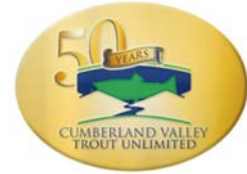




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Letort Long-Range Study By Jim Rainey

As many members are aware, CVTU has for the past year been conducting a long-range study of the Letort Spring Run. The purpose of the study is to identify the problems the Letort has faced for decades, determine their causes, and develop solutions. Water and sediment sampling have identified high concentrations of nitrates and phosphates. A study of the history of the Letort as a trout fishery has illustrated long-term challenges faced by fly anglers.

We think we know what needs to be done to address these challenges. We have determined that the next phase of our effort is to hire a consultant with expertise in spring creek restoration projects to conduct a review of our findings and conclusions. We have interviewed five candidates and are awaiting their proposals to conduct our feasibility study. The board will review these bids and select the candidate best equipped to meet our needs. To help pay for the consultant's work, we have applied for a Coldwater Heritage Partnership grant.

A sub-committee of the Stream Access and Conservation Committee has been formed to manage the Letort long-range study project.



Image Courtesy: G. Leone

**42
Members and
Guests Attended
the Nov.
Membership
Meeting**

**Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, Jan 16th at 7PM
Appalachian Brewing
Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg**

Our January speaker will be Captain Gary Dubiel talking about redfish. You can look up Gary at: <https://specfever.com/>
Hope to see you there. Dave W.

Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor



Calendar of Events

2019

Jan. 9th

CVTU Board Meeting
Holly Inn
Mount Holly Springs

Jan. 16th

Members Meeting
Appalachian Brewing Co.
Mechanicsburg

Jan. 17th

Chapter Breakfast
Momma Spriggs
Restaurant
Carlisle

Mar. 16th

CVTU Anniversary
Limestoner

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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

~ There's an [excellent article](#) on the CVTU website dealing with Letort and its changes over time. This article includes interviews with multiple old-time CVTU members and Letort anglers.

Dave W.

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

John Leonard

~ *Waters of the Valley: 50 Years of Trout Unlimited in the Cumberland Valley* by Mike Klimkos will be on sale at January's meeting.

Dave W.



Photo Courtesy: G. Leone

CVTU Membership is Currently 591!

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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Well...2019 has arrived and it's a very special year – Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited's 50th Anniversary. It was at a meeting on Friday, May 23, 1969 at 8:30 PM, when CVTU was founded with Jim Bashline and Ed Shenk elected as co-presidents, Enoch "Inky" Moore as vice president, and John D. Faller as secretary-treasurer. From these beginnings, we have grown to about 600 members and have accomplished enough to fill a book – *Waters of the Valley* by Michael Klimkos.

Our annual celebration, the Limestoner, will be on March 16th at the Park Inn. Your invitation will be in the mail soon along with a book of raffle tickets. If you can't make the event, we hope you will purchase the book of tickets. None of your membership renewal is returned to the chapter. We could use your financial support to help accomplish all we have planned for 2019. It is at the Limestoner that we acknowledge and honor the accomplishments of individuals or a group for their works. If you have a particular person or group that you feel deserves either The Order of the Quill, The Rising Trout, or The Limestoner award, please e-mail your nomination to cvtu052@gmail.com – the board's executive committee decides who will receive those awards. There's a Limestoner meeting on January 17th at 6:30 at Appalachian Brewery. Please consider volunteering a few hours to raise money for our chapter's conservation and youth activities. This event doesn't happen by itself...we could use a few more hands.

On January 29th, we begin holding our eight-week fly tying courses at Boiling Springs High School. If you are an experienced tier and would like to help someone learn how it's done, come over and give us a hand.

Last year, our chapter volunteers worked 4,914 hours on various chapter activities. Why not make one of your New Year's resolutions to volunteer at least 5 hours this year? It's your chapter! You're welcome to contact me at president@pacvtu.org or (717) 512-4620.

Happy New Year!



Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver

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 began 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.



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 forthcoming. 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 a family oriented buffet dinner, surrounded by amily 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

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.



Winter Fly Tying Classes By Ken Palmer

Registration for the winter fly tying courses is now under way. Jerry Kerstetter is once again conducting the Beginner Class and we have a nice line-up of Advanced Class tiers. Thanks to all who volunteered to be class leaders and those who said they would serve as back ups. I thought this might be one of the more challenging tasks when I volunteered to be the coordinator but people said yes right out of the gate. Here are the Advanced Class leaders and the patterns they will be tying:

- Wk. # 1 Jan 29 Neil Sunday (3 Caddis life cycle flies)
- Wk. # 2 Feb 5 Clark Hall (BWO Student, BWO Loop Wing Emerger)
- Wk. # 3 Feb 12 Steve Parker (Nymphs--- Sexy Walt, BWO Thread Body, Pheasant Tail jig)
- Wk. # 4 Feb 19 Biff Healey (Bead Head Prince Nymph, Klinkhammer)
- Wk. # 5 Feb 26 Tony Dranzo (H2O Titian Minnow, Tellellated Darter)
- Wk. # 6 Mar 5 Darwin Gaston Pheasant Tail Soft Hackle, Prince Albert , & some tips on how to fish them)
- Wk. # 7 Mar 12 Don Albright (The Ugly Fly)
- Wk # 8 Mar 19 Ken Okorn (Ausable Bomber, " The Usual ")

Advanced class participants are asked to supply your own thread and every thing else, including hooks and material, will be supplied by CVTU. Tiers are asked to tie along with the class leader. Recipes for all patterns will be supplied ahead of time once classes start. As usual all hooks and materials will be supplied for the Beginner class as well as a loaner tool kit if one is needed. An instruction booklet will also be given to each participant. Classes are held every Tuesday night beginning January 29 from 7 to 9 pm at the Boiling Springs High School room 110. Enter through the main entrance and turn right at the second hall way. Classes continue for 8 weeks and will be held the following week if school is closed for any reason.

In case you have not registered, or know someone who wants to register, there are

details on the CVTU website www.pacvtu.org or the South Middleton Twp website at www.smiddleton.com.

Finally, more volunteers are needed to help with the Beginner Class and to set up the projection equipment prior to class, therefore if you want to help contact me at 717 249-8819 or email me at kpalmer2@embarqmail.com.

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 through twp. website.



Yellow Breeches. Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver

Shad Unlimited
Board Meeting Minutes for May 1st 1819
By Mike Klimkos

The meeting was called to order by President Amos Leonard at 2:00 PM at the Roaring Fire Inn in Middlesex Township. President Leonard apologized to the members for holding the meeting outside of town in the middle of Middlesex, but then stated that Middlesex was better than no sex. Nobody laughed at his attempt at humor. He stated that the tavern they were meeting in might not be so bad a place to hold the meetings from now on if somebody would build a road out this way. It was pointed out by a malcontent in the membership that nobody would ever be crazy enough to build a road out this way.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Ephraim Betar reported the background checks required by the state were progressing slowly but as soon as they got a computer, things would improve. Someone questioned what a computer was and Ephraim said he wasn't sure but as soon as one was invented he intended to get one. At this point he isn't even sure what background checks are. The treasurer also reported on the possible sale of SU bumper stickers to people passing through the valley on their way west, but somebody pointed out it would be about a hundred years before bumpers would be invented. Ephraim also said the treasury had no money as the Panic of 1891 wiped them out.

Environmental Committee:

Homer Stone reported that those damn Brook Trout were turning up everywhere. The trout were making it tough for the shad to spawn and eels were being chased out by the hundreds. He thought placing logs and rocks in the stream might block their movements, making them easier to spear with pitchforks. In other news he reported that clearcutting South Mountain was proceeding apace. The trees were hauled off to make charcoal for the iron forges and the clean mountains offered a spectacular view of the valley as well as allowing water to run into the streams faster making more water for fishing.

Stream Access and Improvement:

Quinton Albright stated that the new road being built along the Clear Breeches was beginning. He stated this road would allow easy stream access and may improve the creek by straightening it out some. He stated that because of SU's help in

building eel weirs, catches had improved dramatically. Albright also noted that many split rail fences ran right to the stream edge and as soon as somebody invented barbed wire the fence could run through the stream allowing easy access for cattle.

Education and Information:

Clinton Hall stated he has had great success teaching young anglers how to catch the ubiquitous Brook Trout with plain garden worms. He said it was no problem for his students to each catch a barrel full of the pesky trout every time they went out. Erasmus Parker, his able assistant, noted the worms needed to be fished deep. Eli Healey reported on the Trout in the Single Room Schoolhouse program and noted the students enjoyed the trout very much and they were quite tasty.

