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Trout Spawning in Letort

By Neil Sunday

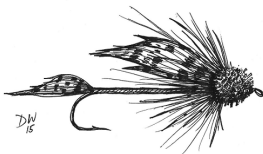
Each September a small group of volunteers help "prepare" gravel areas on the Letort Spring Run in hopes of the wild brown trout having a successful spawning season. We work well in advance of the actual spawning season, which usually takes place in November and into early December of each year.

The "Feet In The Stream" (FITS) gang uses shovels, rakes and various garden tools to clean the stream bed of weeds and sediment. This is a vital process to help rejuvenate spawning habitat. These areas are time-tested, known spots where trout have been observed spawning- thereby continuing the legacy and allure of the Letort.

This season I have observed numerous pairs of fish on redds, as well as over 33 clean, gravel areas (redds) that trout have already used to insure future generations will continue to populate our beloved stream. CVTU encourages anglers to take a break from fishing during this time period to allow these fish the best chance at survival. By leaving our trout alone, it gives them the best chance at a successful spawn. The fertilized eggs will hatch, and the fry will remain on the spawning redds for a few weeks to grow. By adhering to these practices, we can enjoy fishing the Letort Spring Run responsibly the rest of the year.

We're always looking for volunteers to help clean the small gravel areas each season. If you want to contribute to this effort, we always do the work in September. Please make certain you are on the Chapter's email list, and you'll be notified of the dates of our work parties. You can always email me at neilsunday@gmail.com and I'll make certain you're in the loop.

When fishing the Letort, it never hurts to have some good karma on your side, and this is a way to do it!



**20
Members Attended
the November
Membership
Meeting. Emily
Baldauff was
Keynote Speaker**

**Next Meeting:
Wed. Jan. 19th—Location: TBA.**
Speaker will be Nathan Reigle from PA. DCNR talking about aquatic research. For the Feb 16th meeting Ben John will discuss Erie Steelhead. For the March meeting we will have Bill Anderson on the Little Juniata.

Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor



Calendar of Events

2022

Mar. 19th
Limestoner
Carlisle Country Club

Jun. 19-24th
Youth Camp
Messiah University



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~ If you're a senior citizen, you're entitled to a membership discount. www.tu.org/senior

~ Save the date: We're anticipating having our Limestoner Banquet on Saturday March 19, 2022 at the Carlisle Country Club. Please mark your calendars and join us! We're in need of volunteers for the Limestoner Committee to help us prepare for the banquet and fundraising auction. Please help, we're in real need. If you'd like to assist please email us at cvtu052@gmail.com.

Gary Leone



Spawning Trout in Letort

Photo Courtesy: N. Sunday

CVTU Membership is Currently 637!

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 our Membership Chairman.

President's Message

From the President, John Zazworsky

Cumberland Valley Chapter Officers and Directors (term)

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This is my first letter as president, so a short introduction is in order. I grew up in Wormleysburg and learned the basics of fly fishing and fly tying as a teenager. This started a life-long interest in the sport and I've tried my hand at it wherever I've lived. After graduating from Cedar Cliff High School, I attended the Air Force Academy and then began a 30-year adventure as an Air Force officer and cargo pilot with 14 assignments in the US, Central America, and Europe, combat experience in Panama, Somalia, the Balkans, Afghanistan and Iraq, and journeys to all seven continents. I retired from the USAF in 2013 and returned to the area to be near family. I'm currently working as a C-17 flight simulator instructor pilot at the Air National Guard Base in Martinsburg, West Virginia, to help support my fly fishing and flying hobbies. Over my previous two terms as a board member I've seen how CVTU has a real impact improving the cold water resources in our region.

Thanks to outgoing board members Mary Shughart and John Leonard for their service to our chapter. Special thanks to John for his fifteen years of service to the board, including the last four years as Board President. We are all indebted to him for his energy and drive. Thanks also to new board members Jonathan Daniels and Ben Richwine for stepping up the challenge of serving on the board.

One of my first contributions as President was to provide a guided tour of Cumberland Valley streams to Emily Baldauff, TU Mid Atlantic Organizer who leads TU National lobbying efforts in the legislatures of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York. Her impression was that our chapter continues to have an impressive agenda of activities and programs that we support on a recurring basis.

Speaking of our chapter's activities, I'd like to highlight recent and future stream conservation projects. In 2021, we completed a multi-year work project in the Wittlinger nature preserve in Boiling Springs. We culminated four years of work alongside other community partners to return a former city lake into a free-flowing stream; if you haven't been there, go walk the banks to see the structures and what's possible when we focus our resources and energy. Other projects coming soon include a partnership with PA Fish & Boat Commission to reconstruct and preserve the rapidly eroding banks at the mouth of the Letort, and the Barnitz Church stretch of the Yellow Breeches where TU National has designed stream structures to help re-channelize the flow and reduce bank erosion in this popular stretch. Our chapter contributes both money and labor to these projects--watch for future announcements to find out how you can help.

