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## Flowing Through the Years By Dave Weaver



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Have you pondered how our lives flow through time like a trout stream? As members of CVTU we have been through a lot in the last few years together. Like every other organization we had to navigate the transition to remote connections, learned how to sustain our mission through a pandemic, and nurtured the ties that have bound us as a chapter for over fifty years. Through all this disruption, our beloved streams seem to have carried on just fine. Of course there's always a problem that pops up here and there, along with the systemic challenges facing cold water conservation, but I'm always struck by the timelessness of trout streams. I can walk Letort or Mountain Creek and see rock piles or trees that were there nearly four decades ago. I can remember catching a trout there as a teenager. The fall is a beautiful time to walk along or fish the streams of the Cumberland Valley and serves as a reminder of the timeless nature of nature. Get outside.



### Upcoming Meetings: Bosler Library, Carlisle

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*See page 4 for more info.*



# Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Dave Weaver - Editor



~ After nearly a decade as your faithful newsletter editor, it is my pleasure to announce that a new CVTU member has stepped up to continue the *Tight Lines* tradition: Robert Bergamaschi. Going forward, please send any material for the newsletter to Robert.

Dave W.

## Calendar of Events

2022

Oct. 19th

Membership Meeting  
Bosler Library Carlisle

Nov. 16th

Membership Meeting  
Bosler Library Carlisle



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~ The landowner of the property that includes the Letort falls has posted their property in the immediate are of the falls and some sections upstream. CVTU requests that you respect this decision.

Dave W.



## CVTU Membership is Currently 608!

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 our Membership Chairman.

# President's Message

From the President, John Zazworsky

## Cumberland Valley Chapter Officers and Directors (term)

To contact any of the following  
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### Online Auction:

Garrett Kieffer, (23)

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George Reilly, (23)

Eric Naguski, (24)

Jonathan Daniels, (24)

Robert Bergamaschi, (22)

Chad Greenlee, (22)

Bonnie Golla, (25)

Zoe Metro, (25)

This time of year is marked by transition. We get an occasional cool evening hinting at fall's arrival, summer projects are wrapping up, kids are back to school and brown trout will soon be moving toward spawning areas. It's also a time of transition for our chapter's board, with the new business year starting in October.

Thanks to departing board members Dan Zazworsky and Ben Richwine, who have resigned from board duties due to changes in location, demands of work and family commitments. According to our by-laws, the board appointed two volunteers--Chad Greenlee and Robert Bergamaschi--to fill the balance of these two terms. We're especially thankful for Robert's willingness to replace Dave Weaver as editor of our newsletter! Additionally, two board members have completed their terms and chosen not to run for office again: Bob Lipscomb and Keith Tyler. The board and our chapter appreciate all these four have done to conserve our local waters--thanks to all of them for stepping up to serve.

In September we normally hold our annual election of a new slate of five board members for full three-year terms. This year we have five volunteers to fill five board positions. Since there are the same number of people running as there are open positions, the board decided to forego an election with an obvious outcome and declared these five as our next class of members with terms starting in October. Three are returning board members: Jeb Betar, Justin Pittman and Neil Sunday. The other two are chapter members joining the board for the first time: Bonnie Golla and Zoe Metro. Be sure to read the short biographical statements elsewhere in this newsletter to understand why these board members choose to support the TU mission in Cumberland Valley. Thanks to all for your willingness to serve our chapter.

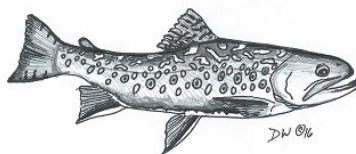
Conservation and restoration work continues, both in and out of the water. Recent removal of invasive plant species at Vince's Meadow will be followed by plantings of native plants to continue the improvement of one of our properties along the Letort. Our Feet-in-the-Stream gang has completed several work days on the Letort to remove downed trees causing flooding and to clean the gravel beds in advance of the fall spawn. The Barnitz Church stream project is steadily moving toward stream work in 2023; we recently won a second grant, and we're pursuing additional grants that will push us closer to the goal of starting the project next year.

