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Fly Casting Competition, Heritage Day, and Projects By Dave Weaver

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June is always a busy transition month for your TU chapter. Traditionally, CVTU conducts predictable yearly programs such as the Rivers Conservation and Youth Camp or Street to Streams, but this month also kicks off the stream project phase. Stream work projects are typically in the summer months per a requirement by PA Fish and Boat to protect spawning in the spring and fall months. As such, we need to cram projects into the summer months. We're looking at several improvement projects across the Cumberland Valley for this year. Our work projects are conducted by our "Feet in the Stream" gang (FITS). If you'd like to get on our email list for updates on when projects are unfolding or to volunteer, please contact Don Albright. Your help with FITS is greatly appreciated.

This year, the PA casting championship will be held at Allenberry in conjunction with the PA Fly Fishing Museum's Heritage Day. If you've never been out to see Heritage Day, why not try to make it this year? You won't be disappointed—and there are some good sales on cool, old fly fishing gear as well. For more information on the casting competition, please see page four.

So June is a busy month with a high "optempo" (as the military guys say) for CVTU with a lot on our plate. So much to do in June and so little time!



CVTU Members Casting at Allenberry—Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver, 2014



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**Members and
Guests Attended
the May Member's
Meeting**

**Membership Meeting: Wednesday, June 17th
Allenberry Meadow Lodge at 7pm.**

Our speaker for the June meeting is John Shaner who will present his latest thoughts and theories on soft hackle wet flies. John's real expertise is the old North Country (of England) wet flies, many of which are fished upstream rather than down and across as is usually practiced in this country. John presents tying and material preparation tips and covers fishing techniques. This is a very popular and informative program. Best, Tom

Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor

Calendar of Events

2015

- June 5-7th
Angler's Club Visit
- June 6th
Chapter Fishing Trip
East Licking Creek
- June 9-10th
Reel Recovery
Allenberry
- June 13th
Perry County Youth Field
Day, Duncannon
Sportsmen's Club
- June 17th
Member's Meeting
Allenberry,
Boiling Springs
- June 20th
Heritage Day/Fly Casting
Competition, Allenberry
- June 21-26th
Rivers Conservation and
Youth Camp, Allenberry
- June 30- 1 July
Street to Streams
Allenberry
- Aug 21st
Chapter Picnic
Allenberry
- Sep 5th
Last Supper
Vince's Meadow

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. In the meantime, I'd encourage you to keep your info with TU National up-to-date. If needed, you can go to www.tu.org, click on "Member Login," and check your profile. If you have trouble logging in, or need help editing your profile, please call 1-800-834-2419. *Tight Lines* will be mailed by request only.

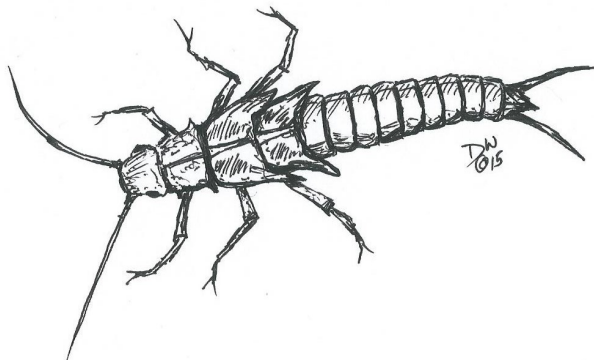
~ Fly of the Month: I'm in need of flies for this popular column. Email (to me) a jpg image of the fly and a separate word.doc with info on the fly, materials, and some tips on fishing the fly or tying it.
Dave W

~Keep in mind that we remain in need of bucket raffle items for regular member's meeting. If you have questions, please contact Ken Palmer.
Dave W

~ CVTU will be holding the 21st annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp on June 21-26, 2015, at the Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs. The camp is for boys and girls aged 14 to 17. For more information on the camp, see: www.riverscamp.com. We are in need of gillies during the 10 fishing sessions at the 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. Contact Clark Hall at 697-4549 or email: chall2636@verizon.net.
Clark Hall

CVTU Membership is 578!

