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PATU award nominations now open

Form available on page 11.

Or visit: www.patrou.org/index.php/patu-awards-nominations

Deadline to submit is August 31.

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited will present its annual awards during the fall meeting at meeting at Lambert Hall, 303 Forge Road, Bellefonte, PA 16823 on Saturday, Sept. 17.

There is a huge amount of extraordinary work being accomplished by PATU chapters, as well as many individuals, and that work should be recognized. If you are aware of a group, chapter or individual you feel is worthy of a nomination, **please consider filling out a nomination form.** Nominations are due by **August 31.**

An online nomination form is available on the PATU website at <https://patrou.org/index.php/patu-awards-nominations/>

Forms may be emailed to Rachel Kester at c-rkester@pa.gov or mailed to her at PATU P.O. Box 5148, Bellefonte, PA 16823 Please note: nominations for Best Newsletter and Best Chapter website (described below) should be sent to Brad Isles at bisles@live.com.

Below is a brief description of each award with eligibility criteria when applicable. See **AWARDS**, page 10



Rachel Kester Photo

Keystone Coldwater Conference and PA American Fisheries Society Joint Meeting attendees hear from PA DCNR's Greg Czarnecki whose keynote address focused on how Pennsylvania is working to reduce and adapt to climate change impacts.

Coldwater Conference celebrates 20 years: Learning from the past, adapting for the future

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited partnered with the PA Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (PAAFS) to host the 2022 Keystone Coldwater Conference and PAAFS Annual Meeting in State College Feb. 25-26. One hundred and ninety-six participants braved a winter ice storm to gather in State College for the two-day event.

The first day consisted of concurrent workshops, dinner and keynote address, student poster session, and an evening reception. The second day included a

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Council announces TIC grants for 2022-23

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited is pleased to announce that nearly \$15,000 has been awarded to educators across Pennsylvania through the Trout in the Classroom Grant Program. Funding will be used to purchase equipment and supplies to maintain existing TIC tanks and set up new ones, pay for transportation and other field trip expenses, and provide teachers with the materials and equipment they need to integrate the TIC curriculum into their classrooms.

These grants are made possible with See **GRANTS**, page 7

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CHP announces \$90K in 2022 Coldwater Conservation Grants

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited is pleased to announce that 11 grants totaling \$90,000 have been awarded to conservation organizations across Pennsylvania through the Coldwater Heritage Partnership's Coldwater Conservation Grant Program. These funds will be used to perform stream assessments and develop conservation plans in two watersheds and complete on-the-ground projects, such as construction of instream fish habitat structures and stabilization of eroding stream banks in nine additional watersheds.

These grants are made possible with financial assistance from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (PA DCNR) through a Community Conservation Partnerships Program (C2P2) grant administered by the Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, AND through funding from the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds. The Coldwater Heritage Partnership is a collaboration between PATU, PA DCNR, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, and the Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds.

"We are pleased to have been able to increase the amount of grant funding that was provided this year," said Rachel Kester, program director for the Coldwater Heritage Partnership. "This should help overcome rising costs in materials and supplies and support these valuable projects that will protect, reconnect, and restore coldwater habitat across the Commonwealth."

The following organizations will receive funding support from the Coldwater Heritage Partnership this year:

Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania – The Upper Buffalo Creek Watershed Habitat Enhancement and Streambank Restoration Project will help control erosion and sedimentation and improve aquatic habitat by implementing natural stream restoration techniques, in addition to enhancing, conserving, and protecting the Buffalo Creek watershed in Butler County. This will help maintain



its high-quality designation.

Berks County Conservation District – This project will implement instream habitat for aquatic

species, reduce streambank erosion, and protect an onsite coldwater spring with riparian buffer enhancements along Cacoosing Creek in Berks County.

Boggs Township – Partners from the Clearfield County Conservation District, PA Fish and Boat Commission, and Boggs Township will replace three deteriorated brookie jacks with three log framed cross vanes to prevent erosion and enhance habitat in Simeling Run in Clearfield County.

Chestnut Ridge Chapter of Trout Unlimited – This project will place alkaline sand at three sites in the abandoned mine drainage-impaired section of the Glade Run watershed in Fayette County to maintain the excellent water quality downstream that sustains a native brook trout population for over 10 miles.

Clearfield County Conservation District – This project will identify barriers to aquatic organism passage posed by road stream crossings and survey previously unassessed stream segments to document wild trout populations in the Moshannon Creek watershed in Centre and Clearfield Counties.

Elk County Conservation District – This project is part of a collaborative, phased approach to reconnect and improve aquatic habitat in the Middle Fork East Branch Clarion River in Elk County by removing passage barriers (culverts), stabilizing eroding stream banks, and enhancing in-stream habitat structures. This phase of the project will include the installation of four fish habitat improvement structures to protect 250 feet of streambank along Middle Fork and Briggs Hollow Roads.

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New book added to merch options

Lynn W. Peters who is a member of the Donegal Chapter has written an endearing book, stunningly illustrated by watercolor artist Zack D. Brown, which takes a look at two hungry trout as they spin a tale of life in their natural habitat and the how they survived...thanks to "catch and release."

"Brownie & Bo at the Big Wood Diner" is a 32-page hardcover book available for purchase from PA Council, along with several other books on PA fly fishing, fly rods, custom-tied leaders, PATU-logoed T-shirts and hats, "Back the Brookie" license plates and "Catch & Release" license plate frames.

Just go to <https://patrout.org/index>.

php/merchandise/ where you will find the complete descriptions and pricing for all PATU merchandise.

Ordering can either be done online using a credit card, or an order form can be downloaded and mailed along with a check or money order.



'Brownie & Bo at the Big Wood Diner' by Lynn W. Peters

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Jefferson County Conservation District – This project will entail a stream assessment, data collection, and development of a coldwater conservation plan for Clover Run in Clearfield and Jefferson Counties.

Kettle Creek Watershed Association – This project will involve the repair of a large wood addition and channel block completed in 2019 along Hammersley Fork in Clinton County that was compromised by flooding in the fall of 2021.

Northcentral Pennsylvania Conservancy – This project will stabilize

eroding streambanks and restore floodplain access along Little Pine Creek within Little Pine State Park in Lycoming County, restoring approximately 1,600 feet of the creek.

Warren County Conservation District – This project will entail adding large wood structures to segments along six miles of Farnsworth Branch in Warren County to improve instream fish habitat for wild trout.

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy – This project will restore 200 feet of streambank along Bobs Creek in Bedford County by installing instream structures to reduce erosion and improve fish habitat.

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Headwaters

A message from PATU President
Greg Malaska

Things are Looking Up

After a two-year dance with a straight-jacket, things may finally be loosening up. What follows are a few examples of this trend.

Western Pocono Chapter

After a multi-year hiatus, the Western Pocono Chapter, one of Pennsylvania's oldest, has a new president and a new level of energy. Janet Schmitt was recently elected as WPTU's first female president. She is a resident of Drums, Luzerne County, and recently retired from a career in education. Janet is enjoying her retirement guiding clients on Pocono streams and working at the Evening Hatch Fly Shop in White Haven. WPTU had its kickoff event on April 21, which focused on the results of a chapter-wide survey intended to define the chapter's future. Hats off also to Northeast RVP Todd Burns, who was instrumental in coordinating the event.

Budget

EXCOM recently approved its annual budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23. We needed to dip into some of our reserves, but, if the last two years weren't PATU's "rainy day" I can't fathom what could be. Thanks to Russ Thrall and Kelli Williams for their efforts in keeping Forever Wild, Diversity, and Advocacy program funding at the same level as last year. The primary reason for not expanding these valuable programs is that we earmarked funds this year for a full-time communications and engagement director, who will handle social media, administration, programming, and promotional content. This position will address one of our biggest operational gaps and provide assistance to Rachel Kester as she seeks to expand the CHP program.

Keystone Coldwater Conference

We just wrapped up a very successful Keystone Coldwater Conference, our first joint effort with the American Fisheries Society. The event, which hosted 196 guests and over 40 presentations also served as our

first get together since... well, you know... Even with masks, it was still great to get out and interact with academia, agency staff, and other fisheries professionals from throughout the state.

