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PA Council welcomes new officers

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited held its annual meeting on Sept. 8, with 111 people representing 36 chapters at the PFBC Centre Region Office in Bellefonte. There was a full day of activities, including presentations on a variety of conservation and educational topics, and an opportunity to network and exchange ideas with others across the state.

The following officers were elected to serve one-year terms, effective Oct. 1:

President – Greg Malaska

Executive Vice President – John Leonard (serving the SC, NE and SE Regions)

Executive Vice President – Monty Murty (serving the SW, NW and NC Regions)

Treasurer – George Kutskel

Secretary – Bob Pennell

National Leadership Council Rep. – Brian Wagner

NW Regional VP – Ken Undercoffer

NC Regional VP – Bob Volkmar

NE Regional VP – Bobby Hughes

SW Regional VP – Chuck Winters

SC Regional VP – Russ Collins

SE Regional VP – Brian McGuire

Also at the meeting, chapters and individuals were honored with PATU awards for outstanding contributions in fulfilling the conservation mission of Council.

The winners are featured on pages 6-7.



Contributed Photo

Sometimes conservation is nothing more than protecting special places for the public... and few places are more special than a wild trout stream.

TU, partners aim to restore Land and Water Conservation Fund

By Rob Shane
TU Mid-Atlantic Organizer

When we think about the steps we take to advance Trout Unlimited's conservation mission, we often think of planting trees along stream banks, restoring in-stream habitat, or fixing culverts to restore fish

passage. But sometimes conservation is even more basic than that: It's the simple act of protecting special places for the public.

For that sort of progress, we have the Land and Water Conservation Fund to thank. Launched in 1965, LWCF stands as

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Chartiers Creek shows signs of rebirth

By Patrick Wentz

A little over 30 years ago Washington County's Chartiers Creek ran orange from acid mine drainage, while sewage overflow ran untreated into the creek. On top of

that, it had problems with industrial and agricultural runoff. Starting in the early 1990s state and local organizations began working together in order to clean up the creek and make it habitable again.

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CREEK

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One major project to improve the water quality was to install and operate a large AMD cleaning facility adjacent to the creek in Canon Township. Discharge from a Consolidated Coal Company (Consul) mine had run directly into the creek and iron in the discharge stained the creek's water orange. This privately-owned site uses lime and aeration in order to nullify the iron in the mine drainage before it is discharged into the creek.

Once this AMD site and three other Allegheny County public sites (Upper St. Clair, Scott Township, and Oakdale) were completed, large stretches of the Upper Chartiers Creek became habitable for trout again. The last three AMD locations are all passive sites where no chemicals are added to the water. Aeration, along with marshes, are used to clean the water before it is discharged into the creek. At this time, for some unknown reason, the aeration system of one of the Scott Township sites is not working or turned on and has not been operating since 2009. Also, the man-made marsh is not cleaning water sufficiently to keep it from turning a muddy orange for a distance down the creek.

Other projects included the construction of new, improved and expanded sewage treatment plants along the creek in order to improve water quality. Marshes, meadows and other riparian projects have been constructed where there is high agriculture and suburban runoff storm discharge.

Though Chartiers Creek is not completely clean, it is barely recognizable from what it looked like just over three decades ago.

Canonsburg Lake and Little Chartiers Creek have been stocked with trout for quite some time as a warm water put-and-take fishery. Little Chartiers Creek is stocked with brown and rainbow trout above Canonsburg Lake and the lake itself is stocked exclusively with rainbows. Chartiers Creek is not stocked with trout at all and has a large population of hard-fighting stream-bred smallmouth bass.

Two years ago, while researching my book "Pennsylvania Limestone Trout Creeks" I decided to test the alkalinity



Contributed Photo

A fine brown trout caught and released back into Chartiers Creek.

levels of Chartiers Creek just above where the Little Chartiers Creek flows into it. I had heard that Chartiers Creek did not have a trout population due to extensive AMD damage, so I did not take my fly rod with me when I tested the water. The alkalinity level of the creek was excellent at 166 parts per million and the water temperature was a disappointing 72 degrees.

After gathering my readings, I was about to head to my car when I spotted a brown trout resting in the shade of a large elm tree. I walked up and down the creek behind the Canon-McMillan Youth Soccer Field and spotted several more trout all trying to stay cool on a 90-degree-plus day.

So, how did these trout get into Chartiers Creek?

I imagine that as the water temperature in Little Chartiers Creek above and in the Canonsburg Lake got too warm they swam over the dam's spillway and into Chartiers Creek.

This past summer while my son was attending a summer camp in Washington, Pa. I had some time on my hands. I went to Chartiers Creek to do some fishing and parked at the Canon-McMillan soccer field. From there I walked down the creek past the confluence with the Little Chartiers where I found a deep limestone hole. At the tail end of the hole was a very large golden trout happily eating dragonflies off the surface.

What one fly did I not have in my fishing vest? You got it – a dragon fly pattern!

I was not able to catch that trout, but
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Coldwater Heritage Partnership grant applications due by Dec. 15

The Coldwater Heritage Partnership announces the opening of the 2019 Coldwater Conservation Grants Program.

Under the Clean Water Act, states categorize water bodies for special protection. Coldwater Heritage Partnership grants are intended to protect the Commonwealth's best streams. Grants are now being accepted for High Quality and Exceptional Value watershed planning and implementation projects. Grant announcements are expected in early 2019.

The Coldwater Heritage Partnership provides leadership, coordination, technical assistance, and funding support for the evaluation, conservation and protection of Pennsylvania's cold-water streams.

CHP funding and support is provided by: Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grant Award from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and project grants from The Foundation for PA Watersheds, PA Council of Trout Unlimited, and the PA Fish and Boat Commission.

Eligible entities are watershed associations, land trusts, sportsmen groups, educational institutions, conservancies, county conservation districts, municipalities, and

PA Trout Unlimited Chapters. Projected 2019 total program funding is approximately \$70,000.

Grant opportunities available:

Planning – up to \$5,000 in funds available for: data collection, identifying potential threats, problems, opportunities, plan of action creation, community awareness.

Implementation – up to \$8,000 in funds available for: equipment, materials, meeting expenditures, construction activities and other services to implement conservation plan recommendations.

To learn if your project is eligible, or to get more information, visit www.coldwaterheritage.org.

Grant round closes Dec. 15, 2018 (received or post-marked by). Grantees have 18 months to complete planning or implementation project. CHP applicants are strongly urged to contact Ashley Wilmont, program director, prior to application submission. Please contact Ashley at cawilmont@pa.gov or 814-359-5233.

Mail completed applications to Coldwater Heritage Partnership, PFBC Centre Region Office, 595 E. Rolling Ridge Drive, Bellefonte, PA 16823.

Actions Taken by EXCOM since June 16, 2018

July 8 – Approved proposed Bylaws changes affecting the duties of Executive VPs and Regional VPs, to be published in *PA Trout* and approved by the membership at the PATU Annual Meeting on September 8.

July 19 – Approved Council sign on to Dave Kinney's draft letter to Congress requesting reauthorization of the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) when it expires on Sept. 30, 2018.

August 9 – Approved Council sign on to TU letter to the EPA opposing the repeal of the Federal Clean Water Rule.

September 4 – Approved sending letter from Russ Collins to the PA Public Utility Commission requesting consideration for re-routing Transource Energy electrical transmission lines away from Falling Spring in Franklin County and Muddy Creek in York County.

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the following day I caught a half-dozen rainbow and brown trout, all of which were returned to the creek unharmed. I also caught a few brook trout, which are not supposed to be stocked in the creek.

Should you fish Chartiers Creek? I say absolutely!

Patrick Wentz is a retired Army engineer officer and past member of the Codorus Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

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Headwaters

A message from PATU President
Greg Malaska

Last month, I was elected as the youngest President of the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited – at age 46. How I got here deserves some explanation.

I was born and raised in the mining town of Coaldale, Schuylkill County (pop. 2,300). Coaldale had no stop lights or trout streams, but it served as the foundation for everything I have worked for and appreciate.

I didn't start fishing until I was 14, when I fell in love with my home water, the Little Schuylkill River near Tamaqua. The "River" reflected its surroundings: bruised and challenged, yet resilient. It suffered through municipal discharges, acid mine drainage, and even wildcat sewers. In fact, one of my favorite stretches was known as the "Cat Sh#&%t Hole" (because one of the adjacent landowners regularly dumped her cat litter on its banks).

