



## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

### FISH TALK

Currently, it is hard to gaze outside and remember that we missed two monthly meetings this year due to snow, because, now, it is finally Spring! Seasons do change.

The grass is green, my flowers are blooming, and the trees are budding. Just like my perennials, we have our yearly Adams County Trout Unlimited activities, too.

As I have eagerly anticipated the arrival of my new tulips this season, each with their unique color and scent, I am sure that our local children have been anticipating the joy of the arrival of another Spring Latimore Fishing Derby in May.

Their eyes will widen in wonder when the Yellow Breeches Anglers & Conservation Association, Inc. truck pulls up to the Latimore Fairgrounds to deposit the different species of Trout for their morning fishing activity from 8-11am. Their hearts will race, as their feet will, as they try to push to the front to see the fish in the net as they are carried and lowered into the stream. The children will watch as the fish swim in the water hoping that they will be near their own little section of the stream, whether it is on the grass or in a chair, in a parent's embrace or on a grandparent's lap, near a bridge or on the cement slab, or, possibly, just standing on the bank while leaning against an old bent tree.

Rods in hand, loaded with worms, corn, or power bait, the children 12 years old and under will anxiously await the sound of the start of the Derby. They know that the measuring sticks and various prizes are on the tables, and, the scent of hot dogs will be filling the air. Ah, the scents of Spring!

Casting Out A Little Farther, like the little ones we will watch having fun,



ACTU President and co-volunteer

*April Lee Shwartz*



## WHATS INSIDE

**2** ACTU PICNIC  
Mark your calendars  
for June 19th

**6** Latimore Fishing Derby  
Another great day for the kid  
in all of us



# ANNUAL ACTU PICNIC JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>

The annual ACTU picnic is right around the corner so schedule June 19th 6PM on your calendar. We have a great time of fellowship and refreshments. Come and greet the landowner, Mr. Rodgers who usually entertains us with some interesting stories.

Stop by bring a covered dish to share and the chapter's cooks will grill some goodies. Richard's smoked salmon is fantastic. Please contact April Swope to register for the picnic. We are located behind the Rodgers Farm off Zeigler's Mill Road go between the house and barn pass the wagon shed into the woods.



I know June 19th is a workday but let's spend a little time resting up and enjoying each other's company for an evening. Looks like something new might be cooking up on the menu-so you better not miss it. It might be so special that we are going to ask for a head count by emailing [swopeda@hotmail.com](mailto:swopeda@hotmail.com). OR CALLING 717-253-6680. We want to welcome everyone attending this annual event. We will be getting started around 6PM. Follow the directions above.

## ACTU RECEIVES WAL-MART GRANT

Congratulations to the Adams County Chapter of Trout Unlimited. On March 29, 2018, our Chapter was notified of a restoration grant approval from Wal-Mart. Over the years, the chapter has received numerous grants from Wal-Mart Corporation but in the last few years the chapter was not successful.

This year a different approach was taken utilizing a friend who manages a Wal-Mart

Store in East York assisted by signing on to the application—and bingo. In only two weeks we have been accepted and received a \$750 grant.



## OPENING DAY LITTER CLEANUP

While many people associate litter-with trash thrown from the windows of passenger vehicles there are more than seven primary sources of litter. Litter comes from homes, businesses, construction sites, and from trucks that are covered improperly. Some illegal dumping also could be called open dumping or fly dumping is also a significant source of trash on or near the roadways. This type of dumping is different from littering in the amount of material, who dumps it, and the reasons for this behavior. In other words litter can be defined as "misplaced solid waste". If you are the one gathering up the litter in trash bags calling it "misplaced solid waste" would be an understatement.

For some April 14th was opening day of trout season up North but for eight local chapter members, it was stream litter cleanup along the Conewago Creek. We had a beautiful day to show the private landowners that we are more than just a fly fishing club and wanted to give something back for the privilege of fishing on their properties.

We gathered nearly 40 bags of trash that day. We cleanup along Rt 34, Bowling alley parking area, the electrical contractor area, the entire Zeigler's Mill Road, Russell Tavern parking areas, corner of Punch and Beecherstown Road and the gas line to the Arendtsville Ball diamond.

