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## PATU Annual Meeting set for Sept. 16 in Mill Hall

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited will hold its Annual Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2023, at Haywood's on the Green located at 43 Fairway View Drive, Mill Hall, PA 17751.

Join us to hear updates about PATU programs and partnerships, participate in annual elections, hear from special guest speakers, learn about advocacy opportunities, network with PATU members from across the state, and maybe even win a

**See pages 2-3 for more info on  
PATU's Annual Meeting at  
Haywood's on the Green.**

*Deadline to register is Sept. 8.*

raffle prize.

The cost is \$55 per person and includes:  
Entry to the meeting, coffee and light  
breakfast, hearty lunch buffet, PATU swag,

and one special door prize ticket. Raffle tickets will be available separately. Registration deadline is 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 8.

Registration and more information are available online at <https://patROUT.org/index.php/annual-meeting>.

Please note that nominations for open board seats can be made by contacting John Leonard, chair of the Nominating Committee. Elections will be held at the meeting on Sept. 16.

## STREAM Girls at the ready...



Judi Sittler Photo

Just a reminder to contact Judi Sittler, PATU's youth education chair, for information and materials related to your chapter's youth initiatives and outreach, especially the STREAM Girls/STREAM Keepers programs. Judi's contact information is available on page 3.

## TIC grants announced for 2023-24 school year

The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited is pleased to announce that nearly \$18,000 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.

Funding for these grants is provided by PATU and from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission through an R3 Education Grant.

In addition, Trout Unlimited chapters and other program partners across the state generously provide matching funds and classroom support.

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## Join PATU leaders at optional pre- and post-meeting events

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited will be hosting a “Fish and Hang” on Friday, Sept. 15, prior to the Annual Meeting.

Join other PATU members for an evening of food, beverages and fun beginning at 4 p.m. at Floating Feathers Brewing Company, 380 Main St., Mill Hall. Food and drinks will be available on an “on your own” basis followed by fishing along Fishing Creek hosted by Lenny Lichvar and Dave Rothrock. Those who decide not to fish can hang out for fly-tying, casting practice, conversation and maybe even a friendly iron fly competition at the brewery with Ari Capotis and Rachel Kester.

Additionally, the WDI Committee is hosting an “After ‘Parr-tee’” immediately following the Annual Meeting on Saturday, Sept. 16, beginning around 3:30 p.m. Join the group for a variety of games and activi-

ties that will keep the fun going after the conclusion of the formal meeting.

While these activities are being planned to enhance fun and camaraderie in conjunction with the meeting, they will also serve as a “show and tell” for activities that can be utilized at chapter events to increase participation and attract new members. Some things being planned include a casting competition/rodeo, fly-tying, backyard bass game, along with other activities and games. You do not have to be a member of the WDI Committee to attend. In fact, we encourage all members to join in the fun!

Registration is not required for either the pre- or post-meeting activities, but if you plan to attend, please email [info@patrout.org](mailto:info@patrout.org) by Sept. 8, indicating that you are coming to the Friday Fish and Hang and/or Saturday’s After Parr-tee, so we have an idea of how many will be there.



## Officer nominations being accepted

PATU officer nominations are being accepted up to and during the Annual Meeting, in accordance with Article VII, Section 2 of the Pennsylvania Council of

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To submit a nomination, please email John Leonard, Nominating Committee chair.

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# 2023 PATU Annual Meeting

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023**

**Haywood's on the Green**

43 Fairway View Drive, Mill Hall, PA 17751

## DRAFT AGENDA

**9 a.m.** – Sign-in and networking  
**9:30 a.m.** – Welcome (Lenny Lichvar, President)  
**9:40 a.m.** – PFBC Updates (Bob Caccese, PA Fish & Boat Commission)  
**10 a.m.** – PATU Programmatic Updates (Rachel Kester, PATU Program Director)  
**10:30 a.m.** – State of PATU (Lenny Lichvar, President)  
**10:50 a.m.** – Break

**11 a.m.** – Council Elections (John Leonard, PATU Nominating Committee)

**11:10 a.m.** – Marketing Your Chapter (Rick Nyles, PATU Eastern Executive VP)

**11:40 a.m.** – Advocacy Update (Emily Baldauff, TU Mid-Atlantic Organizer)

**12 p.m.** – Lunch

**1 p.m.** – Priority Waters Update (Scott Koser, National TU)

**1:30 p.m.** – DCNR – Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (Nathan Reigner, DCNR)

**2 p.m.** – Break/Cash Bar

**2:15 p.m.** – Annual Awards (Judi Sittler, PATU Awards Committee)

**2:45 p.m.** – Raffles (Bob Pennell & Rick Nyles)

**3:15 p.m.** – Adjournment



## **PATU Annual Meeting**

Saturday, September 16, 2022

Haywood's on the Green

43 Fairway View Drive, Mill Hall, PA 17751

### **REGISTRATION FORM**

(Please print neatly)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Email/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Additional Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

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Total # of registrations \_\_\_\_\_ X \$55.00 = TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Please mail with enough time for registrations to be received by September 8<sup>th</sup>.

If you do not receive confirmation that your registration was received by September 8<sup>th</sup>, please contact Rachel at 814-359-5233 or c-rkester@pa.gov.

Online registration is preferred and available at:  
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# Headwaters

**A message from PATU President  
Lenny Lichvar**

The federal Clean Water Act was passed over 50 years ago to make our waterways more fishable, swimmable and drinkable. It has been the essential foundation upon which significant water quality improvements in the nation have been successfully built. It was passed back when there really were elected officials in this country, regardless of political affiliation, who actually knew what needed to be done and did something to improve and protect the most important natural resource we have.

Those days are over. Today, political ideologies derived from self-perpetuation, misinformation and factless driven perception all too often rule the day. The recent Supreme Court ruling that found that a landowner did not need a federal permit to fill in a wetland that “lacked a continuous surface connection” to a water body is a manifestation of that political agenda that is a disservice to the public that all the branches of our government are sworn to serve.

This really is the latest in the long debate over which streams, rivers and wetlands are protected by the CWA and now leaves countless essential headwaters and wetlands vulnerable to destruction. Our downstream water resources will suffer the consequences as will we as users of those resources.

The saving grace, if there is one in Pennsylvania, is that these same connected waterways are indeed regulated and protected under the state’s Dam Safety and Encroachment Act 32P.S. 693.1-693.27 and the implementing 25 Pa. Code Chapter 105 regulations. Essentially this means that anything that changes the course, current, or cross sections of waterways, floodways and bodies of water including wetlands require a Chapter 105 permit to prevent unreasonable interference with water flow.

That is a semi-complicated way of saying that the Commonwealth already has protections that many other states do not and because of that can at least blunt some of the ongoing attacks and changes in the CWA.



Lenny Lichvar Photo

**Tom Williams, a Penns Woods West Chapter member, casts a fly on the Monongahela River in downtown Pittsburgh where he regularly hooks and lands a wide variety of game fish. The Clean Water Act has played a major role in enabling that opportunity to exist.**

The bad news is that the weakening of the CWA sets a precedent that can give those that want to see even more weakening of our state’s clean water regulations the opening they are always looking for by making the case that why should Pennsylvania’s regulations be more strict than the federal requirements.

Of course, there is an “expletive deleted” good reason why our state’s regulations should be as they are and that is because ours have been in place for decades and have indeed enabled our water quality to improve thereby generating eco-tourism, increased recreational opportunities and re-igniting and sustaining ever growing economic vitality across the state and improving the quality of life of every citizen.