Hunting and fishing filled my teens until I went to college and law school in the city. While I loved Boston and Washington DC, the thought of driving two hours just to fish was not a lifestyle option.

I came home in 2000 and started practicing with a small firm in Stroudsburg where I remain to this day. Along the way, I met a girl, had kids, built a house, and now call Jim Thorpe my home (5,000 people, two stoplights).

While I joined TU in the 1980s, college and law school made it tough to get involved. In 2005, I became involved in the resuscitation of the Western Pocono Chapter. I served as chapter President for several years before recognizing that my fishing and conservation priorities were in Monroe County, and I joined the Brodhead Chapter board in 2011.

I served as PATU's Membership Committee Chair beginning in 2009, which allowed me to interact with all 50-plus chapters. I was elected Northeast Regional VP in 2010, working directly with nine chapters and learning how chapters should (and should not) function. After four great years, I was then elected Executive VP and worked hand-in-hand with our nine committees.



Last month, you elected me President of the largest TU council in America (14,000 members). I am honored and humbled by this opportunity and will do all I can to not let you down.

The photo complementing this message above, while boring, serves a purpose. The three hats in the picture promote TU's Embrace A Stream program and symbolize several of my goals for PATU:

1. **EMBRACE CHANGE** – All three hats are different, which reflects a willingness to try new things and challenge our current operations. If we run from change, we can't evolve and get stronger.

2. **STICK TO OUR MISSION** – Regardless of their appearance, all three hats prominently display a common slogan: "REP YOUR WATER." Let's never forget what we are a **CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION**. Regardless of where you come from or how you fish, if we protect the stream, the fishing will take care of itself.

3. **TIME IS PRECIOUS** – I used this photo because I, like all of you, am busy. Every day, we juggle work, spouses, worship, exercise, kids, kids' activities, tree-stand time (I'm an avid bowhunter, too), and yes... TU. I just didn't have much time to take a good fishing photo. More importantly, I understand and appreciate how valuable your time is. We can't get it back, so let's make the most of it.

4. **COMMUNICATION** – The Executive Committee (EXCOM) serves as the Board of Directors for PATU and should function as the conduit to the membership. Some perceive this conduit

as an hourglass, hampered by a two-way bottleneck in the middle. My goal is to change the hourglass into a cylinder that allows for stronger communication in both directions. We can't forget that we are a grassroots organization that derives its strength and legitimacy solely from its volunteers. It's my job to help our chapters protect and improve their streams.

Two final points...

First, I want to thank my wife, Mary Kay, and my daughters, Maura (10) and Hailey (9). I could not be here without their support.

Lastly, since I was a child, I have been a voracious reader. Books broadcast ideas and motivate us to develop our own. Perhaps the purest description of the synergy between fishing and conservation is found in Christopher Camuto's book, *A Fly-fisher's Blue Ridge*. In it, he writes:

The theory and perspective of rivers leads where nature has always led: toward the possibility of transcendence, toward contact with the sacredness of the earth and with one's better self. The thrill of a fish at the end of the line, that tingle that sparks from dark water to spinal cord, is a vestige of an archetypal joy that has to do with sustenance, material and spiritual..."

I still feel this way about our trout and our streams and I hope you share this appreciation as well. Our task today is to ensure that the next generation gets to feel this way.

PROTECT. RECONNECT.
CONSERVE. SUSTAIN.

Treasurer's Report

by PATU Treasurer

George Kutskel

By the time you receive this we should be in the home stretch for the Annual Financial Report that is due on Nov. 15.

I hope your chapter is aware of the change in fiscal year, which now ends on March 31. This means that all the fun your chapter treasurer had filling out this year's report is just around the corner. This is the end of the fiscal year from this point on. Please make sure your chapter is ready for the new year. Reports are due by May 15, 2019.

Also, National TU has notified all chapters holding additional accident medical coverage that they need to pay the six-month premium, which will be billed again for 12 months in March of 2019.

Check with your chapter to be sure you have this coverage. If not, and we have a few that have never picked this up, you must purchase the coverage.

Please visit www.tu.org and the Leaders Only section for more information.

In Brief

PA Fly Fishing Museum's annual banquet set for Nov. 3

The Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum's 20th Annual Fundraising Banquet and Auction will be held Saturday, Nov. 3 at the Comfort Suites Carlisle.

Festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. with a cash

The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited has more than 13,000 members in nearly 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 email bisles@live.com. 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 12-20.

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Chapter Donations

The following chapters have made a commitment to PATU within the last 12 months.

Exceptional Value \$1,000 or more

- Cumberland Valley
- Mountain Laurel

High Quality \$500 to \$999

- Allegheny Mountain
- Doc Fritchey
- God's Country
- John Kennedy

- Neshannock
- Oil Creek
- Seneca

Brook Trout \$250 to \$499

- Adams County
- Buck's County
- Donegal

Wild Trout \$100 to \$249

- None

Want to see your chapter listed? Please contact your chapter leaders and tell them!

In Memoriam

From time to time we receive donations in memory of a loved one. We do our best to ensure they are listed here, but due to printing deadlines they may appear in the next issue.

Donations may be specified for a specific program like Trout in the Classroom, youth project, Coldwater Heritage Partnership, or for the general use of Council.

In memory of George Faraguna from David Frankforter, Maureen Faraguna, Nicole Faraguna, Lesley Fox, Mike Eppley, Jan Barnoff and Bill Ritzman. We also received checks from three other individuals.

In memory of Bill Mohney.

In memory of Walter George Lazusky from Kammy Halterman.

bar, silent and live auction item viewing. A buffet dinner begins at 5:20 p.m., followed by a special tribute to Lefty Kreh, presented by Ed Jaworowski.

We plan to celebrate and honor fly angler, author and fly designer Ed Shenk, Master of the Letort. Ed started fishing over 80 years ago, and has designed many important fly patterns, such as the Letort Cricket, Letort Hopper, Shenk's White

Minnow, Shenk's Sculpin, and many others Ed has authored Fly Rod Trouting, plus over 50 fly fishing and fly tying articles in major sporting magazines. Ed also spent many years conducting fly fishing schools with his friend Joe Humphreys at Allenberry Resort. In addition to honoring Ed, we will have many very special guests that will be joining us for this evening.

Visit paflyfishing.org for information.

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PATU award winners

Each year, Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited honors individuals and chapters who, during the previous year, achieved notable results in enhancing the overall mission of TU in Pennsylvania.

The following awards were presented at the Annual Membership Meeting at the PFBC Centre Region Office in Bellefonte on Sept. 8, 2018.

- **Edward Urbas Award for Best PA Chapter** – Cumberland Valley
- **Best Chapter Project** – Doc Fritchey
- **Doc Fritchey Award for Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, TU Member** – Randy Buchanan
- **Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, Professional** – Rachel Kester
- **Samuel Slaymaker Award for Best Chapter Newsletter** – Schuylkill County
- **Best Chapter Website** – Valley Forge
- **Dr. Jack Beck Award for Outstanding Youth Outreach** – Clark Hall
- **Ken Sink Award for Outstanding Service to PATU** – No award presented
- **Outstanding TU Volunteer** – Eric Baird
- **Chapter with Greatest Membership Growth** – Cumberland Valley
- **Chapter with Greatest Percentage Increase in Membership** – James Zwald
- **Inky Moore Award for Distinguished Service to State Council** – Greg Malaska



Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist (Professional)
Rachel Kester



Dr. John A. "Doc" Fritchey, Jr. Award for Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist (TU Member)
Randy Buchanan
(accepted by Len Lichvar)



