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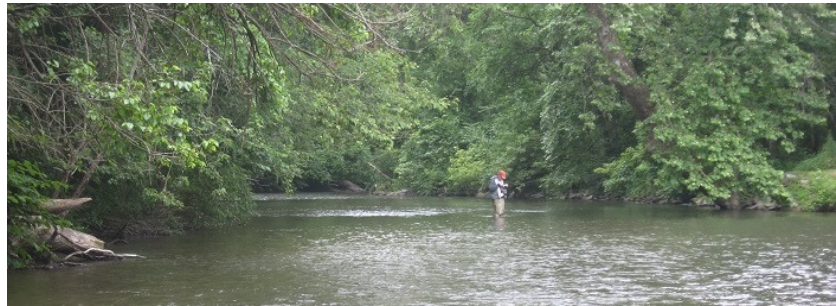
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## The Big Summer Issue

By Dave Weaver

Some bad computer luck resulting in a failed motherboard forced your humble newsletter editor to miss the June issue of *Tight Lines*. My apologies. Now armed with a shiny new PC, I'm ready to get back to the tasks at hand and we'll call this issue a special "Summer 2016" edition of *Tight Lines*. Traditionally, we have not had an issue of *Tight Lines* in August. After some deliberation, it was decided to continue with this tradition this year. So, going forward, consider this summer issue as dealing with material from June through August. The next issue will be September.

As usual, your chapter has been busy. In particular, note the fun and fine results of some of our recent fishing trips. There are still more scheduled. Why not join up? Fly fishing trips, stream restoration projects, picnics and membership meetings, youth outreach, and land protection. What more could you ask for? Your chapter does it all. Simply put, CVTU is a versatile and dedicated organization.



David Stone Selects a Fly at Allenberry.

Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver

**37**  
**Members and**  
**Guests**  
**Attended the**  
**June Meeting**

**Membership Meeting:**  
**Wednesday, July 20th at 7PM**  
**Monroe Township Fire Hall, Boiling Springs**

Our July 20th membership meeting will be a slide show by Art Rorex on his October 2015 trout fishing trip to northeastern Spain. The ten day trip included seven 'fishing' days in the Pyrenees mountains and an overnight stay in Barcelona. Art will discuss all aspects of the trip including the unique nature of fishing in Spain.

Hope to see you there.

Tom Baltz

# Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor



## Calendar of Events

2016

July 20th

Member's Meeting  
Monroe Tsp. Fire Hall  
Boiling Springs

July 21st

Chapter Breakfast  
Mama Spriggs Restaurant  
Carlise

July 11-14th

Chapter Trip  
Beaverkill, NY

Aug 19th

Chapter Picnic  
Letort Park

Sep 21st

Chapter Meeting  
Monroe Tsp. Fire Hall  
Boiling Springs

Oct 28-30th

Chapter Trip  
Spring Creek

Oct (Date TBD)

Chapter Trip  
Little Juniata

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FLY FISHERS



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. *Tight Lines* will be mailed by request only.

If you move, change your phone number, or e-mail address, notify us by emailing CVTU at: [cvtu052@gmail.com](mailto: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

~ With future access to Allenberry Resort currently unknown, chapter meetings are moving back to the Monroe Township Fire Hall until further notice. Promising alternative venues for the museum and youth camp are being considered if a permanent move is necessary. The picnic will be at Letort Park in Carlisle.

Dave W.

~ On the second Saturday of each month, there will be a stream work project organized by the FITS team. This may involve tree planting, stream clean up, or project construction. Keep an eye on your chapter website for details.

Dave W.

~ For more information on how to obtain your youth clearances and when you need them, please feel free to check the [PA TU Council](http://PA TU Council website) website. If any member has questions or wants to verify whether he or she has the required clearance, I can be reached at (571) -643-8101 or via email at [jebbetar25@gmail.com](mailto:jebbetar25@gmail.com).

Jeb Betar

~ Elections for your chapter board of directors are coming up during our membership meeting on Sept 21st. Nominations will be taken during our meeting (picnic) on August 19th and then at the beginning of the meeting on the 21st. If you would like more information about being a board member, please call Tom Miller (717) 258-8265 or John Leonard (717) 512-4620.

Dave W.

~ After some fits and starts, the Yellow Breeches project near Zion Road is set to proceed this summer. This will involve the emplacement of mud-sills and bank stabilization.

Dave W.

