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History of the Limestoner Banquet

By Mike Klimkos

The Limestoner was the chapter's annual banquet and major fundraiser though it was initially just called the annual banquet. Members were encouraged to bring their spouses and guests who were not TU members, and the chapter encouraged other chapters to send members. In 1977 Don Ebright became chapter president, and it was through Don's efforts that the Limestoner became what it did. It began as a daylong event with seminars and workshops and culminated with the evening banquet.

On March 10, 1979 the Cumberland Valley Chapter held its annual banquet, which included a roast of Vincent Marinaro. The roasters included Hoagy Carmichael, Jr., Denis Rossiter, Bill Fritz, Terry Taterus, Don Ebright and Charles K. Fox. The banquet raised \$2,167.89. Membership was reported at 76 for the chapter. In addition to the banquet, there was a day program that included the topics, "English Chalk Streams," by Vincent Marinaro, "Quality Angling," by Delano Graff of the Pennsylvania Fish Commission, "Salmon Fishing," by Don Laydon of Dunmore Studios, "Caenis Fishing," by Harry Allaman, "Fishing the Hatch," by Charles Meck, and a film titled "Garrison Rod," by Hoagy Carmichael Jr. The event was held at the Embers Inn and Convention Center outside of Carlisle.

This is an excerpt from *Waters of the Valley: 50 Years of Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited*. The 256 page book covers the history of CVTU as well as events beforehand that shaped the Cumberland Valley's fishing as it is today. Pick up your copy at the CVTU monthly meeting or at Precision Fly Fishing and Tackle in Mount Holly Springs, to read the rest of the story.



The Feb. Membership Meeting was Cancelled Due to Weather

**Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, March 20th at 7PM
Appalachian Brewing
Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg**

Our membership meeting speaker for this month will be PA Fish and Boat Commission Executive Director Tim Schaeffer.

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, 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

Calendar of Events

2019

Mar. 13th
CVTU Board Meeting
Holly Inn
Mount Holly Springs

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

www.tu.org/senior

Mar. 16th
CVTU Anniversary
Limestoner

~ 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

Mar. 21st
Chapter Breakfast
Carlisle

~ The Winter Kings event has been rescheduled to May 11th.

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May 11th
Winter Kings

~ The Central Pennsylvania Conservancy will receive the Limestoner Award for their conservation efforts at the Limestoner Fundraising Banquet.

John Leonard

Aug. 17th
Annual Picnic
Carlisle Fish and Game

~ Our annual picnic will be on Aug 17th at the Carlisle Fish and Game. This year's picnic will include a special focus on kid's events and participation.

John Leonard

Sep. 7th
Last Supper
Vince's Meadow

CVTU Membership is Currently 611!

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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Welcome to Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited's 2019 Limestoner Banquet and Fundraiser. This is a very special Limestoner - we gather to celebrate our 50th Anniversary as a Trout Unlimited Chapter. Wow! Fifty years! Take a moment to think back...where you were and what was going on in your life fifty years ago? Many of you here tonight were not even born in 1969. The founding of CVTU on May 23, 1969 by a few conservationists and fly fishermen was an event overshadowed two months later by an enormous engineering achievement. If you witnessed those fuzzy television images of an astronaut climbing down a ladder that night, it's something you will never forget. Then came the static-crackled voice of Neil Armstrong, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." The United States had put men on the moon...hard to believe it was fifty years ago.

The U.S. space program has grown since then. So has CVTU. The fifty years of works, challenges, struggles, camaraderie, and accomplishments by CVTU's members have been painstakingly documented in Mike Klimkos' latest book, *Waters of the Valley*. I hope you have purchased your copy. If not, you can get one at a membership meeting or directly at amazon.com. I found it to be a humbling read...so many have done so much to protect and restore our chapter's waters. Mike's book introduced me to former CVTU leaders I'll never meet and tells what happened with the chapter during their time.