Edward J. Urbas Award for Best PA Chapter Cumberland Valley



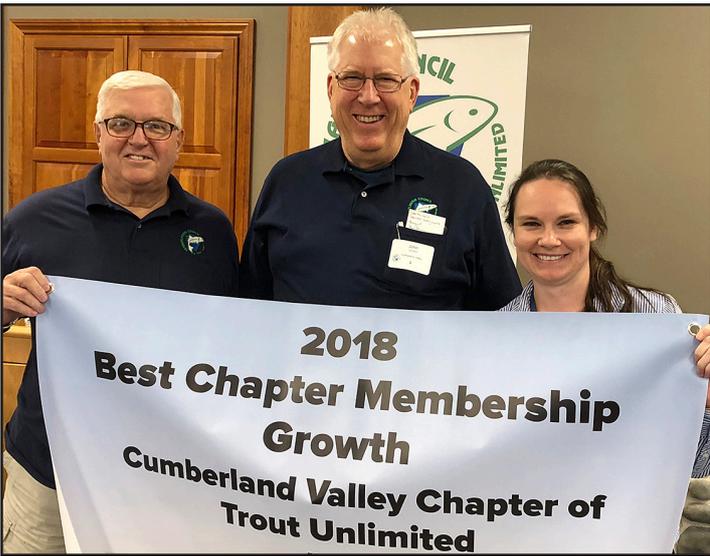
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Greg Malaska



*Dr. Jack Beck Award for Outstanding Youth Outreach
Clark Hall*



*Best Chapter Website
Valley Forge*



*Best Membership Growth
Cumberland Valley*



*Best Chapter Project
Doc Fritchey*



*Outstanding TU Volunteer
Eric Baird*



*Best Chapter Newsletter
Schuylkill County*

Not Pictured:
Greatest Membership % Increase
James Zwald

PA Council of Trout Unlimited

Minutes of the October 7, 2018

Executive Committee Meeting

PFBC Centre Region Office, Bellefonte, PA

Officers Attending: Greg Malaska, Charlie Charlesworth, George Kutskel, Bob Pennell, John Leonard, Monty Murty, Brian Wagner, Brian McGuire, Ken Undercoffer, Russ Collins, Robert Hughes, Chuck Winters, Bob Volkmar.

Others Attending: Ashley Wilmont, Judi Sittler.

President's Report: The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President Malaska and announced that the ground rules for conducting Council business from this point forward will be based on the acronym "NEW CAR," to be interpreted as: New Ideas (anything goes) – Equality – Waste (no time wasted) – Challenge (question anything) – Accountability – Respect (one person speaks at a time).

Approval of Minutes: A motion was seconded and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2018 EXCOM meeting as previously distributed to EXCOM.

Appointment of Committee Chairs:

- **Awards** – Malaska requested that the EVPs work with Ed O'Gorman to add two more members to his committee; one from the eastern part of the state, and one from the west.
- **Delaware River** – Malaska will work with Lee Hartman to identify a co-chair.
- **Development** – Fundraising goals and investment strategies need to be re-evaluated to determine what changes are needed in the direction of our development efforts.
- **Communications** – OK as constituted with Brad Isles as chair.
- **Environmental** – RVPs need to help identify candidates from each region to assist Jeff Ripple in building up his committee structure.
- **Trout Management** – Malaska will contact Len Lichvar to determine his interest in chairing this committee.

- **Veterans Services** – Malaska will contact Matthew Seymour to determine his interest in continuing as co-chair.

- **Diversity** – OK as constituted with Amidea Daniel and Kelly Williams as co-chairs.

- **Youth Education** – OK as constituted with Sittler responsible for youth education and Charlesworth as co-chair responsible for teen/college programs.

- **Membership** – OK as constituted with Russ Thrall as chair.

Conflict of Interest Forms: TU Conflict of Interest forms for FY2019 were distributed and signed by all Council officers.

Treasurer's Report and Budget: Report submitted. A motion was seconded and unanimously carried to approve the Budget Report for the period ending August 31, 2018. Kutskel reported that \$189,503.25 is available as "unrestricted" funds as of August 31, 2018. The unrestricted fund categories as shown on the balance sheet under the heading Cash Balances are the PATU Check Book, Money Market PATU, Savings PATU, PATU S&T Checking and Council Savings for Special Projects line items.

Financial Reviewer's Report to EXCOM: Leonard's review of Council expenditures for the months of June, July and August, 2018 found no irregularities, with everything well-documented.

Approval of Auditing Firm: Wilmont reported that the only response received from a request for proposals to provide auditing services to Council was from the firm we are currently using in Dubois – Mauthe, Yutzey, Gabler & Troxell, LLC. A motion was seconded and unanimously carried to accept their proposal conditioned on no significant increases in their proposed rates compared to previous rates.

Proposed FY2019 Operating Budget: After discussion about specific line items, a motion was seconded and unanimously carried to approve the proposed FY2019 Operating Budget, as revised October 7, 2018. The primary concerns related



to whether there was adequate funding being budgeted for youth programs. Murty suggested that we establish a new process for submitting program proposals for EXCOM approval in order to more accurately develop future budgets. Malaska tasked Murty with developing the

process, to be reviewed and acted upon at the January EXCOM meeting.

National Leadership Council Representative's Report: Report submitted. Wagner reported that there will be a Grassroots Trustee position opening to be advertised in mid-October. The Great Lakes Workgroup is looking to add a representative from PA. Supplemental accident insurance is not currently available from TU, pending negotiations with their insurance provider. Customized stickers are available from TU in minimum quantities of 50 for application on TIC fish tanks.

Program Director's Report: Report submitted. Wilmont assisted Amidea Daniel with TIC teacher training at the Benner Springs Hatchery facility on June 19 and 20, with over 40 teachers in attendance. TIC fish food packing is scheduled for October 31, with egg packing and shipping to follow on November 6. Plans are underway for a statewide TIC conference, to be held in Harrisburg on July 18, 2019. A chapter resource guide for chapter funding sources is being prepared and will be posted on the patrout.org website when available. CHP reports are now being required semi-annually, with the next one due on October 31.

Committee Reports:

- **Awards** – No report submitted.
- **Delaware River** – Report submitted. Consideration will be given for Council to hold a joint event with the Friends of the Upper Delaware (FUDR).
- **Development** – Report submitted. Kutskel will prepare an updated merchandise inventory report for review at the January EXCOM meeting. Malaska appointed Kutskel, Collins, Leonard and McGuire to review cur-

rent investments for evaluation at the January EXCOM meeting. Malaska appointed Leonard and Sittler as coordinators for a possible annual fundraising event. Malaska will send link to PA Environmental Digest list of funding sources to Wilmont for distribution to chapters.

- **Communications** – Report submitted. Charlesworth will submit proposal for assuming the role of advertising sales rep, to be acted upon at the January EXCOM meeting.
- **Environmental** – Report submitted. Committee needs to review and identify current policy statements in need of revisions and act to get these updated during FY2019.
- **Trout Management** – Report submitted. Approval was granted for Undercoffer to submit the draft revised policy statements on Trout Management and Co-operative Nurseries to PFBC for comments before submitting to EXCOM for final approval. It was noted that the statement in the Co-op Nursery Policy regarding possible chapter de-chartering would be revised and circulated to EXCOM for approval before submitting to PFBC. Collins will finalize the gill lice presentation developed by this committee so Council can work with PFBC to get the word out to the public, starting with our chapters, then the co-op nurseries around the state.
- **Veterans Services** – No report submitted.
- **Youth Education** – Report submitted. Based on the success of the first Girl Scout Stream Girls program conducted in the PA NC Region in 2018, it is the goal of this committee to establish the program in all 6 regions of the state by 2020. Wilmont will check out the feasibility of using the Fly Fishing Film Tour (F3T) as a fundraiser on a regional basis. Charlesworth will investigate the possibility of F3T donating part of its income for TIC programs in the state.
- **Diversity** – Report submitted.

- **Membership** – Report submitted. As of September 30, statewide membership now stands at 13,541, a 9.9% increase since 2012.

Regional Reports:

- **Northcentral Region** – All eight chapters submitted reports.
- **Northeast Region** – Eight of 10 chapters submitted reports. Shehawken and Lackawanna Valley did not report. Hughes reported the donation of a large amount of fly tying material which will be distributed to NE chapters on a first come, first served basis. Malaska will write a thank you letter to the donor, Mrs. Vasinda.
- **Northwest Region** – Seven of nine chapters submitted reports. Northwest PA and Iron Furnace did not report.
- **Southcentral Region** – Seven of eight chapters submitted reports. Falling Spring did not report.
- **Southeast Region** – All seven chapters submitted reports.
- **Southwest Region** – All eight chapters submitted reports.

Old Business:

2018 PATU Annual Meeting – Representatives from 36 chapters attended the PATU Annual Meeting in Bellefonte on September 8. Wilmont has prepared a follow up survey to be sent to participants to gauge what they liked or did not like about the event.

