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To conserve, protect, and restore North America's Cold Water fisheries and their watersheds.

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NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, February 17, 2015

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:
Sunday, March 8, 2015

Trout in the Classroom - Updates from the Students

In Fairfield Middle School we had taken in about 210 fish eggs. Unfortunately we only have about 80. Right now they're in the fry stage. Now that they are growing bigger, we are increasing the size of the food. We are hoping that most, if not all, of the fish come up to the surface to eat. If some don't, some of the bigger fish are bound to eat the smaller ones. The fish are starting to show variation in size and color. Some of the fish are bigger than others. Their stripes are more evident. These stripes are called parr markings and will disappear as they grow older. We are also starting to see the faint white and red stripes on their fins. We keep the tank temperature at a sta-

ble 53 degree Fahrenheit or 12 degree Celsius. We need to keep the tank this cold so the fish have more oxygen to breathe. The fish guys have checked the tank and do chemical testing a couple times a week. The tank has cycled and now we are just monitoring the nitrate level. They clean the tank once a week to help keep the nitrate levels low. Our release date is in May and hopefully by then we have 80 large healthy fingerlings to add to our streams.

Maya Feuerstein and Nora Clarke, 7th Grade students in Mrs. Serfass's science class, are the class bloggers that post regular updates on Mrs. Serfass's website.



Maya Feuerstein and Nora Clarke are the trout bloggers for Mrs. Serfass's 7th grade class at Fairfield Middle School. In the background you can see the tank filled with happy fry.

2015 Trout in the Classroom Release Events:

High School: Fri, April 24th 8:30am – 1:30pm
Gettysburg Montessori: Sat, April 25th 10am – noon
Elementary: Tues, May 19th 9:30am – 2:30pm
Middle School: Wed, May 20th 9am – 2pm

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STRAIGHT TALK By: President, Dave Swope

January for Adams County Trout Unlimited has been busy. We have worked very hard as a Chapter to prepare for the upcoming banquet on March 14, 2015. The banquet is our biggest fundraiser of the year, so please come out and enjoy a great evening. We are making great strides to make this banquet very personal. Please keep an eye on the ACTU Facebook page and website for updates on auction items and sponsors for the banquet. If you have any questions, would like to donate or be a sponsor for our banquet, please contact Andy Murray or Dave Swope.

In another event, the fly tying classes are underway and are really going well. Special thanks are own to Joe Whitmore and all the instructors for continuing to organize and run such a great class which begins ½ hour before each monthly meeting up to May's meeting!

We, as the Board of Directors, are continuing to review ways that we can continue to improve as a chapter. I continue to encourage members to come to meetings and get involved with conservation/stream projects along with our many youth programs. Please feel free to keep myself or the board aware of any potential restoration projects you feel are necessary.

As President, I have had the honor to be involved with the South Mountain Partnership (SMP) and will attend the "Power of Partnership" year end Breakfast 4th annual celebration next week for leading the Restoration Project on the "Jig" utilizing our grant from SMP.

ACTU has had some first class speakers and I would like to thank Dean Stum for continuing to find new and informative speakers for our membership meetings. This is not an easy task. Lastly, I would like to take a minute and thank everyone for all of the hard work they continue to do for our chapter in support of so many noble goals and undertakings. It's worth remembering that there is a ton of work that goes on, completed by many behind the scenes, and without that effort our Chapter wouldn't be as productive as we are. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to give me a call at 717-253-6680 or email swopeda@hotmail.com See you at the banquet.

The ABC's of Fly Fishing

Do you have any tips you'd like to share with others? Please send them to amystum@comcast.net. Look for more hints each month.

Fish the edges! Trout seek breaks from the current to conserve energy while feeding. Any edge that breaks the current is where to look. An edge can be the visible line between fast and slow water or the edge of a rock or log and even the edge of a shadow. It can be a

change in water depth from shallow to deep. Even in very shallow water you will find that a trout will station himself on a small rock.

Also, the best time to catch a large brown trout is after dark. Since regulations do not allow night fishing in the fly fishing only special regulation areas, be there during or after a rain storm that discolors the water - tie on a meaty fly and hang on!

Fly of the Month

Chartruse Parrot Tung Nymph

Hook: Mustad CO 68 #14-#18, Daiichii I120, #14-#18

Thread: Wapsi Fl. Chartreuse 6/0

Bead: Black Tung one size larger than normally called for

Rib: Sm Black Wapsi wire

Overbody: SM Mylar Tinsel

Thorax: Peacock Ice Dub 50%, SLF Prism Peacock 50%

Head: FL. Thread, Wapsi, Chartruse 6/0



Short Casts

Newsletter Submissions: Submission of articles and suggestions for the newsletter are encouraged and may be sent to amystum@comcast.net in a Word document or email text. Refer to the front page for submission deadline of the next newsletter.

