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Letort Report By Dave Weaver

CVTU, working with key partners, recently completed a habitat assessment on the upper Letort, a key step in developing a Coldwater Conservation Plan. This is part of a long term project to improve this section of stream and rehabilitate the old cress farm section since it was acquired by the central Pennsylvania Conservancy. This acquisition was years in the making and CVTU was part of that effort. Now, as we move forward, we are looking at habitat in the section of stream that runs through the old cress farm property (this is known in the study as The East Branch). The habitat assessment assigns scores to stream sections based on that section's possession of characteristics one would expect to see in an ideal limestone stream. A perfect score is 180 points. The East Branch's four assesses sections varied from 100 to 144. The main section of the fly fishing only stretch down to I-81 scored 141 and 135. This habitat assessment will inform potential future improvement projects (which are still under consideration). There may be focus on continued removal of invasive plants and rock and woody debris may also be added.



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Members Attended
the Jun.
Membership
Meeting, Including
Several acting as
Ghillies

(Mike Klimkos' stories of the youth camp's history were fantastic!)

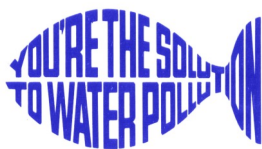
Next Meeting: Wed. Sep. 15th at Appalachian
Brewing Co.

On the Carlisle Pike in Mechanicsburg

Out guest speaker will be Jake Villwock of Relentless Fly Fishing. Come by to meet your new board members. See page 5 for more information.

Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor



Calendar of Events

2021

Aug. 21st
Picnic,
Carlisle Fish & Game

Sep. 11th
Last Supper,
Vince's Meadow

Sep. 15th
Membership Meeting
Mechanicsburg

Oct 16th
Limestoner,
Carlisle Country Club



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John Leonard

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John Leonard

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

www.tu.org/senior

~ Charlie Knight, one of the long serving leaders in the PA Fly Fishing Museum Association, has passed away.

Dave W.



Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp Members Complete the Habitat Project. Image Courtesy: Kelsey Miller

CVTU Membership is Currently 642!

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 **Mary Shugart**, Membership Chairman.

President's Message

From the President, John Leonard

Cumberland Valley Chapter Officers and Directors (term)

To contact any of the following individuals, please use:
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Conservation Committee:

Eric Naguski, (21)

This is my last president's letter; my four-year term ends in September. I have decided not to run for another Board term. It's been a fast four years as president and a faster fifteen years as a member of CVTU's Board of Directors. It has been my privilege to work with so many fine people over the years. I want to thank all the Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited members who through your annual dues support the work of Trout Unlimited and its 400+ chapters across the country. You prevented the development of Pebble Mine and helped restore salmon and steelhead waters across the northwest. Some of your dues go into TU's Embrace-A-Stream (EAS) program which provides grants for local restoration projects. CVTU's Wittlinger Dam project benefitted from an EAS grant.

None of your membership dues come back to CVTU directly. All of us in leadership roles are especially appreciative of the members who support CVTU's conservation and youth activities through their time, talents, and treasure. It was heartwarming for me to read the comments written by this year's Rivers Camp attendees. The #1 thing they enjoyed and appreciated was the help they received each morning and evening from the ghillies during their fishing sessions. Our volunteers help with the Reel Recovery program (Oct. 2 & 3, 2021) fishing with men living with cancer. CVTU would never be able to have fly tying classes without a solid troop of folks who come out for eight weeks to help teach this skill to young and old alike. No group is more solid than our Feet In The Stream (FITS) gang who come out to remove debris from our waters, cut invasive weeds, rake spawning beds, and keep CVTU's properties looking good. We have an upcoming election to fill five Board of Director positions. Please consider stepping up and helping direct the chapter's activities. Call me with questions. (717-512-4620)

Besides everyone's time and talents, we really couldn't do much at all without money. As I said earlier, CVTU does not benefit directly from membership dues. We have members who generously make direct donations to CVTU. Many attend the Limestoner Fundraiser and Banquet (Oct. 16, 2021) and purchase items donated by members and the conservation-minded community. If you have never attended our Limestoner banquet, please read the article in this edition of *Tight Lines* and plan on being with us this year. Many members and friends purchase items from our online auctions. Whether you buy a \$1 raffle ticket or make a \$1,000 donation, every dollar we take in is spent wisely to improve our streams and to strengthen and sustain our chapter.

