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Trout in the Classroom—Springtime Releases By Biff Healy

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The first of two release days for East Pennsboro Middle School was held last month at the Yellow Breeches Creek at Messiah College. Two busloads of students and staff were joined by Messiah personnel from the Oakes Center for stream and conservation studies along the stream. This was the first of two releases of the brook trout fingerlings raised through the Trout-in-the-Classroom (TIC) program conducted under the auspices of Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited. As chapter TIC coordinator I was proud to be there admiring the sense of accomplishment felt by the students for their years of work, led by teacher Rodney Petersheim. Another release of the rest of the fish was on May 1st. This release was to rid the aquarium of "the bullies" who were eating the smaller trout! This program is a cooperation between CVTU, PATU, and the PA Fish and Boat Commission. This is the second year for the program at East Pennsboro promoting the cause of preserving cold, clean water that reaches almost 200 students annually.



Releasing TIC Trout

Photo Courtesy: B. Healy

**45
Members and
Guests
Attended the
Apr. Meeting**

**Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, May 17th at 7PM
Monroe Township Fire Hall, Boiling Springs**

Our speaker for the May 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

May 8-12th
Fishing Trip
South Holston

May 10th
CVTU Board Meeting
Comfort Inn at Shady Lane
Carlisle

May 17th
Chapter Meeting
Monroe Tsp. Fire Hall
Boiling Springs

May 18th
Chapter Breakfast
Momma Spriggs Restaurant
Carlisle

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

Jun 29th
Membership Meeting will
Be a Senators Game
Harrisburg

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

~ CVTU continues to consider various locations on Yellow Breeches for potential stream improvement projects in 2017. Six sites in particular are under consideration including Barnitz Mill, South Middleton Park, and near Williams Grove, among others.

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

~ June is a busy month for your chapter and we could use a break. On June 29th we will get together for a Senators baseball game. This has been done in the past and was a home run (pun intended). This ball game event will be in lieu of our regular monthly membership meeting.

Dave W.

CVTU Membership is Currently 591!

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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What does Trout Unlimited mean to you? Why did you join Trout Unlimited? Did you join TU to learn more about those elusive, wild trouts? To learn how to improve your cast or expand your fly fishing skill set? Or to work with other folks who are also committed "To conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds." Personally, I joined TU 20+ years ago because it was the organization that most closely aligned with my interests as a young flyfisherman who was also concerned about the future of our most cherished waters here in our backyard.

I know we ask a lot of you to help preserve these local places. And well, unfortunately, we're probably going to be asking even more of you. As a member of TU, you should be receiving your copy of TU National's magazine *Trout*. It really is a great publication and keeps all of us in touch with the 'whole' of what TU stands for and what we can and are accomplishing. From our local waters in Pennsylvania to our neighbors in Maryland and West Virginia and all along the Appalachian Range, to out West and those spots we often vacation to, Montana, Wyoming, Oregon, California, Alaska, etc., we're all connected by our shared mission and we've all got skin in this game as a true grassroots organization.

There's the phrase that "all politics is local." There's certainly some truth to that, and as TU acts and represents us with a strong voice on a national level, we can always do more to make ourselves heard locally, should we choose. In the most recent issue of *Trout*, TU President Chris Wood writes in his "From the President" Column: "As happens every election cycle, the political landscape has shifted. The polarized and discordant national dialogue is off-putting and bitter. So, just as we would when fishing conditions get tougher, we need to dig deeper into our bag of tricks. We need to innovate; we need to practice. The more we practice our advocacy, education and restoration skills, the better we become." *The more we practice our advocacy, education and restoration skills, the better we become.*

In chatting with many of you and looking at the current political landscape, we are now in for an uphill battle that we really haven't seen for a generation. I know many of you have been on these front lines much longer than I and it can be disheartening to think about what the future may hold. When faced with the potential defunding of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, defunding of the Great Lakes Initiative, a practical defunding and neutering of the EPA, along with a gutting of the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts that that would entail etc., it's time to become even more engaged. From grant monies for a project on the Breeches to the enforcement of pollution standards, just those few items I've listed could have long lasting, detrimental effects on what we've already accomplished as well as the future conservation work we're able to do on our local streams.