### CVTU Membership is 587!

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](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 **John Zazworsky**, Membership Chairman.

# President's Message

From the President, Tom Miller

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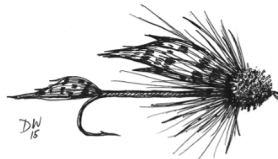
Isn't there a saying about time flying while having fun? Where did the springtime go? With the great fishing we've been having it's encouraging to hear so many great reports from all around our region; hatches have been strong, the streams are in good shape and folks have been catching some really nice fish this year. It's difficult to not sound like a broken record at times, but as always, thank-you to everybody for all you have done. Your work is being reflected in some of the great fishing we've been having this spring.

Now with us entering the summer, we have what is probably the busiest time of the year for the chapter which means plenty of opportunities to get involved! The upcoming months are stacked with so many great opportunities to connect with the community either directly through fly fishing, in stream projects, or educational outreach. On June 7th we hosted the annual Reel for Recovery event at the Allenberry Resort followed on June 28 & 29 with the Streets to Streams program. These are both very rewarding events for everybody involved, especially for the participants and their families. Also in June was the 22nd Annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp. The camp began on Sunday June 19th this year and ran until Friday the 24th. The camp is an amazing event with an always energetic group of kids who are eager to learn. Along with those big three events we also had some other fun opportunities within the local community. Jeb Betar set up our information and merchandise booth at the Hampden Township Watershed Festival on the evening of June 14th and we were also at the PA FlyFishing Museum's Heritage Day on Saturday June 18th.

Don't forget our chapter fishing trips. This issue has a recap of some of them, and more are scheduled. In addition, keep in mind our summer work projects such as the recently completed Letort clean-up. Don Albright will send out his email notice prior to the projects and if you'd like to get on the Feet-In-The-Stream (FITS) crew list, please get in touch with either Don or myself.

Finally, keep in mind our elections for your chapter board of directors. This will be during our membership meeting on Sept 21st. Nominations will be taken during our meeting on August 19th and then at the beginning of the meeting on the 21st. Let me know if you'd like more info about serving as a board member.

As you can see, our calendar is jam packed this summer and once again, a big thank you to everybody that helps make our chapter one of the most successful around. We wouldn't be able to host so many successful events and activities without the help and dedication of you, our amazing members. Thank you, and I hope to see you out on the water.



Tight Lines,  
*Tom*

## Trout in the Classroom Update By C. Biff Healy

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited partnered with eleven schools this year and added a twelfth school in April. We are reaching almost one thousand youth with the message of cold water conservation and introducing them to the basic tenets of trout biology and fishing techniques.

We did in-class presentations twelve times this past school year, showing videos such as "The Way of the Trout", and "High Hopes", the story of the restoration of a portion of the Shaver's Fork of the Cheat River in West Virginia. We taught fly casting and demonstrated fly tying, all the while emphasizing the importance of cold, clean water. The Youth Conservation Camp was introduced to the six new schools, with at least two students working on applications. Membership in CVTU was discussed, with the family membership getting the most interest.

Schools participating this year were: Carlisle High School, Cedar Cliff High School, East Pennsboro Middle School \*, Hill Top Academy\*, Mechanicsburg High School\*, New Cumberland Middle School, Northern York Middle School\*(Second unit new this year), River Rock Academy\*, Trinity High School, Wilson Middle School, Yellow Breeches Education Center (Plainfield), and added this April, Lamberton Middle School.

(\* indicates new schools added this school year).

The long term impact of the TIC to our cold water fisheries will be a topic of conjecture, but exposing today's students to this program will hopefully be evidenced in our future leaders. It was a good year! C. Biff Healy, TIC Coordinator.

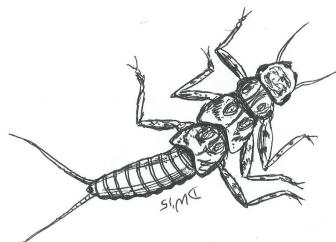
## Cold Water/Hot Topics By David Stone

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is considering adding **99 streams to the Wild Trout Stream list** and **3 streams to the Class A Trout water list**. The Commission meets July 11-12 on this topic. Although none of the streams are local, I suspect some of us have wet our lines in a few of them.