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 **Clark Hall**, Membership Chairman.



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President's Message

From the President, Justin Pittman

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Things are really heating up for Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited. We have a busy month of June ahead and an exciting one at that. On June 9-10th, 2015 we are hosting Reel for Recovery. This is another great event that helps make connections with the community and if you would like to help gillie for that event please contact me. The following weekend June 21-26th is the start of the River Conservation camp. This is a great week; these kids are very energetic and willing to learn. If you have never helped with the event or would like to learn more, please feel free to send myself or Clack Hall an e-mail with any questions. Our last event for the month is the Cumberland County Street to Streams program which will be held on June 29-30th from 12:00pm to 5:30pm with both days at the Allenberry Resort located in Boiling Springs. If you would like more information please feel free to contact me. I would like to thank everyone ahead of time for volunteering to help make all our events such a success. We are very lucky to have such a great membership and board, without everyone's help these events would not be possible, thanks again!

Well we have had three members' meetings for 2015 so far and we could not have asked for a better turn-out. Our number of members at each month's meeting seems to be rising and we are also seeing a lot of new faces each week. We have had some great speakers and a lot of good presentations are still to come throughout the year. Please don't forget nominations for new officers will be at the July and August members' meetings so if you are interested in running for a position feel free to contact John Leonard, Don Albright, Tom Baltz, or myself with questions. Elections will be at our September members' meeting.

I hope everyone has been enjoying the nice weather, spending time with family and friends and even getting some fishing in. I know we still have some chapter trips planned so if you are interested in attending or are attending I hope everyone has a great time. If you need any information on our fishing trips please feel free to contact one of our board members. We also have upcoming projects on the Run and Yellow Breaches so please stay tuned for that and many more updates. Again a special thanks to everyone who continues to help make Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited one of the best chapters around. I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic in August! Lastly, as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to give me a call or e-mail me at flyfishing80@gmail.com



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Justin

Casting Competition By Tom Miller

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be hosting its Annual Mid Atlantic Fly Casting Championships on June 20th, 2015 at Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs, PA. The Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum will host the competition in conjunction with its 13th Annual Heritage Day Celebration. The Heritage Day event is a full day of celebrating the fly fishing heritage in the State of Pennsylvania with over 60 vendors and exhibitors, hands on demonstrations, special seminars, instruction, raffles, auctions and the always popular Fish Swim Race on the Yellow Breeches for a chance to win \$500! More information on Heritage Day is available on the Museum website: www.paflyfishing.org

CVTU, in association with the Chesapeake Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers, will host the 5-weight fly casting competition. This contest is also open to all with categories for men, women and youth along with an Open Division for more experienced guides, instructors and professionals. Competitors will be challenged by both accuracy and distance tasks with winners determined by the highest combined score. All winning competitors will receive plaques along with merchandise prizes. The entrance fee is \$25 for pre-registration, postmarked by June 12, 2015, or you can sign up the day of the event for \$30. Complete rules and registration forms will also be available on CVTU's website: www.pacvtu.org.

Clearances for CVTU Youth Volunteers By John Leonard

If you were not at April's membership meeting and you volunteer at CVTU's youth activities, **THIS IS IMPORTANT.** Last year our legislature passed the Child Protection Act. This new law means that after July 1, 2015, youth volunteers for CVTU will be required to have current PA State Police Criminal Record Check and PA Child Abuse History Clearance records on file with CVTU's Treasurer. They need to be renewed every three years and you will be notified by our Treasurer when it's time to renew. If you do not have these clearances after 7/1/15, you will NOT be allowed to participate at the youth activity.

