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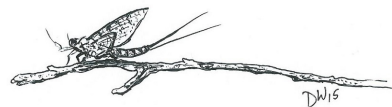
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Past and Future

By Dave Weaver

It is through narratives of the past that we make sense of our current time and ponder the future. For our beloved Trout Unlimited chapter, this year is an especially apropos time to remember this. Obviously, the history of the Cumberland Valley and its legendary streams has long been recognized and appreciated. Writers like Charlie Fox identified for countless readers by the mid twentieth century the unique nature of our local streams while, at the same time, promoting them as challenging angling destinations to a national audience. It's always worth going back and reading *This Wonderful World of Trout* and other classics. Better yet, get your hands on a copy of Mike Klimkos' new book on the history of our fisheries (see page 6) for new material and perspectives.

Fifty years is a milestone and, as much as anything, we ought to take a moment to remember that generation that started this important endeavor – coldwater conservation in the Cumberland Valley – as many of these men and women have passed away. Let's resolve to remember the past and stay focused on the future. Good things are happening in your chapter and good things are happening for wild trout both in our region and statewide. We've got fifty years of solid foundations. We know what we're doing, why we're doing it, and how to do it. Let's roll up our sleeves and go to it. It starts with the Limestoner Fundraising Banquet next month. In the meantime, your board could use some help with this effort, especially with acquiring donations.



54
Members and
Guests Attended
the Jan.
Membership
Meeting

Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, Feb. 20th at 7PM
Appalachian Brewing
Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg

Our February speaker will be George Daniel. This presentation will focus on specialized nymph fishing tactics for selective trout.
 Hope to see you there. Dave W.

Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor



Calendar of Events

2019

Feb. 13th

CVTU Board Meeting
Holly Inn
Mount Holly Springs

Feb. 20th

Members Meeting
Appalachian Brewing Co.
Mechanicsburg

Feb. 21st

Chapter Breakfast
Momma Spriggs
Restaurant
Carlisle

Mar. 16th

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

~ 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

~ The Limestoner prices and menu: The buffet dinner will be fresh fruit bowl, tossed salad with a choice of dressings, Caesar salad, potato salad, herb stuffed chicken breast, roast top sirloin of beef with mushroom sauce, grilled salmon, chef's choice potato and fresh vegetables, rolls & butter, dessert display, hot beverages. The price per person remains the same - \$45 per person which included a 20% gratuity. Table can be reserved for a \$50 donation. One person pays for the table and is the host...everyone at the table of 8 pays \$45 for the meal, including the host. The host does not need to tell us who is at the table. The host will be recognized with a placard on the table. Start time is 5:00pm and tickets will be on sale until about 6:30

John Leonard

~ Limestoner auction items: we could use some help with this. Remember, it's our fiftieth anniversary and we need auction items, not just the traditional ones, but new donations from new sources. We really appreciate your help with this.

Gary Leone

CVTU Membership is Currently 593!

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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I recently received e-mail from a member asking if CVTU's committees are board committees or chapter committees. Here is what is in our bylaws which can be found on our web site -

Section 1. Standing Committees The standing committees of the Chapter shall be as follows:

1. Membership Committee
2. Stream Access and Conservation Committee
3. Information and Education Committee
Activities Committee

All committees are currently chaired by a board member, but all of you are encouraged to serve on a committee. Which committee best fits your interests and the time you have to commit as a CVTU volunteer?

Our membership committee is chaired by John Zazworsky. John mails welcome packets to new members that have joined CVTU. We had 10 members that forgot to renew their membership last month. Do you have five minutes this month to call two of them and remind them to renew? They can renew online at www.tu.org/renew for \$35 or if they are a senior, www.tu.org/senior for \$25. If you have five minutes to volunteer this month, let us know via e-mail - cvtu052@gmail.com.

The Stream Access and Conservation Committee is chaired by Don Albright. Don e-mails the F.I.T.S. (Feet In The Stream) group every time that's a conservation work party. If you are unable to work in a stream, cut brush, etc., there are other ways to help...like buying the cold beverages or picking up lunch (we'll reimburse you). If you want to join the "gang," e-mail Don - dalbr3447@aol.com.

Justin Pittman chairs the Information and Education Committee. There are a lot of opportunities here. Did you read a good conservation article online that you think all members should read? Pass it along so we can share it in *Tight Lines*. Can you write a press release? There are a lot of templates online to use...let the public know about upcoming CVTU event or write about our successes. Are you a fly tier with a few hours to help teach new tiers? There's an eight-week opportunity for you beginning on Tuesday at Boiling Springs High School - call Ken Palmer - (717) 249-8819.

David Stone, Activities Committee chair, could really use your help. We used to have a number of chapter fishing trips to area waters. Any member or members can organize (we'll help!) a group to caravan to a fishing location of your choice. Go to Subway, get some subs, cold beverages, etc. for lunch (we'll reimburse you), meet for breakfast and head out for a fun day fishing with friends. TU insurance covers everyone so there's no individual liability issues on chapter sponsored trips. So if you or you and another member want to get a trip organized, let us know - cvtu052@gmail.com.

