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Betar Earns the Limestoner Award By Dave Weaver

It is with great pleasure that we can announce that Jeb Betar was awarded the Limestoner Award at your chapter's recent banquet. Jeb has served as chapter treasurer for some time and has spent a great deal of time getting the chapter's financial books in order not to mention handling tax and funding allocation issues with great efficiency and timeliness. He has also coordinated and supervised large-scale funding actives in which CVTU served as a pass through for complex financial agreements involving significant sums of money. Such activities are often overlooked by chapter members who aren't in on the daily nuts and bolts of a non-profit's efforts. We rely on volunteers and finding individuals such as Jeb who have the expertise to do these things is difficult. Jeb's dedication, attention to detail, and personal integrity are a great asset to your chapter and reflect great credit on Jeb as well as CVTU, Trout Unlimited, and the cause of cold water conservation in the Cumberland Valley.



Tom Miller (left) with Jeb Betar. Photo Courtesy: Tom Miller

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Members and
Guests
Attended the
Mar. Meeting

Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, April 19th at 7PM
Monroe Township Fire Hall, Boiling Springs

Holly Smith is the project Coordinator for Audubon Pennsylvania and she will be sharing with us at our April member's meeting her organization's efforts to get elementary school kids out in streams to learn about nature. For more information about Audubon Pennsylvania efforts, please see page 4. Dave W.

Calendar of Events

2017

Apr 12th
CVTU Board Meeting
Comfort Inn at Shady Lane
Carlisle

Apr 19th
Chapter Meeting
Monroe Tsp. Fire Hall
Boiling Springs

Apr 20th
Chapter Breakfast
Momma Spriggs Restaurant
Carlisle

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 10th
Perry County Youth Day

Jun 13-14th
Reel Recovery
Allenberry

Jun 17th
PFFMA Heritage Day
Shady Lane
Carlisle

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

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.

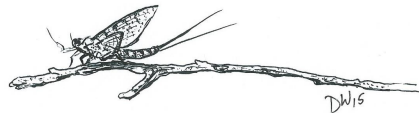
John Leonard

~ 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.

~ If you haven't had a chance to check it out yet, we launched our new website back in February at www.pacvtu.org If you haven't been there yet or have had trouble loading it up, please double check your bookmarks since the old "homestead" address is no longer active. Our new site features an easier to navigate format and is chock full of easily accessible information about chapter happenings. Featured on the front page will be our latest news briefs and links to upcoming chapter activities to help keep you informed. From the Limestoner, to TIC, Youth Camp, FITS crew activities and chapter fishing trips our goal is to be constantly adding fresh content to keep you up to date. In addition to updating what was transferred over from the old web page we'll also have enhanced photo galleries, additional information about our local waters and a bit of chapter history from the archives as time permits. Please check it out and explore a bit. There's more to come!

Tom Miller



CVTU Membership is Currently 556!

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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Spring is in the air! Thanks to everybody who came out to the March Membership Meeting after that brief visit by Old Man Winter. Driving conditions were definitely less than ideal that night.

March is always a busy month for the chapter and I'd like to thank everybody who came out for our annual Limestoner Banquet. Once again, this year's event was a huge success, easily reaching our fundraising goals and I've gotten nothing but positive feedback from those who attended. Many thanks to the entire Limestoner crew for putting together another great banquet, your hard work is one of the main reasons we have such a successful and active chapter, thank you.

It was a privilege to again present our annual awards and we're blessed to have so many committed folks in our chapter and the fly fishing community. This year Bill Strockbine was the recipient of the Order of Quill. Bill has worked tirelessly behind the scenes for so many years maintaining the chapter web site and taking care of our audio-visual equipment, not just at chapter meetings but also at many of our other events. We also honored Jeb Betar with the Limestoner Award, recognizing his years of service on the board and as our Treasurer since 2012. More than that, Jeb works tirelessly both behind the scenes and out on the water with our Feet InThe Stream crew. Jeb has been involved with so many projects over the years seeing them through from the initial scope along the stream bank, to the grant writing process and then finally out on the stream working with the FITS crew. Beyond CVTU, Jeb also serves as treasurer for the PA Fly Fishing Museum, he's active with our Rivers Conservation Youth Camp, Project Healing Waters and is also involved with the Yellow Breeches Anglers and their stocking program. Jeb is a true embodiment of what the Limestoner Award is about. Tom Baltz also presented Chuck Furimsky with the Charles K. Fox Rising Trout Award for his years of dedication to promoting the fly fishing and cold water conservation communities throughout the country.

