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**Members and
Guests Attended
the July
Membership
Meeting**

Letort Weed Clearing Project By Neil Sunday

The F.I.T.S. (Feet In The Stream) Crew had a busy end of summer on the Letort Spring Run. On August 31st, we completed our third work party in the CVTU-owned property of Trego's Meadow. Our focus is the removal of Canary Reed Grass, along with channel cutting of Elodea and other grasses. Several logs and stumps have also been removed- which has dramatically improved stream flows in this area. Now that we have a clear channel, the sediment will not accumulate as quickly. This provides better gravel areas for wild trout to live and spawn. The FITS crew is scheduling one additional work party for the Trego's Meadow area this season. Upon completion of this project, we will move our focus to raking and preparing spawning beds above the quarry area and at Foxcrest Lane on the Letort. To be added to the email list of potential F.I.T.S. volunteers, please email neil@tcoflyfishing.com or call me at 717-503-1168.



Photo Courtesy: N. Sunday

**Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, Sept. 19th at 7PM
Monroe Township Fire Hall, Boiling Springs**

"Fly Casting: Practice with a Purpose" will be the focus of this month's presentation. CVTU's own Jim Rainey will demonstrate and discuss his definition of fly casting and the six essential components of the fly cast. Jim will also offer tips on improving your line loops, which are so essential to efficient and effective casting, and your double hauling. Jim will offer his presentation outdoors on the lawn by the fire hall. After Jim's presentation, we'll move indoors for the business portion (to include our board elections) of our meeting. Due to limited daylight, this event will begin at 7pm sharp. Hope to see you there.

Dave W.

Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor



Calendar of Events

2018

Sept. 8th
Last Supper
Vince's Meadow

Sept. 12th
CVTU Board Meeting
Holly Inn
Mount Holly Springs

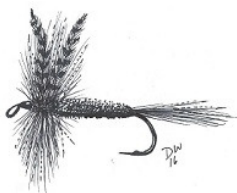
Sept. 19th
Members Meeting
Monroe TSP Fire Hall
Boiling Springs

Sept. 20th
Chapter Breakfast
Momma Spriggs
Restaurant
Carlisle

Sept. 29th
Fall on the Fly
Havre de Grace, MD.

Oct. 20th
BSWA Discovery Day
Big Spring Creek

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

~ New Zealand Mud Snails have been found in the Little Lehigh. If you visit the Little Lehigh, or Spring Creek in Centre County, please make sure to clean your boots and gear thoroughly.

Dave W.

~ The weather this summer has been miserable, however the record breaking precipitation has really put a lot of water in freestone streams across central Pennsylvania. Levels are running high and cold and this should bode well for trout survival and some good fishing over the next couple months. The image below shows Mountain Creek in August.

Dave W.



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. 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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September's meeting on the 19th is the most important one we have all year. You get to choose five leaders that will be on the Board of Directors for the next three years. I encourage each of you to consider becoming a director and to help shape the future of CVTU. The board meets the second Wednesday of every month. If you would like more information about the responsibilities and the time involved in a board position, please call me. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the meeting and added to the ballot.

Maybe taking on a leadership role isn't something you have the time to do right now, but there are some things you would like to see the chapter do or change. Feel free to contact me or any board member or consider coming to a board meeting (they're open to all members) and tell us your idea in person. This is your chapter and we would like hear from you.

On August 22nd we emailed out a survey about the annual family picnic to about 475 members. If you haven't responded yet, it's not too late. Check your computer's spam folder...look for the 8/22/18 date and complete the three-question survey, especially if you didn't attend. Please leave your comments – they're very important to us. We struggled to get fifty people there. We'd like to know why you didn't come or what you enjoyed if you did attend. Thank you!

The Last Supper will be held this Saturday...see the article in this *Tight Lines* issue for the details.

