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## The Limestoner and Dreams of Spring By Dave Weaver

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CVTU's annual conservation and awards banquet, *The Limestoner*, is fast approaching with the date being Friday, March 20th at the Park Inn in Mechanicsburg. Among the usual events and awards, we will be paying special thanks and kudos to Ed Shenk. There will, of course, be a variety of excellent items for auction. This is CVTU's biggest event of the year and our main source of funding for all of the great events and projects that your chapter puts together on an annual basis. Registration information is available on the chapter website. For more information on donations, please see page five.

With each passing day, this winter seems more and more a repeat of last year's interminable snow and cold. There are some folks getting out to fish however. The local limestoners are always fishable and fish are being caught, including some big ones. Big Spring and Letort are in the 50s and Yellow Breeches has some fresh stockies. Just be careful as meadows are frozen, but many shoreline banks are soft. Parking areas are iffy and not always plowed. Watch your step—but get out if you can. Or, in the meantime, there's always fly tying or sorting through one's fly boxes to see what needs to be replaced. In a few short weeks, the sun will get warmer, the bugs will start to hatch, and trout start to rise. Consider joining your chapter friends on the water—we have a bunch of fun fishing trips lined up. See page two for the details on upcoming fishing trips.



Photo Courtesy Dave Weaver, Feb 2015

**52**  
Members and  
Guests Attended  
the February  
Member's Meeting

**Membership Meeting: March 18th  
Monroe Township Building at 7pm.**

Our March meeting speaker will be Area Fisheries Manager, Kris Kuhn of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, who will update the status of the fishery on Big Spring. Kris may also offer insights into other PFBC goings on, Hope to see you there.  
Tom Baltz

# Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor

## Calendar of Events

2015

- March 12th  
Last Fly Tying Class  
Boiling Springs HS,  
Boiling Springs
- March 18th  
Member's Meeting  
Monroe Township Bldg  
Boiling Springs
- March 19th  
Chapter Breakfast  
Kimberly's Café, Carlisle
- March 20th  
Limestoner Banquet  
Park Inn, Mechanicsburg
- March 27-28th  
PA Fly Fishing Museum  
Open House, Allenberry  
Boiling Springs
- March 28th  
FFF Fly Caster's  
Rendezvous  
River Bottom Park,  
Williamsport, MD
- April 11th  
Chapter Fishing Trip,  
Clarks/Stoney Creeks
- April 17-20th  
Chapter Trip, WV
- May 4-8th  
Chapter Trip,  
South Holston, TN
- 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 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  
Vince's Meadow

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. 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](http://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. For those who do not have email, hard copies of *Tight Lines* may be picked up at Yellow Breeches Outfitters around the 1st week of each month, except for the months of August and December. *Tight Lines* will be mailed by request only.

~ Directions to the Monroe Township Building: 1220 Boiling Springs Road (Route 174 - 0.3 mi. east of Rt. 74 - just east of Churchtown).

Dave W.

~ 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.

~ Don't forget, that during the colder months of the year, that the chapter conducts monthly breakfast gatherings in Carlisle. You're welcome to join. These used to be known as a gathering of senior citizens but, truthfully, any chapter member is welcome. Dave W.

~ Federation of Fly Fisher's Event: Bob Abraham Casting Club of the International Federation of Fly Fishers will hold their Sixth Annual Fly Caster's Rendezvous from 9:00 AM To 4:30 PM, 28 March 2015 at River-Bottom Park in Williamsport, Maryland. Pre-registration required. Contact [rstouf@mail.com](mailto:rstouf@mail.com). Jim Rainey

~ 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. The early application period is now open through March 31, 2015. 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. Sign-up sheets will be available at membership meetings, or contact **Clark Hall** at **697-4549** or email [chall2636@verizon.net](mailto:chall2636@verizon.net). Clark Hall

### **CVTU Membership is 547!**

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 **Clark Hall**, Membership Chairman.

