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+++++++ Recipient of the 2011 Trout Unlimited "Gold Trout" National Conservation Award +++++++

Ken Okorn Wins the Limestoner Award

By Dave Weaver

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It gives us great pleasure to announce that Ken was the recent recipient of the Limestoner Award at our recent Limestoner Fundraising Banquet. Ken needs no introduction to CVTU. He's been an active environmentalist and conservationist for over fifty years in addition to being an active fly fisherman. Ken spends many hours these days teaching youth and new anglers the ins and outs of fishing as well as organizing many chapter fishing trips. He has been involved in CVTU's leadership for many years. So kudos to Ken! Jay Nichols received the Charlie Fox Award.



Ken Okorn (left) with Justin Pittman. Photo Courtesy: B. Strockbine



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Members and
Guests Attended
the March
Membership
Meeting
(Cancelled Due To
Weather)

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

Our April Membership Meeting will feature CVTU member Art Rorex who will be conducting a presentation on his recent trip to New Zealand. Art travels the world in pursuit of fly fishing opportunities and his presentations provide a lot of information about visiting these places.
 Dave W.

Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor

Calendar of Events

2018

Apr 11th
CVTU Board Meeting
Holly Inn
Mount Holly Springs

Apr 18th
Members Meeting
Monroe TSP Fire Hall
Boiling Springs

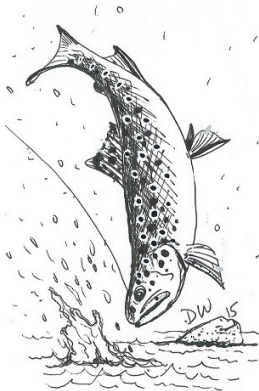
Apr 19th
Chapter Breakfast
Momma Spriggs
Restaurant
Carlisle

Jun 2nd
Chapter Fishing Trip
East Licking Creek

Jun 12-13th
Reel Recovery

Jun 17-22nd
Rivers Youth Camp
Messiah College

Aug 17th
Chapter Picnic
CVTU Meadow



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 is in the development process for a stream improvement project on Yellow Breeches (one of several). This project will go in at Boiling Springs near the old Whittlinger Dam site and will involve deflectors etc. This is the first phase of three restoration phases for this section.

Dave W

~ The gentlemen of the Anglers Club of New York will be visiting the Cumberland Valley from June 2nd to 3rd. If you can help out with this, please contact Tom Baltz.

Dave W.

~ CVTU Feet In The Stream crew removed invasive plants from around Letort in March and April.

Dave W.



Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver

CVTU Membership is Currently 593!

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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Although the cold weather has really lingered, with the transition into spring, it's a good time to look forward to trout fishing, upcoming projects, and back at our recent and successful Limestoner Fundraising Banquet. Many of you are out trout fishing now that the regional opening day has passed. Water conditions are good. Personally, I've been very busy lately with business commitments but hopefully you've been able to get out and wet a line.

We are looking at a busy and productive year ahead. The Nature Conservancy has completed the acquisition of the cress farm property. As you know, CVTU has been an enthusiastic partner in this venture and I'm proud of our success in helping raise funds. My special thanks to those of you who have donated your time and money to this worthy project. Letort has long been, and will continue to be, central to the purpose and efforts of your chapter. Looking ahead, we are beginning a long-term planning phase for a series of projects and restoration efforts on the upper Letort over the next few years. In a similar vein, we're also planning an extended series of projects on Yellow Breeches. There will be more information to follow on these promising projects. If you see a potential place that you think may be a good candidate for a structural repair, or riparian improvement, let us know. Your eyes and ears out on the water are important and a valuable source of information.

Our annual fundraiser, the Limestoner, was a great success. We met our goals and a good time was had. In particular, I would like to extend a warm and sincere thanks to Chris Yasher and all the ladies and gentlemen of the banquet planning committee who put in many hours of work preparing this event. The winner of the Limestoner Award this year was Ken Okorn. Ken is a model Trout Unlimited volunteer. He has been involved in every CVTU endeavor in recent years and brings a wealth of knowledge of environmental protection and conservation to the table. Ken is also an avid fly fishermen and good friend. I've long appreciated his sage advice. Kudos to Ken Okorn. The Charlie Fox Award went to publisher and CVTU member Jay Nichols, who delivered a touching and timely tribute to Charlie Fox. Dave Weaver received the Order of the Quill.

