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## Hard Work Always Pays Off By Robert Bergamaschi



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A chapter member recently shared video of trout spawning in a local stream. The video led me to think about hard work. Trout put in a lot of hard work to survive; feeding and surviving the year, moving to a good spawning area, the female trout sculpting their nest, and you know the rest. The chapter and its members have also put in a lot of hard work this past year, and 2023 is shaping up to be a hard work year as well. 2022 saw many restoration efforts, educational programs, and the continued drive of our mission. 2023 will be another year where hard work will pay off for our streams and surrounding habitat. Many fund raising activities are scheduled or are being planned, as well as continued restoration work on the Letort and Yellow Breeches.

The CVTU Board has been working hard to prioritize these activities in 2023. Our collective efforts will pay off as we work on habitat improvement, continue to conduct seminars on water quality and fisheries management, and educate the next generation about the importance of clean, cold water and wild trout.

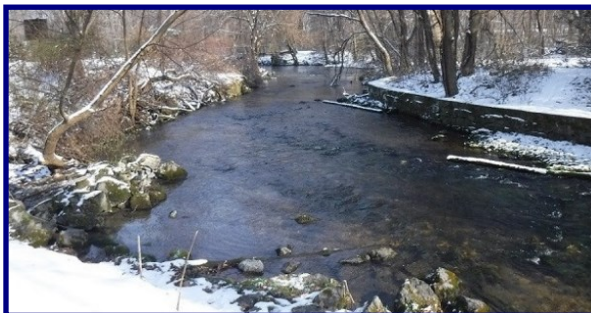


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### Upcoming Meetings:

December—No Meeting—Happy Holidays!

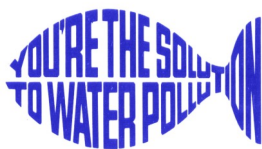
January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (Bosler Library)— Jamie SanFilippo, President Spring Creek Chapter, and fly fishing guide—[American Flyfishing Company](#)

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023—Speaker and location TBD

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (location TBD)— James (Jim) Suleski—Doc Fritchey chapter, Brook Trout in Pennsylvania

# Keeping Tight Lines Strong

Robert Bergamaschi - Editor



## Calendar of Events

2022-2023

### December 2022

- No Chapter Meeting
- Kings Gap Holiday Open House—Dec. 11th and 18th, 12-4pm

### January 23<sup>rd</sup>—Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>

Winter Fly Tying Classes  
Stuart Community Center

### March 11<sup>th</sup>

Limestoner Banquet +  
Online Auction



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~ A huge thank you to Dave Weaver for his hard work and dedication as the editor for the CVTU chapter newsletter for the past 10 years! I have big shoes to fill! I am excited (and a little nervous) taking on the editor role. Dave taught me the main ingredient for *Tight Lines* is good quality and timely content. So, I invite you to contribute or offer recommendations for content you'd like to see in *Tight Lines*. Please feel free to email me ideas, content, etc. at [rjberg42@gmail.com](mailto:rjberg42@gmail.com)

Robert Bergamaschi

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~ Submission of articles and suggestions for this newsletter are encouraged and may be sent to [cvtu052@gmail.com](mailto:cvtu052@gmail.com). The deadline for the next issue is the 25th of each month prior to the next newsletter. *Tight Lines* is published in Mar., June, Sept., and Dec. 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). We 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.

~ If you're a senior citizen, you're entitled to a membership discount. [www.tu.org/senior](http://www.tu.org/senior)



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## CVTU Membership is Currently 598!

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  
individuals, please use:

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### President:

John Zazworsky (24)

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Robert Bergamaschi (24)

### Stream Access & Conservation Chair:

Neil Sunday (25)

### Information & Education Chair:

Garrett Kieffer (23)

### Activities Chair:

(Open)

### Membership Chair:

(Open)

### Limestoner Banquet:

Gary Leone (24)

### Online Auction:

Garrett Kieffer (23)

### At Large:

Tom Baltz (23)

George Reilly (23)

Eric Naguski (24)

Jonathan Daniels (24)

Robert Bergamaschi (24)

Chad Greenlee (23)

Bonnie Golla (25)

Zoe Metro (25)

I love new experiences ... I made my first-ever salmon and steelhead excursion in early October in upstate New York. I managed to land a salmon and a steelhead, and lost many more while figuring out how to navigate heavy tackle, rocks, currents and other anglers. The weather was not terrible, and I thoroughly enjoyed the challenge of fighting large fish (large crowds--not so much!). Successful fishing or not, I also enjoyed the time spent with my son and daughter-in-law, meeting other fishermen, and being outdoors in clean water surrounded by the beauty of nature. I love new experiences ... especially when they remind me of the important conservation and education work we do as one of many TU chapters.

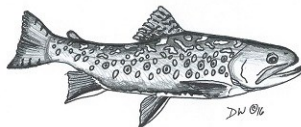
The most recent edition of Trout magazine had a short report on TU's 2022 annual meeting, dubbed CX3 for Community, Coldwater and Conservation. This theme struck a chord: as a chapter we've always been focused on protecting our coldwater resources via conservation and restoration of local streams. Over the past year, we've been renewing our interaction with like-minded organizations with similar goals. We met with representatives from the Spring Creek chapter to see their recent stream work and compare notes on planning projects, seeking grant money and focusing volunteer efforts to maximum effect. More recently, we've met with the Mountain Creek Trout Club to discuss how to address our shared concerns over erosion and siltation of that stream. We welcome your suggestions on other groups for possible collaboration.

Conservation and restoration work continues, both in and out of the water. In October chapter members and PSU master watershed steward volunteers planted 50 trees and bushes along the Yellow Breeches in the Wittlinger Preserve near Boiling Springs. This work continues to improve the environment around a multiyear stream structure project reclaiming the land formerly covered by a 200+ year old impoundment. The Barnitz Church stream project is steadily moving toward stream work in 2023; the recent Embrace a Stream fund raising campaign moved us almost \$5700 closer to the project's fund raising goal.

Looking to the new year, we're preparing for three key winter events: the annual fly tying classes, the Limestoner Banquet and the on-line auction fund raiser. I'll leave the details for elsewhere in this newsletter, but we need your support in many ways: teaching, organizing, advertising or donating. I hope you'll make this the year you join one of these projects that are so important to our chapter.

Our in-person monthly membership meetings continue throughout the winter, although the February and March meetings will be at another venue due to scheduling conflicts at the Bosler Library in Carlisle. Watch your email for announcements on location. We're always looking for speakers that interest our membership, so if you have suggestions for future speakers, please send them to our chapter email address: [cvtu052@gmail.com](mailto:cvtu052@gmail.com). In person or on line, join us!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Tight Lines,  
*John*



## **Winter Fly Tying Classes** **By Jonathan Daniels**

The chapter is once again offering beginner and advanced fly-tying classes to be held at the Stuart Community Center, 415 Franklin St., Carlisle, PA. Classes are for everyone, however children 16 and under must be accompanied by a registered adult. Children 10 and under are free with a registered adult. Registration opens Dec. 3rd online at the Carlisle Parks and Rec website, links below:

[Fly Tying—Beginner](#)

[Fly Tying—Experienced](#)

Students in the beginner 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 experienced class is for tyers who have taken the beginner's class or already have a basic understanding of fly tying. This is an opportunity to learn special tips and share your experience while tying a variety of flies together. The class will feature a new experienced guest fly tier each week sharing their favorite patterns. Students will need to bring their own vise and tools to class, as well as basic materials and hooks. Specialty materials for each pattern 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.

In addition to learning a new pattern, and possibly saving a little money in the long run, there is a degree of creative and interactive pleasure that tying your own fly brings to fishing. Some of the most effective patterns are the simplest and easy to tie. Tying your own fly will encourage you to be observant of fish behavior, their interactions with what they eat, and overall gives you a heightened attention to the stream environment and seasonal pattern of insect emergences.

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We are lucky to have hundreds of years of collective tying experience in our chapter.

Sign up now!

## **2023 Limestoner Banquet** **By Gary Leone**

Please join us for our 2023 Limestoner fundraising banquet scheduled for March 11, 2023.

The banquet will be held at the Carlisle Country Club. Price and menu details are still coming together, stay tuned for additional information.

Gary Leone is organizing the banquet. Stay tuned for details of a Limestoner Committee meeting on Tuesday, December 13th via Zoom in order to start planning for the banquet. We are in need of volunteers to assist with the planning and preparation for the event. Interested parties should contact Gary at [gmlone12@yahoo.com](mailto:gmlone12@yahoo.com)



## **Online Auction – 2023**

### **By Garrett Kieffer**

We are planning to host our annual online auction in March of 2023, around the same time as the Limestoner Banquet. Money raised from the auction goes directly to our stream restoration work and community outreach/education. Although the auction is a couple months away, planning for the auction will start soon and we can't do it without your support!

