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PATU Membership Meeting set for Sept. 10

This year, PA Council of Trout Unlimited's Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10 at Lambert Hall in Bellefonte. This facility has ample capacity to accommodate several hundred people, so we are looking forward to a record attendance for this annual fall event.

The event promises a variety of activities and learning opportunities for chapter officers and members alike.

See page 6 for more information and a registration form for the PATU Membership Meeting at Lambert Hall in Bellefonte.

Deadline to register is Sept. 5.

There will be training on a variety of subjects, including youth clearance procedures, stream restoration techniques, and tips for working with National TU's Project Finder tools.

On the lighter side of things, there will be

a fly casting competition, fly swap, raffle prizes and, of course, George Kutskel's much-anticipated annual pig roast. PATU awards will be presented to deserving chapters and individuals, and election of Council officers will also take place.

Out with a splash! TIC program enjoys another great year

By Tali MacArthur
PATU Program Director

"Dear Trout Unlimited, We had a great time with Trout in the Classroom this year. Even though we had some water quality problems throughout the year, we were able to release 24 fingerlings. On our release trip, we saw a bald eagle, did stream quality testing, and learned about cavity nesting birds. Thank you for your support..."

Your Friends at Jersey Shore High School, Life Skills Support

When I have to write something official about Trout in the Classroom, I say, "Trout in the Classroom is an interdisciplinary



Christian Shane Photo

Brook trout fingerlings are netted in advance of being transported for release in a nearby creek after being raised as part of a Trout in the Classroom program. For a first-hand look at a TIC release day, see pages 2-3.

program in which students in grades 3-12 learn about coldwater stream ecosystems and environmental conservation while raising brook trout from eggs to fingerlings in a classroom aquarium. This act of raising, monitoring and caring for young trout fosters a conservation ethic within

participating students and promotes an understanding of their shared water resources. While the immediate goal of TIC is to increase student knowledge of water quality and coldwater conservation, its

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Photos contributed by Christian Shane

Teacher and TIC coordinator for Penn's Woods West Christian Shane speaks to students and adults during the chapter's release day this spring.

A first-hand look at a TIC release day

By Christian Shane
Penn's Woods West Chapter

Our 10th year of participating in the Trout in the Classroom project ended on a great April afternoon. On April 2, students and families from McKnight Elementary in the North Allegheny School District participated in the Finny Friend Release Day at North Park Lake to release our brook trout fingerlings.

Transporting the Trout

In order to get the trout from our classroom tank to North Park, the brookies had to be netted, counted and placed in an insulated container. Then we drove more than 260 trout fingerlings from our school to North Park, keeping the temperature in the container at about 52 degrees Fahrenheit.

After arriving at North Park around noon, we began tempering the water. Luckily, the North Park Lake water was close to our tank temperature of 53. That meant only one degree of separation between our tank water and the release water – very optimal!

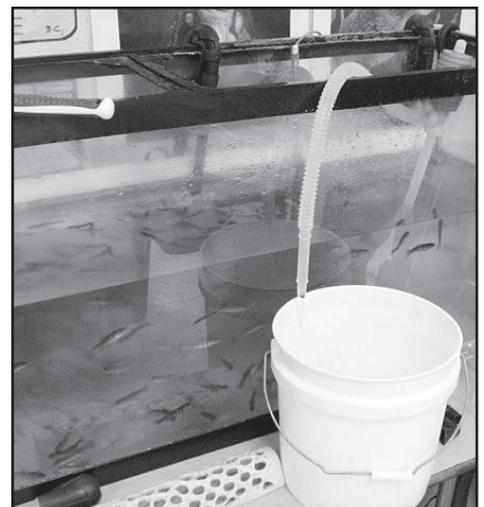
Displaying the Trout

Preparations began for the big trout release at the Latrobe Grove by the Boat House. First, we poured the trout from the container into a larger cooler for display.

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After students nicknamed their fish, we used trout cut-outs on the school windows to display our unique “Finny Friend” names.



We drained the tank water level down in order to net more than 250 brook trout to transport to North Park.

“As everyone gathered around the trout, I explained a little about the TIC project, thanked my students for participating and directed the kiddos the proper way to release the trout.”

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We were sure to keep the aerator going as to keep them pumping with fresh oxygen. Then we set up the Grove for the students and families’ arrival.

Trout Tickets

Carrying their Trout Tickets, and with some even wearing their bright orange TIC shirts, more than 150 students and their families arrived at 1 p.m. for the Finny Friend Release. It was windy, but mild April day.

As everyone gathered around the trout, I explained a little about the TIC project, thanked my students for participating and directed the kiddos the proper way to release the trout.

Then the kids looked on their Trout Tickets to see in what order they would be releasing their fish. Each one with a ticket received their brook trout in the small container to walk over to the upper lake at North Park.

Some of the names the kids named their trout were hysterical. We had differing versions of Bob (Mr. Bobby, Bobbie, Billy Bob Broccoli, Bubba) and Finn (Finny, Finelope, Fin the Fish, Finsworthy, Mr. Finster, Finday, Fin Folk). We had some watery names such as Bubbles, Flippers, Splash, Swimmy, Scales, Guppy, Gill, Trouty, and Troutie T. Some kiddos that participated in past releases names some of their kin like Summer the 2nd, Trouty Jr., Frank II, Mr. Shane the 2nd, and Little Chubbers IV. Then there were just some creative names like Mr. Awesomeness, Roy G. Biv, Fish Sticks, T-Rout, Lulu Lollipop, Billy Bob Mo Joe Tom Pickle.

The event lasted for an hour with the sun shining to keep us all warm. Every kiddo who attended released one of our Finny Friends.

It was a great culmination of a great project!



The fingerlings are transferred into an aerated cooler for transport.



Once on-site, Aaron Shane helps net the fish into the containers.



The trout are ready for release in their individual containers.

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Headwaters

A message from PATU President Charlie Charlesworth

Before I start with my pearls of wisdom, I would like to take care of some house-keeping items.

First on my list is to congratulate both the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp and the new Keystone/TUTEens Conservation Camp, as well as the Cumberland Valley, Stanley Cooper and Lackawanna Valley chapters for their great work with these two summer camps. Kudos go out to all who were involved.

I have been told the Mountain Laurel Chapter last month had the largest and most profitable banquet in its history.

I love to talk about our Women's Initiative and our Youth Education programs. We can all be very thankful that there are more and more women involved in fly fishing. It is through those women entering TU that we were able to get longtime member Judi Sittler to take over as our Youth Education chair and join the National Leadership Council's Youth Education Committee. A great lady, Kandy Weader, has done the same for our Women's Initiative and also serves on the NLC Women's Initiative Committee.

With great volunteers like these it is not hard to serve as president. It sure makes my job a great deal easier.

For those of you living and volunteering in the North Central region there is another housekeeping issue we need to take care of. We have sent out a notice to all chapter leaders in the region announcing a meeting of leaders from your chapters and anyone else interested in running for the position

of North Central Regional Vice President. Your chapters have been operating for some time without a regional VP whose job it is to act as a liaison between the TU chapters in your region and PATU. To accomplish this, the RVP must develop a solid working relationship with each of his/her chapter presidents, other chapter leaders and future leaders. It is the RVP's responsibility to be aware of any chapter issues, including but not limited to financial, leadership, membership, communication, conservation, and education. When necessary, the RVP is to consult with the PATU Executive Committee to help resolve chapter issues. For more information, please attend our meeting on Sunday, Aug. 21 at the Community Meeting Room of the Woolrich Corporation in Woolrich, PA. Please RSVP with Tali MacArthur at 814-359-5233 or c-tmacarth@pa.gov.

A special thanks goes out to the chapters that have helped set up and sponsor eight National TU 5 Rivers college clubs on the campuses of Penn State, Lehigh, Keystone, Scranton, Juniata, Bloomsburg and two campuses of the University of Pittsburgh. This program is expanding throughout the country with more than 60 universities in 11 states. Pennsylvania started slowly, but within a three-year period developed into a state with one of the most college/chapter relationships. If you have a college near your chapter and want more information on starting a 5 Rivers club on your campus please call me at 570-954-5042 or Judi Sittler at 814-861-3288.



Program. The Master Watershed Steward Program is based on the highly successful Penn State Master Gardener program.

First to develop this pioneering program was a group of extension offices in the five-county area surrounding Allentown (Forks of the Delaware). After hearing about the program in Allentown and before it even got underway, members of the Stanley Cooper and Lackawanna Valley chapters, the Lackawanna and Luzerne County conservation districts, and the Lackawanna River Conservation Association petitioned the Luzerne County Agricultural Office to start the same program in northeastern PA.

I am in the process of completing the course, and so far have found it to be very promising and worthwhile. Holders of this certificate will be considered by members of their local communities as the "go-to" people regarding watershed matters. It is another way of gaining knowledge and at the same time creating good public relations in your region. Perhaps it can even be utilized as a recruiting tool.

In closing, I must say that I am very much looking forward to seeing you all at the PATU annual Membership Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Lambert Center in Bellefonte. Keep in mind that while your chapter is required to have a chapter officer in attendance, that shouldn't preclude you as a chapter member from coming out to learn about how Trout Unlimited works for your chapter and council. There will be some great presenters, including representatives from National TU.

I'm also looking forward to some higher, colder water. I hope that all of you have taken the "70 Degree Pledge."



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long-term goal is to reconnect an increasingly urbanized population of youths to the system of streams, rivers and watersheds that sustain them.”

I think maybe the students from Jersey Shore tell the story and convey the successes and setbacks as well as the excitement of learning better than my official program description.

Jersey Shore was one of 282 classrooms that participated in the program during the 2015-2016 school year. That means more than 25,000 students gained hands-on experience raising the fish in their classrooms, learning about fish life cycles, discovering coldwater streams and ecosystems, and exploring concepts related to environmental stewardship and conservation.

As usual, Program Partners, including at least 37 TU chapters statewide, were critical to TIC’s success. Program Partners and other organizations contributed almost 5,400 volunteer hours this year; of those, TU chapters contributed more than 1,180 hours. These included presentations to students in the classroom about macros, AMD, invasive species and more as well as hands-on fishing and casting lessons, fish electroshocking demonstrations, macro identifications and riparian buffer planting projects.

PATU provided more than \$5,000 in Existing Program Grants to 17 schools. These funds were used to replace equipment and for release day field trip costs. PATU continued to partner with the PA Fish and Boat Commission to implement the program and to ensure a successful and meaningful program for students, teachers, and Program Partners. However,

TIC also depends on the support of local TU chapters and their members, including contributions to the TIC raffle in excess of \$7,600. We thank you very much for the effort and resources you put forth.

Word about this amazing opportunity and experience for the students (a.k.a. future anglers, conservation stewards and TU members) is spreading. The new TIC teacher workshop for the 2016-2017 school year was over-subscribed by 40% and a second date has been scheduled to meet demand. They will be held at the Benner Spring Hatchery in Bellefonte on Aug. 9 and 10.

Thank you again to everyone who has and continues to support this program. To learn more, visit www.patrountotheclassroom.org or contact PATU Program Director Tali MacArthur at c-tmcarth@pa.gov to learn how you can volunteer your time or support the Existing TIC Program Grant.

Women’s Initiative

If your chapter is sponsoring an event or if you want to have an event contact Women’s Initiative Chair Kandy Weader by email at kweader@comcast.net or by phone at 814-574-5570.

Follow PATU’s Women’s Initiative on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PAWomenOfTroutUnlimited/>.

Upcoming:

Spring Creek Women Anglers meets in State College at 6 p.m. Aug. 27, 2 p.m. Sept. 25 and 2 p.m. Oct. 16.

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2016 PATU Annual Membership Meeting

Lambert Hall, Bellefonte, PA
September 10, 2016

Pennsylvania Council's annual Membership Meeting is our way of saying thank you to each chapter for their dedication in protecting, conserving and restoring Pennsylvania's coldwater streams.

This year's event includes training sessions that will provide ideas and strategies for building membership and protecting our coldwater resources. We are also encouraging members and those interested in learning more about Trout Unlimited to attend.



TENTATIVE AGENDA

8:30 a.m. – Registration and Light Breakfast

9:30 a.m. – Welcome and Announcements; Charlie Charlesworth, PATU President

9:45 a.m. – PATU: A Year in Review; Tali MacArthur, Program Director

10 a.m. – TU Chapters Celebration of Accomplishments; TU Chapter Leaders

11 a.m. – Break

11:15 a.m. – National TU Successes and Challenges; Jeff Yates, Director of Volunteer Operations

11:30 a.m. – Grant\$ for Future Project\$; Tali MacArthur, Program Director

12 p.m. – Distribution of Ballots and Lunch

1 p.m. – Trainings

- New Clearance Requirements and What they mean for TU Youth Programs; Chris Burns, Valley Forge TU and Southeast Regional VP
- Support and design assistance for instream habitat projects, dirt and gravel road improvements, buffer

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Chapter: _____ Chapter Position: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I will bring a raffle item.

I would like to participate in the Fly Swap (need to bring a dozen flies to swap with other participants)?

I am happy to assist with: sign-in table meal prep
 clean-up facility clean-up

We need your help to make this event a success.

Registration deadline is September 5

(Please make checks payable to PA Trout)

The cost to attend is \$35/ person and includes all events and meals (excluding raffle).

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More information on meeting activities can be found at www.patrou.org.

plantings, and culvert assessments;
Philip Thomas, TU (30 min)

- TU's Project Finder Reporting Tool
Tips; Jeff Yates (60 min)

- The Troutlook: Research and Blog
site; Shannon White, Ph.D. Candi-
date Penn State University (30 min)

3 p.m. – Fly Swap and Casting Com-
petition

4 p.m. – Election, Awards and Raffle

6 p.m. – Dinner and Socializing

DETAILS

Location: Lambert Hall is located at 303 Forge Road off Route 144 and Blanchard Road in Bellefonte, PA 16823.

Cost: The cost for the weekend is \$35 per person, and includes light breakfast, lunch, the annual pig roast, programs and handouts.

Directions: To Lambert Hall, Belle-
fonte.

From State College and points south:

Take Interstate 99N to exit 80 and turn left onto N Harrison Rd. After half a mile turn right on Blanchard St. Go 2 miles and turn left on Forge Rd. Lambert Hall will be on your right.

From Interstate 80 and points north, east and west: Take exit 161 for Rt. 220S/ Rt 26 toward I-99S/Bellefonte. Turn onto PA-26 S/220S. Continue onto I-99S/220S. Take exit 83 for PA-550 toward Bellefonte. Turn right onto PA-550. After 1.5 miles turn left onto Blanchard and right onto Forge. Lambert Hall will be on your right.

Lodging: Local options include the EconoLodge 3482 Benner Pike, Bellefonte 814-355-5561; The Queen B&B 176 E. Linn St., Bellefonte; Riffles and Runs B&B 217 N. Spring St., Bellefonte; and many hotel and motel options in State College.

Questions: Contact Tali MacArthur, PATU Program Director, at c-tmacarth@pa.gov or 814-359-5233.

Revisions to PATU Bylaws

The following revisions (in *bold italics*) as proposed for the PA Council Bylaws were approved by the Executive Committee on July 16, 2016, and will be voted on for acceptance by the general membership at the PATU Annual Membership Meeting on Sept. 10, 2016.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

SECTION 3: Vice Presidents – The Council shall have two (2) Vice Presidents. Each shall be an ex-officio member of one half of the Standing Committees. They shall make sure that their Committees meet in a timely manner, and that Committee quarterly reports are submitted to the President and Secretary for inclusion in the Executive Committee packet, with action items highlighted. When Committee Chairpersons cannot attend Executive Committee meetings to give their quarterly oral report, their Vice President may do so. ~~Vice Presidents shall be responsible for seeing that their Committees regularly report activities to the Newsletter Editor.~~ They shall also facilitate communication between Committees and Chapters needing advice and aid. Vice Presidents shall assist the President in filling open positions on their Committees, especially those requiring

counsel. The Council President has the exclusive right to assign each Vice President the Committees he or she is responsible for, following the Annual Membership Meeting elections.

Each of the two (2) Vice Presidents shall also be responsible for oversight and accountability for those Regional Vice Presidents as mutually determined and agreed to.

SECTION 4: Regional Vice Presidents – Regional Vice Presidents shall report to and are accountable to *one of the two (2) Vice Presidents who shall determine their respective Regional coverage* as indicated in the Accountability and Communications Flow Chart (Addendum B) attached hereto and made a part hereof. Day-to-day *regional* operational or administrative problems should be resolved at this level, with the ~~responsibility of the~~ Regional Vice Presidents *responsible for adequately addressing such the* problems and *its their* ramifications and *to for* ensuring that satisfactory resolutions to the problems ~~are be~~ obtained. In the event such problems cannot be resolved at the Regional level, they will be addressed at the Council level.