Thanks to all that participated, and to Ketterman Electrical for taking care of the trash. It was another job well done by the chapter.



## FLOODING IMPACTS

by Dave Swope

With the recent weather, all Adams County has been seeing is rain and more rain. Some of us must wonder what happens to the trout during flooding conditions? To some, it may come as a surprise but it has been proven that flooding has short-term effects on trout. To a fish, a flood feels much like walking up an alley during a strong wind storm would feel to us. The fish will act pretty much like we do, we will duck into a place to break the wind from our bodies, fish will seek back water, eddies, instream boulders where the velocity of the water is not as great. High waters may alter the aquatic life, habitat, or place stress on the fish, but for most part the effects are short-term. Though some fish may permanently relocate during a flood, most managed to take refuge from the immediate disorder. Some admit that trout actually benefit from the high waters as spawning areas might be scoured clean of silt and sedimentation. Strong currents provide congregation areas for fish to rest in pools formed by high waters.

As flood waters recede, fish may quickly find their way back to the usual holding areas, though some may get stranded in areas such as puddles or sinkholes if the water recedes too quickly. One thing for sure, if the stream had any ideas about changing this would be the time during flooding. Some streams similar to Latimore Creek rises very rapidly during rainstorms and then recedes just as quickly compared to many others.

Flooding can have a major impact on streams and properties. Streams suffer from streambank erosion issues during faster and higher than normal water flows. Many streams have altered their physical appearance during the course of flooding. Gravel and rocks have been swept downstream. Streambanks have been washed away and dirt, gravel and silt has been deposited in different locations. Some prime fishing areas are now gone altogether. Other areas that were not ideal for fishing have been scoured out and look just great now.

In recent years, the PFBC has studied fish movement and during high flows, fish do seem to be move more readily especially rainbows.

Keep in mind, clean water is important and is virtually the lifeblood of every living creature and plant life.

## Long-Term Legacy of Welcoming Anglers

Adams County landowners, Loren and Louise Lustig, have developed a decades long legacy of encouraging and welcoming anglers to enjoy fishing on the Conewago Creek that runs through their farm near Biglerville, Pennsylvania.

About 25 years ago they opened up their farm to anglers and set up a special parking area with benches adjacent to Conewago Creek. Two years ago, the Lustig's started to greet and welcome trout season opening day anglers on their property. This thoughtful gesture includes a "welcome table" with complementary coffee, juice, fruit, and homemade breads for the anglers.

Loren explains, "We enjoy welcoming and greeting anglers on the opening day of trout season every year. Part of our commitment to conservation is to allow friends and neighbors to enjoy our farm as much as we do."

The Lustig's also have a record of accomplishment of caring for their lands and waters. In 2005, 2009, and 2010 they completed the installation of mud sills, log deflectors, root wads, instream boulders, shotrock and native tree and shrub plantings to improve aquatic fishery habitat and stabilize the steam banks on the portion of Conewago Creek that runs through their property.

The long term legacy demonstrated by the Lustig family's willingness to open their hearts and property to fellow anglers represents a strong and enduring commitment to our environment and our community. The Adams County Trout Unlimited Chapter Board of Directors offers a sincere thanks to the Lustig's for their conservation ethic and applauds their wonderful practice of sharing their lands and waters with others.