Victuals Committee:

Committee chairman Benjamin Yasher stated that the planked shad dinner held in the tavern in Mechanicsburg was a great success and thanked everyone for their cooperation, especially in supplying the planks. But the next time freshly cut pine planks would not be used. The next time they might try using hot chunks of limestone to cook the fish. They would call the dinner the Limestoner Event. The membership yawned and generally appeared bored.

Assistant Chairman Eli Sunday:

Reported that the ox roast they had for supper in the meadow was a success but the next time they would ask the owner if it was okay with him before slaughtering the ox. Because of that rather unfortunate incident, the ox roast would probably be the Last Supper of SU.

Fly Tying and Hook Making Committee:

Ulmer Baltz reported that good hook making steel was still being made at the forge in Boiling Springs. He also reported that a new fly pattern using passenger pigeon feathers was really a fish killer. He stated the materials were plentiful and not hard to come by. His new fly was named the Baltz Passenger Emerger. Pruitt Shaw noted there was a lack of caterpillar gut for leader material and he hoped that plans to import a Eurasian moth that crossbred with an Asian silk moth would come to fruition. He called it a Gypsy Moth but doubted that the name would catch on as it would not be politically correct. When a member asked what politically correct was Pruitt shrugged his shoulders and said, "I dunno."

New Business:

Horatio Pittman reported on a new method of

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making a fishing line. He stated he had recently purchased a roan horse from Cortland, New York. He said that by using four of the darker tail hairs and four of the lighter tail hairs and braiding them together he developed a superior fishing line that he called the Cortland 4-4. Somebody in the audience suggested this probably wouldn't go very far because of its odd peach color and Horatio said he probably wouldn't either. Horatio also stated he had been investigating various woods and found a supple limb of ash to be far superior to any other wood when it came to making a club for killing fish. His French cousin Louis de Ville had shown him how to put a slug of metal weight on the end and called it the Louie deVille slugger which could be swung with precision. Horatio suggested the LeTort Slugger might be a better name. Milroy Leone reported that conditions should be better for residents on the south edge of Carlisle now that street sewers were completed and draining waste and refuse into the Letort Run. He also stated that the ditches would flow past the new town dump in that location. There was some concern from a local merchant who wanted to build a small dry goods depot there but Mr. Leone graciously said that would be no problem and he could build anywhere he wished. After all there is lots of land, and anyway how could a store hurt the stream?

Newsletter Committee:

Editor Hobart Weaver suggested that because pitch forks were widely used in the gathering of Shad and Eels (and even those pesky brook trout), and the lightest and springiest forks seemed to work the best. that perhaps the name of the newsletter should be changed to "Light Tines." The crowd almost revolted at the terrible pun and voted to banish Weaver to the farthest reaches of the county. It was agreed Conococheague Creek would be acceptable as what kind of trouble could he get into in the wilderness. Weaver also stated that if members did not soon submit more artwork for the newsletter he would have to start drawing and painting it himself – to which the members said "Have at it!"

Oakley Shugart and Walbridge Albano along with Lazlo Naguski had attended the most recent meeting of the Pennsylvania Shad Fishing Museum Association. Since no history had yet happened it was decided that the purpose of a museum was kind of pointless. The association

dissolved and the three repaired to a local tavern.

Suggestions for the Good of the Order:

Padraic Rainey reported on a new method of casting a fly about the waters. He said he had heard that casts three and four times the lengths of one's fishing rod were now possible. Members in attendance shouted "Witchery!" and other epithets, with some questioning his sanity. Leaving that subject Padraic said the annual state pitchfork throwing tournament for live fish would be held in September along the lower Letort. There would also be a seminar on trap net construction. Secretary Ivan Zazworsky reported that tri corner hats with the SU logo are now available for sale. He said the hats are rapidly going out of fashion so don't expect much. Nothing much was expected and the meeting was adjourned.

***Waters of the Valley:
50 Years of Trout Unlimited in the
Cumberland Valley
By John Leonard***

This new book is currently available online through Amazon and it will be available in the next few weeks at Precision Tackle in Mt. Holly Springs. This richly detailed book covers the story of how Trout Unlimited came to the Cumberland Valley of Pennsylvania, the efforts the chapters (yes - 2 chapters) made to protect the waters and some of the fun along the way. And it is much more than that. The book delves into history of the valley as well and answers some questions that you may have wondered about:

How did the Yellow Breeches Creek get its name? Which came first, brown trout or rainbow trout? What did a rubber pipe in the Letort have to do with clean water? Who wanted to dynamite the Letort - and why? and so much more. Order your copy today!