The summer's almost constant rain has put a hold on the chapter's Wittlinger Dam restoration project. The ground is too soft to get the heavy equipment down into the water, so the project will not begin until January. Spawning will be over and we will be able work in the Breeches again. Look at the bright side, if the amount of rain we got this summer was snow, we'd still be digging out!

There is a small group of us working on some very preliminary plans to do some more extensive restoration work on the Letort beginning at the headwaters. We have asked PA Fish & Boat for some advice in planning our work. A meeting with area fisheries manager is scheduled and we'll have more to report at the meeting on the 19th. I hope to see you there!

Thank you CVTU member Dennis Pastucha for designing the logo for our 50th anniversary. We'll be using the logo next year on all CVTU documents and in our social media. We will also be putting the logo on some new hats and other merchandise. You're welcome to contact me at president@pacvtu.org or (717) 512-4620.

Tight Lines,
John



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.

Last Supper

By John Leonard

The Last Supper is a CVTU tradition that goes back to the days of Vince Marinaro and Charlie Fox...back when trout season ended after Labor Day. The devotees of the Letort would get together to have a bite and swap stories of the fish they caught and of the bigger ones that got away. The tradition continues this year on September 8th at 5:00 PM in Vince's Meadow and it is open to everyone – rain or shine. If you don't know where Vince's Meadow is, go to Google Maps and search for "Vince's Meadow – CVTU"...we're on the map! Bring a chair as seating is limited and don't forget the insect repellent. The cost is \$5 per person...additional donations are graciously accepted. Neil Sunday will be hosting this year's event. This year's "main course" will be Pork BBQ, Mac & Cheese, Salad, plus dessert cookies and beverages.

Feel free to bring something to share. **If you plan on attending, send an e-mail to Neil - neilsunday@gmail.com and let him know**

you're coming. Another tradition of the evening is the CVTU traveling rod. Last year's rod winner, Neil Sunday, will tell where the rod has been and the successes it has had. Then, one person will be chosen at random to have the rod until the 2019 Last Supper. The tradition continues...be a part of it!

Meeting Venue Change

By John Leonard

We're going to give it a whirl. Beginning in January, we're going to begin a three-month trial of holding our membership meetings at the Appalachian Brewing Company on the Carlisle Pike in Mechanicsburg. They have a meeting room large enough to hold our group. We held our August board meeting there. The food was excellent, as was the beer. They have a full menu for those that would like to arrive early and eat or just have a beverage/coffee and dessert. There's plenty of parking here, too. We think this venue will allow for more members to mingle and get acquainted...general fellowship. More details and directions will be in January's *Tight Lines*. If you have any questions or comments, please e-mail me at president@pacvtu.org.

Fall on the Fly

By Jim Rainey

Fly Fishers International Chesapeake Council **FALL ON THE FLY**: CVTU is a member club of FFI's Chesapeake Council. CVTU members are invited to attend the Council's **FALL ON THE FLY**, Saturday, September 29, at Susquehanna State Park, 4122 Wilkinson Rd., Havre de Grace, Maryland.

- Fly Fishing for the Advanced Beginner through Intermediate Levels.
- World Class Instructors teaching on the water!
- Are you ready to progress to the next level of fly fishing skills? Are you stuck in a rut or have a problem that you cannot solve? Are

- you interested in learning a more advanced technique?
- Lunch is included.
- Used Equipment Sale & Silent Auction.

For more information and advanced registration, go to CCFFI.ORG.

Fly Tier's Corner **Flying Ant** **By Dave Weaver**

Late summer and into September can often see an emergence of flying ants. It's difficult to predict such events but when they happen they can really trigger some good dry fly fishing. Flying ants are simply temporarily winged versions of the various crawlers we're all familiar with that are dispersing in order to mate. They often appear quite large compared to their normal sizes. Keep a couple winged ants in your fly box this time of year. When you arrive streamside, take some time to scrutinize the surface in a pool section and look for dead winged ants drifting by in the film. If you see some, it's game time!

