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**42**  
**Members Attended**  
**the May**  
**Membership**  
**Meeting**

## Letort Gets a Haircut

By Dave Weaver

Gardens require some maintenance and so do some of our limestone streams. Letort, for example, has long had an overabundance of rooted, aquatic vegetation, including chara. As old time English river keepers knew, streams with such an abundance of vegetation need routine maintenance in the form of trimming. Pulling and cutting back on some of this vegetation clears channels and speeds-up the flow of water, thus clearing sediment and improving spawning gravel. Moreover, with less vegetation, less water gets displaced out into meadows, which can cause further problems. While the return to strong aquifer flows in the Cumberland Valley is welcome, it means that flow space is needed in the stream bed. CVTU volunteers have been working on this weed control in recent days in upper Letort around Trego's Meadow and Bonneybrook.



Letort, before weed trimming (L.) and after trimming (R.)  
Photos Courtesy M. Albano

**Membership Meeting:**  
**Wednesday, June 19th at 5PM**  
**Messiah College (Youth Camp Picnic)**

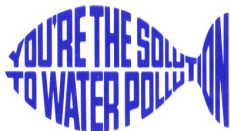
Our June chapter meeting coincides with the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp held at Messiah College. Since so many of our members volunteer for this event, the camp and meeting will be consolidated this year. There will be a picnic at 5pm. See "Free Lunch" on p. 4 for details.

Hope to see you there.

Dave W.

# Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor



## Calendar of Events

2019

June 11-12th

Reel Recovery (Men's  
Cancer), Allenberry  
Boiling Springs

June 12th

CVTU Board Meeting  
Holly Inn  
Mount Holly Springs

June 19th

Members Meeting  
Appalachian Brewing Co.  
Mechanicsburg

June 20th

Chapter Breakfast  
Carlisle

June 25-26th

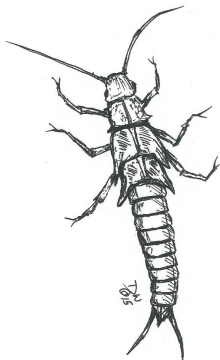
Street to Streams (10th  
Anniversary)

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

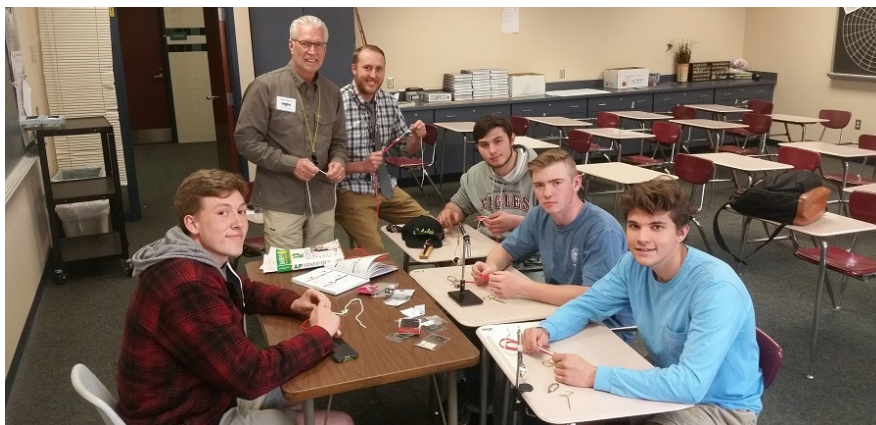
[www.tu.org/senior](http://www.tu.org/senior)

~ 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.

~ Twenty one CVTU members and their guests attended the annual trip to East Licking Creek on June 1st. The weather was great and the stream was in very good condition. Almost everyone who attended caught some trout. This year was unusual in that relatively few stocked trout were caught, compared to past years. Most of the fish were native brook trout, with an occasional stocked brown in the mix. Both nymphs and dry flies were productive, with the Parachute Adams and Prince Nymph accounting for a lot of fish. Jim Rainey conducted casting instruction for the beginners that was well received and appreciated.

Ken Okorn



Fly Fishing Club

Photo Courtesy: R. Shaw

## CVTU Membership is Currently 617!

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](http://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](http://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.



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## Help! (Revisited)

*Help, I need somebody,  
Help, not just anybody,  
Help, you know I need someone, help.*

The opening line to the Beatle's classic *Help* could easily be the cry of Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited Board of Directors.

