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FISHERMAN'S
PARADISE**

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Photo by Bob Steiner

TU provides stream surveillance training to Pa. members in Marcellus Shale Region

Anglers will learn how to conduct water quality assessments

Trout Unlimited and its Pennsylvania Council have initiated a new program to train Pennsylvania volunteers to use stream surveillance activities that monitor the impacts of Marcellus Shale development on streams where gas drilling is occurring.

Aimed at monitoring water quality in rivers and streams throughout the state's Marcellus region, the program will train volunteers to become part of its Coldwater Conservation Corps (CCC), a group that will serve as stream stewards. They will conduct routine surveillance and monitoring of local waters by taking water samples, measuring stream flow and conducting visual assessments.

"Protecting coldwater fisheries is an integral part of TU's mission and with over 11,000 TU members in Pennsylvania, we have the opportunity to take an active role in stream surveillance activities in Pennsylvania," said Elizabeth Maclin, TU's Vice President (continued on page 8)

Everything you need to know to receive future PA TROUT newsletters

As previously announced, PA Council has made the decision to cease mailing printed newsletters to its members after the publication of this issue. Beginning with the Fall 2010 issue, a limited number of copies will continue to be printed, and the following options are available to ensure that you have access to future issues of *Pennsylvania TROUT*:

1. You will automatically receive an electronic copy by e-mail, provided your e-mail address on file with National TU is current. If not, log on to www.tu.org and update your e-mail address as follows: Click the "Member Login" box and enter your username and password, which opens the "Welcome to My TU" page. Click "Edit Profile" and then click on "Account" tab, where you will enter your e-mail address.

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

-- Bob Pennell, Council Secretary

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Have you ever felt helpless? Unfortunately, that is how I have been feeling when I think about our freestone trout streams

here in the northcentral region of the Commonwealth. Extremely hot weather and negligible precipitation have combined to result in conditions that stress resident trout to and, in some streams, beyond what they are able to endure. It is very difficult to say whether the limited coldwater refuges will provide adequate relief to ensure the survival, through the summer and early fall, of resident trout in marginal trout streams such as Pine Creek, Kettle Creek and some of the branches of the Sinnemahoning.

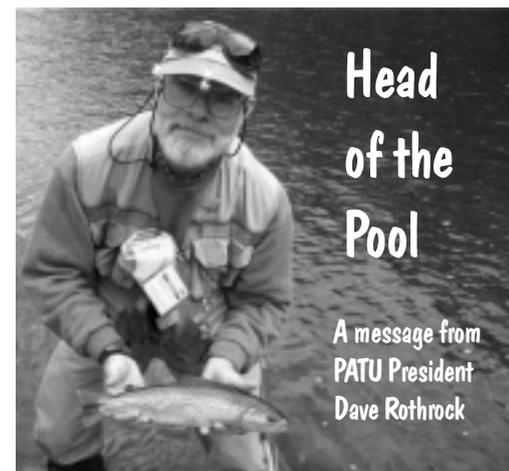
In the natural scheme of things, there is little, if anything, we can do to improve the chances of trout's survival during drought conditions. We're all at the mercy of nature, for the most part. Of course, there was the time, back in 1972, when my wife prayed for rain because she didn't want me to go fishing. Remember hurricane Agnes? Needless to say, I didn't go fishing. Obviously, we need to be careful about what we ask for!

The Marcellus shale play is another issue about which I feel so helpless much of the time. We all know that, with man and machine, accidents are inevitable, and I'm hearing about accidents occurring at an alarming rate.

From reports of leaking fracking wastewater to explosions at well sites, we continue to be told that the drilling process is safe and the potential for environmental damage is minimal. I've even heard reports that some legislators have said that no one should be allowed to impede the process of natural gas extraction even if it means that the local environment may be negatively impacted now and then.

So much of a sense of helplessness seems to be linked to our asking the question, "What can we do?" When we ask this question, having already resigned ourselves to the fact, or the fallacy, that being only one person we can't do anything that could make a difference, all is already lost. When we ask this question with the intent of learning what we, as individuals, can do, there is a glimmer of hope.

Many of you have already learned of the PATU Coldwater Conservation Corps. This will provide an op-



portunity for individuals across the Commonwealth who value our coldwater resources and frequent their environs to assist PA DEP and various other agencies in protecting these resources through field surveillance. This is a worthy undertaking and provides one answer to the question many people are asking.

I attended the first training session, which was held at the Cameron County Recreation Center, in Emporium, on July 17. I would have to rate this first training session as excellent. Much work had gone into preparing the materials for this training, including the development of the PATU Coldwater Conservation Corps Field Manual.

While there were a number of folks who contributed to the development of the manual, the principal authors were Deb Nardone of the Coldwater Heritage Partnership and Bob Volkmar of the God's Country Chapter. Deb and Bob dedicated many hours of their time to develop a manual that, in my opinion, is thorough, easy to understand and user-friendly. I want to extend a tremendous thanks on behalf of PATU to both Deb and Bob for their efforts in developing the field manual and also in the high level of professionalism with which they prepared and presented the training. To both we say: TRULY A JOB WELL DONE!

Stay tuned for additional PATU Coldwater Conservation Corps training sessions to be held in the future. When you ask that question, "What can we do?" please don't do so with any feeling of despair and helplessness. Instead, do so with a desire to learn how you may be able to make a difference. Become a member of the PATU Coldwater Conservation Corps. We need you!

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Pennsylvania TROUT offers a unique market niche. Each quarter, the newsletter is read by nearly 12,000 trout anglers and conservationists. Our members share a passion for trout fishing and enjoy many outdoor pursuits. They are dedicated to keeping streams healthy and boosting angling for all. Many travel in pursuit of their sport, accompanied by friends and families. Advertising in this newsletter is a GREAT way to reach them. Each issue you have direct contact with the people who are looking for the goods and services you offer. Advertise with us and get more sales!

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Candidates for office needed; slate will be available online at www.patrou.org

In accordance with Council Bylaws, the slate of Executive Committee candidates nominated for the upcoming fiscal year must be made public at least 30 days prior to the fall elections. Since the Nominating Committee was still in a formative stage when this issue went to press, please look for this information to appear on the PATU website, www.patrou.org, on or about September 2. In the meantime, if you're interested in running for one of these offices, please be sure to contact Council Secretary Bob Pennell.

Presenting ... a new PATU website!

If you haven't visited PA Council's website lately, you will probably be in for a welcome surprise the next time you log on.

Largely due to Paul Raubertas's technical expertise, an entirely new www.patrou.org website is now up and running, or very soon will be, that is truly state of the art.

You will see that subjects are now easy to find and navigation is simple to follow, due to the consistency of the new page format.

And although it might take just a bit longer to implement, there is a Merchandise page where PATU goods can be ordered online.

Give it a try, and if you like what you find, perhaps you'd like to let Paul know at praubert@ptd.net.

Steiner bows out as Pa. TROUT editor

Linda Steiner announced recently that she is leaving the post of editor of Pennsylvania TROUT, effective with this issue. Steiner will be joining her husband, Bob, in "semi-retirement."

"As freelance writers and photographers, we'll still stay busy, but the move will allow us more time for the really important things in life, like fishing," she says with a smile. "PATU has been great to work with. Thanks, and I wish you all the best, on-stream and off."

PFBC unveils new 5-year plan

After nearly 1-1/2 years of thoughtful deliberation, the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) announced in mid-July the approval of a new strategic plan to guide its major efforts over the next five years.

The immediate need for alternative funding to allow the PFBC to fulfill its mission features prominently in the plan. The plan highlights the importance of a Marcellus shale severance tax that includes dedicated conservation funding, including support for the PFBC.

"The Commission's reliance on fishing licenses and boat registrations does not afford us the funding and staff resources to proactively work with the industry and other agencies to protect aquatic resources as new natural gas well sites and associated infrastructure are developed throughout Pennsylvania," Executive Director John Arway stressed. He encourages anglers to review the plan on the PFBC website: www.fishandboat.com.

Highlights of the plan include: implementing large river management plans for the Delaware, Susquehanna, and Three Rivers systems; action plans for managing specific non-game species and combating destructive aquatic invasive species and disease; and sampling more streams than ever before to determine whether they support naturally reproducing wild trout and providing them with the protection they deserve.

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STATE COUNCIL NEWS & NOTES

Minutes of the PATU Summer Executive Committee Meeting June 26, 2010 PFBC Stackhouse Training Center Bellefonte, PA

Officers attending: Dave Rothrock, Brian Wagner, George Kutskel, Bob Pennell, Tom Buser, Wayne Michael, Chuck Winters, Fred Bohls, Fred Gender, Ken Undercoffer, Jack Williams.

Others attending: Dick Soderberg, Greg Malaska, Greg Grabowicz, Deb Nardone, Emily Gates, Paul Raubertas, Amy Wolfe, Mike Klimkos, Bob Weber.

President Rothrock called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and reported on his recent conversation with Pa. Senator Mary Jo White's aide, Patrick Henderson. The essence of that conversation was to clarify that PATU did not originate, but merely distributed, information pertaining to the senator's reported call for a "resolution of disapproval" of recent IRRC-approved tighter regulations on gas drilling.

Treasurer/Development Committee Report: Treasurer/Committee Chair Kutskel presented his report and discussed current fund-raising efforts. Regional VPs were asked to reinforce with their chapters the need to purchase Trout in the Classroom raffle tickets. Fly box and leader sales are well ahead of expectations, and 50 9-

foot, 5-weight fly rods have been ordered for our newest fund-raiser. It was decided that the next collector's patch in the series of six by George LaVanish would feature the Little Juniata River. Kutskel reminded everyone that the next issue of *Pennsylvania TROUT* would be the last one printed and mailed to all PA members.

Awards Committee Report: Pennell reported that only one nomination had been received to date for just one of the annual PATU awards. Rothrock challenged the regional VPs to obtain at least one nomination for each award from each region. It was suggested that Frank Viozzi send out a reminder about the awards to regional VPs, and Nardone will follow up with the chapter presidents.

Membership Committee Report: Malaska reported that 10 chapters have not responded to his survey and requested help from regional VPs in achieving 100 percent compliance by the fall meeting. Nardone plans to integrate results of this survey into Council's final strategic plan. Malaska is looking to add committee members to represent each region.

Electronic Media Committee Report: Raubertas previewed the new PA Trout website format, which received kudos from all present for its much more user-friendly format. Rollout is anticipated for mid-July. Utilizing banner (promo) ads to provide revenue was discussed, but no decision was reached at this time.

Environmental Committee Report: Grabowicz presented the final revised version of the Marcellus White Paper, dated 6/28/10, which was unanimously approved on a motion by Bohls/seconded by Wagner. Nardone will work with Grabowicz to foster widespread distribution of this document.

