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## 2020 Board of Director Candidates

by Mark Albano, Nominating Committee Chairperson

Every September five seats on the CVTU Board of Directors are up for election. In accordance to our bylaws, the election is held during the September CVTU chapter meeting, and all members of CVTU are encouraged to attend and vote. *We have seven candidates for the five open positions this year.* Attached, in no particular order, are the candidates and why, in their own words, you should vote for them.

**George Reilly:** My name is George Reilly, and I am volunteering to run for a seat on the CVTU board of directors. I am hoping you will vote for me in the September election. I joined CVTU when I moved to the area over ten years back now. I consider being a member of CVTU as a very enriching experience. Over the years, I have been a member of the FITS Gang, an active gillie for the Rivers Camp and have participated in many of the CVTU trips. I was a founding member of the E.A.G.L.E.'s fly fishing club at the War College and was in charge of the club while I was there. I have been a lifelong outdoorsman, fly fisherman and fly tier. I recently retired after 31 plus years of working for the federal government. I have my B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering. I spent my working profession as an engineer, project and construction manager and as a building and safety manager. I believe that with both my professional and personal experiences, I have a lot to offer as a CVTU Board member. Thank you for your consideration.

**Bradley Harlacher:** My Wife Sharon and I have lived in the York, PA area now for 14 years. I am a person who enjoys being outside, whether shooting my longbow or spending time enjoying the solitude of the stream. I have come to appreciate a more simplistic approach to the outdoors. I have been a member of CVTU for approximately 4 years now. Becoming a member and attending  
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## We Will Continue to Have Monthly Meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month with Live Presentations on Facebook

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, Bobby Hughes, Director of the Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation, will be our speaker. Bobby and his group do an awesome job cleaning up our coal region's impaired streams.

# Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor



## Calendar of Events

**2020-21**

Aug. 15th  
Chapter Picnic  
(Cancelled)

Sep. 12th  
Last Supper  
(Cancelled)

Mar. 13th 2021  
Limestoner Banquet  
Carlisle Country Club

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.

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## **CVTU Membership is Currently 620!**

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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## **Ballot for CVTU's 2020 Board of Directors Election**

**Please vote for only five (5) of the candidates below**

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dan Zazworsky | <input type="checkbox"/> Daryll Kuhn  | <input type="checkbox"/> Garrett Kieffer   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> George Reilly | <input type="checkbox"/> Bob Lipscomb | <input type="checkbox"/> Bradley Harlacher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tom Baltz     |                                       |  |

**Mail your completed ballot to – CVTU, PO Box 520, Carlisle PA 17013-0520 - BY September 16<sup>th</sup>**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your E-mail Address (For CVTU Use ONLY) \_\_\_\_\_

**If we already have your e-mail address, you will receive a ballot via Survey Monkey. Use either the form above or vote online, but not both.**

# President's Message

From the President, John Leonard

## Cumberland Valley Chapter Officers and Directors (term)

To contact any of the following  
individuals, please use:

[cvtu052@gmail.com](mailto:cvtu052@gmail.com)

### President:

John Leonard, (21)

### Vice President:

Mark Albano, (20)

### Secretary:

John Zazworsky, (21)

### Treasurer:

Jeb Betar, (22)

### Newsletter Editor:

Dave Weaver

### Webmaster:

Mark Albano

### Directors:

Eric Naguski, (21)

Neil Sunday, (22)

Don Albright, (20)

Tom Baltz, (20)

David Stone, (22)

Mary Shughart, (21)

Gary Leone, (21)

Robert Shaw (20)

Justin Pittman (22)

Daryll Kuhn (20)

Keith Tyler (22)



Hello Fellow CVTU Members!

It's been a while since our last issue of *Tight Lines*. Our printer was "non-essential" and not permitted to operate their business under the pandemic restrictions. We're back and back in a big way. I'm happy to say that CVTU has added 35 new members since our last issue of *Tight Lines* in February. With the pandemic, we have cancelled all our events for the balance of 2020. We postponed the Limestoner three times before rescheduling it for **March 13, 2021 at the Carlisle Country Club**. If you purchased tickets for this year's event and have not told us whether you want to roll the tickets over to 2021, donate the money, or request a refund, please e-mail [cvtu052@gmail.com](mailto:cvtu052@gmail.com) and let us know.

We are going to have an online auction and sell a limited number of items donated for this year's 2020 Limestoner. One of the most popular items to be auctioned off is an original painting by Mark Susinno, shadowbox framed with flies tied by Tom Baltz. Mark has generously offered to paint another original for the 2021 Limestoner. There will be a lot of other merchandise and trips...stay tuned and keep an eye on CVTU's Facebook page.

Besides the Limestoner, we have had to cancel our monthly meetings, Rivers Camp, Reel Recovery, Street to Streams, the family picnic, and The Last Supper. The '20 - '21 Trout in the Classroom program is still up in the air. We have 4 of 11 schools waiting to hear if PA F&B will be shipping eggs this year. There are more than 400 TIC tanks across PA and school districts all seem to be operating under different guidelines. Coordinating the program in PA this year is going to be a challenge.

It's been over a year since the LeTort fish kill on the property of the Carlisle War College. I was told by F&B this week that the fine should be levied on the contractor that caused the kill in two to three weeks. I'm hoping that CVTU will be the recipient of some of that money for the LeTort restoration project. Lori Glace with Cumberland County Conservation is writing a restoration guideline. We will be having public meetings with interested parties, landowners, and other conservation groups to get their input before the restoration plan is finalized.

This fall, we're scheduled to meet with F&B on site to address the extensive erosion at the mouth of the LeTort where it joins the Conodoguinet. While they are here, we're also going to look at some other areas on the Breeches that need some restoration work. We should be hearing from TU next week about our Embrace-A-Stream grant for phase IV of the Wittlinger project. A big thank you to Jeb Betar and Keith Tyler for putting the grant application together. If approved, we should get another \$7,500 or more for this 2021 project. Membership engagement continues to be an issue during this pandemic, but we're working on it. Last month, Neil Sunday did a really nice presentation with all the "how to" fly fishing information for carp on CVTU's Facebook Live. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, Bobby Hughes will do a presentation on acid mine reclamation. We had a membership meeting last night on Zoom to vote on whether to approve our bylaw revisions. Over 450 Zoom invitations went out to the membership and we struggled to get the required 30 members at the meeting to vote. Finally, about 7:15 PM, and after several phone calls to members to join the meeting, the vote was taken and the bylaw changes were approved.

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This issue of Tight Lines has the information about the members running for a three-year Board of Director's position. We have five openings and seven people running. Please take some time to review the list of possible board members and please vote either by mail-in ballot or by the Survey Monkey ballot. I want to thank John Gooderham for agreeing to coordinate the 2021 fly tying classes. Let's hope we're able to have this extremely popular winter event.

Lastly, I want to thank three BOD members who will not be seeking re-election. Our Vice President, Mark Albano, has been a great asset to me as chapter president. He's going to continue in a leadership position as co-chair of the LeTort restoration project, not a BOD position, but an important responsibility. Robert Shaw, chairman of the Activities Committee has done an outstanding job in his position, most notably organizing the immensely popular "Tour of the Valley" van trip this past February for new members. I'd love to see this continue...we're certainly getting a bunch of new members. Don Albright has chaired the Stream Access and Conservation Committee for about ten years. Don's knowledge and hard work have been invaluable to our many stream restoration projects. Don does it all - planning, permitting, getting the contractors and chapter manpower organized, working on site (personal perspiration), and a lot more. Thank you, Mark, Robert, and Don, for all your service to the members of Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited.

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

Tight Lines,

*John*



## **Welcome New Members**

**By Dave Weaver**

Kristen Lorbeer (Hoboken, NJ), Liam McCarver (Carlisle), Maddox Janosko (Dillsburg), Raymond Gallo (Mechanicsburg), Gary Rider (Mechanicsburg), Stephen Miller (Gardners), Jeffrey Albert (Dillsburg), John Kostecky (Wormleysburg), Mike Buchanan (Mechanicsburg), Charles Hackenburger (Thompsons town), Brett Paul (Carlisle), Marlin Smith (Camp Hill), Robert Weidemoyer (Carlisle), T. Zimmerman (Camp Hill), Terri Fulton-Smith (Port Royal), Kenneth Kostelac (Mechanicsburg), David Mooney (Dillsburg), Dennis Bilous (Mechanicsburg), Nancy Skilton (Boiling Springs), Mike Lutz (Boiling Springs), Jason Owings (Carlisle), Ray Walter (Boiling Springs), Dan Wertz (Camp Hill), Jared Mummert (Wormleysburg), David Reese (Boiling Springs), Jonas Mast (Port Royal), Samuel Richardson (Newville), Craig Baughman (Landisburg), Andy Capps (Mechanicsburg), Carl Hocker (Mechanicsburg), Kerry Price (Carlisle), Chad Stalter (Carlisle), Lennard Knorr (Dillsburg), Kathryn Cribbs (Mechanicsburg), Seth Baluch (Lemoyne).

