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Focused on Priorities

By Dave Weaver

I don't know about you, but I can't function without making a checklist. This time of year, with the Holidays looming and so many other distractions combined with the shorter days, tends to pull us away from trout fishing and cold-water conservation. Keeping a checklist and calendar helps us sort and tend to our many priorities in our busy lives. Trout fishing and stream conservation is high on that list or priorities. Nevertheless, with so many other things, some even more important on a personal level, means we need to really work at staying focused on trout. Genuinely work at it. So, keep focused on priorities and don't let trout and streams lose the time and attention they deserve.

We've got some short autobiographies of our new board members in this issue, Mark Albano and Robert Shaw. They're typical of the caliber of the men and women that make up your board: highly accomplished and generally outstanding. You can learn more about Mark and Robert on page six and seven. Next time you see 'em, say "hi."



Yellow Breeches

Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver

**45
Members and
Guests Attended
the Oct
Membership
Meeting**

**Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, Nov 15th at 7PM
Monroe Township Fire Hall, Boiling Springs**

Our November meeting will feature the traditional round table discussion. The purpose of this event is to get feedback from you on our chapter priorities, goals, etc.

Hope to see you there.

Dave W.

Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor

Calendar of Events

2017

Nov 4th

PFFMA Banquet
Carlisle Comfort Suites
Carlisle

Nov 8th

CVTU Board Meeting
Holly Inn
Mount Holly Springs

Nov 15th

Members Meeting
Monroe TSP Fire Hall
Boiling Springs

Nov 16th

Chapter Breakfast
Momma Spriggs
Restaurant
Carlisle

Mar 16th, 2018

Limstoner Banquet
Park Inn
Mechanicsburg



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.



Photo Courtesy: G. Leone

CVTU Membership is Currently 555!

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, Justin Pittman

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Mark Albano

Robert Shaw

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your chapter President in the past. Although I had not anticipated returning to this office so soon, conditions warrant it and I will see how far along I'll continue as CVTU President. Having held this office for four years not long ago, I'd like to think that I've got a good handle on how things work and how to move forward. Being President of CVTU is a demanding and time-consuming position with a substantial learning curve for a new President. Hopefully, I can affect a seamless transition back into the Presidency.

To start off, I'd like to offer my personal thanks to Tom Miller, our departing President. His leadership and tenure saw continued success for the chapter with a variety of notable achievements, including continued success at fundraising, with stream projects such as recent sink hole repair, pipeline monitoring, and habitat improvements at Yellow Breeches, among many others. Tom is deserving of special thanks for his careful handling of these projects and dedicated stewardship of your chapter over the last couple years. Thanks Tom!

Of course, keeping CVTU on the cutting edge is a team effort. You've heard this before, but it merits repeating: your dedicated board members do much work behind the scenes, often with little recognition among the regular members, to conceptualize and coordinate so many projects. Many of your board members have served for years. We have recently seen some retirements and the acquisition of some promising new board members. Please welcome Mark Albano and Robert Shaw.

As your chapter moves into the colder months of the year, it's worth taking some time to regroup and consider the big picture. The Cumberland Valley is special. Your support and participation in CVTU is vital to the continued progress we've made in protecting and improving these waters. Really, every time we're out fishing on Big Spring, Letort, Mountain Creek, or chasing brookies in Perry County, we're participating in the successful legacy of CVTU. At the same time, we're keeping "eyes on" these streams and are constantly on the lookout for problems both acute, such as a fish kill, or chronic, erosion for example. As a CVTU member, you're part of this ongoing and important process. And it's another reason to go fishing, right? "I've got to get out there are keep an eye on streams," should always be foremost in your mind.

Although a bit early for New Year's resolutions, you might make it a goal to attend some more membership meetings or possibly volunteer to help with our fly tying course, or to tie some flies for the youth camp. Certain committees, such as the Limestoner Committee, could use your help as well. Give it some thought.

I'm proud to announce that CVTU has been awarded \$7,000 from TU National's Embrace A Stream grant project. This funding will go to restoration of Yellow Breeches Creek. More information and opportunities to donate in support of this project will be forthcoming soon.

I look forward to serving again as your President and helping to sustain so many noble and worthwhile endeavors. As always, feel free to contact me with any concerns or suggestions.



Tight Lines,

Justin

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 contribution.

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: cyasher1@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.

Introducing New Board Member Robert Shaw By Robert Shaw

Hello fellow TU members, my name is Robert Shaw. I am a father, husband, and fisherman. I have an amazing and supportive wife of 5 years, and a beautiful, funny, and smart 5 year old daughter. When I am not spending time with my family I am in the woods with my dogs or in the water, or my favorite a combination of both. I am a high school math teacher at Cumberland Valley High school. I teach Algebra 2 and AP Statistics. I have been teaching at CV for the last 12 years. I am also the advisor to the one year old high school fishing club. We are newly formed but have had a few fishing outings and have done some local clean up projects on Trindle Springs Run and the green belt in Harrisburg. Some of the club members have also helped our TU chapter stocking fish and working on the Letort. I plan on encouraging the club members to continue with conservation efforts and helping with any projects that we can. A few of the TU members are also actively involved in our club, volunteering their time to teach fly tying and rod building.

