburg corporate and business community really stepped forward, as did numerous individuals and families to make this outing a total success. The chapter received approved plans for a stream habitat improvement project from the PFBC that will include a 100-yard stretch of the stream from the bridge on Falling Spring Road downstream to the bridge on Springview Drive. The property is owned by Curtis Frey and Carl Helman, with public access on the stream. The project includes stone deflectors and log deflectors that will increase the velocity of the stream to purge siltation buildup above an old waterwheel.

The chapter is planned on starting the project in August with cooperation from the landowners and Guilford Township. Guest speaker at the June meeting was Guilford Township Supervisor Greg Cook who addressed the membership about partnering with them on public relations issues and communications. The local government of Guilford Township is a model of what can be done when groups align themselves for the betterment of the quality of life in the community, and we are fortunate to have supervisors that embrace the importance of cold water conservation. Ed Parsons, a science teacher at Chambersburg High School, also spoke at the meeting about the TIC program that was held there this year and related stories of how much the students engaged themselves in the growing process of the young trout. After the meeting we released a bucket of the fingerlings in the Conococheague Creek in Caledonia State Park. They immediately took holding positions among the rocks in the stream.

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MCTU will hold another open house in September to display our achievements and show appreciation toward landowners. We stocked over 6,000 trout from our cooperative trout nursery this spring in addition to helping with state stockings along Muddy Creek and tributaries. The chapter held a handicapped fishing event at our chapter-sponsored handicapped fishing area on Toms Run. Trout were stocked and members and friends assisted the children from ForSight Vision, a vision-impaired organization, with handling fishing rods and landing trout. A partners meeting was attended by MCTU and the Watershed Alliance of York to walk the stream reach and discuss the design and timeline of the Pine Run Growing Greener II Project. Volunteers harvested livestock of pussy willow and later potted some at our native plant

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nursery and planted some at the handicapped area.

Penns Creek Chapter #119

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At our April and May meeting, Andy McDonald from the Mifflin County Conservation District made presentations on three projects the district is working on. Andy requested assistance from the chapter for volunteer time and monetary help. The chapter agreed to assist with both requests. Two of the projects are on Hungry Run, an impaired stream in Mifflin County. One of the projects will be beginning this year to do stream bank stabilization and habitat work. The chapter has been asked to volunteer during the habitat and planting segment of the project. The second is an extension of the first. The third project is on Mussers Run located in southwestern Mifflin County. This is a future project aimed at stabilizing the stream banks and riparian zone. The chapter's summer social was June 18th at Poe Paddy State Park, followed by fishing on Penns Creek. We had 222 people attend our chapter's banquet this year, with about \$2,200 being raised. The chapter raffled off a rod outfit, which was presented to the chapter by Project Healing Waters after our 2010 banquet. We raised \$598 on this raffle and donated all the proceeds back to Project Healing Waters. The three TIC programs the chapter had this year ended with the release of the fish on May 19. All three schools combined for a fun day with the kids receiving instructions on tree planting by DCNR Bureau of Forestry staff, conservation talks by the Juniata Conservation District, fly casting and equipment demos by the chapter and insect identification and stream study done by the chapter and a few of the high school students. Larry Winey began offering a free fly tying class on June 8 in Acedamia, Juniata County.

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Officer elections were held last November. Officers are: Jerry Potocnak, president; Don Carney, vice president; Jeff Lipniskis, secretary; Dave Gallaher, treasurer. Our primary fundraising activity is the annual banquet held in mid-March. The chapter has recently partnered with Verizon Communications whereby the chapter will receive funds when members purchase new cell phone or FIOS contracts with Verizon and/or renegotiate existing cell phone/FIOS agreements. We have concluded assistance with our two TIC schools for 2011. Chapter members attended both schools' trout release field trips and engaged in macroinvertebrate stream sampling and insect identification, as well as instructional fly casting and supervised student fishing in local trout streams. We will hold our annual youth conservation awareness and fishing outing on June 11 with approximately 55 4th and 5th grade boys and girls. The chapter sponsored two area youths for the Rivers Conservation Youth Camp in Boiling Springs in June. Chapter members donated approximately 18 dozen flies to the camp. Members assisted with cleaning and repair of the chapter's nursery.

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The annual picnic was held July 16 at the Youghiogheny Outflow Pavilion. According to the Office of Surface Mining (OSM), if the chapter files a complaint over DEP's handling of the acid mine discharges on Jonathan Run, an Exceptional Value stream, the OSM will investigate. The DEP is going to accept less stringent limits than required for an Exceptional Value stream, and the DEP received a report of the illicit discharge on Glade Run in an area that was mined by Purco. This discharge was eerily similar to the discharge the chapter discovered on Jonathan Run. Recall that Purco tried to deceive the DEP by piping the discharge from Jonathan Run onto state game lands. The alkaline sand addition and monitoring that was anticipated to occur on Glade Run this spring did not due to the abnormally wet weather. For the 2011-12, school year, the chapter anticipates sponsoring TIC programs in the Albert

Gallatin, Laurel Highland, Turkeyfoot and Frazier school districts, along with Fayette Vo-Tech.