We're off to a productive and enjoyable 2018! Lastly, as always, if you have any question or concerns, please don't hesitate to give me a call or e-mail me at flyfishing80@gmail.com.



Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver

Tight Lines,
Justin



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 application deadline for early acceptance ended last month. 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.

Chapter Challenge! By Robert Shaw

CVTU will be challenging its members in the upcoming months to get out there and fish, and ultimately have fun! Each month we will be giving away a gift card to a deserving winner. The winner will be decided each month by voting at chapter meetings and potentially online. We are encouraging all the members to participate, and you can feel free to include your friends and family who may not be members to also participate and have fun doing so. Here is a list of the upcoming challenges. Please submit pictures to Robert Shaw at (pa.rob47@gmail.com). There will be a slideshow of pictures submitted at each chapter meeting during the social time.

Challenges:

April: Give a trout a kiss.

May: Fish a new stream with a friend or family member.

June: Find a feather/tie a fly/catch a trout (only materials allowed are the hook, thread, and feather).

Bonus challenge: Catch all three species of trout on the fly throughout the month.

July: Make a streamside lunch for you and a friend/friends on a fishing outing.

August: Catch a trout and bass in the same day.

September: Catch a fish on a fly that you found throughout the season.

October: Halloween challenge catch a trout while dressed in a costume.

Fly Tier's Corner
The Wet Mouse
By Jerry Kerstetter

I was tying some soft hackle flies back in the 80s and noticed there was a small secondary feather on the back side of those hackles. The fibers on this small feather are very soft and fluffy. The color of these feathers are mostly grey and some are brownish. Most all soft hackle capes pheasant, partridge, grouse have these secondary feathers. I started saving them and then used them in different nymphs. I would add them to either the thorax and/or just behind the hook eye. I felt they added some action or movement to the nymph. I then created a secondary nymph by wrapping them from the hook bend to the hook eye. This pattern was used successfully for several years, and I even colored them with a felt tip pen.

Several years later I learned that Jack Gartside created this fly and called it a "Wet Mouse". It first appeared in the fall 1978 issue of Fly Tyer magazine and can be seen in the spring 2018 issue of that magazine. After learning he created it, I now refer to it as a wet mouse out of respect for Jack Gartside. So what I thought as something new was actually old. This is not unique as there are articles about flies and techniques giving the impression its new, however having tied flies since the 70s only a twist is added to an old pattern. The art of fly tying has always allowed us to make changes to fly patterns. Another good example of that would be the pheasant tail nymph. The American version of that fly is different from the original; Frank Sawyer's British nymph. So I changed the original wet mouse slightly. A tag was added at the bend and an underbody of flashabou was wrapped on the hook shank from bend to hook eye. The secondary feather is then wrapped in touching turns to the hook eye. After it gets wet the flashabou underbody will bleed through adding a sparkle.

The older soft hackle capes were mainly of natural colors; however these are now found in many different colors. Another good source for this secondary feather is dyed grizzly marabou feathers. They come in packages and are dyed in many colors. So tie them in several colors of feathers and flashabou. Fish them dead drift as a nymph and add some action with your rod tip.

Tying Instructions:

Hook: Any nymph hook, size 12 thru 20
Tag: Red or pearl flashabou
Underbody: Your choice of flashabou color
Body: Secondary feather of your color choice

Weight: Optional bead or small dia. lead
Thread: 8/0

1. Your choice lead 5 or 6 turns behind hook eye or bead.
2. Spiral thread to hook bend and tie in flashabou and make a tag.
3. Keep thread in front of tag.
4. Tie on secondary feather by the tip in front of tag and leave it hang.
5. Tie on flashabou and wrap thread to hook eye.
6. Wrap flashabou to hook eye with touching turns and tie off, cut off flashabou and half hitch.
7. Wrap secondary feather in touching turns to hook eye, cut off excess feather.
8. Take this fly to you favorite stream and give it a try.



Pipeline Construction at Laurel Run, Perry County. Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver