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Members and
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Oct. Membership
Meeting

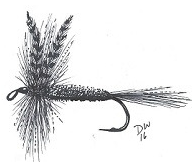
An Unusual Year

By Dave Weaver

This has been an unusual year with record breaking precipitation across Pennsylvania. For many of us who love wade fishing larger rivers for smallmouth bass, it's been especially disappointing as the rivers have mostly been too high and muddy when they weren't downright flooded. Serious damage across the state and Mid-Atlantic has been widespread. I'm told the wet weather has also put a real damper on fall foliage. And so it has.

On the bright side, many small freestone stream aficionados have had a great year with the higher water levels. I like mountain brookie streams as much as anyone else, but they treated me, at best, maybe a bit better than average. How all of this will impact our local trout streams going forward is a matter of speculation. I've seen some very good gravel and areas long filled with sediment have been blown clear by the high water. Maybe a good spawn will follow. The high water this summer also kept temps down and I'd like to believe that we may see strong survival of wild trout in some downstream or otherwise marginal areas.

Speaking of wild trout, we have a presentation this month on the results of genetic research on brookies in Pennsylvania. It seems that hatchery genes aren't especially prevalent in these populations. I'm looking forward to this. Why don't you come out too, especially if you haven't been to a membership meeting in a long time? There are plenty of additional activities you can join or support as well. We could use your help on the Limestoner committee and other worthy projects.



Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, Nov. 14th at 7PM
Monroe Township Fire Hall, Boiling Springs

The November membership meeting will be a presentation by our 5 River chapters and a video of *The Brookie Odyssey*. This past summer, a group of 5 Rivers members worked their way across northern PA, studying the DNA of brookies in three major watersheds and we'll discuss the results. Beverages and dessert will be served.

Hope to see you there.

John Leonard

Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor



Calendar of Events

2018-19

Nov. 14th (6:00pm)
CVTU Board Meeting
Monroe TSP Fire Hall
Boiling Springs

Nov. 14th (7:00pm)
Members Meeting
Monroe TSP Fire Hall
Boiling Springs

Nov. 15th
Chapter Breakfast
Mamma Spriggs
Restaurant
Carlisle

Mar. 16th 2019
CVTU Anniversary
Limestoner

**FEDERATION OF
FLY FISHERS**



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 general membership meeting in November will be on the 14th due to Thanksgiving.

John Leonard

~ Our new chapter webmaster is Mark Albano. We need photos etc. Check out the website as there will be some changes and new material up soon.

John Leonard

~ If you're a senior citizen, you're entitled to a membership discount.

John Leonard

~ The 2019 Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp will begin accepting applications on Nov. 1st.

Clark Hall

~ If you have any fly fishing gear that you are able to donate, please consider donating it to the students of 5 Rivers.

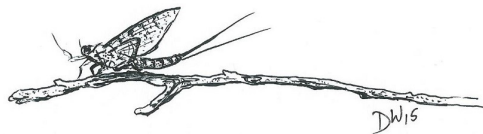
Dave. W

~ There is an ambitious stream improvement project that will be going in along the Yellow Breeches at Allenberry. This project is funded at \$210,000 and should begin in early 2019 starting at the lower end of the special regulation project and working upstream. This two year project will see the construction of multiple cross vane deflectors and other stabilization work. The goal is to narrow the channel and save the big sycamore trees, among other objectives. For more information, see the President's Letter on the next page.

Dave W.

~ CVTU is putting together a team of volunteers to participate in a project to identify culverts in Michaux state Forest. There may be training opportunities for chapter members. More to follow.

Dave W.



CVTU Membership is Currently 584!

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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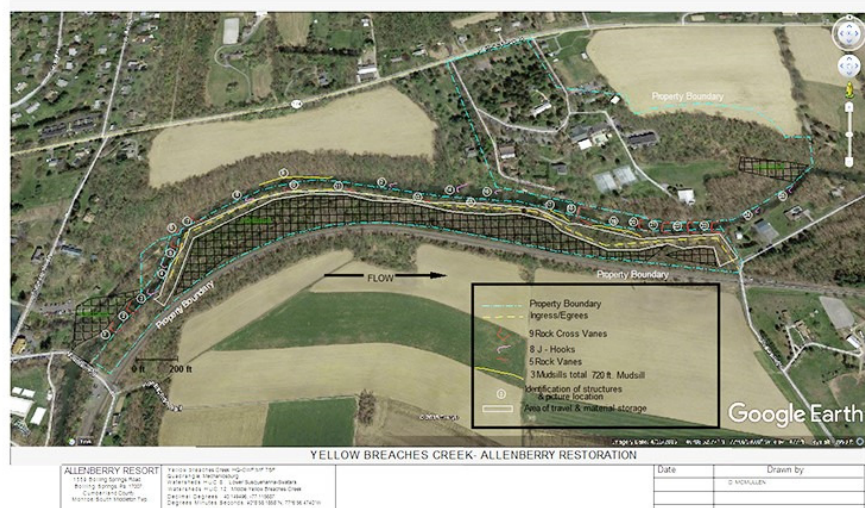
The attendance October's meeting was above average and there were a lot of questions for Dave McMullen on his restoration plan for the Yellow Breeches on Allenberry's property. The project will begin about January 1st and Dave hopes to be finished by March 1st when stocking begins. He may have up to three areas working at once, but he always begins at the downstream part of each section and works upstream. He will be placing about 25 structures in about 2,500 feet of stream. Allenberry will keep the stream open to fishing, but there will not be any parking on Allenberry's property nor will they be putting in a public parking lot. The big IF for the project is the weather. If the entire project is not completed by March 1st, work will resume sometime after June 15th. The image below shows the project scope.

The CVTU web site is being updated and work should be completed by the end of 2018. The information for the 2019 fly tying classes are on the home page and the approved minutes for September's Board of Director's meeting (approved in October) is a new feature under Chapter info. So if you want to know what was discussed and approved at our BOD meetings, check it out. After November's meeting, October's approved minutes will be on the site. If you want to have something put up on the site, please contact Mark Albano, he's our web site coordinator.

November's membership meeting is the last one for 2018. There will be a presentation by our 5 River chapters and a video of "The Brookie Odyssey." This past summer, a group of 5 Rivers members worked their way across northern PA, studying the DNA of brookies in all three major watersheds. Come and hear the results of the study. We will also have our annual financial review plus an open discussion with the membership. We're not having individual table discussions, however, we are looking for some input from you on various issues. And, we're bribing you with beverages and desserts.

This is also the last *Tight Lines* of 2018. On behalf of the entire CVTU leadership, we wish you and your family a holiday season full of joy, happiness, and peace. We also want to thank all our volunteers that helped with our events and projects this year. You made it a great 2018. 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.

CVTU Photos Needed

By Mike Klimkos

Photos are needed of CVTU events for upcoming publication. If you have photographs of CVTU events such as the Limestoner, the picnic, the Last Supper, stream projects, fly tying classes, Reel Recovery, Street to Streams or any other CVTU event that you would like to share, please send them to me ASAP at: MJKlimkos@gmail.com.

Now a few caveats: The photos should be in focus. The names of the persons shown in the photos should be known. The faces of the people in the photos should be shown. Do not submit stilted, pixelated photos of the backs of peoples' heads. Fishing photos are great but hero pictures are not necessary. Provide as much information about the photos as you can such as date, time, who, when, where, and what. If the photos meet the above criteria, they will be included on the thumb drive, if not published in the book. The photos will become the property of CVTU, but the photographer will be given proper credit.

Any questions, contact Mike Klimkos at 717-226-7572

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.

Fiftieth Anniversary Limestoner Banquet Committee and Volunteers Needed

By Chris Yasher

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CVTU) is pleased to once again announce that our annual fundraising event, evening of awards, and 50TH Anniversary celebration, the "Limestoner Fundraising Banquet," will be held at the Park Inn in Mechanicsburg Pa., on Saturday, March 16 starting around 5:30 pm.

The Limestoner Banquet is a CVTU tradition, and has been our main fundraiser for years. This wonderful gathering allows us to continue our mission to preserve, protect, and enhance our cold- water fisheries throughout the Cumberland Valley. Our yearly fundraising banquet has facilitated our involvement in numerous projects within our local fisheries, outreach to the community, and operation as a Chapter of TU.