ARTICLE VIII – COUNCIL/CHAPTER RELATIONSHIP

SECTION 5: Quarterly Report – *One (1) week prior to Council's quarterly re-*

porting deadline, each Chapter shall file a Quarterly Activity Report in conformity with the reporting requirements as established by the Council Secretary.

SECTION 6: Annual Meeting – *The Chapter President or duly-appointed Delegate(s) of each Chapter shall attend the Annual Membership Meeting for the purpose of electing Council Officers and conducting other Council business as deemed appropriate.*

Failure of a Chapter to comply with any or all of the requirements listed in SECTION 4, SECTION 5 and SECTION 6 shall be considered due cause for Council to withhold Council grant opportunities from the offending Chapter, and could also lead to de-chartering of that Chapter if the deficiency remains unresolved.

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES

(e) Women's Committee Initiative – The Women's ~~Committee Initiative~~ is responsible for developing new and innovative ways to increase female membership and solicit more active participation from our female members. The ~~Committee's~~ primary goal *of this Initiative* shall be to increase female leadership on Chapter boards and committees. ~~This Committee~~ *The Chairperson of this Initiative* will work closely with the Communications Committee to develop publications and activities designed to engage female members.

Candidates for PATU offices

Below is a list of candidates running for PA Council offices. The election will be held at Lambert Hall in Bellefonte during the PATU annual meeting on Sept. 10. Each chapter has one vote. Other nominations will be taken from the floor prior to the voting.

Learn more about the duties of these positions by contacting Tali MacArthur at 814-359-5233 or c-tmacarth@pa.gov.

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Charlie Charlesworth

Vice President (2 positions)

Greg Malaska
John Leonard

Secretary

Bob Pennell

Treasurer

George Kutskel

National Leadership Council Rep.

Brian Wagner

Regional Vice President

Northwest

Mark Hanes

Northcentral

Open

Northeast

Fred Gender

Southwest

Chuck Winters

Southcentral

Alan Howe

Southeast

Chris Burns

Volunteers Needed

Once again, Mary Ann Kutskel will be doing our kitchen work at the annual meeting. We always need help setting up the food and with cleaning up. In addition, there are other items that require someone to assist with.

If you are going to be in the Bellefonte area on Friday evening we will be setting up the room and putting the pig on the grill. If you are interested in helping, please contact George Kutskel by phone at 814-771-4022 or email at maksak@comcast.net. We are looking forward to having another fun weekend and seeing everyone again.

PA Council of Trout Unlimited

Minutes of the June 9, 2016
Executive Committee Meeting
PFBC Facility, Pleasant Gap, PA

Officers Attending: Charlie Charlesworth, George Kutskel, Bob Pennell, John Leonard, Brian Wagner, Mark Hanes, Monty Murty, , Chuck Winters, Alan Howe, Chris Burns, Greg Malaska.

Others Attending: Ken Undercoffer, Tali MacArthur, Jeff Ripple.

President's Report: The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by President Charlesworth who recapped his principal activities since April 10, 2016. Approval was granted on a motion by Kutskel/seconded by Hanes to accept the minutes of the April 10, 2016 EXCOM meeting, as previously distributed to EXCOM.

Treasurer's Report: Kutskel reported that Council's finances are in good shape overall. The Treasurer's Report dated Summer 2016 was approved on a motion by Hanes/seconded by Murty. The current Budget Report was previously sent to members of EXCOM.

Discussion/Action Items

- **Update on Coldwater Heritage Partnership Funding:** MacArthur reported that DCNR had approved funding for a first phase grant for 2016, and a second phase is being applied for. Final project reports are being submitted by 2015 grantees.
- **PATU Annual Fall Meeting:** MacArthur reviewed a draft agenda for the meeting and is seeking someone to present an overview on the requirements for obtaining youth clearances. Malaska proposed that chapters submit a list prior to the meeting of their members who hold key responsibilities. It was decided to schedule the fall EXCOM meeting later in the year, preferably a date in October. MacArthur will check availability of the PFBC Stackhouse facility.
- **Attendance at National TU Annual Meeting:** Charlesworth and Wagner, Council's candidate for the National Leadership Council representative

position, will be attending the meeting in Bozeman, MT.

- **Proposed Bylaws Revisions:** Pennell reviewed the proposed Bylaws revisions previously distributed, as amended by MacArthur, and will further revise what is proposed to include additional provisions in Article VIII to address chapter de-chartering and receipt of grants from Council.
- **Proposal for National TU Best Council Award:** Pennell gathered comments on the narrative proposed for submittal to National TU, and also agreed to contact John Arway for a letter in support of Council's programs and achievements.
- **Regional Vice President Responsibilities:** Leonard and MacArthur agreed to develop a job description for regional VPs. Pennell stated that future quarterly reports need to include a summary of the regional VP's activities. MacArthur agreed to contact the Northcentral Region chapters to establish a date for a regional meeting, tentatively August 21.

National Leadership Council: Murty shared a report with the group showing National TU's performance against their Five-year Strategic Plan. All congratulated Murty on his excellent NLC representation for Council over the last five years.

Program Director: MacArthur reported reaching out to community, corporate and family foundations as potential sources for new CHP funding. She also reported a positive working relationship with PFBC on the Trout in the Classroom program.

Communications Committee: Malaska will request that Brad Isles put together a multi-year tracking chart to evaluate the patrou.org website visitor and viewing statistics.

Delaware River Committee: Lee Hartman reported that the PFBC continues to lobby for a viable Thermal Release Program (TRP) to alleviate stressful water temperature conditions during the summer months, but without the support



of the NYSDEC Fisheries Division he does not see a TRP happening until the Decree members get their act together and agree to an equitable flow plan fair to all stakeholders, including the wild trout fishery.

Development Committee: Kutskel reported that

sales of Trout in the Classroom raffle tickets were substantially down this year, and that a mailing to all members might be in order for next year. Work on the annual appeal letter will begin soon. A source for a new PATU fly rod offering has been located that will once again allow us to offer a rod for sale in a lower price range.

Membership Committee: Hanes reported that he is working with Kandy Weader to identify women members for a Women's Initiative contact list. He also reported that National TU is in the process of re-assigning chapter Zipcodes. **Trout Management Committee:** Undercoffer reported that the issue of stocking a Class A section of Saucon Creek in Saucon Park is on the agenda for discussion at the upcoming PFBC Commissioners meeting. It was also suggested that a meeting with the commissioners would be helpful in determining the direction of the PFBC.

VP Leonard: The regional VPs were requested to follow up with their chapters to obtain an updated list of program speakers. Leonard also requested the Regional VPs to remind their chapters about the July 31 deadline for submitting Annual Award nominations.

Environmental Committee: Ripple reviewed recent legislative issues and acknowledged that active committee members need to be identified in preparation for a meeting to be scheduled in the fall.

Stream Access Committee: Winters reported that Project Healing Waters provided letters of support for a Growing Greener grant for an easement and funding for an education center and disabled access on Elk Creek in McKean Township, Erie County.

Youth Education Committee: Chair Judi Sittler recently participated with 2 PA youths in the National TU Teen Summit in

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Class A Fray

Editor's Note: Each year at its spring banquet, the Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association – of which Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited is a supporting member – presents its Excellence in Craft Awards. These awards recognize POWA members for their outstanding work during the previous calendar year. PATU has been a longtime sponsor of the “Trout and the Coldwater Resource Award.” The following article authored by outdoor writer Ben Moyer, published in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on Jan. 18, 2015 – and reprinted with permission – was selected as this year's winner.

By Ben Moyer
Special to the Post-Gazette

The Fish and Boat Commission's intent to act on two related items at its meeting Wednesday and Thursday in Harrisburg has alarmed, disappointed and confused anglers on opposing sides of the issues. But a less apparent fact could trump that unease in the end.

Among a slate of other fisheries-related matters, the commission's 10-member board will vote on a proposal to designate 10 stream sections as Class A Wild Trout waters, removing them from the trout-stocking schedule and adding them to an



Ben Moyer Photo

The presence of wild trout generally indicates clean water. This wild brown trout was released on Yellow Creek, Bedford County, which is currently being considered for a Class A Wild Trout designation.

existing list of about 600 Class A streams around the state that have wild trout populations.