This past fall we resumed in-person monthly membership meetings; however, arranging for a dedicated venue has been a real challenge. The board's intention is to find a place that can be a regular location for our future meetings. We hope to have this sorted out by the time we resume our monthly meetings in January.

Finally, our board is planning to return to traditional timing for our late winter fund raiser and social event. This year the Limestoner Banquet is scheduled for Saturday March 19, at the Carlisle Country Club. Not only will this be a new venue for the event, but the format will be changed some, too, to emphasize the social gathering in the wake of the restrictions of the past two years. While there will be some fund-raising at the banquet, we will follow the banquet with an on-line

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auction of big ticket items which has proven successful in the past two years. Look for more detailed information from project leaders Gary Leone and Garrett Kieffer elsewhere in this newsletter.

I'm writing this letter during the Thanksgiving weekend, so let me finish by saying how thankful I am for the many chapter volunteers who make our activities possible. In addition to the Limestone banquet and on-line auction, we have dedicated volunteers who support the Feet in the Stream (FITS) conservation group, the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp, various stream restoration projects, and Trout in the Classroom (TIC)--to name a few. I hope in the coming year you will pick one of these projects and join the effort. I look forward to seeing you at one of these events or out on the water.

Tight Lines,
John

Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp
By Clark Hall

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited is holding the 27th annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp June 19-24, 2022. The camp will be at Messiah University in Grantham, PA. It begins on Sunday and ends the following Friday. Admission is limited to 24 selected qualified students from 14 to 17 years of age.

Early Acceptance:

The camp began accepting applications for the 2022 camp on November 1, 2021. Applying via the camp website is preferred. The deadline for early acceptance is December 31, 2021. Students selected for the early acceptance will be notified in early January 2022. Applicants who apply during the regular application period of January 1, 2022, through February 28, 2022, will be notified in early March 2022.

The camp tuition is \$550 per student. There is no cost to apply, and no money is required until a student is accepted. Financial aid may be available to qualified students. All meals and accommodations are included for

the residence camp.

The highly structured curriculum is based on college level classes. Students are instructed in ecology, aquatic biology, geology, hydrogeology, erosion and sediment 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, casting, and fishing instruction and fly-tying classes. Over 25 instructors, all experts in their field, teach the various classes.

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.

For more information, a camp brochure, or to apply, visit the camp website at www.riverscamp.com. Be sure to watch the camp video there or join us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/49190088991/about>. Questions may be submitted at the website or via email to riverscamp@gmail.com.

CVTU Annual Fly-Tying Classes
January 25th to March 15th 2022
By Jonathan Daniels

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, through South Middleton Parks and Recreation, is offering Beginner and Advanced Fly-Tying Classes for tiers of all ages and genders. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a registered adult. Discount for Seniors. Classes will run consecutive Tuesday evenings 7-9PM, from January 25, 2022 to March 15, 2022.

Students in the Beginner's class will learn a different tying technique each week. Each week's patterns will build on skills learned during the previous weeks. Materials for all fly patterns will be provided as well as a binder including a basic fly-tying introduction primer, recipes for the patterns tied in class, and a listing of local resources. Tool kits including a tying vice and basic fly-tying tools are available for loan during the course. Students are encouraged to practice honing their skills with the vise and tools at home between classes.

The Advanced class will feature favorite patterns demonstrated by a different guest fly

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tier each week. Students will need to bring their own vise and tools to class. Materials for each pattern and pattern recipes will be provided. Students will receive a binder listing each week's guest tier, the fly patterns they will demonstrate with the pattern recipes specifying materials needed to tie the patterns. This year's guest tiers range from chapter members with years of local and regional fly fishing experience, to professional fly fishing guides and a professional artistic fly tier.

The cost of the eight-week course is \$15 for South Middleton Township residents/\$21 for non-residents (\$25 resident/\$31 non-resident for registrations after 1/15/22). Registration information for the classes may be found in South Middleton Township's Winter 2021 Newsletter which is published and mailed to township residents by mid-December. Non-residents can access the newsletter online at www.smiddleton.com or by contacting the Township offices at 520 Park Drive, Boiling Springs PA 17007, phone (717) 258-4441. Register online, by phone, or in person at the township offices beginning December 15th at link: <https://apm.activecommunities.com/smparksandrec/Home/> (Masking and social distancing will be required of all participants at all times by the School District while inside the Boiling Springs High School building).

