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By Matt Perry

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**Members and**  
**Guests Attended**  
**the Jan Meeting**

Kudos to Don Holbrook who has been selected for the 2016 Rising Trout Award. The Limestoner is right around the corner. The banquet will be held on **Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2016**. We will be gathering again in the grand ballroom at the **Park Inn**, located at 5401 Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA. Everyone who has attended the Limestoner for the last two years has given the Park Inn rave reviews. So, if you haven't come to the Limestoner for a few years... come back and see what you've been missing! As always, we will have great food, bucket raffles, a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle and an exciting live auction. Also, if you are interested in joining the Limestoner committee, we could really use the help. The Limestoner Banquet is CVTU's biggest event of the year and our main source of funding for all of the great events and projects that CVTU puts together on an annual basis. If you think you could lend some of your time (anything helps), please feel free to contact me. My contact information is available on the website or in Tight Lines under Board of Directors. I look forward to seeing all of you in March for the 2016 Limestoner! Keep an eye on your chapter Facebook page to see some of the fine items available for auction.

**Membership Meeting: Wednesday, 17 Feb at 7PM**  
**Monroe Township Fire Hall**

Our February program will feature Chapter President Tom Miller who will enlighten us on fishing opportunities in western Wyoming. Our chapter members really get around and we have had some excellent programs reviewing their adventures. Whether you are planning on a trip west or just dreaming of one, Tom will present information on the fishing and touring potential of the region within Yellowstone & Grand Teton National Parks while based out of West Yellowstone and Jackson, WY. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. at the Monroe Township Fire Hall so get there a bit early for some chit-chat time. Hope to see you there.

Tom Baltz

## Calendar of Events

2016

Feb 10th  
Project Healing Waters  
Bass Pro  
Harrisburg

Feb 17th  
Member's Meeting  
Monroe Township FH

Feb 18th  
Chapter Breakfast,  
Kimberly's Café  
Carlisle

March 18th  
Limestoner Banquet

March 19th  
Yellow Breeches Anglers  
Outdoor Show  
Allenberry

April 2nd  
Opening Day  
Trout Season  
SEPA/SC Region

April 8-9th  
PA FF Museum  
Open House  
Allenberry

April 11th  
Chapter Trip  
Clark's Creek

May 4-6th  
Chapter Trip  
South Holston, TN

May 31– June 3rd  
Chapter Trip  
Pine Creek

June 4th  
Chapter Trip  
E. Licking Creek

June 19-24th  
Rivers Youth Camp  
Allenberry

June 28-29th  
Street to Streams  
Allenberry

July 11-14th  
Chapter Trip  
Beaverkill, NY

Oct 28-30th  
Chapter Trip  
Spring Creek

Oct (Date TBD)  
Chapter Trip  
Little Juniata

## Tight Lines

# Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor

Submission of articles and suggestions for this newsletter are encouraged and may be sent to [dweavflyart@yahoo.com](mailto:dweavflyart@yahoo.com), or you can call me at **338-1952**. The deadline for the next issue is the 22nd of each month. The primary distribution of *Tight Lines* is currently via Mail Chimp email system. *Tight Lines* will be mailed by request only.

~ The January-March member's meetings will be held at the Monroe Township Fire Hall.  
Dave W.

~ Membership meetings start at 7pm however you're welcome to arrive a few minutes early for some social time. There will usually be some refreshments available.  
Dave W.

~ Sinkhole issues continue on upper Letort. CVTU will probably be conducting some routine maintenance during this month. Contact Don Albright for further info or to volunteer.  
Dave W.

~ CVTU will be holding the 22nd annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp on June 19-24, 2016, at the Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs. The camp is for boys and girls aged 14 to 17. The early application period is now open through March 31, 2016. For more information please see page 5.  
Clark Hall

~ If you move, change your phone number, or e-mail address, notify us by emailing CVTU at: [cvtu052@gmail.com](mailto:cvtu052@gmail.com). I can change your info at TU National for you. TU also has a "Do Not E-Mail" option for members who do not want to receive TU reminders and solicitations via e-mail...they'll still get it through USPS. You will have to call TU's membership services to make that change.  
John Leonard

~ If you have material that should be added to the chapter's historical files, please bring them to me at the February member's meeting. See page 5 for more info.  
Dave W.

