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## The Magic Hour

By Dave Weaver

Although local streams have been bank full and cold lately, we've got summer weather at hand and the weather folks are calling for days of heat. Although not a nice time to be outside, the days are long and the last hour before dark is magic. Rather than staying indoors all day, do your mind and body a favor and get away from paperwork, TV, computer and phone screens...and get back outside. After dinner, wait till about 7:45 or so and head out. If walking isn't your style, drive around the Cumberland Valley and note all the deer moving out into the fields. Birding and wildlife watching bring great rewards in the magic hour. This is a great time to walk along the Letort rail trail or the new trail in Shippensburg. Your dog would love to join you. It's a good way to keep an eye on our local creeks too. There's even time for a few casts. So remember the old ditty about mad dogs and Englishmen, wait till evening, get off the couch, and get outside during the magic hour.



Mountain Creek. Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver, June 2018



**19**  
**Members and**  
**Guests Attended**  
**the June**  
**Membership**  
**Meeting**

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

Our July speaker will be Jake Villwock on the topic of smallmouth bass (a favorite topic of mine). Jake is a guide in central PA and the founder of Relentless Fly fishing. Hope to see you there. Dave W.

# Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor



Submission of articles and suggestions for this newsletter are encouraged and may be sent to [dweavflyart@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

## Calendar of Events

2018

July 11th  
CVTU Board Meeting  
Holly Inn  
Mount Holly Springs

July 18th  
Members Meeting  
Monroe TSP Fire Hall  
Boiling Springs

July 19th  
Chapter Breakfast  
Momma Spriggs  
Restaurant  
Carlisle

Aug 17th  
Chapter Picnic  
S. Middleton Park

Sept 8th  
Last Supper  
Vince's Meadow

October 20th  
BSWA Discovery Day  
Big Spring Creek

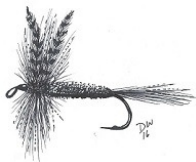
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CVTU Anniversary  
Limestoner



The Run. Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver

## CVTU Membership is Currently 618!

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](http://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](http://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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Wow! June sure was a busy CVTU month. It kicked off with the NY Angler's Club. Unfortunately, the annual trip to East Licking Creek was washed out. Rain threatened to interfere with the Reel Recovery. The Breeches was running over 800 cfs on the Monday the men arrived at Allenberry, but the water level dropped and the men had two great days of fishing.

Father's Day brought 30 campers to Messiah College for the week-long Rivers Camp. The 24th annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp concluded at 1 PM on Friday, June 22, with the graduation of 2 girls and 28 boys, ages 14 through 17. CVTU members and friends contributed flies for the camp. Each camper was given a box with 65 flies appropriate for fishing the Breeches during camp. Over 30 individuals contributed flies. CVTU members also responded by volunteering as ghillies for the 10 fishing sessions. Several campers caught their first trout on a fly. The campers were very appreciative and complimentary of the help that they received from the ghillies. It was a pleasure to see these youngsters progress as fly anglers. Thank you to all who donated flies, worked as ghillies, or helped the camp in any way. Thank you to Clark Hall and the Rivers Camp staff who worked hundreds of volunteer hours to make the camp a success.

The ninth year of Street to Streams finished the month of activities. The number of kids referred to the camp was down a little this year, but not the enthusiasm of those that came. Everyone caught fish. Thank you to the ghillie mentors who volunteered to spend two days working with these kids.

So, what's coming up? Our wonderful country turns 242 years old on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Wittlinger Dam restoration project will begin on August 13<sup>th</sup>. The annual CVTU picnic will be held on August 17<sup>th</sup>, and The Last Supper will be held at Vince's Meadow on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Board of Director elections will take place at the membership on September 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in becoming a BOD member and would like more information, please contact Mark Albano, Nominations Committee Chair at [mfalbano@gmail.com](mailto:mfalbano@gmail.com).

We hope you will attend the annual CVTU family picnic and participate in the casting contests and the fly tying contest. See more details in this issue of *Tight Lines*.

Mike Klimkos and committee are working on a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book full of CVTU historical information and lots of photographs. If you have any old photos or CVTU documents you would like to share, please let us know at [cvtu052@gmail.com](mailto:cvtu052@gmail.com). We will scan your documents/photos and get them back to you in the same condition received. If you know of a former member that has moved away and think the member might have something historical if interest, please let us know that, too.

Thank you to all the CVTU community volunteers that make CVTU such an active and outstanding chapter. Join us! Many hands make light work! Have a great summer! The next issue of *Tight Lines* will be out about September 1<sup>st</sup>. You're welcome to contact me at [president@pacvtu.org](mailto:president@pacvtu.org) or (717) 512-4620.