There are many examples of the CWA

creating positive impact. Among the many is the revival of the three rivers of Pittsburgh, notably the Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio Rivers. Fouled by multiple sources of pollution for most of the 20th Century, they now are bountiful fisheries as well the focal point for the resurgence of the entire downtown region. Those downstream results begin in the remote headwaters where the debate now rages.

That is why it is up to Trout Unlimited, every local chapter as well as individual members and all the other natural resource organizations, both professional and volunteer, to make it known to our current elected officials that any similar tinkering aimed at weakening our state’s water quality regulations cannot and will not be tolerated. No compromises.

## EXCOM actions taken since April 23, 2023

**May 3, 2023** – Support letter for PA Senate Bill 146 (Brewster) – Amends Title 30 (Fish) and expands a license exemption to include therapeutic fishing events around the commonwealth.

**May 3, 2023** – Support letter PA Senate Bill 411 (Pennycuik) – Amends title 30 (Fish) to allow 100% disabled veterans to obtain a free fishing lifetime fishing license and cleans up language in the current schedule.

**May 15, 2023** – Public comment letter approved re: Nicholas Meats, LLC water withdrawal for SRBC.

**May 15, 2023** – Support letter for PFBC’s proposed license fee increase for 2024.

**June 19, 2023** – Support letter for PFBC Class A list revisions, (five additions), and Wild Trout revisions, (nine additions).

**June 30, 2023** – Support letter for PFBC Commissioner Eric Hussar.

# Treasurer's Report

by PATU Treasurer  
Russell Thrall

For most chapters, activities tend to slow down a bit in the summertime as people take vacations or enjoy a day off here. PATU, however, has been hard at work planning for several upcoming events including the Sept. 16 PATU Annual Meeting and the Keystone Coldwater Conference next February.

The Annual Meeting is being held at Haywood's on the Green in Mill Hall. It's on Sept. 16 from 9 a.m. until 3:15 p.m. I urge you to attend the meeting and take part in the opportunities to learn some new things, celebrate our successes and meet TU volunteer leaders from around

the state.

Look for complete details for the Annual Meeting on pages 1-3.

Online registration for the meeting is encouraged and available on the PATU website at [patrout.org](http://patrout.org).

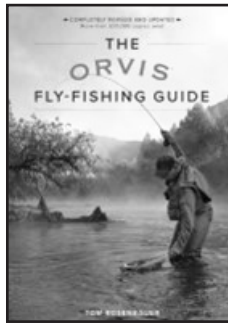
As I mentioned above, planning is ongoing for the Keystone Coldwater Conference. For now, save the dates of Feb. 23-24, 2024.

The meeting will again be held at the Ramada Inn in State College that has been the venue for the last several events. More details will come via email and in the next edition of *PA Trout*.

## Gear up for fall with new PATU merch

With the heat of summer and warmer waters now abating, perhaps it's time to take stock of your fishing gear and consider what the PATU Merchandise Collection has to offer for your fall fishing activities.

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# Fly Patterns of Pennsylvania

by Nick Cobler

## Madame X Variant (Foam)

*A high-floating, versatile pattern that should be in your summer fly boxes.*

### Fly Design / Highlights

- Constructed with a few, readily available materials
- A nice point-fly to anchor smaller dropper flies
- Easy to tie and can be mistaken by fish for a host of insects.

### Background

I've always liked the Madame X style of fly patterns for their appearance and floatability. And, if you are like me, you have a ton of deer or elk hair available to use in your coffers. They are the perfect materials to tie this version. It is also a great fly to use in the late summer when hunting brook trout in mountain streams. This version is one I tie using foam to add some additional floatability and give the option to trail it with a dropper nymph. Furthermore, it's big, easy to tie, and can represent many food sources that are available at this time of the year.

### About the Madame X Variant

I encourage you to experiment with this style of fly pattern in different sizes. Try incorporating various colors of deer or elk hair for the tails and wings. Try different body materials. Consider adding even more visibility with a small tuft of bright orange cdc tied in at the top of the wing. Even a small piece of bright polypropylene would work. Don't let all those materials you have lying around just sit there! Most importantly, have fun and see what you can come up with.



### Materials

- **Hook:** Your choice of type & size
- **Thread:** Your choice of type & size
- **Tails:** Deer or elk hair
- **Body:** Your choice
- **Legs:** Rubber legs
- **Wing:** Deer or elk hair

Note: In this example I tied in some yellow foam for the body. You can also use just thread for the body. I like to tie in a piece of floss sometimes to help cover the deer or elk hair and create a smoother body.



Start the thread behind the eye and wrap a base back to the bend of the hook. Clean and stack a small clump of hair and tie in. Keep the tail relatively short.



Tie in some foam (or simply just use thread) and move your thread to behind the eye of the hook. Wrap the foam forward and tie off a little behind the eye.



Clean and stack another clump of hair. Tie in facing forward (butts pointing towards the hook point). The length will need to match up to the tails when folded backward.



Grab the hair and push backward. Wrap a neat, stubby head. I like to secure the thread wraps at this point with a little head cement for extra durability. Trim any wayward fibers.



Tie in some rubber legs of your choice, being sure to secure to both sides of the hook shank. Trim to your desired length and whip finish a few times.



At this point I tie off and use head cement to really secure the thread wraps. These flies take abuse, so the more durable the better. Happy fishing and tight lines!

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# PA Council of Trout Unlimited

Minutes of the July 16, 2023

Executive Committee Meeting

State College YMCA | State College, PA

**Attendees:** Lenny Lichvar, Russ Collins, Gary Parzanese, Greg Malaska, Ari Capotis, Bryan Mathie, Kelly Williams, Dave Rothrock, Scott Koser.

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President Lenny Lichvar. Minutes of the April 23, 2023, EXCOM meeting were approved as submitted.

**President's Report:** Submitted by L. Lichvar.

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

**List of Actions Taken:** Submitted by E. Lewis.

**Program Director's Report:** Submitted by R. Kester. Have received approximately 30 resumes for the open Conservation Communication Coordinator position. G. Malaska suggested the position being an on-site requirement could be an issue for finding the right individual. Also discussed the position being a steppingstone for younger applicants. Annual Meeting discussed and tentative agenda reviewed. There are plans for a women's meet-and-greet on Friday night at the Floating Feathers Brewery in Mill Hall. Higher cost of the meeting due to location and amenities offered.

**Communications and Outreach Report:** Submitted by R. Kester.

**Keystone Coldwater Conference 2024:** Submitted by R. Kester. A. Capotis suggested inviting someone from Maryland or

West Virginia to discuss their approach to an experimental watershed project for the protection of wild brook trout. B. Mathie discussed a proposed research project at Chatham University to install a hatchery specifically for brook trout.

**NLC Report:** Submitted by R. Collins. NLC is going through a reorganization, establishing 3- to 7-year goals with emphasis on climate change, conservation issues and priority waters. R. Collins attended the NE Rendezvous in Connecticut.

**Advocacy Report:** Submitted by E. Baldauff. Scott Koser, manager of the coldwater habitat program for National Tum in Lock Haven attended. The group has completed 12 projects this year and is about halfway through the total project list. He stated that last year was a record for sediment and nutrient reduction for Pennsylvania. Most projects were coordinated through local conservation districts or private landowners, with all money applied locally. B. Mathie requested more communication about proposed and ongoing projects with local TU chapters for them to assist. S. Koser agreed there needs to be better communication and suggested along with Council to have at least one meeting after the final project list is established. This would most likely occur at the April Council meeting. R. Collins suggested being the point person with National TU through the NLC. D. Rothrock suggested TU employees doing the work reach out to the local chapter when in their area.