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## President's Message

From the President, Justin Pittman

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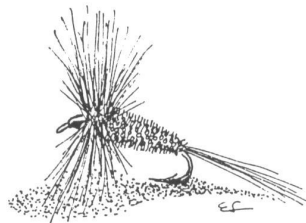
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The cold weather of February kept us indoors a lot, but was a really good month for CVTU to get some work done! Our Limestoner committee, headed by Matt Perry, has been putting the final touches on the Limestoner banquet to be held on March 20, 2015 at the Park Inn, Mechanisburg. I cannot say enough about the great job that the committee has done this year. I'm really hoping that we have a great turnout this year as this is our biggest fundraiser of the year and a great time is had by all! If you have not already done so, please consider coming this year and participating in the event. Proceeds from this event are what allows us to do all of the great things that our Chapter does from year to year. I would like to take this time to also thank everyone who has played a part in the many ongoing projects that we are working on currently. For everyone that has not been to a monthly membership meeting, CVTU has had some first class speakers lately. I would like to thank Tom Baltz for continuing to have new and informative speakers for our membership meetings; this is not an easy task. The board of CVTU has been working on organizing the upcoming fishing trips for 2015 as well as the calendar of events. The fishing trips for CVTU are a great opportunity for members to interact and also to meet new people. Biff Healy and David Stone have done a great job putting together a variety of fishing trips to meeting the many needs of our membership! Please take the time to look at our website for all of the upcoming trips and activities. We will be wrapping up another great year of the Introduction and Advanced Fly Tying classes at the South Middletown School District buildings soon. A special thanks goes out to all the volunteers who make this possible year after year. As stated before, we are in need of someone to take over the fly tying classes, so if you are interested please contact myself. The CVTU board has been planning stream enhancement projects for the upcoming year and, as stated before, if you identify any possible projects, please get in contact with one of our board members with the details. Our busy months as a Chapter are right around the corner. May and June are going to get busy with youth camps and projects and everything else going on. As soon as things start warming up many of us will be getting out on the water and this is a great opportunity to introduce someone new to the sport. 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](mailto:flyfishing80@gmail.com)



Tight Lines!  
*Justin*

## **Casting & Tying Competition** By Tom Miller

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be hosting its Annual Mid Atlantic Fly Casting & Fly Tying Championships on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs, PA. The Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum will host the competitions in conjunction with its 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.paflyfishing.org)

The fly tying competition is open to all with categories for Men, Women and Youth along with an Open Division. Competitors are asked to submit sample flies with their entry and will be judged by the flies they tie on the day of the contest. Full details and contest rules will be available on CVTU's website at [www.pacvtu.org](http://www.pacvtu.org). There is no fee to enter any of the amateur classes while the Open Division entry fee is \$25. Open Division entrants will be competing for cash prizes while the winning juniors, amateur women and men will be awarded with merchandise prizes and plaques.

Along with the fly tying contest, CVTU in association with the Chesapeake Council of the International Federation of Fly Fishers, will also host a 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](http://www.pacvtu.org).

## **Cabin Fever Breakfast at Kim's Cafe** By Ken Palmer

Last month we began to hold our Breakfast get together for anyone who is interested. We meet on the THIRD THURSDAY of each month. That is the Thursday after the membership meeting on

Wednesday. We will not meet in December. We meet at Kimberly's Cafe on West High Street in Carlisle. Kim's is just across the street from Dickinson College. Meeting time is 8:00am. This used to be the Senior Breakfast but since many of us are, you know, Seniors, anyone is welcome to help us visit with each other. We will stop Meeting in May or June as this is the time that most of us will be called upon to gillie and volunteer for our chapter projects and there will be some fishing of course. See you there. Look for this on the CVTU calendar

## **Winter Fly Tying Classes** By Alan Stansbury

CVTU will again offer winter Fly Tying Classes. We will be conducting both beginner and intermediate/advanced sessions simultaneously. Beginners will learn to tie 8 flies that will progressively build the skills needed to learn fly tying and will also then be armed with effective flies for the upcoming trout season. Intermediate/advanced tiers will participate in a separate workshop setting where CVTU and other guest tiers will demonstrate some of their favorite patterns and techniques.

The course will be offered in conjunction with the South Middleton Township Parks & Recreation Department and will be held at the Boiling Springs High School. The program will begin on Thursday, January 22, 2015, and will meet on Thursday evenings from 7-9 PM for 8 sessions, with the last session on March 12.

Each class will be limited to 20 students, advanced registration will be required, and a nominal fee will be charged for the course. The fee is \$11 for South Middleton Township residents and \$14 for non-residents if you register prior to January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015. After January 8<sup>th</sup>, the cost increases to \$21 and \$24 respectively. In addition, for beginning tiers, a fly tying material and hook kit and instructional materials will be provided for the 8 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 to be demonstrated and any materials that will be supplied. Tiers enrolled in these sessions will be responsible for obtaining any special materials that are not provided.

All individuals and families are welcome, and registration will begin the week of December 21<sup>st</sup>. 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 an outstanding opportunity for a beginning fly tier to learn under the direction of experienced tiers and for experienced tiers to further improve their skills with the added benefit of curing some winter cabin fever and stocking their fly boxes for the upcoming season!

For further information, email Alan Stansbury at [alandebbe@embarqmail.com](mailto:alandebbe@embarqmail.com) or call 245-9117.

## Fly of the Month Giza Stonefly By Gene Giza

It was early April and about noon when I returned to fish the Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only section of the Wiconisco Creek. The snow and ice were gone from the stream banks but the winter like weather held on. It was cold fishing and the stream level was up and off color from recent rains. I had fished the Wiconisco Creek a month earlier and was impressed by the huge number of little and early black stoneflies on the ice and snow attached to the stream banks. The special regulation section is situated mainly on lands of the Ned Smith Gallery near Millersburg. The Gallery is ideal for a family visit (bring the picnic basket along) and some good early spring fly fishing if the weather cooperates! I was primed to fish my first large bug surface appearance of the new year. About 2:00 P.M., which is usually the warmest part of the day, the fluttering stones were present, but in disappointing numbers. The lethargic trout showed no surface interest so I re-rigged to a tandem of size 16 stonefly nymphs. I had confidence in the simple stonefly pattern and no doubt would have caught more than the four brook trout if stream and weather conditions had been more favorable. As I noted in my fly fishing book, Creel Zero, the freestone Wiconisco Creek has one of the best stonefly hatches in the Harrisburg and Carlisle areas. But unfortunately not this trip. I fished the subsurface rig slowly all the while scanning the water surface for rises. I was disappointed in the lack of surface activity, but buoyed by the meaningful results I had subsurface fishing. After two hours of fishing I exited the cold water and walked back to the truck in the parking lot. My plan was to return to the Wiconisco Creek when the weather improved and no doubt find the trout up and taking the stoneflies. We are fortunate to live in the Millersburg, Harrisburg, Carlisle and Chambersburg area where we have so many productive trout streams within reach. Don't be discouraged if one stream isn't producing fish on a given day....just drive a few miles and try another!

Hook: Quality nymph, size 14-16  
Bead: 2.0 mm black nickel tungsten

Thread: Black, 8/0

Tail: 2 black Goose biot fibers

Abdomen: 1 black Goose biot fiber

Flashback: Flashabou olive

Thorax: Dark mink fur

1) Pinch the barb, insert hook through bead and secure hook in vise.

2) Attach the thread behind the bead, build a slight dam to secure the bead in place, and wrap thread to the bend of hook.

3) Tie in 2 goose biot fibers to form the tail. Tail should be about ½ hook shank length.

4) Tie in a single goose biot fiber by the tip. The tip faces the hook eye. Since I tie left handed, the notch at the stem end of the goose biot fiber is facing up. Wind the fiber forward and notice the raised rib/segmentation effect.

5) Tie in a short piece of olive Flashabou at the front of the abdomen.

6) Create a dubbing/spinning loop and dub a small amount of dark mink fur to form the thorax.

7) Fold the olive Flashabou forward, secure and cut the Flashabou tag end and whip finish behind the bead.



## Limestoner Donations By Jim Rainey

As you read this, we are less than three weeks away from our primary fundraising event, the Limestoner banquet. The importance of the Limestoner cannot be overstressed: donations raised are the primary source of funds for our many important education and conservation projects. Equally important as the funds raised at the Limestoner are the items that are donated by chapter members and others for our raffles, silent, and live auctions. Check out our Website and Facebook page to see the great raffle and auction prizes that have been donated. Our special raffle prize will be a \$1,000 gift certificate from TCO Fly Shop. For your bidding pleasure

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will be over 40 silent auction items and 10 live auction prizes. If you are planning to donate something, please let me know prior to March 15. It is awfully tough to manage live and silent auctions if donated items come in the door unexpectedly on the night of the Limestoner. You can certainly bring your donations that evening, but PLEASE let me know in advance that you will be doing so. Thanks. Jim Rainey (717-249-5398) or [2raineys@comcast.net](mailto:2raineys@comcast.net)

### **CVTU Fly Tying Class Coordinator Need a New Volunteer By Board of Directors**

After 8 years of serving as the coordinator of this signature CVTU activity, Alan Stansbury has asked the Board to find a replacement. Therefore the Board is now reaching out to our 600 members to ask you to get involved and take this opportunity to contribute to the chapter and to the public.

Following is a brief summary of what is involved in this coordinator role.

The actual course is 8 weeks long involving one night per week from 7pm to 9pm. It usually starts around the third week of January and ends the second week of March. There are two sessions, a beginners session and an intermediate/advanced session. Alan has a detailed plan in place and a core group of volunteers to help during the classes. The classes are coordinated through the South Middleton Township Parks and Recreation department and they provide the venue and some of the publicity as well as registering and collecting course fees from the participants. The printed instructional materials are in place and copies are made at a local vendor. You will need to order tying materials and prepare tying kits. All expenses for the beginner's course are paid for by the chapter. Video equipment is used during the course so the participants can see what is being done by the instructors. You and your team of volunteers are responsible for setting up and tearing down the equipment for each session. According to Alan the most challenging part of the coordinator role is finding fresh and interesting topics for the intermediate/advanced sessions, recruiting 8 guest tiers and compiling detailed session information for the participants in a timely manner. He usually starts in September to put the schedule together for this class. He currently has a group of about 24 local fly tiers who give of their time and talents. Needing only 8 tiers a year for the advanced sessions allows for some to have a year off or

pinch hit in the case of an emergency. Jerry Kerstetter will continue to serve the very important role as instructor of the beginner class which utilizes a standardized approach for presenting the weekly topics.

In Summary, you do not need to start from scratch to keep this activity going. The basics are in place and you are free and encouraged to put your own spin on it. Maybe you want to team up with a friend to share the duties. Whatever works for you. It is believed that the CVTU course is one of the longest running and best quality fly tying courses in the state and we are asking you to consider getting involved. Remember, Alan will be happy to answer any questions regarding aspects of running the current program. Going forward, the Board and the course volunteers will be there to assist you along the way.

If you are interested, please contact Justin Pittman or Tom Miller, or better yet contact Alan Stansbury direct to answer your questions. Thank you, CVTU Board of Directors

### **Conococheague Restoration By Dave Weaver**

The completed Conococheague project resulted in an award ceremony for the joint efforts of CVTU, Adams County TU, and Falling Springs TU as well as National TU and PA state agencies. The photo below shows the award ceremony recipients. As you know, this event has been showcased here in *Tight Lines* quite a few times but is worth showcasing again. Kudos to Don and our TU partners below:



L to R: Adam McClain (Watershed Specialist for Adams County), Don Albright (CVTU), Phil Bietsch (DCNR), Dave Swope (Adams County TU), Kevin Anderson (TU National)

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