Stream Access Committee Report: Winters reported plans to meet with Amy Wolfe and possibly others from National TU to review how Council and National can best work cooperatively on access issues.

Trout Management Committee Report: Soderberg

reported he is pleased with the PFBC's new direction and plans to set up a meeting with Executive Director John Arway to review trout management policies. Stocking of some wild trout waters is still a major concern, whether this is being done by PFBC, cooperative nurseries or other unauthorized groups.

TU Eastern Abandoned Mine Program Report: Amy Wolfe reported that additional AMD remediation projects are being planned for the Kettle Creek watershed; at the KC204 Mine Pool Stabilization, Swamp Area Passive Treatment, Area 7 Mining/Reclamation and Robbins Hollow 10A/10B project sites. TU staff has been providing support to the ClearWater Conservancy for a 60-acre conservation easement in the headwaters of Deer Creek, a West Branch tributary with an intact population of native brook trout. Staff has also provided education programs to nearly 900 7th to 12th grade students in the past two months, and many more such programs are being planned for next school year. A study released at the West Branch Susquehanna Restoration Symposium on May 6 shows significant improvements in water quality compared to 25 years ago.

Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Adult Camp: Mike Klimkos presented his proposal to conduct a camp patterned after the very successful TU Youth Camps, except geared to adults. This camp would also be conducted at the Allenberry Resort, most likely during the month of March, and the projected cost for attendees would be \$900 for 4 days and 3 nights. A motion by Bohls/seconded by Williams was approved for Klimkos to proceed with finalizing plans to present to EXCOM at the October meeting.

PFBC "Unassessed Waters Program": Bob Weber talked about PFBC's current program allocating \$100,000 for university staffs to perform stream surveys to determine presence/absence of wild trout. Lycoming and Kings colleges are currently under contract to assess 40 streams this year. PFBC intends to expand this coop-



2010 Kinzua Creek Collectible Patch

The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited is offering a special set of collectible patches, to individuals as well as to TU chapters. By George LaVanish of Wilderness Editions, this is the fourth in a series to be created over the next five years. The 2010 patch features Kinzua Creek. The set includes one 6-inch and one 4-inch patch. Sales are first-come / first-served, as PATU's quantities are limited. Additional patches are available from Wilderness Editions, 800-355-7645, www.wildernesseditions.com.

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erative program to include other universities next year, and eventually to conservation organizations such as TU.

Coldwater Heritage Partnership Report: Nardone reported that over 200 applications have been received to fill the position of Marcellus Shale Coordinator, who will work jointly with both National and Council. The field has been narrowed to 45 applicants who will be interviewed by phone, with 5 being selected for final interviews in person. Marcellus training for the TU Civilian Conservation Corps will take place in Emporium on July 17, utilizing the excellent training manual developed by the PATU Environmental Committee. Heinz Foundation funds are being used to support this initial year's training, and will be extended to future years based on the success of this initial effort.

Trout in the Classroom Report: Gates presented an overview of the growth and success of the TIC program in the two years she has been serving as PATU coordinator, with 136 programs currently in place in Pennsylvania. A replacement is being sought currently, since there is a 2-year limitation on AmeriCorps volunteers' service. Respective roles and responsibilities for PATU and PFBC have been established as of March, and the new TIC website is expected to be operational in July. TU chapters sponsoring TIC programs will be asked to designate a representative to act as liaison between school teachers and the PATU coordinator.

National Leadership Council Report: Williams stated that PATU's strategic plan must be completed by the end of July. Nardone will coordinate this effort. Nominations for National TU annual awards are due no later than August 2. Brian Wagner has been invited to attend National's annual meeting, since Rothrock will not be able to attend this year. National is looking for submissions from the chapters no later than August 15, requesting new conservation agenda initiatives to consider at the national level.

Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture Report: Undercoffer announced that two EBTJV projects have been funded in Pennsylvania -- expansion of brook trout habitat in Willow Creek (Berks County) and removal of a dam to reconnect brookie populations in Browns Run (Cambria County).

Regional Reports: No Council actions were requested by any of the chapters in their quarterly reports.

Other Discussion/Action Items:

1. The following Bylaws revisions are proposed for membership approval at the October annual meeting:

a. Revise President's maximum term of office to 4 years, based on annual re-elections.

b. Add procedure for election of Regional Vice Presidents.

c. Add description for Legislative Liaison position.

d. Remove Event Planning from the list of Standing Committees.

e. Combine and rename the Education & Communications and Electronic Media committees.

Pennell will put together language for the above changes and circulate to EXCOM for approval prior to publication in the next issue of *PA Trout*.

2. Rothrock directed each regional VP to identify no later than July 15 at least one individual to serve on this year's Nominating Committee.

3. Bryan Moore has requested PA Council to host National TU's annual meeting in 2012. This was tabled for future consideration.

4. Expenditure of \$250 for a Stroud Research Institute study on chlorine criteria was approved on a motion by Gender/seconded by Wagner.

5. Kutskel announced that he would be ordering PATU-logoed shirts for all EXCOM officers. Gender offered his assistance in locating a source.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. The next EXCOM meeting will be held on Sunday, October 3, at the PFBC Stackhouse Training Center in Bellefonte, PA.

-- Bob Pennell, Council Secretary



Delaware River Committee Report

Note: This report was not included in the meeting minutes and is summarized here -- Editor.

The Upper Delaware River made it to the top of the list as America's most endangered river, according to American Rivers. The prospects of natural gas drilling in the Delaware River watershed and a poorly managed release program are the major reasons for the declaration. The DRBC has designated the Delaware River as "Special Protected Waters" which is part of its anti-degradation policy. Prior to the announcement by American Rivers, the DRBC failed to review the ostensible exploratory wells that began drilling in the watershed. The DRBC has set aside any well permits in the watershed and water withdrawal applications until regulations are in place. The current Flexible Flow Management Program (FFMP) is also threatening the cold water habitat due to low release volumes out of its branch reservoirs despite full storage. predicted warm summer will continue to threaten the cold water ecosystem in the Upper Delaware. The Pa Fish and Boat Commission recommended to the commission the White Paper to begin this summer to protect the wild trout fishery in the Upper Delaware. The agreement endorsed by the NYSDEC Fisheries Division, calls for higher release volumes during summer conditions. -- Submitted by Lee Hartman

Pennsylvania Council of TROUT UNLIMITED 2010 Calendar of Events



October 1-3: Fall Meeting and Leadership Training, Fisherman's Paradise (see page 8)

Attention! Important! Don't Miss

Calling all Chapter Treasurers and Presidents:

Don't forget the fiscal year ends on September 30.

That means your chapter's financial report is due at National TU. Every year we have chapters waiting until the last minute to file and we had one that didn't. So don't take that hunting trip or leave it for the guy just elected on November 1 to do. Don't miss out on applying for grants or, worse, having your chapter de-chartered. The annual financial report will go live on October 1, and for most chapters it should only take a short time to file. As always, I will help those who need it, so don't be afraid to ask.

On a similar note, don't forget to file your 990n. This is an IRS requirement, not TU's. There are fewer than 5 questions and it should only take a few minutes to complete online. All you need to do is go to the IRS website and in the "Search" type "990n." The form will come up and all you need to do is answer the questions. Last year, even with all the hype, several chapters failed to file this simple form. This is an annual requirement. Failure to do so means that your chapter is no longer a nonprofit and cannot receive any of our grants or Growing Greener funds or any other that require you to be a nonprofit.

-- George Kutskel, Council Treasurer

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PATU bylaws revisions proposed for approval at annual meeting

From time to time, an organization's bylaws must be re-visited to determine whether they are serving the best interests of how that organization conducts its business. In view of that, your Executive Committee has approved the following revisions in the PATU Bylaws, which will be presented for a vote by the membership at the Annual Meeting on October 2. For reference, you can find the current Bylaws posted on our Website at www.patrou.org. -- Bob Pennell, PATU Secretary

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP: Revise the first sentence to read; "For the purposes of conducting business at the Annual Meeting, the voting members of the Council shall consist of the following:"

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS, SECTION 2 - President: Delete the last sentence; "The President is limited to two consecutive terms of office."

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS, SECTION 3 - Vice Presidents: Delete the last sentence; "Each Vice President is limited to two consecutive terms of office."

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS, SECTION 4 - Regional Vice Presidents: Add the following new paragraph:

"In the event that a vacancy occurs during a Regional Vice President's term of office, the Council Secretary will call for a special election. Candidates for the office of Regional Vice President shall submit to the Council Secretary a brief resume of their past duties and responsibilities, and the Council Secretary in turn will distribute their resumes to all Chapter Presidents within that respective region for a vote on the candidates. Election of Regional Vice Presidents shall be determined by a vote of at least fifty (50) percent of their respective chapters, with each chapter submitting one vote, which in turn shall be approved by a vote of the Executive Committee."

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS, SECTION 7 - Term of Office: Change the second sentence to read; "The President and the Vice Presidents are limited to four consecutive terms of office."

ARTICLE IX - STANDING COMMITTEES, SECTION 1: Delete sub-section (e) Education & Communications Committee, and substitute the following:

(e) **Education Committee:** The Education Committee is responsible for the ongoing development of new and innovative ways to educate and inform both the membership and the public on matters pertinent to achieving Trout Unlimited's mission throughout the Commonwealth. This Committee will coordinate its activities closely with the other Standing Committees, and especially with the Communications Committee in the development of print and electronic publications. The Committee will ensure appropriate and timely dissemination of information through participation in public meetings and conducting youth and adult education programs to foster the cause of coldwater conservation.

Delete sub-section (f) Electronic Media Committee, and substitute the following:

(f) **Communications Committee:** The Communications Committee is responsible for the promulgation of all print and electronic publications, including the development, coordination and implementation of Council's Website design and maintenance, and the publication of its quarterly newsletter, *Pennsylvania TROUT*. This Committee will be responsible for maintaining Council's image in the public eye in the most effective manner possible through structured news releases and Website updates. The Committee will support the other Standing Committees in amplifying and making the public aware of issues of concern. The Committee will develop and maintain an electronic membership mail list to effectively communicate with our members. The Council Secretary shall serve as a de facto member of this Committee.

(h) **Awards Committee:** Change the second sentence to read; "It shall consist of three

standing members who will solicit the advice of the Regional Vice Presidents and their respective Chapter Presidents, as well as appropriate Council Committee Chairs, in selecting award recipients from the nominations submitted."

