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River of Seasons

By Dave Weaver

As lovers of streams, trout angling, and conservation, our lives flow through the seasons like water. Spend any time on a favorite trout stream, Letort for instance, and you know that a particular bend will have a deep hole, weed channel, or undercut bank and that these features persist over the years. These features change and shift a bit with the seasons – a bit deeper and greener in summer, and bit less so in the winter. Come spring, predictable changes occur in predictable ways. The change is there, but it's subtle. There are pools, stumps, and structure in Letort that have been largely unchanged in decades and I can remember fish caught or memorable events from those exact spots in the 1980s. I'll bet you can think of many spots on Letort or Breeches that are almost exactly the way there were when you were young or just getting started in fly fishing. Other pools and bends are completely different and I can't remember what they looked like in the last century. And so it is with the seasons of our angling and conservationist lives. We're in for the long haul and with the arrival of springtime, we know to expect some subtle changes and much that will be a repeat of last year. Unfortunately, our lives and bodies change faster than trout streams, but this connection to the seasons of change and continuity in a trout stream is a natural way to think about the passage of seasons and time in our own lives. We'll keep taking care of these waters as we look to the past and future... and flow from season to season.



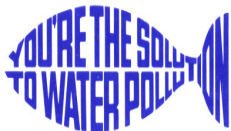
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Members Attended
the March
Membership
Meeting

Membership Meeting:
Wednesday, April 17th at 7PM
Appalachian Brewing
Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg

Our membership meeting speaker for this month will be Navy Captain Joel Stewart who will be talking about fly fishing in Iraq and his experiences with helping wounded warriors. For more info, see page 4. Dave W.

Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor



Calendar of Events

2019

April 10th
CVTU Board Meeting
Holly Inn
Mount Holly Springs

April 13th
Letort Clean-Up
Bonneybrook

April 17th
Members Meeting
Appalachian Brewing Co.
Mechanicsburg

April 18th
Chapter Breakfast
Carlisle

May 4th
CVTU Womens' Fly
Fishing, Loudon's Ponds
Carlisle

May 11th
Kings of the Stream

June 1st
Chapter Fishing Trip
East Licking Creek

June 11-12th
Reel Recovery (Men's
Cancer), Allenberry
Boiling Springs

June 25-26th
Street to Streams (10th
Anniversary)

Aug. 17th
Annual Picnic
Carlisle Fish and Game

Sep. 7th
Last Supper
Vince's Meadow

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.

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

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

www.tu.org/senior

~ Ghillies are needed to help with the Northeast Regional T.U. event at Allenberry on May 31st.

Dave W.

~ We are in need of a new volunteer to serve on the Limestone Committee.

John Leonard

~ There are still spaces for youths aged 14-17 at the youth camp this year. Flies are needed too. Clark Hall asks for three dozen flies of a particular pattern to him by June 8th. Flies like green weenies, sucker spawn, etc. are always needed.

Dave W.

~ George Daniel has been re-scheduled to the October meeting.

Dave W.

~ The hellbender will soon be designated as the official state amphibian.

Dave W.

~ Our new Area Fisheries Manager is Bryan Chikotas. He is a protégé of Area 6 AFM Mike Kaufmann, who recently retired.

Dave W.

~ Our annual picnic will include a special focus on kid's events and participation.

John Leonard

~ There's a new proposal to allow for therapeutic fishing licenses for free. This would be helpful for our many therapy fishing sessions. The new PFBC Executive Director, Jim Schaeffer, is optimistic about this proposal.

Dave W.

CVTU Membership is Currently 606!

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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Oh, what a night... If you were not among the 140+ that attended the Limestoner fundraiser and 50th Anniversary Celebration, you missed a good time. We had over 50 silent auction items beautifully displayed and organized by Jim Rainey and Gary Leone. It was great to see the mingling of members around the tables conversing and putting in their bids on the variety of merchandise, trips, and gift certificates. There were 20+ bucket raffle items solicited and organized by Tom Baltz. All the items were donated. Good job, Tom! The food was excellent, plentiful, and a great variety: chicken, beef, and salmon, with delicious side dishes and salads...plus desserts!

I gave President's Pins to Tom Brennan, Keith Tyler, David Stone, Gary Leone, and Justin Pittman for their volunteer work. Tom wrote a nice piece about *A History of Changes in the Letort*...it's on our web site under "Blog." Keith was instrumental in writing the Letort planning grant. We were awarded \$5,000; David was in charge of the group getting ads for the Limestoner program amassing a record \$7,000+ of gross income; Gary's group gathered all the auction items which was the bulk of our income. Justin Pittman, past president, deserved a pin for his four years as president.

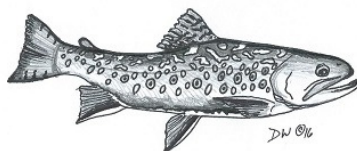
Mike Klimkos received the Order of the Quill Award in recognition of the hours and hours Mike spent writing the 50-year history of CVTU into his book *Waters of the Valley*. The Charles K. Fox Rising Trout Award was given to Chris Wood, President and CEO of Trout Unlimited for his work to preserve public lands and protect clean waters for all of us who love fly fishing. The Limestoner Award was given to the Central PA Conservancy for preserving and restoring our area's natural resources, protecting them for future generations. In particular, they earned it for purchasing the old cress farm on the east branch of the Letort.