Our in-person monthly membership meetings continue at the Bosler Library in Carlisle. If you haven't attended in person for a while, come join us and catch up with friends you haven't seen lately. Please check Upcoming Meetings to see what's coming up. In person or on line, come join us!

See you on the water!

Tight Lines,

*John*





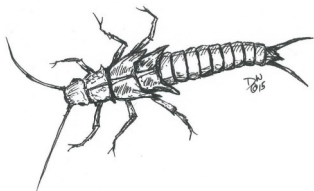
## **Upcoming Speakers** **By Garrett Kieffer**

October 19th - Benjamin Hayes Ph.D., P.G.  
Watershed Sciences and Engineering Program -  
Bucknell University.

Ben will be sharing his presentation on Stream Restoration that he shared at a recent Keystone Coldwater Conference. As Director of the Watershed Sciences and Engineering (WSE) Program, Ben gives leadership to shepherding the vision, mission, and vitality of the program. He has a diverse teaching background in geomorphology and hydrogeology and research strengths in fluvial processes, aquatic habitat restoration, and erosion and sediment transport. He collaborates with faculty in biology, geology, civil and environmental engineering, and computer science and helps with grant writing and project management. He's always looking for ways to connect faculty and students to teaching and research opportunities in Susquehanna and the Chesapeake Bay watersheds.

Ben has also worked as a river guide and has years of experience working on large rivers, including the Kennebec and Penobscot in New England, the Nooksack and Skagit Rivers in the Pacific Northwest, and the Colorado and San Juan rivers in the Southwestern United States. He began working at Bucknell in 1996 as a faculty member in the Department of Geology and continues to collaborate with faculty and students on a number of projects in the Susquehanna watershed and the Chesapeake Bay region. His work has also taken him to watersheds in Iceland, South Africa, Costa Rica, Canada, Tennessee, and Hawaii.

November 16th - Russ Collins,  
Immediate Past President - Doc Fritchey  
Chapter of Trout Unlimited, National Leadership  
Council Representative - PA Council of Trout  
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"Climate Change" and will discuss its impacts  
on Class A trout streams of Pennsylvania.



## **Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing** **Youth Camp** **By Clark Hall**

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited is holding the 28th annual camp June 18-23, 2023. 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 will begin accepting applications for the 2023 camp on November 1, 2022. Apply via the camp website.

The deadline for early acceptance is December 31, 2022. Students selected for the early acceptance will be notified in early January 2023. Applicants who apply during the regular application period of January 1, 2023, through February 28, 2023, will be notified in early March 2023.

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](http://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](mailto:riverscamp@gmail.com).

## **Fall 2022 CVTU Engagement Events and Opportunities**

**By Jonathan Daniels**

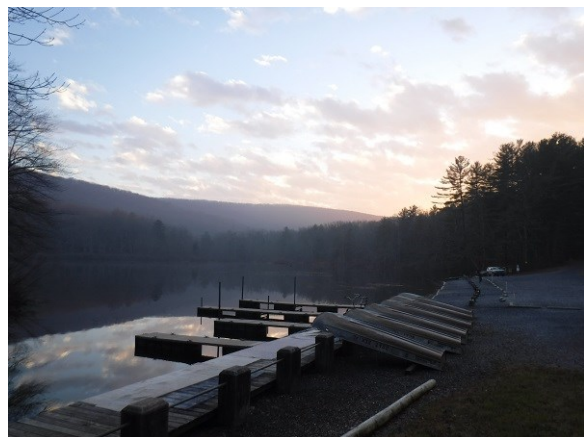
We all have a lot going on personally and there are many problems locally and globally threatening our sense of security and the quality of our lives. Though there are many things I have little or no control over, CVTU has allowed me an opportunity to put into action my desire to do something local, direct, and constructive to contribute to the type of world I want to live in: a world where wild fish swim in healthy watersheds that nourish us on many levels and which are celebrated and cared for by our communities. Some of you took part in the spring of this year in the clean-up work on the banks of the upper Letort at Vince's Meadow and the tree plantings we made along the banks of the Yellow Breeches in the Wittlinger Preserve. There are a number of events planned for this September which will build on the progress begun this spring as well as on the varied efforts CVTU members have been making to protect and conserve our local watersheds since our chapter's formation in 1969.

