

Annual Membership Meeting set for Sept. 14

PA Council of Trout Unlimited will present its awards, elect officers and more during the annual PATU Membership Meeting set for Sept. 14 at Shavers Creek Firemen's Park, Petersburg.

See page 10 for more information and registration for the Annual Membership Meeting at Shavers Creek Fireman's Park.
Deadline to register is August 26.

The day's agenda includes:

- State of PATU by President Greg Malaska
- Coldwater Heritage Partnership, Trout in the Classroom and Keystone Coldwater Conference updates by Program Director Ashley Wilmont
- A National Leadership Council update

by NLC Rep Brian Wagner
• Guest speaker Dave Allbaugh
• Chapter updates and more!
Lunch will be provided. Cost for entire day is \$35.00 per person. See the tentative schedule and registration form on page 10 for more.



Trout Unlimited Photo

Abandoned mine damage in the West Branch Susquehanna River watershed.

Adams County TU Spotlight...



Contributed Photo

The Adams County Chapter of Trout Unlimited completed work on this footbridge reconstruction project that crosses Latimore Creek and enables kids to expand their fishing opportunities. See page 11 for more photos.

TU, partners push Congress to support reclamation fund

By David Kinney
TU Eastern Policy Director

As any trout angler who has come upon a bright orange stream in the central Appalachians knows, historical coal mining practices left us an enormous mess. Polluted moonscapes. Hazardous conditions. Dead streams laced with abandoned mine drainage.

To address this legacy of pollution, Congress established the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Fund in 1977. Financed by a fee on every ton of coal currently pro-

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Enter PATU awards by Aug. 9

PA Council of Trout Unlimited will present its annual awards during the fall meeting at the Shavers Creek Fireman's Park, 4811 Shavers Creek Road, Petersburg, PA 16669 on Saturday, Sept. 14.

The deadline to enter awards has been extended to Aug. 9, 2019.

If you are aware of a group, chapter or individual you feel is worthy of a nomination, please consider submitting a form.

Forms and award descriptions are available at patrout.org.

Nominations are due by Aug. 9. Forms may be emailed to Ashley Wilmont at c-awilmont@pa.gov or mailed to her at PATU P.O. Box 5148, Bellefonte, PA 16823.

Please note: nominations for Best Newsletter and Best Chapter website should be sent to Brad Isles at bisles@live.com.

Awards are:

- Chapter with greatest membership in-

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- Chapter with greatest percentage increase in membership
- Edward Urbas Award for Best PA Chapter
- Best Small Chapter Award
- Best Chapter Project
- Doc Fritchey Award for Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, TU Member
- Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, Professional
- Outstanding Volunteer
- Best Chapter Website
- Samuel Slaymaker Award for Best Chapter Newsletter
- Dr. Jack Beck Award for Outstanding Youth Outreach-Ken Sink Award for Outstanding Service to PATU
- Inky Moore Award for Outstanding Service to State Council

Council merchandise sales update

Periodically, we will be reviewing our Merchandise program in the interest of introducing new items into our PATU product offering.

Between now and our Annual Meeting in September, we anticipate adding several new items that we believe will be of value to our customers; a 7-piece, 9-foot 5-weight Traveler Fly Rod, a super-slim Waterproof Fly Box, and possibly two assortments of a dozen flies each in both dry

and wet patterns.

You can check www.patrout.org/merchandise periodically to find out when these items are added, as well as to see any special deals that may be offered on the current product offering. And as an added convenience, please note that we have added the ability to use your credit card to order items directly online.

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PATU announces 2019 Forever Wild grant award winners

PA Council of Trout Unlimited is pleased to announce the 2019 Forever Wild grant award winners.

Forever Wild grant funding is made available by PATU. The maximum grant award available is \$1,500.

Grants are offered to PATU chapters for protection, conservation and restoration of wild brook trout waterways.

- \$1,500 to Tulpehocken Chapter for a TU Education Station on Little Cacosing Creek.
- \$1,500 to Chestnut Ridge Chapter for Dunbar Creek Alternative Habitat Structure Site No. 14.
- \$1,421 to Valley Forge Chapter for Stream Monitoring and Whitlock Vibert Box Installation on Pickering Creek.

- \$1,500 to Forks of Delaware Chapter for Bushkill Creek Restoration Project – Phase I.

- \$1,500 to Brodhead Chapter for Kiosk and Stream Signage for Learn Preserve on Pocono Creek.

- \$1,500 to Mountain Laurel Chapter for Stream Improvements on Soap Hollow Run.

- \$1,500 to Doc Fritchey Chapter for Water Quality Monitoring on Quitapahilla Creek.

- \$1,500 to Doc Fritchey Chapter for Geomorphic Assessment of Quittapahilla Creek.

Please contact Ashley Wilmont at cawilmont@pa.gov or 814-359-5233. Visit www.patrou.org for more information.

Actions Taken by EXCOM since March 30, 2019

April 25 – Approved the following motions related to banking procedures:

MOTION #1: Authorizing the interim treasurer to close PATU's two checking accounts at S&T Bank and transfer the funds therein to PATU's counterpart checking accounts at PNC Bank.

MOTION #2: Authorizing the interim treasurer to close PNC Bank savings account xx-1664 and transfer the funds therein to PNC savings account xx-1365.

MOTION #3: Authorizing the interim treasurer to transfer \$100,000 from PNC Bank checking account xx-9381 to PNC Bank savings account xx-1365.

MOTION #4: Approving Ashley Wilmont as a signatory to PNC Bank checking account xx-9381.

May 6 – Approved sending a letter to PA Dept. of Environmental Protection requesting upgrade of 41 Class A Wild Trout Waters to HQ (High Quality).

May 6 – Approved sending a letter to PA Legislators supporting re-authorization of the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund fee.

May 10 – Approved sending an Action Alert to PA members encouraging support of the Growing Greener program.

May 17 – Approved full funding for the 8 Forever Wild grant applications received for 2019.

June 1 – Approved Council's endorsement for Scott Alderfer to serve on PA DEP's Climate Change Advisory Committee.

June 10 – Approved sending a letter to PA Fish & Boat Commission approving the listing of Class A and Wild Trout waters proposed for adoption at the July 15 Commission meeting.

June 16 – Approved sending a letter to PA Fish & Boat Commission in support of establishing Catch & Release Artificial Lures Only regulations on Section #03 of Spruce Creek.

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Headwaters

A message from PATU President
Greg Malaska

A new volunteer paradigm

Last month, I attended the Northeast Regional Rendezvous in Boiling Springs. The event, sponsored by Trout Unlimited, hosted approximately 125 volunteers from ten states stretching from Maine to Virginia.

After a weekend of roundtable lectures and dinner table discussions, I started thinking about organizational models.

TU's Conservation Model is "Protect, Reconnect, Conserve and Repair" but, do we have a volunteer model? After all, we're the ones who actually implement the Conservation Model.

I set out to create a new volunteer paradigm for PATU, a way for us to approach our most valuable asset – our volunteers. The model I propose is: ENGAGE – COMMUNICATE – RESPECT – CELEBRATE.

ENGAGE

The most valuable component of the Rendezvous was getting together with members from across the northeast to see how they tackle the same problems we face here in Pennsylvania. The goal of any networking is to foster partnerships with similarly-situated groups and ideally, make friends with nontraditional partners. We also need to engage diverse volunteers and always be looking to the next generation to carry the flag. Engagement helps to build the roster.

COMMUNICATE

Once we have assembled our team, we need to communicate a uniform message among our diverse and (sometimes divergent) membership.

We currently have several "splits" within our 14,000 members: stocking, climate change, the use of bait, etc. Despite the differing views on these tough topics, we can't forget that we are "One PATU" and need to be able to speak as one and communicate our message to all. However, the method of communication can be just as important as the message.

A great example of this challenge involves technology. Truth be told, I'm a



technophobe, as are some of our chapter leaders. I have always kicked and screamed against the latest technological trends, probably because when it comes to PATU, I know that laptops and handhelds can't move rocks, electroshock streams, take stream data, or most importantly, shake hands to meet a new volunteer or reward one for a great job. The late Johnny Cash captured this sentiment in *The Ballad of John Henry*, where he said:

"Did the Lord say that machines should take the place of the living? Then what's a substitute for bread and beans? Should engines get rewarded for their steam?"

Let's recognize each person's affinity (or lack thereof) for technology and all move in the same direction. The message is the same, regardless of how we share it.