Delete sub-section (i) Event Planning Committee, and substitute the following:

(i) **Legislative Committee:** The Legislative Committee will be chaired by the Legislative Liaison (LL) and be constituted by members from each Chapter who are politically connected. The purpose of this Committee is to communicate with Legislators on issues of concern to Council. The Legislative Liaison shall act as the principal contact to collect items of interest for dissemination to the Executive Committee and Chapter representatives. When appropriate, the Legislative Liaison, or his or her appointed designee, will represent Council through personal meetings with appropriate Legislators, at Legislative Committee meetings where topics of concern are discussed, and in press conferences with other representatives of the conservation community.

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emphasis on the fostering and restoration of wild trout populations wherever feasible.

In Blair County, Mary Ann's Creek project was successful cooperative effort

by Charles Winters, John Kennedy Chapter Stream Chairman

The John Kennedy Chapter, in cooperation with PATU, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, DCNR, and the Blair County Conservation District, did a stream project July 16-18. This project's purpose was to stabilize the banks and to create better habitat for wild trout in Mary Ann's Creek.

The lower end of Mary Ann's Creek is populated with wild brown trout, and the upper end is populated with wild brook trout. Mary Ann's Creek flows into Canoe Lake at Canoe Creek State Park, east of Hollidaysburg. State park manager Steve Volgstadt was very excited about doing a project and asked the Kennedy Chapter to look at Mary Ann's Creek.

The project started early in 2010. The John Kennedy Chapter began by doing a rod-and-reel survey and talking to Heidi Mullendore, the environmental education specialist for the park. After chapter president Jerry Green and I had two hours of successful fishing, the project was put in front of the board for approval.

Mary Ann's Creek has some major problems. Mary Ann's Creek comes from the north side of the park. It goes past a golf course, new residential developments, and agricultural land. The stream can rise very fast after a heavy rain. Some of the banks and walking paths in the state park have washed away after storms. The walking paths are close to the stream and cannot be moved, due to the steepness of the banks in some areas. The stream also has sedimentation from agricultural activity, and the stream bank is degrading.

A call was made to Karl Lutz, of the Habitat Division of the Fish and Boat Commission. A meeting of all parties was held at the park, and the stream was surveyed for design. Keith Beamer of the commission's Habitat Division did the design work. The original design was changed as the project had some PNDI (Pennsylvania Natural Diversity Inventory) hits with wildflowers, bats and wetlands.

The project was also going to require rented equipment that was smaller than we normally use. A bridge that could handle only 20 tons would also cause major problems in delivering material to the site. This meant we needed to do

the project all at once. The cost and effort of moving and getting the equipment on site for multiple weekends would have been very high.

We needed help. PATU is striving to do wild trout stream work in the future. The John Kennedy Chapter would pay the bills, if PATU would help. A notice was sent to chapter presidents. We had one or two members from a good number of chapters to help do the work. Mountain Laurel and Arrowhead chapters sent teams that built entire sections of the project.

The project had 335 feet of muddill, with 32 devices. The work covered 2,265 feet in all. We had 25 members of the John Kennedy Chapter on site each day, and we provided food and drinks for all. We also used three excavators, two tracked bobcats, a bulldozer and a backhoe from Camaroto Excavating. We had operators for all equipment.

We created teams to do the work.

Two teams started at the bottom, and two teams started at the top of the project. We also had teams to seed and mulch and for food and water. The teams were headed by Dan Beck (food), Karl Reed, Jerry Green, Randy Buchanan, Jerry Potocnak, Herb Gross, Charlie Whitman (sawing) and Fred Sherlock, whose team did most of the seeding.

The Fish and Boat Commission had Karl Lutz, Keith Beamer and Tyler Neimond. The Conservation District also had personnel on site and was very helpful in transporting straw. Educational tours were given during the project by

Photos courtesy Chuck Winters



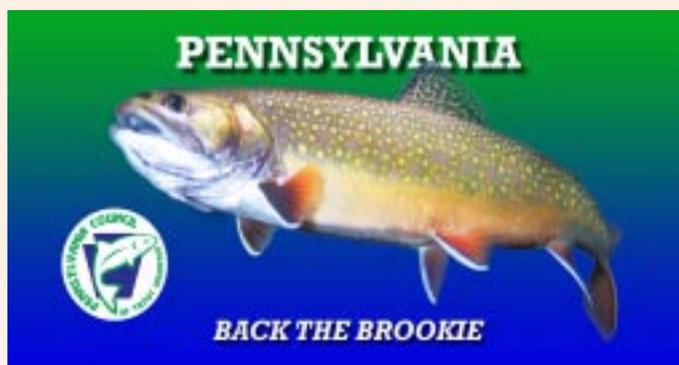
DCNR. The overall cost of the project will be about \$40,000. The work on the stream was completed in two days.

We had also planned a two-day stream school that was cancelled. However, we had people that came for the school, so we created a team from the attendees, who built one of each type of device.

This project on Mary Ann's Creek was one of the largest the John Kennedy Chapter has done in one summer. It should benefit both the creek and the trout that live there.



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The fall 2010 Leadership Training and Membership Meeting will be held on

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AGENDA

Friday, October 1 – Welcome

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

7 p.m. Presentation: West Branch of the Susquehanna Success Story, Becky Dunlap, National Trout Unlimited
Saturday, October 2 – Training

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions, Dave Rothrock, PATU President

8:45 a.m. Leader Updates / Q & A with National TU; What's new in the Leaders Only Section; Updates to the TU Leadership Manual and Bylaws

10 a.m. Break

10:30 a.m. Council Updates / Q&A with PA Council of TU; Membership Survey; Overview of New PATU Website

12 noon Lunch

1 p.m. Chapter Leadership Training -- Marcellus Shale and the TU Coldwater Conservation Corps, coming to a watershed near you! Learn how to track where gas wells are being permitted and drilled; Use the TU CCC Field kits to collect water quality data and visual assessments.

2:45 p.m. Break

3 p.m. Chapter Leadership Training continued

6:30 p.m. Dinner -- 5th Annual Pig Roast -- You don't want to miss this!

8 p.m. TU Membership Meeting; Elections, Approval of Bylaws, Awards and Raffle

Sunday, October 3 – PATU EXCOM Business Meeting

7:30 a.m. Breakfast

9 a.m. Executive Committee Business Meeting (all members are invited); Regional Reports; Committee Reports; Action Items and Business

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DETAILS

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

Lodging: The Stackhouse has 8 bedrooms, which can accommodate 3 people each. These rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have a preference of who you'll share a room with, please list them on the registration form. We will try to accommodate you the best we can. Please bring your own pillows, linens and toiletries.

You may also reserve a room at the EconoLodge at a rate of \$64 per night for two double beds. Please reserve your room before September 17 by calling 814-355-0330; please ask to speak with "Miku" to make your reservation, and mention that you are with PA Trout Unlimited to get the reduced rate. The hotel is located on the Benner Pike (Route 150), approximately 1.2 miles north of Fisherman's Paradise.

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

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Directions to PFBC's H.R. Stackhouse Facility

From Southeast: Following US Route 322 West to State College, take Exit 73 onto US Route 220 N. Get

off on Exit 7B (Bellefonte). Take PA Route 150 North for approximately 1/4 mile to the first traffic light (Paradise Road). Turn left (west) and travel to bottom of hill to stop sign. Turn left (south) and travel to terminus of road and drive straight through gate to Stackhouse.

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CCC TRAINING, from page 1

for Eastern Conservation. "As gas drilling activities increase, so does the potential for accidents and errors. It's important to train anglers and other sportsmen and women to be the eyes and ears in their home waters," Maclin said.

TU will conduct a series of trainings throughout the Marcellus region. The first training was held July 17 in Emporium. Additional trainings will be scheduled this fall.

Rivers and streams face numerous risks from drilling and extraction of gas, including increased erosion and sedimentation, water quantity and quality impacts due to water withdrawals for hydraulic fracturing and potential contamination problems associated with wastewater.

"We want to ensure that sportsmen and women play an integral role in preventing the destruction of important headwater habitats -- the places where we fish and hunt," said PATU Pres. Dave Rothrock. "We must make sure these rivers and streams remain healthy for future generations."

TU is piloting the program in the Sinnemahoning Creek watershed through a grant from the Headwaters Resource Conservation and Development Council and its Sinnemahoning Watershed Grant Program. Additional funding provided by the Heinz Endowments will allow TU to implement the program statewide. The Heinz Endowments supports efforts to make southwestern Pennsylvania a premier place to live and work, a center for learning and educational excellence, and a region that embraces diversity and inclusion.



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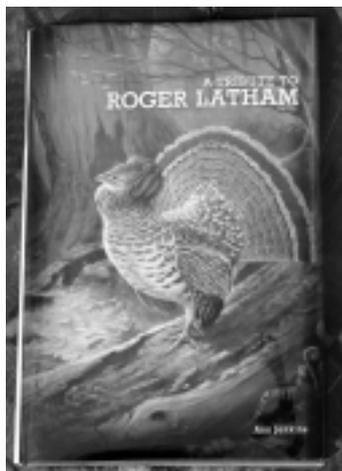
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The raffle tickets sell for \$5.00 each, or five for \$20.00, and can be ordered by sending a check to "PATU," to George Kutskel, 107 Simmons St., Dubois, PA 15801. Prizes will be awarded in the order of the tickets drawn at Council's Annual Meeting on October 2. Please do your part to ensure PATU's successful future for Trout in the Classroom and purchase your tickets before it's too late!

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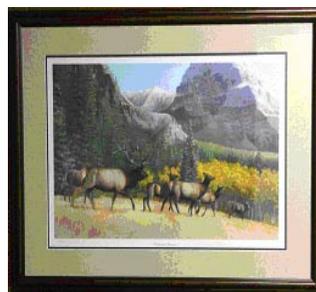
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Purchase a copy of Dan Shields's book on Pennsylvania's Spring Creek

Pennsylvania Council is offering for sale copies of Dan Shields's "Fly Fishing Pennsylvania's Spring Creek," at a cost of \$20.00 each, including tax and shipping.

All fly-rodders should appreciate this book about the Centre County stream that has played such a significant role in the development of the sport and, even more importantly, how it has proven the benefits of catch-and-release as a fisheries conservation tool. The author examines what makes this fishery what it is, its angling history and, of course, the fly patterns and techniques for successfully fishing this limestone stream.

The author is a former partner of a State College fly shop and one of the first to become a Federation of Fly Fishers certified casting instructor in the eastern U.S. Dan teaches fly fishing and fly casting, with over 2,500 students to his credit.

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

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Join "TEAM TU" on the upper Allegheny River in September, for WINS Coalition Cleanup

Are you looking for a chapter project or outing? Or do you just want to do something with your fellow TU members? Either way, the 2010 Allegheny River Cleanup is scheduled for September 11-18.

