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39
Members Attended
the April
Membership
Meeting

Reflections on the Water By Dave Weaver

For many of us, this is the time of year we dream about: longer, warmer days, trees greening out, insects hatching, and rising trout. Finding time to get out on the water can be a challenge as we seek to strike a balance between our desire to get on the water during prime time, with the many other priorities in our lives. It's always a tough balance, but we find a way to make it work as best we can. Some of us plan our spring fishing days months in advance, and some of us fish catch as catch can (pun intended) when spur of the moment opportunities pop up. I tend to fall more in the latter category. Whatever the case, time on the water in May is precious.

This is all the more reason to take some time, when we're on the water, to ponder and reflect about conservation issues: what are the environmental issues in this watershed? How do local land use and agricultural practices affect this creek? What are the historical challenges and problems that this stream has faced? How have management issues related to trout stocking, natural reproduction, changing landscape, and landowner issues evolved over time? What current problems, like soil erosion, do we see here when fishing? What might be done to mitigate these problems? Being a *reflective* angler who thinks about, or notices, these issues while fishing. . .should be our goal.

When we get that happy time on the stream in May, it's easy to be distracted by those rising trout or that nymph presentation, but we should also strive to be aware of other things about the stream we're fishing as this is essential to the character of our roles as Trout Unlimited volunteers.

Membership Meeting: Wednesday, May 15th at 7PM Appalachian Brewing Carlisle Pike, Mechanicsburg

Our May membership meeting speaker will be Brian Shumaker. Brian knows bass fishing and the Susquehanna River like the back of his hand. If, like me, you're a smallmouth bass fan you won't want to miss this.

Dave W.

Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor



Calendar of Events 2019

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

May 8th
CVTU Board Meeting
Holly Inn
Mount Holly Springs

May 11th
King of the Streams
(Cancelled)

May 15th
Members Meeting
Appalachian Brewing Co.
Mechanicsburg

May 16th Chapter Breakfast Carlisle

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 Limestoner Committee.

John Leonard

~ Flies are needed for the youth camp. 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.

~ The PA Fish & Boat is doing an online survey – Strategic Planning Individual Input Survey. It's an excellent opportunity to voice your opinions to PA F & B:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/pfbc-public John Leonard



CVTU Membership is Currently 636!

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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flyfishing80@gmail.com 243-7642 CVTU continues to grow...up to 636 members...22 new members in the past three months. While membership growth is great, the Board of Directors needs more volunteers to help with CVTU events or to participate in events. We have to cancel the King of the Streams event on May 11th due to lack of interest. It's hard to believe we didn't have at least 12 chapter members that wanted to fish in a fun event on a Saturday in May. We need members to fish with other TU members attending the Regional Rendezvous on May 31st...so far, 6 have signed up to help. In June, we need help with Rivers Camp, Reel Recovery, and Street to Streams. We need help with planning the picnic on August 17th and with The Last Supper on September 7th. After that, we move right into planning the 2020 Limestoner. Throughout the year, we also need help with stream restoration. How about joining the F.I.T.S. Gang? Folks, this is your chapter. Give it some of your time... your chapter needs your volunteer time.

For just the third time this decade, PA Department of Environmental Protection is proposing to formally upgrade a package of 41 Class A streams to High Quality designation - providing them much needed, and deserved, water quality protections.

Follow the link below to file your public comment in support of these designations and protect Pennsylvania's most pristine streams!

https://www.tu.org/conservation/action-center/?vvsrc=% 2Fcampaigns%2F65624%2Frespond

In less than five minutes, you can lend your voice to increase the protection to these streams...you only have until May 7^{th} – do it NOW. Thank you!

You're welcome to contact me at president@pacvtu.org or (717) 512-4620.



Tight Lines,



Laurel Lake, April 2019

Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver

Fly Fishing Film Festival By Jim Rainey

The PA Fly Fishing Association (PFFA) is holding its first annual Fly Fishing & Film Festival on 29 June 2019 from 9 AM-6 PM at the Carlisle Events Center. Festival will include demonstrations and lessons on fly fishing, casting, fly tying by regional experts. Boy Scouts can earn credits for the Fly Fishing Merit Badge. Attendees can learn about the therapeutic benefits of fly fishing from Project Healing Waters, Reel Recovery, and Casting for Recovery. Entry fee: \$10, or free for PFFA members and youth under 15."



East Licking Creek Trip By Ken Okorn

The East Licking Creek trip will be held on June 1st, 2019. If you plan to attend, please notify me by email at: ken.okorn@verizon.net. In past years, many participants met at the Middlesex Diner for breakfast and carpooled to the Karl Picnic Area along East Licking Creek. Each year, it seems that more people are going directly to the stream rather than meeting for breakfast, so the breakfast is being eliminated as an "official" part of the trip. Those who would like to continue it can do so on their own. I've reserved the pavilion at the Karl Guss Picnic Area in the Tuscarora State Forest for the day, and that will be the meeting place. Most participants arrive at around 8:30 or 9:00 AM.

For those who have not been to the stream, it consists of two separate sections for fishing purposes. The trout water extends for more than 20 miles. The Clearview Reservoir is located near the midpoint. Downstream from the reservoir, it is a medium size trout stream with mostly stocked browns and rainbows. There are some wild browns, but not

a lot. It flows through farm land and oodlots. Most is open to fishing. Above the reservoir, it is a typical mountain stream similar in size to Mountain Creek. It has a very good population of native brook trout, some wild browns, and is stocked with brooks, browns, and Both dry flies and nymphs work rainbows. Hatches are diverse but usually not heavy. Just about any bug found in our streams can be found there. A Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only section extends four miles upstream from the upper boundary of the Karl Guss Picnic Area. Most of the upper section is on State Forest land or water company land open to fishing. Licking Creek Drive runs parallel to the stream, so there are many places where you can park along the road and walk in to the Some of these are a fairly long stream. walk. There is also a bridge at Spectacle Gap. about midway in the DHALO section that provided good access. It is suggested that fishermen spread out along the many miles of stream, as being the first person to fish a section is a definite advantage.

I will provide the usual lunch of hot dogs, rolls, home made sauerkraut, chips, potato salad, baked beans, and bottled water. The cost will be \$5 per person. Lunch will be at 12:30 PM at the pavilion. If you need directions to the picnic area, let me know.

Welcome to our New Members By John Leonard

Between February and April, the following individuals have joined CVTU:

Robert Specht (Shermansdale), Justin Kulp (Mount Holly Springs), Richard Gunderlock (Carlisle), Rick Milliken (Port Royal), Boyd Kann (Newville), Dan Kruper (Mechanicsburg), Samuel Rhoads (Boiling Springs), William Witt Codv Meassick (Dillsburg), (Mechanicsburg), Jonathan Daniels (Gardners), Marc Levin (Camp Hill), Kirk Hench (Loysville), R.K. Rathfon (Shiremanstown), John Staruh (Carlisle). Glenn Butler (New Cumberland), Doug Rohrbaugh (Mechanicsburg), Julie Zeysus (Chambersburg) Ed Lodge (Shermansdale), Franklin Myers (Mechanicsburg), Raymond Cachara (Carlisle), Lynn Snyder (Boiling Springs), Tom Walker (New Bloomfield).

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.



Mountain Creek, Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver