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The Autumn Transition

By Dave Weaver

Your chapter's transition from summer to autumn is a low key one. Coming off the picnic, Last Supper, and stream work season, things often settle a bit. While many of us love fishing for wild trout in the fall, for many TU members, it's a time of year for other pursuits and interests. The shorter days and colder weather often have us thinking about indoor projects. Nevertheless, this is still an important time for wild trout, trout fishing, and cold-water conservation.

Lately, things are mighty skinny. I was looking at Conewago and Conococheague creeks today and they are as low as last year. We could use some rain. However, cold air temps have returned, the trees are turning, and trout streams beckon....So don't put that gear away or hang up the waders in the basement just yet. Get outside! Heck, we could all use the exercise and, by getting outside, maintain our focus on trout and trout streams. Your volunteer help with the upcoming Limestoner and winter fly tying classes would also be appreciated. You've got much hard earned knowledge and experience. Step up and share it.



Area Fisheries Manager Kris Kuhn with a 22" trout from the Letort Near Shady Lane from a survey last month.
Photo Courtesy: PFBC FB Page

70
Members and
Guests Attended
the Sept.
Membership
Meeting

Membership Meeting:
Wednesday Oct 18th at 7PM
Monroe Township Fire Hall, Boiling Springs

October's speaker is Domenick Swentosky from Bellefonte PA. He is the author of the popular fly fishing blog "Troutbitten." Domenick's presentation is titled "Fifty Fly Fishing Tips in Sixty Minutes."

Hope to see you there.

Gary Leone

Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor

Calendar of Events

2017

- Oct 2-6th
Fishing Trip
South Holston
- Oct 11th
CVTU Board Meeting
Holly Inn
Mount Holly Springs
- Oct 18th
Members Meeting
Monroe TSP Fire Hall
Boiling Springs
- Oct 19th
Chapter Breakfast
Momma Spriggs
Restaurant
Carlisle
- Oct 29th
Fishing Trip
Spring Creek

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

~ Mark Albano and Robert Shaw are new additions to the CVTU Board of Directors. They are replacing three individuals who have "retired" or moved. The spawning beds on Letort were raked and prepped at the end of September. The Embrace a Stream grants for Yellow Breeches were recently awarded and this project continues to unfold.

Dave W.



Tom H. casting at the picnic.

Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver



CVTU Membership is Currently 554!

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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As much as folks look at spring as the time of rebirth for the year, I often view the autumn season as such. Each fall we hold our elections to seat five board members as we begin to plant the remaining seeds for next year's success. This year we're welcoming two new members to the board in Mark Albano and Robert Shaw. Both have been regulars at our membership meetings and fishing outings and they're sure to both bring a true passion for TU's mission to the board.

Of course, with two new board members, that means we've had two valued board members take a step back after years of service. This year was Clark Hall's final year on the board after 18 years of service! I could easily fill a page with Clark's accolades, so let me just say that beyond that, Clark has always been a reliable, steady, and valuable source of experience and a model for commitment to TU and the Rivers Conservation Camp, which he still plans to remain involved with. Thank you, Clark for all that you've done and continue to do.

The other 'retiring' board member is Biff Healy. It's been a real pleasure to work with Biff over the last few years and his passion for Trout in the Classroom and education of the next generation in general is legendary. I'm glad that Biff will still be involved with TIC and our other education efforts, he is a true asset for CVTU. So please give Clark and Biff and pat on the back next time you see them, they deserve it.

Speaking of TIC and the life cycle of the trouts, now's also the time of year when our wild trout start doing their thing. Please keep an eye out for freshly established redds as you fish into the fall and winter months. Especially in those gravelly tail outs and chutes as you might be focusing on the head of the pool, watch your step! And as always, many thanks to the F.I.T.S. Crew for their work on the Letort spawning beds as they prep them for the fall spawning season.