## **Regional VP Reports:**

Northcentral (G. Parzanese) – Discussed two issues, one with the Susquehanna chapter and one in the Penns Creek area. Susque-

hanna TU met with board members of the Loyalsock Creek Watershed and key EQT operations staff to discuss gas leases in the watershed and in Tiadaghton State Forest. EQT has taken over leases from Anadarko and Alta. The meeting was informative, and the chapter feels EQT was interested and receptive to their concerns. EQT stated it is committed to using sound BMPs and adherence to environmental laws. Penns Creek is in the process of writing to DEP, PFBC and local legislators about a white out event on Honey Creek in Mifflin County. The last white out was an extended event of about two weeks. The chapter's main concerns are for the macroinvertebrates and the condition of the Class A wild brown trout in the stream. The lack of response from DEP and PFBC to calls is concerning. The conservation district also expressed concern over the communication issue. They are working to set up a monitoring site on Honey Creek.

Northeast (T. Burns) – See chapter reports.

Northwest (A. Capotis) – Cornplanter chapter will have a project this year as well as one on Caldwell Creek. Working with Seneca chapter to reorganize.

Southcentral (J. O'Connor) – See chapter reports.

Southeast (D. Druckenmiller) – See chapter reports.

Southwest (B. Mathie) – The Laurel Highlands Trout Trail has seen an increase in angler activity. There was a successful STREAM Kids event. Discussed a possible virtual TIC program in conjunction with Chatham University, Penns Woods West and a number of inner-city schools in the Pittsburgh area for schools that cannot afford the program.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Trout Policy Committee Report:**

Submitted by D. Rothrock. Stocking notification/authorization update: D. Rothrock stated he is hoping the rules change will take effect in January 2024. Proposed PFBC Class A stocking regulation: See D. Rothrock's report comments. Discussion about PFBC's poor communication when local streams are placed in the Class A regulations. Cold Stream in the Philipsburg area was discussed, and L. Lichvar showed a video from a news station in Johnstown. Lack of communication to the stream section greatly added to the confusion. D.

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Rothrock also mentioned the stocking of fingerling rainbow trout by the Commission. He stated that surveys have shown that a 25% or lower percentage of the fingerlings survive. Suggested PATU urges the commission to stop this stocking. PFBC Fisheries Managers: Update by L. Lichvar. Fly Fishing Only Requests: Update by L. Lichvar. PATU-NFC Work Group: Update by L. Lichvar.

**Development Committee Report:** Submitted by B. Neu.

**Awards Committee Report:** Submitted by J. Sittler.

**Delaware River Committee Report:** Submitted by J. Skelding.

**Conservation Committee Report:** Submitted by B. Wagner.

**Diversity Committee Report:** Submitted by K. Williams and A. Daniel. K. Williams reported the Women's Leadership Weekend was a success, with about 30 attendees. She stated they are already planning for next year and that most of the cost was covered by donations from chapters and outside organizations. The group is looking to potentially hold regional events in the future.

**Youth Committee Report:** Submitted by J. Sittler.

**Membership Committee Report:** Submitted by J. Miller.

**Communications Committee Report:** Submitted by B. Isles.

**Financial Reviewer:** Submitted by N. Cousins.

**College/5 Rivers:** Submitted by C. Charlesworth.

**TU Service Partnership:** Vacant.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Priority Watersheds:** Update by L. Lichvar.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**TU Compliance Officer:** R. Collins informed Council there is a new compliance officer for National TU, Quenton Collins. He will answer any questions chapters have on contract issues and documents that chapters would be asked to sign by outside agencies or groups.

**Litter Creel:** Update by L. Lichvar.

The next EXCOM meeting is Oct. 15, 2023.

Motion to adjourn at 1:05 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Erick Lewis – Secretary*

## **GRANTS**

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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.

The following schools and organizations will receive funding for the 2023-24 school year:

- Adelphoi Educational School (Indiana) – startup equipment for new program
- Allen Middle School (Camp Hill) – field trip support
- Asbury Woods (Erie) – equipment and field trip support
- Bear Creek Community Charter School (Bear Creek Township) – startup equipment for new program
- Big Spring Middle School (Newville) – curriculum materials and field trip support
- Bishop McCort Catholic High School (Johnstown) – field trip support
- Bullskin Township Elementary School (Connellsville) – field trip support
- California Area School District (Uniontown) – startup equipment for new program
- Cameron County School District (Emporium) – startup equipment for new program
- Cochran Jr./Sr. High School (Cochran) – program supplies
- Cumberland Valley High School (Mechanicsburg) – field trip support
- DuBois Area Middle School (DuBois) – field trip support
- East Stroudsburg High School North (Dingmans Ferry) – program equipment
- Fairfield Elementary School (Fairfield) – field trip support
- Fairview Middle School (Fairview) – startup equipment for new program
- Glendale School District (Flinton) – field trip support
- Green Woods Charter School (Philadelphia) – program equipment and field trip support
- Greenwood Elementary School (Kennett Square) – field trip support
- Hereford Elementary (Hereford) – program supplies

- Jersey Shore Area Senior High School (Jersey Shore) – field trip support
- Juniata Valley/Blue Juniata FFA (Alexandria) – program equipment
- Lincoln Elementary (Emmaus) – startup equipment for new program
- Madonna Catholic Regional School (Monongahela) – startup equipment for new program
- McDonald Elementary School (Warminster) – program equipment and curriculum materials
- Northeast High School (Philadelphia) – program supplies
- Northgate School District (Pittsburgh) – program equipment
- Perkiomen Valley School District (Collegeville) – program equipment and field trip support
- Port Allegany Elementary School (Port Allegany) – program supplies
- Ridgway High School (Ridgway) – program equipment
- River Valley Middle School (Blairsville) – program equipment and field trip support
- Saint Catharine of Siena School (Reading) – field trip support
- Schuylkill Haven Area High School (Schuylkill Haven) – field trip support
- Smethport Area Jr Sr High School (Smethport) – program equipment and supplies
- Southern Huntingdon County High School (Three Springs) – program equipment
- Southmoreland High School (Alverton) – program equipment and supplies
- Springfield Clifford N. Pritts Elementary (Normalville) – startup equipment for new program
- Susquehannock High School (Glen Rock) – startup equipment for new program
- Upper Moreland Middle School (Hatboro) – curriculum materials
- Upper Perkiomen Middle School (Pennsburg) – field trip support
- Wattsburg Area Middle School (Erie) – program equipment and field trip support

Visit [www.patrountotheclassroom.org](http://www.patrountotheclassroom.org) for more information about the TIC program.

# Council award nominations due Aug. 31

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited will present its annual awards during the fall meeting at Haywood's on the Green, 43 Fairway View Drive, Mill Hall, PA 17751 on Saturday, Sept. 16.

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://patrout.org/index.php/patu-awards-nominations/>.

Forms may be emailed to Judi Sittler at [jsittler@comcast.net](mailto:jsittler@comcast.net) or mailed to her at 108 Gaslight Circle, State College, PA 16801. Nominations for Best Newsletter and Best Chapter website should be sent to Brad Isles at [bisles@live.com](mailto:bisles@live.com).

