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Your Chapter and the Changing Seasons

By Dave Weaver

As our chapter transitions into the colder months of the year, consider where we stand as advocates for cold water conservation in the Cumberland Valley and beyond. Many of us are year 'round anglers but there are also many who, by this time of year, lose some focus on trout and trout streams as football or hunting seasons come around. This is understandable. It's worth remembering, however, that both fishing and TU activities continue. On the fishing front, sixteen anglers from our chapter gathered at the end of October at Spring Creek. The fishing was tough – yours truly struggled mightily to get a couple small fish on cress bugs – but the food, company, scenery, and weather couldn't be beat. The canyon section of Spring Creek is a real hit with both outdoorsmen and non-outdoorsmen. Neil and Lori Sunday arranged the trip and the food. Neil and Lori have been especially valuable this year in coordinating events like this and deserve a special thanks. Capping off our winter season is the Limestoner next March. The next few weeks is when the real work goes into the banquet. Consider volunteering to help.

So get out for some trout fishing in the next few weeks. Tie some flies (the youth camp could use some of your handiwork). Do some fishing, hiking, or just drop by our streams and keep an eye out. It's our Cumberland Valley and YOU are part of the Trout Unlimited role. Twelve months of the year.

**Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, November 16th at 7PM
Monroe Township Fire Hall, Boiling Springs**

**30
Members and
Guests
Attended the
Oct. Meeting**

Jack Hubley will be presenting "Critters Beyond Your Back Door." Jack does 2-minute nature vignettes on WGAL TV called "A Wild Moment," and has hosted nature shows on WGAL for over 30 years. **This program is for everyone – members, spouses, children, grandchildren... people of all ages.** Jack will be bringing a variety of birds, mammals, and amphibians - all of which you might see at your house over a year. There will be three door prizes...all are eligible to win. Everyone that comes will get a free ticket and a chance to win a \$100, \$50, or \$25 Giant grocery gift card. We'll have something for all the kids, too. So come one, come all, and bring the kids to CVTU's Family Night. John Leonard

Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor



Calendar of Events

2016-17

Nov 10th

Big Spring Watershed Association
Annual Meeting, Green Ridge Village, Newville

Nov 12th

PA FF Museum Banquet
Comfort Suites, Carlisle

Nov 16th

Chapter Meeting
Monroe Tsp. Fire Hall
Boiling Springs

Nov 17th

Chapter Breakfast
Mama Spriggs Restaurant
Carlisle

Mar 17th, 2017

Limestoner Banquet
Park Inn, Carlisle

Jun 18th-23rd, 2017

Youth Camp
Messiah College
Grantham

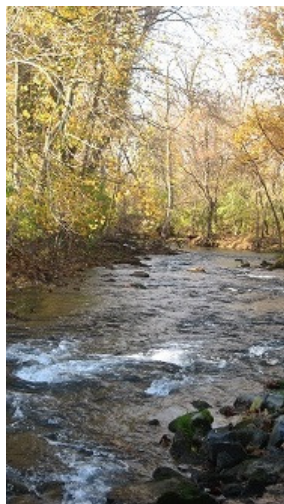


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Submission of articles and suggestions for this newsletter are encouraged and may be sent to dweavflyart@yahoo.com, or you can call me at **338-1952**. The deadline for the next issue is the 22nd of each month. The primary distribution of *Tight Lines* 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

~ CVTU is a member club of the International Federation of Fly Fishers. IFFF publishes a periodic newsletter that is available to CVTU members. Go to the CVTU website and click on the "IFFF NEWSLETTER" link to access the October issue to read about: new member benefit program; The Loop, the journal of fly casting professionals; info on IFFF activities nationwide; fly patterns; and conservation news. For info on the IFFF, contact Jim Rainey at 2raineys@comcast.net, or go to www.fedflyfishers.org.

Jim Rainey

~ The Big Spring Watershed Association will hold its annual meeting on November 10 at Green Ridge Village at 7 PM in the conference room at Green Hall. This year the Watershed Association will have as their speakers Vern Gauthier and Bill Franz. Their talk will be about birding along Big Spring and the habitat needed to enhance future bird populations. Refreshments of apple cider and donuts will be provided. If you have an interest in Big Spring and birds, please consider attending. There will be folks along the road to help find parking but bring a flashlight. There are plenty of seats in the big conference room for all.

Tom Smithwick

~ 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.

CVTU Membership Information

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

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It's been a busy month here in the Cumberland Valley this October, full of ups and downs. Unfortunately, most of the downs involve the water levels on pretty much all of our local streams. I believe I opened last month's message excited about the rain we were getting at the time, now I feel like I was getting excited for nothing. Although every little bit helps when we can get it, after seeing the condition of some of our streams recently I'd happily trade this prolonged Indian Summer for a few cool autumn days of steady soaking rain.