2018 National TU Annual Meeting – Malaska, Wagner, McGuire and Sittler represented PA Council at the TU Annual Meeting in Redding, CA during the month of September.

New Business:

PATU Regional Trainings – Malaska appointed Murty and Winters to investigate sites in SW PA, and McGuire for sites in SE PA, to hold two regional trainings in 2019. No trainings will be scheduled for March due to potential conflicts with chapter fundraising events.

National TU Regional Meeting – National TU will be scheduling a regional meeting in Carlisle for April or May, 2019.

Chapter Challenges – Malaska talked about several chapters which are non-

compliant with Council requirements such as reporting and PATU meeting attendance. Currently on that list are Northwest PA, Western Pocono, Little Lehigh and Falling Spring. It was suggested that the respective RVPs work with these chapters to bring them together with other successful chapters in their regions for guidance on compliance.

Our Pocono Waters Campaign – A motion was seconded and unanimously carried for Council to sign on to this campaign to support Exceptional Value (EV) waters in the Pocono Region.

PATU Retreat at Lancaster Fly Fishing Show – Malaska stated that this is being considered, but only if Council committee chairs are available to participate on March 9 or 10, 2019.

Cabin Fever Show in Pittsburgh – In consideration of PATU holding a fundraiser in conjunction with this show, Winters pointed out that this would conflict with the Penns Woods West Chapter's biggest fundraising event of the year.

Scott Hoffman Remembrance – A motion was seconded and unanimously carried for Wilmont to send a letter of condolence from PATU to the Hoffman family along with a copy of the *Keystone Fly Fishing* book to be donated to their local library.

Change of PATU Corporate Name – Malaska will prepare a draft for consideration at the January EXCOM meeting explaining the procedure for changing our currently incorporated name – Pennsylvania Trout, Inc.

2019 PATU Meeting Dates:

EXCOM – Saturday, January 19 – PFBC CRO, Bellefonte

EXCOM – Saturday, March 30 – PFBC CRO, Bellefonte

EXCOM – Saturday, June 22 – Location TBD

Annual Membership Meeting – Saturday, September 14 – Location TBD

EXCOM – Sunday, September 15 – Location TBD

Governance Committee conference calls will take place on the first Thursday of each month.

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent at 3:02 p.m.

– Bob Pennell, Council Secretary

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one of this country's greatest conservation achievements. Drawing entirely on royalties from off-shore drilling operations, LWCF has invested more than \$16 billion nationally to expand our public lands and increase our access to hunting and fishing, including \$309 million in Pennsylvania.

But on Sept. 30, Congress let the program expire. This fall, TU is working with our partners to change that.

Last month, volunteers from the Bucks County, Allegheny Mountain, Spring Creek, and Southeast Montgomery County chapters met with their lawmakers to advocate for permanent reauthorization of the LWCF. Joining TU in highlighting the program's ongoing investments in Pennsylvania's conservation legacy were our friends at Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP), Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), and the National Wildlife Federation.

In Bucks County, under a gray sky and a seemingly never-ending drizzle, U.S. Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick met our group at Tyler State Park, a 1,700-acre public park that has received \$1,741,209 in funding since 1969 to establish and develop recreational opportunities within the park, including a fishing trail and a canoe rental facility on the banks of the Neshaminy Creek.

The next day, in Centre County, U.S. Rep. Glenn "GT" Thompson joined us at Spring Creek Park in State College. Thanks to LWCF and an \$87,079 endowment, this park became a public resource in 1972, which paved the way for a bank stabilization project by the chapter in the 1980s.

Throughout the Commonwealth, every single county has received funding from this program. LWCF has invested in some of our greatest public fishing and hunting grounds, from the Allegheny National Forest to Pennsylvania's state forest system to the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. LWCF helped secure public access to more than 185 acres and a wild trout stream at the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge in Monroe County, and helped preserve acreage along the famed



Contributed Photos

Don Rank of Southeast Montgomery County TU (left) and State Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick in Tyler State Park. Since 1969, the 1,700-acre public park has received \$1,741,209 in funding to establish and develop recreational opportunities, including a fishing trail and a canoe rental facility.

Letort Spring Run in Cumberland County.

This funding boosts a \$29.1 billion outdoor recreation economy and supports more than 250,000 jobs in the Commonwealth.

Last month, the House Natural Resources Committee approved compromise legislation (H.R. 502) that would pave the way for permanent reauthorization. This solution, which has substantial bipartisan support, includes a guaranteed 40 percent share for state agencies like PA DCNR to manage projects on the ground and to facilitate the grant process with local municipalities, businesses and non-profit organizations.

Meanwhile, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee cleared a bill (S. 569) that would permanently reauthorize LWCF and guarantee full funding of \$900 million per year. This would be a huge step forward, considering the Fund typically receives only half of its allotted amount during the appropriations process.

TU strongly supports permanent reauthorization and full funding. To contact your elected officials and urge them to stand up with LWCF, visit standup.tu.org.

For more information on LWCF and to find other ways to advocate on behalf of our public lands and wild trout, please reach out to TU's Eastern Policy Director, David Kinney (dkinney@tu.org), or Rob Shane, TU's Mid-Atlantic Organizer (rshane@tu.org).



Calendar of Events

Jan. 19, 2019 – Winter EXCOM Meeting, PFBC CRO, Bellefonte

March 30, 2019 – Spring EXCOM Meeting, PFBC CRO, Bellefonte

June 22, 2019 – Summer EXCOM Meeting, TBD

Sept. 14 – Annual Membership Meeting, TBD

Sept. 15 – Fall EXCOM Meeting, TBD

PFBC appoints Tim Schaeffer new Director

During a special meeting on Oct. 18, the PFBC Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to appoint Tim Schaeffer to the role of Executive Director. Schaeffer will assume his duties beginning Nov. 13.

"I'm extremely honored and grateful to the board of commissioners for the opportunity to lead such a great agency," said Schaeffer. "I'm excited to get to work."

As executive director, Schaeffer will return to the PFBC where he previously



Schaeffer

served as Director of Policy and Planning from 2008-2017. Currently, he is Deputy Secretary for the Office of Water Programs for the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. He resides with his family in New Cumberland, Cumberland

County.

"Tim's experience speaks for itself and it gives us great pleasure to present him with this opportunity," said Eric Hussar, PFBC board president. "We look forward to seeing how he's going to lead us into the future and advance our mission."

Schaeffer will replace Executive Director John Arway, who will retire effective Nov. 3.

Trout in the Classroom Ready to Kick Off Year



Tyler Frantz Photos

Palmyra Area School District's Pine Street Elementary in Lebanon County is excited to receive its second annual shipment of brook trout eggs in early November. Last year 46 students participated in Eco Club, which maintained the 55-gallon trout tank and its associated equipment provided by the Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited.



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designations to Paradise Creek, Swiftwater Creek, Devil's Hole Creek, Tank Creek and Cranberry Creek. Upcoming chapter meetings are Nov. 14 and Dec. 12 at Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center.

Forks of the Delaware Chapter #482

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We are supporting the Our Pocono Waters campaign, which aims to unify the community while educating citizens, business leaders and local leaders about the importance of protecting Exceptional Value streams. Our annual Pig & Corn Roast was Sept. 15 on the Delaware River at the Riverside Barr & Grill. The chapter is actively seeking funding, including a TU Embrace A Stream grant, for our Bushkill Creek restoration project between Tatamy and Mill Race Park in Palmer Township. Design and permitting work are being completed by Hanover Engineering. This project is in partnership with the Bushkill Stream Conservancy. On Aug. 4, the chapter staffed a booth at the ATC Trail to Town event in Wind Gap, hosted by State Sen. Mario Scavello. On Aug. 18, we participated in the Bushkill Stream Conservancy's "Get to Know Your Stream Event." We offered our "Forks TU Fly Fishing Experience" station on Sept. 8 at Roseto Rod & Gun Club's Youth Day.

Hokendauqua Chapter #535

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We have teamed with two new TIC programs at Northampton Middle School and Southern Lehigh Middle School this year. The chapter assisted with the Boy Scouts of America on two events. The first was a fly fishing merit badge, which required certain skills and knowledge to be demonstrated to achieve the badge. Six members of our chapter over a three session period taught fly casting, stream etiquette, stream entomology, types of flies to be used and other skills to the Scouts. The second event with the Scouts was a fishing derby through the Minsi Trails Counsel. Instructors taught PFBC's SMART Angler program to 130 Scouts. Several of our members teamed with another local TU chapter on an outing at Indian Mountain Rod and Gun Club for our PHW vets. Our chapter also participated in Jake's Field Day, an event sponsored by the National Wild Turkey Federation. We also participated in Women in the Outdoors.