~ The Yellow Breeches Anglers and Conservation Association is hosting its annual Outdoor Sports Show on March 19<sup>th</sup> at the Allenberry Resort in the Carriage Room. The doors open at 8:30 AM with programs beginning at 9:00 AM. Free admission with food, door prizes, raffles, outdoor sporting goods, and clothing available for purchase. Vendors, Guide Services, Artists, and Craftsman will be on-site. Tours and seminars at the YABC Nursery provided as well. The featured presenters include Tony Dranzo; Greg Hall of Trout Getters, LLC., Bob Clouser, Jr. and Stan Gingerich, turkey caller and hunter.  
Dave W.

## CVTU Membership is 588!

CVTU receives a \$15 rebate from the **special \$17.50 first-year membership dues** when the chapter code 052 is marked on the application. Applications are available at Yellow Breeches Outfitters. **New Members** may also join online at [www.tu.org/intro](http://www.tu.org/intro). Be sure to select chapter 052, Cumberland Valley. You may renew your membership by mail or on the web at [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org). You may also renew, or change your membership information by calling **TU Customer Service** at **1-800-834-2419**. For more information, contact **Justin Pittman**, Membership Chairman.



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# President's Message

From the President, Tom Miller

My goodness, how was that for a snowstorm! I sure hope everybody stayed safe and was able to dig out after that historic event. I know I got in some quality time with the old snow shovel, as well as a few productive hours sitting at the vice while Old Man Winter reminded us what time of year it is. I bet this event brought on more than a few cases of cabin fever and as we come out from our hibernations I'm curious to see what effect this epic event had on our local waters. It seems like the melting of the snowpack has been steady so far which is great, but if you see any areas of concern that have developed, whether it be from storm damage or the potential flooding which still might occur, please keep us informed, you're our eyes out there and we sure appreciate any and all input that you can provide.

And speaking of cabin fever, we've got more than a few ways to treat that. Our annual fly tying course is under way on Tuesday evenings and will pick back up after being interrupted by the storm. Chris Yasher has done a great job in picking up the reigns of the program this year and with Bill Strockbine's help we've also added some new AV gear into the mix which really enhances the learning experience. More information on this great opportunity to learn the fly tying craft can be found over on page 4.

Of course we also have our monthly meetings every third Wednesday of the month and it's great to see such a full room over at the Monroe Township Fire Hall. John Leonard has set us up with a great new meeting space for the winter months and Tom Baltz continues to bring in great presentations to help us keep our minds dreaming of the warmer days ahead.

Looking into March, we have our biggest event of the year coming up, the Annual Limestoner Banquet held on the 18th at the Park Inn in Mechanicsburg. Matt Perry continues to do a bang up job as this event grows more and more popular every year. As well as honoring those who've contributed so much to the chapter, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year which enables us to continue doing the good work that we do for our cold water resources. If you're interested in helping out or would like to make a contribution, Matt's contact information can be found over on the sidebar, as well as in the front page article. Please keep an eye on your mailbox as invites will be arriving there shortly, I hope you can make it!

In addition to our chapter events, some of our neighbors are also hosting their own events in the coming months. The PA Fly Fishing Museum will be holding their 4th Annual Museum Open House on April 8th & 9th at the Allenberry. This is a great chance to explore the museum and to learn about our rich fly fishing heritage, from bamboo rod building, to classic tackle and fishing techniques along with a full slate of fly tyers demonstrating their skills. Another local ice breaker is an event hosted by the Yellow Breeches Anglers & Conservation Association in March. The TBO folks do a great job with stocking the Breeches all throughout both the open water and Catch & Release sections from their coop nursery and have always been a solid supporter of the Rivers Conservation Camp. So if you're a fan of the Breeches (and who isn't?), please come out and support the crew that helps make the good fishing we all enjoy possible.

And lastly, I can't thank everyone enough for all the work they do. This past six months as president of the chapter has been one of the most rewarding challenges I've ever undertaken. The dedication and passion that we have here in our chapter never ceases to amaze me, thank you all. If you ever have any questions, concerns or observations please don't hesitate to get in touch, I'm available either by phone at 717/258-8265 or shoot me a note at [tomimcmillar@comcast.net](mailto:tomimcmillar@comcast.net).

Tight Lines,

*Tom*

## Winter Fly Tying Classes

By Chris Yasher

*"Cure some cabin fever and stock your fly boxes for the upcoming season!"*

CVTU will again offer a winter fly-tying course, in conjunction with the South Middleton Township Parks & Recreation Department, at the Boiling Springs High School, in room 110 starting January 19. The course will run every Tuesday for eight weeks from 1900-2100 and end on March 08. Both the beginner and advanced sessions will be conducted simultaneously; while the advanced session will learn techniques that will prepare the angler for a lifetime of fly-tying. Students in the beginner course will learn to tie 6-8 flies, while also gaining crucial skills, technique, and knowledge necessary for upcoming fly-fishing season.