The Allegheny National Forest WINS Coalition will be holding the second annual river cleanup, and you and your chapter can help. We would like to have a "Team TU" on the river that weekend to help with the cleanup.

Several chapters from the Northwest region are already part of the WINS Coalition. Why not join in or form your own team? Many members from the western part of Pennsylvania already spend a lot of their free time along the Allegheny River and its tributaries, and now is a chance to give something back. If you are interested in being a part of "Team TU" on the river, contact the coordinator, Gary Kell from the Cornplanter Chapter, at 814-723-4689 or e-mail him at garyffcl@verizon.net.

Here is the schedule of events: Saturday, Sept. 11, Brokenstraw Creek Cleanup and Conewango Creek Cleanup; Monday, Sept. 13, Buckaloons to Indian Waters; Tuesday, Sept. 14, Indian Waters to Tidioute; Friday, Sept. 17, Kinzua Dam to Betts Park; and Saturday, Sept 18, Betts Park to Buckaloons.

Last year, both Saturdays were well attended, so this year our efforts are primarily focused on recruiting groups to help on Monday, Tuesday and Friday. However, Saturdays are, of course, open to any group that cannot make it on a weekday. To join in now, give Gary a call!



majority of whom are fly fishers, who believe primarily in catch and release angling.

Southwest chapters help implement “early warning” monitoring system

by Len Lichvar

Somerset Conservation District Manager
Mountain Laurel Chapter Stream Improvement Chairman

Through the financial support of the Mountain Laurel and Chestnut Ridge TU chapters, the Somerset Conservation District was able to implement a Water Quality Monitoring Joint Venture in Somerset County. Randy Buchanan, president of Mountain Laurel Chapter says, “This project is a priority for our chapter to support. It gives us the opportunity to do something now that will provide us with the ability to prevent a pollution problem from occurring, rather than having to react to it after it is too late.”

Additional funding came from the Somerset County Conservancy and the Jenner Rod and Gun Club. The project is designed to create an “early warning system” to document and locate water quality problems before they become catastrophic events. The Marcellus Shale boom and the already documented water quality problems associated with it have driven the concept for the endeavor.

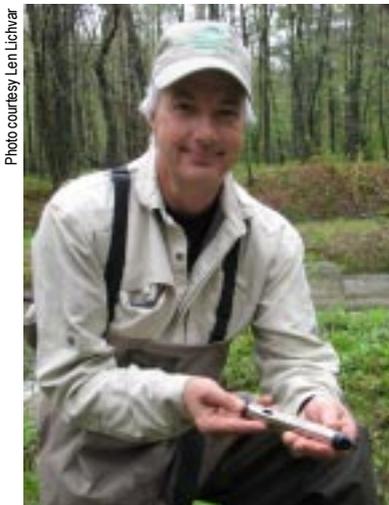
The central components are stream data loggers that measure water level, temperature and conductivity every 15 minutes, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Conductivity readings can be translated into Total Dissolved Solids (TDS), a primary indicator of drilling and mine drainage impacts. This system allows gap closure for data because it can track the duration of an event, which can be used to locate the origin. The devices have been deployed in strategic locations in the county’s watersheds by district staff.

The USGS is also a project partner. They are currently retrofitting their existing gauging stations to monitor the same parameters as the data loggers. The Kiski-Conemaugh Stream Team is a part of the effort and is assisting in downloading the information from the loggers in the field.

The data will be publicly available though the USGS and will be on the Somerset Conservation District’s website, as well. If spikes or continuous levels of conductivity and resultant TDS are documented, the district will inform regulatory agencies

such as the DEP and the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission, so the potential source can be investigated.

According to Eric Null, the conservation district’s aquatic biologist and a TU member, “This effort puts the major workload on today’s technology, rather than on



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our staff or volunteers. These devices do not take breaks, go on vacation or lose interest. The data they record is scientifically accurate and that, coupled with the reliability and frequency, clearly demonstrates that this program cannot be matched by other monitoring methods.”

Perhaps most significant, the effort has been driven by local grassroots activism. The conservation district has secured no grant money for the project. Funding from the outside groups has gone toward purchase of the data loggers, which cost \$1,500 each. The district is also incurring costs of transportation and staff time to deploy the instruments and recover the data. To lessen the drain on the district and provide backup support, a small group of volunteers has been trained to recover the data. The ability of the district to secure initial monetary contributions from the local organizations concerned with the future of their water quality enabled this effort to go from the planning stage to implementation in rapid succession.

The project so far has been well received by local citizens in and outside of the conservation community. So much so that recently Chief Oil and Gas, a company with active gas wells in Somerset County, also donated funding to the project, which will be used to secure additional data loggers.

Null says, “Although the system is not foolproof, it provides the citizens with a technologically advanced layer of protecting their water quality that otherwise would not exist. Just letting everyone know that we are watching can be a powerful deterrent.”



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The chapter participated in the Kids Fishing Tournament, April 17, along with the Knights of Columbus and Stroud Township. Representatives of each group were interviewed by Alex Zidock, "Out in the Open," and Bob Ide "The Great Outdoors," both local weekly TV programs. The chapter was able to provide funding for trout to be stocked in the pond off the Brodhead, for children and disabled, as well as being involved in arranging for trout donated by a local benefactor to be shared by the kids. The rest were divided between the Brodhead and the Delayed Harvest section of McMichaels Creek. In May, Don Baylor received a request to provide a program on fly fishing to the Venture Crew 8 from the Church of the Mountain. Venture crews are the new Scout program, replacing Explorers. Gerry Bortz, Eric Baird and I substituted for Don as he had another commitment with the Brodhead Watershed Association. We provided the group with a chance to tie flies, a casting lesson, and an introduction to insects, using the PowerPoint presentation on our website, designed by Will Daskal. We had our annual picnic June 12. We held a casting competition for the first time at the picnic. We are in the process of gathering more rock to build out from the bank of the McMichaels to finish putting the large boulders upstream of the parking area. This will finish all the work that was planned on that section of stream. The chapter made a donation of \$2,000 to Pocono Heritage Land Trust, with the stipulation that the funds were to be applied to the Learn Property Easement project. This project will secure public fishing access along the Pocono Creek where it crosses the Learn property. We also donated \$350 to Monroe County Youth Field Day, September 18, to help with the cost of the program and we will assist that day.

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We received a \$400 grant from Green Knight for our Wind Gap Middle School Trout in the Classroom program, and a PATU start-up grant for Easton Academy. The chapter held a cleanup on April 11 along Martins Creek. We held a program on April 24 at the Moravian Hall Square retirement community in Nazareth, featuring a presentation on Bushkill Creek by Brian Wagner, fly tying with Jere Haas, and casting with Karl Loser. On April 25, the chapter held a cleanup along Bushkill Creek and our Adopt-A-Highway. On May 15, we assisted at the Special Kids Fishing Day, hosted by Stockertown Rod & Gun Club. We hosted four Trout in the Classroom release days. The first was Easton High School, March 25, at Penn Pump Park along the Bushkill Creek. About 35 students participated, along with teacher Nick Henshue, releasing 130 fingerling brook trout they raised. We presented to them a set of coldwater conservation library materials, made possible by a Covidien VIP grant. The students had a cookout after releasing the fish and we talked about the stream and its insect life. Our second release day was Nazareth Middle School, on May 4, at Jacobsburg State Park. This was our third year for Nazareth, under the direction of teacher Tim Cunningham. About 125 students rotated through five stations, after releasing their brook trout. We experimented this year with a "trout quiz" to get the kids to interact with our chapter display and put emphasis on our conservation message. Jere Haas and Bill Heffner were our featured fly tyers, and Karl Loser, Nick Weston and Sean Carson assisted with casting. Our third release day was Bangor Middle School, on May 11, at Pennico Park in Bangor, along Martins Creek. This was Bangor's first year in the program, under the direction of teacher Larry Ott. About 90 students arrived in two groups, each releasing half of their brookies, 130 in all. Each group then rotated through other activities. Jere Haas was our featured fly tyer, and Rich Budihas and Nick Weston assisted with casting. Our fourth release day was Wind Gap Middle School, on June 1, at Jacobsburg State Park. Under the direction of teacher Chris Schuck, about 150 students participated, releasing 75 brook trout. John Mauer assisted us with an interactive macroinvertebrate program. DCMR educators Bill Sweeney and Rick Wiltraut assisted with programming. Sean Carson was our featured fly tyer, and Nick Weston, Karl Loser, Breve Conover assisted with casting. At each release we thanked the teachers and students for their participation and the educators at Jacobsburg for their expertise. Each release is a learning experience for the schools and our volunteers, as we hone our conservation message and ensure that the day is fun and educational for the students. Feedback has been positive. We will be sponsoring Easton Academy for 2010-11, for a total of five schools. The chapter participated in Northampton County Youth Field Day on June 5. About 130 youths went through our fly-fishing station. Chapter vice president Joe Baylog gave the conservation message; Dave Hess, Jere Haas and Thom Beverly presented a fly tying demo; and Karl Loser and Brian Wagner assisted with casting.

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Our Trout in the Classroom activity was conducted by Janet Reichelderfer, a chapter member and teacher at Catasauqua High School. The 15 students in the class reared the fry from eggs up to 3 inches and released them in Hokendauqua Creek. The First Cast Program, at the same high school with the same teacher, was also successful. We had 15 students, and we plan to continue it in 2011. Our chapter donated 200 flies for the Casting for Recovery program, along with presentation fly boxes containing assorted flies tied by our members. The event will take place at Sky Top Lodge, September 12-14. Youth Fishing Day at Point Phillips Fish and Game Club was June 19, with 64 students. They had a fishing contest, learned about macroinvertebrates, types of rods and reels, types of bait and lures, casting clinics and ethics programs. Fourteen chapter members participated. We'll be helping with Youth Field Day at Ontelaunee Fish and Game, August 7. We held the first Project Healing Waters program outing this year on May 8, at Dr. Robert Saks's pond in Center Valley. Ten veterans and some children of vets participated, along with 12 chapter members who instructed and assisted. Six chapter members attended a Boy Scout Jamboree at Kutztown University on May 15, where we conducted macroinvertebrate identification, fly casting, knot tying and fly tying. A Women in the Outdoors program was held June 12, at Ontelaunee Rod and Gun Club, where we conducted fly fishing and knot tying clinics. A group from our chapter took a fishing trip to the Ausable River in New York. Three fell in and all had a good time. A similar trip is planned for next year.

