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Hard Work Always Pays Off By Robert Bergamaschi



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Hard work takes many forms, and sometimes breaking a “mental sweat” constitutes hard work. The CVTU chapter recently provided a written letter of support to the Cumberland County Commissioners supporting the Central Pennsylvania Conservancy efforts to acquire and permanently protect 916 acres of land on South Mountain. The commissioners voted to award a grant for this purchase at the end of December 2022. The land purchase includes acreage around Camp Tuckahoe that straddles Cumberland and York Counties, and is owned by the Boy Scouts of America.

The land purchase (outlined in red below) will provide watershed and forest protection, and increases the existing acreage of core conservations areas, including the Diakon Wilderness Centers, State Game Lands #305, and a 1 mile of shared border with the National Park Service White Rocks area.

For more details, click the link below —

[Land Purchase](#)



Upcoming Meetings:

March 15th (Simpson Library—Mechanicsburg)— James (Jim) Suleski—Doc Fritchey chapter, Brook Trout in Pennsylvania

April 19th—(Simpson Library—Mechanicsburg)—Speaker TBD

May 17th—(Bosler Library, Conference Room A)—Speaker TBD



Keeping Tight Lines Strong

Robert Bergamaschi - Editor



Calendar of Events

2023

March 11th

Limestoner Banquet +
Online Auction

March 15th

Chapter Meeting at the
Simpson Library

~ Thank you to those who contributed content to this issue, it is much appreciated. In addition to content for *Tight Lines*, we are always looking for your ideas on presenters at our chapter meetings. If you have seen presentations you think would be good for the chapter, or have ideas, please send them along. I invite you to contribute or offer recommendations for content you'd like to see in *Tight Lines* or at a future chapter meeting. Please feel free to email me ideas, content, etc. at rjberggy42@gmail.com

Robert Bergamaschi

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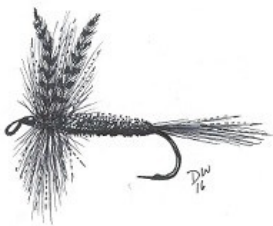


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CVTU Membership is Currently 614!

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)

To contact any of the following individuals, please use:
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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)

While fly fishing for trout is what brings most of us to TU initially, TU is really about preserving and improving cold water resources and educating others about the importance of that vision. The work we do together as a chapter and in cooperation with other community groups benefits of our local waters. For an interesting and thoughtful personal perspective on this, check out PATU President Lenny Lichvar's "Headwaters" letter in the winter 2023 edition of *Pennsylvania Trout* (www.patROUT.org).

CVTU is active with both indoor/outdoor programs and planning for our busy spring season. In December, we resumed our invasive plant removal on our Letort property at Bonnybrook bridge, and we're finalizing plans for summer conservation projects and future projects. The annual fly-tying class started in January and still has a few weeks remaining. Membership meetings continue every month; 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.

The good fishing we enjoy is partly due to the conservation work our chapter does year-in and year-out. The Barnitz Church and Letort mouth stream projects are now funded and steadily moving toward work this year. Future projects coming into focus are removal of the dam on the Yellow Breeches at Brandtsville, restoration of the former mill lake on Mountain Creek, and continued work on our Letort properties.

CVTU is aware of the recent proposed zoning changes to the "miracle mile" area of the Carlisle/Harrisburg Pike that includes the lower stretch of the Letort. CVTU formally commented on concerns any development encroaching on the undeveloped areas of riparian buffer or increasing storm water runoff will negatively affect the Letort. Board members attended the public meeting regarding this proposal, and we've informed other local, state and national agencies. The Middlesex Zoning Commission did not approve the proposal. We will continue to monitor.

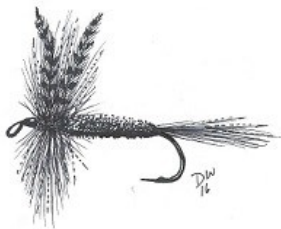
Open space remains for campers to attend the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth camp at Messiah University in June. If you know a high schooler who's interested in conservation, environmental science and/or fly fishing, tell them about the camp--it's a great opportunity to meet peers from around the country, learn from educational, fishing, and conservation experts, and sharpen their fly tying and fly fishing skills. You can also help out as a ghillie during the morning or evening fishing sessions; this is an easy, important way to support our chapter. An example of the lasting impact of this 3-decade camp: one of our current board members is a graduate, 2 recent graduates were featured in TU's latest Trout magazine feature on college programs, and one of this summer's campers is the daughter of one of the first young women to attend the camp. Come and see what it's all about!