# CONOCOHEAGUE REVISITED

by Dave Swope

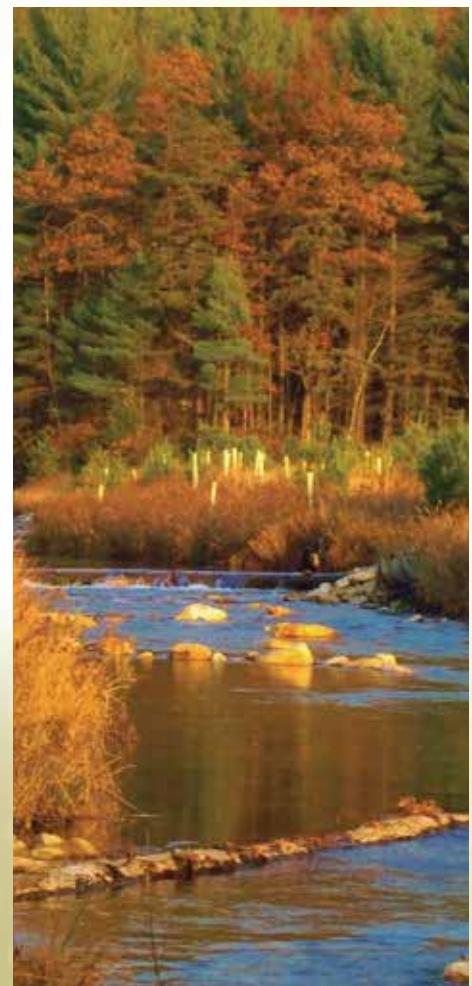
On March 16th Richard Lewis and I had the great opportunity to present “Mudflats to Native Brook Trout” to a group of Mt. Alto Penn State wildlife class students along with Professors Beth Brantley, Craig Houghton, and Peter Linehan on the chapter’s Crown Jewel Restoration Project along the banks of the Conocoheague Creek. Although cold and windy the Sun was shining brightly and this was a good day.

Our first objective was a classroom atmosphere with an introduction of the chapter’s mission statement on protecting, conserving and restoring our fishery. After fielding question’s a power point of the JIG project was presented. Our second objective was to perform a tour of the project site to identify the purpose of the habitat devices while explaining our goals, challenges and commitment to restoring a native brook trout fishery. Our last venture for that day was to visit Long Arm Reservoir with the group.

The power point presentation was continuously slowed down to answer the questions that we or the students shared, this created an educational atmosphere in the classroom. Unlike the power point presentation in Harrisburg for the PFBC, very few questions were asked on our cost effectiveness of the project but the questions were more directed about the hydrology of the stream, purpose of the habitat devices, longevity and sustaining purposes, goals and challenges that were the most difficult for the partners to overcome. We explained building partnerships is the lifeblood of our success both in volunteers and financial support. One of the most challenging aspects of the project was installing the rebar through the logs into the rocky sub-straight of the stream.

Over the few times of presenting “Mudflats to Native Brook Trout” I must admit these students delivered the most memorable input on the project for Richard and I. The students leaned forward in their chairs and opened the ears and mouths in their interest in every part of designing and installation of the project.

As we tour the stream, the definition in stream flows and the habitat devices were defined viewing their installation purposes. It is always a pleasure to revisit the project site during higher flows to view the impacts of stream flows. As we move closer with their involvement in another restoration project hopefully our efforts from this presentation and tour will become even more clearer to them with a hands-on restoration project.



# CANDIDATES SHARE VIEWS WITH ACTU



Candidate Torren Ecker shares with us his background and explains his views while running for office.



Candidate Barry Cockley delivers his views on pro-life, coaching, state insurance plans, and pollution control.



Dean Shank spoke for Candidate John Wardle on his involvement with the Fire Company as Chief, administrator, and John's focus on property taxes and pollution.



Group survey and updated phase 2 restoration plan on the Conewago Creek

# Changing Lives With a "Rod and Reel"

Back in 2004, ACTU was working organizing numerous stream projects in Adams County in open waters. This far-sighted group looked at a restoration project in the northern tier of the county along Latimore Creek. Streambanks were eroded, a bridge needed repairs, concrete needed removed, and trees needed planted to provide some overhead cover. This began a partnership with the Latimore Fairgrounds Committee and the PFBC. ACTU was leading the charge.

As the restoration project was underway, the Chapter decided on adopting a section of stream for kids only and handicap adults. Under the PFBC guidelines when adopting a section of stream, the organization is obligated to annually host fishing derby for kids. ACTU found their calling!

The organization hosted their first fishing derby on May 17th 2005. Over the years the kids fishing derby grew "leaps and bounds" recruiting more and more at each annual event. Getting the kids in the outdoors by holding such an event is like "touching heaven" for some of these youngsters. The youngsters are out to learn lessons in patience and experience and the thrill of the catch. The program builds relationships and families enjoying the outdoors, hey, it's fun for all. ACTU has opened up a whole new world for some kids, and maybe even changed their lives. This program opens new doors to kids in the outdoors and it proves there are heroes among the volunteers.