The "Limestoner" has been a joyous tradition for CVTU, and while it revolves around raising funds for our cause, the evening involves

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a family oriented buffet dinner, surrounded by family and friends, laughter, and many wonderful items to bid on. CVTU is in need of volunteers willing to commit their time and efforts to join a committee that will design, coordinate, and manage the event which coincides with our 50TH Anniversary celebration that evening. A few of our areas of focus:

1. Auction items
3. Business ads for the event Brochure and Website.
4. Event Brochure.
5. Coordinate the layout of all Items (Bucket raffle, silent auction, etc)
6. Bucket Raffles items
7. Accounting/Event ticket sales

NOTE: The first committee meeting will be held in November at a time, date, and location TBD. All committee members will be notified by e-mail of the designated time/place by committee Chair and CVTU Board Member, Chris Yasher. If you have any questions, suggestions, or ideas, or would like to contribute within anyone of these areas, please forward an e-mail or call Chris Yasher at cyasher1@verizon.net or (703) 254 9419. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you and your family on March 16.

5 Rivers Clubs **By Robert Shaw**

Ben Weber and Jake Knouse are local college students who have started 5 Rivers Fly Fishing clubs at their universities. Ben at Messiah and Jake at Shippensburg. Their clubs are brand new and they are trying to establish themselves. We at CVTU are working with them to provide any assistance that we can. Messiah club has already met some of their service project hours by painting the pavilion, benches, picnic tables, and shed at Vince's Meadow on the Letort. The Shippensburg Club will be looking for possible services projects in the near future. The clubs meet regularly and would appreciate anyone willing to present on fly fishing topics. In the future they will also be holding clinics and will need instructors and ghillies. We will be updating the membership periodically with any goings-on in their clubs. Please consider helping these young men and women who will be the future of our organizations

Winter Fly Tying Classes **By Ken Palmer**

The annual CVTU/South Middleton Twp. fly tying class dates have been established. Classes begin on Tuesday January 29, 2019 and will continue every Tuesday night for Eight weeks ending on March 19, 2019. Classes are held at the Boiling Springs High School from 7 PM to 9 PM.

The classes are divided into TWO groups. BEGINNERS/LIMITED TYING EXPERIENCE and INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED. The BEGINNER/LIMITED EXPERIENCE group will be led by Jerry Kerstetter. This class covers the basic methods of fly tying, building your skills each week to become a proficient tier after eight weeks. Participants should have their own basic tools – tying vise, scissors, bobbin, whip finishing tool, etc. These tools are sold at local fly shops. If you don't have these tools, we can provide them for you. All course materials including hooks will be provided. The INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED class will be led by a different class leader each week. The classes will be led by the following group of outstanding volunteer tiers. Don Albright, Tony Dranzo, Darwin Gaston, Clark Hall, Biff Healy, Steve Parker, Ken Okorn, and Neal Sunday. This class is designed for the tier with some experience and a desire to learn new techniques and patterns. The participants are asked to bring their own tools to class and then tie along with the leader. All course materials including hooks will be provided. Important information about the classes and registration instructions are as follows.

-Youth participants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a registered adult.

-Fees: \$ 15 for a township resident if you register before January 15. \$ 25 if you register after January 15. \$ 21 for a non-township resident registering before January 15 and \$ 31 if you register after January 15.

-Register Early. Class size is somewhat limited due to class room capacity.

-Register by mail using the form below beginning DECEMBER 1ST.

-Register on line, by phone, walk in, or mail on TWP form beginning December 14, 2018. Credit cards accepted beginning December 14.

South Middleton Twp. Website for all Recreation Programs Sign-Up - <https://apm.activecommunities.com/smparksandrec/Home> (after December 14, 2018) Call 717 258-4441 after December 14 for phone registration or information

Mail form and check to South Middleton Twp. Parks & Rec, 520 Park Drive, Boiling Springs, Pa. 17007

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Twp. /Boro: _____

Beginner _____ I need to use tools
(please circle one) **YES NO** Intermediate/

Advanced _____

Make checks payable to South Middleton Twp. Parks and Rec.; 20 % discount for twp. resident senior citizen; register beginning December 1st using this form; twp. website link beginning December 14.