On the upside, the balmy weather has made for a few nice outings lately. I sure didn't hear too many complaints during our chapter trip up to Spring Creek this past weekend. Seventy-degree sunshine was certainly different than the spitting rain/sleet/snow mix we endured late in the day during last year's trip. Lori & Neil Sunday once again outdid themselves hosting yet another great trip, kudos to them! The stream side lunch was superb and camaraderie shared after a solid day on the water sure is tough to beat. If you haven't yet had the chance to go on one of our chapter trips, I'd highly recommend you do so. These trips are great opportunities to experience a new stream or perhaps learn a new technique. We've got so many knowledgeable and generous folks involved in our chapter that it's humbling at times to be a part of it all. We've got some new ideas bouncing around for destinations in 2017 and we're always open to suggestions as we finalize next year's calendar, so if you've got an idea or would like to help out on the organizational end, please let us know.

Of course, with the change of seasons, it's important to remember that our local trouts will be feeling quite amorous in the coming weeks. The FITS crew has done another great job prepping the gravel spawning beds of the Letort, both up around Bonny Brook as well as a bit of maintenance at the Fox cress beds. Many thanks to Don Albright for leading the charge again this fall. And please, if you're out fishing this fall, keep an eye out for redds and watch your step, particularly in the tailouts of your favorite pools. We've got wild trout in pretty much all of our local waters, let's give them the best chance we can so that they may continue to flourish.

Looking forward to the winter months, we'll be finalizing our plans for the chapter through 2017. In addition to the great trips mentioned above, our calendar is filling up quickly, first with our winter fly tying classes in coordination with South Middleton Township and then our annual Limestoner Awards Banquet will be here before we know it in March. In addition to honoring those that have done so much for our conservation efforts, the Limestoner is our major annual fundraiser that lays the foundation for all of our work. We're always looking for fresh ideas to constantly improve the event and expand our reach, so if you have thoughts about potential sponsors or donors, let us know. Or perhaps just talk to your fishing buddy who isn't yet involved and bring them out- every little bit helps and is greatly appreciated. Please save the date, March 17 and I hope to see you there! As always, if you have any questions, concerns or if you've seen something out on the water, don't hesitate to get in touch, tomimcmillar@yahoo.com or by phone, 717/258-8265.



Tight Lines,
Tom

Chapter Activities for 2017

By Biff Healy

It's time to start thinking about all the great activities you would like to enjoy again, or new challenges that get your casting arm twitching. We had a great year in 2016 with several new venues, and the old standbys still made getting the waders on a worthy labor. The plethora of trips has one caveat: We need to have leaders! This doesn't mean that you have to be the guide. Just coordinate a date, place, and cost, how many people can be accommodated, and don't be afraid to ask for help.

Please email Biff Healy or Dave Stone with your favorites, new ideas, and if you would be willing to lead. "It ain't hard," and can actually be fun. We would like to have a solid list of activities before the November meeting, so that you have the menu to select from as soon as possible.

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Winter Fly Tying Class

By Chris Yasher

Want to learn the art of fly tying?

Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited (CVTU) will be conducting beginner and experienced/advanced sessions for eight weeks at the Boiling Springs High School. Students in the beginner course will learn to tie 6-8 flies while also gaining crucial skills, knowledge, and techniques necessary for the upcoming fly-fishing season. For students in the beginner course, fly tying material, a hook kit, and instructional material will be provided. A list of patterns and required materials will be provided in advance for the intermediate/advanced tiers that will identify patterns tied throughout the course. While there is often extra material for use at each class, advanced tiers are responsible for their own kit (i.e. vise, hooks, and material) and are encouraged to tie alongside the guest instructor. HD video of the respective week's pattern will be available for viewing on the CVTU Facebook page.

This is a wonderful family atmosphere filled with snacks, laughter, and tradition, and provides an outstanding opportunity for all to learn under the direction of some of the region's

most experienced, respected, and accomplished fly-tiers.

Ages: 16 years and older. Under 16 are encouraged and welcome; however, must be accompanied by a registered adult.

#2017 - Beginner Tyers

#2017 - Experienced Tiers

Tuesdays, January 10 – February 28

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Boiling Springs High School Room 110

Instructor: Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited

Fee: \$15/RES, \$21/NR, early bird

\$25/RES, \$31/NR, after 1/3



2017 Limestoner Banquet

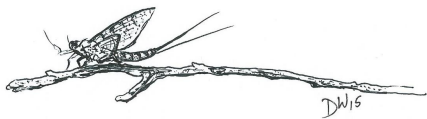
By Matt Perry

Just wanted to remind everyone to make sure and mark your calendar for the upcoming 2017 Limestoner Banquet. The Limestoner will be held on **Friday, March 17th, 2017**. 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.

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. If you think you could lend some of your time (anything helps), 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 in March for the 2017 Limestoner!

Cold Water/Hot Topics **By David Stone**

Election Do's and Don'ts: With the upcoming presidential election, we remind CVTU members that TU enjoys a tax-free status under IRS rules and as such we as an organization may not participate in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. While we recognize and, in fact, encourage CVTU members to participate in the election and campaign process, please do so individually and refrain from giving the appearance that CVTU in some way endorses or opposes any particular candidate.



Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing **Youth Camp** **By Ken Palmer**

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited is holding the 23rd annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp June 18 - 23, 2017. This year the camp will be at a new venue, Messiah College, Grantham, PA. The camp begins on a Sunday and ends the following Friday. The highly structured curriculum is based on college level classes. Students are instructed in ecology, aquatic biology, geology, hydrogeology, erosion and sedimentation control, ichthyology, riparian corridor protection, watershed management, entomology, and much more. Students also participate in a hands-on stream habitat improvement project. But it's not all work. There are 10 fishing sessions and fly tying instruction. Over 25 instructors, all experts in their field, teach the various classes.

Admission will be limited to 32 selected qualified students, ages 14 to 17. The applicants must have been born between June 23, 1999, and June 18, 2003. The 32 students will be selected through an application process where they must state why they want to attend camp. The camp tuition is \$400 per student. All meals

and accommodations are included for the residence camp. A student doesn't have to be an accomplished fly fisher or a budding aquatic biologist to attend. The student only needs to be highly motivated and willing to learn.

The Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp was founded in 1995 through the efforts of the late Dr. John R. "Jack" Beck and the late Enoch S. "Inky" Moore, Jr., Fish Commissioner. Their goal was to select 32 teenagers each year who were the leaders in their class. The thought is that today's leaders in high school become the leaders of tomorrow's communities. In a few short years, they will be the bankers, lawyers, realtors, municipal officials, and the leaders in their communities. If the camp can implant a kernel of knowledge in today's students about the importance of clean water, when those students become the decision makers in their communities, it may have a positive impact on how water resources are used.

The camp will begin accepting applications for the 2017 camp on November 1, 2016. All applications for early acceptance must be received no later than March 31, 2017.

Applying via our website is preferred. For more information, or to apply, visit the camp website at www.riverscamp.com. Questions may be submitted at the website or via email to riverscamp@gmail.com.

Disposal of Medications **By John Leonard**

Not In My Water! – We've all seen the photos and read the stories of the smallmouth in the Susquehanna where a fish is both sexually male and female. The suspected problem comes from endocrine disruptors in treated sewage. How do the endocrine disruptors get into the sewage?...by people flushing unused medication, birth control pills, pet medication, etc. down the toilet. So what am I to do with my old unused pills? Take them to one of the 21 drug drop boxes we have in Cumberland County – check out <https://www.ccpa.net/4150/Medication-Drop-Boxes> for the sites. There's one in just about every police department lobby. The boxes are like a secure mailbox...you just drop the medication in and walk away. The pills need to be in a Zip-Loc bag or in the original container with the label removed or your information blacked out by a permanent marker. **NO LOOSE PILLS!** *Cont.*

Not in My Water Cont.

Liquid medication must be in the original container. Don't forget pet medications, over-the-counter tablets and liquid medication, inhalers, creams, ointments, and nasal sprays. This is just one more way we all can protect the waters we love to fish. If you're not sure where to drop off your unused medication, just e-mail cvtu052@gmail.com and we'll give you the location of the nearest medication drop box

PA Fly Fishing Museum Banquet
By Jim Rainey

The Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum's 18th Annual Fundraising Banquet and Auction will be held Saturday, November 12, 2016 at the Comfort Suites Carlisle, 10 South Hanover Street, Carlisle, PA 17013. Check out the Museum's website at WWW.PAFLYFISHING.ORG.

Fly Tier's Corner
"Visibug"
By Dave Weaver

If you're a fan of the small mountain brook trout game, you probably fish a lot of bushy dry flies. Personally, I prefer foam for bushy dry flies, both terrestrials and impressionistic dries. For small mountain streams, high visibility dry flies are easier to see and draw a lot of strikes. I call this pattern, "high visibility bug" – or "visibug" for short. This fly floats well due to a foam body and the white deer hair wing mainly adds to the visibility. Tie the fly with a body of foam in a bright color such as chartreuse, hot pink, or orange, as shown here. Blacken the underside with a magic marker. A black fly will actually be more visible from beneath to the trout, but you want that bright color over the top for the angler to see. This visibug also works well as a dry dropper rig. Tie it in bigger sizes for river bass or trout. However, for small stream brookies, you will want to keep the fly on the smaller size, under an inch in total length.

HOOK: Scud style, around #12 or #14.
BODY: Fur dub with a length of foam over the dub. Trim foam to preferred shape, but keep it fairly slender.

HACKLE (Optional): Black.
WING: White deer hair.



Youth Camp Ghillies and Flies
By Clark Hall

We are in need of ghillies 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 5:30AM and end at 8AM. Volunteer ghillies 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 ghillies 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. 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. Sign-up sheets for ghillies and flies will be available at membership meetings, or contact Clark Hall at 697-4549 or email chall2636@verizon.net or contact Biff Healy at 254-7386 or email bifer1966@hotmail.com.



Jack Hubley with Friend. Photo Courtesy: J. Leonard