Lackawanna Valley Chapter #414

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Monocacy Chapter #491

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Our board held its annual planning meeting in June to discuss the past year and map out the events and direction of the chapter for the coming year. The main focus was program planning, but we also discussed areas the chapter should focus its efforts in terms of conservation projects and advocacy. Our next meeting is Nov. 27 with Russell Parks, The Missoulian Angler, presenting "Western Montana Fly Fishing" at 7 p.m. at Illick's Mill. The Lehigh Valley Chapters of TU Fall Event is at 7 p.m. Dec. 11 at East Bath Rod and Gun Club and our Holiday Gathering is Dec. 18 at a time and place to be determined.



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The chapter continues habitat restoration efforts on Cherry Creek in the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Several workdays resulted in R-4 rocks being placed on stone structures and within log frames, and a brush deflector made out of discarded natural Christmas tress was installed. Additionally, in mid-September several members assisted with a riparian buffer planting of more than 300 trees. All native species were utilized with the majority being sycamore, water birch and swamp oak. An initial "post-treatment" electro-shocking was scheduled to take place on Oct. 11. Finally, planning is underway for an initial "Redd Counting Survey" on select streams within the region. The chapter participated in and assisted the Monroe County Conservation District's Youth Conservation Camp in July. Members manned a booth at the "Get Outdoors Day" at Brodhead Park on Sept. 15, assisted with the fishing portion of the National Wild Turkey Federation's "Jake's Day" on Sept. 22, and conducted an Introduction to Fly-Fishing Workshop at A Pocono Country Place on Sept. 29. The chapter's general membership meeting in September featured a review of progress on the Cherry Creek project, an update on the Monroe County Conservation District's activities from Adam Schellhammer and a report back from Kettle Creek Environmental Center's Roger Spotts on this year's conservation camp. The chapter is supporting the local Our Pocono Waters campaign (ourpoconowaters.org). This educational support program is supporting DEP's existing and proposed Exceptional Value stream

Pike-Wayne Chapter #462

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Members participated in Hunters Gallery's annual customer appreciation event. We continued summer monthly meetings on the Lackawaxen River. Members attended a stream maintenance pilot program hosted by Wayne County Conservation District. We received four fly rod kits from L.L. Bean, and we purchased six beginner fly rods from Cortland. Members volunteered for Casting for Recovery at Skytop Lodge on Sept. 18. We hosted a women's Introduction to Fishing program on Sept. 19.

Schuylkill County Chapter #537

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Our committee meetings are held at Solar Innovations the Sunday before our membership meetings. Regular meetings are the fourth Tuesday of the month and are held at the Pottsville AMVETS at 6 p.m. Our radio show is on WPPA 1360-AM in Pottsville at 10 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month. We completed a cleanup along Route 895 on Bear Creek this year and a stream cleanup along the Schuylkill River in New Philadelphia. We have six schools enrolled in TIC, and are talking to two others. The chapter is working on a grant for stream bank stabilization on Swoops Valley Run in the Pine Grove area. With winter coming soon we are getting geared up for our fly-tying classes held in January, February and March.

Shehawken Chapter #81

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Our annual banquet is April 6. Our Abraham Creek CHP project is still ongoing with EPCAMR, which met with a property owner to assess an unnamed tributary to Abraham Creek where various age classes of trout have been seen. EPCAMR coordinated with TU's Kathleen Lavelle to schedule an electroshocking in October. A draft plan was being written by Gavin Pellitteri, EPCAMR GIS watershed specialist. EPCAMR is working on the final design of an interpretative sign from FOSSIL Industries to be placed at the Solomon Creek dam removal and stream habitat improvement project. An Eagle Scout project to construct another informational kiosk within the park is also in the works. EPCAMR had an informational meeting in Dallas Township regarding our Upper Toby Creek CHP project. EPCAMR has begun working with the Luzerne Conservation District and Dallas Area Municipal Authority (DAMA) to conduct a field reconnaissance of the watershed in Kingston Township, Dallas Township and Dallas Borough to note locations that need to be looked at further and sampled for in-stream water quality and analyzed for stormwater BMPs, stream channel restoration projects, culvert replacements and assessment, riparian buffer projects, and trout habitat improvement projects. We have been mapping access points on the upper Lehigh River. Data collection on Shade's Creek as part of a CHP grant is ongoing. The chapter received five rods from L.L. Bean. We are coordinating with TIC projects at Lehman Elementary, EPCAMR, Crestwood and Wyoming Valley West. Graham Academy is looking for financial support for its TIC, as is another elementary school at McAdoo-Keylares in southern Luzerne County. SCTU is looking to have our responsibilities and liabilities defined as a sponsoring chapter of PHW, and how to proceed with recording and accounting

for outside money donated to PHW. Brews and Bugs is held the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Sabbatini's.

Western Pocono Chapter #203

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Western Pocono TU held its annual picnic in June at the Austin Blakeslee Preserve and Pavilion along Tobyhanna Creek where members paid tribute to local fly tying legend Stan Cooper Jr. who passes away last spring. In June, we assisted Hazleton STEM school students in releasing dozens of young brook trout that they raised as part of TIC. The trout were released into a tributary of Nescopeck Creek at Nescopeck State Park.

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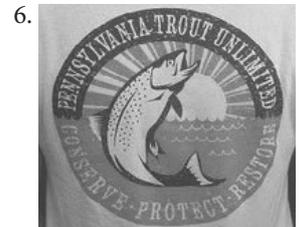
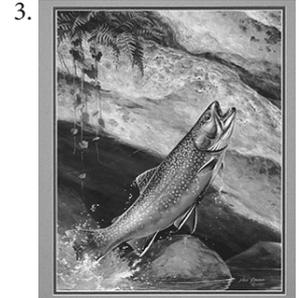
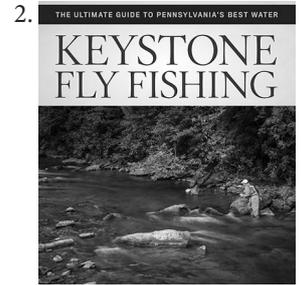


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Columbia County Chapter #38

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The chapter is pursuing collaboration with a sporting club in the Berwick area to host a VSP event. We have continued monitoring of the Sunrise natural gas pipeline construction in the Fishing Creek watershed in the Columbia County area for weather, stream flow, pH, air temperature, water temperature, turbidity, conductivity and stage. The work seems to be coming to a close without any significant ill effect and despite heavy flooding events. We are planning to apply for Embrace A Stream and other available grants for stream/riparian area repair following flooding on Fishing Creek. We are seeking to collaborate with Columbia County District Conservation Office and Fishing Creek Watershed Alliance. Our next meeting is Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Columbia County District Conservation Office, Bloomsburg.

God's Country Chapter #327

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As part of WPSU's "Our Town" series, Dr. Pete Ryan gave a presentation of our chapter's Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Events that aired on Sept. 8. Chapter members serve on the Board of Directors of the Potter County Conservation District, Dr. Ryan also serves as chairman of the Quality Assurance Board of the Dirt & Gravel Roads Program. Several members are active participants in the JKLM Energy Stakeholders Group. Members participated in a day-long tour of JKLM's active Utica Shale unconventional natural gas drilling and production sites on Sept. 20. Members also participated in interviews as part of the "Water for Agriculture" study at Penn State. The chapter, as requested by National TU, sent a

letter of endorsement for permanent reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund. A report of sediment pollution in Little Moore's Run was reported to our WCO and we look forward to a quick resolution of this issue. On Aug. 8, chapter members provided an afternoon of fly fishing and casting instruction at the Potter County Junior Conservation School. We also sponsored a student for this week-long conservation program run by the Black Forest Conservation Association. Upcoming meetings are Nov. 29 and Dec. 27 at Coudersport Public Library.

