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Fishing and Banquet Time!

By Dave Weaver

Your faithful Trout Unlimited chapter tends to follow the rhythms of the seasons and March is a month for optimists. Our annual Limestoner Banquet is right around the corner and is really our biggest and most important event of the year. It is where we raise a big chunk of our operating funds, not to mention a time to cement friendships, old and new, and honor those in the cold water conservation and fly fishing communities who have made a difference. For many of us, attending the Limestoner is something we do every year, or most every year. If you have never attended the Limestoner, or any TU banquet, consider doing so this year. The food is great, there are many opportunities to bid on all sorts of cool things including books, gear, artwork, cash raffles, food and drinks, lodging and guided trips, and various other stuff. And it all goes to the cause of cold water conservation. We're looking forward to seeing you!

March also brings a new fishing season to the forefront. Streams are being stocked, snow and cold temps are grudgingly letting loose their grip on the landscape, and soon little stoneflies and other aquatic insects will become more prevalent and we'll have to get in our waders, string up our fly or spin rods, and wade out for another season in pursuit of trout. It's that time of year when we, as TU members, seek once gain to regroup ourselves in friendship, fundraising, and fishing. A purposeful life in a purposeful time.



**Membership Meeting: Wednesday, 16 March
at 7PM
Monroe Township Fire Hall**

**63
Members and
Guests Attended
the Feb Meeting**

Our March speaker is Bill Kosmer who will entertain us with his always excellent presentations. He has recently returned from another trip to the southern tip of South America and will certainly have a cool tale to tell of his adventures down there. So, be there! Light refreshments will be available.
Tom Baltz

Calendar of Events
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Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor

Mar 9th
Project Healing Waters
Bass Pro
Harrisburg

Mar 16th
Member's Meeting
Monroe Township FH

Mar 17th
Chapter Breakfast,
Mama Spriggs Restaurant
Carlise

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 16th
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 18th
PA FF Museum
Heritage Day
Allenberry

June 19-24th
Rivers Youth Camp
Allenberry

June 28-29th
Street to Streams
Allenberry

July 11-14th
Chapter Trip
Beaverkill, NY

Aug 19th
Chapter Picnic
Allenberry

Oct 28-30th
Chapter Trip
Spring Creek

Oct (Date TBD)
Chapter Trip
Little Juniata

Submission of articles and suggestions for this newsletter are encouraged and may be sent to 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 chapter breakfast has moved to a new location: Mama Spriggs Restaurant in Carlisle.
Dave W.

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

~ The final fly tying class will be on March 22nd with a rain date of the 29th if winter weather conditions result in cancellations.
Chris Yasher

~ Stream work projects have encountered some weather delays however debris was recently removed from Trindle and planned weed cuttings and sinkhole work for Letort have been rescheduled and should proceed this month. Contact Don Albright to get on the FITS contact list for more info or to participate.
Dave W.

~ The Yellow Breeches Anglers and Conservation Association is hosting its annual Outdoor Sports Show on March 19th 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.

~ For more information on how to obtain your youth clearances and when you need them, please see page 5 and feel free to check the [PA TU Council](http://PA TU Council website) website.
Dave W.

~ If you move, change your phone number, or e-mail address, notify us by emailing CVTU at: 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

CVTU Membership is 586!

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. Be sure to select chapter 052, Cumberland Valley. You may renew your membership by mail or on the web at 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



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In like a lamb? My goodness, if you haven't been nicked by a bit of spring fever over the last couple days...well, I don't know what to say. But what will this bring us? Will we trade this lamb for a lion in a few weeks as March rolls along? Or will this be a short lived fever with the cure arriving early this year? One thing that's for sure though, is that spring is coming regardless.

Which is why I look forward to our annual awards and fundraising banquet in March. For me, and hopefully for many you also, the Limestoner has become as much of a spring tradition as what opening day of trout season has been. Held on March 18 this year, our banquet is our annual opportunity to celebrate our successes and to honor those who have gone above and beyond as we continue working to protect our cold water resources. Matt Perry and the Limestoner Committee have once again put together a great event with yet another incredible slate of auction and raffle items along with what is sure to be a great dinner in coordination with the Park Inn. I hope you'll be able come out and participate in this year's event as this is our primary annual fundraiser and sets the stage for what we can achieve in the coming year.

With Spring Fever on our minds, our Activities Committee has been fine tuning the schedule for our chapter outings, first of which will be up along Clarks Creek on April 16. Neil Sunday is sure to put together another fun day on the water and if you've got the time, the South Holston trip down to Tennessee during the first week of May is always a good time. I understand that David Stone has set up a nice place to stay for the week for a very reasonable rate and there's room for a few more if you'd like to explore an extraordinary tailwater. Dave's contact information is there on the sidebar, or reach out to me and I'll get you in touch if you're interested.

After looking at the upcoming trips, you will also see how our calendar gets awfully full as we move through spring and on into June. We have plenty of opportunities for you to help out if you've been wanting to get more involved with the chapter. In June we'll be hosting a Reel to Recovery event early in the month, our week long Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp begins on the 19th and our annual Streets to Streams event is later in the month. We'll also have a presence at the PA Fly Fishing Museum's Heritage Day on June 18 where we'll be hosting the Mid-Atlantic 5-wt Casting Competition along with staffing our booth. Or if getting your hands dirty is more your thing, Don Albright is always looking for help as we continue our stewardship efforts on our local waters. If you'd like to help out with any of our in stream projects or our annual spring clean-up of the chapter's properties along the Letort, Don will happily add you to our F.I.T.S. (Feet In The Stream) crew mailing list to get you in the loop.