Garrett Kieffer will be leading the planning efforts for the auction and will need a team to help out. Some key planning activities include soliciting/collecting donated items from the community, taking photos of the donated items and providing brief write ups, uploading photos to the auction website, advertising the auction to membership and the general public and coordinating how the winners will get their items.

Another way that you can help is by either donating items yourself or connecting with local businesses that may want to donate something to be auctioned off. Fishing/outdoor gear and products, guided trips and getaways and other related items are popular, but don't be afraid to think outside the box. Many times it can be non-fishing/outdoor items that are the most sought after!

If you would like to be part of the planning team for the auction or you have something that can be donated for the auction, please contact Garrett Kieffer at [gckieffer@gmail.com](mailto:gckieffer@gmail.com)

Thank You!

## **The FITS Crew Needs You!**

### **By CVTU**

The Feet in the Stream (FITS) crew is looking for volunteers on Saturday December 10th at 10 a.m. for some clean up work along the Letort Spring Run between the Bonnybrook bridge downstream to the wooden footbridge.

The crew will be clearing the tall materials and woody debris in this area to facilitate access along the bank. This follows up on the herculean efforts of the FITS crew to remove willow branches which had lodged under the foot bridge earlier in the fall.

## **Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp**

### **By Clark Hall**

The CVTU is hosting 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 Nov. 1, 2022. Apply via the camp website.

The deadline for early acceptance is Dec. 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 Feb. 28, 2023, will be notified in early Mar. 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).

## Holiday Open House at King's Gap

By Jonathan Daniels

In response to the kind invitation by DCNR staff at King's Gap for CVTU to partner in their Holiday Open House at the mansion, we made good progress on decorating the Caledonia room on Nov. 26th. David and Lucy Bowerman (David took last year's fly-tying class) and chapter member Devon Heberlig and I all contributed some decorations and worked together to put up the tree and get a good start decorating the room. Thanks to Robert Bergamaschi loaning us his mounted 30", 8-pound lake-run brown trout caught on 18-mile creek in New York (which he was never allowed to hang in his wife's house), I was able to indulge my vision of a trout drawn sleigh!

We are trying to keep our decorations in the main room roughly period appropriate for the Cameron-Masland mansion (early 20<sup>th</sup> century). We have included some old snow shoes, an old metal runner sled, and some old bamboo fly rods. I may have found someone with a wicker creel they would be willing to loan, which will be nice to add to the rod, net and vest we have positioned in the corner of the room (as if one of the mansion's guests had just left them there). The tree has cardinal and owl and even frog ornaments, but we would love to be able to include some trout related ones if any members have any trout or fishing related ornaments. Let me know!

We have also added some touches to the adjoining bathroom. You should see the massive ceramic sink! This room lends itself to a little kitschier decoration. Dave and Lucy had a string of rainbow trout and classic red and white bobber lights which ought to bring a few laughs. If anyone has a life-sized Santa they are not using in their yard this year, he would look good in the clawfoot tub shower peeking out from behind the curtain!

The room is in a nice location with a tremendous view of the valley, but it is dimly lit and the strong light from the window makes it difficult to see details in the room. Please contact me if you have any old lamps you would be willing to loan.



Extra lighting like this will also be helpful for CVTU's Fly Tying classes this winter at our new location in Carlisle's Stuart Community center.

We were able to configure the room to allow a nice flow for the visitors and also create an area for our chapter promo materials and for a fly-tying station next to it for Bonnie Golla on the 11th and Tom Baltz on the 18th. Several of us plan to welcome visitors to our room at the mansion. Please come join us on these tour days to see the beautifully decorated mansion and to enjoy the fellowship with us and visitors.

Jonathan 717-448-1774 or jonboar@aol.com



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For additional information on events at Kings Gap, go to:

[Events - Friends of Kings Gap](#)



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## Obituary—Fred Bohls

By CVTU

CVTU has learned of the recent passing (November 21, 2022) of Fred Bohls, a long-time supporter of our chapter, board member, past chapter President, and 2010 recipient of the Limestoner Award.

Fred's obituary can be found at:

[Frederick Bohls Obituary \(2022\) - Hampden Township, PA - Patriot-News \(pennlive.com\)](#)

Noted in his obituary, any contributions in Fred's memory may be made to the [National Kidney Foundation](#) by visiting [www.kidney.org/donate](http://www.kidney.org/donate).

Our prayers are with Fred's family and friends in this difficult time.