RESPECT

As volunteers, we need to do a better job of actually listening, especially to alternative viewpoints.

We are faced with some challenging issues that generate passionate positions. We need to respect these differing viewpoints and mold them into a stronger, more defensible position in the end. We live in a state with 13 million people. Many of our 14,000 members come from areas in which extractive industries put food on the table. Against this backdrop, otherwise simple issues become complex. How do we, as volunteer leaders, deal with this polarization? I have a suggestion, which requires a short history lesson.

When I was in college, I took several courses on the former Soviet Union (Don't

be alarmed, the only "red" thing I support is the Washington Capitals). Much of Soviet history was driven by ideology, created by names like Marx, Engels and Lenin.

Marx and Engels promoted the idea of dialectical materialism, which is based on the following idea. One starts with an idea, the thesis. Over time, the thesis is challenged by an opposing idea, the antithesis. The clash of the two ideas leads to a new idea, the synthesis.

How do we apply this framework to PATU? A tough issue arises and there is some consensus of what our policy *should* be. That is our thesis. We then need to sit down and identify the opposing viewpoint(s); that is our antithesis. By tearing down our thesis with our antithesis, we emerge with a much stronger synthesis which will be our final position on an issue. The attorney in me knows that your argument is only as good as your ability to defend it. Let's absorb competing positions rather than condemning them; doing so will lead to a more defensible position.

CELEBRATE

PATU volunteers don't get paid. However, their passion, time and effort have real value. We need to start celebrating our efforts and rewarding those who strengthen our chapters. I ask our chapter leaders: When was the last time your chapter celebrated the efforts of its volunteers?

I like this model; it's simple, it works, and can be applied to any chapter. (It is also the last time I will incorporate any political theory into my column).

Thanks for all you do and enjoy the summer.

Love is work made visible

I once saw a poster that said, "Love is work made visible." In the time that I have been with the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited, I have seen volunteers do incredible work to advance coldwater conservation in Pennsylvania. PATU has been action-packed in the last few months!

Last year's Annual Membership Meeting was well attended with over 100 individuals representing chapters from across the state. The 2019 Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Sept. 14 at Shavers Creek. Election of Council officers and a more relaxed and fun atmosphere is being planned.

PATU partnered with Stroud Water Research Center in Chester County for Trout in the Classroom Program support. Two employees of the Stroud Center, Mandy Nix and Steve Mohap, have been a tremendous help to the program by assisting with the TIC mini-grant program, T-shirt fundraiser sales and the first statewide Trout in the Classroom Summit scheduled for July 18.

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission proposed the idea of a first-ever TIC summit, especially after the mini-grant program received an \$18,000 boost from Energy Transfer Inc. This allowed additional funds to be available to 393 TIC classrooms currently in the state. The TIC summit committee and TU members are

hard at work.

Also, over 20 PATU volunteers helped Amidea Daniel of PFBC and I pack and ship brook trout eggs to all TIC classrooms. A big thank you goes out to the Lloyd Wilson and Spring Creek chapters that continuously provide hard-working volunteers for this event every year.

Planning for the Keystone Coldwater Conference has begun. The conference is Feb. 28-29, 2020 at the Ramada Conference Center in State College. The planning committee has chosen the theme: Resiliency in a Changing Environment. Stay tuned for more information. Thank you to committee members Rachel Kester, Mel Zimmer, Eli Long, Clayton Good, Tom Shervinski, Jim Young and Ken Undercoffer. And a special thank you to the volunteer committee members!

Coldwater Heritage Partnership is on track despite high water levels. Mini-grants totaling \$75,000 were awarded to grassroots conservation groups across Pennsylvania. Projects funded include a dam removal, riparian buffer planting, stream bank stabilization and in-stream trout habitat improvements. The next grant round opens Sept. 1 and closes Dec. 15. Award winners will be announced at the Keystone Coldwater Conference.

The Forever Wild Grant Program provided PATU chapters with over \$10,000 of grant money this round. Projects funded this year include in-stream habitat work, water quality monitoring and coldwater conservation educational signage. The next grant round deadline is in July 2020.

I had the opportunity to support super-

volunteer Judy Sittler of the Spring Creek Chapter who spearheaded the STREAM (Science, Technology, Recreation, Engineering, Art, Math) Girls initiative, which now has expanded to southwest and southeast PA. Girl Scouts have the opportunity to earn the TU Conservation Patch. Judy has collaborated with multiple agencies to jumpstart STREAM Girls in Pennsylvania. Thanks to Spring Creek TU, which provided a large group of volunteers to assist with fly fishing during the event.

I also had the opportunity to support the 2019 Women's Leadership Retreat at Godspeed Hostel. Amidea Daniel and the rock-star group of volunteer committee members from around the state planned a weekend for women TU leaders to connect and share ideas about how to increase diversity within TU chapters.

President Greg Malaska's western and eastern regional trainings were well-attended. Attendees had the chance to learn from PFBC employees regarding gill lice issues, heard from National TU's Amy Wolf about restoration work and I spoke about the Coldwater Heritage Partnership. The trainings were a grassroots effort. Work behind the training was nearly all volunteer-driven.

So far, 2019 is just as activity filled as 2018! Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped. It's been a pleasure getting to know the PATU team and I look forward to working with all of you in the upcoming events! Feel free to stop in and visit if you are interested in joining the PATU league of volunteers. I can help you find your fit in our organization.

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duced, these funds have been distributed to states suffering from mining impacts, including Pennsylvania (\$1.3 billion) and West Virginia (\$600 million).

The program has been a significant success. Mine-scarred states leverage these dollars to reclaim tens of thousands of acres of land and restore hundreds of miles of AMD-impaired streams.

The problem is that the work is nowhere close to done, and the fee expires in just two years.

That's why Trout Unlimited, alongside many partners, is pushing for Congress to take action now to reauthorize the fee.

In Pennsylvania alone, 287,000 acres of mine land await cleanup, and 5,500 miles of streams are polluted with AMD, many of them devoid of life. At least 1.4 million Pennsylvanians live within a mile of abandoned mine lands. Estimates of the cleanup costs for Pennsylvania alone reach \$15 billion, according to the Interstate Mining Compact Commission and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

With funding, Trout Unlimited and our partners can continue the good work we've been doing to improve water quality and give wild brook trout populations a chance to thrive again. There is no better showcase of TU's efforts to restore coldwater fisheries in Pennsylvania than the work we have done to revive waterways polluted by AMD.

Working with local partners over the past two decades, we have cleaned up most of the mine drainage in the lower Kettle Creek watershed, and we have welcomed the return of trout to once-polluted Twomile Run and Middle Branch.

In the West Branch Susquehanna River watershed and elsewhere, we are helping partners plan and implement mine drainage treatment projects. We have provided technical assistance on nearly 200 sites across the state, supporting millions of dollars of remediation projects made possible by grants from the AML trust fund.

With some 80 AMD treatment facilities now operating in the West Branch Susquehanna watershed, we are seeing water qual-



Trout Unlimited Photos

Trout Unlimited is helping partners plan and implement mine drainage treatment projects in the the West Branch Susquehanna River watershed and elsewhere across the state thanks in large part to funding provided by the Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation Fund.



ity improve and fish populations multiplying, recent benchmark assessments show.

The \$5.5 billion invested nationwide over the past decades has allow states and tribes to clean up 875,000 acres of high-priority sites, seal 46,000 open mine shafts, and remove 29,000 acres of piles and embankments. More than \$600 million has been spent to treat AMD.

For every dollar invested, \$1.59 was returned to local economies.

In addition to seeking reauthorization of the fee, TU is encouraging Congress to restore the fee to the levels set in 1977; they were slashed in 2006. We also sup-

port exempting the fund from mandatory federal "sequestration" cuts, and requiring that all affected states receive at least \$5 million annually.

Why now, when the fee does not expire until 2021? The last push for reauthorization took many years, so it is critical that we make sure this issue is on Congress' radar now.

Visit TU's Action Center at tu.org, or reach out to David Kinney at david.kinney@tu.org, to find out how you can help us make the case for finishing the job of abandoned mine cleanup in Pennsylvania and beyond.

Erosion/filtration system perfect for sensitive watersheds

By Judy Sittler

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Sometimes the best partnerships come from a serendipitous encounter.

In March, I attended a PATU executive committee meeting. No expectations on my part. I just planned to give my Youth Ed. report and hear what the committee was doing.