Annual Meeting

This year's event will be held at Lambert Hall in Bellefonte on Saturday, September 17, 2022. Don't worry, it's not a Penn State weekend. We are in the planning stages and are considering options for content, catering, presentations, and fundraising. It's been a long time since we last got together at Shavers Creek and we should all be excited to meet.

Fishin'

Prior to the April 24 EXCOM meeting in Bellefonte, I took a few days off to wet a line with some old friends and meet a few new ones. On April 21, I picked up a mess of rainbows with PATU Trout Policy Co-Chair Dave Rothrock in the steady rain along a heretofore nameless stream in the northern tier. I'm joking, we fished the North Fork of the South Branch of Noneofyourbusinsss Creek.

I then met some real quality folks at Holsinger's Fly Shop in East Freedom, Blair County. Ron and Shawn Holsinger are genuinely good guys with a very nice selection of flies and tying materials. Ron selected some flies that were spot-on during my maiden voyage to the Frankstown Branch of the Juniata. I'm a big fan of Shawn's Bugs-and-Beards Podcast and we may get together to tape an episode this spring. Check them out at www.holsingersflyshop.com

My last day of fishing found me on my favorite stream in the Commonwealth,



the Little J. High, cold water, brutal wading, and a near involuntary baptism made my body feel like a country music song the next day. Fortunately, I landed probably my largest wild brown in PA, the pictured 18-inch beauty, caught on a Lafontaine diving caddis. If I'm ever lucky enough to acquire a camp, this part of the world would not be a bad place to settle down.

I'm usually not one for posting photos or bragging about my catch, as karma usually ensures that during my next outing, a 10-year old with Power Bait will out-fish me. However, I just had to show this beauty.

Get out there, wet some lines, open some wallets at your chapter's banquet, and start looking for ways to engage as a volunteer and protect our streams. Enjoy hatch season!

Actions taken by EXCOM email votes since Dec. 8, 2021

January 5: Approved virtual EXCOM meeting.

February 13: Approved Brook Trout skin for new Buffs to be sold in the PATU online store.

February 25: Approved DRBC Fracking / Waste Transport regulatory change comments and submitted online.

March 4: Approved Class A & Wild Trout upgrade petition letter for PFBC's April 2022 meeting.

March 9: Approved cancellation of training due to poor registration level.

March 21: Approved \$2,500 funding of Forever Wild grant application from the Brodhead chapter at McMichael Creek.

Treasurer's Report

by PATU Treasurer
Russell Thrall

As I write this at the start of May, the deadline for filing the Annual Activity Report (AAR) with Trout Unlimited is just a few weeks away. I want to thank all the volunteer leaders, in advance, who stepped up and got their report filed online ahead of the deadline.

Trout Unlimited needs to report every dollar of revenue and expense its chapters have generated in the mission of preserving, protecting and restoring America's coldwater streams and their watersheds.

This financial knowledge directly impacts TU ability to get Federal, State and

local grants as well as private donor funds.

Chapter treasurers and officers should also keep in mind the end of the fiscal year IRS reporting requirements.

For chapters and councils that report less than \$50,000 in annual revenue on their Annual Activity Report, TU's National accounting firm will file your Form 990N with the IRS before the Aug. 15 deadline on your behalf.

If your chapter or council has greater than \$50,000 in revenue, you must file your own 990EZ or full 990.

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Thank you to all chapters that donated to State Council in support of the Trout Unlimited mission over the past six months.

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- Chestnut Ridge
- Muddy Creek

CONFERENCE

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plenary panel focused on the theme of "Learning from the Past, Adapting for the Future" followed by concurrent presentations throughout the day. The conference concluded with an award ceremony and raffle.

Exhibitors consisting of conservation agencies, organizations, and consultants were available throughout the event. PATU would like to thank the following sponsors for making the 2022 event possible:

Keystone:

PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

Brook Trout:

Foundation for Pennsylvania Watersheds

Brown Trout:

Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay
ARIPPA – Appalachian Independent Power Producers Association
Brookfield Renewable U.S.
Flyway Excavating, Inc.
Keller Engineers, Inc.
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Rainbow Trout:

Aquatic Resource Restoration Company
Chesapeake Bay Foundation - Keystone
Ten Million Trees Partnership
Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Earth Conservancy
North Muddy Fish & Game Association

Student Poster:

Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation

Jennifer Orr-Greene

Muddy Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Tulpehocken Chapter of Trout Unlimited

"We were pleased to have been able to finally get together in person again this year," said Rachel Kester, Program Director for PATU. "We received great feedback about the content of the conference, but what I think folks enjoyed the most was being able to make those face-to-face connections that we have all been missing over the past couple years."

The next Keystone Coldwater Conference will be held in the spring of 2024. You can learn more about the conference and keep an eye out for information at www.coldwaterconference.org.

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Fly Patterns of Pennsylvania

by Nick Cobler

High Vis Hare's Ear Dry Fly

A simple, highly visible fly that works great as a searching pattern.

Fly Design / Highlights

- Utilizes a few, readily available materials
- Parachute post color can be modified to suit different light situations
- Works well as an indicator fly when trailed by a nymph

Background

This fly is a take on the traditional Hare's Ear nymph design that many of us know and love. In this instance, it is tied as a dry fly pattern with a highly visible parachute post and hackle that keeps it afloat in the surface film. The High Vis Hare's Ear Dry Fly can be tied in a multitude of body colors. However, to keep it simple, I tie it in a darker shade as well as in a lighter shade. Keep in mind, when the fly gets wet it will appear even darker. And feel free to mix up dubbing and post color combinations to your liking. I always recommend adding your own spin.

About the Fly Pattern Design

I'm pretty sure the originator of the pattern has yet to be identified. At least I haven't found a source yet. Traditionally, the nymph version is fished below the surface thus a wet fly or nymph and has been around for some time. That is tied to imitate a variety of aquatic life including scuds, sow bugs, mayfly nymphs and caddis larvae. The dry also covers a lot of bases, and it just looks buggy! And what trout wouldn't want a big, burly burger of a bug? Tie some up, try 'em and hold on!



Materials

- **Thread:** 8/0 Olive / Tan / Black
- **Tail:** Bucktail or other tailing material
- **Body:** Hare's Ear Dubbing
- **Post:** High Vis Antron Fibers
- **Ribbing:** Gold Oval Tinsel
- **Hackle:** Grizzly
- **Hook:** #12-#24

Try tufts of high-vis material (even combos) for the post. Different combos will help visibility in varying light situations.



Start and secure the thread and attach a tuft of material to form a post. Be sure to do a few wraps diagonally from front to back to secure it vertically in place.



Strip the lower fibers and catch a grizzly hackle in on the near side of the hook. Wrap upward and then downward to secure it to the post.



Wrap back to the bend of the hook and secure a tail the length of the shank. Then attach some gold oval tinsel to form the rib in the following steps.



Move the thread to right in front of the tail. Dub a noodle of hare's ear to the thickness of your liking and wrap forward to the post. Then wrap the tinsel forward and tie off.



Wind the hackle down the post, one wrap under the previous. Take your time as you go. Then tie off the hackle with some good tight wraps. Trim the feather.



Add a few turns of dubbing at the head of the fly. Form a neat head with a few whip finish turns and treat with a dab of head cement for added durability. Trim the post to a height of your liking and trim any unruly fibers.

STREAM Girls/STREAM Keeper materials available from PATU

Every person is a citizen of his or her watershed and Trout Unlimited has partnered with Girl Scouts USA to show what that means to us.

By visiting a local stream and having the opportunity to observe it as scientists, anglers and artists, girls will get the complete picture of what their stream could mean to them.

Over the course of multiple sessions, Trout Unlimited volunteers lead the Girl

Scouts in observing a stream, collecting flow data, sampling macroinvertebrates (aka aquatic bugs), fly tying and fly casting.

Each day also gives the girls time to intimately explore their natural surroundings and record their thoughts, feelings and observations in their handbooks.

Pennsylvania has 12 STREAM programs in motion for the 2022 year. They cover all six regions of the state.