None of these programs would be possible without the support of you. The annual Limestoner Banquet is on Mar. 11 at the Carlisle Country Club. Tickets are still available. We'd love to see you there--come and meet fellow conservationists, renew friendships, get updates on conservation projects, celebrate our annual award winners, take a chance on a silent auction or bucket raffle item, and most importantly raise some money for our operating funds! If you can't attend, buy some 50/50 raffle tickets—all members received an invitation by mail with details. Immediately following the banquet is our on-line auction. This event will have bigger ticket items up for bid, so take a look and get some great gear, guide services and more, while supporting your chapter.

This is a busy time of the year for our chapter—fund raising, fly tying classes, and planning for stream work. Join us, get involved where you can best help! Come to our next membership meeting, reach out to any board member, or send a quick note to the chapter email and a board member will be in touch. Whether teaching the next generation of fly fishers, motivating the careers of future conservationists, or improving our cold water resources, our chapter continues to make a significant and lasting impact in our local area and beyond.

Tight Lines,

John



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.

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.

We are looking for donations of flies for the campers. We are requesting that donors tie 2 dozen of whatever pattern they sign-up for. Signup sheets for flies will be available at membership meetings, or email Clark Hall at chall2636@verizon.net or call 717-697-4549.

We are also looking for gillies for the 10 fishing sessions for the camp. Evening fishing begins at 6 PM and ends at dark. Morning sessions begin at 5:30 AM and end at 8:00 AM.



Volunteer gillies wear their own vest and carry their own favorite flies to insure they have everything to make the session a successful one for the student. We do ask that gillies NOT carry a rod. Working with these young people is a rewarding and memorable time. We hope you will join us as often as your schedule permits. To sign-up for any or all fishing sessions, contact Biff Healy at biffer1966@hotmail.com, or call 717-254-7386.

2023 Limestoner Banquet By Gary Leone

The Limestoner fundraising banquet is March 11, 2023. The banquet will be held at the [Carlisle Country Club](#). Additional details about the banquet can be found on the CVTU website by clicking [The Limestoner](#) link.

The menu will consist of:

- Appetizers—veggie tray, fruit tray, cheese & crackers
- Munchies—kettle chips, hard pretzels
- Main entrée—roast turkey & roast beef, mashed potatoes, rice pilaf, California blend of vegetables, and garden salad
- Dessert—brownies, key lime pie squares
- Cash bar available

We are looking forward to visiting with attendees and recognizing significant contributors to the chapter. A brief presentation reviewing projects completed in 2022 and planned activities for 2023 will be provided.

Members are requested to submit their 50/50 tickets even if they are unable to attend the banquet. In addition to the 50/50 raffle, we will be holding a bucket raffle and a small silent auction.

Any questions can be forwarded to Gary Leone, who is organizing the banquet. Gary can be contacted by sending an email to him at gmlone12@yahoo.com



Online Auction – 2023 By Garrett Kieffer

The chapter's annual online auction starts soon! The auction will begin after the Limestoner Banquet, running March 12th to March 26th.

Money raised from the auction goes directly to our stream restoration work and community outreach/education.

Garrett Kieffer is leading the planning efforts for the auction. Some key planning activities include soliciting/collecting donated items from the community, taking photos of the donated items and providing brief write ups, 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!

The planning team has already started to collect several exciting auction items donated by chapter members and local businesses.

Items include hand crafted materials as well as generous donations of goods from local businesses. Stay tuned for pictures and details about auction items on the CVTU website.

If you would like to assist with the auction or you have something that can be donated for the auction, please contact Garrett Kieffer at gckieffer@gmail.com

Thank You!