## **A Creek Runs Through It**

**By Sam Rob**

Every fisherman has a "home waters," a stretch of water that is etched into his soul as a place he knows like the back of his hand. A place where going fishing feels like visiting an old friend. What makes a home waters is not proximity, but the people that personify that water. A home waters is a place where you can wet a line years later and still feel a fishing mentor by your side lecturing you to mend your line and keep the rod tip up. For me, the CVTU community made the Yellow Breeches my home waters and connected me to that creek even as schooling and Army service has kept me away.

The formation of my home waters began when my family moved to Boiling Springs in 2010 after my dad retired from the Army. That first winter, I took the CVTU beginner fly tying class and ended up catching my first trout in "the Run" on a fly I tied myself. I was hooked. The following summer I attended the CVTU Rivers

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Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp at Allenberry. I will never forget those cool summer mornings when I would rush out of bed before first light to meet Ken Okorn, Steve Parker and Gene Giza on the water and fish under their watchful eyes as 'gillies.' Each had a unique style of fishing and I absorbed as much of their tutelage as I could before I raced back up the hill to receive classes on hydrology, geology, aquatic entomology, fish biology, and cold water conservation. The best part of the camp was putting the classroom instruction into practice when we constructed our own stream deflector with logs and crushed limestone to protect the banks of the Breeches, creating a physical connection with the water that I share to this day.

I left the camp that summer in love with the sport and passionate about conservation. I served as president of the Boiling Springs High School Fly Fishing Club and volunteered with YBAC to help at the hatchery. I continued to grow as a fisher under the mentorship of Ken, Steve, and Gene as they took me to fish legendary Pennsylvania trout waters such as Penns Creek, Spring Creek, the Little Juniata, Pine Creek, Yellow Creek and the Tulpehocken, as well as a trip with Ken and Gene to fish the South Holston in Tennessee. I will never forget some of those timeless moments on the water, such as a prolific Blue Wing Olive hatch on the Little J with Gene and Ken when wild browns slapped at my imitation on nearly every cast, or a prodigious brown caught on the tight line in a short riffle on Penns Creek just where Steve said the fish should be feeding. Of course, after every trip I made sure to stop in at the old Yellow Breeches Outfitters and brag to Rowland Harrison, who always made the fly shop feel like an extension of home.

Yet, even more than the fishing itself, I remember the long car rides discussing all things aquatic with my mentors, and especially gleaning all I could from Ken's vast knowledge of water systems and how we impact them from his long career working as a fisheries biologist. I went on to earn a degree in Public Policy with a focus on Environmental Studies at Princeton, and with a Rotary Club grant, studied at Oxford for a year where I earned a Masters in Water Science, Policy, and Management. After so many years of studying water as a fly fisher on the limestone trout streams of Central PA, I

received my formal education in water covering a wide range of topics from the regulation of municipal water authorities, to the role of water in health in developing countries, to the importance of water to economics, and even the role of water in international security. Yet, just like the Rivers Camp back at Allenberry we got out of the classroom and got our hands dirty searching for macroinvertebrates to test water quality. Of course, I couldn't miss an opportunity to wet a line after class and was lucky enough to fish on the well-manicured 'beats' of iconic English chalk streams like the River Test, where I managed to catch a few trout and even grayling!

Today I am an Engineer Lieutenant in the Army. Recognizing the unique role the Army Corps of Engineers plays in managing our Nation's waters, I continue to prepare myself for my long term goal to influence sound water policy at home and abroad. For me, donning a uniform to serve in the military and hauling limestone to protect the banks of the Breeches are two sides of the same coin of service. As the famed author Norman MacLean wrote, "eventually all things merge into one," and undeniably the Yellow Breeches Creek runs through it. I don't know when I will fish my home waters again, but here's to the mentors who always fish by my side on the Breeches. Tight lines!



Sam Rob and Ken Okorn fishing at Allenberry in October. Photo courtesy: Samuel Rob



## **Big Spring Flow**

**By Dave Weaver**

Since earlier this year, Big Spring has exhibited some strange and lower flow rates. This is mainly in the section below the Willow Tree parking lot and becomes more noticeable at Nealy Rd. The low water extends downstream some distance. The flow up in the fly fishing only section up through the ditch appears unaffected. The section below Nealy Road, although lower in flow, is holding fish and some sections look good, including the areas directly at and below the improvements built by the Big Spring Watershed Association recently.