PATU can supply the basic materials needed to put on the program.

Note that we have STREAM Keepers field notebooks that are gender-neutral. At least two of our programs will be STREAM Keepers this year.

Please contact Judi Sittler jsittler@comcast.net or call 814-360-9492 for more information. Visit the TU's STREAM Girls webpage at tu.org (search STREAM Girls) for more information on this program.

GRANTS

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financial assistance from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission through an R3 Education Grant and the generous support of Trout Unlimited chapters across the state, which provide matching funds and classroom support.

Pennsylvania Trout in the Classroom is a hands-on education program in which students raise rainbow trout from eggs to fry in classroom aquariums before releasing them into a PFBC-approved stream at the conclusion of the school year.

"These students are our future stream stewards, and this program helps them develop a sense of caring, not only for the trout, but for the natural world around them," said Rachel Kester, program director and TIC coordinator for PATU.

The following schools and organizations will receive funding for the 2022-23 school year:

- Abington Height School District, *Clark Summit* – Startup equipment for new program.
- Bedford Middle School, *Bedford* – Program equipment and supplies.
- Cheltenham Elementary School, *Cheltenham* – Program equipment and curriculum support materials.
- Conemaugh Township Area School District, *Davidsville* – Field trip support.
- DuBois Area Middle School, *DuBois* – Field trip support.
- Environmental Charter School -Pittsburgh, *Pittsburgh* – Startup equipment for new program.
- Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for



Contributed Photo

TIC grants are made possible with financial assistance from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) through an R3 Education Grant and the generous support of Trout Unlimited chapters across the state.

Abandoned Mine Reclamation, *Ashley* – Curriculum support materials and program supplies.

- Hereford Elementary School, *Hereford* – Program supplies.
- J.T. Lambert Intermediate School, *East Stroudsburg* – Startup equipment for new program.
- Malvern Preparatory School, *Malvern* – Startup equipment for new program.
- Manor Middle School, *Lancaster* – Startup equipment for new program.
- Mapletown Jr/Sr High School, *Greensboro* – Startup equipment for new program.
- Montessori Academy of Chambersburg, *Chambersburg* – Startup equipment for new program.
- Nazareth Area Middle School, *Nazareth* – Field trip support.
- Norristown Farm Park, *Norristown* – Startup equipment for new program.
- Northampton High School,

Northampton – Startup equipment for new program.

- Northgate School District, *Pittsburgh* – Field trip support and program supplies.
 - Palmerton Area High School, *Palmerton* – Startup equipment for new program.
 - Schuylkill Haven Area High School, *Schuylkill Haven* – Field trip support.
 - Smethport Area High School, *Smethport* – Program equipment and curriculum support materials.
 - Trinity Middle School, *Washington* – Startup equipment for new program.
 - Wattsburg Area Middle School, *Erie* – Field trip support.
 - Wellsboro Area High School, *Wellsboro* – Program equipment.
 - Wilson School District, *Reading* – Program equipment and supplies.
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Minutes of the April 24, 2022
Executive Committee Meeting



Attendees: Russ Thrall, Todd Burns, Rick Nyles, Dave Rothrock, Jenn Orr-Greene, Kelly Williams, Rachel Kester, Russ Collins, Bryan Mathie, Brian Wagner, Jimmy O'Connor, Erick Lewis, Gary Parzanese, Charlie Charlesworth, Judi Sittler, Lenny Lichvar.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President Malaska. Minutes of the Jan. 22, 2022, EXCOM meeting were approved as submitted.

President's Report: Submitted by G. Malaska

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by R. Thrall. Report approved.

Merchandise Sales: Submitted by B. Pennell. Clear trend when we print newsletters, more items are sold. Action item: Need more merchandise to give out such as bracelets, tote bags, new shirt of higher quality.

List of Actions Taken: Actions taken via email from previous EXCOM meeting circulated.

Program Director's Report: Submitted by R. Kester. CHP report received, TIC report received, KCC report received. For CHP 2022, 11 projects selected: Nine implementations, two planning projects at \$90,000 total. \$50,000 short of requests. For CHP 2023, up our asks for grants to \$150,000 (staff + projects). For KCC, the conference had 196 attendees. Action item: Need to make a 2024 conference decision by September/October 2022. Should we contact Ramada now to reserve space? What is the future of joint conferences?

Communications and Outreach Report: Expect quick turnaround by EXCOM for selected candidate. Allocated funding for hiring a new staffer.

NLC Report: Submitted by B. Wagner.

Climate Change Report: Submitted by R. Collins. Provided an update on where we stand. Public Perception: 72% think global warming is happening; 63% are worried about it. TU Perception: 87% believe climate change is real; 77% are very

or somewhat worried; 40% have noticed a change in their fishing experience. TU Strategies: 1. Adaptation - increase fish resilience. A: Work to cool waters and create habitat. B: What's good for trout is good for the climate. 2. Sequestration - carbon storage. A: Swales to lower temperature of road runoff. B: Tens of thousands of trees planted annually. 3. Mitigation - reducing carbon emissions. Take homes: Reduce emissions (pricings / dividends); 2020 protected 14M acres, lots of river miles restored and connected; Observe and report where things need to be fixed, (temps, stream flows, water testing); "My Healthy Streams" book is highly recommended for leaving with property owners; For more info. reach out to Helen Neville.

Advocacy Report: - Submitted by J. Orr-Greene and E. Baldauf. Sportsmen Hill Day was successful in Harrisburg. Cast & Blast at Harrisburg Hunter's & Anglers Association had 12 legislators attended. Those we spoke with thought the event was productive. Thank you to Doc Fritchey and Cumberland Valley chapters for supporting. There is a package of bills coming for stream management. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: Much is being tagged for additions to existing grant programs. AML: Casey & Cortwright have introduced legislation to enable use of more money in this area, and to set aside for ongoing upkeep / maintenance of projects, working on letter of support. Delaware River Conservation Fund: Set to expire in 2023, introduced bills to reup until 2030. PA Budget should be good because of higher revenue and additional funds. Future issues: Pensions and older Pennsylvanians; Great Lakes NLC Workgroup: We don't have anyone on that workgroup, need a rep from Council. K. Williams to reach out to NW chapters for interest. State Water Planning Process: We should look at engaging someone from Council in this. Game Commission lease in SGL75 to expand existing mine. No motion brought to approve this. Should we get

involved in advocating for increase in the District Conservation fusing? No increase since 2004. R. Kester to compile draft support letter for EXCOM report.

Financial Reviewer Report: No issues reported.

Regional VP Reports:

G. Parzanese - Fisher Mine: Game Commission owned, people on the ground don't like it. Concern about mine operations. Little Pine/Pine Creek tributaries: magnesium testing is an issue, location of testing site, a standard is coming for protecting aquatic life. Continuing to monitor situation.

T. Burns - Getting slammed with new warehouse and resort proposals, easily developable land is developed, more difficult development is next step, EV streams could be affected.

R. Nyles - Sent Lehigh report late. Concerns about Valley Creek tributaries, lots of roadways, poor response to spills. Need to have towing companies and fire companies following guidelines. Development runoff.

J. O'Connor - Adams County Chapter is using lawyer to harass chapter re: management of chapter. Do we have a perspective on the do not catch too many trout movement?

B. Mathie - Movement on Ken Sink PFAS issue. Public commentary in April kicked up to National but no response yet to limit that will be proposed. Fort Bedford is in a good place, has independent Conservation District. Trout Trail creation is underway. Five chapters treating hemlocks in watersheds with protective materials.

K. Williams - Chapters are getting back to business; people are participating in W&D and Stream Girls. How do we manage mailings for expiration dates and volume of mailings?

ACTION: J. Sittler VPs to continue to diversify their chapters to get more women involved in chapters and growing them within our organization.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trout Policy Committee Report: Summary of PFBC meeting attended March 15. Class A stocking and stocking

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authorization after two-year grace period in 2025 the Commission will have pay or nay authority. Expect pushback. Data from survey may be available 2023.

Development Committee Report: Nothing to report.

Investments Committee Report: A new volunteer from Pittsburgh area with finance background, development/fund-raising.