All of our local representatives and Senators (Bloom, Delozier, Regan and Vance)

failed us miserably and voted in favor of Senate Bills 279 and 1195 which as of this writing are on the Governor's desk and expected to be signed. Neither of these bills are cold water friendly. Bill 1195 gives the General Assembly the ability to disapprove the Commonwealth's carbon reduction plan and delay its implementation. Bill 279 is an oil and gas industry boondoggle. The bill stops the implementation previously approved oil and gas regulations allowing drillers to continue to operate under rules written in the 80's. Ugh!

The House rejected HB 2013 on June 28, 2016, which would have encouraged privately operated recreational and hospitality development in state parks. The proposal called for the DCNR to initiate a pilot public-private program to consider adding hotels, restaurants, amusement parks and sport facilities to state parks. Environmental and conservation groups opposed the bill and urged lawmakers to vote no. Among our local house members, Bloom, Regan and Tallman voted for development; Delozier, Keller and Rothman voted against.



## South Holston River Report By David Stone

Much fun and many fish were had on the recent chapter trip to the SOHO in Tennessee. Eight of us made the trip enjoying sulfur and BWO hatches during the day and "Sarah's" cabin by night. The highlight of the trip was a 25ish inch brown complete with a huge head and hook jaw caught by Dan Zazworsky, son of board member John. This monster was brought to net after a 15 minute battle on a 3 weight protecting 6X tippet! Check out the YouTube video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EzGx5fovKI> On our last day, 4 of us spread out over a short stretch of the river and enjoyed a wonderful late afternoon extended sulfur hatch casting to seemingly endless rising browns. We hope to make a repeat trip in the fall. Details will be forthcoming.



Keith Clinton with a nice brown from the South Holston caught during a sulphur hatch (above).

angler was Steve Parker (also as usual) with at least 40 trout caught and released.



Photo Courtesy: Biff Healy



Photos Courtesy: David Stone

### **East Licking Creek Report By C. Biff Healy**

The club trip was 6/4/16. Everyone caught fish. I caught a dozen, including the fish pictured below. Twenty members showed up. Breakfast at Middlesex Diner, then a feast at the pavilion at Karl Guss area of hot dogs with sauerkraut, potato salad, macaroni salad, potato chips and oatmeal raisin cookies for dessert. A good time was had by all. Ken Okorn was the host, and did an excellent job, as usual. Top

### **Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp by Clark Hall**

The 22nd annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp concluded on Friday, June 24, with the graduation of 3 girls and 28 boys, ages 14 through 17. CVTU members and friends contributed flies for the camp. Each camper was given a box with 50+ flies appropriate for fishing the Breeches during camp. Over 35 individuals contributed flies! CVTU members also responded by volunteering as ghillies for the fishing sessions and assisting with fly tying instruction. Several campers caught their first trout on a fly. The campers were very appreciative and complimentary of the help that they received from the ghillies. Several campers responded to the question "What was your favorite thing about camp?" by saying it was fishing with the ghillies. It was a pleasure to see these youngsters progress as fly anglers. These young men and women are the future of our sport and future protectors of our cold water resources. Thank you to all who donated flies, worked as ghillies, or helped the camp in any way.



Youth Camp Students with Ghillie  
Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver



Project Built by Youth Camp Students at  
Allenberry  
Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver

### **Souls Soothed by Water** **By Mark L. Campbell III**

Souls travel towards a special location in central Pennsylvania with purpose. Through quaint, little villages, farmland, patches of brush, woods and meadows, and then into a dense forest they travel. For some it's a destination they have never known and is idyllically imagined. For others it is a spiritual place they already love, a natural, secluded, forest with a perfect, world-class wild trout fishery flowing through it.

Those souls that already know this setting, also know it will place them in environs that will provide an opportunity not only to escape life's tensions but also to be refreshed, uplifted, and be filled with tranquility. They know that their spirit will be renewed. Souls that have never been exposed to their destination are perhaps looking for refuge; yet at the same time looking for an experience that they may have anticipated as interesting and worth exploring. Most that come in this frame of mind never realize the impact this experience will have on their lives. Others come with a deeper motivation, a heartfelt anticipation of something extraordinarily special, and an opportunity to share this very hallowed water with others. One visit can leave a positive life lasting effect on the giver as well as the receiver and a deep desire to return by both.

Penns Creek is a small wild trout river in Central Pennsylvania. The Catch & Release Section is an uninhabited gorge that runs for miles upstream with deep pools, boulder strewn slicks, beautiful pocket water, heavy riffles, little nooks, crannies and slots. Some sections with steep mountain banks on one side, some with grassy banks on the other, and braids of channels around islands. The variety of water and cover complement the beauty

of this limestone rich, yet freestone little "river".