The Feeling **By Robert Shaw**

The change in the weather obviously triggers certain genetic responses in trout, it also seems to trigger responses of my own. I get a feeling. A feeling of wanderlust, the need to get out and have an adventure. Deep in my DNA is a need to sleep outside under the stars, to feel the cool of autumn and to sit by the fire. I satisfy this desire by camping and fishing along the Little Juniata. This is the second year in a row I have made this trip, so...I guess it is a tradition now. I stay at the Green Hills RV Park and Campground and fish for two days straight. It isn't necessarily roughing it and for 20 bucks a night you can pitch a tent, have access to electricity, showers, and toilets. I'll tell you the prospect of a shower before crawling in a sleeping bag is always welcoming, especially this year when you have thick crust of bug spray covering your body.

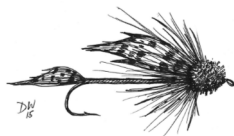
I love the feeling of waking up next to the stream I'm going to fish. Knowing I won't have

to drive two hours, fish, then have a two hour drive home is beyond relaxing. With two days to fish, the desire to explore new water seems to take over. This trip I fished parts of the Little J I've never even seen before. I explored the sections upstream of Spruce creek, and parts below the Gorge section. I caught a few fish in each new area. I also made the Pilgrimage to the George Harvey section of Spruce Creek. Here the Wild Brown and occasional wild rainbow trout take on the opportunistic feeding habits of Pennsylvania's native brookies.

Days like this I don't eat like the fish do. They are feeding heavily getting ready for the spawn. I am typically too focused on the fishing to even realize that hungry feeling, that is until the moment I step out of the water and the growling starts. It startles me and I quickly survey my surroundings for a bear, or a cougar, or a really big squirrel. I inevitably realize that it is my stomach making these deep guttural growls. I sustain myself with whatever type of cereal bar or beef jerky I managed to stash in my waders and jump into my jeep and head to the next spot. The prospect of the next spot is always one of wonder, and the feeling of endless possibilities. Perhaps the biggest trout of my life, perhaps an unfortunate dip in the cool water, or maybe the train whistle that will finally finish the job and blow out my ear drums. I have a feeling I'll see you again soon Little Juniata River.



Little Juniata. Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver



The Purple (Brussels Sprout Bag) Streamer By Biff Healy

I think every fly tier has those moments. You know the feeling. After tying dozens of scripted standard flies, you feel the need to create something new, bright and *different!*

As I sat at my bench one day, looking at tying another dozen bead head prince nymphs, my wife came into the room with the question "Can you use this for anything?" She was holding a purple mesh bag that had a label for Brussels sprouts on it. At first I hesitated, then when I took it from her hands, I noted that when stretched out length wise, the junctions of the bag formed dark striations, a barring that resembles that of a Parr trout. Hmmmm.

I thanked her and proceeded to play with this new material. I tried a couple options, even taking one to Sherman's Creek to test. It worked. Back at the bench, I combined the listed materials into a streamer that is *different*, catches fish, and satisfied my desire to be creative in my avocation. What to call it?

I was going to call it the "Purple BSB streamer." Then while showing it to members at the October meeting, someone mentioned that it was the "Trash-to-Treasure" fly. I'm still undecided, what do you think?

Hook: #12, 3xl Streamer hook

Thread: Purple 6/0 Uni-Thread

Over wing: A piece of the Brussels Sprout Bag, cut longer than the hook by about 1/5th the hook length.

Body: Dyed Pearl Diamond Braid Flash

Belly: Krenik Pearl Flash

Weight : 0.015 lead wrapped 1/3 the length at the eye end of the hook.

The moral of this story is: You never know what might happen when you think "outside-the-box." The very least is a break from sometimes monotonous periods at the bench. Don't get me wrong, as Jerry Kerstetter tells his students, one can only get really good at tying by *PRACTICE!* But a little variety is a good thing too! If you have any ideas for a name for this fly let me know. biffer1966@hotmail.com.



Student volunteers from the 5 Rivers group recently volunteered their time to repaint the CVTU Pavilion. Photos courtesy: Ben Weber