A man named Joe Greco was there to give a National Leadership Council report regarding Trout Unlimited's Great Lakes Working Group. He also brought along information on his company's nationally-certified USDA Biopreferred product trade named Phalanx Bio Switch® Erosion/Filtration Medium.

This product is 100% hydrocarbon free, non-toxic and filled with specially manicured switchgrass supercharged with seed used to help build pollinator habitat. Phalanx Bio Switch® is designated as a highly qualified-exceptionally valued Pa. Department of Environmental Protection Statewide Approved Alternative Best Management Practice authorized to be placed in sensitive watersheds.

The product doesn't require trenching, is lightweight, has a wide ground contact surface and does not need to be removed because it decomposes naturally.

I sat up and paid attention. At the end of the meeting I got some more information and went home.

A few weeks later, I was having a breakfast meeting to talk about a pollinator plot on College Township property that Spring Creek TU is working on with the help of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. During the meeting, I brought out the brochure from Greco's company BEG Group, LLC, which describes, in detail, the advantages of their switch family of products.

The pollinator plot we are working is on a hillside and the worry was keeping the seed from washing down before it can take hold. Light bulbs came on and yes, you guessed it, I sent out an e-mail to Greco, who is the President of BEG Group, LLC.

"Dear Joe," I said, "Our chapter is planting a pollinator plot on the Gordon D. Kissinger Meadow in State College, and we think your switchgrass filled silt sock would be perfect." (Did I mention the switchgrass can be infused with pollinator seeds?)

We scheduled a site visit and Joe drove to State College from Ohio and brought along Austin Kirk, owner of AK Environmental Consulting, to walk the property. Austin had a mobile application that could measure the meadow and determine the slope, etc. The three-acre plot has varied steepness. Austin also supplies a variety of seed mixes for these types of projects.

Long story short, Joe and Austin showed up on May 30 with six pallets of Bio Switch® erosion/filtration sock to guard the project's lower perimeter, one pallet of unvegetated Phalanx Bio Switch® sock to be used in the most sensitive area of the project and one pallet of 4-inch Phalanx Bio Switch® sock supercharged with pollinator mix. Austin's company designed the pollinator seed mix inside the Phalanx Bio Switch®.

BEG Group, LLC, AK Environmental Consulting and E-



Contributed Photos

The Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited recently installed a naturally-decomposing erosion/filtration sock system as part of its "GDK Meadow" project. The system, developed by BEG Group, LLC, is a perfect solution for the challenges of planting pollinator habitat in sensitive watersheds.



Tube, BEG Group's sock supplier, sponsored the product for the G.D.K. Meadow Pollinator Habitat Project and Kirk supervised the placement and installation of the erosion/filtration sock. The installation was a breeze.

Why should we care about pollinators?

Pollinators provide *pollination services* for wild plants and many of our crop species – one in three bites of food is due to cross-pollination by pollinators.

Pollination is important for maintaining genetic diversity in plants and ensuring adequate fruit and seed production for crops, wildflowers, shrubs and trees. Our forests, prairies, meadows and gardens would look much different without the help of our pollinators. The intricacies of pollinator-environment interactions mean that we must take a broad approach to conserve pollinators. The above project is one modest campaign to weigh in on this very important topic.

For information on professional consultation and supplies aimed at building your own chapter's pollinator habitat project please feel free to reach out to BEG Group, LLC through its website contact page: www.biosecurity.biz.

PA Council of Trout Unlimited

*Minutes of the June 22, 2019
Executive Committee Meeting*

Sinnemahoning State Park, Wharton

Officers Attending: Greg Malaska (via phone), Bob Pennell, John Leonard, Monty Murty, Brian Wagner, Ken Undercoffer, Chuck Winters, Bob Volkmar.

Others Attending: Ashley Wilmont, Chase Howard.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by President Malaska. A motion was made and carried to approve the Minutes of our March 30, 2019 EXCOM meeting as submitted.

PATU Administrator Position: The proposed addition of a PATU Administrator was discussed and it was suggested that the individual should be located in the State College/Bellefonte area, but not at the PFBC CRO office. This would likely be a salaried position that would require about 10-15 hours per week on average. The treasurer will include the cost as a line item in the next fiscal year budget.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Volkmar's report detailing income/expenses for the fiscal year period from October 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019 was distributed and feedback was requested from EXCOM members. Volkmar reported that Council's Bureau of Charitable Organizations (BCO-10) form for 2019 had been submitted to the state. He also reported that the 2018 Annual Yearend Appeal netted \$14,387, and that thank you letters and/or postcards are being sent to all donors.

ACTION ITEMS:

PA Senate Bill 619 – A motion was made and carried to approve sending a letter to PA legislators prepared by Dave Kinney objecting to passage of SB619 which would weaken protections for High Quality Waters as currently established under the Clean Streams law.

Future EXCOM Meetings – A decision was made to reschedule the fall EXCOM meeting for Sunday, October 20, 2019. Dates for our 2020 EXCOM meetings will be established at that time.

EXCOM Retreat – A fall retreat will be held at the Shaver's Creek facility on

Sunday, September 15, 2019 following our Annual Membership Meeting the day before at that same location.

Development Committee – Malaska's announced the appointment of Monty Murty, John Leonard, Bob Volkmar, Brian McGuire and Russ Collins to serve on the Development Committee.

Nominating Committee – In accordance with Council Bylaws, Malaska agreed to appoint a Nominating Committee no less than 30 days prior to our Annual Membership Meeting on September 14, 2019

Investment Committee – Malaska announced the appointment of John Leonard, Bob Volkmar and Russ Collins to serve on an ad hoc Investment Committee.

Proposed Bylaws Revisions – A motion was made and carried to adopt a Resolution prepared by Murty in which selected Bylaws revisions are deemed essential for the conducting of Council business. These Bylaws revisions as proposed will be published in the Summer issue of *PA Trout* prior to being voted on at the 2019 Annual Membership Meeting.

"Forever Wild" Grant Administration – Consideration is being given to adding the administration of these grants under the responsibilities of the Environmental Committee.

Fundraising for Annual Membership Meeting – Pennell agreed to assume the responsibility, with assistance from Leonard, for fundraising activities at the Annual Membership Meeting.

T. Rowe Price Resolution – A motion was made and carried to adopt a Resolution authorizing Greg Malaska, Bob Volkmar and Monty Murty as the designated representatives to conduct business on behalf of Council with the investment firm of T. Rowe Price.

Embrace-A-Stream Donation – Malaska suggested that EXCOM consider making an annual donation of \$1,000 to help fund National TU's Embrace-A-Stream (EAS) program.

Program Director's Report: Report



submitted. Wilmont expressed concern for growth of the Cold-water Heritage Partnership (CHP) program and suggested that the program could be expanded using funds available from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) and the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection

(DEP).

The theme of the 2020 Keystone Cold-water Conference (KCCW) scheduled for February 28-29 is "Resiliency in a Changing Environment." Wilmont requested assistance from EXCOM in signing up sponsors. Notices to schools for submission of posters will be sent out by September.

Wilmont reported that 62 people have registered to date for the Trout in the Classroom (TIC) Summit to be held in Harrisburg on July 18. Stroud Research is doing a great job assisting with the TIC program. PFBC has announced that they will be switching over to using rainbow trout eggs due to potential problems with gill lice in stocked brook trout. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) needs to be established between PATU and PFBC outlining each party's responsibilities for the TIC program.

Wilmont reported that 2019 Forever Wild grants totaling \$11,921 have been awarded to 8 recipients,

National Leadership Council (NLC) Report: Report submitted. Wagner is planning to present TU's National Conservation Agenda at the PATU Annual Membership Meeting in September.

Financial Reviewer's Report: Leonard reported that all checks written for both S & T Bank accounts, both PNC accounts, plus all charges made on PATU's VISA charge card for the months of March, April, and May 2019 have been examined and no irregularities have been found in any of the accounts/charges.

Regional VP Reports:

- **Northeast** – Six chapters reported. Monocacy, Lackawanna Valley, Shehawken and Western Pocono did not

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Treasurer's Report

by PATU Treasurer

Bob Volkmar

When I became PATU's treasurer in April, I was 6-feet, 3-inches tall and weighed 230 pounds. I am now 5-foot-9 and 180 pounds. Not really; I just like to complain.

The transition is nearly complete, and we are now focusing on process improvement.

Executive VP Monty Murty led an effort to revamp our budgeting process to increase participation by program and committee chairs and develop a program-focused budget. The end result will be a more accurate annual budget. We are now drafting written procedures for PATU's financial management activities.

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report.

- **Northcentral** – All eight chapters reported.
- **Northwest** – Six chapters reported. Seneca, Iron Furnace and Cornplanter did not report.
- **Southeast** – Six chapters reported. Bucks County did not report.
- **Southcentral** – All seven chapters reported.
- **Southwest** – Seven chapters reported. Penns Woods West did not report.

Trout Management Committee Report: Report submitted. The committee has recommended that EXCOM and all PATU members need to support the Artificial Lures option, and not the All Tackle option proposed by PFBC for the new Catch & Release waters on Section 3 of Spruce Creek.

Development Committee Report: No report submitted. Murty is working with Volkmar on a restructuring of this committee.

Awards Committee Report: No report submitted.

Delaware River Committee Report: No report submitted.

Environmental Committee Report: Report submitted, including a list of pend-

I'd like to give a huge shout-out to the individuals and chapters who have made monetary contributions to PATU. Thank you! Your generosity has been a pleasant surprise.

I'd also like to thank George Kutschel for his 14 or 15 years (accounts vary) of service to PATU as its treasurer. Now sitting in

the treasurer's chair, I have an appreciation of the countless hours he devoted to the organization during that time.

If you have any questions regarding PATU's financial matters, please feel free to contact me at rdvolkmar@gmail.com, or at 814-544-7174.

Chapter Donations

The following chapters have made a commitment to PATU since January.

Exceptional Value \$1,000 or more

- Cumberland Valley
- Penns Woods West

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- Allegheny Mountain
- Doc Fritchey
- Donegal

- Neshannock
- Penns Creek

Brook Trout \$250 to \$499

- Adams County
- Buck's County

Wild Trout \$100 to \$249

- None

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ing PA legislation that bears watching for possible action required.

Diversity Initiative Report: Report submitted. PATU's Women and Diversity Committee and PA Fish and Boat Commission held the 2nd Annual Women and Diversity Leadership Retreat on April 26-28, 2019. 22 women from 18 different counties & 15 different TU chapters were in attendance.

Youth Education Committee Report: Report submitted. Chair Judi Sittler, along with 2 teens from PA, will be attending the TU Teen Summit in Montana from June 27 through July 5. There are three STREAM Girls programs up and running in PA this summer, with more indicating interest in participating next year.

Membership Committee Report: Report submitted. Current membership stands at 14,911 PA members.

Communications Committee Report: Report submitted. There are currently 1,981 followers on the PATU Facebook page, and new visitors to www.patrou.org have increased by 12% (6,049 vs. 5,359) compared to last year.

OLD BUSINESS:

PATU Annual Meeting – A draft agenda was presented and a suggestion was made to include the Foundation for PA Watersheds on the program.

PATU Regional Trainings – Further

thought will be given to planning the dates for next year's regional trainings due to the timing of a number of chapter banquets scheduled in the spring of the year.

TU Northeast Regional Rendezvous – Council grossed \$3,085 from silent auctions and \$455 from merchandise sales at the Rendezvous held at the Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs on June 1-2.

PA Trout Advertising Sales – A letter was submitted by Charlie Charlesworth advising EXCOM that he will no longer serve as advertising sales rep due to potential conflicts of interest with his newly-appointed position as a PFBC Commissioner.

Budget Committee – A motion was made and carried to approve the program worksheet developed by Volkmar for the committee's use in developing Council's budget.

Advocacy Initiative – A report was submitted by TU's Eastern Policy Director Dave Kinney thanking Council for our support and outlining the 6 major advocacy issues that he is currently working on.

PATU Merchandise Sales – A motion was made and carried to approve four additional products for the updated merchandise program that Pennell is developing.

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 12:38 p.m.

– Bob Pennell, Council Secretary



2019 PATU Annual Membership Meeting

September 14, 2019

Shavers Creek Firemen's Park
8707 Fireman's Park Lane,
Petersburg, PA 16669

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 8:00 a.m. – Registration
- 9:00 a.m. – State of PATU
- 9:30 a.m. – Coldwater Heritage Partnership/Trout in the Classroom/Keystone Coldwater Conference Update
- 10:15 a.m. – Break
- 10:30 a.m. – National Leadership Council Update
- 10:45 a.m. – Advocacy Update
- 11:15 a.m. – Elections/Bylaw Amendments
- Noon – Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. – Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds
- 1:15 p.m. – Chapter Updates
- 2:30 p.m. – Guest Speaker: Dave Allbaugh
- 3:30 p.m. – Chapter Awards
- 4:00 p.m. – Raffle
- 4:30 p.m. – Adjourn

DETAILS

Location: Shavers Creek Firemen's Park and Community Building, 8707 Fireman's Park Lane, Petersburg, PA.

Directions: Directions to the Shavers Creek Firemen's Park and Community Building

From State College: Take Rt. 26 South at the bottom of Pine Grove Mountain. Turn right onto SR 1029, Charter Oak Road. Go

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Chapter: _____ Chapter Position: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Cost and Registration: Please submit registration. The cost for the day is \$35.00 per person. Includes: drinks, snacks and lunch. Cash or check acceptable. Credit card payment acceptable at the door via Square Card Reader.

Lodging: Stone Valley Recreation Area,

Petersburg, PA, 3 miles from meeting. Rates vary depending on cabin occupancy.

The Inn at Edgewater Acres, Alexandria, PA: 4.2 miles from meeting.

Marriott Fairfield Inn, Huntingdon, PA: 10 miles from meeting location.

Huntingdon Motor Inn, Huntingdon, PA: 9.8 miles from meeting location.

Whitetail Ridge Inn, Huntingdon, PA: 16.1 Miles from meeting.

Questions: Contact Ashley Wilmont, PATU Program Director at c-awilmont@pa.gov or 814-359-5233.



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The conference theme is:
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Adams County TU Latimore Bridge project...



Contributed Photos

Adams County Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Latimore Fairgrounds committee partnered to reconstruct a bridge over Latimore Creek, a kids only section regulated by the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission. The project started with cutting logs down to boards and progressed to installing electric poles, cables and the footbridge boards and framework.



Proposed revisions to PA Council Bylaws dated 9/8/18

Periodically, the PA Council Executive Committee (EXCOM) reviews existing Bylaws to determine their effectiveness in conducting the business of Council. As Council grows and faces new opportunities and challenges, it sometimes becomes necessary to effect changes which allow operational flexibility while maintaining the intent of our Bylaws.

The following proposed Bylaws revisions were approved by EXCOM on June 22, 2019, and are presented here for your reference prior to the required Council vote of approval at our Annual Meeting on September 14, 2019. For reference, the current Bylaws are available to read online on the Documents page at www.patrou.org.

ARTICLE II, COUNCIL MEETINGS

Action: Delete items marked with strike-through and retain language as underlined:

SECTION 5 Conduct of Meetings
With the exception of Executive Committee meetings, those Officers, Committee Chairs and official Delegates

attending any meeting of the Council shall constitute a quorum. All matters coming before the Council requiring approval by vote shall be decided by a two-thirds (2/3) majority thereof. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order and Procedure.

ARTICLE V, COMMITTEES

Action: Delete items marked with strike-through and add new language as underlined:

SECTION 2 Standing Committees
The Standing Committees and Special Committees of the Council and their functions shall be as follows: may be established, modified or deleted as required to accomplish the mission of Council at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Action: Delete existing paragraphs (a) through (p) in their entirety and create a separate document titled "Committees, Functions, Reporting and Accountability Flow Chart."

Action: Add the following language as new paragraph (a):

(a) Committees, Functions, Reporting and Accountability
The Council committee structure, and the names and functions of the committees shall be published in the Committees, Functions, Reporting and Accountability Flow Chart. With the exception of the Governance Committee, each Committee shall report to and be accountable to its respective Executive Vice President.

Action: Retain original language of paragraph (n) and insert as new paragraph (b);

(b) Compensation
No compensation shall be paid to any Committee Chairperson or Committee Member for his or her services or for their services in any capacity or pursuant to any other contractual arrangement whatsoever. Chairpersons and Committee Members shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred by them in the performance of their designated responsibilities when such a request has been approved by Council. The reimbursement is duly made and recorded by the Council Treasurer.