In news about Letort Spring Run, on June 30<sup>th</sup> CVTU was represented by Neil Sunday at a site visit to the Trego's Meadow section. Lori Glace, Watershed Specialist for the Cumberland County Conservation District, invited members of PA Fish and Boat's Stream Habitat Improvement department, and land owners Jennifer Stump and Andy Parker (also a board member of the Letort Regional Authority), to consider the practicality and value of potential for an instream work project along this stretch. Though significant regulatory hurdles must be negotiated, it was exciting to hear the Fish and Boat representatives sound positive about their sense of the potential to create improved flow and depth in that section of the creek with in-stream structures, as well as their appreciation of the perceived value of that waterway and their interest in preventing future degradation of the channel's flow. We will keep you posted.

As was mentioned in the last edition of Tightlines, CVTU has been involved this year in development of a series of educational presentations and field events on water management and conservation entitled "Cumberland Valley Waters: Connecting All of

Us." This Bosler Memorial Library series, which was September 8<sup>th</sup>, resulted from Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited's collaboration with Bosler Library, the PSE Master Watershed Stewards program, Dickinson's ALLARM department, the Letort Regional Authority, the Central PA Conservancy, the Conodoguinet Creek Watershed Association, the Yellow Breeches Watershed Association, the Cumberland County Conservation District, members of PFBC, DCNR, DEP, Carlisle Borough and others. The goal with this series is to raise awareness in our area's broader communities about the truly exceptional wealth of water resources we are blessed with in the Cumberland Valley and beyond, to help new people see how those resources connect to their lives, and to help them better understand where our water comes from and where it is going. Please invite someone who might not be already engaged with water conservation issues to go with you!

I welcome you to join me in commitment to these and future efforts to engage members of our chapter and our local communities in TU's mission: "to bring together diverse interests to care for and recover rivers and streams so our children can experience the joy of wild and native trout and salmon... [This] mission statement reflects the fact that [TU has] long worked to engage meaningfully with parties that may not always see eye to eye and build collaborative partnerships to get things done. And it recognizes that [TU is] committed to equity and inclusion—to building spaces where all individuals and communities are valued, heard, respected, and empowered." (Excerpted from TU.org.)



## **Board Members By CVTU**

### **Robert Bergamaschi:**

I was born in Baltimore, MD and life has landed me in Carlisle, PA since November 2020. Why Carlisle? Well, at the time it was the midway point between my prior company headquarters in Columbia, MD and some property I have out in Clearfield County. I am a graduate from the University of Maryland where my major was business management with a minor in environmental management. For 25+ years I have been employed as an environment, health, and safety leader for many large global manufacturing companies, currently with Carlisle Construction Materials near the downtown Carlisle area. My work travels took me all over the globe in the last 25 years, U.A.E, Oman, Brazil, South Africa, South Korea, Europe, Canada, and just over 30 states here in the U.S.

I have been trout fishing hard since the mid 90's when my dad retired and got back into it himself. My dad, brother, uncles, all the kids, and many 1<sup>st</sup> cousins have been on an annual Father's Day trout fishing trip to Western Maryland (fishing the North Branch of the Potomac River) every year since 1995. I admit I am not an accomplished fly fisherman, as I was taught with a spinning rod, an assortment of lures, and at times live bait (minnows). I have tried fly fishing in the past, even took a free "casting class" but have yet to have success on a stream. I am looking forward to learning. Truth be told, I need to buy a fly rod as mine disappeared when I moved to Carlisle. I hope whoever "found" it is getting good use of it. I know I watched it loaded onto that moving truck....oh well.