None of the 10 streams under consideration flow in southwestern Pennsylvania. Streams pending for the Class A rating are parts of Fishing Creek (Clinton County), Yellow Creek (two sections in Bedford County), Little Lehigh Creek (two sections in Lehigh County), Monocacy Creek (two sections in Northampton County), Martins Creek (Northampton), Penns Creek (Centre) and Pohopoco Creek (Carbon).

Some trout anglers were initially dismayed, while others were elated, at the prospect of those Class A designations. An established PFBC policy has been to ban the stocking of hatchery-bred trout on

Class A waters, relying on naturally reproducing trout to provide angling recreation. All of the 10 stream sections in question had been stocked by the PFBC, some as recently as 2014.

But PFBC surveys confirmed the streams also supported wild populations. When the agency began considering the change last year, many anglers felt that ending the stocking would hurt the quality of fishing there.

“The Little Lehigh and Monocacy are heavily fished creeks. My customers fish there and were not happy when they heard [the Fish and Boat Commission] might stop stocking,” said Willie Marx, owner of Willie Marx's Bait and Tackle just outside

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Montana. It was reported that eight 5 Rivers clubs are currently active in PA; Lehigh University, Keystone College, University of Scranton, Juniata College, Penn State, Bloomsburg State and two campuses of the University of Pittsburgh.

Women's Initiative: Chair Kandy Weader is actively seeking women-receptive chapters as well as coordinators for a number of key chapters in PA.

Regional Reports

- **Northcentral Region** – All eight chapters reported.

- **Northeast Region** – Five of nine chapters reported; Schuylkill County, Stan Cooper, Pike-Wayne and Western Pocono did not.
- **Northwest Region** – All nine chapters reported.
- **Southcentral Region** – Six of eight chapters reported; Falling Spring and John Kennedy did not.
- **Southeast Region** – All seven chapters reported.
- **Southwest Region** – All seven chapters

reported.

It was also suggested that the regional VPs provide a reminder to the chapter presidents on the purpose for their reporting; to keep their chapter members as well as EXCOM up-to-date on their activities.

Other New Business

- **Nominating Committee** – Undercoffer agreed to chair the Nominating Committee with assistance from MacArthur.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

– Bob Pennell, Council Secretary

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Allentown, Lehigh County. "How many of these guys are going to fish around here if they designate for wild trout only? They should keep stocking, for one thing because a lot of kids fish there and you've got to keep kids interested."

Some of Marx's customers took up a pen or struck a keyboard and confirmed his observations. When PFBC sought public comments on its Class A no-stocking policy before its September 2014 meeting at Nemaquin Woodlands Resort in Farmington, Fayette County, the agency got 95 letters and emails opposing any reduction in stocking the streams being considered for Class A designation -- more than four times the number of responses supporting the standing Class A no-stocking policy.

As a result, in September, the PFBC board considered allowing stocking on Class A streams if certain considerations were met. Those include high angler use, the absence of wild brook trout and streams to be stocked were not on the agency's original list of Class A waters. The board eventually discarded all of those criteria and voted to amend its policy to say that Class A streams would not be stocked except, "with rare exceptions," provided that the sitting commissioners consented to the stocking. That consent could come later this week after the decision to add the 10 streams to the Class A list.

The policy change to allow Class A stocking in "rare" instances pleased Marx and his customers in the Lehigh Valley, at least temporarily. But it disappointed other anglers who maintain that artificial stocking degrades existing wild trout populations.

"Although our organization liked the Class A designation concept, we did not like the idea of stocking Class A. But we did not oppose it, provided the criteria initially considered were in place," said Ken Undercoffer of Clearfield and cochair of the Pennsylvania State Council of Trout Unlimited. "Then [PFBC] started backing up and changing the rules. Apparently rules and past policy mean nothing.

"Hatchery trout can be a valuable recreational resource when used intelligently, but it makes no sense to take those

expensive fish and plant them in streams perfectly capable of supporting fine trout fisheries on their own. Montana figured that out 40 years ago."

Undercoffer's reference was to a decision made in 1974 by the Montana Fish, Parks and Wildlife agency to cease nearly all stocking of trout streams. Montana continues to stock lakes and some urban waters but allows its internationally famed trout streams to develop their own wild fisheries.

"Wild trout numbers increased, just as our studies said they would," said Dick Vincent, the fisheries biologist who advocated Montana's no-stocking policy, as quoted in an interview published in Montana Outdoors magazine. "I think the biggest [impact] was that people began to see wild trout as a valuable, limited resource, and that the state needs to protect habitat to conserve that resource."

Vincent's observation may manifest one aspect of these administrative shifts that all anglers, regardless of their views on stocked versus wild trout, can agree on.

But there's another consideration.

Streams recognized as Class A Wild Trout waters qualify automatically as High Quality waters under state Department of Environmental Protection regulations. Developers and resource extraction activities must comply with stricter regulations to gain DEP permits and continue operating within High Quality watersheds.

At least three of the 10 streams PFBC is considering for Class A designation lie outside the perimeter of the Marcellus Shale formation in central and northern Pennsylvania, a fact that may have made PFBC willing to absorb the criticism it attracted in the no-stocking turmoil that accompanied the proposed Class A designations.

"Since the inception of shale gas development, we've seen activity with the potential to impact wild trout resources in remote areas and on a scale we'd never seen before," said John Arway, Fish and Boat Commission executive director. "The Marcellus industry has advocated that we assess trout streams where they might operate and know what's there so they can design their activities around what we need to protect."

Arway said his agency had always been more than willing to undertake those trout

searches, but that it would take 125 years for agency staff alone to examine all the state's stream miles.

"So we got creative, and with funding from the Mellon Foundation and manpower from colleges and universities around the state we launched our Unassessed Waters Initiative," Arway said.

Cooperating university teams have documented wild trout populations in numerous stream sections where they had not been known to exist.

"Because of the regulatory implications of Class A, whenever our partners find a qualifying Class A wild trout population, our own biologists go back out and confirm," Arway said. "It provides an extra level of science for these decisions and the regulatory requirements that follow."

A spokesman for the Marcellus Shale Coalition was unavailable for comment, but the group has previously stated its approval of the Unassessed Waters Initiative.

"There are actually two parts to this whole situation, and [PFBC commissioners] hope that anglers will see that," said Len Lichvar, Fish and Boat commissioner representing Region 2 in Southcentral Pennsylvania. "The first is whether or not to designate Class A. The next issue is how to manage those streams as recreational fisheries. We may have different opinions on the stocking issue, but our data shows these 10 streams and many others deserve the additional level of protection brought with Class A."

Lichvar also said his understanding was that the upcoming vote on whether to stock applied only to the 10 streams proposed for Class A designation, and that the original 600 waters would not receive hatchery trout.

"But that's something that any future board could change at any time," he said.

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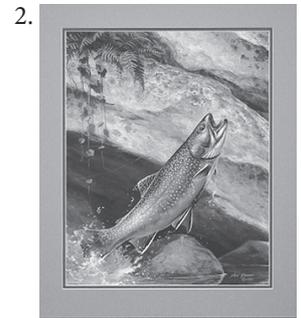
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The chapter organized a “fly-drive” within our membership and neighboring chapters to supply flies for the local Project Healing Waters activities. Some 32 dozen flies were donated. The chapter held its annual picnic at ForEvergreen Preserve on June 11. We completed placement of boulder deflectors, a cross-vein and strategic boulder placement on Pocono Creek in Tannersville, as Phase I of the habitat improvement project closed. A similar project will be undertaken on McMichaels Creek near Snydersville. Chapter members assisted with the annual Knights of Columbus fishing derby on April 16. Additionally, the chapter opened registration for a new fly tying course aimed for the non-beginner and has 14 confirmed participants for the eight-week, August through September course at Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, Bartonsville. On June 26, the chapter conducted a fly fishing workshop on the Brodhead at the ForEvergreen Preserve in Analomink. Our next membership meeting is 7 p.m. Sept. 7 at Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center.