NORTHEAST CHAPTERS

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Lackawanna Valley 414
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Pike-Wayne 462
Schuykill County 537
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Stan Cooper Sr. 251
Western Pocono 203

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Brodhead Chapter #289

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Volunteers helped clean up around the streets and trails of Pocono Creek parks. Work is slated for our Cherry Creek and Pocono Creek projects. We have started planning for future work on Cherry Creek and a project on a newly acquired portion of McMichaels Creek. Waste monofilament recycling container installation at public fishing access points is underway. The chapter held an Introduction to Fly Fishing Class on April 28. Our TIC release day was April 10. We assisted Stroudsburg Knights of Columbus with its annual Children's Fishing Tournament on April 13. The chapter set up an informational booth at Monroe County Earth Day on April 27. On May 19, the chapter assisted with an "Our Pocono Water" booth at the Easton Farmers Market. We also participated in the Brodhead Creek Regional Authority Water Day on May 18 and the Friends of Cherry Valley Spring Fling on May 19. We held an Introduction to Fly Fishing Class on June 30, and will be instructing the campers on fly fishing at the Monroe County Conservation Camp on July 25. We hosted a Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing Class on July 6 with PFBC. Dr. Diane Husic, dean of the School of Natural and Health Sciences and professor of biological sciences at Moravian College, spoke about tracking the impacts of climate change using phenology or the change in the seasonal timing of events such as flower blooms or insect emergence at our April meeting. Brodhead Fly Tyers meetings are July 15, Aug. 19 and Sept. 17 at Eastern Monroe Public Library, Stroudsburg. Our next general meeting is

Sept. 12 at Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, Stroudsburg.

Forks of the Delaware Chapter #482

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We met with Lafayette College, Bushkill Stream Conservancy and Wildlands Conservancy to review and provide input to a Lafayette student-generated website on dam removal on the Bushkill Creek. Plans are underway for our Annual Pig & Corn Roast on Sept. 28 on the Delaware River north of Easton at the Riverside Barr & Grill. Our annual Earth Day stream and highway cleanup was April 27 as part of Keep PA Beautiful and the Great American Cleanup. Our chapter was able to provide fly fishing skills, macroinvertebrate studies and a conservation message during three events, the Nazareth and Wind Gap middle schools' TIC release days and Northampton County Youth Field Day. Our annual "Bugs & Dogs" picnic night was May 1. Our June meeting was held on Bushkill Creek.

Hokendauqua Chapter #535

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We scheduled a stream cleanup on Hokendauqua Creek in April. The chapter partnered with three TIC programs at local school districts. Four events are planned with our Veterans Service Projects. They began in May and run through September. We partnered with other chapters in the Lehigh Valley to put on a program about fishing the Susquehanna River for smallmouth bass. We are working with Boy Scouts on an informational program. The chapter is also participating in Jake's Day in cooperation with the Wild Turkey Federation. We are also taking part in a local community program to increase participation of youth in the outdoors. Our annual Women in the



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Outdoors event was in June.

Lackawanna Valley Chapter #414

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No report.

Monocacy Chapter #491

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No report.

Pike-Wayne Chapter #462

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PWYU had a very successful banquet at Lukan's Farm Resort. Alan Bowers received the Charlie Bright Award for his many years of service to our chapter. In April, PWTU and local Boy Scouts conducted a cleanup of the Lackawaxen River. We also assisted in a Route 402 cleanup. PWTU assisted the Pike County Conservation District in surface water monitoring and a macroinvertebrate study on 27 streams in Pike County. Members attended an angling and hunting conservation conference at the Shawnee Inn and also met with the executive director of the Wallenpaupack watershed organization to coordinate a riparian buffer along Wallenpaupack Creek. PWTU supported a Fish for Kids day in Newfoundland. Three college stipends were awarded to high school seniors who will major in environmental sciences or conservation fields. The chapter sponsored two youths for the Keystone College Fly Fishing Conservation Camp. Members of the Rails to Trails river walkway, Hawley to Honesdale gave an overview of the initial survey of their project. We hosted a Women's Intro to Fly Fishing on June 25 at Lukan's Resort.

Schuylkill County Chapter #537

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The chapter continues its radio show on WPPA 1360-AM every month. We did a cleanup on the Little Schuylkill River on the first day of trout season, a road cleanup along Route 895 outside of Auburn, and a cleanup on the Schuylkill River in New Philly. The chapter works with local school districts on four TIC programs. We also assisted Cabela's at its children's fishing weekend. We helped the Conservation District with grant money to continue work on restoration of the Schuylkill River from New Philly to Middleport.

Shehawken Chapter #81

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No report.

Stanley Cooper, Sr. Chapter #251

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The chapter's annual banquet was April 6. We held a tree planting for riparian buffer in April. Our April 19 meeting featured leader demonstrations, fly tying and a trout season flea market. Our May 14 meeting featured a Tim Flagler on insects. We held an adult fly fishing camp on June 15 and a women's fly fishing camp on June 22 at Francis Slocum State Park.

Western Pocono Chapter #203

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No report.

NORTHCENTRAL
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We are working with Southern Columbia School District and a conservation group to plan for grant applications and projects to support nature trail and stream repair along Roaring Creek in Columbia County. Access-step repair, maintenance and litter cleanup at CCTU access on Fishing Creek in Orangeville was completed in April. We are collaborating with the Columbia County District Conservation Office on flood repair and stormwater improvement. Our chapter fishing outing to Spring Creek was April 6, and we had another from June 21-22 at the West Branch Delaware River near Deposit, NY. We assisted with the Good Water = Good Fishing youth event and the Fish n' Fun handicapped youth event. The chapter hosted Ben Turpin on April 9 for his "Guide Lessons" presentation. No meetings are held July or August. Our next meeting is Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Columbia County District Conservation Office, Bloomsburg.

God's Country Chapter #327

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The GCTU Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing event at Moore's Run Preserve was May 14-16.

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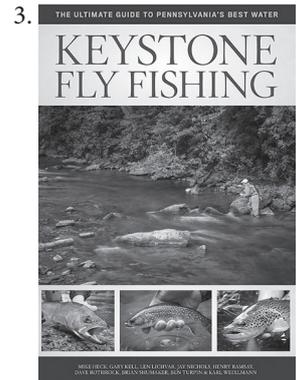


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Our chapter president attended TU Northeast Regional Rendezvous in Boiling Springs May 31-June 2. We assisted with tree planting on Sartwell Creek with Potter County Conservation District and 4H Club members on April 27. Our TIC release was May 16 at Austin Costello Sportsmen's Club. GCTU's "Women in the Wild" fly fishing instruction at Sinnemahoning State Park was June 9. The chapter sponsored a student for the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp. Our diversity coordinator participated in the Women and Diversity Leadership Retreat hosted by PATU, PFBC and several TU chapters June 26-28, and helped facilitate the Women's Intro to Fly Fishing and Women's on the Water sessions in Wellsboro, with PFBC and The Tackle Shack, May 3-4. Our beer-tasting fundraiser is July 18 at the Crittenden Hotel, Coudersport. The Black Forest Conservation Association Youth Conservation Camp is Aug. 8 at Potter County Anglers Cooperative Hatchery. We're hosting fly tying and fly fishing instruction for Shinglehouse Boy Scouts on Sept. 28 in Shinglehouse. Another Women's Intro to Fly Fishing is slated for September.

Lloyd Wilson Chapter #224

Bill Bailey

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The TIC program at the Renovo Elementary had some problems with water quality and lost fish, but did have a few to release. The Jersey Shore High program had several dozen to release into Little Pine Creek. Chapter members spent two days at Little Pine State Park instructing fly tying and fly casting. Chapter members participated in a Wounded Warriors fishing day at Ante's Creek Fishing Club. Veterans from North Carolina were guests. In partnership with the NE Fishery Center in Lamar, the chapter assisted with the following fishing events: Life Skills students from Bellefonte and Penn's Valley School District, Life Skills students from Keystone Central School District, the Wesley Forest Camp, Susque-View Nursing Home and NC PA Sight Services.

Penns Creek Chapter #119

Joe Dunmire

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Members helped plant over 200 trees and shrubs at Kish Park. Also at the park, stream structures were completed the week of June 3. Two proposed projects on Delaware Creek are awaiting plans from PFBC. Tea Creek structure and tree planting plans are being prepared by PFBC. Licking Creek structure repairs are awaiting approval by DCNR. Members participated in TIC release days in Richfield (May 6), Penns Valley (May 9), Mifflin County School District Eco Day at Rec Park in Lewistown (May 10) and Juniata high school and elementary at Lost Creek

Golf Course (May 11). Our Summer Social was June 22 at Joe Dunmire's farm. Upcoming are a NWF Field Day on Aug. 10 at Mifflin County Sportsmen's Club, and our next chapter meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 11 at Juniata Valley YMCA.