While living in Maryland I was able to volunteer (difficult with 3 sports active sons) with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF). I cleaned fish ladders on the Patapsco River west of Baltimore and also hit a few tree planting events over time. Keeping those fish ladders clear gave spawning yellow perch and eel a fighting chance as the CBF and state collaborated to remove old hydroelectric dams that were no longer in service. My involvement with the CBF and my educational background has certainly taught me the importance of a healthy and available habitat for wildlife. In addition to the CBF, I acted as chapter secretary and newsletter editor for the American Society of Safety Professional's Chesapeake Chapter for 2

years.

Now that I am an empty nester, and no longer traveling frequently and as far for work, I am looking forward to volunteering with the CVTU and advancing the mission of the chapter. I will be assuming the role of editor for the chapter newsletter, *Tight Lines*, later this year, and look forward to interacting with you all, and even maybe even getting some free fly-fishing pointers in the meantime!

### **Chad Greenlee**

My name is Chad Greenlee. I am 27 years old, and have been fly fishing since age 12. I grew up in Erie, then moved to Pittsburgh, and now living in Carlisle doing some GIS work for the Army War College. I am currently in the Penn State Master Watershed Steward course, volunteer at the LeTort Preserve and Michaux Forest Association, and have a great passion for conservation. I fish locally at the streams that CVTU has managed for decades, and I wanted to get involved and help protect these areas. I hope to restore streams to their fullest potential, to bring back diversity in the flora and fauna and remove invasives, and to learn more from the individuals holding great knowledge in these areas. Thank you for the opportunity of improving the waterways of this state.

Next slate of board members, who will serve from October 2022-September 2025:

### **Jeb Betar**

I was elected to the Board of Directors for the Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CVTU) in 2013. At that time, I accepted the position of Treasurer and have remained in that role for Board. While I enjoy fly fishing, I found that my most rewarding moments serving the chapter revolve around the Chapter's cold water conservation goals. Most recently, I helped complete a multi-year stream improvement project on the Yellow Breeches that contributed greatly to the health and welfare of the stream. I remain active in CVTU stream improvement projects, representing CVTU at community outreach activities, and completing all State and Federal reporting requirements for CVTU at a substantive savings. My financial skills allow me to effectively manage CVTU's financial resources and provide valuable financial data to the Board on a monthly basis.

**Bonnie Golla**

Originally from Lebanon County, I attended high school and college there, although I have also worked and furthered my education while living in other areas of the eastern US. In the early 2000s, I gained a position as an applications developer in the geospatial data section of the information technology division at the PA Dept of Environmental Protection. In that capacity, I was tasked with developing desktop and web applications for water quality biologists who wanted to enter and edit macroinvertebrate, fish and assessment data into geospatial databases. I had been interested in fly fishing for years and my work with the biologists helped fuel that interest. However, it wasn't until I retired a few years ago that I was able to devote time to fishing and tying. These days, my husband and I divide our time between our home in Mechanicsburg and our cabin in Clinton County. When not engaged in fishing related activities, I study music and I am also an amateur radio operator ("ham"). In that capacity, I am a Skywarn Spotter for the National Weather Service. I also volunteer my time on the radio at some long distance trail races, as cell phone service in some remote, wooded and hilly areas in PA is spotty or non-existent.

CVTU members have been very helpful to me and I have

**Neil Sunday**

Neil Sunday is seeking re-election to the Board, and this will be his 10th year serving the Membership of Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited, if re-elected. Neil currently serves as

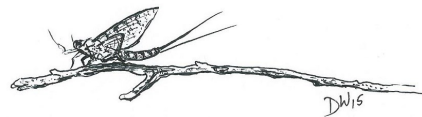
Chairman of the Stream Access and Conservation Committee, and also heads up the "Feet In The Stream" work crew that focuses on in-stream work. An active member of the community, Neil guides fly fishing on a full time basis and is keenly aware of what's going on in our streams in the area.