As always, I'd like to thank all of you for caring enough about our local waters to be a part of CVTU. We're only ever as strong as our membership and your willingness to help out is inspiring and always appreciated as we continue our mission of protecting our cold water resources, thank you. And of course, if you ever have any questions, concerns or see something out on the stream that you think we should be aware of, don't hesitate to give me a call or shoot me a note at tomimcmillar@comcast.net. Hope to see you at the Limestoner, if not before then at our March Membership meeting on the 16th where we'll be treated to images and tales from Bill Kosmer's most recent South American adventure.

Tight Lines,
Tom



Youth Background Clearances By Jeb Betar

Many of CVTU's youth programs and activities will be ramping up in the next several months. **This is a reminder that any CVTU member must obtain a PA Child Abuse History Certification from the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services before he or she can volunteer their time to support CVTU's Youth Programs.** A copy of the certification must be provided to me, as I maintain CVTU's list of cleared volunteers. The process for volunteers who have lived in Pennsylvania for at least 10 years is twofold: obtain a PA State Police criminal history check, and request a Child Abuse Certification from the PA Department of Human Services. This process is free, however if a volunteer has not resided in Pennsylvania for at least 10 years, the volunteer will have to submit to FBI fingerprinting as a third step in the process and there may be a fee associated with the FBI action. I have the latest information, web sites, and procedures and can assist any member who would like to volunteer and needs the certification. If any member has questions or wants to verify whether he or she has the required clearance, I can be reached at (571) -643-8101 or via email at jebbetar25@gmail.com.

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.

Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp By Clark Hall

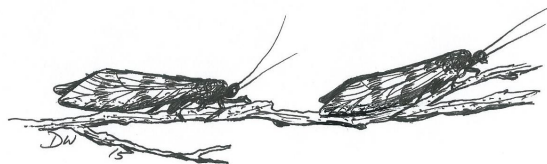
CVTU will be holding the 22nd annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp on June 19-24, 2016, at the Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs. The camp is for boys and girls aged 14 to 17. The early application period is now open through March 31, 2016. For a camp brochure, more information, or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

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.
Thanks, Clark

Antietam Fly Anglers Rendezvous By Jim Rainey

The Antietam Fly Anglers will hold their Seventh Annual Fly Caster's Rendezvous at River Bottom Park in Williamsport, MD on April 2nd, 2016. Time will be 9am to 3pm and will include a variety of casting events including casting around obstacles, fishing from a kayak, spey casting, etc. Cost is \$20 and lunch is provided. Contact for more information: Bob Davis, bob2soni3@aol.com, 301-331-4681.



Fly of the Month
Mike J. Parahopper
By C. Biff Healy

This fly is dedicated to a very special man: Michael D. Juliana, who went to fish the great trout stream in the sky on October 17, 2015. Mike was responsible for introducing me to the Cumberland Valley back in 1977. He first introduced me to a garrulous fellow named Ross Trimmer. Thus started for yours truly a long list of mentors: Ed Koch, Charlie Fox, Vince Marinaro, Ed Shenk, Lefty Kreh, and Charlie Meck. At the time I did not appreciate the blessing that Mike had bestowed upon me. We fished Mountain Creek in July when it was so cold that we jostled one another seeking warmth in shafts of sunlight; hellgrammites in Sherman's Creek, and spring outings at Allenberry with YBAC. Mike, save me a place on the stream, as I hope I get to join you again one day.

Hook: #12 Eagle Claw Dry Fly (#L0595)
½" long piece of closed cell foam, approximately ¼" thick, colored green or yellow with permanent marker.

White poly yarn, floating

Sili legs

Olive green silk dubbing (Krienik)

Turkey tail feather

Light Ginger hackle

Crimp the barb of the hook and mount in the vise. Wind a base of thread from just behind the eye to the bend of the hook. Slit the foam about half way through the thickness of the foam, half the length, and tie in at the bend with the foam extending beyond the bend. Lash the foam securely then attach a post made of the poly yarn at the front half of the hook. Return the thread to the hook bend and dub a thorax to the post. Knot two pieces of the sili legs with a single overhand knot. Tie these in on either side of the post on the side of the body, with the knot at the bend of the hook. Dub the thread to the eye of the hook, and return to the post. Attach a doubled, ¼" wide lacquered piece of turkey tail feather to the thorax with the end extending to the end of the abdomen extension. Take a wrap around the post and tie in the ginger hackle. Take three or four wraps around the post and tie off at the eye. Trim the sili legs so that there is about ½ inch of leg beyond the knot.

This is not a fly quickly tied, but one that produces well when the grasshoppers are active, and is great as an indicator fly with a midge nymph dangling off the hook bend.



From the Archives
By Dave Weaver

For many years CVTU has presented at the annual Limestone banquet the Limestone Award to an individual who has played a key role in cold water conservation. In 1981 the recipient was Harry Allaman of WGAL-TV. The photo below show CVTU President David Williams presenting the award at the Embers. On the right, Bob Bachman looks on.



Photo Courtesy: CVTU Archives, Binder 2, Box 3

Fly Tying Material Sale
By Ken Palmer

CVTU member and fly tying expert, Jerry Kerstetter, has donated some of his excess fly tying material to the chapter. At our March membership meeting we will be selling this material prior to the meeting. We will sell you a BAG and you can select what you may need from the material available. Choose from feathers, fur, dubbing, hair, yarn, and more. We will open early for this special event at 6:15pm and conclude the sale at 6:55pm. So bring some extra cash and support the chapter and you just might find some of Jerry's special material. I am sure he will share his stories with you. We will also have our regular bucket raffles and yes we still need items for the raffles, so just bring them to the meeting too.