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The Limestoner

Ed Shenk as Special Guest of Honor

By Matt Perry

CVTU's annual conservation and awards banquet, *The Limestoner*, is fast approaching. This year's event will be very special indeed, as we will be honoring a very important gentleman – ED SHENK - who has devoted his life to preserving and protecting the precious limestone trout waters of the Cumberland Valley and to advancing the sport of fly fishing. In addition to being one of the most prominent fly anglers and inventive fly tiers the Cumberland Valley has produced, Ed is a co-founder of CVTU and was awarded the Charles K. Fox "Rising Trout" award in 1994 for his efforts to preserve and protect our trout waters. Ed received the singular honor of being inducted into the Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum Hall of Fame, recognizing him as a fly fisher and fly tier of national stature. Please come and join us in honoring Ed and thanking him for a lifetime spent promoting and protecting the unique waters of the Cumberland Valley. **Mark your calendars and make sure you are able to join us Friday, March 20th at the Park Inn in Mechanicsburg.** Look for registration information soon on the CVTU website and Facebook page. Also, if you are interested in joining the Limestoner committee or donating to The Limestoner we could always use the help. This 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. My contact information is available on the website or in Tight Lines under, Board of Directors. I look forward to seeing all of you in March for the 2015 Limestoner.

January Member's Meeting was Cancelled Due to Weather

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

Our February meeting speaker will be award winning fly tyer and instructor, Jerry Coviello. Jerry will tells us about hiking into the mountains in pursuit of the cutthroat trout of Wyoming's Greybull River. Another trip is planned next year. Hope to see you there.
Tom Baltz

Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor

Calendar of Events

2015

- February 18th
Member's Meeting
Monroe Township Bldg
Boiling Springs
- February 19th
Chapter Breakfast
Kimberly's Café, Carlisle
- March 12th
Last Fly Tying Class
Boiling Springs HS,
Boiling Springs
- March 18th
Member's Meeting
Location: TBD
- 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 4th
Opening Day Trout Season
- April 11th
Chapter Fishing Trip,
Clarks/Stoney Creeks
- May 1-3rd
Chapter Trip,
Little Juniata
- June 6th
Chapter Fishing Trip
East Licking Creek
- June 13th
Perry County Youth Field Day
Duncannon Sportsmen's Club
- June 16th
Street to Streams, Allenberry
- June 20th
Heritage Day/Fly Casting
Competition, Allenberry
- June 21-26th
Rivers Conservation and
Youth Camp, 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. 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.
Thanks, Dave W.

~ Don't forget, as we move into 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.

~ 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. 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. Thanks, Clark

CVTU Membership is 588!

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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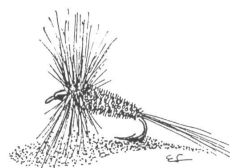
January, for Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited, has been very busy. We have worked very hard as a Chapter to prepare for the upcoming Limestoner Banquet on March 20, 2015. The Limestoner Banquet is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so please come out and enjoy a great evening. Please keep an eye on the CVTU Facebook page and website for updates on auction items and sponsors for the Banquet. If you have any questions, would like to donate, or be a sponsor for our banquet, please contact Matt Perry (508-783-5285). Another annual round of events, fly tying classes at South Middleton High School, are underway and are really going well, so I must give special thanks to Alan Stansbury and all the instructors for continuing to organize and run such a great event! This will be Alan's last year of organizing the event and I'm looking for someone who may want to shadow Alan for this year in anticipation of taking the program over. Please contact me at flyfishing80@gmail.com if you are interested.

Your Board of Directors continues to review ways that we can improve as a Chapter. I continue to encourage you to come to members meetings and get involved with conservation/stream projects along with our many youth programs. Please feel free to keep myself or the Board aware of any potential restoration projects you feel are necessary because we are currently working to obtain upcoming grant monies.

As President, I have had the honor to be involved with the Pa Fly Fishing Museum Association (PFFMA) located at the Allenberry Resort's Meadow Lodge. They will be having their 3rd Annual Open House on March 27th and 28th 2015 from 10:00am-5:00 pm. There will be a lot of great displays along with retail and collectable fly tackle vendors covering fly tying, art, bamboo rod building, and custom nets. Please stop by to support the PFFMA - a great organization that is working very hard to preserve the history of our beloved sport for many generations to come.

Another fine event being hosted by the Yellow Breeches Anglers & Conservation Association will be held on March 21, 2015 at the Allenberry Playhouse. This is an annual fundraiser for the Yellow Breeches Anglers and one that I hope many can come out and attend. The Yellow Breeches Anglers & Conservation Association does a great job stocking the catch and release and open water of the Yellow Breeches Creek. They are also a supporter of the Rivers Conservation Camp. If you're an avid fan of the Yellow Breeches, why not come out and support this organization that continues to do much to make the Breeches what it is.