Forks of the Delaware Chapter #482

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We had a nice turnout for our Bugs and Dogs Family Night on May 4. Ticket sales are underway for our 2016 conservation raffle on Sept. 17 during the chapter’s annual pig & corn roast. The chapter is also selling discount vouchers for Boscov’s Friends Helping Friends Day on Oct. 18. The

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permitting process is underway for a stream restoration project on Bushkill Creek between Tatamy and Newlins Mill. The chapter is partnering with the Bushkill Stream Conservancy on the project. The chapter conducted its annual cleanups on the Bushkill and Martins creeks in conjunction with the Great American Cleanup and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. We also conducted the cleanup on our Adopt-A-Highway along Bushkill Drive the same day. We provided fly casting, a tying demo and a conservation talk for Nazareth Middle School's TIC release day on April 29 and Wind Gap's on May 20 at Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center. We provided a macroinvertebrate study exercise at the Wind Gap release day. The chapter took its "Forks of the Delaware Fly Fishing Experience" to the Northampton County Youth Field Day at Stockertown Rod & Gun Club on June 4. The chapter was also represented at Step Outdoors Lehigh Valley on June 5 by providing a fly tying demo at this ArtsQuest event.

Hokendauqua Chapter #535

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The chapter had cleanup days on April 23 on Hokendauqua Creek and May 14 on Copley Creek. Our May 18 membership meeting was held on the Hokey. We took part in the Kreidersville Covered Bridge Festival on June 4. June 4-5 was also the same weekend as Artsquest's Step into the Outdoors event in Bethlehem. On June 11, the chapter taught fly fishing to ladies participating in Women in the Outdoors at Ontelaunee Rod & Gun Club. June 18 was Youth Field Day at Blue Mountain Rod & Gun Club. July 9 was our first ladies fly fishing event Saks pond. July 14 was a mini Project Healing Waters event, July 23 was the Minsi Trails Cub Scout Fishing Derby and Aug. 6 is Jake's Youth Field Day. Our chapter picnic is Aug. 20 at the Saks property.

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Chapter members have taken part in both NLC committee calls for Youth Education and Women's Initiative. We held our dinner social on May 7 at Hart Lake Inn. We completed a women's fly fishing class on May 14 at Hillside Park in Clarks Summit. We also completed our TU Teens classes, which lasted five months, along with the 2nd annual NEPA TU Teens Summer Conservation Camp from June 19-25.

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In early June, directors met for a planning meeting to discuss the past years activities, and discuss the direction of the chapter for the coming year. The City of Bethlehem has responded to the PFBC's letter regarding changing the special regulation section of Saucon Creek in favor of keeping the regulations intact. We feel this is a major step toward protecting this stream section. Ultimately, the PFBC is responsible for managing the regulations, so this issue is far from resolved and will have to be monitored closely to ensure that a change is not made without input from concerned parties. On July 6, a small lowhead dam below Bridal Path Road was removed. We partnered with Wildlands Conservancy and American Rivers for design, permitting and consulting assistance. Financing was provided by grants from the Coldwater Heritage Partnership and the Delaware and Lehigh National Heritage Corridor. A site cleanup and improvements to the riparian buffer will be completed by chapter members.

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Columbia County Chapter #38

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Chapter members repaired and cleaned up the Fishing Creek access stairs along Route 487 in Orangeville on June 8. Members supported two local youth programs: Fish n' Fun day at Kocher Park in Lightstreet on June 4 and Outdoor Adventure Camp with the District Conservation Office on June 10. Our chapter picnic was June 14 at Kocher Park. Upcoming meetings are Sept. 13, Oct. 11 and Nov. 8 at the Columbia County District Conservation Office, Bloomsburg.

God's Country Chapter #327

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Chapter members attended four meetings and contributed to the development and approval of a 10-year Strategic Plan for the Potter County Conservation District. Bob Volkmar was selected as an associate director of the PCCD, joining chapter members Pete Ryan and David Sautler on the board. Pete and Bob serve on and attended the June quarterly meeting of the Potter County Water Quality Committee at the Potter County Commissioners office. Pete chaired the Quality Assurance Board meeting of the Potter County Dirt & Gravel, Low Volume Road June 23 meeting at which 10 projects were approved for funding in 2017. Pete and Bob also were invited and attended the June JKLM Energy Stakeholders meeting in which JKLM explained the consequences of the "drilling incident" last fall and updated plans for new sites of well pads for Marcellus and Utica shale drilling in Potter County. A letter of support was sent to the state's Environmental Quality Board in support of DEP's revision to High Quality - Cold Water fishery of use designation to Mill Creek, thus giving it additional regulatory protection. A follow-up on our complaint of the Peet Brook quarry revealed the quarry is presently shut down and DEP intends to institute a "healthy fine" on the operator who has since applied for a mining permit. Members assisted a dump cleanup on Pinneo Hill in Oswayo Township in cooperation with the PCCD and also assisted with the Route 6 road cleanup in cooperation with the Upper Allegheny Watershed Association. On June 4, we collaborated with UAWA and the Upper First Fork Watershed Association and completed Phase 1 of a Japanese knotweed eradication project at the Sweden Township municipal building along Mill Creek. We also made a donation to the UFFWA toward their licensing, certification and insurance needs for their Japanese knotweed eradication program in the county. We continue work with 3 Rivers Quest by downloading the instream data loggers and taking water samples for further analysis. Our 9th annual PHWFF event was held

May 24-27 in honor of all "Conflicts & Rescues 1975-2000." This year's event saw 13 disabled veterans enjoy the 40-mile parade/bike escort through Potter County, great fly tying and fly fishing experiences, and excellent food and lodging during their stay in Potter County. May 19 was our TIC release day for Coudersport 6th grade classes. Fingerling were released by the students and we explained the stream improvement/bank stabilization projects. Additionally, six stations were set up, including instream macroinvertebrate sampling and identification, proper planting of willows, planting of pine tree seedlings, bluebird box fabrication, bird capture and banding technique and fly casting. During May, members explained our plans for our PHWFF event at meetings of the McKean Country disabled veterans group and the Oswayo Valley Senior Citizens Center. Members gave fly fishing and casting instruction to women at DCNR's "Women in the Wilds" event June 25 at Sinnemahoning State Park. GCTU donated to and assisted in the Potter County Envirothon in May. Plans for the Aug. 27 "Potter County Youth Field" at the PA. Lumber Museum are ongoing with GCTU providing instruction at the fly casting station.

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Our annual family picnic at Sieg Conference was June 1. We sent a letter to PFBC supporting the addition of the proposed Class A and wild trout streams to the list. Our TIC project at Jersey Shore High School raised and released about 150 trout. Chapter members have participated in several fishing events at the NE Fishery Center in Lamar. We assisted young children, life skills students from several school districts, elderly and sight handicapped. Our chapter was presented with a PFBC 150th anniversary medallion by Director John Arway for our many years of partnering with them and the US Fish and Wildlife Service in these fishing events. Members assisted PFBC during the Family Fishing Festival at Bald Eagle State Park on June 26, the "Brookies" camp at Sieg Conference Center on July 12 and the Clinton County Conservation District's day camp on July 20. The chapter donated a book to the Ross Library in memory of member Ed Michura who died in December.

Penns Creek Chapter #119

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There were four TIC release days in May, and we will be adding new TIC projects at Mifflin County High School and Juniata High School. The chapter donated money for 150 additional plants for the Little Kish Creek project. Members planted trees in both the project water and the kids only

section. Members assisted with stocking of the DHALO section of East Licking Creek. Chapter representatives met with DCNR and PFBC personnel to discuss replacement and repair to stream improvement structures at Karl Guss State Park on East Licking Creek. Upcoming events include fly tying and fly casting stations at the NWTf Youth Field Day at the Mifflin County Sportsman's club grounds on Aug. 13. Our next meeting is Sept. 13 at Lewistown Community Center.

R.B. Winter Chapter #124

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Our annual banquet was April 1 with Delaware River guide Lee Hartman as guest speaker. He presented on exploring and setting up fishing camps in Russia. April activities included a cleanup on Penns Creek, fly tying class for the Lewisburg Arts Council and a Project Healing Waters program on Penns. Our annual picnic and "fishout" on Penns was May 18. On June 15, chapter members conducted fly tying class at Union County library, and we held fly casting and fly tying classes at Summerfest at R.B. Winter State Park on June 19. Our next meeting is Sept. 21 at Lewisburg Hotel.