Below is a brief description of each award with eligibility criteria:

- **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 be 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 period 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:
  - Veteran, Youth and/or Women events
  - Chapter youth and/or female leader
- Provide the number of:
  - Active male chapter members
  - Active female and/or youth member

For a member to be considered active, they must attend at least three chapter meetings per year or participate in at least one chapter event per year.

# PATU Awards 2023 Nomination Form

Fill out, clip and except where otherwise indicated mail this nomination form to: Judi Sittler, 108 Gaslight Circle, State College, PA 16801. You may also download it from [www.patrou.org](http://www.patrou.org) and mail to the same address. Scanned submissions can be emailed to [jsittler@comcast.net](mailto:jsittler@comcast.net). **The deadline for nominations is August 31.**

**Nominator's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Nominator will be notified once a decision has been made.**

**I would like to nominate** \_\_\_\_\_ **for the**

**Check one:** \_\_\_\_\_ Edward Urbas Best Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist, TU Member (Doc. Fritchey Award)

\_\_\_\_\_ Best Chapter Project

Best Small Chapter (150 or fewer members)

\_\_\_\_ Outstanding Coldwater Conservationist,  
Professional

\_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Jack Beck Award for Outstanding Youth  
Outreach

Outstanding Volunteer  
(Person who contributed time or effort in helping a TU chapter or project, either one time or ongoing; doesn't need to be a member or conservation professional)

\_\_\_\_\_ Ken Sink Memorial (not presented every year)  
For an individual who has made long-term  
significant contributions through their work  
with state council.

\_\_\_\_\_ Inky Moore Outstanding Contributions to  
PATU's Conservation Mission

\_\_\_\_\_ Diversity Award  
(For a chapter that shows diversity among its membership.)

Samuel Slaymaker For Best Newsletter  
(Send copies of at least three recent issues to  
email to Brad Isles at [bisles@live.com](mailto:bisles@live.com))

Best Chapter Website  
(Send nomination to Brad Isles at  
bisles@live.com)

Reason for nomination (250 words or fewer):

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## Muddy Creek Chapter of TU Women's Event...



The Muddy Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited held a women's event earlier this year, led by Celia Davis and several members of MCTU at Heron's Hollow in Stewartstown PA. Celia is a member of Trout Unlimited and a Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission fishing skills instructor.

A 2022 PATU Forever Wild grant aided the purchase of equipment used for the event. To learn more about the Forever Wild grant program, please visit <https://patrout.org/index.php/programs>.

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## Save the Date

The 2024 Keystone Coldwater Conference will be held Feb. 23-24, 2024 at the Ramada Inn Conference Center in State College, PA.

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Brodhead TU hosted a Fisherman's Flea Market June 10 at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center in Analomink prior to our annual chapter picnic held later that day. The chapter had an invasive plant removal day in April at the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge, along Cherry Creek at the Larsen Lane tract, along with our annual chapter cleanup along Pocono Creek in Tannersville at the Pocono Heritage Land Trust Tannersville Woods Nature Preserve and the neighboring Learn Preserve. We also held a riparian planting maintenance day at Polk Township Walking Park and the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge in May. The chapter continues to plan 2023 restoration work in McMichaels Creek at the PHLT Pomeroy McMichaels Creek Nature Preserve. A contractor was selected for the project that will take place this October in conjunction with PHLT and PFBC. We held a series of "Fly-Fishing the Next Step" classes over five weeks to assist past attendees of our education programs. The chapter also conducted a STREAM Girls program in May at Hickory Run State Park. Seven board members participated in a PFBC Fishing & Fly-Fishing Skills Instructor course in May. A women's Introduction to Fly-Fishing program is planned for September.

#### **Forks of the Delaware Chapter #482**

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Chapter board members reported on dewater-

ing events on Bushkill Creek May 17 and May 18 and a fish kill on May 18 caused by a planned pump outage to commission backup generators at the Buzzi Unicem quarry. Final commissioning of the generators was postponed for better stream flows. Ironically, the generators are being installed to prevent future dewatering events when the quarry experiences power failure. We sent a letter to Wildlands Conservancy for a dam removal on Bushkill Creek. Chapter volunteers, along with members of Forks UCC, took part in our annual Earth Day trash pickup along Bushkill Creek and popular access areas in April, including our Adopt-A-Highway section on Bushkill Drive. We also held a "Fly-Fishing Prep Night" in April with volunteers answering questions and assisting with gear setup, casting and fly-tying. In May, we hosted a "Fly-Fishing Night" on the Bushkill. Also in May, along with Jacobsburg Environmental Education Center educators, Forks TU provided educational programming for Wind Gap Middle School's TIC release day. In June, the chapter hosted a station at Northampton County Youth Field Day. Also in June, Forks of the Delaware TU, in partnership with Forks Township Parks and Recreation, provided the PFBC's SMART Angler program which included macroinvertebrates from the stream, a spin casting competition and spin fishing at Lions Park along Bushkill Creek. Our annual Pig & Corn Roast is Sept. 30.

#### **Hokendauqua Chapter #535**

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The chapter held a cleanup on Hokendauqua Creek in April. We now sponsor five TIC programs in different school districts, but only three of the programs participated this year due to technical problems. All three successfully raised and released their trout. We have resumed our monthly "Ties and Lies" program. We sponsored a student to attend the Youth Conservation & Fly-Fishing Youth Camp this summer. The young lady participated in our fly-tying course and has shown an interest in conservation. We also sponsored two youths who attended our fly-tying class to attend another week-long conservation camp this summer. The chapter also held a fly-casting clinic.

#### **Lackawanna Valley Chapter #414**

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No report.

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Chapter President Paul Ranello received the Charlie Bright Award in recognition of his leadership and contribution to coldwater conservation at our annual banquet in April. We joined with the Keep Pa. Beautiful program by assisting with a Lackawaxen River cleanup in April. Volunteers joined the Pike County Conservation District by cleaning Route 402 in Blooming Grove. Additionally, volunteers joined Pick Up Poconos cleaning the Lackawaxen River in Hawley. In May, Western Wayne ninth grade students released their TIC trout into Center Creek in the Varden Conservation Area. Lacawac Sanctuary staff presented information on chemical water testing and pollution, macroinvertebrates in a pond environment. In June, members provided instructions on casting with closed-faced reels to boys and girls at the Lacawac Sanctuary's Conservation Leadership Academy. In May, we provided fly-fishing demonstration and instruction for Lake Arie Community Fly-Fishing. Instructions were provided while members explained equipment, types of flies and water safety. Lock 31 Canal Fest is Aug. 19 at White Mills. Casting For Recovery is Sept. 12 at Sky Top Lodge.

#### **Schuylkill County Chapter #537**

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SCTU hosted a summer picnic at Sweet Arrow Lake pavilion in July. Members participated in outdoor education events at Tuscarora State Park and at Locust Lake. We plan to host a kids fishing rodeo at the S&A Trout ponds in September.

#### **Shehawken Chapter #81**

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We have been exploring grant writing opportunities. The chapter provided outreach assistance on TU/Friends of the Upper Delaware River stream restoration projects, and engaged in land-owner recruitment to support macroinvertebrate studies along the West Branch of the Delaware River. We assisted with the FUDR Bill Canfield Fly-Fishing Camp for kids. We have engaged local disadvantaged youths with diverse cultural backgrounds in conservation activities.

#### **Stanley Cooper, Sr. Chapter #251**

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No report.



