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Limestoner Banquet

By Matt Perry

Just wanted to remind everyone to make sure and mark your calendar for the Limestoner Banquet on the 17th. 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 three 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. Chuck Furminsky will be the recipient of the Rising Trout Award (see page 4 for more info on Chuck). Also, if you are interested in joining the Limestoner committee, we could really use your 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, such as the Trindle work project shown below. If you think you could lend some of your time to help us set up, 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 at the Limestoner!



Trindle Spring Run. Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver

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Members and
Guests
Attended the
Feb. Meeting

Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, March 15th at 7PM
Monroe Township Fire Hall, Boiling Springs

Our speaker for the March meeting is environmentalist, fly fisherman, and author, Tom Gilmore. Tom is retired from The Audubon Society. He has received numerous awards for his conservation and environmental works. Tom's love for trout fishing led to his latest book, *A Flyfisher's Guide to Pennsylvania*. The book is very complete with detailed maps, GPS coordinates, etc. Tom's program is based on his research and travel around PA. John Leonard

Calendar of Events

2017

- Mar 8th
CVTU Board Meeting
Comfort Inn at Shady Lane
Carlisle
- Mar 15th
Chapter Meeting
Monroe Tsp. Fire Hall
Boiling Springs
- Mar 16th
Chapter Breakfast
Momma Spriggs Restaurant
Carlisle
- Mar 17th
Limestoner Banquet
Park Inn, Carlisle
- Mar 25th
YBAC Outdoor Show
Monroe Tsp. Fire Hall
- Apr 7-8th
PFFMA Open House
Shady Lane
Carlisle
- Apr 15th
Fishing Trip
Clarks Creek
- May 8-12th
Fishing Trip
South Holston
- May 20th
Fishing Trip
Yellow Creek
- May 30-Jun 2nd
Fishing Trip
Pine Creek
- Jun 3rd
Fishing Trip
E. Licking Creek
- Jun 13-14th
Reel Recovery
Allenberry
- Jun 17th
PFFMA Heritage Day
Shady Lane
Carlisle

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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, 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.

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

~ The Fly of the Month column has been changed to Tier's Corner. Please feel free to continue to submit flies and their tying instructions. But future issues of *Tight Lines* may not always have a fly tying column.

Dave W.

~ Fundraising for the cress farm property on upper Letort has been moving forward and is closing in on its goal. The deadline has been extended to autumn of 2017.

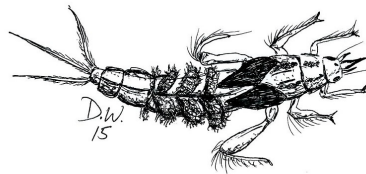
Dave W.

~ Antietam Fly Anglers 2017 Casting Rendezvous: April 29, 2017 from 9 AM – 3 PM at River Bottom Park, Williamsport, MD. This includes casting instruction: single handed, spey, and all levels. Cost: \$25 (\$20 for IFFF members).

Jim Rainey

~ Your new chapter website is up and running now. Upcoming issues of *Tight Lines* will take a closer look at the new site and some info about social media. The new sight can be viewed here: <http://www.pacvtu.org/>

Dave W.



CVTU Membership is Currently 567!

CVTU receives a \$15 rebate from the **special \$17.50 first-year membership dues** when the chapter code 052 is marked on the application. **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 **John Zazworsky**, Membership Chairman.

President's Message

From the President, Tom Miller

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Can you feel it in the air? Sure seems like spring is just around the corner! 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 the opening day of trout season has been. Held on March 17 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. Our Limestoner Committee has once again put together a great event with yet another incredible slate of auction and raffle items ranging from not only high quality fishing gear, to crafty items for the home or a night out on the town, as well as some great weekend getaways and everything else in between! The Park Inn has coordinated another delicious menu with options for everybody and 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. Even if you can't make it to the banquet itself, don't hesitate to send in your 50/50 raffle tickets that were with your invite for a chance at at least a \$500 prize to help with your 'fishing habit.' Every little bit helps!

With Spring Fever on our minds, it will soon be time to really get outside and get our feet wet, if you haven't already been doing so during this milder than usual winter. If you're on the list for our Feet In The Stream (FITS) Gang, keep your eyes on your email as we'll be ramping up our annual stewardship activities on the Letort as well as digging into our newly initiated pipeline monitoring programs. If you're not already on the FITS crew email list and you'd like to be, please let either Don Albright or myself know and we'll get you in the loop. Our Activities Committee has also fine tuned the schedule for our chapter outings this year, first of which will be a fun day of fishing with Neil Sunday up on Clarks Creek on April 15. But before we hit the water we'll be setting up our outreach table at the Yellow Breeches Angler's "Spring Fling" on March 25th, which is being held at the Monroe Township Firehall this year. And the following week on April 7 & 8 we'll be at the PA Fly Fishing Museum's new venue off Shady Lane for their 5th annual Open House. A lot of our chapter's members have been involved with making the move to the new venue a success, so come on out and say hello and check out their new site down along the Letort. Maybe even do a little fishing while you're there, hope you can make it!