HOOK: Scud style, about #16.
HACKLE: Dark gray tied parachute style.
BODY: Dark grey synthetic fur.
VISIBILITY POST: Orange antron.
WING: Synthetic clear plastic, shredded.



Looking upstream off the Bonney Brook Bridge into Trego's Meadow after channel clearing and grass removal. Photos courtesy: N. Sunday

Board of Directors Election By CVTU

Every September five seats on the CVTU Board of Directors are up for election. In accordance with our bylaws, the election is held during the September chapter meeting, and all members of CVTU are encouraged to attend and vote. To date, we have six candidates for the five open positions this year. As always, nominations will be accepted the day of the election. Following in no particular order are the candidates and why, in their own words, you should vote for them.

Gary Leone: I would appreciate the opportunity to continue with my position on CVTU's Board of Directors. For the past three years I've enjoyed giving back to the streams of Cumberland Valley. Of the various projects I've been involved with, I've found coordinating the live and silent auction items for the Limestoner fundraiser and obtaining the speakers for our membership meetings to be particularly rewarding.

Mark Shughart: I am looking forward to serving another 3 years on the CVTU board and being a part of the conservation efforts that our members bring to the community. I continue to be impressed with the continuity of the board members and the accomplishments that they complete each year. A big thank you to the members that are not on the board but who provide their skills and time to this great organization.

Eric Naguski: As part of my ongoing commitment to enhance coldwater resources and put forth conservation efforts that serve to improve water quality and improve fish habitat for the rivers and streams in the Cumberland Valley, I am seeking another term on the CVTU Board of Directors. For those of you that do not know me, my educational background is in aquatic ecology and aquatic entomology. I am currently the manager of the Dauphin County Conservation District and own a fly-fishing guide service here in Boiling Springs (Riseforms Fly Fishing). I have spent the last 17 years working through government channels to secure funding and implement conservation practices entirely focused on protecting and improving our surface water resources. I have years of grant writing experience and have secured over \$1.5 million dollars in funding for water quality improvement projects. I would like to continue to contribute both my scientific knowledge of the

coldwater resources that we steward within the Cumberland Valley as well as my ability to navigate the funding bureaucracy to continue the great work that has already been accomplished by the many past volunteers of CVTU. I feel that my background, both academic and professional, will allow me to serve CVTU well if I am re-appointed to the Board. Thank you for your consideration.

John Zazworsky: During my first term on the Board, I've learned a lot from chapter members who have been pursuing TU's conservation goals in the Cumberland Valley for many years. As secretary, I've worked with our Presidents to improve information flow within the Board, which in turn helps the whole chapter improve. As the father of an avid young adult fly fisherman, I know the importance of investing in the future of TU and I've initiated contact with local colleges to engage the next generation. I will continue these efforts if elected to serve the chapter for another term.

Keith Tyler: My name is Keith Tyler, and I have been nominated to run for a seat on the CVTU board of directors. That said, I'm hoping you will vote for me in September for the following reasons: I consider finding CVTU as a lucky stroke of fate, as they as a group are doing the exact same kind of work (environmental restoration/ coldwater conservation), that I worked on for at least half of my 34 year career in the Natural Resource/Damage Assessment and Restoration field. To date, I have been involved in many FITS projects, collected monthly water quality samples on the Le Tort, served on the Limestoner Banquet committee, and am currently putting together the Le Tort project planning grant request to be submitted to the Coldwater Heritage Foundation later this year. I also hold a B.S. degree in Fisheries biology/aquaculture and have also done volunteer work at The Yellow Breeches Anglers and Conservation's nursery. Thank you for your consideration.

John Leonard: I would like your vote to remain on the board to serve all CVTU members, to be involved in planning our conservation projects, to help organize our activities and social events, and to work on our fundraisers. I'm active as a gillie at Rivers Camp and Reel Recovery. I also work with the beginners at our fly tying class. I think I'm a "people person," a good listener and a team player – all very important with a 15 member Board of Directors. I'm open to new things that will benefit all our volunteer members.