CVTU's Trout In The Classroom 2021 **By Jonathan Daniels**

My children were lucky enough to have an exceptionally dedicated first grade teacher named Mrs. Springer. Every year she kept an ant farm, and a terrarium with toads the kids could feed, and chicken eggs in an incubator which hatch out in her classroom. Students from all grades would crowd into her room before first bell to see the latest wonder in Mrs. Springer's classroom.

Each year her autumn field trip took the students to a local stream where they were set loose with little nets and collection trays to collect as many living things as they could from the water. A wide variety of specimens from macro-invertebrates to small fish were put into water filled petri dishes and viewed through magnifying glasses. The children compared them with the identification charts they had studied in school and, by identifying whether pollution sensitive species were present or not,

determined if the stream could be called healthy or impaired

I loved taking part in these days helping my children and their classmates to actually get in the water and glimpse the magic underwater world of the stream directly. I believed the special exhilaration of searching for and finding the creatures they had studied in class encouraged the development of an ethic of love and stewardship for a healthy environment with clean streams which I hoped would stay with them for the rest of their lives. So, in 2019 when I became aware of the Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program where a teacher could raise trout from fertilized eggs inside the school, I was thrilled by what a phenomenal educational tool this could be. I immediately told Mrs. Springer and the administration of the school who asked me to get them more information. I was a new member of CVTU at the time and, when I asked about information for starting the program, I was directed to speak with our chapter's TIC man: Biff Healy. Biff said he would be happy to help Mrs. Springer get set up and even train me to help her.

For any CVTU members who may have been living under rocks in one of our local streams for the last couple decades, Biff Healy has served our chapter and our community with exceptional dedication in a variety of roles for many years. As one of these roles, in 2014 he took responsibility for working with the TIC program in CVTU's area. There were a few area teachers involved at that time, but over the last seven years he has promoted the value of the program and doubled the number of participants. This resulted in his singlehandedly working with twelve different schools that have actively incorporated the program into their curriculums for many years in a row. He also helped several additional schools try to establish the program for shorter periods of time. For each school he made annual in-class presentations, in which he talked about the ecology of healthy streams and TU's role in protecting them. He also demonstrated fly tying and fly rod casting for the students. He assisted with in-stream macro-invertebrate surveys during class field trips when the students released their fingerlings into local streams. In addition to all that, he was the first responder for each school when they had problems with the mechanical components of the aquarium systems instrumental to keeping the young trout healthy and growing strong.

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In Pennsylvania TIC is administered as a partnership between Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Environment and Ecology branch. Individual teachers maintain the aquariums and use them in their curriculum as they see fit. The PFBC provides the fertilized trout eggs, and their TIC Coordinator, Cody Whipple, maintains the records and oversees the program across the state. The PATU TIC Program Director, Rachel Kester, oversees the coordination of training workshops for participants with the PFBC, the grant funding for the teachers, and connecting teachers and Program Partners. The PA Department of Education and the many participating teachers across the country have contributed lesson plans and other resources to make it easier for new teachers to build their own custom-tailored TIC curriculums. The clearinghouse for information about TIC and the resources available can be found on their website: www.patrouintheclassroom.org.

Any individual or group can register to be a 'Program Partner,' to work directly with participating teachers. These partners can provide educational presentations on fishing or anything relating to the focus of the individual TIC curriculum as well as provide technical support with the equipment. 'Program Sponsors' provide funding support. CVTU has served in both of these roles for teachers across Cumberland and even in northern York counties.

As COVID hit last year and most schools moved to virtual formats, a number of the schools in our area suspended their TIC programs. Some schools have had recent staffing changes with long time participating teachers retiring or moving.

This year Biff also has come to a decision to pass on the baton and has asked me to take over as the 'TIC Program Partner' for CVTU. Despite all of that, now in the autumn of 2021, there are at least four schools that have their aquariums up running and ready to receive fertilized eggs which, as of now, are projected to arrive from the PFBC in January of 2022. Earlier this fall Biff took me along to visit teachers at River Rock Academy in Carlisle, the Yellow Breeches Educational Center near Boiling Springs, and the New Cumberland

Middle School. I am scheduled to meet with the teachers and can help set up aquariums for the first time in the 2022-2023 school year, including Mrs. Springer from Grace Baptist Christian School in Carlisle!

I have reached out to the teachers from five other schools who have been long time participants that I think will likely be involved again this school year: Cumberland Valley High School, East Pennsboro Middle School, River Rock Academy in Newville, Trinity High School in Camphill and the Kings Gap Environmental Center west of Carlisle. Northern York Middle School in Dillsburg and Hill Top Academy in Mechanicsburg chose to opt out for this school year, but I am hopeful they will be willing to resume the program for next school year.

