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**38
Members and
Guests Attended
the April
Membership
Meeting**

Taking Care of Streams So They Can Take Care of Us By Dave Weaver

Spring has sprung.... Slowly. It sure seems like springtime has struggled to come out this year. The redbuds at Gettysburg just started showing up a few days ago, later than usual. Cold days and nights, cold rain, blustery conditions, and even snow, have really lingered this April. Hopefully, May will be the glorious month to be outdoors that we long for every winter. Hatches are up and running and the days are longer. I could use some trout stream therapy! It's time to get outside if you haven't already. We need our time on our beloved streams we care so deeply about to stay grounded and keep our heads on straight. We need to keep taking care of these streams... so they can keep taking care of us.

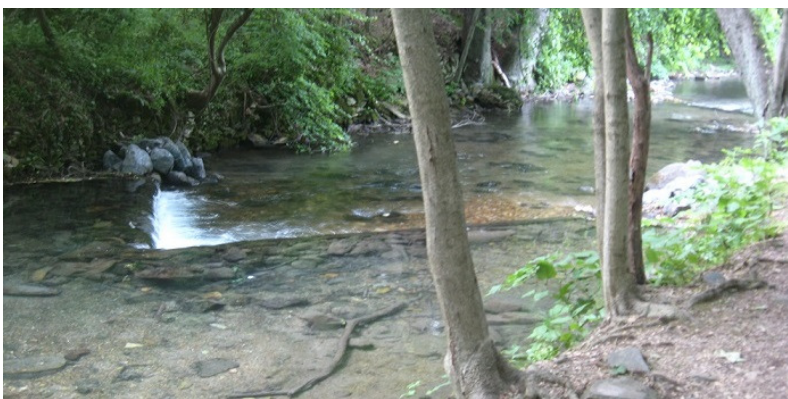


Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver

**Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, May 16th at 7PM
Monroe Township Fire Hall, Boiling Springs**

Our May Membership Meeting will feature Eric Richard. Eric's topic is "Modern Look at Brown Trout...It's All About the Fish." He has a slide show on browns in central Pennsylvania that is pretty cool. He's very passionate about protecting these big brown trout.
Dave W.

Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor

Calendar of Events

2018

May 9th
CVTU Board Meeting
Holly Inn
Mount Holly Springs

May 16th
Members Meeting
Monroe TSP Fire Hall
Boiling Springs

May 17th
Chapter Breakfast
Momma Spriggs
Restaurant
Carlisle

May 29th-?
Chapter Fishing Trip
Pine Creek

Jun 2nd
Chapter Fishing Trip
East Licking Creek

June 2-3rd
Anglers Club of NY Visit

June 11th-16th
Chapter Fishing Trip
South Holston

Jun 13-14th
Reel Recovery
Allenberry

Jun 17-22nd
Rivers Youth Camp
Messiah College

Aug 17th
Chapter Picnic
CVTU Meadow

Mar 16th 2019
CVTU Anniversary
Limestoner

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

~ 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.

~ There are now fourteen local schools enrolled in Trout in the Classroom under CVTU supervision. Kudos to Biff H. for his continued efforts with this project.

Dave W.



Barrels removed from Letort.



Photos Courtesy: N. Sunday



CVTU Membership is Currently 623!

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, John Leonard

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Last October, Tom Miller left the board and presidency after completing his two-year term due to work constraints. Justin Pittman was elected president again (he completed a four-year term in 2015) and agreed to serve as long as he could. Recently, Justin opened his brick and mortar fly shop in Mount Holly. That business along with his on-line fly shop, his Holly Flies business, his full-time job, being a full-time husband, Dad to two active kids, plus a coach...well, Justin felt that he could no longer serve the membership as President and devote the time it requires. He resigned as President effective April 30th. Justin will remain on the Board of Directors. Thank you, Justin, for stepping up when we needed your leadership on our board.

At our last board meeting, I was elected to serve as your chapter President. I'm honored to do so and I look forward to working with all of you. I also serve as an Executive Vice President for the PATU Council. My term ends in 2019 and I plan on working in both positions. I'm really tuned in to what's going on at TU at the national and state level. We are truly one TU. All of us are like-minded volunteers working to restore, protect, reconnect, and sustain the cold waters of our country. CVTU needs more members involved in all of our activities.

We're a busy chapter. We have the annual Pine Creek trip at the end of May and the East Licking trip on June 2nd. We have the Anglers Club of New York coming on June 1st – 3rd. Tom Baltz could use your help by taking a member fishing. Join them for a day or for all three – it's just fishing with a new friend. The club makes a substantial donation to the chapter. If you want an opportunity to volunteer to benefit the chapter, here it is. On June 13th and 14th, we will have the Reel Recovery men living with cancer at Allenberry. We will need about 15 people each day to ghillie each man one-on-one. This is a very humbling and emotional experience. Many of these men have never fly fished. They are in group for counseling and for two partial days of having your company on a beautiful stream enjoying the outdoors. Rivers Camp begins on Father's Day June 17th and runs through Friday the 22nd. Ghillies are needed for both the morning and evening sessions. If you can help, contact the chief ghillie, Biff Healy. If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns, please call me (717-512-4620) or e-mail me at johnleonard222@gmail.com. I prefer talking to you. Thank you!