And, well, it is with much regret that this will be my last President's Message. Due to changing career commitments I also need to step back from my role(s) within the chapter. It has been a true pleasure serving the chapter these past few years and I'm excited to see what the future holds for CVTU! We've got a lot of great projects in the works, along with outreach and education efforts that'll really help to grow the chapter. Justin Pittman will be filling in as President from the VP slot in the interim, so everybody expects the transition to a new executive committee to go smoothly as the new board settles in. It has truly been my pleasure to serve on the board and then as President for the last two years. I'm grateful for the experiences and success's we've shared and look forward to many more over the coming years. And also, I want to thank the board members I've served with over the past few years, your passion is inspiring. Mentors, peers, highs and lows, it was an honor to work with each of you and I look forward to CVTU's future success under your guidance.

We've got a great chapter to be involved with and if you haven't yet gotten your hands dirty or feet wet, so to speak, please don't hesitate to get involved. As always, if you see something out on the water, don't hesitate to send a note to the chapter, cvtu052@gmail.com

Tight Lines,
Tom

Win \$5,000!
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.

If you would like more information, please contact Jeb Betar at jebbetar25@gmail.com or by telephone (571) 643-8101. Jeb prefers email. Feel free to share with friends and neighbors this wonderful opportunity to support Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited. Raffle ticket sales are open to all. 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 scratch offs.

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.

2018 Winter Fly-Tying Program
"Volunteers Needed"
by Chris Yasher

Due to the many volunteers hours, and resources provided by this wonderful Chapter, last season's winter fly-tying program was again a load of fun, a HUGE Success, and the beginner course - sold out. This season, we plan on building off of our continued success, and will be looking for volunteers to help our Lead Instructor, Jerry

Kerstetter (trico9326@verizon.net) within the Beginner's Course, and motivated volunteers to present within the Intermediate/Advanced (I/A) course. Feedback (a year-end survey) from last year's group served us well, and we will again be video-taping (High Definition) the advanced patterns, and adding in a portion of the beginner's section to our CVTU YouTube Page, and our Chapter archives. While the dates are TBD, the course typically starts mid-January, and ends a week or so prior to the Limestoner Banquet.

Beginners Course: We are in need of volunteers (this November & December) to help Jerry with gathering of varying fly tying items in preparation for the course, and then with the course itself.

Intermediate/Advanced (I/A) Course: This season, we will be looking for volunteers to present on a variety of topics such as (1) *Warm Water Bait Fish Patterns*, (2) *Cold Water Bait Fish Patterns*, (3) *Spring Creek Patterns*, (4) *Nymphs and Nymphing*, (5) *Catskill Patterns*, (6) *Traditional Dry Fly & Attractor Patterns*, (7) *CVTU Historical Patterns (patterns of old)*, and a week on "How Fish Think" and Midges.

Each week will include two-three patterns related to the respective topic, and once a volunteer list is concluded, I will format a schedule and provide you with more guidance. Last year's I/A course was well received, with each guest tier formulating discussion on a variety of topics surrounding the pattern/patterns, such as leaders, rods, & knots, & techniques, to name just a few. Keep in mind, we have advanced technology specific to fly-tying to help format your presentation - just ask. Refreshments: Last year we had a mix of cookies, pizza, and other light refreshments that everyone seemed to enjoy. This year we will be looking for volunteers to either bake or purchase cookies, pretzels, chips or other goods for four of the eight weeks. If you would like to contribute in this area, we welcome your contributions...

If you have any suggestions and/or ideas that may benefit the group, please share with us. For those who plan on volunteering, please forward an e-mail or call Chris Yasher at: clyasher1@verizon.net or 703 254 9419.

Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp By Clark Hall

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited is holding the 24th annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp June 17-22, 2018. This year the camp will again be at 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 22, 2000, and June 17, 2004. The 32 students will be selected through an application process where they must state why they want to attend camp.

The camp tuition is \$550 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., Pennsylvania Fish Commissioner. Their goal was to select teenagers each year who were the leaders in their class. The thought is that today's leaders in high school become the leader 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 2018 camp on November 1, 2017. All applications for early acceptance must be received no later than March 31, 2018.

Applying via our website is preferred. For more information, or to apply, visit the camp website at www.riverscamp.com. Be sure to watch the 2017 camp video there. Questions may be submitted at the website or via email to riverscamp@gmail.com.