Lloyd Wilson Chapter #224

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Our annual family banquet/raffle is Nov. 2 with speaker Dr. Maria Herrmann, an oceanographer at the Department of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science at Penn State. She will speak on how the Chesapeake exchanges carbon dioxide with the atmosphere. The chapter has indicated support to PFBC for the inclusion of the proposed list of Class A Streams and Wild Trout Streams. We also supported the proposed change to section 05 on Penns Creek. Chapter members assisted at nine fishing events at the NE Fishery Center in Lamar. These events were attended by young children, special needs students from three area school districts, guests from local assisted living/nursing homes, boys and girls from the Camp Cadet program, and youth from the Clinton County Conservation Day Camp. Members also taught fly tying to those from the Conservation Day Camp. The chapter had members instructing fly casting and fly tying at the Wildlife Leadership Academy's Brookies Field School. Members taught knot tying and casting at the "Family Fishing Day" at Sayers Dam.

Penns Creek Chapter #119

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Regular monthly meetings resumed on Sept. 12. Meetings are held at a new location, the Juniata Valley YMCA. Projects discussed at the meeting included fly tying classes at the YMCA, fly fishing instruction, rod building and women's initiatives. Letters, both as an organization and as individuals, were submitted supporting proposed Penns Creek regulation changes, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the Clean Water Rule and proposed changes to PFBC's listings of Class A and other wild trout streams. After long delays caused by high water, the Kish Creek project finally got underway but then was shut down again by more high water – likely for the year. There are a lot of structures still to be installed and trees to be planted. The chapter manned stations for fly tying and intro to fishing at the National Wild Turkey Federation's Field Day at Mifflin County Sportsman's Club. The chapter also had a fly fishing station along Penns Creek at the Centred Outdoors event near Poe Paddy State Park. Upcoming meetings are Nov. 14 and Dec. 12 at Juniata Valley YMCA in Burnham.

R.B. Winter Chapter #124

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We dedicated a "R.B. Winter Trout Unlimited Remembers" bench along Penns Creek on Sept. 22. The bench honors deceased chapter members who were active in preserving and conserving Penns Creek. Initial honorees were Bob Manotti, Mike Marcinek, Warren Lentz, Jim Wagner, Tom Cardellino and Dave Johnson. Upcoming meetings are Nov. 21 and Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Lewisburg Hotel.

Spring Creek Chapter #185

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In August, we hosted a wine tasting event at Mount Nittany Vineyard in Centre County. The event included a check presentation from the winery owners to our chapter, which represents their financial commitment to our conservation efforts. They have pledged to contribute 10% of the sales of their new release "Spring Creek White." The chapter has concluded the first project under a \$160,000 National Fish and Wildlife grant. Log veins, Rock structures and stream bank planting were all a part of the improvements made to the Rock Road section of Spring Creek. The chapter continues to maintain all mowing and bank trimming at Fisherman's Paradise. This effort is under an MOU between our chapter and PFBC. Chapter VP Ford Stryker is sitting on the local committee to update the Spring Creek Watershed Plan.

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Spring Creek TU continues to provide mentors to veterans and their family members under the VSP program. Casting instruction was provided by Joe Humphreys to our Woman Anglers group. We provided a \$1,000 grant to the Penns Valley School District to assist students attending an ecological training on the Chesapeake Bay. We participated in numerous youth training programs including "Stream Girls" and Girl Scouts to promote fishing and the environment, in particular young women. Spring Creek TU partnered with PFBC on five new outreach programs designed by the Commission to generate interest in fishing. We partnered with PFBC, Clearwater Conservancy and Harris Township in presenting "Get Outdoors" at Tussey Mountain Ski Resort lake. Our women's initiative group was very active over the summer, meeting monthly for fishing trips and instruction from chapter mentors. We are in the midst of our two-year National Fish and Wildlife grant and prioritizing our stream projects for upcoming grant efforts.

Susquehanna Chapter #044

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Our Project Healing Waters coordinator has been busy with referrals and meeting with veterans to determine their needs and explain the program. We planned a fishing trip with two vets and another outing is set for this fall. The chapter recommended Mia Jones to the Lycoming County Conservation District, which awarded her a scholarship to the Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp, and donated a fly rod for her use at the camp. We are working on a program for one of our fall chapter meetings about new habitat initiatives that may create an opportunity to engage the Lycoming College Fly Fishing Club in a stream project. The chapter teamed with Carol Parenzan from Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper to host a special public meeting in September as part of the Loyalsock "River of the Year" celebration, which included a discussion of the history of the Loyalsock based on the classic book "Vanishing Trout" by Charles Lose. Upcoming meetings are Nov. 10 for "A Year in the Life of the Loyalsock" with underwater photographer and videographer Keith Williams, and Nov. 14 at Covenant Central Presbyterian Church, Williamsport.

Tiadaghton Chapter #688

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We continue to partner with the Creek Watershed Council on its Hemlock Headwaters project. The chapter sponsored Kylie Butler of Wellsboro High School to attend the Wildlife Leadership Academy's Brookies Field School. Several members helped at the Hometown Science Festival

on the Green in Wellsboro on Sept. 29. A joint meeting with TU, Audubon, PCHPG, PCWC etc. will be held on Nov. 14 at the Gmeiner Center in Wellsboro at 7 p.m. John Childe is the attorney for the Pennsylvania Environmental Defense Foundation and will be the guest speaker. Chapter meetings are the first Tuesday of each month except July and August at 7 p.m. at the Wellsboro Community Center.

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Our quarterly board meeting was held in August after taking the summer off. Our annual fundraiser is April 6 at the Falls Creek Eagles. Our chapter, along with Iron Furnace, supported the removal of a small dam on Johns Run. A large mud sill was installed on Anderson Creek with Phil Thomas and members of DCNR. We checked in on our tree planting from the spring and all are doing well. DCNR also made a recent trip and stated the same. We will make another visit and place tree tubes on any naturally occurring oak to help protect them from deer. We participated in Clearfield County and Jefferson County youth field days. The chapter's TIC program grew by another school this fall with New Story coming on board to bring our number to seven. We participated in a family fishing day at Curwensville Dam with the County Conservation District. We held two picnics for members and guests. On July 22, we held a picnic at Bendigo State Park with Jim Zwald and Iron Furnace. We held our annual fall outing at the Tannery Dam in September.

Caldwell Creek Chapter #437

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We co-sponsored a walking tour of the headwaters of Brokenstraw Creek within Tamarack Swamp with the Brokenstraw Watershed Council on Sept. 22. Our TIC classroom projects are off to a good start.

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Our annual Allegheny River Dice Run was July 29 with 112 paddlers on the river. On Sept. 22, we had our 10th annual work project on Morrison Run. Volunteers put in a structure to channel water into a plunge pool. We also completed bank stabilization work. We have two TIC programs this year and we're hoping to add a third soon. We held a sporting clays three-bird shoot at Kalbus Rod and Gun Club on Oct. 13.

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We participated in a regional chapter picnic with Iron Furnace and Allegheny Mountain chapters on July 22 at Bendigo State Park. The chapter continues working with stakeholders on the acid mine drainage project on the West Creek tributary of the Driftwood Branch. We are looking for a consulting firm to begin the process of permitting as well as continuing to seek grants. Along with PFBC biologists, we conducted a stream shocking on the East Branch of the Clarion in the vicinity of the Jim Zwald habitat improvement project in Bendigo Park in June. Additionally, members of PFBC conducted surveys of the Middle Fork of the East Branch as part of the chapter's Coldwater Heritage grant in partnership with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. The chapter continues to support the Elk County Conservation District with its Coldwater Heritage grant in assessing the Elk Creek tributary to the Clarion River. We have TIC programs in the majority of school buildings in both Elk and Cameron counties.

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Our next banquet is set for March of 2019 at the Park Inn by Radisson in West Middlesex. We held

a workday on Coolspring DHALO area to keep the access trail open. The Sharpsville Beagle Club had brush-hogged most of the trail and we addressed the areas they were not able to get to. We also placed more stone in wet areas so the stocking truck will be better able to access the stream. A workday was held on June 23 on Deer Creek to continue a stream bank improvement project. All of our TIC programs are returning this year. We also made a donation to help start a program in the Neshannock School District. This year's Youth Fishing Derby at the Grove City Sportsmen Club was another success. We are waiting to hear if we received an Embrace A Stream grant for \$10,000 for the first phase of a stream bank restoration project on Neshannock Creek in Plantation Park. Upcoming board meetings are Nov. 19 and Dec. 17 at Munnell Run Farm.