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This was "education Spring" for Forbes Trail Chapter. We completed our new women's fly fishing course and the spring phase of our First Cast Youth Group with a day of mentored fly fishing in our delayed harvest section of Loyalhanna Creek. We conducted field trips to Linn Run State Park where more than 5007th graders released trout they had raised during our four Trout in the Classroom programs. We presented macroinvertebrate sampling demonstrations to high school students visiting our local Idlewild amusement park. On the conservation side, the chapter performed a GIS assessment of our home waters and produced an atlas of trout streams showing the DEP and PAFBC classifications of the waters, and prioritized them for Marcellus Shale water sampling using PA Trout's Coldwater Conservation Corps methods. We accompanied our PFBC habitat manager on site surveys of the stream habitat conservation sites we will work on this summer. We have reorganized our upcoming summer meeting venues by replacing scheduled meetings with numerous on-stream work, fly fishing, and leadership development/Directors governance sessions.

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FBTU members participated in the Bedford County Youth Field Day on June 4. Two-hundred kids between the ages of 6 and 14 were assisted in tying a fly. The chapter is holding a membership rod raffle where one lucky chapter member will be the recipient of a PATU Council fly rod. August 27 was our 3rd annual Joint Picnic with John Kennedy/Blair County TU.

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Our 3rd Annual Pig Roast/Chicken Barbeque was Aug. 27 at the Newry Lions Park. We partnered with the Little Juniata River Association on a stream bank restoration project on the upper reaches the Little J the first week of August. JKU

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will have two new water monitoring groups to work with the Blair County Conservation District's existing Senior Water Monitoring Program. We will also be party to a water study funded by a grant from the Colcom Foundation. The study will provide a baseline of all watersheds in Blair County. Participants in this study will be USGS, Blair County Conservation District, Altoona Water Authority and JKTU. We were recently contacted by the PAFBC about a dam removal and stream reconstruction project on a local untitled tributary, which is presently supporting a brook trout population. We are researching this project. We are pursuing stream projects on Clover Creek, Plum Creek and Halter Creek. The Pineroft/Sandy Run Wetlands purchase is moving forward, an option to purchase agreement has been signed and final survey and sub-division work has begun. Hopefully this transaction will be finalized by the end of this year and the 50-acre parcel will be turned over to the PAFBC. Our TIC fish release days were a big success, three all-day field trips were held with over 300 students participating. JKTU also participated in the Blair County Conservation District's "Waterfest." We had a TIC display including an aquarium with brook trout fry. Approximately 900 youths and parents attended this activity. JKTU also had a fly tying station at this year's Blair County Sportsmen's Youth Field Days where 220 youth participated.

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We had a very successful banquet in April with 132 in attendance. It was followed by a stream cleanup on little Mahoning Creek prior to the first day of trout. On April 29, we had the media /release day for our Trout in the Classroom program through Homer Center High School. About 75 brookies were released into Yellow Creek. Participants were treated to lunch on the chapter by the hot dog guy, Joe Ferranti, of Fat Daddy's Hot Dogs. A chapter-sponsored macro survey, which the kids had a ball doing, followed lunch. On May 11, we held our annual macro study on Little Mahoning and Cessna Run. We hosted the inaugural Ken Sink Chapter of Trout Unlimited Youth Conservation Day at the Twolick AMD Center at the waterworks area on upper Twolick June 4. The event was made possible due to a grant from Dominion Peoples. We had 10 youths in attendance along with their parents. They were taught fly tying and fly casting, participated in a macro stream survey and were taught about the AMD treatment system. In October, we will be having our reorganizational meeting for the upcoming two years.

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We hope to have three TIC programs in place by next school year. We feel TIC has paid great dividends in getting students and their parents involved in either TU or conservation activities in general. Our Cabin Fever event was a resounding success. Over 40 vendors, along with Family Tyes and speakers Greg Hoover, Rob Reeder, Ed Nagle and Dave Sewak helped bring 750-plus attendees through the door. Proceeds will be used for work on local Pine Creek and for monitoring Marcellus Shale activity. Our spring fly fishing seminar at St. Bede's Church was also a success, introducing techniques and conservation ethics to over 25 eager students. Our annual bus trip was to the Little Juniata in late May. We continued to partner with the Allison Park Sportsmen Association with both their spring cleanup and stocking, and with our fall habitat improvement projects. We are currently attempting to secure grants for runoff and stream bank erosion control.



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