R.B. Winter Chapter #124

Bob Laubach

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We hosted a meeting for representatives from all northcentral chapters June 14-16. After the business meetings, participants were treated to guided fishing on Penns Creek and other local streams by chapter members. Our annual banquet was April 12 with guest speaker Don Baylor, who spoke of fishing for golden trout in the Wind River Range of Wyoming. Our April meeting featured a research biologist from USFWS speaking on progress of American Eel introductions in Buffalo and Pine creeks. Our May meeting featured the chapter's annual FISHOUT and picnic along Penns Creek. Chapter members conducted fly casting and fly tying instruction on June 13 for students at the Methodist church camp in Weikert. On June 15, chapter members conducted fly tying and casting demonstrations during Summerfest at R.B. Winter State Park.

Spring Creek Chapter #185

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The chapter represented TU at the Spring Creek Watershed Association and at the Spring Creek Watershed Commission. We participated in the local Centre Gives campaign for the seventh consecutive year. We began our 2019 conservation projects with plantings and other upgrades to the local site known as Kissinger Meadow. We participated in the annual Spring Creek Stream Cleanup Day in conjunction with Clearwater Conservancy. Most of our funding has been approved for a stream improvement project to be developed for Sparrow Run near Port Matilda. We are a participating contributor to DEP on the local discharge permit of the University Area Joint Authority (Wastewater). Summer educational sessions kicked off with our Family Fishing Picnic at Tussey Mountain Lake. The chapter's Veterans Service Program hosted the members of the Donegal Chapter VSP for a weekend of fishing on Spring Creek. VSP at Fisherman's Paradise is July 14 and 28, Aug. 11 and 25 and Sept. 8 and 22.

Susquehanna Chapter #044

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The chapter signed on to the National TU Clean Water Act letter and adopted a budget for the new fiscal year that started April 1. We received a \$250

donation from the Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association. Bob Baker launched an online site where we offer fishing-related items such as donated books and fly tying materials for donations to support our chapter. Our April 10 program was about aquatic research by incorporating the entire lifecycle of stream insects, presented by Dr. Robert Smith and Ruric Bowman of Lycoming College's Clean Water Institute. The chapter participated in TIC release days with Montgomery and St. John Neumann high schools and Wyalusing Middle School on Schrader Creek. Members assisted at the Rose Valley Lake Cane Pole Derby on Memorial Day and the K.C. Larson 7th annual Trout Picnic. A Project Healing Waters fishing outing was held for veterans at Rainbow Paradise in Coudersport on April 24. Our annual chapter picnic with Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper's Book Club is Sept. 11.

Tiadaghton Chapter #688

Jere White

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Chapter members helped with a riparian buffer planting along the Tioga River in Blossburg on April 25, and planted over 350 trees in Island Park along the stream corridor. We assisted Pine Creek Watershed Council with a series of riparian plantings on Long Run, Blue Run and Nickle Run, all tributaries of upper Pine Creek, on April 20, April 27, May 4 and May 11. We successfully planted about 1,800 mixed conifers. The chapter headed up the float stocking of the Keystone Select water on upper Pine Creek near Darling Run in cooperation with PFBC. Members provided fly tying and fly casting lessons for kids and families at Springfest May 18 at Hills Creek State Park. We recently applied for an Embrace-A-Stream grant for assessment and remediation work on Long Run (a tributary to Pine Creek in Gaines) with the ultimate goal of improving the stream to Class A status. The chapter deployed a series of temperature data loggers on Long Run to get a profile this summer. Chapter meetings are the first Tuesday of each month, except July and August, at 7 p.m. at the Wellsboro Community Center.

NORTHWEST CHAPTERS

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Our 53rd annual banquet was April 6 at the Falls Creek Eagles. We met with the City of DuBois and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy to lay out the work plan for a habitat improvement project in the Sandy Lick Creek DHALO. The Conservancy electro-shocked the section June 3, and work was scheduled to start the 19th. Students from Brockway Area School and chapter members planted willow cuttings along the Clarion River to help stabilize the eroded bank below Clear Creek on April 20. Kelly Williams is working on purchasing larger trees to go into our Montgomery Run project to conclude our CHP grant for this project. We are looking at a possible project with Moshannon State Forest to improve the pH of Montgomery Run due to low buffering of the forest. We held an outing with the DuBois Middle School Fly Fishing Club, which our chapter leads, on May 1 at the Tannery Dam. We also held two SMART anglers programs, one with special need students from DuBois Middle School and the other with DuBois Girl Scouts. The chapter presented on macros at New Story, our newest TIC school. We also participated in their trout release. We had a very successful Environmental Day with DuBois Middle School 8th graders. The chapter had a women's Intro to Fly Fishing at the Clearfield YMCA. Our joint picnic with Iron Furnace TU is July 28 at Bendigo State Park.

Caldwell Creek Chapter #437
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Our next meeting is Sept. 10. We have continued working with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy on several scheduled days for the Brokenstraw and Andrews Run projects. WPC has received grants for two more sites on Caldwell Creek with work to be done in September. We completed four successful TIC programs.

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The Elk County Freshwater Association, formerly the lead agency on the Big Mill Creek acid rain remediation project, has dissolved and a large portion of their membership has migrated to our chapter to work on future projects. The chapter is preparing several local grants for its project on the West Branch of the Clarion River Fish for Fun habitat improvement project. Phase two of the West Creek tributary to Driftwood AMD remediation has been awarded to BioMost, Inc. Planning and permitting has started. We continue to support TIC in Elk and Cameron counties. Members of the chapter organized and supported the "Walk on the Wild Side" youth event in Ridgway on June 8. Stephanie Stoughton of the Elk County Conservation District received a \$30,000 grant from the local Norfolk/Southern spill funds for the West Creel tributary of Driftwood. This grant will be used for a bank stabilization project in July.

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We are working on getting the material needed for our streambank stabilization project on Neshannock Creek at Plantation Park in Mercer. This project is in co-operation with the Mercer County Conservation District and PFBC. The work will start on Sept. 9 and take approximately three days. It will be funded by an EAS grant we received,

and also with funds received through the Give Where You Fish campaign. Work on the Deer Creek stream improvement project was planned for June 22. Our TIC programs had successful TIC release days and plan on returning next year. Our 15th annual Youth Fishing Derby was June 15 at the Grove City Sportsman's Club. We plan on starting a Veterans Program with fly tying classes being held on Sunday afternoons starting in mid-July. Our next board meeting is Aug. 26.

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Our chapter participated with the Edinboro Fly Fishers Kids fishing day in April, and made a donation toward the purchase of trout for the occasion. We are also working with the Erie County Conservation District on a stream erosion project at the request of a local municipality.

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We planned a Veterans Service Project event for June 29 at the Sandy Creek Conservancy on Sandy Creek. We partnered with Neshannock Creek TU for VSP. Our 36th annual banquet was April 6 at the Quality Inn in Franklin. April 4, 2020 is the date for our next banquet at the same place. OCTU is aiding the Sandy Creek Conservancy to repair a road to improve access to Sandy Creek. The chapter assisted Allegheny Valley Conservancy in acquiring a property on East Sandy Creek, which will be open for hunting, fishing and camping. Iron Furnace TU also assisted. Eleven wells were plugged along Pioneer Road in Oil Creek State Park. Habitat improvement for Bullion Run is also being done. OCTU continues to provide TIC

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aquarium set-ups to six schools. Meadville High School had its TIC release on May 29 at Woodcock Dam on Woodcock Creek. We continue to place "PA Trout" and "Trout" magazine in 14 area high school and middle school libraries and five public libraries. Upcoming chapter meetings are Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18 at King's Restaurant – Franklin.

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Little Lehigh Chapter #070

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We are planning a riparian buffer planting project this fall with Wildlands Conservancy. The project area is open space owned by Lower Macungie Township that borders Little Lehigh Creek. In April, we held a stream cleanup on Little Lehigh Creek in the CRFFO section in Lower Macungie. We sponsor five TIC schools and will add No. 6 in the fall. The guest speaker at our May chapter meeting was PATU President Greg Malaska who opened our eyes to some of the grant opportunities for conservation projects that are available through PATU or partner organizations.