Tight Lines,  
*John*



## **Mark Your Calendar – CVTU Annual Family Picnic**

**By John Leonard**

CVTU friends and family will be gathering at South Middleton Park on **August 17<sup>th</sup>** for our annual CVTU family picnic. This year's menu will feature slow-smoked sliced beef brisket, sweet Italian sausage with sautéed onions and peppers, baked beans, Italian pasta salad, Cole slaw, tossed salad, rolls, condiments, desserts, and beverages...all you care to eat for only \$20 per person (kids are ½ price). Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. You can purchase your tickets on our web site – [www.pacvtu.org](http://www.pacvtu.org) or at July's TU Community meeting. **Make your reservation NO LATER than August 10th** by e-mailing [cvtu052@gmail.com](mailto:cvtu052@gmail.com) and let us know how many people will be in your group. **You can pay by cash, check, or credit card at the door.**

In addition to the chapter's annual fly casting contests, we're adding a fly tying contest this year. If you want to be a fly tying contestant, bring your vise, a bobbin with black or brown thread, and whatever tools you want to bring along. You will be given a bag of miscellaneous materials and some hooks. You'll have 20 minutes to tie one or as many flies as you can. The folks attending the picnic will judge the flies and someone will be crowned the 2018 CVTU Family Picnic Fly Tying Champion. We hope to kick that off about 5:15 so the event and judging can be finished before dinner at 6:00. Let's make it a new fun event. The casting contest will be ongoing, so jump right in whenever your casting arm is warmed up. We'll have prizes for the winners of all three contests.

Please remember to bring an item for the bucket raffle. It doesn't have to be fishing related...anything that's in working order will do. The bucket raffle helps offset some of the costs of the family picnic. Make your reservation today. We'll see you on **August 17<sup>th</sup>**!

## **CVTU 50th Anniversary**

**By John Leonard**

**The planning is beginning and we need your help.** Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year which

officially begins on October 1, 2018. We're going to kick the Limestone 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](mailto: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.

## **Big Spring Watershed Assoc. Events**

**By Dave Weaver**

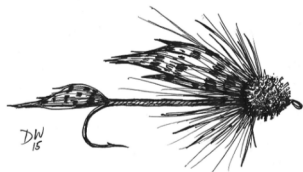
Our colleagues over at BSWA have been keeping busy with events surrounding Big Spring Creek. They recently installed a deflector just below the special regulation section downstream from Nealy Rd. They will be constructing another deflector on August 15th. That section of Big Spring, which is currently stocked, holds some promise for future improvement of wild trout populations. Big Spring is also a vibrant natural corridor with a variety of birds and other wildlife present. If you're an avid birder or just enjoy the natural area along this stream, you might enjoy joining the folks from BSWA on October 20th when they will do a birding tour called "Discovery Day." This event will also include a sampling of aquatic macroinvertebrates.

## **New Zealand Mud Snails**

**By John Leonard**

New Zealand Mud Snail are a real problem. I'm sure most of our members don't know about this *Cont. on Next page*

invasive species. Just letting your boots dry is not enough to prevent the spread – they can live up to 50 days out of water. They can decimate plant life and crowd out macroinvertebrates in a stream. The snails in Spring Creek have been tracked genetically to the ones found in Idaho and Montana. They have no known “enemy” in our waters. For more information and to see some pics, visit [www.patroul.org](http://www.patroul.org) and read the article: “Alert—Invasive Species Found in Spring Creek.”



### Angler’s Club of New York Recap By Ken Okorn

Here is a photo showing the recent Anglers Club of NY visit. My guests were Craig and Ben Torres from Virginia. Ben caught this rainbow at East Licking Creek. After his first visit with the ACNY some years ago, Craig transferred his TU membership to CVTU. His son Ben, now 16, has been on several previous ACNY trips to our area.



Photo Courtesy: K. Okorn

### Fly Tier’s Corner Dragonfly Nymph By Dave Weaver

A big part of my personal satisfaction in the fly tying hobby is trying to match specific prey species. Many of my own flies are designed to do this. To be sure, generic patterns catch fish just as well—often better if they’re scruffy and impressionistic. However, you can have the best of both worlds in your tying experience and tie basic, impressionistic patterns that are still geared to match the hatch. In these terms, I like this dragonfly nymph pattern. Many warm water fly fishers are unaware that nymphs provide a large amount of the diet for largemouth bass in lakes and ponds. In particular, dragonfly nymphs are prevalent and really fill this niche. Bass love ‘em and eat ‘em like candy. I find that, if the topwater bite is off, if I fish a slow sinking nymph along weed edges or around woody cover, the bass will respond. This fly is also just large enough that small bluegills will not get the hook (big bluegills we are happy to stick). I like bead chain eyes to keep the fly swimming hook up as this will reduce snags and allow you to swim it over weeds. Don’t overlook a dragonfly nymph for summer pond bass fishin.

- HOOK: Any generic nymph or short shank streamer hook about size #10. Keep the fly about an inch in length.
- BODY: Olive sculpin wool with brass rib.
- WING CASE: Turkey.
- HACKLE: Olive, webby.
- HEAD: Sculpin wool with black bead chain eyes.