Awards Committee Report: Submitted by B. Boyd.

Delaware River Committee Report: Submitted by J. Skelding.

Conservation Committee Report: Submitted by B. Wagner. Two new members on the committee: A. Mickey and K. Myers (both had previously served). Two Forever Wild Grants approved. Fully funded for Forever Wild grants as of April 1, 2022. Continuing to monitor PFAS and insecticides. Request for support of keeping Asian Carp out of the Great Lakes. DEP draft Integrated Waters Report to focus on mercury, expanded focus, industry and energy development related. ACTION: B. Wagner to discuss with Shawn Rummell. ACTION: Committee to determine what will be done with the information, propose to EXCOM for approval of position and education.

Diversity Committee Report: Submitted by K. Williams. Partnership with PFBC and community to get Fishing Tackle Loaner site in Lancaster. Virtual presentations this winter (online and Coldwater Conference); 34 women registered for conference this year May 13-15.

Youth Committee Report: Submitted by J. Sittler. Spreading Stream Girls across state, 12 total scheduled between now and September. Sittler named Educator of the Year.

Membership Committee Report: Submitted by E. Lewis. Membership is increasing.

Communications Committee Report: Nothing to report.

VSP Committee Report: Still open at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

EITC Promotion: Opportunity for a “retreat” to get some work done.

Regional Trainings: Thank you for

presentations, will reschedule

Budget Recap: Budget approved; additional staffer included; we are in good financial shape despite COVID.

KCC Future: Should we hold joint conferences in the future?

TU Priority Waters Working Group: Motion to approve recommendation.

National TU Council of the Year Award: Submitting for this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Christ Wood Fund-raiser: To dedicate to Wounded Warriors and Derreck Eberly from Wolf administration.

Valley Forge Aqua Opportunity: Water company having challenges, looking for partnerships with Valley and Perkiomen creeks. Request received and chapters working with them

Leaders Only Training: As discussed.

KCC Recap: As discussed.

Western Pocono: Reorganization meeting completed by T. Burns. Eighteen people attended, including officers, new and old members. Janet Schmitt is a good leader looking to diversify membership.

NAMBA Letter RE: ATV Trails: Letter received. We don't need to take a stance until more info is available.

Appointment of Nominating Committee: Bylaws limit terms to October-September each year. G. Malaska is term-limited out. Officers have a responsibility to reach out to nominating committee that you are interested in running again.

In-Person Retreat: As discussed.

Transition Planning/Term Limits: As discussed.

EBTJV Appointees: K. Undercoffer is our representative, desire to have others get ready to take over his duties.

Annual Meeting Site Approval: For Sept. 17, 2022. Lambert Hall in Bellefonte, off of Bishop Street. Approved. Board retreat on Sept. 16.

Wild Trout Symposium Sponsorship: Circulated Amy Wolfe letter, sought \$500 sponsorship prior to COVID. Approved.

Next Board Meeting: Scheduled for July 17. R. Kester to poll for better date.

Best Council Approval: Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erick Lewis – Secretary

Sittler receives PAEE Outstanding Educator Award

Congratulations to Dr. Judi Sittler who recently received the 2022 Outstanding Educator Award from the PA Association of Environmental Educators (PAEE). This award recognizes an educator who has made a significant impact and contribution to the environmental education field in a formal or nonformal setting through innovative or inspiring teaching practices.



Sittler

Judi started her career as a special education teacher, but after retirement got involved with a women's fly-fishing group, and from there was invited to join the Spring Creek Chapter where she later served

as president for several years.

By combining her love of teaching youth and her newfound knowledge of coldwater conservation, Judi dove headfirst into the TU Youth Program, initiating events such as the “Get Outdoors Family Fishing Picnic” where families were invited from the local community and instructed in fishing on a local pond.

In the past three years, Judi has devoted most of her time to establishing the TU Headwaters STREAM Girls program in all six of our PA Council regions. An important part of this program has been forming partnerships with local TU chapters and another outside conservation organization. PAEE has been a “gold mine” for making those partnerships become a reality.

Our thanks go out to Judi for her hard work and dedication!

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plicable:

- **Chapter with greatest membership increase** – Nominations not accepted; Recipient determined based on data collected from National TU.
- **Chapter with greatest percentage increase in membership** – Nominations not accepted; Recipient determined based on data collected from National TU
- **Edward Urbas Award for Best PA Chapter** – This award is given to the chapter that best exemplifies the work of TU, including involvement in conservation efforts, community activities, outreach, youth activities, etc.
- **Best Small Chapter Award** – The same criteria used in the Edward Urbas Award will applied to this award, but it is limited to chapters with 150 or fewer members.
- **Best Chapter Project** – This award recognizes an exceptional initiative, project, or effort on the part of a TU chapter which demonstrates efficient use of resources and which utilizes effective partnerships with other organizations such as government agencies, other non-profits, schools, etc., and which had a notable impact on the community and/or environment.,
- **Doc Fritchey Award for Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, TU Member** – This award recognizes a TU member with a history of exemplifying PATU's core values and mission- conserving, protecting, and restoring PA's coldwater fisheries and watersheds – and who demonstrates a commitment to volunteerism.
- **Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, Professional** – This award recognizes an individual, either from a governmental agency, private enterprise, or non-profit organization, who has made an exceptional effort to help fulfill the TU mission of conserving, protecting, restoring, and sustaining PA's coldwater fisheries and watersheds.

- **Outstanding Volunteer** – This award recognizes a person who, while not necessarily a member of TU or a conservationist professional, was particularly helpful and who contributed time and effort to supporting a TU chapter or project. Their efforts on either a single project or on an ongoing basis can be considered and described in the nomination.
- **Best Chapter Website** – Is your Chapter's website particularly attractive, clear, up-to-date and easy to navigate? If so, send nominations to Brad Isles at bisles@live.com.
- **Samuel Slaymaker Award for Best Chapter Newsletter** – If your newsletter includes information about your chapter's activities that is current, well-presented and clear, and is visually attractive, your chapter may very well win this award. Send nominations, with a few copies of the newsletter, to Brad Isles at PO Box 23, Grove City, PA 16127. A digital copy can also be sent to Brad at bisles@live.com
- **Dr. Jack Beck Award for Outstanding Youth Outreach** – This award recognizes an individual who has shown exceptional leadership and commitment to youth outreach, programs, and activities.
- **Ken Sink Award for Outstanding Service to PATU** – This award is given to a person who contributes to PATU's mission in a notable way. It is intended to recognize a person who has been involved for a significant pe-

riod of time and who has demonstrated steadfast dedication to coldwater conservation, protection, restoration, as well as volunteerism and leadership. It is not necessarily presented every year.

- **Inky Moore Award for Outstanding Service to State Council** – This award recognizes a person who through his or her recent efforts shows promise as a future leader of the organization.
- **Diversity Award** – This award recognizes a chapter that shows diversity among the members in the chapter. It is important that chapters ensure that youth, women, and men take an active part in TU chapters. This ensures that TU chapters are able to carry on and it allows experienced chapter members to cultivate knowledge to new members. But it is also important that all members bring a voice to the chapter to ensure forward momentum.

Submission Criteria:

Provide a description for any events held by the chapter:

- Veterans, youth and/or women events
- Chapter youth and/or female leader

Provide the number of:

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Annual PATU Women's Leadership Retreat...



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On May 13-15, PATU's Women, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee hosted its 3rd annual Women's Leadership Retreat. Thank you to our main partner, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and the generous sponsors, speakers, and participants who helped make it happen. Thank you to the following key sponsors who made the event possible financially: GodSpeed Events & Lodging, TCO Fly Shop, Spring Creek Trout Unlimited Women Anglers, Spring Creek Chapter TU and all participants of the leadership retreat.

In Brief

PATU, Fish & Boat Commission to host TIC Teacher Trainings this summer

There will be three TIC Teacher Workshops hosted by PATU and the PA Fish & Boat Commission this summer. New teachers are required to attend, while existing teachers and program partners are also welcome to join for a refresher.

Virtual trainings will be held June 21 and July 11, while the first in-person training in two years will take place at the Benner

Spring Hatchery near State College on June 28.