Let's not forget the Limestoner committee. It's not one of our standing committees, but we sure could use some help getting donations and with other tasks needed to make this event successful. Our next meeting is on February 12th (Lincoln's Birthday for those of you that remember when) at 6:30 PM at Appalachian Brewery. Please join us. We are all volunteers in this CVTU community - what will you do to help CVTU?

One last thing...we hope to see you at the next membership meeting on February 20th with speaker George Daniel. The room and seating will be changed to increase seating and a microphone will be used during all future presentations. We received a lot of favorable comments about the food and the beverages. It's easy to get to - about five minutes off of I-81's Mechanicsburg exit. We hope to see you there.

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 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

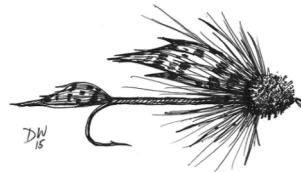
We're going to give it a whirl. We're in a three-month trial of holding our membership meetings at the Appalachian Brewing Company on the Carlisle Pike in Mechanicsburg. They have a meeting room large enough to hold our group. We held our August board meeting there. The food was excellent, as was the 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 Fundraising Banquet By Chris Yasher

As you all know by now, we are having our 50TH Anniversary celebration and evening of awards, the "*Limestoner Fundraising Banquet*," at the Park Inn in Mechanicsburg Pa., on Saturday, March 16 starting around 5:00 pm.

The Limestoner Banquet is a CVTU tradition, and has been our main fundraiser for years. We are in need of volunteers to help in the following areas. **(1)** Donations for both live and silent auction need to contact **Gary Leone** at gml Leone12@yahoo.com. This is a large undertaking, and Gary could use any/all assistance in gathering items for our auction. **(2)** Bucket Raffle – please see **Tom Baltz** at baltzte@aol.com for the 20 or so items needed. **(3)** For anyone wanting to place an advertisement, or may know of someone wanting to place an advertisement in our brochure, see **David Stone** at dstone@stonelaw.net. **(4)** **Jim Rainey**, rainey1969@yahoo.com could use some assistance the day of, in organizing varying layout aspects of the silent auction. Contact Jim for more details. **(5)** We are in need of a 3-4 people to help sell tickets (Deck of Cards, Bucket Raffle, etc.) the night of, from roughly 5:30-7pm. This is a great opportunity to socialize and meet varying members and guests of the Chapter. Saturday March 16 will be an incredibly busy day for CVTU, and we could use any/all help in finalizing the banquet hall for our celebration such as offloading auction items, arranging buckets, centerpieces, tying up loose-ends etc. If you have time to assist that day, or leading up to that day, contact Chris Yasher at clyasher1@verizon.net.

Finally, the next Fundraising Banquet Committee meeting will be held at the Appalachian Brewery on Tuesday February 12 at 6:30pm. If you plan on attending, please let Chris Yasher know at clyasher1@verizon.net



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 kpalm2@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.



Mountain Creek. Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver

Winter Kings of the Stream
By Robert Shaw

Come Join CVTU on Saturday February 16th as we host the first ever Winter Kings of the Stream. Winter Kings of the stream is a team based fishing scavenger hunt. The teams will meet at Vince's Meadow on the Letort at 9am to drink coffee, eat donuts, and get the list of challenges. The teams will have the day to explore the Cumberland Valley and complete as many challenges as they can. Challenges will mostly be fishing related, with some random fun mixed in. After a day spent fishing and spending time with friends we will reconvene at Market Cross Pub in Carlisle to enjoy dinner and drinks. Scores will be tallied and winners announced at dinner. Teams will consist of 3 members (each team member will donate \$5, which will go to our Letort restoration project). Please email Robert Shaw at Pa.rob47@gmail.com with your team member names. If you are new to CVTU or need help finding a team just let me know in an email.

Welcome to our New Members
By John Leonard

We're happy to introduce our new members who joined our chapter in January:

Scott Graver of Boiling Springs

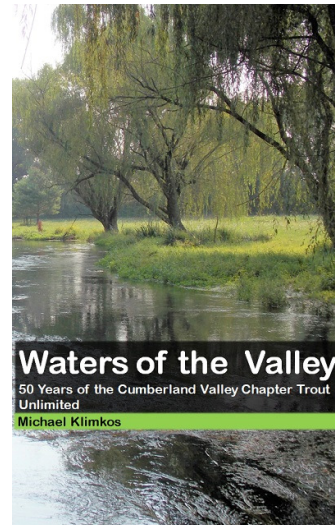
Ryan Hogan of Mechanicsburg

Bonnie Gola of Mechanicsburg

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!



Yellow Breeches. Photo Courtesy D. Weaver