Lastly, I have been truly blessed to have gotten to know and to work alongside with those who have fought hard to make Cumberland Valley a national and state recognized and awarded chapter. To you and to those who will continue the fight to protect, restore, reconnect, and sustain the cold waters of the Cumberland Valley, I leave you with these words written by conservationist Theodore Roosevelt from a speech he gave titled *Citizenship in a Republic*. He wrote, "It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the

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arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

Thanks again and God bless!

Tight Lines,

John

Rivers Camp Thank You by Clark Hall

The 26th annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp concluded at 1 PM on Friday, June 25, with the graduation of four girls and nineteen boys, ages 14 through 18. CVTU members and friends contributed flies for the camp. Each camper was given a box with over 60 flies appropriate for fishing the Breeches during camp. Over 40 individuals contributed flies!

CVTU members also responded by volunteering as ghillies for the ten fishing sessions. We had a great turnout of ghillies, providing adequate individual instruction to the campers. All campers caught fish, and several caught their first trout on a fly. A survey was taken at the end of the week for all activities and the ghillies got high marks across the board from the campers.

Christian Gensbigler, Mechanicsburg, Thomas Isenberg, Dillsburg, Canyon Moore, Newport, Jonathan Plank, Camp Hill, and Isabella Rose, Mt. Holly Springs were sponsored at the Rivers Camp by CVTU. Anthony Bartolo, Boiling Springs was sponsored by the Cumberland County Conservation District. Ian Lauver, Dauphin was sponsored by Tom Lanyi. For the full list of Camp Patrons, Donors, and Sponsors, see our

website at <https://www.riverscamp.com/donors>. Lily Palfrey, Indiana, PA was awarded the Leon Chandler Memorial Award for leadership by camp staff.

Thank you to all who donated flies, worked as ghillies, or helped the camp in any way.



Isabella Rose with Ghillie Steve Parker.
Image Courtesy: C. Hall



Ghillie Tom Lanyi with Braden Wolfe.
Image Courtesy: M. Albano



Scuds

By Jerry Kerstetter

The watercress and elodea found in limestone streams contain various trout food items. Freshwater shrimp will be found residing in both of these aquatic plants. Fly anglers commonly refer to them as scuds. Remove the above plants from the water and shake them and these scuds can be seen swimming through the water looking for a new hiding place. Their abdomen and tail movement propel them through the water. Their coloration is mainly brownish with some olive mixed in. They are small, measuring them regarding hook sizes 18 thru 20.

I fished with Charley Fox on his property numerous times back in the mid 70s. He was always casting a scud in the Letort. At that time I had heard of scuds, but did not know much about them. I usually fished a cressbug dead drift. Charley would cast the scud to the far and near side bank areas and through channels in the elodea beds. Shortly after his scud hit the water he would raise and lower the tip. He was simulating a swimming scud. It was an effective technique, as he always caught some of those beautiful Letort wild brown trout.

Since that time I have fished scuds using that technique on other limestone streams. Swimming scuds should be tied on straight shank hooks. The below pattern incorporates some soft fibers as it gives more movement. These soft fibers are on the bottom of grizzly marabou stems and does add some more movement. This material is used as a tail and then used in a spinning loop. This fly can also be fished with just a dead drift, so you can skip tying on the curved scud hook.

Hook: 3906B or any other nymph hook #18-20

Tail: Tan grizzly marabou fibers, found on the bottom of the stem

Flash: small diameter tinsel brown, olive, or pearl, Jo-Ann fabrics has Sulky in various colors

Abdomen: Brown or tan turkey biot

Legs: Same fibers as tail using a spinning loop

Thread : Tan 8/0

1. Place hook in vice and attach thread and wind to hook bend

2. Tie on grizzly marabou at bend and wind thread back to bend

3. Tie on tinsel and then tie on turkey biot by its tip, and wrap thread to hook eye
4. Wrap turkey biot with touching turns to hook eye, cut off excess
5. Wrap tinsel as a rib to hook eye, cut off excess
6. Move thread back to 1/4 position from the eye
7. Make thread loop, cut off two clumps of the fluffy grizzly marabou and insert into the thread loop and twist tightly
8. Pick out fibers on the thread loop, wrap to the hook eye, tie off and cut off excess, whip finish
9. Pick out fibers again



In-Person Meetings Resume

By CVTU

CVTU will resume in-person membership meetings at Appalachian Brewing Company (ABC) on Wednesday, September 15th beginning at 7:00 PM. September's speaker will be Jake Villwock. Jake is owner and head guide of Relentless Fly Fishing. Growing up in a commercial fishing family on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, fishing has been part of his life from day one, so it should come as no surprise that he chose a career in the fishing industry. After guiding in Alaska, Jake returned to the east coast and worked for TCO Fly Shop. He started Relentless Fly Fishing, which serves as TCO's

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contract guide service. In addition to guiding, Jake is the author of "Smallmouth Bass Flies Top to Bottom," a Fulling Mills Signature tier, blog-writer, contributor to *Fly Fisherman* magazine, and *Eastern Fly Fishing* magazine, and serves on various pro-staffs of leading industry companies such as Hatch Reels, Scientific Anglers, Simms Fishing, Clacka Craft Drift Boats, Scott Fly Rods, and Regal Vise. Jake lives in Carlisle.