Tight Lines,
John

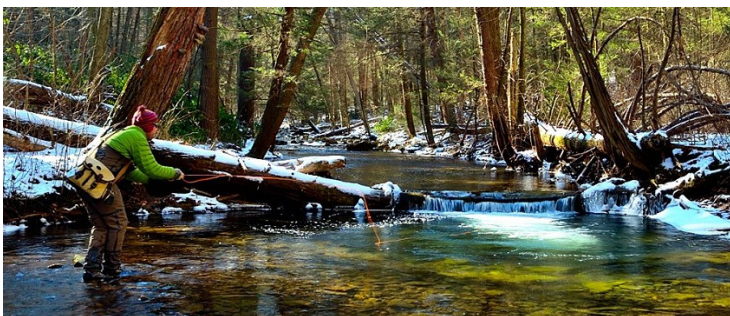


Photo Courtesy: T. Miller

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

Secondary Midge

By Jerry Kerstetter

Some very famous Cumberland Valley fly anglers fished small flies including Vincent C. Marinaro, Charles K. Fox, and Ed Koch. Back in those days midge fishing meant small dry flies. Then Don Holbrook entered the midge fishing arena. His midge fishing meant fishing midge pupa fished like a nymph. His book *Midge Magic* is a must read for a better understanding of this pupa and their significance to fly fishing. His pictures of midge pupa were transformative. Trout streams have large numbers of midge pupa and they are of many colors and are readily available as trout food. On any given stream the dominate color of pupa one day may change the next day. So, it is a must to have many colors in your fly box. You might have to change colors till you discover what the trout prefer that day. Midge fishing with pupa can be very challenging and rewarding at the same time.

Tying Instructions

Hook: 3906B #18 or smaller dry fly hooks

Thread: 8/0 or smaller

Bead: Slotted tungsten

Body: Secondary feather

Underbody: Color choice of marabou

1. Put bead on hook.
2. Reverse hook in vice so it is point up.
3. Align bead slot with hook shank and push the slot onto hook shank
4. Keep bead in place with tying thread and tying cement and then reverse hook point down.
5. Wrap thread to hook bend and tie on secondary feather by the tip
6. Tie on your choice of flashabou and then wrap thread to the bead.
7. Wrap flashabou in touching turns to bead, whip finish two turns.
8. Wrap secondary feather in touching turns to bead, tie off feather and whip finish behind bead cut off excess feather.
9. Cut the top and bottom of secondary feather flat, trim sides even.



A Natural Flowing Stream

By Jerry Kerstetter

What is a natural flowing stream consist of? It is moving water that is not restricted by dams. It also consists of moving water that is not impeded by any objects. The Letort is a meadow type limestone stream that has a constant water supply from springs. It is a low gradient moving stream and has mostly flat water. These types of streams are known for having silted areas and also undercut banks. Some of the silted areas are naturally caused because of aquatic vegetation. Any objects placed into and on the stream bed will cause excessive siltation. Railroad ties, 55 gallon drums, and other items substantially increased the silt collection. This excessive silt was mainly on the natural stream bed. This in turn displaced water over the banks and for decades the Letort's natural banks could not be seen. They were under water.

Once these items were removed a more natural flow started, it cleared some of this excessive silt collection. Then man made rocks dams were exposed at various locations. They were removed and again a more natural flow was occurring and kept clearing even more silt. In the last couple of years the Letort flowing waters has cleared a very large silt collection below the 81 bridge. Gradually more and more of the natural Letort stream could be seen. Now most of the Letort is flowing within its natural and/or historical banks. I have been fishing the Letort since the mid 70s and this is actually new to me.

A Natural Flowing Stream Cont.

I suspect the fishing will be different. In my opinion the fishing will be more like the Vincent C Marinaro era.

Whenever historic stream banks get eroded or become non-existent it causes adverse problems. The Stream becomes wider and thus lower water depths. This aspect then slows the water velocity which does not move silt as it drops it in these areas. Many times this silt collection then re-directs the moving water. Depending on the stream location this re-direction can erode banks. A good example of this process is in Trego's meadow. Many years ago there were several trees on the Letort's bank. These trees are now gone and their stumps have been under water for several years. The stream is currently flowing over and around them. The Letort has become wider above this area as the banks are severally eroded and/or non-existent. This section of the Letort once had stable banks and much deeper water.

CVTU is about to get involved in a stream improvement project in this area. Any design for this area must consider the historical designation as a meadow type stream. Re-establishing the stream banks is a must. With this done the Letort will again have a more natural flow. Any consideration for log cross vanes should not even be considered. This type of stream structure does not fit in with the Letort's meadow type stream designation. This to me is like "putting a square peg in a round hole". It should also be noted any kind of work in this area will cause silt to be carried down stream over spawning areas. This should not be a real serious problem. CVTU has been cleaning these gravel sections on a yearly basis.

CVTU has engaged in many work parties on the Letort over many years. Thanks to our members they have done a lot of work on the Letort for many years. It has all benefited this stream in many ways. We even dedicated several days in the Trego property, clearing log jams and clearing evasive weeds from the stream. This helped but was only a temporary fix. It should also be noted that CVTU has completed stream improvement projects on many other local streams. All being very significant improvements and others being very intensive projects. So it is very fitting that we undertake a somewhat intensive project on the

Letort. Any correction in this area will then benefit and enhance the down stream areas of the Letort.



Jerry Kerstetter with a barrel removed from Letort. Photo Courtesy: N. Sunday

CVTU 50th Anniversary

By John Leonard

The planning is beginning and we need your help. Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited will be celebrating our 50th anniversary next year which officially begins on October 1, 2018. We're going to kick the Limestoner Fundraising Banquet up a notch next year. The event will be at the Park Inn on **Saturday, March 16, 2019**. We already have Chris Wood, CEO of Trout Unlimited, coming to the event to speak. Here's what you can do to help... We would like to have photographs of past CVTU events, conservation projects, past notable members, documents, newspaper clippings – anything you have that will show the past 50 years of CVTU. If what you have is in a format that you can e-mail, please sent it to cvtu052@gmail.com. If you bring what you have to a meeting, we'll scan it and give it back to you. If there are former members that have moved away that you think we should contact, let us know. This event will not be complete without you.