And after looking at the upcoming trips, I 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 18th; our annual Streets to Streams event is the following week. We'll also have a presence at the PA Fly Fishing Museum's Heritage Day on June 17.

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 15th.



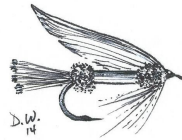
Tight Lines,
Tom

Jun 18-23rd
Youth Camp
Messiah College
Grantham



Jun 27-28th
Street to Streams

Aug 18th
Family Picnic
(Location TBD)



Sep 9th
Last Supper
Vince's Meadow
Carlisle

Oct 2-6th
Fishing Trip
South Holston



Oct 29th
Fishing Trip
Spring Creek

2017 "Charles K. Fox Rising Trout" Award Recipient: Chuck Furimsky By Tom Baltz

A native of McKeesport, PA, Chuck Furimsky is a lifelong angler who grew up fishing streams of the Laurel Highlands in southwestern Pennsylvania. After attending Penn State where he was trained by George Harvey in what anyone who wasn't trained by George might term "the gentle art", Chuck taught English for years in the Pittsburgh area.

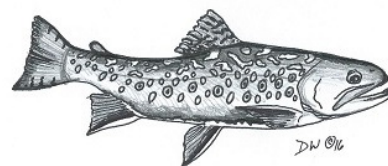
Eventually, Chuck got into retail business with two stores in Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Mother Nature's Outfitters and Ole Man Winter, the latter a leather goods shop. After attending a fly fishing expo in the upper mid-west, he decided to bring that show experience closer to home. Seven Springs offered a perfect venue and Chuck ran his first event there in 1986. In 1992 Chuck along with partner Barry Serviente, debuted The Fly Fishing Show at Somerset, NJ. It is now the largest fly fishing only show in the world with over 50,000 attendees annually, playing in seven cities across the country. Each show is unique with regional and national fly fishing

personalities headlining and instructing crowds in their particular specialties. Many of our Chapter members have attended these shows and their sister event The International Fly Tying Symposium. In addition to regular exhibitors the Show has always offered space at no charge to TU Chapters, Project Healing Waters, Casting for Recovery, Federation of Fly Fishers, and many other non-profit angling clubs, enabling them to spread their particular messages and recently added the Women's Fly Fishing Showcase, a weekend-long program devoted to women-centered discussions, presentations, learning and networking. Many of the best amateur fly tiers have been able to share their skills at these shows, too.

Something I feel has been under-appreciated by some of those who have benefited most is the platform that these shows have afforded to so many otherwise unemployable fly fishing experts, fly tiers, fly fishing guides and even equipment manufacturers. Many of us owe a lot of our exposure to Chuck Furimsky!

On a personal level, Chuck has made significant contributions to fly fishing/tying lore with numerous articles for Fly Tye Magazine, which awarded him a Lifetime Achievement Award. He is a contract fly designer for Rainey's Flies many of his patterns utilizing his Bugskin leather, a legacy of the days of "Ole Man Winter". Much more than just an occupation or business, the show thing is in Chuck's DNA. Several years after the last Seven Springs show well known realistic fly tier Bob Mead and I went to Chuck and reminded him of how much fun we all had there. Thus began our annual Fly Tiers Rendezvous at Seven Springs and a new show!

Through the Fly Fishing Shows, the Symposium, his articles on fresh and saltwater fly patterns, and materials he has developed for fly tiers, Chuck Furimsky has been responsible for exposing more anglers, experienced and otherwise, to the sport of fly fishing and its logical offshoot, fly tying than anyone ever and is certainly deserving of the Charles K. Fox "Rising Trout" award.



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 18-23, 2017, at Messiah College in Grantham. The camp is for boys and girls aged 14 to 17. The early application period is now open through March 31, 2017.

For more information, or to apply, visit: www.riverscamp.com. We are looking for gillies for the 10 fishing sessions for the camp. Evening fishing begins at 6PM and ends at dark. Morning sessions begin at 5:30 AM and end at 8:00 AM. 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. To sign-up for any or all fishing sessions, contact Biff Healy at 254-7386 or email at biffer1966@hotmail.com.

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. Signup sheets for flies will be available at membership meetings, or contact Clark Hall at 697-4549 or email chall2636@verizon.net.

For directions to where we will be at Messiah College, go [here](#) or contact Biff or Clark.