## Western Pocono Chapter #203

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WPTU has been active meeting with other conservation organization leaders and sent letters of support to Trust for Public Lands regarding its efforts to acquire 1,200 acres of land adjacent to the Lehigh River at Penn Haven and the new Weatherly Creekside Trail. WPTU also supported, where feasible, the Lehigh Valley Sierra Club and its work to repair an AMD project on Buck Mountain Creek that pollutes the Lehigh River at Rockport. The first White Haven Trout Festival sponsored by Western Pocono TU was held at the White Haven Library on June 3. There was a great response to the first-time event that highlighted the importance of the nearby Lehigh River trout fishery. Exhibitors including conservation groups, land conservancies, state parks, the PFBC, Pennsylvania Game Commission, PA Bureau of Forestry, river guides, fly shops, artists, crafters, and others highlighted the importance the trout fishery has to the local environment, economy and culture. White Haven Library volunteers along with volunteers from the local historical society and fire department provided a variety of foods and refreshments and music throughout the day that attracted over 400 visitors to exhibits. Fly-casting and tying demos, nature and history hikes along the new D&L Trail and access area, and expert speakers on a variety of trout related subjects entertained and informed those attending.

### **NORTHCENTRAL CHAPTERS**

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## God's Country Chapter #327

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Our 14th annual Project Healing Waters Fly-Fishing event was May 23-26 "In Honor of the Global Defenders of Democracy" at Big Moore's Run Fish and Game Preserve. We also assisted at an environmental day with students from Northern Potter School District, also at Big Moore's Run. Members assisted with a cleanup on Little Kettle Creek in April, collecting 24 bags of trash from along the stream and roadway. Our June meeting was a wrap-up of the PWHFF event and starting on plans to assist with a casting and fishing day with the Black Forest Conservation Camp.

## Lloyd Wilson Chapter #224

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Our annual family picnic and membership meeting was June 6 at the Antes Creek Fishing Club. We have been meeting with representatives from Clinton County Conservation District, PFBC, DEP, National TU and others concerning AMD remediation for Beech Creek in Centre and Clinton counties. In May, members taught fly-tying and casting to middle school students from Jersey Shore at Little Pine State Park. Also in May, members assisted with a TIC release into Little Pine Creek for Jersey Shore High School; members assisted with fishing for the Life Skills class from Jersey Shore at Antes Creek Fishing Club; and members assisted with fishing for special needs students from Bellefonte, Keystone Central and Penn's Valley school districts at the NE Fishery in Lamar. In June, we assisted with a fishing event at the NE Fishery for all children under 12 years old, as well as with fishing for Camp Cadet youths at the fishery.

## Penns Creek Chapter #119

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Penns Creek TU members participated in a STREAM Girls program at Port Royal Lions Club Park in April. We also held cleanups on Kish, Tea, and Honey creeks; assisted with a cleanup along the Juniata River towpath with Juniata Conservation District and Juniata Watershed Alliance; and members attended a live stake workshop. In May the chapter held a TIC release in Lions Club Park with Tuscarora Junior High in Port Royal; held fly-fishing classes for the Women in the Wild program at Little Buffalo State Park; had a club fishing day on local streams; assisted with a TIC release and ECO Day for Mifflin County School District at Rec Park in Lewistown; and helped with the TIC release for Richfield Elementary at Beasom Park in Richfield. In June, members as-

sisted with the ENVIRO Camp at Beasom Park; and held our annual summer social at member Jan Snedeker's camp near Poe Paddy State Park. Our Youth Field Day is Aug. 12 at Mifflin County Sportsman's Club in Ferguson Valley. On Sept. 13, we resume monthly meetings at Juniata Valley YMCA in Burnham at 6:30 p.m.

## R.B. Winter Chapter #124

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This quarter was one of the busiest in RBWTU history. In April, chapter volunteers scoured the banks of Penns Creek from the tunnel at Poe Paddy to the bridge in Glen Iron as part of our annual cleanup. The chapter participated in the Annual Mifflinburg Fishing Derby at Buffalo Creek for kids under 12. We did a TIC release with third grade students from Meadowbrook Christian Academy on Penns Creek and another with high school students from Selinsgrove School District. Agricultural Science students from Selinsgrove released their fish in Middle Creek. On May 17, the Chesapeake Bay Conservancy and our chapter of TU joined forces for a team building experience at the R.B. Winter cabin at Penns Creek. Many members of the Conservancy traveled from Maryland for their first look at this beautiful area. It was an opportunity for both organizations to dialogue about common purpose and for participants to deepen their understanding of the Chesapeake watershed as a whole. RBWTU volunteers served as guides and presented a macroinvertebrate seminar. We have a Kid's Fun Day set for Aug. 12 at Union County West End Fairgrounds. Our Fall Fishout is Sept. 20.

## Spring Creek Chapter #185

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More than 330 people attended our annual Family Fishing Picnic at Tussey Mountain Pond on June 4. Our Oak Hall Project was completed. Our Youth Education Committee assisted TIC students during their release day at Whipples Dam in May. On June 14, the chapter's Youth Education Committee helped youths and their parents catch fish on Colyer Lake. Seventeen veterans attended our June VSP outing with surprise guest Joe Humphreys. In early May, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Partners for Fish and Wildlife and members of our chapter reached out to more than 50 families at the Spring Creek Elementary School's "Pollinator Days." We attended the Y's Healthy Kids Day event in April. Our Women Anglers continue to meet regularly on and off the water, including an fishing outing with SCCTU President Jamie SanFilippo on June 25. We are submitting two Growing Greener grants for Vinyl King and

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Millbrook Marsh in this year's round. Our next meeting is a wine social on Sept. 7 at Mount Nittany Winery. We have a veteran's fishing outing on Oct. 6 at Fisherman's Paradise, Bellefonte.

## **Susquehanna Chapter #044**

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A celebration of life luncheon was held on June 4 to honor the late Charles W. "Bill" O'Connor, a founding member and director emeritus of the Susquehanna Chapter. We continue coordinating with National TU and PATU to resolve chapter membership issues. We are monitoring the proposed "spill reporting" bill and other environmental legislation. Our Conservation Committee met with EQT in May about concerns with gas drilling activities in Loyalsock State Forest, including the Hillsgrove water intake and pipeline. We drafted a letter for the PATU Executive Committee regarding concerns about the proposed increase in groundwater withdrawals by Nicholas Meats from the Fishing Creek aquifer. We continue to coordinate with the Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association, EPCAMR, and SRBC on monitoring and rehab of AMD treatment systems and tributary streams of the upper Loyalsock Watershed. The chapter participated in a TIC release with Montgomery High School on White Deer Hole Creek in May. We provided fly-casting and tying instruction to the Hughesville High School fly-fishing club. Members offered a program at our April chapter meeting about "where to go fishing," focusing on the Loyalsock, Penns, Fishing and Spring Creeks. Past and ongoing efforts to protect these streams were highlighted. The chapter started a loaning library of books, periodicals, and videos returned to us from the J.V. Brown library after it discontinued the Angler's Alcove. SCTU and the Lycoming College Clean Water Institute had a table at the Bureau of State Parks Conference in April in Williamsport. An Introduction to Fly-Fishing program was held at Trout Run Park for participants in our fly-tying class. Our Service Partnership Program coordinator continues to assist emergency service first responders and veterans with fly-tying and rod building. Our next chapter meeting is at 7 p.m. on Sept. 13.