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We're developing plans for a youth fly fishing class to be conducted later in the year. The chapter participated in an open house at a local fly shop and in the Lackawanna River Corridor Association's Riverfest. Our first annual banquet was a huge success. The chapter conducted a stream cleanup along a tributary of the Lackawanna River that runs through a community park. The chapter continues to monitor reports of Marcellus Shale drilling activities in Susquehanna, Lackawanna and Wayne counties, as well as tree removal projects on the dikes along the Lackawanna River in Scranton.

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We received the final revised minutes of the Saucon Creek Proposed Cooperative Nursery Meeting held in February. The Saucon Co-op group is seeking to secure City of Bethlehem support and grant funding for a trout nursery in a spring-fed raceway that discharges into Saucon Creek, a Class A Wild Trout stream. As a result of the meeting, the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission recommended

bait users can also have an appreciation of our coldwater resources and the policies as set forth by TU.

the Saucon Co-op group hire an environmental engineer to conduct a feasibility study, complete all the permitting paperwork and work with PA DEP to address critical issues. Our concerns include the negative impact on macroinvertebrates, degradation of water quality, nursery escapees transmitting disease/interbreeding with wild stock, stormwater issues and the lack of a sound conservation approach. Chapter member Erik Broesicke is our representative working with the City of Bethlehem and American Rivers on a proposed dam removal on the Monocacy Creek, in Johnston Park. This has received favorable response so far. Earlier this year, chapter member Eddie Hart recapped his experience at the 2009 Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp, with an impressive PowerPoint presentation. The chapter's 8th Annual Spring event was once again a huge success. Don Baylor presented the program, "Pocono Streams." Our Annual Stream Cleanup and membership outing for the sulphur hatch on the Monocacy rounded out the year.

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At our April meeting, Matt Wishneski spoke about the Lackawaxen River's designation as DCNR's River of the Year. In May, at our annual member appreciation night, Roger Locandro spoke about fisheries science, research, education and climate change. Our banquet was a great success. We have selected a student to attend this year's Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp. In May, the chapter took part in a tree planting effort on Bowman's Creek. The Lehigh River Committee has been working to obtain additional public access. The Delaware River Committee has been working with Friends of the Upper Delaware to improve tributary streams. On June 4, area veterans spent the day fishing at Lackawanna State Park, in a Project Healing Waters outing. Our annual youth camp was held on June 12. The nearly 30 campers learned fly-fishing techniques, conservation and fly-tying.

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The chapter sponsored a presentation by Dean Druckenmiller of the Lehigh Coldwater Fisheries Alliance, in March. Don Baylor gave a presentation on hatches in April. On May 15, eight members attended the Adopt-A-Highway cleanup on Route 93 in Packer Township, Carbon County, then cleaned up at the parking area below F.E. Walter Reservoir. Thanks to Bob Sluck, Greg Malaska, Rich Schwartz, Mike Gondell, Sue Granoski, Ray Youngblood and Thomas Jones. We'll be partnering with Corinne Durange and the Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit on our first Trout in the Classroom Program for the students at the CLIU Palmerton campus.

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We received our first Trout in the Classroom grant for the 2010-11 school year. The aquarium will be in the Central Columbia Middle School 6th grade ag and science classroom. Several chapter members assisted at the Outdoor Adventure Camp for kids, sponsored by the Columbia County Conservation District. We stocked several hundred trout in Fishing Creek on April 23 and May 15. Our annual picnic and vintage fishing night was scheduled for June 17. Members were encouraged to bring old bamboo or fiberglass rods and antique reels for the evening's fishing. We placed trash barrels along Fishing Creek again this year, for the sportsman to help stop littering. On April 30, members Bob Christ and Bob Prall conducted two fly-tying classes for the Bloomsburg Middle School. The event was the annual Kids Fun Day.

God's Country Chapter #327

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It has been a busy three months for the chapter. Five members serve on the Potter County Marcellus Shale Gas Task Force Committee and have been attending the monthly meeting, giving input from the environmental side of all the issues. We have been writing letters to support a moratorium on further leasing of state land and the issuance of a severance tax of Marcellus gas. At the May Task Force meeting, chapter president Pete Ryan gave a presentation on the history of the God's Country Chapter's involvement and cooperation with the gas industry and environmental issues dealing with gas pipeline construction through Potter County over the past 35 years. Pete and David Saulter also explained our Healing Waters Fly-Fishing event, set for June 15-18, and played a DVD from our 2008 event. We did the same for the Coudersport Chamber of Commerce, which has actively supported this event. The 12 disabled veterans were to be met at the Pennsylvania/New York border and given a motorcycle escort into downtown Coudersport, where the town was to greet them with cheers and flag-waving. After a brief stop at the Coudersport American Legion Post 192, the vets were to continue through Austin for more greeting and flag-waving and into Costello for their stay at First Fork Lodge. The fly fishing was to be hosted by the Big Moore's Run Fish and Game Preserve, while the fly tying instruction was to be done at the Austin Costello Sportsmen Club. Each disabled vet was to receive personal instruction and guiding from our chapter members and to leave with a fly-tying kit, a full belly, and fond memories of their stay in God's Country. We successfully raised enough funds to support the event through letters of solicitation and newspaper articles explaining what we are doing. As a member of the PATU Environmental Committee, chapter member Bob Volkmar put the finishing touches on the PATU Coldwater Conservation Corps instructional manual. He gave a presentation to the Genesee Watershed and Upper Allegheny Watershed groups concerning citizen monitoring. He and chapter member Ted Bear are working to bring all TU chapters and watershed groups in Potter, McKean and Cameron counties together to train and organize people to monitor areas of concern around Marcellus drilling sites. We had a tanker truck full of residual waste roll over and spill its entire load of 42,000 gallons onto Peet Brook Road and Rt. 49, west of Coudersport. Peet Brook contains wild brown and native brook trout and enters the Allegheny River. HAZMAT cleanup was required, and all but 400 gallons of brine were recovered. DEP and PFBC personnel were at the site and apparently no fish kill or damage to aquatic life was observed in Peet Brook. A work project was scheduled June 21, with chapter members and the Upper Allegheny Watershed Association reseeding, mulching and planting trees along a mudsill stream improvement project in the DHALO project.

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Treasury Notes

by George Kutskel
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Hope everyone is enjoying the summer. I would like to bring everyone up to date with some of the many items we have been working on. As you will see throughout this issue, this is the last one mailed to all our members. The next one will be electronic, unless you order your subscription. To date most of our members have opted not to receive the paper version, since we have only received 40 subscriptions. If you want your paper copy, please mail your subscription in ASAP!

Trout in the Classroom Raffle

As was stated in the last issue, we are again holding a raffle to help fund our TIC Coordinator. I have said it many times that we could not have this program if we did it without having a staff person. If you haven't gotten yours and would like to support this program, which is currently reaching over 5,000 students statewide, then you can buy your ticket directly from Council. They are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. All proceeds will go toward funding the TIC Coordinator. Just think, if everyone would send in \$5, we could have a full-time person handling TIC for PATU! Please, if you can, buy a ticket. I think we have some nice prizes and it is for a good cause.

All chapter presidents were mailed these tickets in mid-April and need to sell them and return before the fall meeting. The part few of our members realize is that while it is relatively easy to get money to give grants to setups, no one gives money to hire staff. We have had many talks about this and feel that without the support, growing the program without someone giving support would not be in our best interest or that of the teachers and students.

On a sad note, by the time you read this Emily Gates will have finished her two years of AmeriCorps. That is

the maximum time she can have unless we were to hire her full-time. Thanks to her great efforts, I feel we have one of, if not the BEST TIC program in the country. I think that many chapters feel the same way. We wish Emily the best and know she will do well in her future.

The new TIC website should be up as you read this and, while it has taken some time and a fair amount of cash, I think it will enhance the program. I would like to thank Paul Raubertas for all the hard work and time to enhance our website. Paul took it upon himself to respond to the need. We had to come up with a website that everyone could be proud of. Paul saved the Council about \$9,000 in the process. I think you'll agree that now that the newsletter is going to be online, this is a welcome change.

PATU Merchandise

Many of our members have taken advantage of the great items that are for sale, and I would like to thank them. Orders seem to spike right after the newsletter goes out. That is to be expected, but, in the case of leaders, it could result in a delay in getting your order filled since they are sold out. The same is true of the fly boxes. If you're not in a hurry, then it's no problem, but many of the orders come in with a note, "I would like to have it for my dad's (husband's) birthday next week." All orders are first-come, first-out. Remember, we are not a store and can only hold so much on hand. With Christmas only five months away, place your orders early so that if there is an issue, the merchandise will still be there on time. I know that especially with the leaders that waiting until a week before that special fishing trip could lead to disappointment.

While talking about items for sale, we now have a PATU fly rod for sale (see page 9). These items are ordered six months ahead, so when they are sold out they will for all practical purposes be sold out for one year. I know that the two occasions in which they were demonstrated, it looked like demand will easily and quickly exceed the supply. Please, if you want one, order today for Christmas, as they could be gone and would be back-ordered until July 2011.

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Our activities have been mostly of an educational nature. On May 5, the Central Mt. Middle School released trout they raised through the Trout in the Classroom program into Big Fishing Creek, with chapter members in attendance. On May 13 and 14, we assisted Jersey Shore Middle School teachers with their outdoor environmental days, instructing fly casting and fly tying. This was the culmination of this year's Trout in the Classroom program, as several brook trout were released into Rauchtown Creek, in Ravensburg State Park. On May 18, members participated in the Jersey Shore High School Outdoor Club's annual float trip down Pine Creek. Members helped with these fishing events at the NE Fishery Center in Lamar: June 5, all children ages 4-12; June 8, Life Skills classes from Central Mt., Jersey Shore and Bellefonte school districts; June 17, Camp Cadet Boys; June 21, Lock Haven Hospital Extended Care patients; June 23, Susqueview Nursing Home; June 24, Camp Cadet girls. On May 19, members assisted the Clinton County Soil Conservation District with a stream bank stabilization/habitat improvement project on Cedar Run. We conducted roadside litter pickups along the narrows section of Big Fishing Creek on April 1 and June 10. We had our annual family picnic at the Sieg Conference Center on Big Fishing Creek on June 9.

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The April monthly meeting featured Mifflinburg Middle School teacher Joe Southerton, who presented a report and video on this year's Trout in the Classroom project. Chapter members attended the releasing of the program trout into the headwaters of Buffalo Creek, on April 22 (Earth Day). The release site was significant since the pH, which had been about 4.2, had recently risen to 7.2 due to an acid remediation project in the creek's headwaters. This project was sponsored by the Buffalo Creek Watershed Association. Our annual "fishout" and picnic were held May 26, at the Bowersox cabin along Penns Creek. Members participated in the "summerfest," held on June 20, at R.B. Winter State Park, demonstrating fly tying.