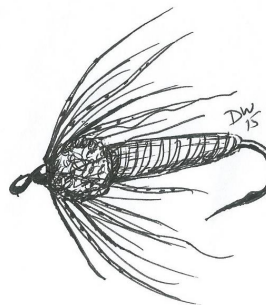
Getting the clearances is not difficult. Your Board wants to make it as easy as possible for you to get your clearances with **no cost to you.** The first step is getting the PA State Police

Criminal Record Check. Rather than mailing in his form, go online to <https://epatch.state.pa.us>. Click on "Submit a New Record Check" and follow the instructions. You will need a credit card for the \$10.00 charge to get your record. **Get an electronic receipt for the charge.** After several days, your record will be e-mailed back to you. Save the e-mail and print copies for your file. **A copy of the State Police Criminal Record Check must be sent in with your PA Child Abuse History Clearance application.** Make copies of the report and keep the original at home. The Child Abuse History Clearance can be filled out online by going to http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/form/s_001762.pdf.

Complete the **Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance form, print it, and bring it to May or June's membership meeting along with the PA State Police Criminal Record Check and your electronic receipt you received by e-mail.** **Board members will be at May and June's membership meeting at 6:00 PM to help you complete your forms, if needed, and to reimburse you for your State Police report. They will take your completed Child Abuse History form and your State Police record, add a \$10 money order we have purchased, and mail the two forms in for you. In 2-3 weeks, the Child Abuse record will be mailed back to you. Keep the original and make a copy. Give a copy of BOTH your State Police record and Child Abuse record to Jeb Betar, our Treasurer, at the next membership meeting.**

We appreciate your understanding regarding this new law and the changes we are required to make with our youth volunteers at CVTU. Most importantly, we appreciate those that help at our youth activities...helping to introduce future Trout Unlimited members to cold-water conservation and to the sport of fly fishing.

If you have any questions regarding youth clearances, please call John Leonard (717-512-4620) or e-mail (johnleonard222@gmail.com).



Fly of the Month Spent Lightning By Alan Howe

There are three times when I feel my chances of catching a trout from the Letort are improved: when it is cloudy or even a bit rainy, when the sulphurs are coming off, and during the *Lightning Bug hatch*. I tied this fly on a lark two years ago. I had seen rises, but I could not determine what the trout were on. All I saw was a few lightning bugs. (I later found mention of lightning bugs in Charles Meck's and Dave Weamer's *Pocketguide to Pennsylvania Hatches*.) I could find no suitable pattern, so I observed some naturals and went online to look at images. I focused on a photo of a bug in flight and tied a spent pattern that I thought might represent one that had crashed onto the stream. On my first cast with this fly, I had an instant take from a ten-inch brown, but I missed him. I moved up a bit, and in four or five more casts I was tied to a trout a little better than eleven inches.

While my childhood memories include long summers catching jars full of these, they really are seasonal and last only for six or eight weeks in significant numbers. My discovery came at the end of the "hatch." I have caught a few more last year with a couple doubting spectators in tow. Now, I am gearing up for this year's hatch.

Fished a bit before sunset or as soon as you see winking tails, the fishing lasts until you cannot see the obstacles, the flies, or the rises and get hopelessly tangled. Stealth is less important due to the gathering darkness, and leaders can be a bit shorter, too--say nine feet rather than thirteen. I have tied this pattern with dry-fly dubbing, polypropylene yarn, and with deer hair. As long as the dimensions are right and the fly floats, I think you cannot lose. My preference is the dubbing. When I first mentioned this pattern to Tom Baltz, he asked if the tail flashed. It does not. But, I am intrigued by the thought...

Spent Lightning:

Hook: Mustad 94840 or 94845 #10

Abdomen: Cream and black dubbing

Hackle: Blue dun (I make about four wraps and then work the hackle forward and back on subsequent wraps to help splay out the fibers. Then I trim across the bottom.)

Head: Rust dubbing

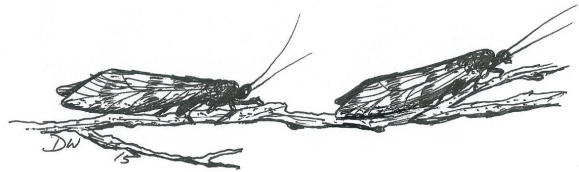


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