So, with our banquet now behind us and looking ahead to warmer, more pleasant days, we've got a calendar packed full of opportunities to get involved in with the chapter. Neil Sunday will be kicking off this year's fishing outings with his trip over to Clark's Creek on April 15th, followed by trips down to the South Holston in Tennessee, up to Pine Creek, over to Yellow Creek and then East Licking Creek in early June. If you're new to the chapter these are great opportunities to meet other members as well as explore some streams you might not be all that familiar with. We'll also be set up at the PA Fly Fishing Museum's Spring Open House on April 7th and 8th. A good many of our members pull double duty both with CVTU and the PAFFM and they've been doing a great job getting their new venue ready over off Shady Lane on the banks of the Letort.

If you've been making it out to our membership meetings, you've seen the many clipboards and sign up sheets I've been passing around each month. While the fishing outings and social events are a great time, we really begin to hit our busy season and dig into our core mission with our conservation and educational efforts later this Spring. Stewardship of our properties along the Letort is always an ongoing effort and we'll soon be back out there with the FITS crew on a monthly basis checking off our "honey do" list. We're also asking for your help with this year's Reel Recovery event, the Rivers Conservation Youth Camp, and the Streets to Streams event. These are great opportunities to give back and reach out to the community and instill in others our love of trout fishing and the waters they inhabit. So, if you've got a free morning, evening or even a full day or two to spare, your help is always appreciated; hope to see you out there! And as always, if you see something or have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch, tomimcmillar@comcast.net or 717-258-8265.

Tight Lines,

Tom

Fly Tying Class Re-cap—Thank You By Chris Yasher

Special thanks are owed to everyone who helped out with the winter fly tying class. This winter marks my third year as coordinator of a joint effort between the South Middleton Township Parks and Recreation Department, and CVTU and I wanted to take this moment to thank our lead instructor, Jerry Kerstetter as well as the many wonderful volunteers that help make the beginner's program what it is today.

This year, our beginners program was again sold out, and our journey brought many new faces and smiles to our fly-tying table; an inclusive group of men and women, adults and children, and people from all walks and origins of life. In addition to the beginner's program, CVTU leads a session for the more experienced tier, with presentations and techniques of the intermediate and advanced (I/A) level. I would like to thank each of the eight guest tiers: Ken Okorn, Neil Sunday, John Conrad, Clark Hall, John Capowski, Matt Knaub, Brian Shumaker, and Ben Rogers for their presentations, discussions, patterns, and time throughout the eight weeks of the Intermediate/Advanced (I/A) fly-tying program.

Each year we try to grow and improve the program, and request feedback from participating tiers. This year, we started a CVTU YouTube Channel where each of the I/A guest instructors were filmed, and their patterns displayed in High Definition quality for later viewing. The response was so overwhelming, that we started to film, edit, and post the CVTU *Fly of the Month* (now the *Tier's Corner*) within our archives on the YouTube Channel. We at CVTU are fortunate to have many world-class and accomplished tiers and their historic patterns that have been passed on throughout the years.

If interested in having one of your patterns posted to the *Tiers Corner* of the monthly newsletter, I encourage you to reach out to Dave Weaver or another leader within the Chapter, and please contact me (cyasher1@verizon.net) to record, edit, and post the pattern to our archives. Our archives may be accessed at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTZgzuZvOroDxkaXicDZNI>.

Thank you to all who helped make our program a huge success, and an enjoyable, fun-filled way to beat cabin fever.

Meet Eric Naguski By Dave Weaver

CVTU is proud to introduce our new board member, Eric Naguski. Eric is the manager of the Dauphin County Conservation District. He holds a BS in Biology / Aquatic Ecology and Entomology and lives in Boiling Springs with his wife Margaret and their two teenage children. Eric has been a fly fisherman for 38 years and also operates a fly fishing guide service, Riseforms Fly Fishing. When he's not tying flies or fishing, Eric likes to follow his dogs through the PA grouse woods.

LeTort Stream Studies Program By Audubon Pennsylvania

In 2011, Carlisle Area School District invited Audubon Pennsylvania to reinvigorate a mandatory 2nd and 5th grade field/stream studies program begun in 1995. In collaboration with the teachers and administration, Audubon has redesigned the curriculum, developed pre- and post- activities and assessments, created field materials, acquired additional equipment, and recruited and trained volunteers to help with the field trips. (CVTU was instrumental in helping to launch the volunteer efforts and several members continue to help today!)

Additionally, a 7th grade module was piloted in 2016, which offers a broader and deeper study of the LeTort, while building upon the foundation of the elementary programs. With Audubon co-managing their trip, the teachers' anxiety is reduced and enjoyment and learning is enhanced.

Now, approximately 1,100 Carlisle students experience three academically-tiered field experiences revolving around the LeTort – all this before graduating from middle school. Students participate in hands-on real science that links aquatic insects, riparian habitat, land use and stormwater to water quality, focusing on both local stream health and that of the Chesapeake Bay. Habitat enhancement projects and stormwater Best Management Practices are woven in to the experiential learning.