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Our campaign to increase our membership is going strong. Chris Haser, our dynamic new membership chair, signed up many new members at the 2010 Fly-Fishing Film Festival World Tour, held in State College on May 7. Chris Hennessey, a former newspaper editor and now journalism instructor at PSU, has given our newsletter a new look. Our new Facebook page features photos of past and lists upcoming events. Chris also designed a chapter informa-

tion insert to go along with the National TU brochure. In May, our Trout in the Classroom program, run by Ron Shealer, one of our new board members and local middle school teacher, transferred 50 trout fingerlings to Laurel Run. After his students gave the fish their freedom, students, teacher and some adult volunteers went to Fisherman's Paradise for a little catch-and-release fun. The Annual Banquet, our primary fund-raiser, was held April 9 at the Ramada Inn, State College. Approximately 150 people attended. Dick Stevenson was our coordinator for the past five years, and he did a fantastic job. He is turning over the reins to Jim Purtell, who is taking on the big responsibility with much enthusiasm. Our 2011 banquet will be Saturday, April 2. Our habitat improvement projects for this summer include the final phase of the Sheep Farm, some improvements at Fisherman's Paradise, and in-stream work at Spring Creek Park. Bill Brusse, a geologist, former president of our chapter and our current conservation chair, is the very competent point person on these projects.

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On April 9, we held our semiannual highway/stream cleanup. As part of an "Adopt A Highway" project, we picked up trash along Rt. 6 east of Ansonia, and then members worked the Delayed Harvest section of Pine Creek, below Ansonia and Lower Asaph Run. The event concluded with a picnic lunch at the pavilion above the Asaph Campground. Thanks to organizer Bill Paulmier and all our volunteers. Our chapter sponsored three students who attended the Wayne's Kids event at Harpster's Farm on Spruce Creek, on April 10. Thanks to members James Mucci and Jere White, who donated their time to chaperone the kids. Also a big thank-you to Mr. Harpster for his generosity and to all the volunteers who helped during the event. The chaperones and the kids had a great time. On May 9, we held our First Cast Youth Fishing event at Stony Fork Campground, south of Wellsboro. Twenty-one kids ages 8 to 16 learned a bit about fly fishing, fly rod casting, stream entomology, fly tying and watershed protection. All participants received a free First Cast TU T-Shirt, a prize in the free raffle drawings and lunch. One lucky youngster won a fly rod reel combo, donated by L.L. Bean through National TU. Thanks to all chapter members who helped make this event a success. Women on the Water, our annual fly fishing program for ladies only, was held on June 6, at Hills Creek State Park. This year we ended up with only six participants, although 14 were registered, the rest bowing out due to the weather, with tornado watches all around the area. Participants were introduced to equipment, stream safety, etiquette and fly rod casting. Everyone enjoyed the event, despite the high winds the participants encountered while learning to cast. Thanks to our member volunteer instructors George Schuler, James Mucci and Larry and Sheila Harris. The chapter will again have a fly fishing station at Tioga County's Youth Field Day event on August 21, at Ives Run. Volunteers are needed

to help at our station. Last year we had 130 participants learn to cast a fly rod and fly. Volunteers are needed; please call Jim Horton at 570-827-3113. Our chapter is working on a new project to give something back to local veterans who have served our country in recent times. Members Ed Vandergrift and Major George Schuler, U.S. Army retired, are planning a new event for us, scheduled for the weekend of September 17. The program is based on the national program known as "Project Healing Waters." Our event is called "Stand Down by the Water," and will be held at a camp along Pine Creek, where vets will get a chance to learn about the healing effects fly fishing. Donations to help fund the event are being sought in the community. Thanks to the Arnot Sportsmen's Group, which already made a donation. For additional information or to volunteer to help, contact Ed at 570-724-4408. We had a successful banquet and fund-raising raffle in late March. Jonas Price was our speaker at the event, and everyone enjoyed his entertaining look at the sport of fly fishing. Plans are already underway for next year's banquet. An anonymous member has donated an R.L. Winston rod, which the chapter plans to use for our 2011 Blast n Cast Raffle. Many thanks to that generous mystery member. Our chapter sponsored a habitat improvement project on Marsh Creek, near Ansonia. The project was made possible through a grant from the North Central Pennsylvania Conservancy and with the aid of Erica Tomlinson of the Tioga County Conservation District. Seven in-stream deflectors were installed in the two-day project. Several TU members were assisted by the Youth Conservation Corps of the DCNR-Bureau of Forestry. Thanks to all who helped. A special thanks to Walt and Joan Pease and Dick and Carolyn Bair, who got the lunches together. An Army runs on its stomach, as they say. On July 10, we were scheduled to be back on Asaph Run in Tioga State Forest, continuing with habitat improvement work in that stream, under the supervision of Mark Sausser of the PFBC. Work on this project has been funded through a grant from TU National, with an Embrace-a-Stream grant and in-kind donations from the PFBC, DCNR and the Arnot Sportsman Group. Trout in the Classroom projects successfully concluded with the three schools releasing their brookie fry into the designated streams. The chapter will be working with another Trout in the Classroom startup project in the Southern Tioga School District this fall, with teacher Jennifer McCarthy. We wish to acknowledge the generosity of Mr. Bill Beacom and the Babb Creek watershed Association for the funding of the equipment for this new Trout in the Classroom site.

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The chapter continues to work with Karl Leidhecker of the Phillipsburg Osceola Area High School District and Joe Matson of the West Branch Area High School District on Trout in the Classroom projects for the students there. Training seminars with Emily Gates for both school districts and the sponsors were to be scheduled in June at various locations.

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The chapter had a successful banquet on April 10. We would like to thank Samantha Kutskel for the work she did in setting up and making this banquet a success. We would also like to thank Emily Gates for helping with setup and working at our banquet. The Golden Reel award was presented to Edwin London, a longtime board member who is always working at programs to help out in some fashion. Our Trout in the Classroom schools had a mostly successful year. DuBois Area High School and Brockway High School had chiller failures. Brockway lost all their fish, while the DuBois school worked hard, changed water often, and added ice when needed, and were able to release 75 trout at the end of the year, without a chiller. Members Eric Wilson, Tim Ross and George Kutskel did a macroinvertebrate program along with the trout release, for the DuBois Area Catholic Schools, which about 50 students attended. On May 28, members helped with the environmental field day for the DuBois Area Middle School 8th Grade, at Camp Mountain Run. We had three groups of students collecting "bugs" in the stream, while another three groups were learning how to do a stream assessment. National TU was on hand, doing a program on AMD. Thanks to Becky Dunlap for helping with our staffing shortage and doing one of the stations for habitat. On June 19 we were to hold our 5th Big Brothers Big Sisters fishing day, at the Tannery Dam. Eric Wilson and Matt Marusiak did fly casting and fly tying at the Jefferson County Youth Field Day, held at Renylow Park. We were able to meet with over 130 kids from all over Jefferson County. George and Samantha Kutskel, along with Eric Wilson, Bud Thomas and Ed London, worked the TU table at the 1st Central PA Outdoor Show, held at the Clearfield County Fairground in May. We tied flies, sold leaders and Trout in the Classroom Raffle tickets and did fly casting demos. The show

was well attended and was a good chance to get the word out about TU. The chapter has no meeting during the months of June and July, but projects are in the works.

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We completed a fly-tying class on April 14. One of our students was accepted to TU's Rivers Conservation Camp. We had three Trout in the Classroom groups stock their fish in local streams, and we're hoping to have one more classroom next year. We attended PFBC's kick-off for the new easement and access initiative, and we are working on a couple of opportunities in our area.

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Our annual banquet, held April 11 in Lucinda, was a great success. As to Trout in the Classroom, teacher Wayne Kocher of Clarion Elementary School retired at the end of this school year. He managed the project there for the past three years. We recognize the fine work that Wayne did with the kids and wish him the best in his retirement. Two new Trout in the Classroom projects were awarded for the 2010-11 school year, at the Keystone and Redbank Valley School districts. We participated in Sportsmen's Days at Clarion Mall during Earth Week. We conducted our semiannual cleanup of the highway and stream banks at Piney Creek in Limestone, in April, to coincide with Earth Day activities. Our annual fly fishing school was set for June 19, at Fitzgerald's pond in Brookville. We awarded a \$500 grant to the Mill Creek Coalition to support continuing work on passive treatment systems and the cleanup of acid mine discharges. We awarded a \$333 grant to Clarion University Foundation to support a student in aquatic/environmental sciences. We also awarded a grant to Walter Van Epps, a student from Keystone High School, to attend the Rivers Conservation Camp this summer.

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The annual spring cleanup on Coolspring was held April 10, with trail maintenance and general cleanup of the DHALO area. On July 10, we were to finish the Big Run stream improvement project. On August 28, the final phase of the Deer Creek project will be tackled, and on October 2 we will have a workday on Coolspring, to address deflectors that need repair. Also on June 1, members planted 50 trees on Coolspring, to help prevent bank erosion and replace some taken out by beavers. We're moving forward with our first Trout in the Classroom project, after receiving a startup grant. We look forward to working with Rick Stephens at Delahunty Middle School this fall.

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We released over 250 trout in conjunction with our three Trout in the Classroom schools. We continued to monitor the riparian buffer plantings completed last fall on Watson Creek and this spring on Cooks Creek. We are planning several riparian buffer projects this fall. This spring, we received a grant to purchase stream temperature data loggers and computer software, to do an intensive water temperature survey of the Mill Creek watershed. We hope to see the thermal impact that in-stream ponds, areas lacking in riparian buffer and tributaries are having, which will help us identify remediation projects.

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We did our annual stream cleanup along Ridley Creek's Catch and Release Fly Fishing Only section. Some members also assisted the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission with their spring stocking in Ridley Creek State Park.

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We had a successful fund-raiser with the raffle of a fly tying bench made and donated by member Ken Tiejens. Trees were planted along the West Branch of the Perkiomen Creek, on the Longacre property. This is the property that the chapter has been working with the PFBC on stream bank stabilization. The third phase of the project is scheduled for later this year. The chapter continues to reach out to local schools for Trout in the Classroom participation.

primarily for consumption. We do believe, however, that creel and size limits need to be tailored more closely to the preservation and enhancement of wild trout populations.

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On April 10, we planted 100 trees and did maintenance work at the Land Trust, in Horsham. On April 24, we assisted the Rotary Club with a fishing tournament for kids, at Lorimer Park in Abington. The chapter, the Blair Mill Elementary School and other groups presented the 2nd annual "Watershed Day," on May 1. As part of Tree Revitalize, Blair Mill families and community members planted 80 trees along the stream behind the school. For the Clearwater Park project, the benefits of planting a natural wetland were introduced to the community, and area environmental organizations did presentations.