Free Fly Tying Lessons: Once again, our own Joe Whitmore is providing free 30-minute beginners lessons prior to the monthly ACTU chapter meetings from January thru May. The lessons will start at 6:30 pm, no supplies or prior experience is required! The meeting will start immediately following the lesson. We look forward to seeing you there!

Banquet Registration Now Open: Registration for the 33rd Fund Raising Banquet is now open. Early registration discounts end **February 15th!** Send in your registration today and reserve your seat for a great night of fun. Registration form is on page 9.

Public Access

One of the most pressing and major problems in the Commonwealth of Pa. is the concerns of declining free public access to our waterways providing recreational opportunities. The following examples have the PFBC focusing on a Penna. Waterways Access Partnership (PWAP): the Little Juniata, the Little Lehigh River, Fishing Creek, the Upper Clarion River, Lake Erie and locally the South Branch of Codorus Creek in York County. Fishing guides are leasing land along Lake Erie tributaries for their customer's exclusive use, limiting steelhead fishing access on some streams. Fishing opportunities close to home are becoming increasingly scarce. Concerns about liability, even possible terrorist attacks, and the general move toward divestiture of water supply in lakes and land, public

access to lakes and water supply impoundments is declining.

A focused effort is needed to protect and enhance access to our waterways. PWAP focuses efforts on creating new tools for conservation agencies and local entities to use to protect, secure, and enhance waterways access. Funding and assistance is available to support access projects, but the waterways access needs to be a priority and the rate of which waterways access projects are being completed needs to be accelerated.

In a partnership effort involving state agencies, anglers, boaters and other interested parties, a list of priority areas/projects for access-related projects need to be developed. This will be a key component of developing a waterways access strategy for Pennsylvania.

Chapter Logo Initiative

At the January monthly meeting, a motion was made to develop a Chapter logo and tag line. **We are looking for your help!** Submit your suggestions, in concept or draft, to amystum@comcast.net no later than **June 30, 2015**. Below are sample logos from other chapters.



Winter Weather Cancellations

In the event of winter weather causing a monthly meeting cancellation, notifications will be:

- Sent via email
- Posted to ACTU Website
- Posted to ACTU Facebook Page



Proposed Delayed Harvest Changes

Anglers who enjoy fishing in Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only (DHALO) areas would have several additional weeks to keep their catch and would be allowed to use bait during the harvest period, under a proposal advanced today the PAF&BC at its quarterly business meeting.

In addition, kids under the age of 16 would be allowed to use bait year-round in these areas. This is about creating more opportunities for anglers of all ages to fish and making it easier to fish by simplifying regulations," said PFBC Exec Director John Arway. "The DHALO program is one of our most popular because it extends the traditional trout season. Today's proposal should encourage more anglers, especially kids, to fish these areas and will make it easier for families to fish together."

First launched in 1983, the DHALO program is designed to make more stocked trout available later in the season. The current regulations allow harvest only between June 15 and Labor Day, have a minimum size limit of nine inches and a creel limit of three fish. The waters are open to fishing year-round.

Under this new proposal, the harvest period would be moved to the Saturday before Memorial Day, the minimum size would be lowered to seven inches, and anglers could use bait or artificial lures during the harvest period. The creel limit would remain at three fish.

"Anglers are most interested in fishing for stocked trout in late May and early June," added Arway. "By expanding the harvest period and allowing the use of bait, we can increase angler success while improving the use of the trout before they are lost to natural mortality in the warmer summer

months." Arway added that allowing kids to use bait year-round in DHALO areas makes sense because most children learn to fish with bait before advancing to fishing with flies or artificial lures. "By allowing kids to use bait year-round in these areas, we would be making it easier for them to fish and would be increasing their chances of catching fish," he said. "This would create a positive experience which in turn would increase their enthusiasm and passion for the sport."

The proposed changes will be published as a notice of proposed rule making in the PA Bulletin for a 60-day public comments period. If adopted on a final rule making, the amendments would take effect on Jan. 1, 2016.

Note: According to the PAF&BC media Rep, this proposal will have to go through the PA Attorney General's Office before it is published in the PA Bulletin. It will most likely be published in the bulletin in mid-to late March. After it is published there will be a 60 day comment period where concerned fishermen can respond with their comments.