Perkiomen Valley #332

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PVTU partnered with the Valley Forge and Tulpehocken chapters in showing the Fly Fishing Film Tour on April 4 in Phoenixville. We continue work on permitting and planning for a restoration project on Hosensack Creek, a wild trout fishery and tributary to Perkiomen Creek. Our goal is to proceed with the work in August/September. We assisted the Berks County Conservation coordinator in planting 100 live tree stakes on Valley Run, another tributary to the Perkiomen Creek, on April 23. We agreed to additional tree plantings, repairs to fences and cattle crossings, as well as stream restoration on the tributaries on several farms having wild trout, which the chapter had worked on a number of years ago. PVTU participated in three TIC release days. No meetings are held in July or August. They resume Sept. 16.

SE Montgomery County Chapter #468

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Our annual trip to Penns Creek was canceled due to high water. We had four schools participate in TIC. One release was at Tyler State Park and the others were at Lorimer Park, where the kids got to fish, learn about the environment and the insects in our streams.

Tulpehocken Chapter #150

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A 5K fundraiser is set for September at Penn State-Berks. We're also working on a screening of the "Living the Stream" film in November. The Cacoosing Dam removal project in conjunction with American Rivers and PFBC is ongoing. We are holding a Women's Intro to Fly Fishing event

from 9-12 Aug. 18 at the Heritage Center. We received a Forever Wild grant for an education station at our TIC releases. Coffee & Donuts on the Tully is from 8-10 a.m. at Grings Mill Park's Red Bridge Pavilion on July 20.

Valley Forge Chapter #290

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Three PHWFF programs sponsored by VFTU are going on fishing outings, and hosting fly casting competitions. Winners from each program head to Penns Creek for the next level of competition. VFTU made a change from our June picnic and instead met at the Chaddsford Winery for a presentation on stream health, insect life and implications for trout in the 47 years since the adoption of the Clean Water Act. Dr. John Jackson of the Stroud Water Research Center presented. We held a tree planting day on a reclaimed section of Wilson Run, a tributary to Valley Creek. The banks of the creek were re-contoured and a host of volunteers planted hundreds of native species on both sides. Upper Valley Creek goes through a large parcel of land where a significant development is planned. VFTU will place stream monitoring devices on the stream above and below the property to detect any problems during and after it's developed. The Valley Creek Restoration Partnership (VFTU is a founding member) won the prestigious Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence. Our annual Fly Fishing School was in May. VFTU has 14 schools in TIC and held release days this spring. Several grant applications are currently outstanding. The money will be used for in-stream work, monitoring and education. Our monthly general meetings are the second Thursday of each month from September through May at Chester Valley Grange. PHWFF – Royersford is the second, third and fourth Monday at Royersford VFWs. PHWFF – West Bradford is every Monday at West Bradford Firehouse. And PHWFF – Coatesville is every Wednesday at Coatesville VA Hospital, Building 5.

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Our fundraising picnic was June 15. We are placing monofilament recycling tubes on local streams. Additionally, we are looking at creating a new DHALO section in the county to create more fishing opportunities. TIC programs are complete and released fish into Ridley Creek. Fishing outings were held on Pohopoco Creek and on the Upper Delaware. May's meeting featured "Evolution of Fly Fishing" with Jerry Coviello, and June's featured "Musky Fly Tying" with MI50.

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Marybeth Norton attended the Women's Initiative Leaders Retreat at the Godspeed Hostel and VP Hank Rajotte attended the PATU Eastern Regional Conference in Bloomsburg. Monthly meeting speakers included Adams County Commissioner Jim Martin in April, Capt. Joel Stewart in May and Rep. Torren Ecker at our annual potluck Conewago streamside June picnic. We collected donations for various ACTU activities. ACTU members helped reconstruct a new 60-foot bridge at the Latimore Fairgrounds. A Conewago workday is July 20 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will include members from Northern Virginia TU. Chapter President April Swope spoke to 160 New Oxford third graders about our state fish and trout trivia questions for Earth Day on April 22. Our annual Latimore Fishing Derby was May 11. ACTU held two TIC release days in May at the Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve. Several members joined Justin Klingler, Gettysburg Middle School teacher and ACTU member, who brought six of his students to a local pond to enjoy a fishing outing on May 16. During our May meeting, the chapter awarded the Gettysburg Montessori Charter School with a plaque for the most Brook Trout raised in the Adams County TIC program. On May 30, April and Dave Swope had a meeting at Rep. Ecker's office to discuss plans for his "At Risk Children Fishing Derby" to be held on Saturday, July 27 at Conewago Campground. Chloe Plesic attended the Rivers Conservation and Youth Camp in June to represent ACTU and will be our quest speaker in August. Several members instructed children during the Southcentral Outdoors for Youth program on June 1 in Littlestown. Upcoming meetings are July 16 (PFBC's BJ Small), Aug. 20 (Chloe Plesic, Rivers Conservation School student), and Sept. 17 (PFBC's Amidea Daniel) at the ACCD Building, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg.

Codorus Chapter #558

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We sent a pair of representatives to the TU Northeast Regional Rendezvous in Boiling Springs. Prior to the event, we had a visit from PATU President Greg Malaska. The chapter

continues to search for new meeting location for later this year, as our current location is slated to be closed and sold. Our two pending stream projects are nearly 'shovel ready' and will likely occur after spawning later this year. We're also a supporting sponsor of an ongoing Growing Greener project in the upper Codorus watershed. That project is well into the design phase, with a 30% conceptual design as the next milestone. We had a general workday scheduled for July 13 to address a number of lingering maintenance items that need to be addressed. We're launching a project to investigate an undocumented watershed in our territory for the presence of brook trout. We'll be working with a variety of partners, including the landowners (a local utility company) and some folks who contributed to a similar study in the nearby Gunpowder watershed in Maryland. The chapter launched an Instagram account (@codorus_tu) which we hope will engage and attract some younger members. We are also in the very early stages of a much-needed overhaul of our chapter's website. Upcoming chapter meetings are Aug. 14 and Sept. 11 at Spring Grove Recreation Center, Spring Grove.

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We worked on a project at Messiah College in conjunction with the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp from June 16-21. We are hoping to complete Phase I of the Wittlinger project that was scheduled for last year and complete Phase II scheduled for this year. CVTU hosted Reel Recovery June 11-12 at Allenberry. Our 10th annual Street to Stream event where we work with troubled youths was June 25-26. We held a Women's Intro to Fly Fishing day on May 4. Membership meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month (except August & December) at Appalachian Brewing Company, 6264 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg. Upcoming meetings are July 17 (TBD), Sept. 18 (TBD) and Oct. 16 (George Daniel).

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One-hundred seventy bare root trees were planted on the Lower Snitz/Hershey property and each tree was marked by a small orange flag. Our Home Waters veterans' event was June 8. We finished the TIC season with all schools having their release events. The chapter held its second Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing at Clarks Creek. In partnership with TeamAg, a grant for \$29,000 was submitted to NFWF for feasibility study and planning for an unnamed tributary of the Hammer Creek.

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We are ready to begin a new project on the Philips property on Conowingo Creek. The chapter is looking at several more tribbs and the main stem of the Conowingo. The Hammer Creek project is moving along in partnership with Doc Fritchey TU. Shaun McAdams with National TU is beginning assessments on properties of several interested landowners. TeamAg will be applying for a grant for restoration of a trib on the Barry property. We will have about 3,000 trees and shrubs for fall plantings. Donegal TU is looking at adding four new TIC classrooms in southern Lancaster County as part of a Campbell Foundation grant. Derek Eberly held an Intro to Fly Fishing at Millport on June 15. Our VSP program held a fishing event the same day at Speedwell Forge for children from Christ's Home in Paradise. On June 22, we sponsored a Special Olympics event at Hugh Wenger's farm near Elizabethtown. Pam Williams, our Women's Initiative coordinator, held a Women's Intro to Fly Fishing on April 27. We applied for a \$225,000 grant for a .4-mile project on Fishing Creek, upstream of Silver Spring Road. The grant is part of the Watershed Restoration and Protection Program through DCED.