Each class will be limited to 20-students, advanced registration is recommended as the price doubles after January 05, 2016. The fee is \$11 for South Middleton Township residents, and \$14 for non-residents if you register prior to January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 deadline. In addition, for students in the beginner course, fly tying material, a hook kit, and instructional material will be provided for the various patterns that will be taught. A list of patterns and required materials will be provided in advance for intermediate/advanced tiers that will identify patterns tied throughout the course. While there is often extra material for use at each class, advanced tiers are responsible for their own kit (vise, hooks, and material). All individuals and families are welcome to attend this Cumberland Valley tradition, and registration will begin around the second week of December 2015. Registration can be completed on-line through the "Parks and Recreation Online Program Registration" link via: <http://www.smiddleton.com> or by calling 717-258-4441.

This is a wonderful family atmosphere filled with snacks, laughter, tradition, and provides an outstanding opportunity for all to learn under the direction of some of the most experienced and accomplished fly-tiers and anglers you will find. Questions or comments, email CVTU member Chris Yasher at [cyasher1@verizon.net](mailto:cyasher1@verizon.net) or call/text Chris at 703 254 9419.



## Chapter Fishing Trips

By Dave Weaver

As has become traditional, CVTU members get together to go trout fishing and 2016 will see many opportunities for you to join us at a variety of great rivers and streams. Why not tag along this year? It's a great way to learn some of our well known streams and the company can't be beat!

Usually, the event is headed up by a board member or chapter regular and you will contact them to make arrangements or for more info. The dates and locations can be seen on the events calendar on page 2. Keep an eye on the calendar on the website as well for updated information as sometimes this changes as the dates get closer. For the trips to Clarks Creek and Spring Creek, the person of contact (POC) is Neil Sunday. The POC for the Beaverkill will be Alan Howe. The other trips including South Holston, Pine Creek, Little Juniata, and East Licking Creek, POC will be Ken Okorn. Stay tuned for more info.



"The Run," Photo Courtesy Dave W.



## **Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp**

**By Clark Hall**

CVTU will be holding the 22nd annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp on June 19-24, 2016, at the Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs. The camp is for boys and girls aged 14 to 17. The early application period is now open through March 31, 2016. For a camp brochure, more information, or an application, see: [www.riverscamp.com](http://www.riverscamp.com).

We are in need of gillies during the 10 fishing sessions for the Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp. Evening fishing begins at 6PM and ends at 9PM. Morning sessions begin at 5AM and end at 7AM. Volunteer gillies wear their own vest and carry their own favorite flies to insure they have everything to make the session a successful one for the student. We do ask that gillies NOT carry a rod.

Working with these young people is a rewarding and memorable time. We hope you will join us as often as your schedule permits. We are also looking for donations of flies for the campers. We are requesting that donors tie 3 dozen of whatever pattern they sign-up for. Sign-up sheets for gillies and flies will be available at membership meetings, or contact Clark Hall at 697-4549 or email [chall2636@verizon.net](mailto:chall2636@verizon.net). Thanks, Clark

## **From the Archives**

**By Dave Weaver**

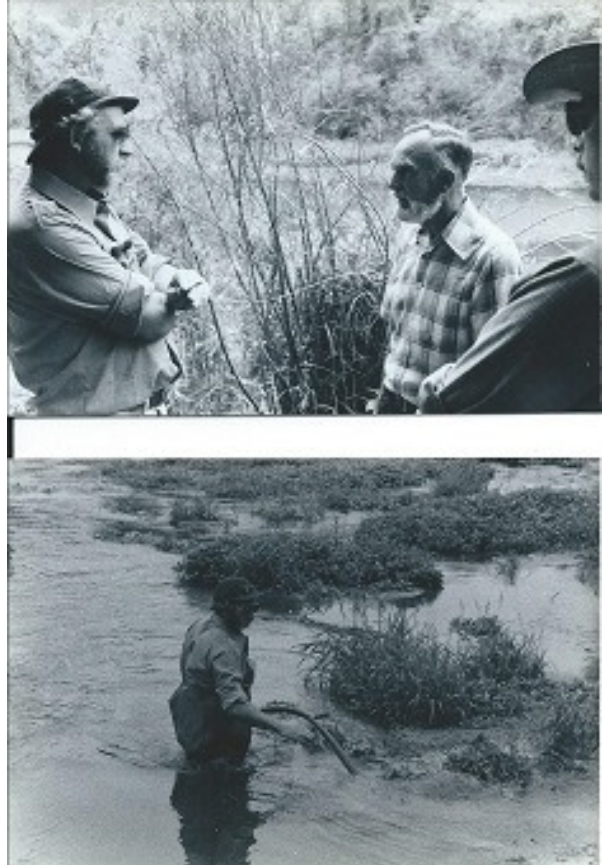
In 1980 an English gentleman named Ron Holloway visited the Cumberland Valley and teamed up with Charlie Fox to conduct a session at Bonnybrook to educate CVTU members about how a stream river keeper from the Itchen River manages weeds through trimming. Ron deftly used a scythe to cut through the elodea to better facilitate removal of sediment. Ron wrote that the purpose of weed cutting was to:

"Lower the water level and get the river back into the natural banks. . . .The weed cutting operations should start in the spring at a time when the first signs of growth are noticed. The initial cut is going to be very heavy so be very careful when carrying it out as this will establish the weed pattern for the rest of the year."

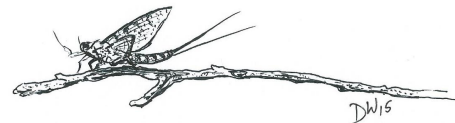
Sound familiar? For many of us, weed trimming is a familiar work project and remains important

maintenance for the upper Letort, especially in the last couple decades as sinkholes have become prevalent in that area and the necessity of keeping the creek in its banks has become more important. The photos below show Mr. Holloway chatting with Charlie and demonstrating his weed cutting techniques.

Source: CVTU File Box #3, Ring Binder #2.



I have been slowly cataloguing your chapter's historical files. I have not discarded anything, no matter how mundane. With the project near completion, we will have an idea of the contents of the various boxes. If you have significant material that should be added to the chapter's historical files, please bring them to me at the February member's meeting so that I can add them to the files. Old photos and chapter correspondence are especially welcome. I don't need old copies of newsletters, unless they are prior to about 1980. After February, I will be moving the files to an appropriate archival facility.



## Fly of the Month

### “U” Midge

By Clark Hall

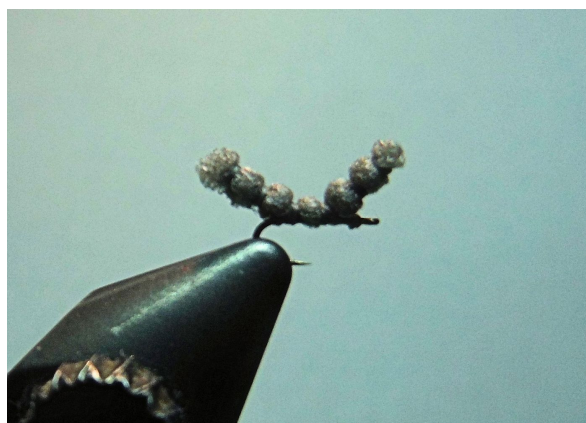
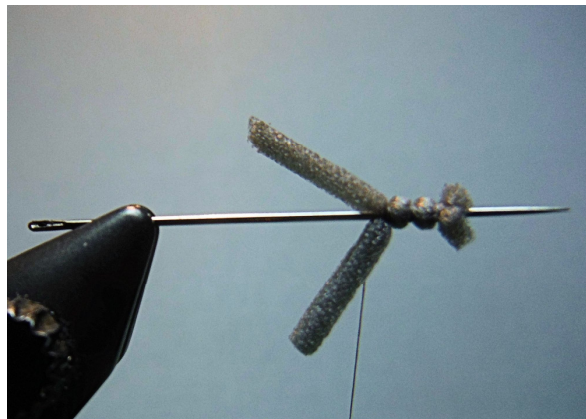
In the excellent DVD, *“Bugs of the Underworld”* by Ralph and Lisa Cutter, there is a segment showing midge pupa emerging in the surface film. Upon reaching the surface, the pupa use their rear and head segments to grip the surface film while wriggling out of the pupal shuck at the head area of the pupa. While going through this transformation, the pupa assume a “U” shape hanging in the surface film. The “U” Midge is designed to imitate this behavior.

The “U” Midge is not my first choice for midging trout as it is often difficult to see on the water. However, if the other offerings are ignored, and the trout continue to rise, the “U” Midge will often take the most difficult fish. Greasing the fly with floatant, then dusting the top with Frog Fanny increases its visibility.