Like CVTU's River's Camp, Trout in the Classroom is an exceptional educational program for young people that promotes awareness of the specialness of trout, the pleasures of fishing for them, and of the importance of cold-water conservation to keep our streams and all of the communities around them healthy. Our chapter has historically supported local TIC teachers periodically by subsidizing the startup cost of purchasing the aquariums, chillers, filters and air pumps necessary to create the environment suitable for the development of healthy young trout. Individual members like Biff Healy have freely shared their time and experience with fishing for trout and fixing aquarium systems.

As we move forward into a future less restricted by our concerns with COVID, I trust CVTU will continue to serve as a Program Sponsor for new teachers setting up aquariums in their classrooms. I would also like to see a wider variety of our chapter members enjoy the opportunity to become Program Partners, so they can experience the pleasure of sharing their love of fishing the waters of the Cumberland Valley with students of nearby schools. Certainly, I will be well occupied this year getting oriented with the TIC program generally, as well as with building working relationships with the local participating teachers, the PFBC coordinating staff and with the PATU program trainers. But this transition has been made much easier for me because of Biff Healy's excellent record keeping and his countless hours of dedication to teaching our future community leaders about the value of clean, cold waters.

If you would be interested in helping

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support this program by sharing your love of fishing and streams with students in our area, or through financial support, please reach out to me at jonboar@aol.com or (717) 448-1774. I will keep you all updated as we grow!



Biff Healy and Mr. Faranov, a 10-year TIC teacher!



TIC students. Photos Courtesy: J. Daniels

**The Limestone Fundraising Banquet,
2022
By CVTU**

The 2021 Limestone 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

auction, bucket raffles, and a live auction, but it will be scaled back from what we have done before.

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—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!



CVTU Auction By Garrett Kieffer

The Chapter plans on holding our online fundraising auction during the last two weeks of March, right after the Limestoner Banquet. Over the years, the auction has been a major source for CVTU's discretionary funds. With your support, this auction will help our chapter stay committed to our coldwater conservation, education and stream improvement work throughout the year.

We are in need of volunteers to help out with the auction planning this year. A lot of work goes into organizing the auction including soliciting items/donations from our supporters, advertising the auction, uploading pictures and descriptions onto the auction platform and making sure the winners get their items. Volunteering for an event like this is a great way to learn more about what we do as a chapter and to get involved! Additionally, we're always grateful for donated items from our chapter members as long as they're in good condition/lightly used.

If you'd like to volunteer to help with the auction or you have any items you'd like to donate, please contact me at gckieffer@gmail.com. Stay tuned for additional announcements and advertising as we get closer to the auction.



Photo Courtesy: J. Daniels

Volunteer Opportunities with CVTU **Fly-Tying Classes** By Jonathan Daniels

Our annual Fly-Tying Classes this winter run Tuesday evenings, 7-9PM, from January 25, through March 15, 2022. We would love to have your help to make this year's classes the best they have ever been! Instead of tying flies this winter with Jim Beam for company while the cold winds blow outside your tying studio, brave the elements and come remember what it was like when you were first getting started by sharing your valuable experience with those eager to learn. You can come for one night or the entire eight weeks if you like. We are looking for chapter members who would like to help with these classes in a variety of capacities.

The Beginner's Classes need mentors to assist and advise the students as they work on practicing their patterns in the class. For CVTU to maintain its legacy of being one of the most vital, energized and productive TU chapters in Pennsylvania and beyond, we must always be cultivating relationships with those who have newly discovered the magic of fly fishing the beautiful waters of our valley. This is a wonderful opportunity to help introduce mostly newer fly fishers to this gratifying aspect of our sport and to enjoy the fellowship of others who share our love of fishing the waters we are invested in protecting and nurturing.

We are also interested in women and men who would like to share a few of their patterns with the Advanced Classes. (Understand, please, that the term "Advanced" in this context is a relative term. We are not only looking for professionals who can tie show quality complex patterns.) If you have enjoyed to thrill of working through refusals and fishless casts until your patterns finally seemed to unlock the mystery of what the fish were looking for, or if someone has shared patterns that have been consistent producers for you, this is an opportunity for you to share your wealth of experience by showing class participants a few of your favorite fly patterns.

If any of that sounds like fun to you, please contact the Class Coordinator, Jonathan Daniels, at jonboar@aol.com or call (717) 448-1774. Looking forward to talking to you!

Limestoner Reservation Form

My Name _____ Email _____

I want to reserve _____ seats @ \$45 per person - I also want to reserve a table @ \$50

Guest's Name _____	My guests are listed below -
Guest's Name _____	_____
Guest's Name _____	_____
Guest's Name _____	_____
Guest's Name _____	_____
Guest's Name _____	_____

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