All TU'ers please be prepared to provide your comments when the comment period begins. This is a bad proposal and hopefully many negative comments will be submitted to the Commission. Next month some rationale will be provided for your comments. Thank You. Dave Lippert

Home Water and Septic System Workshop - Free Testing Clinic

What: Home Water and Septic System Workshop

When: Tuesday, May 19, 2015; 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Where: Adams County Extension Office, 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Suite 204 Gettysburg, PA

Residents who rely on a private well, spring, or cistern for their drinking water can register to receive a basic water testing and education during a two-hour Home Water and Septic System Workshop on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 from 1-3 pm at the Adams County Extension Office located at 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Suite 204 Gettysburg, PA 17325. Penn State Extension along with the Master Well Owner Network are sponsoring the workshop.

The clinic will provide education on proper location, construction, testing, maintenance, protection and treatment of private drinking water supplies. Since 80% of those with private water supplies also have on-lot septic systems, we will discuss care, maintenance and alternative on-lot septic

systems.

The workshop is free, however we request advanced registration. The first 30 households registering will receive a copy of A Guide to Private Water Systems in Pennsylvania. The registration deadline is Friday, May 15, 2015.

Free drinking water testing will be provided for up to 30 households. Results from simple tests can help guide you in future testing by accredited labs. Sample collection instructions will be provided to registrants. Support is provided by the Master Well Owner Network grant from PA DEP and PGWA.

Register online at: <http://extension.psu.edu/home-water-septic>. If you do not have internet access, call Rhoda at 717-263-9226 to register, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

Conococheague Project Receives Award

The South Mountain Partnership's annual Power of the Partnership Year-End celebration was held on Friday, January 30, 2015. The Conococheague Stream Project received the "Spirit of South Mountain Award" at the celebration. Our own President, Dave Swope noted that four distant TU chapters and partners worked together on a successful, shared restoration project - the essence of TU's grassroots conservation work. Awards can be gratifying, boost membership, build morale, but it's surely not about awards. It feels like God's working through us to conserve, protect and restore one of the many things that was provided for all of us to enjoy - the sheer beauty of it all. Congratulations to the Board and members of the partnership, especially Kevin Anderson, Adam McClain, Sara Nicolas and Phil Bietsch.



Left to Right: Adam McClain, Adams Co Watershed Specialist for; Don Albright, CVTU; Phil Bietsch, DCNR; Dave Swope, ACTU; and Kevin Anderson, National TU.

Stocking Schedule

The stocking schedule has been released, the extract below is as of February 8, 2015. Please visit http://fbweb.pa.gov/stocking/TroutStockingDetails_GIS.aspx for the latest information.

Body of Water	Date	Meeting Place	Time
Bermudian Creek	3/7/2015	Bendersville P.O.-off SR34	11:45 AM
	4/6/2015	Cashtown Community Center	10:30 AM
Conewago Creek	3/14/2015	Adams Co. National Bank-Arendtsville	10:30 AM
	4/22/2015	Adams Co. National Bank-Arendtsville	10:30 AM
Conococheague Creek	3/30/2015	Green Village-Chambersburg-SR11 North	11:45 AM
	4/8/2015	South Mountain P.O.-SR233	10:30 AM
	5/7/2015	Green Village Restaurant-SR11 North	10:00 AM
Latimore Creek	4/3/2015	Cashtown Community Center	11:45 AM
	4/6/2015	Cashtown Community Center	10:30 AM
Little Marsh Creek	3/4/2015	Cashtown Community Center	10:30 AM
	4/23/2015	Cashtown Community Center	11:45 AM
Marsh Creek	3/4/2015	Cashtown Community Center	10:30 AM
	4/23/2015	Cashtown Community Center	11:45 AM
Middle Creek	3/4/2015	Cashtown Community Center	10:30 AM
	4/23/2015	Cashtown Community Center	11:45 AM
Opossum Creek	3/7/2015	Bendersville P.O.-off SR34	11:45 AM
	4/23/2015	Cashtown Community Center	11:45 AM
Orrtanna Pond 1	3/23/2015	South Mountain P.O.-SR233	10:30 AM
Toms Creek	4/3/2015	Cashtown Community Center	11:45 AM
	4/6/2015	Cashtown Community Center	10:30 AM

Banquet Auction Items

There is still time to submit your registration for this year's fundraising banquet. Auction items available for bidding include:

- Orvis rods/reels and Metz fly tying necks, pictured below.
- Framed and numbered "Leaping Brook Trout" water color print. (Value \$125.00), pictured below
- One pair of breathable felt bottom Redington big foot waders. Size 8, pictured below
- Gift certificates, from the following businesses
 - ⇒ Scott and Co Fine Jewelers, New Oxford
 - ⇒ Persona Day Spalon, Hanover
 - ⇒ PCXperts, Cross Keys
 - ⇒ Photography by Jontell, New Oxford

The discount period ends February 15. A registration form is included on page 9 of the newsletter.