## **A Big Trout at the Run**

**By Samuel J. Rob**

Some winters ago, at least five or six, we had a really heavy snowfall. After a few days of nice weather, the snow began to melt. I went down to the Run, crossed over small bridge and turned left on the trail. I walked about 5-10 yards and saw this big dead trout laying in the snow (see photo) on the right side of the trail. Visually, the most interesting features of the fish were its size and the teeth. The mystery is how the fish got there on the bank a good five feet above the water's edge and to the right of the trail (facing downstream). The fish was not partially eaten or otherwise scarred consistent with being killed by an eagle, osprey, raccoon, or whatever else.

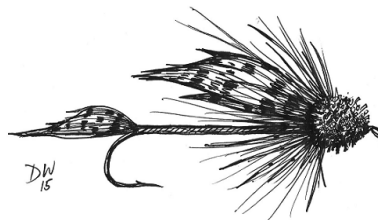
My surmise is a person put it there, either someone who found it dead in the water or a late night poacher who threw it up on the bank, perhaps startled by someone approaching over the bridge or a car pulling into the Run parking lot, intending to come back later and retrieve it. However, the heavy snowfall overnight concealed the trout and he/she couldn't locate it(?) All speculation on my part.

The second mystery is where did the big trout come from in the first place? Several years before that, I did catch and release a really large brown trout in the plunge pool at the head of the Run. That fish measured 23 inches long and lived in the undercut beneath the wall on the right side (facing downstream). I never saw that fish before and never saw it again, but

as I said, I caught that fish several years before I found the big dead fish. So, a second mystery.



Photo courtesy: Samuel Rob



## **Limestoner 2020**

**By Gary Leone**

The cancellation of the 2020 Limestoner Banquet was a major setback for CVTU as it is our primary fundraiser for our chapter. Without such funding, we are unable to complete many of our stream improvement projects and our outreach and community support. In an effort to recoup some of the lost funding, CVTU will be hosting an on-line auction. Please watch for upcoming instructions in emails and social media on how you can bid on many of the fantastic items both fishing and non-fishing related. Also, please like, share and comment on the social media posts advertising the auction. We need as many people as possible to be informed of the auction so we can maximize our ability to raise funds for our projects.

We are excited to announce that the 2021 Limestoner Fundraising Banquet will be held at the Carlisle Country Club on March 13, 2021. Please save the date and mark your calendar for what is sure to be an enjoyable evening in our new venue!

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almost every meeting since has really opened my eyes to what this Chapter is doing for the good of Cold Water Fisheries, in addition to preserving the heritage that is so prevalent in this area. I am seeking a position on the Board of Directors to become more involved in the Chapter.

**Garrett Keifer:** My name is Garrett Kieffer and I'm seeking election to the CVTU Board of Directors. I live in Boiling Springs with my wife and I work with Penn State Health on the HR/Talent Acquisition Team. I received a Bachelor's Degree in Health Policy & Administration from PSU and have lived in Central PA since 2016. Over the past year I've participated in stream improvement projects with the F.I.T.S. crew and was on the Limestoner Committee assisting with fund raising from local donors, social media advertising and the coordination of auction/raffle items. I have enjoyed getting to know other chapter members and I look forward to continue doing so in the future. I've grown to greatly appreciate the recreation opportunities the Cumberland Valley waters offer. Much of my free time is spent Fly Fishing and I'd love to continue becoming more involved in the preservation and enhancement of our streams and community. Our chapter work is important now and for future generations and I welcome the opportunity to contribute more to our purpose if elected to the Board of Directors. Thank you for your consideration.

**Tom Baltz:** It is time for annual Board of Directors elections again and I find my three year term is up. I am standing for re-election to CVTU's Board so that I may continue my service to the Chapter. Over the many years that I have served on the Board I have been vice-President, President, and been involved in many of the Chapter's initiatives and projects including planning and executing the Big Spring restoration, work projects on area streams especially the Letort and Yellow Breeches, and various Chapter activities including the Limestoner Fund Raiser and the Chapter Picnic. We will be introducing several new members to the Board and I see my Board role in the immediate future as one of counsel and guidance to the Board and Chapter in general as CVTU negotiates issues such as how to involve more Chapter members in Chapter activities and of course, the never-ending work of protecting our region's cold water resources. I will appreciate members' support during this election.

**Bob Lipscomb:** A few years ago, I discovered a great passion, one that is life giving and a treasure to me. Of course, I am talking about fly fishing and fly tying. It would be an honor to serve as a Board Member for Cumberland County Trout Unlimited to share this passion. To work to develop new ideas to promote the sport I love to new people via organized activities and word of mouth and to find fresh ways to encourage our existing members to become more involved both in contribution and attendance. My life experiences that I have accumulated in Business Development, Administration, and Graphics, along with my education in fine art combined with my love for the outdoors and conservation of our natural resources, are skills and attributes that I bring to the table as a candidate. Thank you for your consideration.