For additional information on the program or to register for one of the workshops, please visit: www.patrountotheclassroom.org. Those wishing to participate in the program for the 2022-2023 school year must register for the program with PFBC by June 30, 2022. Contact Rachel Kester c-rkester@pa.gov or Cody Whipple cwhipple@pa.gov with questions.



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The chapter continued planning for restoration projects on McMichael Creek on the Pomeroy Preserve. The tree planting committee submitted buffer restoration plans to Polk Township supervisors with several options, two of which were approved. We are working with the USFWS to implement a chop and drop project in the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge. The chapter applied for and received 300 bare root seedlings in May for a spring planting project at the Refuge. Our inaugural rod building class was held in February with plans to offer the class again in the future. Volunteers provided introduction to fishing for the Girl Scouts Outdoor Challenge. We assisted Pike-Wayne TU in setting up a TIC program. We supported five TIC programs. The chapter received a Forever Wild grant to assist with the Pomeroy Project. We are working on an R3 grant proposal with PFBC for educational activities. We assisted the PFBC with a grant opportunity for the Pomeroy Project. The chapter hosted Tim Flagler for his "What Trout Eat and the Flies to Imitate Them" at our March meeting. Our banquet was April 1, and the chapter picnic was June 11.

Forks of the Delaware Chapter #482

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We planned a live stake planting and stream cleanup for April 30. The chapter held a four-

session fly-tying course in conjunction with Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center. We held two TIC release days with Nazareth and Wind Gap middle schools and a fly-fishing program at Northampton County Youth Day. The chapter hosted Capt. Zack Flake from Flyway Charters on striper fishing within the Hackensack River system in January, held a Bugs & Suds fly tying night in February and March featured Jeff Gensheimer discussing fly fishing for shad on the Delaware River.

Hokendauqua Chapter #535

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The chapter continues to monitor work on the Coplay Creek, which was completed. We plan on doing a follow-up survey of the stream to see what effect the project has had on macroinvertebrates. We held a cleanup event near Hokendauqua Creek in April. The chapter sponsors three TIC programs at local middle schools. We held a free fly-casting program for the public in May. We also planned a TU Service Program in May at a local private pond. We have resumed our monthly "Ties and Lies" on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. in the Egypt Fire Hall in Egypt, PA.

Lackawanna Valley Chapter #414

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We are reviving our stream remediation project on Roaring Brook, a tributary of the Lackawanna River. Our TU Teens President, Hunter Langman, held a multi-day cleanup on the Lackawanna River with many volunteers in attendance as his graduation project from Forest City School District. We also held a tree planting/stream cleanup workday. We had a booth at an Earth Day outreach event on Courthouse Square in Scranton on April 23. We hosted the 69th annual Lackawanna State Park Kid's Fishing Derby on June 4. The TU Teens Summer Camp was June 12-18 at Keystone College in La Plume. A STREAM Girls camp with the Girl Scouts is Sept. 17-18 at Camp Archbald.

Monocacy Chapter #491

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On somewhat short notice, chapter worked with ArtsQuest to bring back the Fly Fishing Film Tour to Frank Banko Alehouse Cinemas in Bethlehem. As a reboot to this popular event, organizers decided that a stripped-down version was a logical choice to reduce costs and judge interest going forward. The F3T has become our main fundraising event and is a great way to build relationships within our community. Our next chapter meeting is June 28 at Illick's Mill.

Pike-Wayne Chapter #462

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Chapter representatives attend monthly Pike County Conservation District meetings. Our banquet was April 9 at Lukan's Farm and Resort, Hawley. WCO Emilie Borger attended our March meeting and updated members on PFBC regulations and spring stockings. We held a Lackawaxen River cleanup on April 16 with Lackawaxen River Conservancy, Sons of Norway, Men of Bethel and the Rowland Cooperative. Members addressed the Hawley Park and Recreation Board to request the use of Bingham Park for an education fly casting and conservation and recruitment day on June 4. Members assisted Pike County Conservation District with macroinvertebrate sampling on 18 streams in Pike County in April. Brookfield Renewables announced the start of restricted generation from Wallenpaupack Hydroelectric Plant to keep anglers safe on the Lackawaxen River. PFBC requested restricted generation to start earlier this year, so it began April 2 rather than April 16 and continued until June 18.

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Shehawken Chapter #81

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No report.

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No report.

Western Pocono Chapter #203

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Western Pocono TU resumed regular meetings on Thursday, April 21 at the White Haven Library and Community Center located at 121 Towanda St., White Haven. A special reorganization meeting was held to gather input from members and the public regarding projects, speakers, etc. WPTU is proud to welcome Janet Schmitt as the chapter's first female president. Janet is a retired biology teacher from Catasauqua High School and an accomplished fly-fisher and conservationist.

In 2007, she was awarded the Lehigh County Conservation District Educator of the Year Award. She initiated one of the first TIC programs in the state and currently owns her own guide service, Angler's Refuge. She works part time at the Evening Hatch Fly Shop near Lake Harmony.

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The chapter banquet was held at The Lightstreet Hotel in March. We hosted a First Day of Trout Season refreshment stand at the access area we maintain near Orangeville. We did a litter cleanup in March and a tree planting at Roaring Creek in April. We presented to the Fishing Creek Watershed Association on April 11 with an overview of TU and Fishing Creek flies. We have re-engaged with Judi Sittler and the Columbia County Conservation District to pursue STREAM Girls opportunities. Dave Rothrock spoke at our April chapter meeting.

God's Country Chapter #327
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We received a total of \$5,188 in Embrace A Stream funding for the Little Portage Creek fish passage project. We are working on getting an R3 grant for loaner rods through the Conservation District. Chapter members will be providing boxes of flies to be used for the program. The chapter donated to the Potter County Conservation District to help with this year's summer intern who will be helping with streams assessments and other projects. We partnered with Seneca TU on a tree planting project along the Allegheny River on State Game Land 59 in April. We planted 300

trees. The chapter is providing a letter of support for a Coldwater Conservation grant for the treatment of the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid in the Lyman Run and Cross Forks watersheds. Our 13th Project Healing Waters Fly-Fishing event was May 24-27 at Big Moore's Fish and Game Preserve.

Lloyd Wilson Chapter #224
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Members are working with the Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring (ALLARM) through Dickinson College to monitor a small tributary to the West Branch of the Susquehanna River in Clinton County. Along with Clinton County Cleanscapes, members participated in a litter pickup along Big Fishing Creek in Mill Hall Borough area. Members instructed students in fly tying at Jersey Shore High School and worked with high school students to float stock Little Pine Creek. The TIC program at the Jersey Shore High School was back and did well after a year off. Jersey Shore Middle School Environmental Days was May 17-18 at Little Pine State Park. Special needs student fishing events were May 25 and June 2 at the NE Fishery Center in Lamar.

Penns Creek Chapter #119
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The chapter supported four TIC programs this year. We are involved in five stream improvement projects: Two on Kish Creek, one on Honey Creek, another on Strodes Run and another on a stretch of Jack's Creek that is over a half-mile long. Permits and funding are ready on some and pending on others. We hosted WCO Kyle Robinson at our February meeting. He covers Mifflin and southern Huntingdon counties. Our annual banquet was held on March 12.

R.B. Winter Chapter #124
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The first quarter of 2022 was busy for the chapter. We were able to bring back our annual fly tying classes. In addition to running a beginner's class and an intermediate class, volunteers did a one-day fly tying seminar for students at the Meadowbrook Christian Academy. Rick Nyles of Sky Blue Outfitters spoke during our February meeting and took us on a virtual trip to some of the great trout waters of Montana. Forester John Portzline spoke during our March meeting. We held a Penns Creek cleanup on April 23. Our chapter Fishout on Penns Creek and a fishing seminar are planned for early this summer. We collected water samples for a microplastics study on Penns Creek and Cherry Run being administered by PennEnvironment.

Spring Creek Chapter #185

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The chapter's annual watershed cleanup was April 23. Our Veteran Service Program sponsored a free Fly Fishing 101 course in March and April. We also sponsored a "Y Trout" tank at the YMCA of Centre County, Bellefonte Branch. Our Women Anglers Group continues to be active, meeting once per month. Their annual Joe Humphreys Film Festival was Feb. 27 at Schlow Library. They also fished Penns Creek on April 24 and Bald Eagle Creek on May 15. Heather Sees was our February guest speaker, who discussed The Mayfly Project, an organization that uses fly fishing as a catalyst to mentor children in foster care. In March, Ben Hayes, from Bucknell University, spoke about the history of some of our local waters. Colleen DeLong from the Clearwater Conservancy spoke in April. Tiffany London of Farmgirl Graphics spoke at our May meeting.

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Our Veterans Service Partnership committee, which we call the Service Partnership Program, has reached out to nearby college ROTC programs and retired law enforcement officers to schedule and conduct rod building classes. We are currently completing the cataloging of a large number of books and periodicals on fishing and aquatic entomology for future sale, establishment of our own lending library, and donations to the PA Fly Fishing Museum in Carlisle. The chapter our kids' trout pond materials to the Muncy Creek Sportsmen for their use. We submitted a comment letter to the PGC prior to its January meeting on the proposed new surface coal mining lease with Fisher Mining Company in State Game Land 75 in northern Lycoming County. Action on the lease was postponed until the April 9 PGC meeting, so our chapter took the lead in investigating the past and potential future impact of the FMC operations on the Otter Run Watershed, tributary to the Little Pine Creek Keystone Select stretch. We coordinated tours and outreach on the issue with National TU, Tiadaghton Chapter of TU, Pine Creek Watershed Council and Preservation Association, and the Otter Run Fish and Game Club. Following the tours in March and extensive discussion with the DEP Bureau of Mining, PFBC and PGC staff, we prepared a background/observations document and submitted a second comment letter to the PGC for their deliberations prior to the meeting. The letters called for the PGC to do a comprehensive benefit/risk analysis, increased oversight, communications, and

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coordination between the responsible parties, and further development of a baseline water quality report and ongoing increased stream monitoring and data sharing going forward by a third-party academic institution. We submitted a support letter on Lycoming College's riparian buffer project grant application for its Loyalsockville Field Station on Loyalsock Creek. The chapter continues to support the fly fishing clubs at Montgomery and Williamsport high schools. John Zaktanski, a Middle Susquehanna River Keeper, presented on the organization's river conservation programs and initiatives during our February meeting. David Nihart from PFBC presented our March meeting on the Commission's wild trout management and protection program. In May, chapter members assisted with the Montoursville Elementary School Environmental Day program, PFBC Family Fishing Day at Rose Valley Lake, and Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association's Cane Pole Fishing Derby at Rose Valley Lake.

Tiadaghton Chapter #688

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The chapter hosted the IF4 Film Festival at the Deane Center in Wellsboro in April. We completed our CHP project on Blue Run in March. Fifty-four large wood additions were added over the course of 1.7 miles. Blue Run is wild trout water and is a tributary of Long Run near Gaines. We also planted 3,000 trees this spring along riparian areas of various streams in conjunction with the Pine Creek Watershed Council. The chapter is completing its EAS project on Long Run. Three project designs are already completed and four more are in process. The chapter co-hosted the North Central Grass Roots Conservation Conference on May 13 at the Lumber Museum in Galeton. Speakers were Dr. Shawn Rummel of TU and Lori Maloney of the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture. We assisted PFBC with the women's fly-fishing program at Hills Creek State Park on May 21.

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Our annual fundraising banquet was held on April 9 at the Fall Creek Eagles. The chapter had cleanups scheduled during the Tannery Dam Earth Day celebration on April 23 and again on May 12 at the Dr. Colson Blakeslee Recreation Area. Our fly tying round tables were held in DuBois on Monday evenings January through March. Justin Schillaci, Clearfield County WCO, spoke to our chapter in March about wild trout and the upcoming fishing season and Dan Collins shared his experience as a TU intern. We held a Girl Scout Family Fishing Day in May at Camp Mountain Run. Also in May was our chapter picnic with Iron Furnace TU and DuBois Middle School's Environmental Day. Clearfield County Youth Field Day followed in June, as did a women's Intro to Fly Fishing on-water class and the Jefferson County Youth Field Day. Another chapter picnic is planned for Aug. 28 at Bendigo State Park, Pavilion 1.

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We pulled the data logger for the first time since fall when we had abnormal readings that resulted in violations. The readings are now back to normal. We have four TIC programs, and did well. On May 28, we participated in a fishing day for Corry Area School District's sixth grade class.

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No report.

Iron Furnace Chapter #288

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We held another Pint Night event on June 17 at Lost in the Wilds Brewery. In May, we returned to having our joint picnic with Allegheny Mountain TU. We sent out an appeal to members with a goal is to raise enough money to offset the yearly

operating costs of the chapter. Recently some of or chapter members meet with Travis Bobik, who is the new landowner of the property on the south end of the Brookville fly area, and the PFBC fish habitat specialist. They worked on a plan for habitat in the upper park section and the some of the lower section of the area as well. They have drawn up a plan and are now in the process of finding the funding for the project. This stream section is heavily fished and in need of a lot of habit work to improve the fishing and help fix erosion issues. We planned a veteran's fly-fishing outing on Leatherwood Creek for early June. We have also been in contact with Project Healing Waters and have it on their calendar.

James Zwald Chapter #314

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Elk County Conservation District continues to lead the search for grants for Phase 3 of the AMD project on West Creek. The chapter released local grant funds for the habitat projects at Sandy Beach on Mill Creek and the Clarion River in Ridgway. Riparian plants were ordered for the Gallagher Run project near St. Leo's Elementary School. Three additional structures and additional riparian plantings will take place on the West Branch of the Clarion. We provided back ordered items and closed out the Elk County Community Fund grant for the St. Leo's Elementary School. The chapter received updates from WCO McMann, Elk County, and were introduced the WCO Miller who is assigned to Cameron County. In addition, both Cameron and Elk Conservation Districts updated members at the March meeting. Alexandra Bobnar gave a seminar on Japanese "Gyotaku" printing/ painting techniques which are a means of creating a life-sized artwork from a memorable catch. Kylie Maland also presented a slide show and photograph display at the same seminar which hosted by the chapter in March and opened to the public as a recruiting effort. Luke Bobnar is working with Nathan Welker, ANF staff to obtain Zebco youth rods for instructional use by the chapter.

Neshannock Creek #216

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We held our 2022 Annual Banquet on March 25 at Tiffany's Banquet Center. We scheduled a workday at Coolspring's DHALO area with trail maintenance and general cleanup of the area in April 23. Grants for the new TIC program did not cover all of the equipment needed so we purchased miscellaneous items. We also discussed paying for the repair of a chiller to have on hand for a spare to cover any breakdowns. We are currently in the process of working with Buhl Park to start a STREAM Girls program. We are working with the Mercer County Conservation District

on a Growing Greener Grant for Phase II of the Plantation Park Project on Neshannock Creek. We held a youth fishing derby in June at Grove City Sportsmen Club.

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Members met with representatives from Western Pennsylvania Conservancy for preliminary survey regarding an upcoming stream improvement project on Trout Run in Waterford. Eggs were received for our two most recent TIC programs at J.W. Parker Middle School and Erie Day School. The chapter applied for a CHP Planning and Implementation grant in the amount of \$8,082 for woody debris stream improvement. We hosted a F3T fundraiser on May 15 in Erie and an Oil Creek outing and picnic on May 14.

Oil Creek Chapter #424

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Our annual fund-raising banquet is scheduled for Sept. 10. The Venango Conservation District keeps us informed of projects and concerns locally. The habitat manager for PFBC had noted there are erosion problems on Sugar Creek at Cooperstown. There is an old garage in the borough and there is concern that an underground gasoline storage tank will be exposed. Preliminary study is being done. They are monitoring phosphorus on intakes to Justus Lake in Two Mile Run Park. Stream bank work on the East Branch of Sugar Creek is tentatively scheduled for July and August. We are planning a Veterans Service Program Day to be held on May 21. We were unable to have one last year due to Covid concerns. It will take place in conjunction with the Neshannock Chapter, the Sandy Creek Conservancy and PFBC. It will provide opportunities for veterans to fish Sandy Creek on the Conservancy property. We assisted with the Oil Creek Classic trout tournament through the Titusville Rotary Club and also a Community Day in May. We provided financial assistance to the Cranberry Jr.-Sr. High School Conservation Club again this year. We are also sponsoring Big Uncle Day at the Venango County Coon and Fox Club.