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Chapter members successfully planted 2,500 mixed confers in conjunction with the Pine Creek Watershed Council on April 29, May 6, 10, 13 and 20. The trees were planted along Long Run, Phoenix Run and West Branch of Pine Creek. The chapter, in partnership with National TU and the Tioga County Conservation District will embark

on a large soil erosion control project on Long Run the second week of August. We collected macros on Long Run at three sites. We're working with Greg Moyer, a fisheries professor at Mansfield University. The chapter assisted with a fish population study on Long Run in July with Kathleen Lavelle of National TU. An AMD project on the upper Tioga River near Blossburg is proceeding. The chapter organized a tree planting project at the Mill Cove Environmental area in Mansfield in April. The chapter received a CHP grant to conduct thermal imaging flights along the entire length of Long Run to locate coldwater refuge areas for trout, and then apply for implementation grants to enhance the refuge areas. We took part in Springfest at Hills Creek State Park and taught fly-tying and provided casting lessons. Chapter meetings are the first Tuesday of the month, except July and August, at 7 p.m. Our meeting location has changed to the Tioga County Conservation District Office at 1867 Shumway Hill Road, Wellsboro.

## **NORTHWEST CHAPTERS**

**Allegheny Mountain 036**

**Caldwell Creek 437**

**Cornplanter 526**

**Iron Furnace 288**

**Jim Zwald 314**

**Neshannock 216**

**Northwest PA 041**

**Oil Creek 424**

**Seneca 272**

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We had our picnic meeting in May and did have three potential new members attend. We have a stream restoration planned for Morrison Run in the Allegheny National Forest on Sept. 23.

**Iron Furnace Chapter #288**

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Iron Furnace TU has been busy with a variety of conservation, education and fundraising projects. The capstone of our spring's work was a fundraiser held at Lost in the Wilds Brewing. The chapter participated in several education and outreach events involving local students, contributing activities such as stream macroinvertebrate and water quality sampling and fly-casting. Our members assisted with several different litter cleanup events. We have contributed funding and labor toward a streambank stabilization project on East Sandy Creek in Clarion County and monitoring of the Mill Creek watershed in Jefferson County in conjunction with local community members.

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Unfortunately, low water and high-water temps forced us to cancel our fishing outing on Oil Creek this year. The Northwest Chapter participated in the installation of signs along Caldwell Creek. This was done along with the Foundation of Sustainable Forests and the Caldwell Creek Chapter. Our members also participated in a planting on the bank of Elk Creek in conjunction with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. It was the conclusion of a lot of work by the Conservancy to stabilize an eroded section of the stream. Elk Creek is a tributary the flows into Lake Erie and is a major destination for steelhead fishing for locals as well as anglers from the tri-state area and from around the world. In addition to bank stabilization, this project also improved stream access. Chapter members had a chance to witness the culmination of our TIC programs over several dates as fish from our 19 projects were released.

## Oil Creek Chapter #424

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Bailey Kozalla is the new watershed specialist for Venango Conservation District. She has been keeping us up to date on conservation and educational activities of the Conservation District. We contributed to the Oil Creek Classic Youth Fishing event, and we also donated a fly-rod package. The Oil Creek Classic trout tournament took place on May 12-13. Our chapter provided activities for Community Day at Drake Well Park. Our Veterans Service Program activity day was held at the Sandy Creek Conservancy on May 20, with Neshannock TU, The Sandy Creek Conservancy and PFBC. The chapter contributed to the Coldwater Conservation Award at Clarion University. We have participated in this for quite a few years, as have two other chapters. We also contributed to Big Uncle Day at the Venango Coon and Fox Club. We have another teacher interested in starting a TIC program. Our 2023 banquet is Sept. 9. at The Inn at Franklin in Franklin, Pa.

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**Bucks County 254**  
**Delco Manning 320**  
**Little Lehigh 070**  
**Perkiomen Valley 332**  
**SE Montgomery Co. 468**  
**Tulpehocken 150**  
**Valley Forge 290**

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Our subcommittee on Aquetong Creek restorations continues to work with Solebury Township

on developing a restoration plan. The chapter received a \$2,341 Forever Wild grant to offset costs associated with National TU personnel who will assist with the stream evaluation and restoration recommendations. BCTU continues to support five TIC projects, the newest one being at the Bucks County Youth Center. In addition, the Youth Center has expressed interest in getting fly-tying, casting and fishing instruction. The chapter applied for a PATU grant to be used in the Aquetong Creek restoration. Nick Raftas spoke about fishing the Lehigh River in April, followed by Tom Nowaski who presented a program on carp fishing in May. Our chapter picnic was in June at Aquetong Creek Park. Chapter meetings resume in September. The chapter will be sending out a postcard with the program schedule.

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We hosted a picnic-pig roast on June 24 with guest speaker Dave Rothrock. A DCNR grant for \$58,200 was awarded to the stream restoration project for Perkiomen Creek in Camelot Park that PVTU is leading in partnership with Upper Hanover Township (Montgomery County). With this award, the project is fully funded with cash and in-kind donations totaling \$200,000. Due to the lack of contractor availability this project will be conducted in 2024. The Schuylkill River Restoration Fund awarded \$45,000 to our project on West Branch Perkiomen Creek on Longacre Farm in Berks County. The project is now fully funded to restore install streambank stabilization and in-stream habitat structures on a 1,200-foot section of the creek. The project budget is \$85,000 for which PVTU has committed \$55,000 in cash and in-kind services and materials. Additionally, a \$5,000 grant was awarded to the project from the Berks County Conservation District Clean Water Fund. Environmental permitting and bid requests are being finalized. Fieldwork is targeted for Sep 2023 or 2024, contingent on receipt of environmental permits and securing a contractor. PVTU is partnered with Aqua PA (the landowner) to restore Perkiomen Creek and West Branch Perkiomen Creek where dams were removed in

the winter of 2022. A stream restoration design has been completed for the Perkiomen Creek project site. Fieldwork is tentatively scheduled for 2024 on Perkiomen Creek and 2025 for the West Branch. A cleanup with the Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy was held on the Main Branch Perkiomen Creek in April. Water quality monitoring of Main Branch Perkiomen Creek and West Branch Perkiomen Creek was also completed in April. Riparian tree maintenance and tree planting on both streams was completed in early May at four different locations. A habitat assessment for a future remediation project along West Branch Perkiomen Creek is scheduled to occur in the third quarter. The assessment will be completed by the Montgomery County Conservation District, PVTU and the landowner. PVTU accepted a request to serve on the steering committee for development of a renewed master plan for Green Lane Park in Montgomery County, which adjoins the Green Lane Reservoir, a drinking water source for the greater Philadelphia area. Our conservation work on the source water to the reservoir (Perkiomen Creek and West Branch) is recognized as an important component to the plan. TIC is ongoing in seven of our local schools. We coordinated five release days this spring with Dock Mennonite High School, Boyertown High School, Upper Perk Middle School, Evergreen Elementary and Hereford Elementary. Perkiomen Valley Middle School is applying to participate this coming year.

## SE Montgomery County Chapter #468

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All but one of our TIC schools had trout to release this spring. One school's release even made a major news station's broadcast, resulting in a great advertisement for TIC. Close to 400 sixth-graders participated in an environmental day that included a macroinvertebrate sampling, tree planting and plant identification. An additional eight classes of first- to sixth-graders got to spend the day in a local park learning to fish.