Come and enjoy dinner and some great beverages before each meeting. Plan on arriving about 6:00 PM so you have finished eating before the meeting. Something new... ABC has installed a bar with beer taps right in our meeting room. We'll have to see how that works out. 😊 If we decide to cancel this meeting, you will receive email on the 15th telling you the meeting has been cancelled. It will also be posted on Cumberland Valley TU's Facebook page. It is our hope and desire to resume normal meetings at ABC the 3rd Wednesday of each month starting at 7:00 PM.

East Licking Creek 2021 Trip Report by Bradley Harlacher

Getting back to some form of 'Normal' seems to be the theme these days. Saturday, June 5th, 2021 had a bit of 'Normal' in the air for the Twenty-Three Members (and Guests) this year from as far away as Virginia. East Licking Creek is an annual (except for last year) day trip for CVTU. This is a small to medium size freestone stream located near Port Royal in Juniata County.

This Trip is one that I look forward to every year, as East Licking Creek has no shortage of wild browns and brook trout eager to take a well-presented fly. Stealth is the key for this stream that is comparable in size to Mountain Creek. This stream has not only been enjoyable for fishing but for the pure education that wild fish can provide to the attentive observer. Stocked trout are still present this time of year. This year was no different as just about everyone caught fish, and some caught a lot of fish. I personally had success with both dry flies and nymphs in the section of stream within the Karl Guss Picnic Area.

Traditionally, the afternoon session is lighter as most in attendance have opted to

depart after enjoying the comradery of lunch. Although there are always those who are dedicated to sections they have yet to explore. I would estimate that there were still at least five to seven anglers still on the chase when I departed at approximately 3:30pm.

Mark your calendars, as the date has been set for the East Licking Creek Trip next year: June 4th, 2022 Until then, Tight Lines. Bradley Harlacher



Jonathan Daniels

The Limstoner Fundraising Banquet, 2021 By CVTU

The 2021 Limestoner Fundraiser Banquet will be held at the Carlisle Country Club on October 16th beginning at 5:00 PM with dinner at 6:30. We want this event to focus on fellowship...a good time to get reacquainted with old friends and to make new friends. We will have a silent auction, bucket raffles, and a live auction, but it will be scaled back from what we have done before.

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There will be displays showing our work on the completed Whittlinger project and a rendering of our next major project – Barnitz Church. Author, fly tier, and supporter of Rivers Camp, Henry Ramsay, will receive the Charles K. Fox Rising Trout Award for his significant contributions in advancing the sport of fly fishing and conservation. We will also be recognizing two of our members' work and achievements by presenting them with the Order of the Quill Award and the Limestoner Award, our highest award given to a CVTU member. There is a lot to celebrate!

We will be served a three-entrée buffet. The menu is Mixed Baby Green Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings - Rolls with Butter - Chicken Breast Cutlets with Wild Mushrooms, Artichoke Hearts, and Roasted Red Peppers in a Fresh Thyme, Vermouth Butter Sauce - Herb Roasted Pork Loin with Apricot Dijon Mustard Sauce - Orecchiette Pasta and Fresh Garden Vegetables in a Parmesan Cream Sauce - Green Beans Almandine - Grilled Marinated Vegetables - Roasted Red Potatoes with Herbs and Garlic - Freshly Brewed Colombian Coffee and Hot or Iced Tea - Assorted Fruit Pies and Cakes. There will also be a cash bar.

Tickets are \$45 per person. For an additional \$50 a table with preferred seating can be reserved for your party of eight. We need your reservation so please RSVP NO LATER THAN October 9th. We prefer that you register and pay on CVTU's web site – www.pacvtu.org. Go to the site – hit the DONATE NOW button. Complete all the personal information and in the “Reason for Donation?” box insert the number of tickets you are purchasing and your names - for example – 2 Tickets for Joe and Mary Smith. Include your table purchase, if applicable. You can also pay with a credit card or cash at the door, but we still need your reservation by 10/9 - email cvtu052@gmail.com with your name and the names of all in your party. You can also register by completing the form below and mailing it along with payment, so it's received no later than October 9th. See you there!