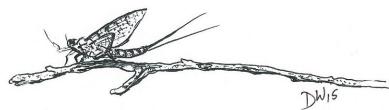
One common thread throughout our fifty years of history is the time, talent, and treasure given by so many to accomplish so much. The work of Cumberland Valley TU members was recognized in 2018 by the Pennsylvania TU Council when we received the Council's "Best Chapter" award. We have also received the 2005 Silver Trout award and in 2011 the Gold Trout from Trout Unlimited. Last year, our chapter volunteers worked 4,914 hours. Excessive rain and high water has prevented us from completing the Wittlinger Dam area restoration on the Breeches, but we'll finish it this year. A major Letort restoration is in the early planning stages and there are more areas on the Yellow Breeches that need our restorative work.

All of these projects need money to turn planning into reality... that's why we're here tonight. The Limestoner is our major fundraiser - please bid generously on our auction items and buy an extra book of bucket raffle tickets. I thank the businesses and individuals that have so generously purchased advertising space in our program. Please support them and thank them for helping us.

Some of you here tonight may have missed watching the first moon landing, but I hope that when you are part of Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited's centennial anniversary gathering, you will have fond memories of tonight. God Bless! You're welcome to contact me at president@pacvtu.org or (717) 512-4620.

Respectfully,

Tight Lines,
John



Stand Up For Clean Water Now!
By Greg Malaska
President, Pennsylvania Council of Trout
Unlimited

The EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers are proposing to significantly weaken protections for our streams and wetlands by rolling back an important regulatory safeguard. In 2015, Trout Unlimited members fought for the adoption of the Clean Water Rule. Today, we must make our voices heard to prevent efforts to weaken its protections. We urge you to visit www.standup.tu.org/stand-up-for-clean-water today to learn more and to submit public comments to protect your streams.

The proposed "Waters of the United States" rule would strip Clean Water Act protections from half of the wetlands in the United States and at least 20 percent of stream miles that run dry during part of the year.

The adoption of the proposed rule could bring unchecked pollution into these watersheds, degrade our drinking water supplies, and harm fish and wildlife habitat. The small headwater streams at issue are the capillaries that feed the Delaware, Penns Creek, the Little Juniata, and every other blue-ribbon trout fishery in Pennsylvania. These important tributaries provide wild and native trout with cold water refuge, spawning habitat, and nursery grounds for young-of-the-year fish. A recent analysis by TU's science team concludes that these flows are critical to the health of Pennsylvania's 16,000 miles of wild trout waters.

Pennsylvania's outdoor economy depends on clean water. Hunting and angling of all types supports more than 20,000 jobs, generates \$800 million in salaries, and contributes more than \$300 million to state and local taxes. Anglers and hunters nationwide have worked to clean up our nation's waters; don't let these important efforts be negated. Join together and let the EPA and the Corps know how important the Clean Water Rule is to our woods and waters. Please take a few moments today to visit www.standup.tu.org/stand-up-for-clean-water/, learn about the impacts of the proposed rule, and let those in Washington know how important clean water and healthy streams are to anglers like us.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact Dave Kinney, TU's Eastern Policy Director (dkinney@tu.org), or Rob Shane, TU's Mid-Atlantic Organizer (rshane@tu.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. 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 cyasher1@verizon.net.



Ed Shenk, Andy McNellie and Ken Greenfield at the 1995 Limestoner banquet. Photo by Dave Williams III

Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp by Clark Hall

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited is holding the 25th annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp June 16-21, 2019. This year the camp will again be at Messiah College, Grantham, PA. The camp begins on a Sunday and ends the following Friday.

The highly structured curriculum is based on college level classes. Students are instructed in ecology, aquatic biology, geology, hydrogeology, erosion and sedimentation control, ichthyology, riparian corridor protection, watershed management, entomology, and much more. Students also participate in a hands-on stream habitat improvement project.

But it's not all work. There are 10 fishing sessions and fly-tying instruction. Over 25 instructors, all experts in their field, teach the various classes. Admission will be limited to 32 selected qualified students, ages 14 to 17. The applicants must have been born between June 21, 2001, and June 16, 2005.

The 32 students will be selected through an application process where they must state why they want to attend camp. The camp tuition is \$550 per student. All meals and accommodations are included for the residence camp. A student doesn't have to be an accomplished fly fisher or a budding aquatic biologist to attend. The student only needs to be highly motivated and willing to learn

The Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp was founded in 1995 through the efforts of the late Dr. John R. "Jack" Beck and the late Enoch S. "Inky" Moore, Jr., Pennsylvania Fish Commissioner. Their goal was to select teenagers each year who were the leaders in their class. The thought is that today's leaders in high school become the leader of tomorrow's communities. In a few short years, they will be the bankers, lawyers, realtors, municipal officials and the leaders in their communities. If the camp can implant a kernel of knowledge in today's students about the importance of clean water, when those students become the decision makers in their communities, it may have a positive impact on how water resources are used.

All applications for early acceptance must be received no later than March 31, 2019.

Registration will be extended if the camp roster is not full until April 30, 2019. Applying via our website is preferred. For more information, or to apply, visit the camp website at www.riverscamp.com. Be sure to watch the camp video there. Questions may be submitted at the website or via email to riverscamp@gmail.com.

We are looking for donations of flies for the campers. We are requesting that donors tie 3 dozen of whatever pattern they sign-up for. Sign-up sheets for flies will be available at membership meetings, or email Clark Hall at chall2636@verizon.net or call 717-697-4549.

We are also looking for gillies for the 10 fishing sessions for the camp. Evening fishing begins at 6PM and ends at dark. Morning sessions begin at 5:30 AM and end at 8:00 AM. Volunteer gillies wear their own vest and carry their own favorite flies to insure they have everything to make the session a successful one for the student. We do ask that gillies NOT carry a rod. Working with these young people is a rewarding and memorable time. We hope you will join us as often as your schedule permits. To sign-up for any or all fishing sessions, contact Biff Healy by email at biffer1966@hotmail.com, or call him at 717-254-7386.



The Run

Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver

Flies of the Cumberland Valley

By Mike Klimkos

Gordon recounted the meeting in an earlier article in *Forest and Stream* in 1912 and he cited the fly given to him by the man as the "...Patton or Dr. Patton. The wings were of guinea fowl, hackle from a brown cock, and the body was made of brown silk ribbed with flat gold tinsel." The fly may have been a local pattern to the Cumberland Valley or maybe even a Pennsylvania creation. Only one reference is found elsewhere and that is in J. Edson Leonard's *Flies*. The pattern is quite similar to the conventional March Brown wet fly found in many references, only the March Brown is tied with a mottled turkey wing.

Gordon, Theodore, *Little Talks About Fly-Fishing, Forest and Stream*, March 23, 1912
Leonard, J. Edson, *Flies*, A.S. Barnes and Company, Inc., Cranbury, NJ, 1950



Dr. Patton

Photo Courtesy: C. Hall



White Midge

Photo Courtesy: M. Albano

Fly Tier's Corner: White Midge

by Mark Albano

While cruising Youtube fly tying videos about a year ago (the wife says I spend way too much time doing this) I came across this pattern. Since I didn't have any white midge patterns in my arsenal at the time, I decided to give it a try. It turned out that it was simple to tie and effective. In fishing situations where what was supposed to work did not work for me (a frequent occurrence), I have tied this on and changed my luck many times. I typically rig it in tandem with a heavier nymph to get it down quicker. But, it can be tied in a dry/dropper configuration for slower waters. It has worked for me from Idaho to the streams of our Cumberland Valley. Hope it works for you too!

Materials:

Hook: Emerger/Scud sizes 18 to 22.

Bead: Silver colored brass or tungsten, or glass bead sized appropriately for the hook size.

Thread: White 8/0.

Rib: Small or X-small black wire.

Collar: UV Pearl Ice Dub.

Tying Procedure:

-Mash the barb if you are not using barbless hooks. Put on the bead and insert hook into your vise.

-Attach thread behind the bead and lay down a layer of thread well into the hook bend.

-Tie-in the ribbing material with the thread and wind the thread up to the bead.

-Build up a tapered body using thread windings in the same manner as tying a Zebra Midge.

-Rib the fly by palmering the black wire forward from the tail to behind the bead with four to five turns.

-Create a collar behind the bead by dubbing the Ice Dub onto the thread and taking a couple of turns of the dubbed thread behind the bead.

-Tie-off with a three or four turn whip finish. Apply head cement if desired. I normally don't. I found this pattern on Youtube, but I don't remember the actual name of the fly. If you know, Please let me know