## Tulpehocken Chapter #150

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Additional remediation work on Cacoosing Dam, where the Tully and Cacoosing confluence, will be completed by American Rivers. Our Mantawney Creek project is progressing. We have a plan in place but we're still trying to secure agreements with all landowners. The project includes six or seven barb rock deflectors, root wads and a modified muddill. We're also hoping for additional signage about stream etiquette and cleanup. STREAM Girls is being introduced to the chapter with the help of Berks County Conserva-

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tion District. We hosted the Fly Fishing Film Tour in Phoenixville on May 11. Board meetings were held June 21 and July 19.

### Valley Forge Chapter #290

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For our brook trout initiative, we surveyed stretches of streams where eggs were planted and found fingerlings at all locations. We received identification results from a macro sampling conducted in April and combined all data and calculated EPT (Ephemeroptera, Plecoptera, Tricoptera) Richness Index, Biotic Index and Family Biotic Index to estimate water quality at various collection sites and dates. Monitoring device maintenance and data collection is ongoing. A warehouse facility is impacting the headwaters of Pickering Creek. The Stony Knoll Farm development is impacting a tributary of Crum Creek, a HQ/CW stream. We are monitoring a proposed elementary school construction in Chesterbrook with stormwater runoff that will affect Valley Creek. Our participating TIC schools released their fish. We are planning a Junior Ranger program with Valley Forge National Historic Park and a STREAM Girls program with Stroud Water Research. An EAS grant application in progress. We received a National Park Foundation Junior Ranger program grant, and a Chester County ARPA grant for Crabby Creek infiltration beds is in progress. Membership meetings resume Sept. 7 and run through May on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at The Barn at Upland Farm Park, 301 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs, PA.

### **SOUTHCENTRAL CHAPTERS**

**Adams County 323**

**Codorus 558**

**Cumberland Valley 052**

**Doc Fritchey 108**

**Donegal 037**

**Falling Spring 234**

**Muddy Creek 575**

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ACTU applied to participate in the Adams County Giving Spree. If selected, the event would provide the chapter with a significant source of new donations, both for the coming year and well into the future. Activities at our Zeigler Mill Road access site include planting about 300 trees and shrubs of a variety of species in the former farm field in the vicinity of the parking area, spraying multi-flora rose in a large area in the vicinity of the planned trail, and creating a 600-yard trail. The fly-fishing only section of Conewago Creek was surveyed for zebra mussels by PFBC. None were found. PFBC habitat division and ACTU member Dave Swope performed a walk along the Conewago Creek special regulations area in advance of summer stream improvement efforts. We assisted with the Latimore Fishing Derby. We held a fishing outing for a fly-fishing class in May. Several ACTU members attended New Oxford Middle School's Environmental Day on May 22. We are hoping to bring a STREAM Girls program to Adams County.

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We continue to engage with Cumberland County Conservation District and Central PA Conservancy to leverage their expertise in grant opportunities and coordinate our conservation projects. We've begun initial planning to establish a Veterans/First Responder Service Program. *Fly Fisherman* magazine sponsored the premier of the movie "Mending the Line" at the Allenberry Resort on June 3. In May, we removed deadfall and trash on our Letort Spring Creek properties. The Barnitz Church Yellow Breeches project streamwork was completed on June 30. The final phase of the project will occur this fall with donated trees and bushes from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. We worked with the Cumberland County Conservation District for additional grant funds to complete the project. We're working with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for trees and bushes for riparian plantings to complete the project this fall. Additionally, the Carlisle Rotary club approved a \$500 grant which will augment riparian plantings. Our Letort project is scheduled for September. In an effort to stay engaged with newcomers to fly-fishing and fly-tying, we continued follow-on classes after our winter fly-tying

class, with emphasis on the basics of fly-fishing. Classes ended May 20. Recent speakers were Joe Baker, bamboo rod maker, in April; the Atlantic Salmon Federation in May; and our streamside social in June at Messiah College to observe the Rivers Conservation & Fly-Fishing Youth Camp. We're meeting Aug. 19 at Carlisle Fish & Game Club; Sept. 9 at Vince's Meadow Pavilion, Carlisle; and Sept. 20 at Bosler Library, Carlisle.

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DFTU's organizational structure was broken into five major committees with at least two board members volunteering to coordinate each committee. This should enable shorter board meetings and increase volunteers as committees are going to reach out to membership with specific requests. DFTU sent two representatives to the TU Regional Rendezvous in Stamford, Conn. A report on sessions was given at the June board meeting. Board and general membership meeting times, dates, locations and speakers were set for the remainder of 2023. Our board received training on the use and information contained in the "Leaders Only" section of the TU website. DFTU co-sponsored *Fly Fisherman* magazine's film premier of "Mending the Line." Snitz Creek 3's final design and permit conversation with DEP is completed. Bachman Run surveying and wetland delineation has also been completed, along with its stream assessment. One of the two properties was sold at auction, and we are awaiting approval documents from the new property owner. Snitz Creek 4's Growing Greener grant application was approved by DEP, pending submission of documentation from the 20 landowners. We have secured the needed documents except one, and the decision was made to work around that property. Our Barry Farm Hammer Creek project's footprint surveys, bog turtle phases 1 and 2, and wetland delineation are now complete, and the legacy sediment trenching was scheduled to begin. The Beck Creek construction phase grant application was submitted but declined. We applied for \$795,506. We just completed the process of applying for a package of several grants from various agencies to assist Becks Creek. Weekly maintenance at the Rausch Creek diversion well continues. Chapter volunteers participated in cleanups of three local streams. We planted trees with other agencies and volunteers along one stream, removed fallen tree and debris from trout stream in local park fishing area, assisted PFBC in stocking and float stocking Manada, Clarks and Quittapahilla creeks, assisted Palmyra Sportsman's Association in "Stocking the Quittie" with trout from their co-op nursery. We also manned an informational booth with fly-tying at the Wild Woods Wetlands Festival. DFTU had five teachers at four schools participate in our 2022-23 TIC program. We sponsored two local

youths to attend the Cumberland Valley TU Rivers Camp. We participated in both PATU and National TU diversity and inclusion conference calls. The DFTU Ladies Fly-Fishing Day at Limestone Springs Fishing Preserve is Oct. 7. Upcoming board meetings are Aug. 22, Oct. 24 and Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at Skelly and Loy Corporate Offices. Upcoming DFTU meetings are Sept. 26 with Ross Purnell, and Nov. 28 with Dusty Wissmath presenting Fly-Fishing in Iceland. Both are at the Fort Indiantown Gap Community Room. On Oct. 7 is our Ladies Introduction to Fly-Fishing event.

### **Donegal Chapter #037**

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The chapter completed two stream restoration projects in May. The Peters Creek project in Fulton Township restored 2,027 feet of stream with 340 stems planted. The cost was \$169,483 and funded by the PFBC, Exelon Fund, and DTU contributing \$44,482. The Lapp Farm project located in East Drumore Township restored 1,850 feet of stream with 87 stems planted. The cost was \$270,715 and funded by PA DEP (EPA 319). This fall, our nursery will move from the Millport Conservancy to the Penn State Agricultural Research Center in Rapho Township. The site is under construction, which includes preparing the beds, installing underground irrigation and electricity. The chapter had an information table at the Lancaster Fly Fishing Show. Our TIC program continues to grow. We have reached out to centers that provide educational resources for children attending alternative classroom education. In June, DTU held a Special Olympics Fishing Derby at a member's pond. Our VSP group held a Fly-Fishing Kickoff event at Millport Conservancy this spring. Our annual membership meeting is Sept. 13 at Lancaster Farm and Home Center.