This presentation recaps a brief history and current snapshot of this dynamic and unique program, including the successes and challenges.

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

A: GPS: 40.1579 -76.9853

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.

Update on Chapter Trips By Biff Healy

CVTU has a lot of great outings scheduled this year. We are a can-do chapter (For a complete list, see the PACVTU web site)! We have a couple outings that have some information that all need to know, especially some members attending for the first time...

Clark's Creek: April 15; meet at the Summerville Diner (Now called "the Junction") at 7am. We'll leave from there. Neil Sunday will be leading.

Yellow Creek: May 20; meet at Hoss's Steak House, rear of lot. We will have to carpool to the venue, as parking at Yellow Creek is very limited. There is a \$5 donation for the lunch asked (ham barbeques, chips, cookies, and water). We will leave Carlisle at 7:30am via the Pa Turnpike. It is an 85 mile drive. The trip is limited to 10 rods. Biff Healy will be leading.

East Licking Creek: June 3; meet at Middlesex Diner at 7:00am. We'll leave from there. A \$5

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Fly Tier's Corner Turkey Biot Midge By Jerry Kerstetter

Midge fishing can be very productive. When there is no visible hatch trout are eating something. A must read is *Midge Magic* by Don Holbrook and Ed Koch. This book reveals an exhaustive examination and investigation coupled with on stream experiences. Don uses various colors of DMC floss to imitate these midges. These midges do catch trout on many streams. Some anglers get intimidated with just the mention of midge. Most are unsure of the color to use on any particular day.

Many years ago after first seeing his flies I made a trip to a craft store and purchased several colors. My first time out trying these midges was a little frustrating. The tippet section of my leader just kept getting shorter from changing one color to others. One evening I made a leader with two droppers. The intention was put three different colors on and see what happens. My next time out was going to be dedicated to midge fishing. Three different colors were tied on. After catching two trout on the point fly it was switched with the top fly. This top fly then caught trout, so common sense would dictate use only that color for all three flies.

If you are a beginner or want to start midge fishing use a leader with two droppers and experiment with different color flies. One evening I was tying turkey biot nymphs and thought this would be a good material for midges. So I tied several different colors and they worked. Because of Don Holbrook's work in this area of aquatic insects and imitations, midge fishing has spread.

HOOK: Mustad 3906B #16 and #18 and scud hooks.

THREAD: 8/0 matching fly color

BODY: Turkey biots of your choice, black, olive, brown are good ones

HEAD: Thread matching fly color

NAIL POLISH: Hard as nails

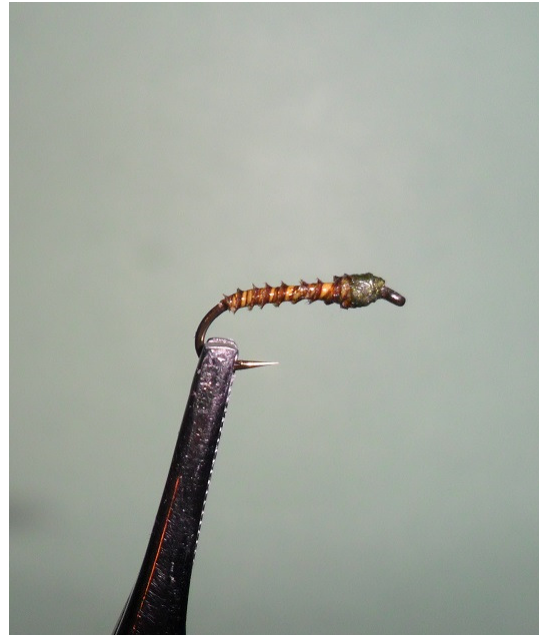
Tying steps

1. Start thread and wrap to bend.
2. Tie on turkey biot by pointed end on far side of hook shank.

3. Wrap turkey biot to hook eye, cut excess and bind the remaining to shank.

4. Just behind the hook eye make a thread ball slightly wider than the fly body, half hitch or whip finish.

5. Coat the entire body with hard as nails.



Update on Chapter Trips Cont.

donation is asked for the lunch (hot dogs, potato salad, chips, cookies). Ken Okorn will be leading. We will try to finalize rosters at the April meeting as well as answer any questions that you may have.

Pine Creek/Slate Run: Tuesday, May 30 to Friday, June 2. Approximately 20 CVTU members have already made their reservations and meal arrangements. Lodging may still be available at the Hotel Manor, Black Forest Inn, Cedar Run Inn, Waterville Hotel, and area campgrounds. Contact Ken Okorn for additional information.