We are 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 flies will be available at membership meetings, or email Clark Hall at chall2636@verizon.net or call 717-697-4549.



PFBC Forum at CVTU Meeting. By Biff Healy

On Wednesday evening 20 September, 2017 at the Monroe Township Firehall starting at 7:00PM, there was a "sportsman forum" during the Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited Meeting. On the dais was the Executive Director of the Fish and Boat Commission, Mr. John Arway. Accompanying him were the newest Commissioners recently appointed to the Commission by Gov. Wolfe: Mssr's. Richard Lewis and B.J. Small. The Forum was emceed by Mr. Dave Kinney of Trout Unlimited National Staff.

Seventy people attended the meeting representing several Mid Pennsylvania chapters of Trout Unlimited, as well as the Yellow Breeches Anglers and other interested parties. The open questioning and discussion was followed closely by all in attendance. Facts not regularly seen about the value of the PFBC, its many contributions to the state beyond just "The Great White Fleet" (Stocking trucks), and its dire need to continue services while trying to pay the bills, was well received by the audience.

Of special note was the need to have Senate Bill 30 brought to a vote by the Legislature. This Bill would allow the PFBC to initiate the first License increase since 2005. The failure to have an increase in the license fees must result in curtailment of services, including a reduction in stocking, and research into the needs of the States Fisheries.

2018 Limestoner Banquet
“Committee Members Needed”
by Chris Yasher,
Chair, Limestoner Committee

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CVTU) is pleased to once again announce that our annual fundraising event and evening of awards, the *Limestoner Fundraising Banquet*, will be held at the Park Inn in Mechanicsburg Pa., on Friday, March 16 starting around 5:30 pm.

The *Limestoner Banquet* is a CVTU tradition, and has been our main fundraiser for years. This wonderful gathering allows us to continue our mission to preserve, protect, and enhance our coldwater fisheries throughout the Cumberland Valley. Our yearly fundraising banquet has facilitated our involvement in numerous projects such as the sink-hole repair on the *Letort Spring Run*; the *Big Spring* restoration project (which helped earn us the Golden Trout Award); the Rivers Conservation & Youth Camp, led by Clark Hall; the Cumberland County Street to Streams Program, led by Justin Pittman; Trout in the Classroom (TIC), led by Biff Healy; our Winter Fly-Tying and outreach program, and so much more. The *Limestoner* has been a joyous tradition for CVTU, and while it revolves around raising funds for our cause, the evening involves a family oriented buffet dinner, surrounded by family and friends, laughter, and many wonderful items to bid on.

CVTU is in need of volunteers willing to commit their time and efforts to join a committee that will design, coordinate, and manage the event. The committee members (someone to help with or take lead) in the following areas - to name just a few.

1. Live Auction items.
2. Silent Auction items.
3. Business ads for the event Brochure and Website.
4. Generate and finalize the event brochure.
5. Coordinate the layout of all Items (Bucket raffle, silent auction, etc.).
6. Bucket Raffles items.
7. Accounting/Event ticket sales.

NOTE: The first committee meeting will be held in late October, early November at a time/place TBD. All committee members will be notified by e-mail of the designated time/place by committee Chair and CVTU Board Member, Chris Yasher

If you have any questions, suggestions, or ideas, or would like to contribute within any one of these areas, please forward an e-mail or call Chris Yasher at: cyasher1@verizon.net or 703 254 9419. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you and your family on March 18.

The Last Supper
By John Leonard

About 20 people gathered at Vince’s Meadow on September 9th to celebrate The Last Supper, a CVTU tradition. Neil and Lori provided the main course, smoked pulled pork barbecue. Others brought sides and desserts to make it a great meal for all. The journal was read telling where the traveling rod had been since last year. Neil Sunday’s name was drawn to get the rod until next September 8th. As I write this, Neil is on his way to the Florida Keys. I wonder if the traveling rod is with him? There’s no doubt that the traveling rod is going to get a real workout before the next Last Supper. I’m sure there will be some exciting stories written in the journal as only Neil can tell them.



The Last Supper.

Photo Courtesy J. Leonard