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We held a TIC event for middle school students at Conococheague Creek in May as well as the Franklin County Youth day in June. We hosted the Franklin County Invitational in May for Project Healing Waters. The chapter submitted a Growing Greener grant application for a watershed plan on Falling Spring. Will submit another for a restoration plan on Falling Spring through CWQ in February. We are planning a barbecue in September to attract new and younger members.

### **Muddy Creek Chapter #575**

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We are currently seeking permits for main-

tenance of prior stream restoration work on the North Branch of Muddy Creek. We are pursuing the replacement of a barrier culvert on Piney Hill Road at the Spencer Run Crossing, near the intersection with Bridgeton Road. The chapter was successful in advocating for the Lower Chanceford Township road crew to receive ESM certification, making them eligible to participate in the Low Volume, Dirt and Gravel Road program administered by the York County Conservation District. MCTU will continue to be a driving force behind this potential project as the township considers various projects on which to partner with the YCCD. We sponsored TIC programs in six classrooms across Red Lion, Dallastown, South Eastern and Eastern York school districts. The chapter awarded a \$1,000 Muddy Creek Watershed Conservation scholarship to Kennard Dale senior Bridget Kilgore. This scholarship program was founded by Walt Lister and Dan Dellinger, and supports a graduating senior within the watershed who is pursuing secondary education in support of a watershed conservation related field. We hosted a ladies fly-fishing outing in Stewartstown in April. Equipment was provided by the chapter, with fly rods recently purchased through a PATU Forever Wild grant.

### **SOUTHWEST CHAPTERS**

**Arrowhead 214**

**Chestnut Ridge 670**

**Forbes Trail 206**

**Fort Bedford 291**

**John Kennedy 045**

**Ken Sink 053**

**Mountain Laurel 040**

**Penn's Woods West 042**

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Our chapter completed its annual litter cleanup on Dunbar Creek on the Saturday prior to the opening of trout season. We were pleased to have help on the project from both our Fayette County game wardens, Brooke Hargenrader and Zach Hay. Also on Dunbar Creek, we are pleased that the PGC has filled in the deep muddy holes at the upstream end of Betty Knox Road. This work was done after CRTU appealed to Dunbar Township to yield that portion of road to the commission as part of State Game Lands 51. When the backfill and grading are complete, the PGC will install a gate and CRTU members will plant native grasses, pollinators and trees along the right-of-way. The finished project will reduce sediment to Dunbar Creek, remove a breeding ground for mosquitoes that may carry West Nile virus to ruffed grouse and other birds, will restrict access to a former illegitimate "dump site," and will greatly improve the esthetic experience of fishing that section of Dunbar Creek. Chapter members participated in several youth education events this spring. These included fly-casting instruction at TIC releases at Ohiopyle State Park, and at Camp Christian. Several members also helped with youth fishing and fly-casting instruction at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Special Outdoor Recreation Day at Youghiogheny Reservoir, and at Mountain Watershed Association's Youth Fishing Day at Resh Park. Members are helping to plan the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Youghiogheny Reservoir to be held this August. The reservoir is the source of an improving near-wilderness experience tailwater trout fishery for 20 miles in the Youghiogheny River downstream. Our nursery committee provided trout for several youth fishing events around CRTU's region this spring. We held a joint picnic-meeting with Forbes Trail Chapter in July, and we successfully nominated CRTU member Deb Simko to continue her service on DEP's Ohio Basin Water Committee. As a member of that body, she keeps CRTU informed of water issues, and advocates for appropriate uses and protection for streams, with special interest in the Laurel Hill Creek watershed.

### **Forbes Trail Chapter #206**

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The chapter culminated its introduction to fly-fishing and fly-tying class for the Outdoor Club of Ligonier Valley Middle School with a successful fishing trip on Loyalhanna Creek. We participated in Westmoreland County's Envirothon this spring and also hosted an education program for the Salem Township Summer Family Fun Night series. Our 6th annual fishing event for military veterans is Sept. 16 at Kingston Veterans Sportsmen Club. One of the problems identified in the recently completed Coldwater Conservation Plan for Linn

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Run is lack of young-of-year wild brook trout in some of the headwater tributaries. The problem is believed to be caused by aluminum leaching out of the soil and bedrock. The chapter is working with DCNR, PFBC and others to explore the efficacy of installing a limestone treatment system in the headwaters of Linn Run. The intent is to reduce the amount of dissolved aluminum which is most toxic to newly hatched trout. Chapter meetings resume Sept. 6, followed by Oct. 4 and Nov. 1 at Nimick Family Education Center.

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The chapter completed its third Adopt-a-Highway cleanup along Plum Creek Road, which parallels Plum Creek, a Class A Wild trout stream. We assisted six schools with their TIC release days. Joe Humphreys presented to the chapter in April and Eric Kelley, U.S. Rep. and product developer for Fulling Mill, tied some of his signature nymphs. The chapter will have a booth with information about TU, a macroinvertebrate display with live bugs (if we can find some in August), and a casting station with different types

of rods for kids that can cast into a hula-hoop at Family Fun Day at NatureWorks Park on Aug. 12. Creg Strock, owner of Aquatic Imitations in Hollidaysburg (Frankstown) and a master fly-tyer, will present at our Sept. 12 meeting. Our chapter picnic is Sept. 16 at NatureWorks Park.

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We completed a macroinvertebrate survey of Little Mahoning Creek and one of the tribs, Cessna Run. The results of the survey for Little Mahoning was about as expected, being rated fair. Cessna Run was surprisingly decent with a healthy population of stone fly nymphs. One project we had hoped to accomplish was the renovation of signage along Little Mahoning Creek, but unfortunately, we were not able to do so. The chapter continues to attend and support PASEC meetings and will support an event for Marion Center School district students. We will resume regular chapter meetings in September.

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Budget and project planning has been conducted for 2023 initiatives. The chapter is currently planning projects for Stuarts Run, Potter Creek and Higgins Run. The Stuarts Run project is scheduled for Aug. 19. Litter pickups were held

on Yellow Creek, Little Paint Creek and along Shade/Crumb Road in April and May. We support numerous local school districts with their TIC endeavors, including Shade-Central City, Divine Mercy, Forest Hills and Conemaugh Township. The chapter hosted a table and conducted fly-tying demonstrations at the Windber Sportsman's Fishing Rodeo on June 3. The chapter received a \$3,500 grant administered through the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy to help fund Phase 2 of our Stuarts Run project. Upcoming meetings are Sept. 7 and Oct. 5 at the Richland Township Municipal Building. The board meets at 6:30 p.m., followed by our membership meeting at 7 p.m.

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### **Penn's Woods West Chapter #042**

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Several of our members participated in Public Lands' (Cranberry) Hop 'n Shop: Spring Demo Day in April and we helped to fund the AW Beattie Career Center's annual "Out for Trout" event, held at North Park in May. Our fourth-Monday Bar Flies program continues to be well-attended and will continue through the summer. Our women's group is driving our STREAM Keepers program, which we held June 3 and 10 in North Park with participation from our chapter as well as Forbes Trail TU. Board member Jamie Schroeder spoke about her recent trip to Chilean Patagonia at our April meeting. Our May meeting, as has become our custom, was an informal cookout and evening on the pond behind our meeting place. Our next meeting is Sept. 18 with Tim Flagler as speaker.