It's a win/win situation quoted Terry Sipe, stream steward for the Chapter on Latimore Creek. The chapter has taken the initiative in promoting this valuable section of stream by hosting a kids fishing derby.

We have secured a partnership with the Yellow Breeches Sportsmen who raise over 40,000 trout in Cumberland County. This is one of the largest Cooperative Nurseries in the State. This group of volunteers that have promoted a great fish rearing program identified by many anglers across Pennsylvania.

This year almost 100 children and a like number of family members enjoyed a wonderful Youth Trout Fishing Derby, Saturday May 5 on Latimore Creek sponsored by your ACTU Chapter. The smiles tell the story!



## BIGGEST FISH AWARD WINNERS

**6 and under - 31 anglers (Winner Colton Steiner)**

**7 & 8 - 24 anglers (Winner - Ryan Brooks)**

**9 & 10 - 20 anglers (Winner - Dalton Wolf)**

**11 & 12 - 20 anglers (Winner - Caitlin Gandionco)**

**Biggest fish overall was a 16.625" rainbow trout caught by Dalton Wolf**

**Megan Starner caught the most fish - 5 trout**

Many thanks to all the the volunteers who made this great event a success: Hank Rajotte, Becky Plesic, Dean Stum, Chloe Plesic, Chris Plesic, Joyce Farmer, Larry Farmer, Brandon Harman, Dave Swope, April Swope, and Richard Lewis.

Thanks to all our sponsors for donations: Cabelas, Harrisburg River Boat-Pride of the Susquehanna, York Revolution, Bass Pro Shops, Magic Elm Skateland, Majestic Theatre, Dick's Sporting Goods, Martin's Potato Chips, Subway, Hanover Bowling Center, Burger King, Garry Perry (Gettysburg), Sporting Goods, B & B Lures, and Dr. Pepper Snapple Group.

A special thanks to Yellow Breeches Anglers and Conservation Association for stocking the trout.

**Mark your calendars, the ACTU Children's Fishing Derby next year is on Saturday, May 4, 2019**



# TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM RELEASE DAY

The culmination event for Adams County students that raise Brook Trout in eleven classrooms for six months is the day when the trout fingerlings are released into the wild. This day is called the Trout in the Classroom Release Day.

Fertilized Brook Trout eggs for the Trout in the Classroom Program supplied in the fall of each year by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission are raised in cold water aquariums supplied by the Adams County Trout Unlimited Chapter.

On the mornings of May 9th and May 11th hundreds of classroom student raised Brook Trout were released by the students into the stretch of Middle Creek that runs through the Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve near Fairfield, PA.

Following the fingerling release, students from the eleven classrooms participated in four different “round robin” practical training exercises including: Invertebrate Biology, Vernal Pools, Land Use Planning, and Fly and Spin Casting. 



We offer thanks to ACTU Members Hank Rajotte, Joe Whitmore, Richard Lewis, Jim Fisher, Jack Handshaw, April Swope and Dave Swope for their student training help during the fly and spin casting training exercises.



# WHAT IS TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

TIC is an environmental education program in which students in grades K-12 raise trout from eggs to fry size, in a classroom environment. Now envision a 55-gallon aquarium housing 150 one inch trout surrounded by excited students, and you'll have an idea what "Trout In The Classroom" or "TIC" is all about.

The aquarium is used as a multi-disciplinary teaching tool. TIC begins with daily aquarium care and can go anywhere from journaling to the physics of fly casting. The goal of the program is to have the students gain an understanding of connections between a healthy watersheds, ecosystems, and communities: this educational program hopefully will instill a coldwater conservation ethic in long term protection. TIC runs from September to May, after which students release trout into an approved stream. Currently TIC has been implemented in over 100 schools across Pennsylvania. This program exists due to partnerships between the Pa. Council of Trout Unlimited and the PFBC and the Adams County Conservation District. The PFBC provide grants through Pa. Trout and guidance to schools executing Trout in the Classroom. Many TU chapters partnered with TIC teachers to help implement the program. TU members can help in many ways, including aiding with aquarium setups, funding, teaching about micro-invertebrates, and giving fly tying instructions. Some chapters have taken students on stream restoration projects.