**Daryll Kuhn:** I was honored to fill in for the remainder of a previous board members' term and would be honored to be elected to a full term on the board. During the past year, I was part of the Limestoner Committee where I helped get donations from local businesses, some business ads, and assisted in creating some information on where our CVTU dollars come from and what they are spent on. I graduated from Shippensburg University with a Geo-Environmental Studies degree and through life's adventures ended up working for the Navy initially as Java Programmer before becoming a Financial Management Analyst for the last 16 years at the Naval Support Activity. Conservation has always been in my blood and being part of CVTU and the board helps me stay connected to that.

**Dan Zazworsky:** My name is Dan Zazworsky and I am running for a seat on the CVTU Board of Directors. Although I am young, 25 years old at the moment, fishing and cold-water conservation has been a part of my life from the moment I picked up a fly rod. Currently, I work full-time in the fly fishing industry as a digital marketing consultant helping brands build their digital presence through social media, traditional media, and my writing. I am hoping you will consider voting me onto the board for a few reasons: Trout and cold water conservation run in my veins. I have been involved in numerous conservation projects on local levels

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with CVTU, Penn Woods West TU, and Trout Unlimited & Costa Del Mar's 5Rivers Program. I went as far as founding a college TU club on my campus while attending the University of Pittsburgh, which is still active today. I have previous work experience with Trout Unlimited nationally, working as an intern in their Headwaters program helping to grow their 5Rivers Collegiate club program. I think my work experience in the Fly Fishing industry as a whole can bring a fresh look to our chapter and our outreach. I believe a young person on the board would bolster CVTU membership and help recruit new, passionate CVTU membership. I am aware that I do not bring years of CVTU specific experience to the table, but I am excited and have a pure willingness to learn and grow our chapter, not for ourselves, but for the incredible wild trout fishery that calls our region home. Thank you for your consideration.



### **2020 Board of Directors Voting Process By Mark Albano Nominating Committee Chairperson**

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, voting will be either electronically or by mail. You can complete and mail the ballot included in this edition of the Tight Lines newsletter. Alternatively, members who have shared their e-mail addresses with CVTU will be e-mailed a Survey Monkey ballot that they can complete to cast their votes. Remember, you can only vote for five (5) directors and cannot vote multiple times. The vote recorded will be the first one received from a member. All ballots must be received by the third Wednesday in September of 2020, that is September 16, 2020.

If you decide to mail your ballot, please address to: CVTU, P.O. Box 520, Carlisle, PA 17013.

### **Candidates for B.O.D. By CVTU**



**George Reilly**



**Bradley Harlacher**



**Garrett Keifer**



**Tom Baltz**



**Bob Lipscomb**



**Daryll Kuhn**



**Dan Zazworsky**



## **Fly Tier's Corner**

### **Caddis Larva**

**By Jerry Kerstetter**

The caddis larva is present in many trout streams. They are bottom dwellers attached to stream bed rocks. If they become free of these rocks they just tumble downstream close to the bottom. They are also referred to as green rock worms and they can be fished any time of the year. They are very easy to imitate using various materials. I have tied these with caddis green turkey biots and fluorescent green thread. I always have both the biot and thread versions. I always add a rib of 3x 0r 4x mono which adds durability. For many years I brushed on 3 or 4 coats of Sally Hansen hard as nails, as this added a nice reflective sheen. I now use UV clear coating with the light activation. Just remember these flies must get to or close to the bottom to resemble the loose tumbling larva. A fly tying jig hook with properly installed slotted tungsten bead will sink quickly with the hook point up with less bottom snags.

#### **Materials**

Hook: Jig hook or regular nymph hook sizes 12-16  
Bead: Slotted tungsten black nickel  
Thread: Fluorescent green 8/0  
Rib: 3 or 4x clear mono  
Coating: Light activated UV clear resin or sally hansen hard as nails

#### **Tying Procedure**

1. After hook in vise put on bead then wrap thread to bend of hook
2. Attach mono at bend
3. Attach turkey biot
4. Wrap thread forward to the bead building a body
5. Wrap biot with touching turns to the bead secure tie off and cut off excess
6. Wrap mono rib to the bead secure tie off and cut off excess, using thread wrap thread to cover items cut off
7. Brush on a very thin coat of UV clear coat and activate with light



Ed Shenk at 84. Photo courtesy: Samuel Rob



Sam Rob with 18" Yellow Breeches rainbow.  
Photo courtesy: Samuel Rob