I also want to thank Jeb Betar who mailed out the invitations, made the name tags, and collected and accounted for all the money at the Limestoner. Our preliminary net income for the event totaled over \$19,000. Thank you to all who attended and those who couldn't attend but mailed in their donations.

We have two events coming up in May. There will be a women's intro to fly fishing on May 4th on Jerry Loudon's ponds in Carlisle. The ladies will be given casting instructions, learn some basic knot tying, and then try their hand at catching some bluegills and bass. If you would like to sign up as an attendee or to help with the event, please let us know at cvtu052@gmail.com. Lunch will be provided. It will be a fun time for all.

King of the Stream is a three-member team fishing event being held on May 11th. The event was scheduled in February, but postponed due to poor fishing conditions. You're welcome to contact me at president@pacvtu.org or (717) 512-4620.

Respectfully,



Tight Lines,
John

Captain Joel Stewart USN **By John Leonard**

Captain Joel Stewart, a native of Montana, is an avid angler who will fish for anything, anywhere, anyhow, and anytime. Growing up on the Rocky Mountain Front, he was immersed in an outdoors culture. He learned to fish about the time he learned to walk and began to tie flies at age 6, and was tying commercially at 8. As a teenager, he worked summers in a tackle store and winters in a taxidermy studio. He spent one summer as a custom fly rod builder's apprentice. He used any spare moment to go fishing or hunting. After he graduated from high school, he joined the Navy. At that time, it was join the service or become a trout bum. Though he took the high ground and remains on active duty, he occasionally wonders how the trout bum plan would have worked out. His career in the Navy has allowed him to fish on six continents and catch dozens of species of fish, mostly on a fly rod. He served in Iraq in 2005 and founded the Baghdad Angler's Club and School of Fly Fishing. He wrote the book, [A Fly Rod in My Sea Bag](#), about his time in Iraq and the club he started up to support service men and women far from home. His efforts in Iraq lead to him linking up with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. PHWFF is a non-profit organization, founded by Veterans to support disabled Veterans through the challenges and comradery of fly fishing. He works to promote PHWFF at every opportunity.

Captain Stewart began his Navy career by enlisting in 1985 as a Fire Controlman, trained to maintain and operate the Tomahawk Weapons Control System. He advanced to the rate of FC1(E6) before being selected for the Enlisted Commissioning Program. He graduated from the University of New Mexico in 1996 with a Bachelors Degree in University Studies. He attended the Naval War College's Command and Staff College as a Halsey Scholar and graduated with distinction in 2007, earning a Masters of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. He is presently a student at the Army War College.

His operational tours include duty as a Tomahawk technician in USS HEWITT (DD 966) forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan; damage control assistant and operations officer in USS FIFE (DD 991) forward deployed to Yokosuka,

Japan; operations officer in USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG 62) forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan; current operations action officer on Commander Multi-National Forces-Iraq's staff; future plans and public affairs officer for Commander Standing NATO Maritime Group ONE across 3 flag ships (USS MAHAN (DDG 72), USS NORMANDY (CG 60) and USS BAINBRIDGE (DDG 96)); commissioning navigator in USS MAKIN ISLAND (LHD 8); and executive officer for PCU ANCHORAGE. He was the commissioning Commanding Officer of USS ANCHORAGE (LPD 23), which won the Battle "E" in her first year of service. Most recently he was stationed in Bahrain as Commander of Task Force Shore Battle Space under Commander US FIFTH Fleet.

Ashore CAPT Stewart served on the staffs of Transient Personnel Unit San Diego, (LPO & CMAA) and Navy Warfare Development Command, as the ballistic missile defense concept development lead. He is currently serving on the staff of the Naval Surface & Mine Warfighting Development Center as the branch head for computers, communications, and simulation.

CAPT Stewart's personal awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (2), Joint Commendation Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal (8), the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3), the Navy Good Conduct Medal (2), the NATO Medal, various unit citations, and campaign awards.

Allenberry **By Dave Weaver**

A special thanks to Allenberry for their support of the Limestoner this year. A representative from the resort spoke at the March meeting and pointed out that the public is now allowed to access the resort grounds for fishing. However they must park in the old gravel lot on the left when you first enter the area. From this parking area, anglers may walk down to the water. Please do not drive down and park on the grass by the pavilion. If you are handicapped or have a mobility issue, you may contact Allenberry and they may be able to get a staff member to take you down to the water via golf cart.

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

Project Updates By Dave Weaver

As always, your chapter is moving hard and fast on stream improvement and assessment. This includes an upcoming clean-up project on the upper Letort at Bonneybrook on April 13th. Volunteers are needed. Neil Sunday is coordinating with the FITS crew. Bring your work gloves etc. The water cress farm will be surveyed this year for wild trout population. The dam at Children's Lake is scheduled for repair. The design project is still in the works but nearing completion. The actual work will probably begin late next year and progress into 2021. Included in this project is consideration for possible removal of sediment as well.

Antietam Fly Anger's Rendezvous By Dave Weaver

This tenth annual event will be on April 27th from 9-3pm at Riverbottom Park in Williamsport Maryland. The featured instructor is Phil Gay. There will be sessions for beginners, experienced casters, and on spey casting. The cost for non FFI members is \$25 or entrance is free if you join the organization. For additional information, contact Jim Rainey.



Mentored Youth Day, 2019

Photo Courtesy D. Weaver



Winter Fly Tying Class, 2019

Photo Courtesy B. Healy