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Our banquet was March 26 and featured George Daniel on nymph fishing. We are monitoring the Aquetong Creek dam removal and transfer of wild brook trout into the stream. We are working with Solebury Township on additional stream restoration to go with riparian buffer plantings. We had four TIC programs. We've had preliminary discussions with Solebury Township for a kids' program related to Aquetong Creek Park. Ray Ciani spoke at our May meeting and our chapter picnic was June 2 at Aquetong Creek Park.

Delco Manning Chapter #320

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We assisted PFBC with stocking the delayed harvest fly fishing only section of Ridley Creek in March. The chapter supports a TIC program at Strath Haven Middle School. Our annual fly-tying courses were conducted on Tuesday evenings in January, both live and on Zoom. George Christian spoke on water quality analysis in March.

Little Lehigh Chapter #070

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We are planning a stream restoration project on the Little Lehigh in partnership with the Lehigh County Conservation District, Allentown Parks Department, Little Lehigh Watershed Stewards

and TU. Construction is set to begin Aug 1.

Perkiomen Valley #332

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In March, we held a cleanup of the West Branch Perkiomen Creek at Game Lands 315. On March 14, we held a live staking along the West Branch Perkiomen Creek at Longacre Farm, Berks County with Berks County Conservation District. On March 16, we did another staking at Perkiomen Creek with AQUA PA and Upper Perk High School's Environmental Conservation Club and MCCC. On March 29, we did a live staking at Perkiomen Creek with AQUA PA and PVTU volunteers and Montgomery County Conservation District. Water Quality Monitoring continues with Soil Erosion Monitoring of Perkiomen Creek in conjunction with the Penn State Master Watershed Stewards. Monitoring also continues with the Mayfly Logger on Hosensack Creek in conjunction with Stroud Water Research Center. We received PFBC approval for the Camelot Park Project. We had TIC programs in six schools. Two schools opted out this year due to Covid. Henry Ramsay spoke on our January Zoom meeting, presenting "A Walk on the Wild Side, Fly Fishing Pennsylvania's Headwater Streams." Dean Druckenmiller presented in February on the Lehigh River. In March, Ben Turpin presented "Fishing Pocono Streams."

SE Montgomery County Chapter #468

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Our annual Polar Bear fishing outing was the second Saturday in January. The weather lived up to its name with single digits and no fish were caught. A spring stocking took place in the Pennypack Creek that flows thru the Pennypack Trust Property. Fly tying classes were held this year. Four new schools joined our TIC program. Our annual banquet was in May at the Nature Center in the Pennypack Trust.

Tulpehocken Chapter #150

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The chapter's Eco 5K is back on for 2022 and will be held Sept. 18. We hosted the F3T in April at the Colonial Theatre in Phoenixville. We worked with the Army Corps of Engineers to plan a tree deflector project in the Tulpehocken, below the stilling basin. We tried to find suitable trees between existing stone deflectors, while considering the difficulty of cutting and safety. We also considered things like habitats for owls and

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butterflies, and scheduled around opening day for trout season, as required by PFBC. Our barbecue is July 20 at 6 p.m. at the Tully House.

Valley Forge Chapter #290

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The chapter pulled vibert boxes at the headwaters of Pickering and West Valley creeks and noted success in the West Valley headwaters. We had 11 TIC programs this year. We hosted the F3T in April 14 at the Colonial Theater, Phoenixville. In May, we our fly-fishing school at CCWA Paradise Farm Camp, Downingtown, and a STREAM Girls program on May 21 at Stroud Water Research Center, Avondale.

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The chapter had a busy winter with participation at the Heidelberg Fish and Boat Show, negotiations for a 10-year agreement with PFBC to care for a half-mile of Conewago Creek, election of officers and board members, and planning for upcoming events. ACTU is deeply involved in PFBC taking ownership of 50-plus acres previously owned by Knouse Foods. ACTU is still in the planning stage of providing access and parking for the section of the Conewago that runs through the property. One of our members volunteered to do water sampling of Marsh Creek for water-borne pathogens as part of the Watershed Alliance of Adams County. The Latimore Creek

Fishing Derby was held in May at Latimore Valley Fairgrounds for kids 15 and under. The South Central Outdoor Youth Program was June 4 at Adams Country Fish and Game.

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We're continuing to work with a local environmental restoration firm on two projects in the Codorus watershed, one within the Trophy Trout section. Our February meeting was held via Zoom with a short presentation on the stream and chapter by former president Tom Fenenez. Chapter member Dale Selchan presented on midges at our March meeting. We had three active TIC programs this year. We sponsored one local youth to attend Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp. We submitted a request for a PFBC R3 grant to use for casting and tying equipment for demonstrations and recruitment during Experience Codorus Outdoors June 17-18 at Codorus State Park.

Cumberland Valley Chapter #052

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Members manned a booth at the Yellow Breeches Anglers & Conservation Club spring open house on March 19. Our Limestoner Fundraiser and Awards Banquet was the same day. Potential 2022 projects to restore the eroded mouth of the LeTort and to restore and improve a 300-plus-yard stretch with 11 structures on the Yellow Breeches at the Barnitz church area are on hold due to unsuccessful grant applications. We continue to engage with PFBC and Cumberland County Conservation District with respect to Mountain Creek discussing a long-term goal of multi-phase former lake restoration project (like the recently completed Wittlinger preserve). The timeframe is likely 2023 or 2024. We are working with landowners, Cumberland County Conservation District and PFBC to pursue removal of two dams in Brandtsville. Although not a CVTU project, the first half of the stream restoration project has completed in the upstream section of the Allenberry special regulations area of the Yellow Breeches. Work on the second half of the project will resume in July/August depending on stream conditions. We are engaging with local schools with the intent of restarting several TIC programs that were dormant during Covid restrictions. At our February meeting, Lori Glace of the Cumberland County Conservation District, spoke on county conservation projects and funding sources. Bill Anderson of the Little J River Association spoke in March on preserving and protecting the Little J. Membership meetings are the third Wednesday of each month (except August & December) at Bosler Public Library in Carlisle.

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The chapter's Annual Meeting was March 22. Three member of our chapter's Executive Committee attended the Keystone Coldwater Conference in State College. We are replanting trees washed out by flooding on Snitz Creek. The Snitz Creek 2 project is moving forward and must be completed by end of year. After receiving notice of a grant award, work has begun on the Snitz Creek 3 project's design and permitting phase. We recently installed groundwater wells at the Barry Farm project to measure the depth of groundwater in the wetlands area where the new stream bed will be moved, and stream water temperatures monitors to assess whether it is suitable for the brook trout population. We are in discussion with three other property owners for stream restoration on their property. We will begin the process of assessing these potential projects with our consultant and begin looking for funding sources. We had an exhibit booth during the Wildwood Nature Center's Wetlands Festival in April. We will also have an exhibit booth at the Ned Smith Nature Center for its Summer Festival on July 30. Eric Richards, guide, conservationist and lobbyist, was guest speaker at our March meeting. His presentation was centered on stream stocking management. Jim Suleski presented "Protecting our Native Brook Trout" at our May meeting.

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Our new planting and maintenance trailer was used on March 26 at our tree nursery in Millport Conservancy, followed by a successful workday at an old buffer on Fishing Creek, lower Camp Andrews. DTU followed up at a new buffer planting on April 27. It was an all-women's planting event at upper Camp Andrews. We added one TIC program and have others preparing to join. A Camble Foundation grant was awarded for ongoing organizational and educational improvements and functions of DTU. Rick Kustich presented "Musky Fishing with a Fly Rod" at our April meeting. Mike Morris presented "Restoration Plan for Hammer Creek, Lebanon County" at our May meeting.