Messiah College Directions By Clark Hall

Set-up, registration, class room, fly tying, graduation in the Jordan Science Center

A: GPS: 40.1579 -76.9853 345
College Avenue, Grantham, PA 17027

From western PA:

Take the PA Turnpike east to the Gettysburg exit (236). Take US 15 south to the Lisburn Road exit (2.7 mi). Go east on Lisburn Road to Grantham Road (0.6 mi). Turn right on Grantham Road to College Avenue (1/4 mi). Turn left on College Avenue to the stop sign (and Oakes Museum sign) at the Jordan

Science Center (1/4 mi). Turn right into the parking lot. Enter the Jordan Science Center at the back right of the parking lot.

From eastern PA:

Take the PA Turnpike west to the Gettysburg exit (236). Take US 15 south and continue as above.

Fishing sessions, habitat work, in-stream activities

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Creekside Drive, Grantham, PA 17027

From western PA:

Take the PA Turnpike east to the Gettysburg exit (236). Take US 15 south to the Lisburn Road exit (2.7 mi). Go east on Lisburn Road to Mill Road at the 4-way stop sign (0.25 mi). Turn right. Go straight at the next stop sign (do not turn at the little blue Messiah College sign). At (0.56 mi) road bears left and becomes College Ave. Cross the railroad tracks, bear right at the "Y" onto Creekside Drive and go to the covered bridge (0.25 mi). Turn right across the bridge and park at the athletic fields.

From eastern PA:

Take the PA Turnpike west to the Gettysburg exit (236). Take US 15 south and continue as above.

Upcoming Projects By Dave Weaver

As it stands now, your chapter is considering four to six projects that are fundable for 2017. Possible locations for these potential projects include South Middleton Park (we did a project there several years ago), behind the swimming pool in Boiling Springs, Messiah College, and below the bridge at Williams Grove. If you have some ideas for other spots on the Breeches, they would be welcome.

For Letort, we will also be working on the parking area at Bonnybrook as the chapter owns this property and some reclamation work is needed. We will also be starting a long term redd count process for upper Letort as well as reclamation work on the spawning beds at Fox's Meadow. Your chapter will also be partnering more closely with ALARM to do more water quality sampling and monitoring.

Perry County gets overlooked sometimes, but this year we will be keeping an eye on some

proposed pipelines, in particular ones in the vicinity of Laurel and Schaeffer Runs.

Fly Tier's Corner **Jerry's Foam Cricket** By Jerry Kerstetter

It was a beautiful summer morning for fishing the Letort. I parked at Vince's Meadow and headed down to the 81 bridge. While walking through the Grass, small hoppers and crickets were jumping around. Upon my arrival I decided to use a Shenk cricket. It has caught many Letort browns and is an effective fly on other streams. After several casts a trout rose and took the cricket. This fur bodied fly will absorb fish slime and water. So after catching a trout, it must be cleaned and floatant applied. Even after numerous casts the fur body can get water-logged. Fly anglers are always changing flies while trying to match the hatch. I do not like changing flies only because they stopped floating. I caught three more trout that morning and had to spend time cleaning, adding floatant, or replacing it. Such a waste of time! I could have devoted that time to actual fishing. That evening the Shenk cricket pattern got an overhaul. The fur body was replaced with foam. The advantage being foam floats forever, no floatant needed. Fish slime is removed by swishing it in the surface water. Replace the foam bodied cricket only after it gets destroyed. Let me know if this fly works for you.

- Thread: Black 6/0
- Hook: Any dry fly hook #14--#18
- Body: Black foam
- Legs: Spanflex
- Wing: Black deer hair
- Head: Spun/flared black deer hair and trimmed
- Glue: Super glue

Tying steps

1. Start thread at mid-point of hook shank wrap to the bend and then back to starting point.
2. Cut a 1/8 inch or less strip of foam, then cut both sides creating a point.
3. Put a small drop of super glue on thread base.
4. Place foam strip on top of hook shank and

press down holding in place then make three thread wraps around foam and hook.

5. Cut excess foam just forward of thread wraps then make adjustments so foam stays on top of hook shank.
6. Put a small drop of super glue along each side of foam at tie down area.
7. Place spanflex on each side as legs and make two thread wraps, cut excess spanflex.
8. Stack a small bundle of deer hair to even the tips and place it on the remaining foam, make three tight thread wraps to hold down and in place; cut off excess deer hair.
9. Spin/flare a small bundle of black deer hair on bare hook shank to the eye.
10. Half-hitch several times and cut thread.
11. Cut the deer hair to a round configuration



Biff Healy instructs Trout in the Classroom (TIC) students. Photo Courtesy: K. Palmer