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2018 CVTU Winter Fly-Tying Program By Chris Yasher

The South Middletown Township and the Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CVTU) will be conducting beginner and intermediate/advanced level fly-tying and fly-fishing discussion sessions for eight weeks at the Boiling Springs High School, in Boiling Springs Pa. The course begins on Tuesday January 09, 2018 from 7:00pm to roughly 8:45/9:00 pm for eight consecutive weeks. 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. For tiers who are at the intermediate and even advanced levels, our intermediate/advanced program, which runs simultaneously and at the same location, is for you.

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, 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. To register, contact the South Middletown Township Parks and Recreation Department and/or call Ms. Donna Ludwig - Recreation Program Coordinator at dludwig@smiddleton.com



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Members and
Guests Attended
the Nov.
Membership
Meeting

Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, 17 January at 7PM
Monroe Township Fire Hall, Boiling Springs

Josh Miller will be our January membership meeting speaker. Josh is a member of the Fly Fishing Team USA, and the coach for the eastern region for the US Youth Fly Fishing Team. His presentation will be on winter nymphing. You won't want to miss it!
Hope to see you there.

Dave W.

Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor

Calendar of Events

2018

Jan 10th
CVTU Board Meeting
Holly Inn
Mount Holly Springs

Jan 17th
Members Meeting
Monroe TSP Fire Hall
Boiling Springs

Jan 18th
Chapter Breakfast
Momma Spriggs
Restaurant
Carlisle

Mar 3-4th
Fly Fishing Show
Lancaster

Mar 16th
Limstoner Fundraising
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

~ Our February membership meeting speaker is the new Area 7 Fisheries Biologist, John Frederick. He replaced Kris Kuhn. March's speaker is George Daniel.

John Leonard

If you, or someone you know, lost a fly rod along The Run back in the summer, please contact me so I can put you in contact with the person in possession of this rod. Thanks,

Dave W.

~ The 2018 Limestoner Fundraising Banquet is the principal fundraiser for the chapter each year. This year we hope to raise at least \$20,000 to help fund our many projects. In addition to attending and inviting a few of your friends, how about placing an advertisement for your company (or your neighbor's company) in the Banquet Booklet for \$40 to \$125? Or consider sponsoring a centerpiece for \$100. Contact me at 717-608-4047 (dstone@stonelaw.net) or any of the Emeritus Committee.

David Stone

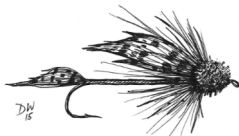


Photo Courtesy G. Leone

CVTU Membership is Currently 557!

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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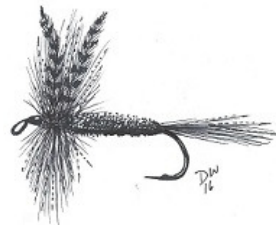
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Well, 2017 was a great year for the Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited chapter. With all our accomplishments, we now have to start thinking about 2018 and how we can continue to improve as a chapter. The first three months of 2018 are busy as they are every year and a very important time for our chapter. Our biggest fundraiser is occurring in the first few months. Chris Yasher is chairing the Limestoner Fundraising Banquet this year and he and his team are doing an amazing job. Please remember that this is our biggest fundraiser so invite your neighbors and friends as there is something for everyone at this event. The Limestoner will be held March 16, 2018. We have a lot of great things planned for the banquet this year. It is very important that if you are unable to attend the limestoner, please consider buying the raffle tickets and sending them back. This fundraiser supports everything that our local chapter does; all the stream access and conservation work; our monthly meetings, and many of our fishing camps throughout the year. As chapter president, I set some personal goals for myself, and the chapter, for 2018 and I think that it is important for all of us to set goals for ourselves throughout the year.

I would also like to address some of the work that our committees have already begun. Our Stream Access and Conservation Committee, headed by Don Albright, is a very busy committee. We have pending projects on the Yellow Breaches that will be starting shortly after the month of June. We continue to complete water sampling on the Letort and are working now to develop some long-term plans for the Letort. As always, the activities committee, headed by David Stone, has a very busy year ahead. We will be providing ghillies for Reel Recovery, the Youth Conservation Camp, and the Street to Stream Program. Our chapter trips continue to grow each year and we hope to continue this moving into 2018. Gary Leone has taken over the scheduling for our monthly speaker and so far has done an outstanding job. If you have any ideas for speakers, please reach out to Gary. Again, I cannot thank the board and its membership enough for all the hard work they do on a daily basis.

I understand that we are all busy and have a lot going on. However, we have all joined Trout Unlimited because we have an interest in preserving our cold-water resources for our children, our grandchildren, and ourselves. As stated before, if you identify areas that you feel our chapter could improve or just would like more information about what we are doing, please don't hesitate to give me a call (717) 360-8823 or send me an e-mail at flyfishing80@gmail.com. I hope everyone had a great holiday season and I look forward to seeing you in 2018.



Tight Lines,
Justin

**Limestoner Fundraising Banquet
Auction Items Needed
By Gary Leone**

As we gear up for this year's Limestoner Fundraising Banquet we need your help in acquiring items for both our silent auction and our live auction. If you've solicited any of the fantastic items donated in the past, please do so again this year. If you would like to help us reach our goals for projects such as stream restoration, but don't have the time or physical ability, obtaining and donating items is a tremendous way to help CVTU. Creativity is welcomed and we'd love to have both fishing and non-fishing related items for auction. Please contact Gary Leone with any items or questions. Thank you!



Fly Tying Course

Photo Courtesy: C. Yasher



Breeches

Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver

**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.



The Limestoner Fundraising Banquet **By Zoe Metro**

The Limestoner Fundraising Banquet committee has ambitious goals for attendance and participation. We need the chapter members' help to achieve them. Please plan on attending, and consider bringing along a friend, co-worker, or family member. If you've never been to the Limestoner, or it's been awhile since you've attended, I can assure you it will be a good time. No special fishing knowledge or experience is required, just an appreciation for the local streams and the trout that call them home. There will be a 50-50, bucket raffle, silent and live auctions, a buffet style dinner, cash bar, and a room full of people to talk fishing with including local limestone legends. There will also be plenty of prizes/items that aren't fishing related, so non-anglers can have an enjoyable time as well. Your contribution to the banquet, by attending, bidding on items, or donating whatever you can, will help to preserve the precious resources we all take for granted. Hope to see you there!

Fly Tier's Corner **Soft Hackle Party Fly** **By Dave Weaver**

For small stream wild brook trout nothing beats a bright colored soft hackle fly. For most of my brookie fishing I like a hopper-dropper rig and this is the pattern that you'll often find on my dropper. Small stream brookies are impressed by small, buggy looking flies in bright colors. I like chartreuse and pastel colors, hence the "party" moniker. They'll hit bigger patterns but, in my experience, it's best to keep these flies on the smaller size, typically about #14. Bigger flies just don't get the hook-ups on these little fish. In fact, I often find that on the first drift, and often the second too, a brookie will come up and smash the bushy dry fly and miss the hook. On the next drift, they'll see this wet fly and hit it instead and usually get hooked solidly. Happens all the time. For my bead head wets, I like to put the bead behind the soft hackle, as shown.

HOOK: Any standard nymph or wet fly hook, size #14

BODY: Tan or pink chenille

BEAD: Chartreuse or orange, weighted to size. Don't go too big on the bead – smaller is better.

HACKLE: Hungarian Partridge

THREAD: 6/0 – anything bright colored

