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Update on Letort Fish Kill at Carlisle Barracks on July 21st By Mark Albano

As you may remember there was a fish kill in the LeTort Spring Creek on Carlisle Barracks property on July 31, 2019. There was an investigation by Army and PA authorities. PA authorities completed their investigation finding two violations: a discharge of pollution from the Letort Interceptor Rehabilitation Project (a project to reline sewer lines in the borough of Carlisle), and an unpermitted discharge of sewage. The lab reports and findings can be found here.

There is good news. John Zazworsky has friends living on post who report that they've seen trout active in the areas that were affected by the spill. A good initial sign that the stream is healing!

Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited will continue to keep our members updated on this incident as more information becomes available.



Allenberry.

Image Courtesy: D. Weaver

70 Members Attended the Oct. Membership Meeting Membership Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 20th at 7PM Monroe Township Fire Hall

Our October membership meeting will feature fly fishing guide Rich Hudgens. He will present a talk on the upper Delaware system. Hope to see you there.

Dave W.

Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor



Calendar of Events 2019

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

Nov. 20th Members Meeting Appalachian Brewing Co. Mechanicsburg

Nov. 21st Chapter Breakfast Carlisle

Mar. 14th 2020 Limestoner Banquet Carlisle Country Club





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
- ~ The 2020 Limestoner Fundraising Conservation Banquet will be held at the Carlisle Country Club on March 14, 2020 beginning at 5:00 PM. Please put this date on your new 2020 calendar Thanks!

 John Leonard



Big Spring Phase II

Photo Courtesy: D. Weaver

CVTU Membership is Currently 585!

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

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We had a great membership meeting in October. Attendance was higher than normal and there were a lot of new faces. Folks had a lot of questions for George Daniel about his nymphing techniques and the different set-ups he uses for different water conditions. He sure provided a lot of information in his hour-long presentation.

Last month I said that the 2020 Limestoner was going to be held at The Letort View on the grounds of the War College. After getting all the pricing details, they were charging a \$1,200 rental fee in addition to the cost of the buffet meal. The last time we had our Limestoner there, there was no rental fee. The 2020 Limestoner Fundraising banquet <u>will</u> be held at the Carlisle Country Club on March 14, 2020. It is a beautiful facility...save the date today...all the details will be announced soon.

The first Limestoner committee's organizational meeting will be held on November 6th at the Precision Fly Fishing & Tackle property in Mt. Holly. Gary Leone is chairing the 2020 Limestoner. We are looking to change things up and need new ideas from some new committee members. Please join us on the 6th...refreshments will be served.

Fly tying classes, both beginner's and advanced, will begin on January 14th and continue for eight weeks at Boiling Springs High School. Thank you, Ken Palmer, for leading this event. Jerry Kerstetter will be teaching the beginner's classes and there will be eight different tiers, a different one each week, demonstrating their favorite patterns in the advanced class. Thank you all for volunteering your time and talents.

November's membership meeting on the 20th will be held at the Monroe Township Building. Appalachian Brewing Company generously donates our meeting room at no cost to CVTU with the understanding that if they have an income generating opportunity with another group that we will have to find another meeting place. This is the first time we have had to find another location, but it may happen again, so be sure to read *Tight Lines* and your e-mail.

A big thank you to Neil Sunday and the F.I.T.S. crew for raking the spawning beds on the LeTort and to Neil and Tom Baltz for posting signs along the LeTort the spawning areas reminding those fishing not to step onto the redds. Thank you all for your work!

This is also the last *Tight Lines* of 2019. On behalf of the entire CVTU leadership, we wish you and your family a holiday season full of joy, happiness, and peace. We also want to thank all our volunteers that helped with our events and projects this year. You made it a great 2019!

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

Tight Lines

John



2020 Winter Fly Tying Classes By Ken Palmer

Cumberland Valley Chapter Trout Unlimited and South Middleton Parks and Recreation will once again be conducting the popular Winter Fly Tying Classes for beginners and advanced tiers. Jerry Kerstetter is once again conducting the beginner class and we will publish our lineup of advanced class leaders on our website as well as in *Tightlines* once we have finalized the leaders and the patterns they will be tying.

Beginners will go through the eight-week course by learning or improving on the techniques required to tie any pattern with practice and repetition. The emphasis on this course is TECHNIQUE, not how to tie an exact pattern even though that does take place in many cases. We will once again have a loaner tool kit available on a first come first serve basis for those people who do not have their own basic tools. Simply sign out the kit at the start of the course and return it at the end. The basic tools needed are: vise, scissors, bobbin, hackle pliers, and half hitch tool or whip finisher. All materials including hooks and an instruction booklet will be provided. Tying tools are sold at all fly shops in the area.

The advanced class will be lead by a different leader each week and the participants will tie along with the leader. Materials will be provided except for thread. We will provide a thread list to participants prior to the start of the class.

Classes are open from youth to senior citizens. Youth under 16 must be accompanied by an adult chaperone. Classes begin on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 and will continue every Tuesday night for eight weeks from 7 to 9pm. This may be subject to change if school is closed for inclement weather, which did happen a few times last year. All classes are held at the Boiling Springs High School. Enter through the main entrance and go to room 110. The course fee is \$15 for South Middleton Twp. residents and \$20 for non township residents.

Registration begins on December 13, 2019. Register on the township website www.smiddleton.com, or call 717 258-4441. Credit cards are accepted as well as walk in registration at the township office. Information is available on the CVTU website www.pacvtu.org or on Facebook.



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