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We recently held a fly fishing clinic, headed by Rick Bell. The students were given an entomology lesson and collected microinvertebrates on the stream. This was followed by a fly casting lesson, and then the students were taken on the Tully for some fishing. Two breakfasts were held for chapter members and friends. We are preparing for our annual raffle drawing, to finance stream work and educational programs. We recently completed a stream project on Ponches Run, in the Nolde Forest area. Logs were pinned to help restore the stream bank due to erosion.

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We have become very involved with the Marcellus Shale issue, helping form a coalition. The coalition is made up of the Valley Creek Restoration Partnership; The League of Women Voters; Cabrini College; West Chester Fish, Game and Wildlife; the local chapter of the Sierra Club; Green Valleys Association, and members of religious organizations, with support from Penn Environment and Clean Water Action. We will reach out to community groups, religious organizations, local universities and other organizations. Our focus has been a letter-writing campaign and visits with legislators to support a severance tax, a moratorium on new drilling until stronger regulations are in place, and an immediate halt to leasing state forest land for gas drilling. We worked with Penn Environment to support TU Lobby Day, to meet and share our views with state senators and representatives. Chapter volunteers reached out to the residents of a large neighborhood association located along Valley Creek, to start a "Friends of Valley Creek" group. Those interested will become stream watchers and hopefully support, through their homeowners association, improvements that result in better stormwater management. The backyard ecology program has completed rain gardens or landscaping plantings at four residences, to demonstrate to homeowners what they can do on their properties to help control stormwater runoff.

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Chapter members are building our website. History articles, stream restoration photos, documentation records, partnerships, banquet photos, chapter awards, etc. are needed. A newly designed newsletter has increased chapter awareness. May 22 was the annual chapter banquet. A three-year stream restoration plan for Opossum Creek has been finalized, with a corporate sponsor providing the complete funding. A stream survey of the Conewago Creek was accomplished June 21. Five members were to be guest speakers at the Northern Virginia Chapter TU meeting July 1, speaking on the Conewago Creek partnership. Our Conewago stream cleanup was held on March 27. South-central Outdoors for Youth was held the same day as the evening banquet this year. In all, 167 kids attended the youth event, and some chapter members instructed fly tying, while others manned the trout fishing tanks. The chapter participated in float stocking the regulated waters of the Conewago Creek, with the Fish and Boat Commission, on April 23. The chapter assisted with the Envirothon on May 5 (grade schools) and May 7 (high schools), with the Adams County Conservation District. The chapter recently completed its first Trout in the Classroom partnership, with the Adams County Conservation District watershed specialist, and we will be bringing two more high schools on board in 2010-11. We believe this program has the capabilities to "hook up" kids to carry the torch for protecting our natural resources for generations to come. The chapter held its annual camp-out June 4-6, which was very successful in building relationships within the ranks, as well as with the landowner. In July, the chapter will team up with Northern Virginia TU, our partnering chapter of 28 years, to work on repairing stream buffers and habitat structures on the Conewago

Codorus Chapter #558

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The chapter recently worked out an important agreement with a local hunting club. The club leases hunting rights on a parcel that includes a substantial portion of the Codorus. The parcel has been posted for the last several seasons. Under the agreement, the club will allow fishing through September 15. This restores access to more than one-half mile of the stream's Trophy Trout water, but it will be protected during trout spawning time. We are grateful to the club for their cooperation. Our annual stream cleanup day took place April 17. We continue to monitor the construction of the new sewage treatment plant in the upper Codorus watershed. We have also been in communication with the local York County Conservation District office, which has been performing periodic inspections. We're pleased to report that the contractors have stayed compliant and so far no unfavorable events have taken place. Because of the impending start-up of the sewer plant, we'd like to gather some baseline data to establish a "before picture" of the creek. We've spoken with and received bids from two local environmental firms and hope to have a program underway in the near future. A local watershed restoration specialist walked the stream with us earlier this year and identified a potential project along a damaged and vulnerable section of stream bank. He is currently completing plans, securing the proper permits, and investigating potential funding sources to get the project started.

Cumberland Valley Chapter #052

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Our ladies' fly fishing course was held at Eric Edstrom's home, on Childrens Lake in Boiling Springs. The chapter sponsored trips to Pine Creek and East Licking Creek. Our two-day annual Reel Recovery project went as planned. We hosted the annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp as usual. We initiated a program named "Street to Streams." It involves a two-day camp, with participants provided by the Cumberland County Juvenile Probation Department. We are pleased to do something that may change the direction in which these youths are heading. We returned with students from Cumberland Valley High School to inspect, maintain and mulch the riparian planting at the Spanglers Mill dam removal site. A barrier was constructed in the Yellow Breeches at the Allenberry Resort to stop serious bank erosion around one of the old existing low-head barriers. It was done by students at the youth camp, along with chapter members and contractor John Gleim, with supervision by the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission. Progress is being made on removing two more dams on the Yellow Breeches. This is sponsored by American Rivers, in cooperation with an Orvis matching grant. This reduces the total number of dams left to five; we've been told there were originally 15.

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We have been active in the formation of the Clark's Creek Watershed Association, formed to address current and potential dangers for this coldwater stream. Organizational meetings have been held, and we are involved in monitoring the stream, in concert with the Dauphin County Conservation District. We sponsored a children's fly tying class this year, in cooperation with Gander Mountain, which was quite successful. The class celebrated by fishing together on Clark's Creek and in Ed O'Gorman's pond. We had a wonderful event for veterans from the Lebanon V.A. Hospital on June 5, also on Clark's Creek and Ed O'Gorman's pond. There was remarkable community support for the event again this year. A wonderful time was had by all, veterans, guides and helpers alike. We anticipate continuing this event annually and will be visiting the veterans during the year. Our goal is to introduce them to fly tying this winter. We had our annual Conservation Banquet on March 27, and it was a smashing success. Our net profit was the greatest in our history, reflecting the willingness of participants to give freely to a cause with which they could identify, the economy notwithstanding. We have approved the final version of a plan to install a passive treatment system on Rausch Creek, the major tributary of Stony Creek. This system will operate together with our diversion wells, but will take most of the load off the wells. Our hope was to reach two goals: reduction of the enormous physical effort needed to maintain the well and to further reduce the acidity of the stream, which is only addressed to a partial degree by the wells.

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Mark McMaster is creating a new website for the chapter, which should be completed very soon. A youth fly casting/fishing educational program was scheduled for June 19. This is a new program, developed from the "First Cast" program, and at this writing had more applicants than slots available. Kevin Hirst is directing this new program for the chapter. Our 31st annual banquet was held at the Host Resort, Lancaster, on March 27, with 249 attending. Thos banquet turned out to be our most successful ever. The Fishing Creek Project was scheduled for June 21-24. The Conowingo Creek project scheduled for this summer will be on the Herb Weaver farm. The project has been funded by Act 319, in the amount of \$383,400. Bob Kutz and Ted Downs went to Washington, D.C., to assist our lobbyist by meeting with our Congressman's representatives to support passage of an environmental bill proposed by Senator Cardin, of Maryland. Fred Bohls and Devin DeMario also attended to support the bill. The Climbers Run project has one phase completed. That is the installation of a cattle cross-

ing on the Levi Esh farm. The second and more complex phase has been held up by the Pa. Historic and Museum Commission. This project was planned for completion this summer, but is now awaiting the outcome of our special request to the commission

Falling Spring Chapter #234

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Chapter members attended the Franklin County Youth Day, helping kids tie Green Weenies. The chapter once again worked with Wounded Warriors this year, on the Conococheague. Here is a link to an article on that great day. I am a journalist and accompanied the group on a Project Healing Waters trip at Shippensburg, back in May of 2009. My article about that trip initially appeared in Recreation News, the Mid Atlantic's largest travel and leisure monthly tabloid. That same article has just appeared in BloodKnot, a brand new online fly fishing magazine. You can see it at <http://bloodknot.net/blood-knot-magazine/>. This initial issue is dedicated to the military. We are getting the chapter banquet process started, and we will be getting another letter out to all the members, with raffle and dinner tickets. We have a Scott A3 rod and reel that we are going to sell raffle tickets for. The banquet is October 2, at the Marine Corps office across from T.B. Woods, off Fifth Ave in Chambersburg. The project on the Galen Powers property has been completed by Ecotone. It looks great, and trout already are calling the restored area home. Just before the project was done we lost a great landowner. Galen lost his battle with cancer. He will be sorely missed. The chapter will begin the annual Thursday night work project in July. Time is 5 p.m. and the meeting place is Springview Drive, off Falling Spring Road.

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The chapter stocked 1,000 brown trout from the co-op nursery in January. In February, the Catch and Release Fly Fishing Only project received its preseason allocation of 8,000 trout from the PFBC. Chapter volunteers shoveled more than 2 feet of snow to make this happen, and also float stocked the fly area. We have completed the DCNR Rivers Conservation Plan grant requirements. This \$50,000 matching funds project was financed in part by a grant from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program, Keystone Recreation, Parks and Conservation Fund, under the administration of the Pa. Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation. We have begun our riparian buffer planting on the North Branch of Muddy Creek, in the Felton area. The chapter has pledged more than \$10,000 toward plants and labor to establish a stream-side buffer along this 4,000-foot stream restoration project, funded by the DEP's Growing Greener II.

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We had our annual youth environmental awareness and fishing outing in June, at the Armstrong County Sportsmen's, in West Kittanning. We met with Pa. Fish and Boat Commission biologist Al Woomey, with the hope of establishing a second DHALO area on Plum Creek. During the past several years, stream improvement structures have been placed in the stream by the Armstrong County Conservation District. Approval of another DHALO would intensify recreational trout fishing in the stream. The chapter's annual banquet, held in March, was a success. Thanks to all who assisted, as well as to the family of the late George Gallaher. They generously donated a Sage Rod in his memory and made outstanding contributions throughout the years to our youth initiatives.

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The chapter anticipates sponsoring two Trout in the Classroom projects in the Albert Gallatin and Frazier area school districts in the 2010-11 school year. We look forward to a presentation by a school district on their Trout in the Classroom project, at a future chapter meeting. The annual picnic at the Youghiogheny tailrace was scheduled for July 17. Prior to the picnic, we anticipated stocking the Youghiogheny River with trout from our cage culture nursery. Jonathan Run: The chapter is still waiting for a response from the DEP on the comments it filed regarding the proposed NPDES limits for the acid mine treatment facility. The gist of our comments centered around returning Jonathan Run to its Exceptional Value designation and

restoring and maintaining a native brook trout population. Recall that the DEP and the mining company have entered into an agreement that requires interim treatment of acidic mine drainage from the site. Unfortunately, a reliable source characterized the interim treatment as a "joke" and that only a small percentage of the acid mine drainage generated is being captured and treated. We anticipate arranging a site visit and informing the DEP accordingly. Morgan Run: The Chapter has received a \$1,000 grant from Dominion Gas to evaluate the efficacy of the recently completed acid mine discharge remediation project. Data collected on the effectiveness of this strategy in improving water quality of acid mine discharge impacted streams would provide useful guidelines for future projects. The chapter has partnered with the California University of Pennsylvania, which collected samples 10 meters upstream, 300 meters downstream, and 2000 meters downstream from the discharge of the remediation project. Project activities included sampling of fish and the macroinvertebrate community and water quality parameters such as iron, aluminum, and total dissolved solids. The results of the sampling will be summarized in a report. It has come to our attention that several large acid seeps believed to contain little or no metals are deteriorating the water quality in Morgan Run. We anticipate developing a remediation plan. Laurel Hill Creek Water Resources Management Plan: The public meeting on Phase I of the Water Resource Management Plan was held, with about 35 people in attendance. All attendees were very interested in the plan and the work being done to balance the need for drinking water and the water needed to sustain the ecosystem of the watershed. The Draft Land Use Plan is being reviewed and the final plan was to be submitted the end of June or beginning of July. Several townships have expressed an interest zoning or ordinances to further protect groundwater recharge areas. Phase II and III are continuing and were to be finished by June 30. Sediment samples have been taken and are being analyzed from 10 farms in the upper portion of the watershed. A specific conductance probe has been installed at the Bakersville gage by the USGS. As part of the Laurel Hill Creek hydrologic study, it was determined that water being withdrawn from Back Creek, a tributary to Indian Creek on the other side of Laurel Ridge, may be interacting with the recharge to Laurel Hill Creek. A study is underway in the Back Creek watershed to verify if this is the case. Glade Run: The chapter has received a \$9,450 grant from the Growing Greener Plus program to continue alkaline sand addition and monitoring on Glade Run, Big Piney and Little Piney. This technology has proven to be a successful and cost-effective treatment for mitigating acidic flows and restoring the biological integrity of the stream. Native brook trout have returned to Glade Run. Dunbar Creek below the Glade Run/Little Dunbar confluence is an important regional trout fishery. This confluence marks the upper end of the Delayed Harvest Fly Fishing Only project. The project attracts local as well as out of state anglers to the area, who purchase goods and services in an economically distressed region. Continuation of the Glade Run project is a must for the trout in the stream and the people of this region.

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The chapter thanked this year's key project volunteers by hosting them to a long weekend of fly fishing on Spring Creek, at the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission's Stackhouse training center. We also thanked the community for supporting our annual fund-raising banquet, by livening up the DHALO section of Loyalhanna Creek in Ligonier with a trophy size brown trout. Our three Trout in the Classroom projects livened up Linn Run State Park, with the sounds of 200 excited and wet 7th graders releasing "their" trout into the wild. Our Youth Group spring activities included fly casting lessons from FFF-certified casting instructor Leo Vensel, and a very successful on-stream fly fishing "practical exercise." We alerted the local community to the need for an emergency stream bank protection project now underway along Naugle Run, a tributary of a Class A wild trout stream. We continued our wild brook trout restoration project on Rock Run, in Linn Run State Park. We participated with local conservation organizations, initiating planning for a major new trout habitat restoration project, to include handicap access, on Mill Creek, in Ligonier Township, Westmoreland County.

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Chapter members again participated in the Bedford County Youth Field Day, held on June 5. Members assisted nearly 140 kids in tying their own flies. For many it was their first! July brought a fish habitat restoration project on Wallack's Branch of Bob's Creek. Under the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture Fish Habitat Partnership, through the National Fish Habitat Action Plan, this fish habitat restoration project benefits brook trout populations in Wallack's Branch of Bob's Creek, Bedford County, by removing fish barriers and creating in-stream habitat. Modifications to five small structures (including small dams) that currently reduce free movement of trout within the stream in Wallack's Branch will allow fish to move without impediment throughout the stream. Additionally, 23 new structures were to be installed to provide fish habitat. These structures include single log vanes, multi-log vanes, stone deflectors, cross vanes, root wads, and a bank-fill bench, which help create cover and varying flows for resting and feeding, and help direct water movement during high flow events. The project was to begin at the mouth of Wallack's Branch and extend approximately two miles upstream. Construction is set to begin the week of July 19. After construction is completed, a fish survey will be conducted on the stretch of stream to assess brook trout populations and compare the population to pretreatment levels. We are in the planning stages of our 2nd Annual Chapter Picnic, which is held jointly with the John Kennedy Chapter. This event will be on August 28 at the Newry Lions Club. If interested in attending, contact Derrick Miller of FBTU or Jerry Green of JKTU.

John Kennedy Chapter #045

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Plans are underway to hold our banquet on August 28. On June 19, we were at the Yellow Creek Coalition Pig Roast. On June 5, we did fly tying at Blair County Sportsmen's Youth Field Days. On May 17, we had our Trout in the Classroom release day for St. Benedict's, with fly tying, macroinvertebrate identification, water testing and a DVD on stream buffers; 121 students participated. On May 25, we had a Trout in the Classroom fish release for Altoona Jr. High School, with fly tying, macros, stream mechanics and farm BMPs; 87 students participated. On July 16-19, we worked on the Mary Ann's Creek Stream Restoration Project (see story, page 7). The Poplar Run Stream Restoration Project date is not set yet. We will be a partner in the Project Healing Waters program at Altoona V.A. Hospital.

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The chapter had a successful fund-raising banquet in March. We did our annual stream survey on Little Mahoning Creek. The creek scored average. We are planning upcoming youth events. We have been awarded a Trout in the Classroom grant and will be partnering with Homer Center High School this fall. The chapter continues to monitor our area streams and looks forward to future projects. We plan to have our annual pig roast in early September.

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June 5 saw the chapter join SCRIP (Stonycreek-Conemaugh River Improvement Project), the Somerset County Conservation District and the Conemaugh Valley Conservancy (Kiski Stream Team) in sponsoring the movie "Gasland," at North Star High School. This showing is another step we are taking to address our concerns about Marcellus Shale gas fracking. We have a position paper and statement on it on our website. We feel that, if unregulated, this poses the biggest threat to our coldwater fisheries since industrial practices a century ago. In July, we had workdays on Canoe Creek. August 14 and 21 are Bens Creek workdays.

Penns Woods West Chapter #042

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Our fly fishing seminar on March 20, at St. Bedes Church, was well attended. The annual bus trip to Fisherman's Paradise on Spring Creek was a success. A work weekend is scheduled for September, on Pine Creek. We continue to work with the North Area Environmental Council and the Allison Park Sportsman's Club in promoting and protecting this watershed. 

REVISED ENVIRONMENTAL, TROUT MANAGEMENT POLICIES

To guide and determine future decisions of its council and its chapters, PATU committees have authored, over several years, 13 policies covering environmental and trout management concerns. Each policy simply expresses how we should go about things, as well as our recommendations to state and federal agencies for managing and preserving our coldwater fisheries and their environments. All 13 policies will be published in Pennsylvania TROUT (below is the list of published policies and the issue in which they appeared). These are more than guidelines; they are the policies we expect chapters to go by. At the same time, we welcome any suggestions for change. Our charge is to review, and update if warranted, each policy every three years. But there's lots more to it than that. I hope you will read the policies as they come down the pike, with the idea of learning something about aquatic resources and how to conserve and enhance them. I know we all learned a lot in putting them together, and we hope you will too. -- Ed Bellis, TU Environmental Committee

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited POLICY ON WETLANDS

Pennsylvania's landscape is composed of less than two percent (498,000 acres) of wetland habitats. Substantial loss of these habitats has already occurred and additional losses are threatened by land use activities such as increasing urbanization; road construction; improper agricultural, lumbering, and mineral extraction practices; certain recreational activities; and conversions of wetlands to deepwater habitats (lakes and ponds).

Wetlands are areas inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support vegetation adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Commonly known as bogs, marshes, seeps or swamps, many (perhaps most) wetlands are adjacent to or hydrologically connected to streams, rivers, ponds or lakes. Other wetlands, called isolated wetlands, are seemingly not connected to waterways. Wetlands provide critical functions and values to Pennsylvania's citizens and aquatic ecosystems and biodiversity including our coldwater fisheries resources.

The widely recognized functions and values of wetlands are to:

1. Deter erosion and sedimentation.
2. Buffer point and non-point sources of pollution.
3. Absorb and mitigate potential floodwaters.

4. Store snow melt and rainwater which discharges into streams and helps to maintain base flow.

5. Provide habitat for a rich diversity of vegetation and wildlife including rare, threatened and endangered species.

6. Provide organic materials to waterways which are especially important in infertile headwater streams.

7. Provide cover for fish and other aquatic organisms.

8. Provide shade to maintain cooler water temperatures.

9. Have scenic beauty, aesthetic and heritage values and serve as focal points for a variety of outdoor recreation, education and scientific research.

To ensure that wetland habitats receive the preservation and protection merited by their functions and values, PATU recommends the following policy guidelines:

1. Appropriate Commonwealth agencies shall be encouraged to develop stronger regulations to preserve and protect wetland habitats.

2. Any existing regulations or new regulations developed to preserve and protect wetland habitats must be strictly and equitably enforced statewide.

3. Any wetland disturbances should be reported to appropriate authorities.

4. Research projects on wetland habitat functions, values, preservation and protection shall be developed and supported.



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5. Commonwealth agencies and other government entities shall be encouraged to develop and implement high quality educational programs to inform the citizens of Pennsylvania about the importance of wetland habitats and how best to protect and enhance them.

6. Wetland encroachment permits should be issued only for unavoidable impacts.

7. Highest quality wetlands must receive the highest level of protection in the permitting process.

8. A periodic review by a qualified independent entity should be conducted on the Commonwealth's wetland banking program.

9. Mitigation must only be used to reduce unavoidable impacts and ideally should result in a net gain.

10. Special attention shall be given to the prevention of adverse cumulative effects of wetland losses in any given watershed.

11. Commonwealth agencies and conservation organizations should be encouraged to purchase or acquire easements on wetlands.

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Water Withdrawal & Inter-basin Transfer	Winter 2010
Trout Management	Spring 2010

* Please note correction to Oil and Gas Policy -- Item 4 should read: "Full-cost bonding should be required to ensure that all permitted wells, when production is suspended or terminated, are closed using the most current Best Management Practices (BMPs) in accordance with Commonwealth rules and regulations."