Spring Creek Chapter #185

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Our Strategic Planning Committee sent out a survey to members and contacts and received forms back which have been summarized and will be used as part of a planning session this August/September. Central Pennsylvania Women Anglers merged with the chapter to become our Women's Initiative. They have changed their name to Women Anglers. We partnered with the Centre County Leadership Council to sponsor a Get Outdoors Day Family Fishing Picnic at Tussey Mountain in June. We raised more than \$4,000 during Centre Gives, a 36-hour online fund raising event. We worked with Penn State on a cleanup and riparian planting at Thompson Run. After, we hosted a ceremony to dedicate a plaque commemorating the work accomplished by the chapter in 1977 to separate Thompson Run from "the Duck Pond." We also completed a riparian planting project at the Kelly Property on Spring Creek in Oak Hall, participated in the annual Spring Creek cleanup day and co-sponsored a stormwater seminar with Ferguson Twp. Stewardship work days were held at riparian planting sites including Commercial Street Bridge/Milesburg, McCoy Dam, Rock Road and Deer Creek Lane. We sponsored a fishing event with the Youth Service Bureau and the US Fish and Wildlife Service at the Lamar Hatchery. We submitted a NFWF Grant proposal for approximately \$175,000 for two sites on Spring Creek. Upcoming events include the Y Trout release on Aug. 1 at Dam State Park, Petersburg; our Veterans Service Program

on Aug. 14 and 28 and Sept. 11 and 25 at Fisherman's Paradise; Women Anglers on Aug. 28 and Sept. 25; Strategic Planning on Aug. 20 and our general meeting at Comfort Suites State College on Sept. 1.

Susquehanna Chapter #044

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Several officers and members attended the memorial service for Bob Rinn, co-founder of our chapter, who passed away on June 14 at the age of 91. We held a sale of inventory of the former E. Hille Angler Supply House and other donations on April 8-9. We continue field monitoring at five stations on the headwaters of Rock Run, tributary to Lycoming Creek, as part of a Coldwater Heritage Partnership planning project. We accompanied TU Eastern Brook Trout staff and interns on two field survey days on the upper Rock Run watershed. We continued Healing Waters fly tying sessions for disabled veterans, participated in guiding vets on a four-day outing at Camp Guttulata on Penns Creek. We arranged for a TIC program for Montgomery High School and participated in an evening program at Pier 87 restaurant organized by Kandy Weader to acquaint women with fly fishing and TU. The chapter assisted local Boy Scouts with a casting demo and fish and aquatic biology station at the spring camporee in Muncy and at a "Get Hooked on Scouting" fishing and recruiting event for prospective Cub Scouts and families near Montoursville. We plan to assist Loyalsock School District and Penn College of Technology with a day camp program on Loyalsock Creek to teach about aquatic biology and fishing opportunities. Our next meeting is Sept. 14 featuring local colleges participating in the Unassessed Waters Initiative.

Tiadaghton Chapter #688

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Several members attended the Pine Creek Watershed Council's policy summit on July 15 at the Deane Center in Wellsboro. This event provided an opportunity for elected officials to meet with agency policy makers to discuss the implementation of the Pine Creek Watershed River Conservation Plan. Work continues in area watersheds with aquatic organism passage assessments. Our Fallbrook AMD remediation project is working great after going online last November. pH has increased from 4.5 to above 7 on three miles of Fallbrook Creek and three miles of the Tioga River. We were given a tour of the project site in June and we also toured a dam removal/stream restoration project on Taylor Run near the town of Blossburg. The North Fork Habitat project included planting more than 400

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trees for a riparian buffer on May 7. We provided lunch for an area Bio Blitz on June 23-24 in which biologists from across the area surveyed flora and fauna biodiversity at selected locations in Tioga County. Embrace-A-Stream work continues on schedule as we prepare for more electrofishing this fall. TIC releases went well throughout the county. Several members participated in Springfest 2016 at Hills Creek State Park on May 21. May 14 was our outing at Tome Flats on Pine Creek at Slate Run. Our volunteer recognition gathering was June 11 at the Gmeiner Center in Wellsboro. Several members helped at the Ole Bull Kids Fishing Derby on June 4. Our next meeting is at 7 p.m. Aug. 29 at Wellsboro Community Center.

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We had a very successful 50th banquet, the largest fundraiser that the chapter has ever held. We received our GP 1 permit for the habitat project on Wilson Run that is being funded by a grant from Headwaters. We are working with the City of DuBois on funding and awarding the contract to do the habitat work in the delayed harvest area. We had a very successful environmental day for the DuBois Middle School eighth grade with National TU and the Western Pa. Conservancy helping to man stations. We participated in the release day for DuBois Area Catholic School. We had a station at the Clearfield County Youth Field Day collecting macros and at the Jefferson County Youth Field Day we had a fly tying and casting as our stations. Upcoming is the Watershed Festival on Sept. 7 at Curwensville Lake.

Caldwell Creek Chapter #437

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We are assisting the Western Pa Conservancy with four projects on Brokenstraw Creek in July and August as needed. We stocked approximately 400 trout from four TIC programs and the chapter assisted with two fishing days for 5th grade Columbus Elementary School science class.

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The Paddler's Dice Run is Aug. 14 on the Allegheny River from Kinzua Dam to Allegheny Outfitters Livery. There is also a kayak raffle. Register at 9 a.m. at Kinzua Dam Parking Area near the boat launch. We are planning for a major 2017 fundraiser, a presentation by John Maclean, son of Norman Maclean, author of "A River Runs Through It" along with a showing of the film. We are planning marketing efforts and hope to get a major article published in TROUT about "WINS Coalition" and projects including Morrison Run. On Sept. 24, we will assist PFBC in installing stream improvement structures in Morrison Run. We are assisting with the possible invasive plant removal on Dutchman Run, a tributary to Brown Run.

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The chapter met with The Alliance for Wetlands and, as a result, presented them with the terms for handing over ownership for our part of the Piney Creek property. We are hoping to get this finished up and send a final approval proposal to National. Our banquet was again a huge success go beyond funding our yearly expenses. The board will discuss proposals on where to spend the funds in next year's budget during our late summer board meeting. Work is complete on the pavilion at Kelleetville Campground. The chapter spent an additional \$100 from our education and outreach budget to purchase a projector screen for educational events at the pavilion. We are hoping to work on repairing the deflector with the local Boy Scouts at the Brookville fly area before the end of summer.

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The chapter continues to work on habitat installations in Bendigo Park on the East Branch of the Clarion. The project is currently funded and

scheduled to begin during September. Funding flow has been established through Western Pa. Conservancy. On the West Creek tributary of the Driftwood Branch Sinnemahoning, year-long monitoring has started with loggers in place and flumes scheduled for the near future. Initial pH readings are extremely low, according to chief project engineer Jeff Ream. The chapter initiated new security clearances for a core group of members who may be working with youth groups.

Neshannock Creek #216

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Our annual spring cleanup at the Coolspring DHALO area was April 23. A few weeks later, we met to construct a new bridge to replace the one damaged by logging activity in the area. On June 25, the Deer Creek group held a workday to do a stream improvement project in the youth fishing area and hopefully improve the fishing for future youth days. Another workday is planned for this fall with date and time to be announced. The 12th Annual Fishing Derby was held this year at the pond at the Grove City Sportsmen's Club. All of our TIC programs had successful years and release days and plan to return next year. We are also working with two new schools to see if we can add programs in their school districts. Our next board meetings are Aug. 22 at Neshannock Creek Fly Shop, Volant; and Sept. 26 at Penn State Shenango.

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Chapter members Dick Zinn and Rick Gilson participated in the 21st annual Creek Connections Student Research Symposium on April 29 at Allegheny College. Creek Connections is an Allegheny College outreach program that brings hands-on, inquiry based education focusing watersheds. Approximately 475 students from northwestern PA, southwestern NY and northeastern OH participated in the event. The TU members conducted a fly-tying demonstration and discussed the importance of clean, cold water in maintaining and enhancing wild trout populations.

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We plan to develop a newspaper article about OCTU and TIC, with emphasis on the history and the big picture of TIC in the state. Our annual banquet was April 2. Next year's function is set for April 8 at the Inn at Franklin. The chapter has OCTU hats and shirts for sale. The final stage of our three-year Little Sandy Creek habitat

improvement project was completed June 14-15. This was a joint effort involving OCTU, PFBC and the Venango Conservation District. We used a total of 240 tons of rock, eight root wad deflectors, 12 log vane deflectors and a 140-foot log mudsill for the streambank stabilization work on different locations on a half-mile section of the stream. TIC students from Cochranon High School had their trout release day on May 25 at the town park in Cochranon. Two of our members taught fly tying to 40 students and another member taught fly casting. Venango County Youth Field Day was June 18. OCTU made a cash contribution and provided fly fishing equipment. Upcoming meetings are Sept. 21, Oct. 19 and Nov. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at King's Restaurant, Franklin, PA.

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The chapter's banquet was April 23 and raised funds to support various efforts, including TIC, the Boondocs program, Envirothon, the Fly Fishing Film Tour, chapter fly tying classes and demonstrations. In addition, the chapter has aligned with students from the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford to form a 5 Rivers Club. Historically, the chapter takes summers off and regular meetings will resume Sept. 7 at St. Joseph's Episcopal Church, Port Allegany.

Thursday of each month at Bucks County Fish and Game, 1745 Turk Rd., Doylestown.

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Our annual barbeque fundraiser was June 25. We are currently involved in a TIC program with Strath Haven Middle School. At our June 7 meeting, the participating students provided a presentation of their program for the 2015-16 school year.

Little Lehigh Chapter #070

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The chapter worked on its Little Lehigh riparian buffer restoration project during work days on May 9, at which we had about 45 volunteers and on May 14, with about 40. Between these two days, were planted 280 trees and shrubs along a 1,700-foot section of the Little Lehigh to intercept storm water runoff from an adjacent road and an adjacent residential subdivision that was built in the 1970s before storm water outfalls were regulated. Our three TIC schools released their trout. Our fall kickoff chapter meeting is Sept. 7 at Wildlands Conservancy, Emmaus.

Tulpehocken Chapter #150

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The chapter participated in Cabela's annual Fishing Classic Weekend on April 16-17 in Hamburg. Our annual banquet at the Oley Fairgrounds on was May 6 with guest Joe Humphreys. Also, in April, May and June we held "Breakfast on the Tully" fundraisers at the Tully House. The removal of the Cacoosing Dam is moving forward. Tully TU committed to support maintenance of historical signage. We supported TIC releases on April 9 and 21 at Wilson and Twin Valley Schools, on the Cacoosing and Hay Creeks. On June 4, we participated in the Daniel Boone Rod & Gun Club Youth Day by providing information on fly fishing and providing casting lessons.

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To celebrate VFTU's 40th anniversary, new T-shirts and hats with our updated logo and anniversary logo are available. Pete Goodman and Pete Lee inspected the SMS/Siemens conservation easement. The chapter filed a petition to void an agreement made between the Turnpike and Tredyffrin Twp. that allowed the Turnpike to not adhere to the township's storm water management ordinances. The township is questioning VFTU's standing to file this petition. The court accepted it and oral arguments will be presented by telephone. Pete Lee is keeping a watchful eye on the relining of the sewer line along Valley Creek through Valley Forge National Historical Park. There appears to be a significant muddying of the stream that has been brought to the attention of the township. Members met with Trammell Crow and the DEP and Bureau of Mines concerning maintenance agreement for the cold water discharge to Valley Creek from Atwater Lake by way of Cedar Hollow Run. It appears the perpetual maintenance of the discharge is included in an appropriate agreement so this piece of VFTU history and the 16 years of negotiation has been successful. We manned tables for Villanova and Vanguard Earth Day activities. The annual VFTU fly fishing school was held in May with full attendance. Chapter volunteers instructed the Phoenixville Middle School Ecology Club in fly fishing. VFTU is working with Delaware Valley Women's Fly Fishing Association to encourage participation of women veterans at Coatesville VAMC participate in PHWFF activities. Meetings are the second Thursday of each month from September through May at the Chester Valley Grange #1496, 3285 Phoenixville Pike, Malvern.

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Our annual trip to Penns Creek in April was a success. Stream projects were planned for the Pennypack, within the Natural Land Trust, but paperwork has brought the progress to a halt. Chapter members worked with over 200 kids from a local school in the annual TIC release. There were several stations set up in Tyler State Park covering the environment and the various effects pollution has on it. All the kids got to try casting a fly rod and to see the equipment that we use while fishing.

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A three-year agreement was signed with Knouse Foods that grants ACTU access and permission to conduct Conewago Creek stream projects on land owned by Knouse. A TIC release was April 22 at the Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve in Fairfield. A one-hour training session covering fishing safety, fishing ethics, coldwater conservation and fly/spin casting instruction was provided to the four high school class students from Gettysburg, Conewago and Biglerville schools. Women, Wine and Waders held its final event at the Yellow Breeches Creek on Sunday, May 1. Seven out of the 17 women fishing caught trout on fly rod equipment. For some, it was their first fish ever caught. The fishing event was followed up with a picnic.

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Our annual Family Fishing Day was June 11 at Codorus State Park, which featured fishing instruction and other displays and information relevant to our cause along with a local turtle expert and a local raptor rehab assistant who brought some of their animal friends and put on a great show. We recently learned that plans for an egg-production facility (with several million chickens) in the upper Codorus watershed have come back to life. We hope to have representation at an upcoming appeal hearing, and will continue

to monitor this situation closely. We'll also be keeping an eye on a bridge replacement project just underway at the upstream end of the Codorus Class A section. We had two very successful TIC release days. We sponsored a local teen at this year's Rivers Conservation youth camp, and we hope to have him as a guest at an upcoming meeting to discuss his experience. It appears we'll be receiving a grant to install some pasture BMP's on a highly impaired but important Codorus Creek tributary. Cattle fencing and restricted stream access to restore the riparian buffer will be the primary strategy. Upcoming meetings are Aug. 10 and Sept. 14 at Laughman's Sawmill Pavilion.

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We have 32 members with valid background/youth clearances on file. We had a board meeting on May 11 and a members meeting on May 18. Joe Bruce was our guest for the evening and gave an extensive presentation on the diverse fishing opportunities presented by the Chesapeake Bay. We had a board meeting on June 8 and members meeting on June 5. Jeff Ripple of the Mountain Laurel chapter presented his 'drop shot' nymphing technique. We started the month with a fishing trip to East Licking Creek on June 4. We provided guides for a Reel for Recovery event on June 7-8. On June 14, we represented CVTU at the Hampden Township Watershed Festival. On June 18, we hosted the Mid-Atlantic 5-weight Fly Casting Championships in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum's Heritage Day event. June 19-24 we hosted the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp and wrapped up the month with the Cumberland County Street to Streams program on June 28-29. In April, our Feet in the Stream crew mended an aging and fallen fence at the Vince's Meadow parking area did a general cleaning of the property. We also removed a fallen tree from the mouth of Mountain Creek where it was severely impeding flow into the Yellow Breeches. In May, we participated in Field & Stream's spring cleanup of a branch of Cedar Run. On June 11, we completed a cleanup of Letort Spring Run through Biddle Mission Park in Carlisle. And during the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp another stream bank stabilization project was completed along the Yellow Breeches by the students with help from Gleim Environmental Group and chapter volunteers. We continue to monitor the planned natural gas pipelines that will impact our local watersheds. Our participating TIC schools all had successful release events. In coordination with Frederick, Seibert & Associates, an environmental design firm, we are pursuing a National Fish & Wildlife Foundation "Technical Capacity" grant to study and provide an actionable plan to address the legacy sediment issues along Mountain

Creek in the area of The Nature Conservancy's Marsh Run Preserve. Our chapter picnic is Aug. 19 at Letort Park, Carlisle; our next member's meeting is Sept. 21 at Monroe Twp. Fire Hall, Churchtown; and the Last Supper is Sept. 10 at Vince's Meadow, Carlisle.

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The chapter is hosting the Fly Fishing Film Tour at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 16. Thanks to the generous donation of the facilities of the Allen Theater by its owner Skip Hicks, this should be a great fund raising event. Our banquet was April 9. Ongoing weekly work continues at our diversion wells in the headwaters of Stony Creek. Our chapter assisted with the installation of a new access area for handicapped and children at the Dauphin County Anglers fishing area on Clarks Creek. The chapter worked closely with the Quittapahilla Watershed Association as the second phase of streambank improvements got started in July. We sponsored two youths at the Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp this year. The chapter supports seven TIC programs in Dauphin and Lebanon County schools and we will be adding another school. We participated in the Earth Day celebration with the Penn State Middletown campus, the Wetlands Festival at Wildwood Park and the Garden Faire at Ft. Hunter Park. For the seventh consecutive year, we welcomed disabled veterans from the Harrisburg Veterans Center to spend a day at Ed and Nichole O'Gorman's property along Clarks Creek. Twenty-two vets participated and 22 chapter members volunteered as guides for a day of fishing, good food, and relaxation.

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Our annual membership picnic was June 22 at Climbers Run Nature Preserve, site of the 2015 PATU Conservation Project of the Year. Special guest was Chris Wood, president and CEO of TU, who spoke and toured the preserve. Our Process and Procedures Committee defined how much of the general operating fund should be reserved for a contingency fund. The committee called it a "bare-bones budget" or enough funds for the chapter to accomplish its mission if no money was raised. We modified our Strategic Plan to incorporate this decision. Eleven board members have received both clearances and one has received one clearance. Four non-board members have also received both their clearances. Our annual banquet was April 9 at the Nook Sports Complex. We announced the recipients of our annual partnership awards. This year we recognized Millport Conservancy, Lancaster County Conservancy and US Fish and Wildlife. Alcoa informed our chapter that it will

make a \$3,000 donation as part of its participation in the tree potting at our nursery. Pennsy Road restoration work is complete and trees are being planted. Lapp Farm materials have been delivered and Flyway Excavation was to begin work on June 16. Stoltzfus Farm construction also was to begin work on June 16. US Fish & Wildlife will begin Drumore Township Park work in September. We are recruiting members to assist with stream monitoring, which is currently only being done on Climbers Run and the Conowingo. We are looking to expand to Fishing Creek tributaries for the PA Department of Agriculture. We had 13 TIC classrooms in nine public schools and one private school. Collectively they released 1,129 brook trout into 10 different streams in Lancaster County. Next year we will add our 14th classroom. We received our approved 319 grant monies and paid the outstanding invoices from our contractors. We applied for a \$5,000 grant from the Williams Company to maintain the Lloyd property. This is the first of a five year maintenance agreement. We applied for and received four fly fishing rods and reels from TU and will be used for our youth and veterans initiatives. Our youth fly fishing clinic is from 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 27 at Dr. Hugh Wenger's Pond, Elizabethtown. Our next membership meeting is 7-9 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Farm and Home Center with Ben Rodgers speaking on bass fishing.

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Liability waivers were created and used at our For Sight Event. We added additional security to protecting our volunteers' clearance documents. We continue to sell T-shirts and hats along with insulated travel mugs with the National TU logo. We continue to work with the Bonham Reservation project. The next part of the project includes creating signage for "self-guided tours" through the area. We have one last monitoring to complete on our Pine Run project that most likely will happen late summer/early fall. A recent biology graduate from York College presented his findings on the Pine Run project at our June meeting. Chapter meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the nursery.

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Arrowhead helped its six TIC programs release their trout. Overall, we've exposed more than 600 young students to conservation minded activities such as macro studies, stream rehabilitation and insect life along with the release of the trout they raised. We just acquired 25 fly fishing outfits courtesy of Rosebud Coal Mining, Snyder Brothers Gas and Minerals, Avi Landscaping, ESS/Nextier Insurance, Jim Szlancowicz, Professional Engineer and Shriver Bus Company.

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The 2016 Youghiogheny River Symposium was held June 24-25. Activities on the 24th were held at the Penn State University Fayette Eberly campus with approximately 150 people attending. The keynote address was given by Cindy Adams Dunn, secretary of DCNR, who discussed the state's prioritization of the Laurel Highlands and the importance of high elevation's impact on forest cover, fish and wildlife habitat. The day's first panel examined The Living River, which included a presentation by biologists Rick Lorson and Mike Depew of PFBC. They discussed their recent electroshock surveys and the commission's plans for managing the Yough's improving fishery. The second panel, The River of Opportunity, examined

the regional tourism and the river's impact on the varied businesses in the region. Ken Bisbee, manager of Ohio State Park, mentioned the river's singular importance to those who visit the park. Dr. Cynthia Walter of St. Vincent College spoke on "Our Youghiogheny in a Global Perspective." A History of Healing panel examined the restoration work of our chapter as well as several watershed associations in the region. Last, The River at Risk panel examined current threats to the watershed including AMD, current mining, shale gas extraction, water quantity issues and invasive species. Climate change and its effects on brook trout populations were addressed in the closing session by Drs. William Kimmel, David Argent and Derek Gray of California University of Pennsylvania. Yough fishing guides presented Friday evening. And a CRTU picnic, complete with food and fly-casting instruction, was held on the 25th and included a tour of the chapter's cage culture nursery. We hope the strength and expertise of the many partnerships forged at this symposium will benefit the Yough and this region for generations to come. The chapter completed release days for many of its 21 TIC projects in May and June. We also participated in Fayette County Children's Water Festival in cooperation with the Fayette County Conservation District and Ohio State DCNR staff.

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With help from National TU, the chapter updated its logo to the new standards. Our April meeting was devoted to packing chapter property for the move to our new meeting location the newly renovated barn/education center of the Loy-althanna Watershed Association in Ligonier PA. The chapter sold custom tied flies in TU boxes and TU hats with the new TU logo at the June meeting that also included a fly casting demonstration and membership drive at the Lincoln Highway museum in Latrobe. Members responded to two reports of fuel oil spills when local volunteer firefighters were unfamiliar with how to report waterways pollution to local Waterways Conservation Officers. Chapter members presented in-class and on-stream macroinvertebrate lessons to Ligonier Valley students in the TIC program. Members participated in Earth Day educational activities at Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve, and in PFBC 150th anniversary educational activities at a Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game at PNC Park. The chapter is working with Tali MacArthur on a possible new source of funding for the unfunded Coldwater Heritage Partnership grant it applied for in November 2015. Our Selfie on the Stream photo contest runs this summer. Visit LHTrout-Trail.com for information.

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FBTU held its 2016 fundraising picnic at Egolf Park on June 18. The chapter extends its thanks to Randy Buchanan, president of Mountain Laurel chapter, and Chad Hough, president of Arrowhead chapter, for their contributions to our programming at the picnic. We will be planting additional shrubs and trees at the Little Wills Creek habitat project site at a date later in the fall. We again presented a fly-fishing program at Blue Knob State Park for campers and park visitors. We sampled macroinvertebrates from Wallacks Branch, demonstrated and taught fly-tying, and gave everyone a chance to cast a fly rod. On Aug. 13, FBTU will be part of Downtown Bedford, Inc.'s 2nd Annual RiverFest where we will share the TU message in support of clean water, as well as demonstrate fly tying and fly casting.

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On April 20, KSTU members, NRG Homer City Generation Station and their employees

partnered to conduct a stream cleanup and trout stocking on Two Lick Creek from the Waterworks Conservation Park to the Risinger Discharge. We continue to support IUP biology professor David Janitski and his students with his ongoing fish population surveys on Two Lick Creek.

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Monthly chapter meetings are the second Tuesday of each month. Nominations for officers and board members began at the July meeting and we will vote at September's meeting. Our annual banquet was April 2 at the Holiday Inn, Johnstown. We will be conducting stream improvement projects on Potter Creek on Aug. 20 and 27 (if needed). The chapter participated in TIC releases with Conemaugh Township on April 7, Bishop McCort on April 19, St. Benedict on April 21, Blacklick Valley on April 27, Forest Hills on May 12, Cambria Heights on May 20, Shad-Central City on May 24 and Berlin-Brothersvalley.

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On May 14, we had a women's outing orchestrated by Leah Eggers on Yellow Creek in Indiana County. Our most recent meeting in May featured Daniel Lewinter with a presentation on Tenkara fishing. Our first meeting of the fall, on Sept. 12, is Tom Gilmore, author and adventurer. Membership chair Charles Buffington continues to fine tune our mentoring program. We continue our involvement with our local suburban stream, Pine Creek, in Allison Park. Another stream improvement day is scheduled in September. Our expenses have diminished recently due to our relationship with the local municipality, fostered by long-term coordinator Tom Walsh. Hampton Township has generously provided some materials and heavy equipment time for recent projects. In addition, the Allison Park Sportsman's Club coordinates a stream stocking, stream cleanup and youth fishing derby that we are proud to contribute toward. Another offshoot of our tenure with Pine Creek is a one-day exclusive stretch of water on tributary Little Pine Creek for fishermen under 12, stocked for opening day. Under the leadership of Christian Shane, we have now been a TIC participant for 10 years. His local "Finney Day" release party has turned into a major outing with over 80 participants and spectators. For the second year in a row, we added a second class for our Fly Fishing 101 seminar to help tutor 74 participants over two days.