Falling Spring Chapter #234

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Falling Spring TU voted to have a new board member position called the Fulton County Liaison with the following responsibilities: Promoting Trout Unlimited in the county, keeping the chapter up to speed on any events related to our chapter and to organize events in the region. Our annual meeting was April 8 at the Grove Library with a guest speaker from the Renfrew Institute in Waynesboro, Melodie Anderson Smith. The chapter's 12th annual Falling Spring Invitational outing for Wounded Warriors was May 11. We are organizing our annual fall banquet, tentatively scheduled for Sept. 7. Project lead Took Coder is heading the charge on cleaning up and restoring the Meadows section of Falling Spring. This will be a fairly large project and we have contacted a local company that does stream restoration. We are also in contact with property owners and will work with them on this project as well. FSTU set up a table and display to promote Trout Unlimited in the early part of May at the Renfrew Park in Waynesboro for an Earth Day event. This led to several contacts being made with the DCNR Bureau of Forestry concerning riparian buffers, grants and acquiring trees and other native plant life for projects. We briefed the Waynesboro Fish and Game Association on our organization and our mission to help attract new members and to be more active in our region. We participated in the Northeast Regional Rendezvous, the annual

Fulton County for Youth event and the annual Franklin County Youth Program. The chapter completed two TIC releases this spring.

Muddy Creek Chapter #575

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The chapter's annual Fall Fest is Sept. 28. We had a successful fundraiser working with the York Revolution in May. We also participated in Give Local for York County in May. We are looking to grants for a conservation project near our nursery/building. Flooding last fall did damage to the stream on this property. We are also working with the landowner where our handicap site is located. This area was also heavily damaged. We had successful TIC release days this spring, and we conducted tree plantings during the release. We are holding a TIC teacher presentation on Aug. 21 and our next meeting is at 7 p.m. Sept. 18 at the Co-Operative Nursery.

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The annual Arrowhead chapter banquet was March 16 at 10th Street Station in Ford City. Our Huling Run project has been completed. We concluded our TIC programs in April and May via various activities at each of the participating schools' trout release field trips. Chapter members assisted with macro studies, fly casting demonstrations and youth fishing activities. Arrowhead

has also finalized its stream stocking initiatives relative to trout furnished by PFBC as well as the 5,000 fish we reared at our cooperative nursery. In April, Arrowhead officers and members met with the PATU president to discuss chapter initiatives as well as to provide feedback on TU endeavors.

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Since its founding in 1995, CRTU has directed most of its effort toward restoration of streams degraded by acid mine drainage in the Youghiogheny River basin. Over recent months the chapter has expanded its role in public outreach, education and sharing the joy of trout fishing with others. We continue sponsorship of nearly two dozen schools in TIC, and this spring our members participated in several events in which students released their brook trout fingerlings into appropriate streams. We cooperated with Washington County Parks and with DCNR to provide a coldwater educational aspect to the release events at Mingo Creek County Park and Ohiopyle State Park. CRTU also worked with Ohiopyle State Park interpretive staff to offer the park's annual Veterans Fly-Fishing Day. Our members served as personal guides to veterans interested in learning to fly-fish. All participating veterans caught trout in Meadow Run or Beaver Creek. On May 24 we launched a new event for the chapter – our first-ever kids' fishing experience. Though CRTU members have assisted many other organizations with youth fishing events, this was the first planned, offered and implemented by CRTU. The chapter wished to offer a fishing experience to kids who had never fished before and were not likely to fish unless someone proactively offered the chance. We approached East End Community Center in Uniontown, where the staff identified a dozen kids, age 9-12, for whom a fishing excursion would be a unique, first-time experience. We coordinated scheduling the event with Ohiopyle State Park and planted 100 rainbow trout from our PFBC Cooperative nursery at the Youghiogheny Reservoir tailrace into a remote pond on the state park. S&S Bait and Tackle of Chalk Hill provided spin-cast gear to the chapter at a discount, and Wilderness Voyageurs Outfitters in Ohiopyle lent kid-size PFDs in case one of the youngsters took an unplanned dip, which nearly happened. A half-dozen CRTU members worked non-stop to untangle lines, bait hooks, net trout and take happy photos. Every kid caught at least one fish. Members also grilled a hotdog shore lunch for urban kids who got to enjoy a beautiful day in the Laurel Highlands. CRTU also continues working with several partners to conduct and present the Economic Value of Clean Water in the Laurel Highlands study. Together with Forbes Trail TU, Mountain Watershed Association, Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, Loyalhanna Wa-

tershed Association and Jacobs Creek Watershed Association, during May we presented public meetings on the study in Ligonier, Johnstown and at Seven Springs Mountain Resort. A final report on the economic importance of clean water in the region will be released soon. Thanks to the diligence of member Carol Gulya, our website is once again functional, highlighting our projects, upcoming events, and the overall Trout Unlimited mission of coldwater conservation. Look for more and updated content at www.chestnutridgetu.org. At the request of Dave Kinney, TU Eastern Policy Director, we wrote letters to our chapter's state representatives and senator, urging that Growing Greener funds, which have made possible so much stream restoration work by TU chapters across the state, continue to be used for the environmental purposes twice sanctioned by Pennsylvania voters, and that these funds not be diverted to other uses during state budget negotiations.

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Forbes Trail TU held a fundraiser picnic on June 29 at the Kingston Veterans Sportsmen Club near Latrobe. Chapter members assisted with Ligonier Valley Middle School's TIC program again this year. The program concluded with a field day event on May 21 where students released brook trout into Linn Run and participated in multiple exercises including stream shocking and trout bug identification. The chapter held its second annual fly fishing event for disabled veterans at Foggy Mountain Lodge near Stahlstown on May 11. We presented a community service award to Scout Troop 465 which prepared lunch for the veterans and assisted as needed. No monthly meetings are held in July and August. Our September meeting will be held at the Westmoreland County's Donohoe Center on Sept. 4 with a presentation by Westmoreland Conservation District: "Ticks and Mosquitoes and the Diseases They Carry." Our Oct. 2 meeting features a tentative presentation on gill lice and trout bugs. Officers and directors continue to participate in the Westmoreland Conservation District's monthly agency breakfast in Ligonier, which provide opportunities for state and local agencies, and resource conservation based nonprofit organizations, to interact on stream related activities. Several officers and directors participated in the TU Regional Workshop in Ligonier on April 6. Members continue monthly water quality testing on Linn Run and one of its tributaries, Rock Run. Rock Run is being treated with crushed limestone to buffer the acidity. Members participated in a stream bank cleanup of litter along Loyalhanna Creek on May 1. Chapter members have been assisting Westmoreland Conservation District with relocation of stream monitors damaged by flooding.

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We held our second annual fly fishing event for disabled veterans at Foggy Mountain Lodge near Stahlstown on May 11.

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FBTU's Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Weekend is Sept. 20-22. We attended Bedford County Sportsmen's Club Youth Field Day Event to instruct fly tying to 103 participants. An Introduction to Fly Fishing course will be held Aug. 3 at the Burnt House Picnic Area along Route 869, Blue Knob State Park, north of Pavia at 5 p.m. The FBTU Social Night and Pizza Buffet is Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Horn-O-Plenty restaurant.

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Our annual banquet is Nov. 2. We planted more trees on Plum Creek with the Western Pennsylvan-

nia Conservancy on April 9. We are working on projects on Poplar Run. We planned for Family Fishing Days at Canoe Creek State Park in June, July, August and September. Our first Woman's Intro to Fly Fishing was June 10-11. We held TIC release days on May 13 (Penn Mont), May 16 (St. Benedicts), May 20 (Cambria Heights) and May 24 (Altoona Junior High). The chapter held fly tying instruction at Youth Field Days on June 1. On May 18, we did basic fly-casting instruction at "Women Aim High."

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Our fly tying class featured 21 students, including one who competed in a 4H fly tying contest where he placed second and advanced to regionals. The chapter purchased two meters and a kick net using the money from a Dominion grant. We then did a macro study on a local stream. Our annual banquet was held in April. In May, we did our annual macro study of Little Mahoning Creek.

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Our annual banquet was April 6. Litter pickups were done on Clear Shade Creek and Yellow Creek. Stream improvement projects are planned for Soap Hollow Run (July 13), Yellow Creek (July 19), Howells Run (TBD) and Potter Creek (Aug. 16, 8 a.m.). The chapter set up educational and fly-tying booths at multiple outdoor expos during the spring months. We support eight TIC schools. We had an educational display and fly-tying demonstration at Windber Sportsman Club fishing rodeo. Meetings were held on June 6 and July 11 at Richland Township Municipal Building. Our next is at 7 p.m. Aug. 1.

Penn's Woods West Chapter #042

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Chapter meetings are suspended for the summer. Our next meeting is in August. Bar Flies at the Perrytowne Draft House resumes on the fourth Monday in August. We are looking for a new conservation director and vice president.