ACTU started in the Trout in the Classroom program in 2009 partnering with the Gettysburg High School Class with Shawn Abma as the Class Teacher. Since the beginning, the chapter has excelled under the leadership of Adam McClain to established partnerships in eleven schools in Adams County. With the Adams County Watershed once again working in unity with ACTU, the chapter will be able to expand their outreach in youth education. Connecting with students may be the lifeline for the future of protecting our land and water in Adams County. With our chapter having 11 schools enrolled with this program, our future growth in conservation depends on these students carrying the environmental torch for the generations to follow.

# MR. KLINGER'S CLASSROOM

A few years ago, Middle School teacher Justin Klinger, approached your chapter to begin a partnership to borrow fly fishing equipment to begin a classroom approach in the possibility of introducing and educating students in conservation with a rod and reel. Your board of officers not only responded well to this partnership with equipment but agreed to take the students and help introduce this outdoor recreation experience on a fishing trip. Chapter officers agreed to participate at a local pond for an evening of fishing with the students. You can understand by the pictures, the students were thrilled while posing with their catch.



*Mr. Klingler's Fly Fishing Club is a great opportunity for middle school kids to learn a new skill. I always loved fishing, but, I never got the chance to fly fish. So, when I heard about this club I figured I would give it a try. Me and all my fishing buddies joined the club. We always have a snack, then watch a video about fly fishing. Then, we either rig-up and go to the pond on school campus or get our vices and all our other supplies to tie flies. The club starts in the Fall and ends in the Spring. We have a trip that we go to in the Spring. We go to this really nice pond with big fish. There are hundreds of giant bluegills and crappie and that only means there are giant bass. I recently went on this trip and caught a 3.6 pounder. I thanked everyone who made this possible. I hope I can find another opportunity just like this in the high school. Tyler*





*I really enjoyed the farm, the animals and the green trees. Fishing was fun and I was able to catch 16 fish! Thanks for letting us go fishing at your pond. I really appreciate the ability to fish there. Johnny*



*What I liked about the trip was that the pond has easy access, is well taken care of, and not overgrown. I also really liked how cooperative the people were. But most of all, it was a good day of fishing with friends. What I didn't like was that it had so much water around the pond – but I'm going to blame that on the weather. But, everything just panned out - but, out of everything, I enjoyed the amazing people, and the land was beautiful. Nathan*



# CHAPTER MEETINGS 2018

**June 19**

Chapter Picnic Rodgers Pavilion 6pm

**July 17**

Chapter Meeting 7pm

**August 21**

Chapter Meeting 7pm

**September 18**

Chapter Meeting 7pm Nominations of Officers

Guest Speaker-Justin Klinger

Gettysburg Middle School Fly Fishing Club

**October 16**

Chapter Meeting 7pm Elections of Officers

**November & December**

No Meetings

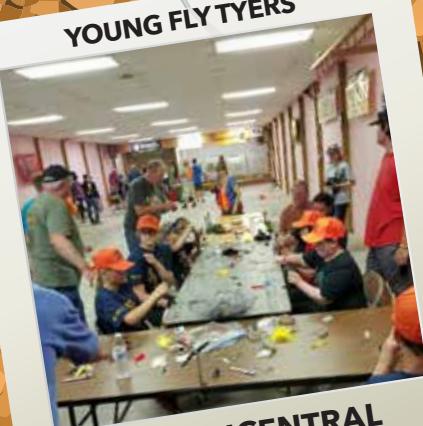
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If you are a business owner and would like to reach 200 members with a common interest in fishing and the environment, consider running your ad in the Adams Angler. There are 8 issues per calendar year. Cost of the ads are \$100 business card and \$150 half page and whole page ad \$300. Call 253-6680 to advertise in the newsletter.



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# EVENTS

**June 16**

Workday on Path/Trail  
7:30am at Bowling Alley

**June 19**

Annual ACTU Picnic  
6pm at Gladys Meadow

**September 8**

PA Trout Fall Meeting  
Bellefonte, PA

**October 2**

PFBC Fall Stocking  
Conewago Creed  
11am