Fly Tying Classes – 2023 Observations from a New Fly Guy By Robert Bergamaschi

Being new to fly fishing, the fly tying courses offered by CVTU last month was just the excuse I needed to dive in head first. I have done just that!

Nymphs, pheasant tails, wooly buggers, dubbing, half hitches....me and many of the others in the beginners course are literally learning a whole new language. In the advanced course, the fly tying veterans are honing their craft

One of the things many are learning is there really is no wrong way to make a fly, everyone has a slight variation that works for them, and that is just fine. My personal favorite so far, although for my beginner brain and hands was quite the challenge, was the pheasant tail nymph.

A big thank you to the class organizers and the many volunteer instructors who have been a huge help and have shared a wealth of knowledge.



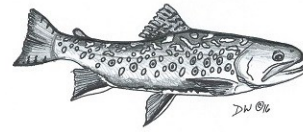
Photo Courtesy: M. Albano



Beginners pheasant tail nymph

King's Gap Holiday Room Follow-Up Education and Fellowship

By Jonathan Daniels



Though we are well past the holiday season now, I wanted to offer a brief report to the membership on the outcome of our chapter's partnership event with King's Gap State Park and Environmental Center this winter. Members worked together to decorate an upstairs room in the Cameron Mansion, as a part of the Park's Holiday Open House which allows the public to enjoy the spectacle of the entire mansion decorated for the holidays along with live music and even children's activities.

Though this all may seem a long way from in-stream restoration work, our efforts to strengthen partnerships with fellow organizations, like the DCNR staff of King's Gap, and to reach out to people in the public who are not aware of our conservation efforts are both critical elements that improve our ability to work effectively in our local community to achieve our organizational mission to Protect, Restore, Sustain the Cold-Water Resources of the Cumberland Valley, and beyond. The positive experience of working together with fellow chapter members to create a beautiful display and show people why we care for our streams is also critical for our chapter's strength and effectiveness. The better we know each other and our areas of interest and expertise, the better we can work together. And it happens to be fun and rewarding personally as well.

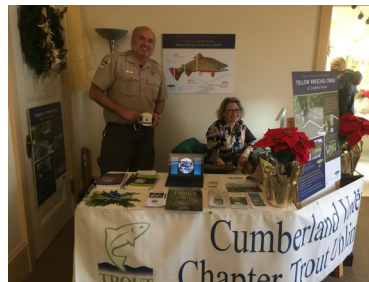
12 CVTU members spent a total of over 90 volunteer hours on this event. That is a lot. But it allowed us to present our conservation work to the over 300 visitors to the park during the two days of the Open House. Most of these were passively enjoying the decorations in our room and just noticing the educational materials we incorporated in those decorations.

But during those two sessions, many people engaged our members, Bonnie Golla and Tom Baltz, who were demonstrating their fly tying skill, and myself and Mark & Sue Albano, who were simply there to welcome people and answer any questions. Some exclaimed about how fondly they remembered their grandfathers or fathers teaching them to fish.

Some commented on how they used to be TU members and might have to join up again. Some younger folks were interested to understand better what we do and why, and it was very pleasant to sit and talk with them about that in such a beautiful room which looked out over the Cumberland Valley.

We hope you will be able to join with us in some of the community outreach events, youth education events, conservation work events, and fishing trips we are planning for this coming year. Watch your emails and check in with our growing website for updates.

Jonathan Daniels, Proud CVTU Board Member



CVTU Table

**Rudolph the
Red Nosed
Brown Trout
Leading Santa**



**Decorated
Room**

Photo(s) Courtesy: J. Daniels

CVTU Annual East Licking Creek Fishing Trip

By Bradley Harlacher

The annual East Licking Creek trip is set for Saturday, June 3rd, 2023. This is a small to medium size freestone stream (comparable to Mountain Creek in Mount Holly Springs) located west of Port Royal in the wilderness of Juniata County. Approximately 20 miles of the stream are stocked by the PA Fish and Boat Commission with browns and rainbows.

Upstream, where we will be meeting at the Guss pavilion, the creek flows through the Tuscarora State Forest, there is a good population of very enthusiastic native brook trout, and some wild browns. A Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only section begins at the upstream boundary of the pavilion and extends upstream for four miles (which means we hope there will be plenty of fish still in the stream)!

Our group will meet at the Karl B. Guss Picnic Area, Licking Creek Rd in the Tuscarora State Forest at approximately 9:00 AM. We have reserved the pavilion for the day and will set out a homemade lunch at 1:00 PM. The cost will be \$5.00 per person (exact change appreciated)!

Lunch Menu: Real kielbasa, hot dogs, homemade sauerkraut (from Ken and Gloria's garden), macaroni or potato salad, sides, chips and other snacks, Jonathan's cupcakes for dessert, and iced bottled water

Please contact trip coordinator Bradley Harlacher (email: 29ermtn@gmail.com or call 717.968.0039) to sign up for lunch by May 26th, please. Or just come up for the fishing and fellowship anyway! We hope you will join us for this opportunity to catch our region's native brook trout, born wild in the mountain stream as they have since time immemorial.

Link for directions: [40°30'47.3"N 77°35'48.0"W - Google Maps](https://www.google.com/maps/place/40°30'47.3\)

YouTube video link: [Karl Guss Picnic Area Tuscarora State Forest - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Karl+Guss+Picnic+Area+Tuscarora+State+Forest)

If interested in carpooling, Middlesex Dinner would be suggested meeting point.

Yellow Breeches Trout Stocking

Contributed By Sam Rob

In mid-December 2022, members from the Yellow Breeches Anglers and Conservation Association ([YBAC](#)) and the CVTU worked together stocking the catch and release section of the Yellow Breeches at Allenberry.

Doug Brown and Jonathan Daniels (CVTU) and Mark Leonard (YBAC) are seen in the pictures below working to stock the trout.

Most of the fish stocked were in the 14-16" range and a year or more older.



**Float box used
for the safe
transport of
fish (provided by
Ken Okorn)**

**Doug,
Jonathan, and
Mark putting
in the work**



**Doug and
Mark finding
that perfect
spot**

Photo(s) Courtesy: S. Rob

The Anglers Club of New York—Spring Outing

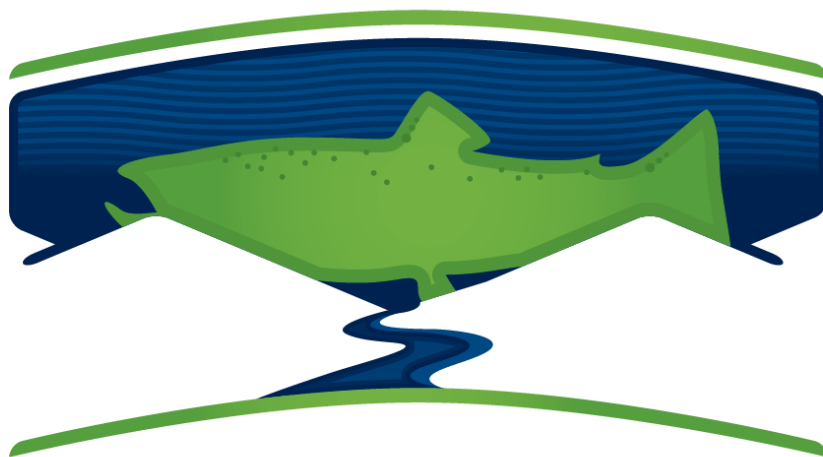
By Tom Baltz

The Anglers' Club of New York (ACNY) will be holding its Spring Outing over the weekend of June 2, 3, 4, headquartered at Allenberry. In the past Club members have buddied up with Chapter members, who accompany them out and about and show them around on local waters.

This isn't quite like a guided trip; everybody gets to fish along. This is an opportunity to meet some great guys and dedicated anglers, swap fishing stories, and raise some funds for CVTU and our various stream projects.

Traditionally, ACNY members have ponied up approximately \$100 each to the Chapter for the honor of fishing with our members! If you would be interested in participating on one or more of the above dates, please let Tom Baltz know by e-mail (preferably) at Baltzte@aol.com or by telephone at (717) 486-7438.

Thank you, in advance!



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