I think it's now more important than ever to make our voices heard early and often and in a respectful way. So please consider this a call to arms of sorts and expect to possibly see more "asks" to become engaged in the political dialogue when we're faced with specific policies or legislation that would be detrimental to our mission to conserve, protect and restore our coldwater resources. As always, thank you for your time and contributions to CVTU. Our success is a reflection of your passion and commitment. And of course, if you have any questions or concerns or see something while out on the water, please don't hesitate to get in touch: tomimcmillar@comcast.net or 717-258-8265.

Tight Lines,

Tom

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.

CVTU Chapter Raffle By CVTU

New for 2017-18, Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited (CVTU) is conducting a special annual raffle to raise funds for the Chapter's cold water conservation and education programs and projects. Although we do a good job of raising funds through your generosity at our annual banquet and smaller raffles, the current funding climate means grant awards for our projected stream improvements and educational programs are more competitive than ever. Each raffle ticket is \$50, and CVTU is only selling 250 tickets for the chance to win this one grand cash prize! The drawing will be held at the 2018 Limestoner Banquet on March 16, 2018 at the Park Inn in Mechanicsburg, PA. Tell your friends, tell your neighbors! These special raffle tickets make for a great gift idea for birthdays or the Holidays with probably a better chance to win than those Lottery

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Fly Tier's Corner Multi Purpose Fly By Jerry Kerstetter

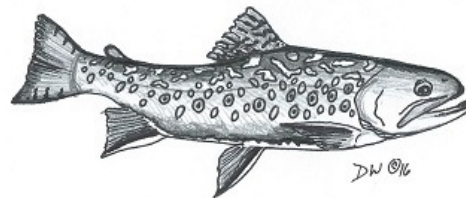
I have caught trout on this fly using it as an emerger, soft hackle, and nymph. Several years ago at the Somerset fly show a vendor had a CDC visual demonstration. It consisted of a water tank with a submerged nymph. The nymph had some CDC tied around the thorax area. His point was that the CDC created small bubbles around the nymph indicating it was about to come to the surface. I thought this demonstration was a good selling point for the CDC he was selling. I examined one of the nymphs and it had one turn of CDC over the thorax and a wing pad pulled down and then tied off. Back then I am sure most anglers thought of CDC as a means of just floating a fly. I thought about this demonstration and considered other reasons for CDC in a nymph. First will it float as an emerger? Can the CDC resemble a soft hackle fly? So I tied a nymph using the CDC material. A turkey biot was used to represent the abdomen. A CDC feather was tied in, a dubbed fur thorax was wrapped on. I did not use a wing pad, so then I wrapped the CDC over the thorax three times and tied it off. I tied several of these flies using a sulphur biot on sizes 16 and 18. When the sulphurs started coming off on the Letort I was ready to try them. I started by wetting the CDC and fished it as a nymph catching two browns. As trout started rising I tied on another fly that was dry. I caught three trout on this fly until it stopped floating. I then fished down stream lifting the rod as a soft hackle. This technique produced several more hook-ups. I then tested this fly on the Yellow Breeches and it caught trout on the nymph, emerger, and soft hackle technique. Tie this fly in different sizes and colors. If you try this fly, let me know how you do.

Hook: Any dry fly hook #14--18.
Thread: Matching the fly color.
Abdomen: Turkey biot of you choice.
Nail polish: Hard as nails.
Tail: Optional.
Thorax: fur matching the fly color.
CDC: Wrapped over the thorax 2 or 3 times.

Tying steps

1. Start the thread on the hook and wrap to bend.
2. Tie on biot by the pointed tip on far side of hook

- and wrap to the thorax, cut excess biot and bind the remaining to hook shank.
3. Coat abdomen with the nail polish
4. Tie in CDC feather by the tip end at the thorax area.
5. Put your fur dubbing on the thread and wrap to hook eye
6. Wrap the CDC feather over the dubbed thorax 2 or 3 times. cut off excess feather, cover the remaining stem with thread and half hitch or whip finish.



Raffle Cont.

scratch offs. For more specific information, please see the CVTU monthly membership newsletter. Special raffle tickets will be on sale at CVTU membership meetings and other CVTU activities and events until all of the tickets are sold. Regulations that govern small games of chance activities for nonprofit organizations prohibit CVTU from accepting credit card payments to purchase raffle tickets. If you would like more information, please contact Jeb Betar at jebbetar25@gmail.com or by telephone (571) 643-8101. Feel free to share with friends and neighbors this wonderful opportunity to support Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited. Raffle ticket sales are open to all.