**Justin Pittman**

As a local business owner with multiple tackle shops in Central PA, I cross paths regularly with people who love the outdoors and receive regular feedback on our local waters. I've served on the CVTU board for multiple terms and in multiple positions; I want to continue serving on the board in order to pass on some of my experience to our new board members.

**Zoe Metro**

I grew up in Connecticut and graduated from University of Michigan Ann Arbor with an English Literature degree. I was a professional Fire Fighter/Paramedic in Michigan for 10 years before getting a second degree in nursing and moving to PA in 2014. I currently work as a nurse at the VA Clinic in Mechanicsburg. Spending time outside in the beautiful places trout live is something I enjoy and do not take for granted. I've been on the Limestone Committee for a few years now, and welcome the opportunity to be more involved in CVTU projects and events.





## **Spring Creek- Still a Fisherman's Paradise**

**By Matthew Geiman**

I had a day to myself so naturally I started to plan where I could go fishing. With many streams being low and warm my choices for trout were limited, however with the blessing of cold springs here in Pennsylvania, I still had some good options. One such is the lower portion of Spring Creek. As it flows through the town of Bellefonte, springs add a large volume of cold water to the creek. As I pulled up to the stream this August day, I was delighted to find a strong flow of 60-degree water.

I was blessed with wonderful fishing weather. With it raining while driving up and a possibility of storms in the afternoon, I was hopeful many anglers would stay home. The rain subsided while fishing that morning, yet thick clouds kept the sun off the water, and the brown trout would remain active all day. There were other fisherman present near the access, however a short walk was all that was required to find a piece of idyllic water to myself. Spring Creek has some of the most trouty looking water you'll find anywhere.

Approaching the stream, I observed a few rising fish and caddis flying around. I tied on an elk hair caddis with an Iron Lotus nymph as a dropper. It did not take long to get action on both the dry and dropper nymph. I knew it was going to be a good day. Working my way upstream, I saw another fisherman ahead of me; however, it was no problem maintaining a distance with the abundance of fish holding water in front of me, along with the occasional interruption of reeling in a fish. Spring Creek's ideal habitat and abundant forage produce healthy wild trout that are beautiful and strong fighters when hooked.

A few hours in, I was starting to hear some rumbles coming from my hungry stomach, as well as an incoming thunderstorm. It seemed like an opportune time to head back for lunch. I made it to my car just in time before the heavens opened with a heavy down pour. Finding a place for lunch was easy in the town of Bellefonte, as it is a large tourist draw and has many dining options in town.

After lunch the storm had past, yet a light rain continued which made me hopeful of two things: One, that there would be less anglers and two, that I'd find more rising fish. It turned out that I would be blessed with both! I drove

back to the river access to find an empty parking lot. I geared back up, this time with my rain jacket on. My first cast confirmed that fish were looking up with a strike to my dry fly. Slowly approaching a slow stretch of water, I found fish steadily rising. I noticed one trout breaking the surface with both head and tail giving away its large size. I switched out my dry dropper rig for an olive emerger, slowly waded in range and made a cast. Unfortunately, the fly dragged over top the fish, which must have spooked him because he did not rise again. With the amount of fishing pressure these trout receive, they are keen to an unnatural presentation. The angler's advantage on Spring Creek is the sheer number of fish that will see your fly as it has the one of the highest densities of wild brown trout in the state. I found many other rising fish willing to eat my emerger, just none as large.

It was becoming late in the day. Unfortunately, I had to leave many more rising fish behind to head back home. I am grateful for such a great day of fishing on one of PA's legendary trout streams. With its abundance of beautiful water and trout, Spring Creek still is a fisherman's paradise!