The average 45 members that attend our monthly meetings hear the Help! cry regularly. We are a very active club. Who can help on the F.I.T.S. gang to pull weeds from the Letort? Who can help with the Ladies' Intro to Fly Fishing Course? Who can gillie the at-risk kids when we sponsor Streets to Streams? Who can help gillie the men living with Reel Recovery this year? Who can help at the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp? Who can help man the CVTU booth on Heritage Day? Who can help with the Limestoner Conservation Fundraising Banquet? We are blessed to have a small (when compared to our total membership) core of dedicated volunteers. **Who** will replace them? *How about you?*

**Can** you help? Can you donate four hours a year of your time to help? What's that? It could be an evening in the summer helping kids learn to fish the late-day hatch. Or, maybe it's taking half a vacation day to rake redds on the Letort. Perhaps it's a Saturday morning helping to set up the Limestoner. Will **you** help? There is a lot more our chapter could do. We just need a few more volunteers! Let me know if you want to help or if you have suggestions to improve our chapter. Thank you! You're welcome to contact me at [president@pacvtu.org](mailto:president@pacvtu.org) or (717) 512-4620.

Tight Lines,

*John*



F.I.T.S. coordinator Neil Sunday leading by example.  
Photo Courtesy: M. Albano

## Free Lunch...or Dinner?

By John Leonard

Our June membership meeting on the third Wednesday falls in the middle of Rivers Camp week – June 19<sup>th</sup>. All members who attend June's meeting will be treated to a free picnic supper of hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and a beverage between 5 & 7 PM. Gillies helping that night can come, eat, and be ready to help our campers when they come down to fish the evening session at 6 PM. There is a very limited number of seats creek-side, so if you want to sit during the meeting, bring a chair. We hope you will watch our members work with the campers and perhaps get some inspiration to volunteer to help at the camp next year. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Tom Sholseth, DVM, MPVM. Dr. Tom is a fish veterinarian and author of the book *How Fish Work*.

There is one catch. You must e-mail [cvtu052@gmail.com](mailto:cvtu052@gmail.com) or call John Leonard (717-512-4620) **BEFORE** Father's Day and let us know that you would like to participate in the free picnic. All I need is your name. If I don't answer your call, just leave a message. See you on June 19<sup>th</sup>!

## Helping Out

By Robert Shaw

I have had the pleasure of helping to create a fishing club at Cumberland Valley High School. We have been a club for about 3 years, and that is approximately the amount of time I have been fly fishing. CVTU has been there with me and for me the entire time. Our club would like to thank Biff Healy, Chris Yasher, Ken Okorn, Jim Rainey, Jake Villwock, and Steve Parker. These individuals have given multiple hours of their time to demonstrate casting, teaching fly tying, and given presentations on just about everything. They have also donated multiple rods/reels/Vises/tying materials (basically everything I needed to start a fly fishing club). Here are two quick stories about the club:

Two years ago I decided to take 5 students to Spring Creek in State College. It was December and I wanted them to realize that trout fishing can be a year-round hobby. Our plan was to go on Saturday and on Thursday of that week I emailed the CVTU board to get some insider info about flies and spots. John Leonard emailed the President of the Spring Creek Chapter of TU, and literally an hour later they had 5 volunteers signed up to meet us on the stream. On a snowy December morning each club member had a one on one guide

experience. These guys stayed all day with our club and put the kids on fish. I was blown away by everyone's willingness to help.

A few weeks ago a student who had never picked up a fly rod came to our club and started to tie flies with us. Through donated materials we outfitted him with hip boots, a rigged-up rod, and some flies that the club tied and few of his own. A week later with another club member mentoring him he was catching his first trout on the Yellow Breeches. Before they left that day the mentor student said to me "I'm just gonna leave my stuff in the car," because it was more important to him to see his friend catch a fish.

I believe helping out and volunteering is an investment in the future. Teaching these young people the skills they need to catch fish will foster a love for the environment and the outdoors thus creating individuals that care and will help to keep our water cold and our fish present in the ecosystem. This article is a thank you for all the support our club has received. It is also a reminder - a reminder that you can volunteer your time to help. CVTU has many opportunities for members to give their time. Please consider helping with programs like Reel Recovery, Rivers Camp, fly tying class, Street to Streams, or any of the happenings throughout the year. And a big THANKS to any of you out there that already do.



## Ladies' Intro Fly Fishing Day

By John Leonard

Fifteen women plus chapter volunteers gathered at Jerry Loudon's farm on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Jerry has a beautiful property with two ponds loaded with bluegills, largemouth bass, channel cats, and grass carp to naturally keep the weeds down. Jim Rainey taught casting to half the group out in the mowed field while I taught some basic knots to the other half in the pavillion. We rotated the groups, had lunch and fished in the afternoon. I think just about everyone caught something.

A special thanks to TCO Fly Shop and Precision Fly Fishing for supplying materials, flies and boxes, and items for a "prize" drawing at the end of the day. Thank you Mary Shughart for organizing the event... and thank you to Jim Rainey, Biff Healy, Don Albright, and Steve Parker for helping everyone catch some fish. A big thank you to Jerry Loudon for allowing us to have the event at his farm.

## **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.

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](mailto: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](mailto:biffer1966@hotmail.com), or call him at 717-254-7386.



Women's Intro to Fly Fishing.  
Photo Courtesy: M. Albano