Hook: Daiichi 1110, size 26  
Thread: Uni 8/0, Gray  
Body: Razor Foam, 1 mm, gray

- Put a fine ~1.5” sewing needle in your vice jaws with the needle point forward.
- Start the thread about 10 mm from the needle point. Make about 4 turns.
- Cut the Razor Foam into 2 mm wide strips. Cut two 15 mm long pieces from the strips.
- Stack the uncut faces together holding them between your left thumb and forefinger. Straddle the tie-in point on the needle.
- Make two turns of thread around the foam and needle.
- Make a 4 turn whip finish around the same point as the first two turns.
- Bring the thread between the foam strips and around the needle to position it for finishing the first segment.
- Make two turns of thread around the foam and needle as before. If the segment is too large or too small, back off and do it again. Whip finish at the same point.
- Repeat the last 2 steps until there are 5 full segments. Trimming the ends will result in 7 segments in the finished body.
- After the 6<sup>th</sup> whip finish, trim thread, and pull the body off the needle. Trim the ends.
- Put hook in vice, start thread about 1 eye width behind the eye, and wrap to end of the straight portion of the shank. Position thread about ¼ of the way back toward the eye.
- Position the body with the space between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and middle segments over the hanging thread. Make 4 tight turns to bind the body to the hook keeping the body on top of the hook.

-Advance the thread between the body and the hook to the next space between the segments. Bind again with 4 tight turns. Advance the thread between the body and the hook to just behind the eye. Whip finish and trim.



## Project Healing Waters

### By Chris Yasher

CVTU does so much for so many! Project Healing Waters (PHW) or Project Healing Waters Fly-Fishing (PWHFF) is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of injured/disabled active military personnel and veterans through fly-fishing and associated activities including fly-tying, fly-fishing, educational outings, and other activities. Once again CVTU has stepped up to the plate and sponsored the new PHW Program in the Harrisburg area.

Needless to say, PWHFF is a most worthy and noble cause. Several CVTU members have been involved with PWHFF events for many years. We were compelled to start a PHW program in the central Pennsylvania area, not only because of its rich military history and traditions, but because there were already injured warriors deeply desiring and passionately

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*PHW Cont.*

wanting to get involved with a PHW Program and everything fly-fishing. While the program is still in the initial phase, we recently kicked off our first meeting and had many participants receive tying lessons from CVTU members on the Walt's Worm, Green Weenie, and zonker type streamers for the more experienced tiers.

Our short-term goals are simple: advertising the program to those who qualify, raise funds through a variety of fundraising activities, and as the program increases in number, a new venue. We welcome any suggestions that may facilitate mission accomplishment, and would not have a program without your volunteer efforts.

We anticipate twelve participants at our next meeting, 5:30 pm, February 10th in the Hunt Club Room at Bass Pro. If you would like to learn more about Project Healing Waters and how you can get involved, go to their home page [www.projecthealingwaters.com](http://www.projecthealingwaters.com) or contact [mark.campbell@projecthealingwaters.org](mailto:mark.campbell@projecthealingwaters.org) or Chris Yasher at [cyasher1@verizon.net](mailto:cyasher1@verizon.net) You can also check out our FaceBook page by

searching "Project Healing Waters Harrisburg PA"

Calendar:

**Feb 10 2016** Meeting at Bass Pro (Hunt Club)  
Tying BWO's and Wooly Buggers

**Mar 9 2016** Meeting at Bass Pro (Hunt Club)  
Hendricksons, bead-head caddis, grizzly-hackled peacock. March/April Outings TBD

**Wine Women and Waders**  
**By Dave Weaver**

Our friends "south of the border," that is to say the good folks at Adams County TU, will be hosting an event this spring to introduce women to fly fishing. The even will consist of several get-togethers starting March 3rd and running through the spring months. The early meetings will be held at the beautiful Adams County Winery near Orrtanna in the western part of the county. While you're there you should check out the fine wines they produce as well. There is a reasonable registration fee and the deadline to sign up is March 1st. Hit the [ACTU website](#) for more info and to register.



For those of you who have only fished the Cumberland Valley in 20 years or less, here is a photo taken of the ditch at Big Spring. This photo was taken by Jim Chestney in July 1995 just before the project was undertaken to construct the mud sills that can be seen today.

Photo Courtesy: CVTU Archives, Box #1, File 16

Dave W.