New Board Members Letters to CVTU By CVTU

Eric Naguski: As part of my ongoing commitment to enhance coldwater resources and put forth conservation efforts that serve to improve water quality and improve fish habitat for the rivers and streams in the Cumberland Valley, I am seeking another term on the CVTU Board of Directors. For those of you that do not know me, my educational background is in aquatic ecology and aquatic entomology. I am currently the manager of the Dauphin County Conservation District and own a fly-fishing guide service here in Boiling Springs (Riseforms Fly Fishing). I have spent the last 20 years working through government channels to secure funding and implement conservation practices entirely focused on protecting and improving our surface water resources. I have years of grant writing experience and have secured over \$1.5 million dollars in funding for water quality improvement projects. I would like to continue to contribute both my scientific knowledge of the coldwater resources that we steward within the Cumberland Valley as well as my ability to navigate the funding bureaucracy to continue the great work that has already been accomplished by the many past volunteers of CVTU. I feel that my background, both academic and professional, will allow me to serve CVTU well if I am reelected to the Board.

Gary Leone: I have been a member of the CVTU Board of Directors since 2015. During each of the last three years I have served as the chairperson for the Limestoner Fundraising Banquet. In addition, I have overseen the live and silent auction for the banquet during the two years prior. I have also organized community events to raise public awareness of CVTU's activities and participated in events such as Street to Streams.

I continue to maintain an appreciation for conservation and respect for those who protect our resources. I'd like the opportunity to continue to help out in the preservation of the wonderful trout fisheries we are fortunate to have in the Cumberland Valley.

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John Zazworsky: I grew up in Wormleysburg, spent 34 years as an Air Force officer and pilot, and then returned to the area after retiring. I support my fly fishing and flying habits by working as a C-17 flight simulator pilot instructor at the Air National Guard Base in Martinsburg, West Virginia. I'm finishing my second term on the CVTU Board, and I've learned a lot from chapter members with many years of conservation and fishing experience in our region. I've served the chapter as Membership committee chair, Secretary and Vice President, and I've volunteered in support of streamside conservation projects and the Rivers Conservation and Fishing Fly Youth Camp. I want to use my growing experience to continue our chapter's efforts to preserve and improve cold water resources.

Ben Richwine: I live in Carlisle with my wife Steph. While I enjoy flyfishing across the country as I travel for work, my greatest joy is watching our kids catch fish. I have participated in raking spawning beds and stream improvement projects with the FITS team. A conservationist at heart, I look forward to contributing to the preservation and improvement of our local streams.

Jonathan Daniels: I grew up in Cumberland County and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with an English Literature degree in 1990. I have operated my own landscaping business for the last 25 years. I have also served as an active member of several outdoor associations: Franklin County Grotto caving club, the Canoe Club of Greater Harrisburg, as well as the Capital Area Beekeepers Association. I assisted in hosting club events and trips, presenting educational programs, and coordinating speakers for regular meetings. These experiences emphasized the importance of welcoming and cultivating the active involvement of new interested members to the vitality and effectiveness of groups such as ours. I am a relatively new member of CVTU, joining in 2019 after re-discovering a passion for fishing. In CVTU I found a local fellowship of men and women who share my excitement for learning about fishing and the desire to be good stewards of our streams and rivers. I have met many members who have generously shared their experience with me individually and through our organized events like our club fishing trips and our fly-tying course. You have allowed me to take an active part in improving our local fisheries

through helping with stockings and the FITS crew as well as stream improvement projects. I look forward to the opportunities serving on our board will create to give back what has so generously been provided to me and to welcome more members to share in the pleasure of our fellowship, united in our love of fishing and the desire to protect and improve the health of our waterways.

Yellow Breeches Projects, Now and Future

By Dave Weaver

For so many of us, Yellow Breeches is our favorite stream to trout fish and I am pleased to report that CVTU continues to take steps to make it better. In recent years, we have focused on the Whittlinger section just upstream from Boiling Springs. This month, your chapter finished that project and habitat structures involving mud-sill, bank stabilization and cross vane structures are in place.

Also in recent months, we have initiated a plan to begin habitat improvement and bank stabilization on a 645 foot section at Barnitz Church. This project will utilize log frame stone deflectors and placement of boulders in the channel. This section, very popular with anglers, has suffered bank erosion for years and is characterized by mostly sand/marl stream bottom with limited cover for the large number of trout present.