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We worked with PFBC to float stock the Delayed Harvest section of Falling Spring and the C&R section of the East Branch of Antietam Creek. In conjunction with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, we replaced more than 500 dead

trees by live staking along Falling Spring between Quarry Road and Edwards Ave. These trees are from the 2,600 initially planted to improve the riparian buffer on this section. Grants are still pending for a complete watershed study of Falling Spring and to clean up the section below Garmin Drive that at one time incorporated a fish hatchery.

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In February, we hosted a Cabin Fever tying event in Stewartstown featuring guests Bobby Clouser and Henry Ramsay, in addition to a number of tyers from MCTU. On Opening Day, we sold food and merchandise at Muddy Creek Forks and High Rock. We are taking the lead on the planning for a large project along Leib's Creek in Stewartstown, which is a Class A wild trout tributary of Muddy Creek, to do bank stabilization and habitat creation in partnership with the York County Conservation District. MCTU sponsored TIC programs in six classrooms in Red Lion, Daltown, South Eastern and Eastern York school districts. We received a Forever Wild grant for the purchase of 30-plus pairs of hip boots for youth engagements and fly-fishing education sessions.

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Arrowhead TU plans on constructing three additional stream diverters within the DHALO below Nicola bridge. Dave Beale, a forester and stream improvement expert, has identified the locations in need of such and will donate his time

relative to supervised implementation of these improvements. Scot Magacky will also donate his time and equipment relative to this initiative. The chapter held its annual banquet on March 19. Chapter members assisted with the stocking of our Buffalo Creek DHALO relative to both bucketing and float stocking of trout furnished by the PFBC. Arrowhead is uncertain as to whether any of our schools will be conducting the TIC initiatives.

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Chestnut Ridge TU resumed its annual litter cleanup along Dunbar Creek within State Game Land 51 on March 26. During the day, members also replaced "Fly Fishing Only, Catch and Release" signage that had been torn down or damaged by weather along Dunbar Creek. We also met with representatives of American Rivers, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy and the Habitat Section of PFBC to plan improved trout habitat on Dunbar Creek. Along with 20 other watershed organizations, community groups and TU chapters which had won 2022-2023 grants from the BHE GTS Energy Mini-Grant program, CRTU participated in a virtual grant ceremony hosted by BHE GTS and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. We were afforded the opportunity to prepare a PowerPoint slide explaining our Glade Run Alkaline Sand project and make an oral presentation to the group assembled on screen. Our grant will fund ongoing water sampling in connection with our Glade Run Project. We hosted a tour of the Jonathan Run watershed within Ohio State Park to cultivate support and partnerships for a planned acid-mine-drainage remediation project on the stream. Jonathan Run was once a popular trout stream but was impacted by surface mining in the early 1980s. The stream has not supported trout fishing since that time. Attending the tour were representatives from DCMR Bureau of State Parks, PGC, PFBC, DEP, Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, and CRTU. We have indicated our intent to apply for an Embrace A Stream grant to help start the project. The chapter made a financial contribution to the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp that will enable the camp to offer tuition to two students. We also provided trout from our Co-op nursery in the Youghiogheny tailrace to support several youth fishing experiences around the Laurel Highlands region. Furthering our commitment to youth fishing, we are planning our annual fishing experience provided by CRTU to youth affiliated with the East End Community Center in Uniontown. The event will be at the South Union Township Community Park and will serve children who have not had an opportunity to fish before. A tree-planting project along Hutchinson Run within the park is also being planned to blend a conservation message into this year's fishing experience.

Forbes Trail Chapter #206

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Forbes Trail has reconvened its in-person monthly meetings. We also reconvened our cold-water conservation and fly-tying programs during the winter at one local middle school. We've conducted two fishing events and field trips with local schools and did a Fly Fishing 101 program for a local Cub Scout pack. We are partnering with four local TU chapters to redesign the "Laurel Highlands Trout Trail" project to guide fly-fishers to premier fisheries in the area. It involves selecting 10 streams to promote, developing a new promotional brochure and re-designing a website. We will be partnering with Go Laurel Highlands Visitors' Bureau to promote the program. Our Diversity Committee partnered with that of Penn's Woods West on a fly-tying event in February for ladies at PA Fly Co tackle shop. They also jointly participated in National Geographic's traveling event for children, Monster Fish, at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. We completed the E. coli sampling for our Coldwater Conservation Plan for Linn Run and its tributaries. We have one more habitat assessment to complete and we'll be working with Valley School of Ligonier this spring to complete studies on the portion of Linn Run on school property. The data is being digested and draft sections for the final report are being written. We are planning a summer family picnic on July 16 at Kingston Veterans Sportsmen Club.

Fort Bedford Chapter #291

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February and March chapter meetings were held as "fly-tying roundtable" events. The flies tied by chapter members were donated to Casting for Recovery participants to use during their outing in May in Bedford County. The Little Wills Creek Project is set for July 28-29 in Hyndman, and the Beaver Creek Project is planned for Aug. 3-6 in Loysburg.

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The chapter registered as an Adopt A Highway participant for our first bi-annual cleanup on a state road that borders Plum Creek. in Roaring Spring. We are in the planning stage for a stream restoration project on Popular Run in Newry. This project will be managed by National TU. We are currently working on funding. Members assisted with the Tipton Wetlands group tree planting in April. Members also supported the Little Juniata

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River Association with its annual cleanup along the Little Juniata River in April. Jessica Kester presented the STREAM Girls program to the board on March 21. We are going to partner with Jessica and her 4H group to create a STREAM Keepers event in the fall. This event is still in the planning stages. Creg Strock, owner of Aquatic Imitations Fly Shop, spoke at our May meeting. We had a fly-fishing station at the Women Take Aim event in May at the Blair County Game, Fish & Forestry Association. TIC release for Bellwood Elementary School, Penn Mont Academy and Cambria Heights Elementary School were in May. We staffed a TU booth for World Environment Day at Blair County Ballpark (Altoona Curve stadium) on June 2. The chapter hosted a women's Intro to Fly Fishing program June 6-7.

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The chapter participated in meetings for the Laurel Highlands Trout Trail project. In February, we became heavily involved in the organization for our banquet, celebrating 50th years as a chapter. The banquet was in March.

Mountain Laurel Chapter #040

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The chapter's annual fundraising banquet was March 26. We are actively planning projects on Yellow Creek and Potter Creek for summer 2022. We will also be conducting litter pickups on Yellow Creek, Clearshade Creek and Little Paint Creek. The chapter supports numerous local school districts with their TIC programs, including Shade-Central City, Divine Mercy, Forest Hills and Conemaugh Township.

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Penn's Woods West has a totally new and updated website based on updated technology that incorporates virtual wallet so we can sell mech on our website as well as use it for ticket sales for Cabin Fever. We returned to live meetings in February with a fly-tying demonstration featuring six excellent tyers. March's meeting was focused on PWWTU's conservation program and upcoming opportunities for members to get involved including two in-stream restorations, two

riparian buffer plantings, five scheduled cleanups partnering with local watershed organizations and Allegheny Cleanways, which does boat-based stream cleanups. Our women's initiative holds monthly meetings. If you want to discuss starting a women's and diversity movement in your chapter reach out to PWWTU. We had a chapter camping/activity in May on Pine Creek. We are working with the Arrowhead Chapter on in-stream improvements of Buffalo Creek in September. We're also fostering eco-tourism with Forbes Trail, Chestnut Ridge and Mountain Laurel chapters on the Laurel Highlands Trout Trail. This year, the chapter supported two new TIC classrooms with funding and assistance in setting up the aquariums, bringing our total of current classrooms to 12. One of the new classrooms is a charter school in downtown Pittsburgh that offers inner-city kids the opportunity to learn how their actions affect the three rivers area. The chapter received corporate grant funding for our partnership with Chatham University to set up a virtual TIC aquarium in the Aquaponics lab lead by Dr. Roy Weitzell. It supports a 24/7 video camera on the aquarium to enable life sciences educators in economically disadvantaged locations to still take part in the TIC curriculum. This will be a pilot season and we will work to put metrics into the website to monitor how many hits, length of time viewed and geographic locations of viewership.