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We had a meeting on Aug. 15 to plan Veterans Service Program activities, including a start-up event at Oil Creek State Park on Oct. 14. Our annual banquet is April 6 at the Ale House in Franklin. We provided financial assistance for equipment for restoration work on Williams Run by the South Sandy Creek Watershed Association. We provided a mini-grant to Venango Conservation District to purchase an electro-shocker for stream surveys. The conservation district did get a state grant to do electro-shocking on Pithole Creek. The local Kiwanis Club held its annual youth outdoors day which included instruction in shooting and fly casting. Upcoming membership meetings are Nov. 14 (6:30 p.m.) and Dec. 19 (5 p.m.) at King's Restaurant, Franklin.

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The chapter held its annual member-guest dinner at the Westline Inn on Oct. 18. Members volunteered for a brook trout redd survey in the Allegheny National Forest on Oct. 20. We received an Embrace A Stream grant for a habitat restoration project on Kinzua Creek and has partnered with National TU and Allegheny National Forest staff to plan and implement this project. Construction is set to begin this fall. Temperature loggers collected data in the Upper Allegheny watershed from spring through fall. Data collected will be used to prioritize future project sites.

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We are beginning to plan our 2019 banquet, set for March 7 at Spring Mill Manor. We conducted surveys of Aquetong Creek over the summer to determine how the brook trout that were transported from a tributary of the Lehigh River and released into Aquetong Creek were faring. We found both adult and young-of-the-year brook trout, confirming that the trout released in 2017 had successfully spawned. The riparian buffer the chapter and the Cooks Creek Watershed Association planted on Silver Creek in the fall of 2017 is faring well. We are doing additional planting at the site in November.

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Recent elections have Fred DeWees taking over as president, Charles Leskey assuming the office of VP, Mark Friedrichs will be treasurer and Steve Capoferri will be financial reviewer.

Little Lehigh Chapter #070

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We are in the planning stages for our annual fall raffle, which supports equipment needs of our TIC schools. In partnership with Wildlands Conservancy and Boy Scout Troop 131, we held a riparian buffer planting on Oct. 20. The project location is a parcel of open space owned by Lower

Macungie Township that borders Little Lehigh Creek. We added a fifth TIC school and hope to sponsor a sixth by the fall of 2019. The fall event sponsored by the four Lehigh Valley-area TU chapters is Dec. 11 and is hosted this year by Little Lehigh with the support of Monocacy, Hokendauqua, and Forks of the Delaware. The event features a well-known guest speaker, raffles and refreshments at a location to be announced.

Perkiomen Valley #332

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The chapter is looking at project options for 2019 and those within and proximate to Montgomery County will be prioritized because this is the area of greatest population and visibility to our chapter. We were contacted by Upper Hanover Township regarding proposed plans to increase public accessibility to and recreation along the Perkiomen Creek adjacent to Camelot Park in Montgomery County. The creek behind the park is adequately shaded but shallow and lacking stream structure. We also found reduced water flow and depth as well as increased water temperature, a likely consequence of a water treatment plant's dam located at the Fruitville Bridge, when compared to stream conditions above the dam. Additionally, extensive amounts of Tree of Heaven and Lantern Flies, both invasive species, were found on the downstream side of the bridge. Chapter representatives met with the Upper Hanover Township Park and Recreation Department in August to explore opportunities to partner with the township in its proposed project to expand Camelot Park along Perkiomen Creek. We looked at an area of Hosensack Creek, upstream of the Upper Hanover Township Mill Hill Preservation Area, which needs tree plantings. Access to the specific stretch of the creek is through private property. Toll Gate Park (Berks County) rock dam removal and tree planting needs were reported at our June chapter meeting. This area will be kept on the potential project list for future consideration. Longacre & Masemore Farms (Berks County) riparian repair needs, including removal of invasive multiflora rose and an upgraded cattle crossing, were discussed at the June chapter meeting. Post-meeting activities included follow-up with owners of both farms to maintain positive relations. Additionally, we have discussed the riparian needs within these farms with PFBC personnel. Chapter representatives toured headwater areas of the Perkiomen watershed with PFBC, highlighting projects that were previously completed. No additional project opportunities were identified during this tour, however the number of ponds and dams that impact the headwaters are significant, and all increase water temperature of the headwaters. Finding a map of the Upper Perkiomen watershed, which includes identifica-

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tion of streams, roads, townships, counties, etc. has been much more difficult than expected. The challenge is the number of counties and townships that our watershed encompasses, but a finalized map was delivered in September. We acquired five fly rods from L.L. Bean for fly casting instruction. We have reached out to chapter members and the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy to set up a fly casting instructional workshop. The chapter is working to add additional TIC schools.

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No stream restoration work took place this summer due to high water conditions. Five fly rod outfits were received from LL Bean for each school that participated in our TIC program. Our annual banquet will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on March 24, 2019 at the environmental center in the Pennypack Land Trust.

Tulpehocken Chapter #150

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We completed a cleanup on Tulpehocken Creek on Oct. 14. We are working with Berks County Conservation District on a dam removal. We currently have 22 TIC programs. We assisted PFBC with a women's intro to fly fishing class on Oct. 20. Our next meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 14 at Chef Alan's Restaurant, West Reading. Our holiday party is the same time and place on Dec. 12.

Valley Forge Chapter #290

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The three PHWFF programs sponsored by VFTU had multiple fishing outings over the summer culminating with a barbeque at Hibernia Park, and are now concentrating on fly tying and rod building. VFTU and our partner, the National Parks Conservation Association, finally settled our legal action against the PA Turnpike Commission and DEP. The settlement calls for a much more effective approach to stormwater management than the PTC had originally designed for a widening project that runs near Valley Creek and Valley Forge National Historic Park. Many thanks to Pete Goodman, Frank Donohoe and our legal counsel, John Wilmer for spending countless hours over 12 years to see this through. Critical to this effort was the input of engineering and water resource experts VFTU hired. There have now been three spills of chlorinated water in the Valley Creek watershed, all in the same immediate area. The first was in 2009, and the responsible

party (PECO) promised to take appropriate steps to ensure it did not happen again. In April 2018, it happened again and included a large fish kill. In July 2018, there was another spill, this time in the adjacent property. Fortunately, due to high water conditions and quick response, no dead fish were detected. VFTU is in contact with the responsible entities of the spills and is pushing for a proactive solution to a known problem area. We, along with volunteers from a local school and church group, will be cleaning up Valley Creek, repairing in-stream structures to improve habitat and also plan to remove rusty crayfish, with instruction from experts at Valley Forge National Historic Park. VFTU successfully had stormwater infiltration trenches installed in a steep slope area in the Valley Creek watershed. We are looking to expand the project to include additional trenches that are below grade and not visible. We continue to volunteer at the local Orvis store to help teach Fly Fishing 101. VFTU has nine schools in the TIC program with two or three more expected to join. After the failure of one of the chillers, we were able to source a temporary replacement and the fish survived. Our 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 Mondays at Royersford VFW. 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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ACTU worked to clear the path along the 1.1-

mile catch and release area of Conewago Creek. We also added a wing to one stream device and added new signs to the area. High water made our repairs difficult this year. We had 22 tons of ballast, 44 tons of 2A, and 60 tons of R5 stone delivered to the worksite. We have 11 TIC schools in Adams County. State Rep. Dan Moul spoke at our Oct. 16 meeting.

Codorus Chapter #558

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We are waiting on permits for a pair of projects funded by grants from The Exelon Corporation. We'll be re-assessing the sites to determine how flooding may have affected the area, and if any changes to the original design concepts will be necessary. We've been working on an ongoing project to clear a large quantity of debris resulting from historic flooding on the Codorus this summer. The chapter sponsors four TIC tanks in three schools, and we brought two new teachers into the program this year. Upcoming meetings are Nov. 14 and Dec. 12 at the Spring Grove Rec Center.

Cumberland Valley Chapter #052

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The Yellow Breeches restoration project at the former site of the Wittlinger Dam was scheduled to begin in August, but due to high water conditions and our inability to get equipment and materials to the site the project has been postponed until January. We met with the PFBC Area 7 fisheries manager and the area biologist on the Letort to discuss planning a long-term restoration project. The Letort is designated as a wild scenic river and will require a detailed plan to narrow the stream and to remove silt. We have completed a 13-month water sampling study and



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a silt sampling at the headwaters. An ALLARM study shows high levels of nitrogen and phosphorus that we suspect is coming from a farmed field with little or no riparian buffer. We sponsor 13 TIC programs. Our next chapter meeting is Nov. 14 at Monroe Township Fire Hall, Mechanicsburg.