Lastly, I would like to take a minute and thank everyone for all of the hard work they continue to do for our Chapter. There is a great deal of work that gets completed by many folks behind the scenes that allows our Chapter to continue to be as productive as we are. As always, if you have any comments or concerns, feel free to call 717-360-8823 or email flyfishing80@gmail.com.



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Justin

Casting Competition **Jim Rainey**

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be hosting its Annual Mid Atlantic Fly Casting & Fly Tying Championships on June 20th, 2015 at Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs, PA. The Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum will host the competitions 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

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. 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.



Yellow Breeches Photo by Dave Weaver, Jan 2015

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 9th, 2015. After January 8th, 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 21st. 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 or call 245-9117.

Fly of the Month ISO Wiggle Nymph By Jason Minnich

One of my favorite ways to catch fish is on the swing. Typically most trout fisherman immediately think of soft hackles and streamers when they hear this word. The majority of the time a good dead-drifted presentation of a nymph will do the trick whether it is under an indicator or "high sticking". There are, however, numerous nymphs that swim almost as good as minnows and many others that display very erratic movements in their ascent to the surface. I'm a true believer that a good number of fish present in these situations key in on this erratic, swimming movement as the nymphs move either up or to the side emerging on streamside rocks and vegetation. This pattern mimics the *Isonychia* or Slate Drake mayfly, but there are a number of mayflies that you could modify this pattern to match. The first time I heard of the "wiggle nymph" was on a Lake Erie tributary fishing for steelhead. By the way, it is a deadly pattern for picky steelhead and is mostly tied to imitate stoneflies. By the looks of the fly, one would think it is a difficult fly to tie, but it is actually a fairly easy tie. Iso nymphs can swim incredibly fast and they emerge similar to stoneflies along the streamside and midstream boulders. The pattern is very versatile in that it is effective dead-drifted, swung, and jigged or twitched. I have done well with a cast directly across the stream above the targeted water with a downstream mend, tighten the line and begin very short, quick strips of line and/or rod tip twitches. You'll want to use the heaviest tippet you can get away with since the fish will sometimes almost take the rod out of your hand and a hook set typically results in a lost fly and fish.

Hook: Rear – TMC 300 #16 (cut off hook bend after rear is tied), Front – TMC 2488H #12

Thread: 6/0 UNI-Thread, wine

Rear tail and body: 3 ostrich herl feathers (2 black, 1 brown), tips for tails (spin/twist feathers with thread to reinforce materials)

Flashback: 1 strand of pearl flashabou

Rib: wine thread

Connection: 2X tippet tied in with several wraps up and down hook, thread rear hook up through the eye and secure tippet again using several wraps on top of hook shank, a touch of head cement over wraps to reinforce. Key is to make loop small, but also allowing plenty of movement.

Front body: Tungsten bead, Tie in steps – pearl flashabou, black thin skin (wing case), partridge feather by tip, and lastly the remaining ostrich herl feathers (make body in reverse order finishing with pearl flashabou pulled over thin skin wing case and whip finish). Finish fly with a drop of Clear Cure Goo or 5 minute epoxy to secure and add to the durability and looks of the fly.



Federation of Fly Fishers' Event By Jim Rainey

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. This event will include: Beginners Learn to fly cast - equipment provided, experienced casters improve your fly casting as well as spey casting instruction. There will also be lessons on fishing from a Kayak with on-water instruction from an American Canoe Association Certified Instructor. Pre-registration required. Contact rstouf@mail.com. Dress for the weather - outdoors, rain or shine. Lunch Available.

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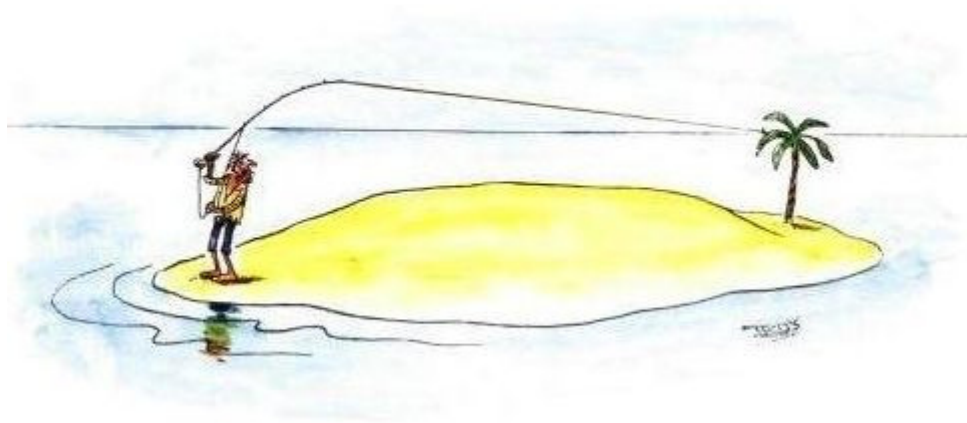
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