Penns, in all likelihood, possesses the most diverse aquatic life of any stream in the world. It has an extraordinary variety of caddis, mayflies, stoneflies, chironomids and hellgrammite, along with invertebrates like shrimp, sow bugs and crayfish. Penn's also boasts a wide variety of fish species including dace, darters, sculpins, chubs, shiners, smallmouth bass, crayfish and best of all wild trout, especially well above average-size wild trout. Penn's Creek provides ideal habitat for a perfectly balanced trout population. While mostly wild brown trout are present, a healthy population of rainbow and the occasional brook trout can also be found ranging from par up to their fullest adult sizes. Catch a few 5" – 18" fish and you're doing well. Land an 18" – 20" inch fish and you're doing very well. Hook a 22" – 26" fish and good luck getting it to net. Penns is truly a special fishery.

Those souls first mentioned that that have not tasted the hallowed waters of Penns Creek or known its tranquility are often times those of our courageous military personnel that have sacrificed themselves for our freedom, experiencing physical and emotional wounds that most can't begin to imagine. Wounds seen and unseen, physical and emotional, are soothed with the unique balm that several days on Penn's Creek provide. Just the sound of the moving water in this setting can be overwhelmingly peaceful. These are souls searching for tranquility, serenity and an escape from life's most troublesome memories to relieve their minds of angst and replace it with solace.

Some of these worthy warriors have already experienced this piece of paradise and return to bring their brothers and sisters-in-arms to share the comfort that Penns Creek provides. They have come to know that it's more than just about fishing. They know the soothing salve that Penn's provides. They hope to see their friends' spirits renewed.

Those souls that have not themselves experienced the wounds of war, but share their love and knowledge of this natural tranquilizer with our brave military, receive a deep spiritual renewal as well. They are driven to show their respect, appreciation and love by giving their time to support Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing (PHWFF).

A wide variety of warriors come for various reasons, men and women alike, both active and veteran military personnel. They are all

wounded in one or many ways. Some of them come with no or very little experience and leave with a passion for the art and science of fly fishing, along with a peace that soothes their soul. Others leave with the same peace having just been in an intimate, scenic, soothing location with their brothers and sisters and sharing time in this sacred setting. Peaceful dreams are made here. Lives are changed for the good, sometimes as in an epiphany, sometimes slowly over time.

If you have the opportunity to get involved with such an event, don't let the opportunity pass you by. Giving yourself to others is precedent. Giving yourself to others that have given themselves for you surpasses precedence. Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. is financially well managed. Individual benefactors can make donations to support specific PHWFF events or to support their local PHWFF Program. Every penny of donations made specifically to your local PHWFF Program goes directly to the warriors. There are no administrative costs. Other donations made to PHWFF National are honorable and needed but there are necessary administrative costs that accompany these donations

With special thanks to our United States military personnel, the many benefactors that have supported our events, Dave McMullen, The Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the PA Boat & Fish Commission, The Union County Sportsmen's Club, Bill Lewis, and the many guides and volunteers that have supported Penn's Creek's Camp Guttalata's PHWFF Events.



**Pine Creek Report**  
By Gene Giza

The trip to Pine Creek was an excellent time with the crew meeting to plot strategy at the Manor Hotel. The photo over on the right shows Jeb Betar with one of the many trout he caught using a sulphur dry during this, our ninth annual trip to Pine Creek.



Photo Courtesy: G. Giza

**Fly of the Month**  
**Isonychia Soft Hackle**  
By Michael Goyne

I had to laugh recently when I was told that there are not enough *Isonychia* on the Yellow Breeches to fish them. I got ten fish that same day, including a twenty incher, on this Isonychia Soft Hackle.

HOOK: Size 14 4xl down eye thru 12 4XL.

THREAD: Maroon.

WEIGHT: 15 turns of .015 for the Size 14 and 15 turns of .020 for the Size 12 (otherwise a very buoyant fly).

TAIL: White partridge or your call.

RIB: Copper again I use small / medium per hook size.

BODY: Rusty Brown Awesome Possum.

THORAX: Peacock Herl (bright green) spun around thread.

WING: Partridge to match ¾ body length – brown and white preferred.

HEAD: 7 to 10 wraps with a whip finisher.