Doc Fritchey Chapter #108

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In preparation for the start of construction on our Lower Snitz Creek project, clearing of undergrowth and invasive plants is underway. Due to significant rainfall during the last quarter, construction is delayed until Nov. 1. The chapter has initiated work toward a potential project on the lower section of Spring Creek in Hershey. We surveyed this section and submitted a request for support by National TU to help fund design for the project. Talks are underway for a potential project on Bachman Run in Lebanon County. Grants will be sought through NRCS/EQIP funding for stream bank grading, fencing and riparian buffer planting. We are collaborating with Dauphin County Conservation District to work on Bear Creek, a tributary to Wiconisco Creek. Resurrection of a handicapped/children's area has begun, and we're partnering with several conservation groups in upper Dauphin County. We received financial support for a severe stream bank erosion project on Armstrong Creek initiated by Dauphin County Conservation District.

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Restoration at two sites on Conowingo Creek were completed in August. There has been a delay in a project on three tributaries of Fishing Creek. We will not be able to start streamside planting until Spring 2019. Heavy rains caused damage to the Metzler site and Drumore Park, which are both on Fishing Creek. We are looking into fixing the damage. A tour of a selection of our conservation sites was held on July 14 for 20 members and community leaders. We are listed in the Lancaster Extra Day of Giving program that takes place on Nov. 16. Three new classrooms joined TIC this fall, bringing our total to 21 in Lancaster County. A TIC teacher in the Eastern Lancaster County School District asked DTU to assist with the Upstream/Downstream project. Students study the environment around their school and then have a field trip to a stream. The students will be going to the Lancaster County Conservancy's property on Climbers Run. Two teachers from North Bay, a non-profit environmental education group, will be in attendance. On Sept. 22, DTU assisted Special Olympics with a fishing outing. We are doing a planting at Drumore Park and Peters Creek from 8:30 to noon on Oct. 27. Our next chapter meet-

ing is 7-9 p.m. on Nov. 21 at the Farm and Home Center, Lancaster. Speaker is New Jersey guide Anita Salter Coulton.

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Due to flood damage, we anticipate the need to work with landowners on stream restoration issues. Our handicap area was completely restored on one landowner's property. Our co-op sustained quite a bit of damage so we have a lot of restoration and repair work that needs to be completed. We held a fly-casting instruction/demo during our June meeting. Our TIC teachers presented at our August meeting. We had three TIC programs and added three more this year. We received four L.L. Bean rods to use at our youth events. Our Fall Fest was Sept. 22 at Hershau Park in Felton.

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Our annual banquet is March 16, 2019 at 10th Street Station in Ford City. Our Huling Run project is proceeding according to plan. The next monthly meeting is Nov. 15 at the CU Club in Ford City with speaker Dominick Swentosky presenting "Tight Line Nymphing vs. Indicator."

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The chapter participated in a project on the headwaters of Big Sandy Creek in Fayette County replacing a perched culvert that contributed to flooding and prevented brook trout passage. The landowner had struggled for years in attempts to correct the problem. CRTU engaged the Fayette County Conservation District and Wharton Township to place a new bottomless culvert in mid-September. In the near future, bottomless culverts will be placed at two additional locations where roads currently cross streams. One will be completed by Ohio State Park DCNR staff on park property. The other project involves a stream in Forbes State Forest. Brook trout passage will also be greatly improved on Dunbar Creek. In September, a log-framed cross vane was placed on this Youghiogheny tributary. The stream has a number of jackdams that were originally constructed in the 1930s that acted as barriers to upstream brook trout migration. In August of 2014, local flooding destroyed several of these structures and their remains are a safety hazard and an impediment to fishermen. Staff from California University of Pa., led by Dr. Jose Taracido, replaced the largest of these dams in mid-September. Grants from PATU and Dominion Energy administered by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy were used to fund this project along with donated hours from CalU and CRTU. On Oct. 17, partners involved in the operation of our chapter's cage culture nursery met at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers offices in Confluence. Representatives from PFBC, the Corps and CRTU finalized plans for 2019. In 2018, we raised nearly 10,000 rainbow and brown trout for stocking into the Youghiogheny River and its tributaries. A number of these trout were also stocked at local sites for youth fishing days. We continue to participate with PHWFF. We look forward to participating in planning the first state-wide TIC Conference to be held in 2019. Our chapter participated with 25 TIC programs this year. We look forward to partnering with Carmichaels Area High Schools again this fall. This school, led by teacher Kevin Willis, assisted CRTU and CalU biologists in a comprehensive sampling of the Yough River and a number of its tributaries in 2017. This year they will resample at a number of the originally established sites.

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Forbes Trail celebrated its 45th anniversary on July 14 at Kingston Veteran's Sportsmen's Club, Latrobe. The chapter was organized in 1973 in

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response to the destructive impact of Hurricane Agnes on trout fishing in Loyalhanna Creek. By the 1980s Forbes Trail had restored the Loyalhanna Creek as a trout fishery and created the popular catch-and-release delayed harvest area in Ligonier. Both continue to increase tourism and help our local economy. The chapter received TU's highest award, the Golden Trout award for those achievements. Charter members Joe Lester of Blairsville and Tommy Evans of Ligonier were honored guests at the anniversary event. They were pioneers in what has become the gold standard in trout angling sportsmanship; trout stream conservation, catch-and-release trout fishing and the use of barbless hooks. In June, Forbes Trail participated in the TU visit to Harrisburg with National TU staff to discuss legislative issues directly impacting coldwater conservation in Westmoreland County, and Pennsylvania at large. Our annual meeting was Sept. 5. Meetings for the coming year will take place the first Wednesday of the months we hold meetings (September, October, November, February, March, April and May) at 6 p.m. This is a change from 7 p.m. start times. A board of directors meeting is scheduled for the first Wednesday in December, and a picnic will be scheduled as a fundraiser in early June 2019. Our conservation committee has been surveying floodwater damage to Linn Run State Park after four inches of rain fell in just a few hours in June. Significant damage was done to stream banks, culverts and bridges, as well as Linn Run Road. The chapter submitted a grant request to the Pittsburgh Foundation to be included in their next Wish Book fundraiser. Our annual steelhead meeting is Nov. 7 at Loyalhanna Watershed Education Center, Ligonier.

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FBTU will be planting native trees and shrubs at the sites of recent stream habitat projects in the Yellow Creek and Wills Creek watersheds. Dates have not yet been scheduled. FBTU volunteers and volunteers from neighboring chapters guided Project Healing Waters veterans during visits to Bobs Creek and Yellow Creek in Bedford County on the Sept. 22-23 weekend. The vets were hosted by Jeff and Mandy Horn and featured meals from Horn O Plenty Farm-to-Table Restaurant.

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We hosted three Family Fishing Days at Canoe Creek State Park over the summer. We assisted Little Juniata River Association with a stream restoration project on Kelso Run, and also assisted Western Pennsylvania Conservancy with water sampling and macro collection on Plum Creek. Our annual banquet was Oct. 20 at the Newry Lions Club. We have stream restoration projects planned for next year on Poplar Run and Plum Creek. We assisted the Conservancy by planting 500 trees on three properties on Plum Creek on Oct. 23-24.

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In August, we supported the Indiana County

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The chapter is planning our annual banquet to be held on April 6 at the Holiday Inn Johnstown. We installed log structures and added improved habitat on Clear Shade Creek. The chapter added Shanksville-Stoney Creek School District to its TIC program. We support 10 schools. Upcoming meetings are Nov. 1 and Dec. 6 at the Richland Township Municipal Building. We start beginner fly tying classes, a six-week course on Saturdays and Mondays, on Jan. 12 at Gander Outdoors, Johnstown location. There are two sessions, one at 9 a.m. on Saturdays and the other at 7 p.m. on Mondays.

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Pine Creek stream improvement was Aug. 25 on Wildwood Road just inside of North Park. Bar Flies is back on the fourth Monday of the month at Perrytowne Drafthouse. We're sponsoring six TIC programs this year. Our meetings are the second Monday of each month.