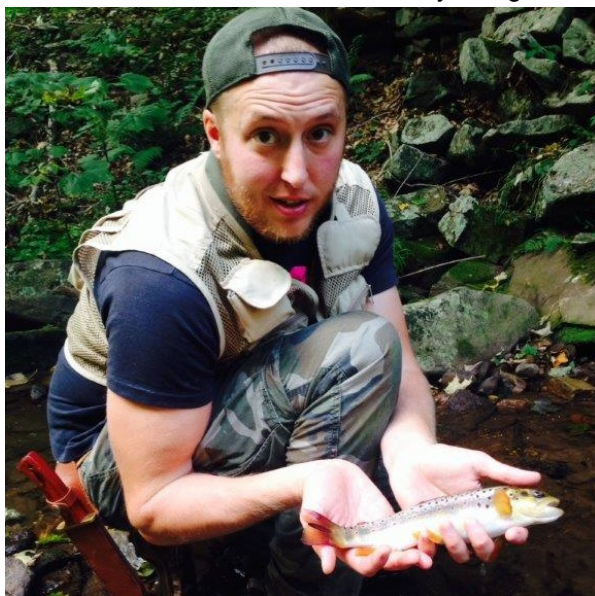
I am originally from Johnstown Pa. I've lived in central Pa, since 2002, at that time I went to Shippensburg University for my Bachelors in math education. After graduating I was hired by CV and have resided in the Mechanicsburg area since then. While working at CV I have earned a masters degree in administration through Wilkes University.

I didn't grow up fishing, a buddy from work got me into it about 10 years ago by

inviting me on an annual trout season camping trip he has been doing with his high school buddies for 20 years. I remember having to buy a rod, a tent, a sleeping bag...you get the idea. Four nights of sleeping in a tent and three days fishing during the first week of April when the nights are cold and the days are usually cold too, I was hooked. I haven't stopped fishing since, just ask my wife.

I've never stopped spin fishing, but I mostly reserve that for smallmouth. I discovered Tenkara a few years ago, and at that time I would spend my days hiking remote streams I would find on maps with my trusty tenkara in my backpack catching the opportunistic and beautiful Native Brook Trout. Only since the beginning of 2017 have I focused my efforts on fly fishing, and I find myself completely enamored by it. Since April I have been tying my own flies, and have since felt the satisfaction of catching my personal best wild brown trout (18 inches, or maybe it was 20, yeah...probably closer to 20) on a parachute ant that I tied.

Since attending a membership meeting in April with some of my club members I have been active in TU. I've seen all the good that comes from the club and I knew right away I needed to be a part of it. Projects ranging from Reel Recovery and Street to Streams, to all the restoration done on local streams have really had a big influence on how I now view fishing and conservation. During this time I have also made new friends and learned a lot about fly fishing from them. I am extremely excited to be a member of the board, and I am ready to dig in and



Robert Shaw

Photo Courtesy: R. Shaw

get my feet wet, not in the leaky wader sense (most people wouldn't appreciate my fishing jokes, but I figured this would be the right audience).

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.

Introducing New Board Member

Mark Albano

By Mark Albano

Hi, my name is Mark Albano and, along with Robert Shaw, am one of the new board members for CVTU. My wife, Sue, and I moved here from Arizona in 2014. We moved to this area to be closer to family and fishing in anticipation of my retirement. And shortly after moving here I did retire. So, I am a retired chemical engineer and marketing manager. Being new here, I am just learning the area. My favorite places to fish so far are: Yellow Breeches Creek, Big Spring, Spring Creek, and the Little Juniata. For my favorite flies, I would have to say the BH Pheasant Tail, Elk Hair Caddis, and the Tom Baltz's ParaNymph.

I chose to run for board membership for one simple reason: The people I have met at CVTU. From the start people have been friendly, inviting, and excellent teachers. As a board member I want to help maintain the reputation that CVTU has as a leader in education and conservation.



Mark Albano Photo Courtesy: M. Albano

October Membership Meeting Recap

By Biff Healy

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited met at the Monroe Township Fire Hall at 7:00PM on Wednesday October 18, 2017.

Forty-five members and guests were present as the acting President Justin Pitman dropped the gavel with announcements and upcoming projects. Of particular note is the need to fill two vacant positions on the board of directors, as well as staff the Limestoner Committee. We must have leaders to pursue our conservation efforts, and funds to complete them. We've won an "Embrace-a Stream" grant for a project on the Yellow Breeches Creek where the old dam was. Our goal is to raise \$16K. The Limestoner is our primary source of funds, for conservation projects as well as other community outreach events such as Street to Streams and Trout in the Classroom. We need to come together as a chapter to make these things happen.

The membership then enjoyed a presentation by Domenick Swentosky of "Troutbitten.com" blog site. Dom talked about everything from nymphs to dries to streamers to knots and everything in between. Some interesting takes on hook setting, and learning knots well enough to tie them while fish are rising all around you and the sun is setting. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.



Alan Stansbury at the grave of Hiram Leonard
Photo Courtesy: J. Rainey