Invitation to Participate in the Birch Run Project Celebration Event

Many partners donated hundreds of hours and thousands dollars to plan and install the Conococheague Creek stream improvement structures and bring the Birch Run Reservoir Project to completion. Now that the Project is complete it's time to celebrate our collective work efforts and accomplishment.



The Adams County Trout Unlimited Chapter invites all Birch Run Project Partners to attend and participate in a Celebration and Dedication of this Project on Saturday, April 11, 2015.

Schedule

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| 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM | Lunch hosted by ACTU in the parking lot off RT 233 near the old Birch Run dam site |
| 1:30 PM | Dedication of Birch Run Project at upper Birch Run area |

Please email (rlewis7575@aol.com) or call (301-452-4202) ACTU Member Richard Lewis by April 1, 2015 to register for the event so we can plan the right quantity of food and drinks for the hosted lunch.



2015 Chapter Calendar

FEBRUARY

- February 17 Fly Tying Lesson 6:30 pm Gettysburg, PA
Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm Gettysburg, PA

MARCH

- March 14 Chapter Banquet, Dinner 4:00 pm Heidlersburg Fire Company
- March 17 Fly Tying Lesson 6:30 pm Gettysburg, PA
Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm Gettysburg, PA
- March 28 Mentored Youth Day 8:00 am Southeast Region
- March 31 Application Deadline for Rivers Conservation Camp

APRIL

- April 3 Trophy Trout Stocking
- April 4 Opening Day of Trout 8:00 am Southeast Region
- April 11 Birch Run Celebration 11:30 am Conococheague Creek
- April 18 Opening Day of Trout 8:00 am PA Statewide
- April 21 Fly Tying Lesson 6:30 pm Gettysburg, PA
Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm Gettysburg, PA
- April 24 High School TIC Release 8:30 am Strawberry Hill Preserve, Fairfield PA
- April 25 Montessori TIC Release 10:00 am Strawberry Hill Preserve, Fairfield P

MAY

- May 2 Latimore Fishing Rodeo 8:00 am Latimore Fair Grounds
- May 19 Elementary TIC Release 9:30 am Strawberry Hill Preserve, Fairfield PA
Fly Tying Lesson 6:30 pm Gettysburg, PA
Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm Gettysburg, PA
- May 20 Middle School TIC Release 9:00 am Strawberry Hill Preserve, Fairfield PA

JUNE

- June 6 SOY Field Day 8:00 am McSherrystown Fish & Game
- June 16 Chapter Picnic 6:00 pm Steamside at Rogers' Farm
- June 21-26 Rivers Conservation Camp Allenberry Resort

JULY

- July 21 Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm Gettysburg, PA

AUGUST

- August 18 Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm Gettysburg, PA

SEPTEMBER

- September 15 Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm Gettysburg, PA
- September 16-20 TU Annual Meeting Scanton, PA

OCTOBER

- October 3 PA Council Fall Meeting State College, PA
- October 20 Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm Gettysburg, PA

NOVEMBER

- November 17 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm Gettysburg, PA



Reservation form

33rd Annual Fundraising Banquet
Adams County Chapter 323, Trout Unlimited

Saturday, March 14, 2015 in the Heidlersburg Fire Co. Hall 4p.m. until?

We would like you to join us in the celebration of America's trout and salmon waters. The evening will include fellowship, the usual tall tales, raffles, door prizes, auctions and buffet dinner. Menu includes glazed ham and baked parmesan chicken main courses with sides, desserts and refreshments including beer and wine.

Reservations are \$35 per adult

Grade school children through 12th grade are \$15 pp.

Reservations after February 15 is \$50 per person

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Make checks payable to "Adams County Trout Unlimited" Amount enclosed \$ _____

New this Year!! We will reserve tables for parties of 8 or more ONLY.

All other seating is "OPEN".

Please use back of form to list additional names on the reservation

Reservation Deadline is March 7, 2015

Mail to:

Andrew Murray
81 Coffeetown Road,
Dillsburg, Pa. 17019
Phone 717-432-9137

If you are unable to attend but wish to donate to the Chapter, we welcome your generosity.

Amount of Donation \$ _____