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MISSION

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

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By the next generation, Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and wild Coldwater fish once again thrive within our local area, so that our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.

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NEXT MEETING:

**Tuesday,
January 19
@ 7 pm**



Managing Streams for Future Generations

ACTU is excited to offer a five-part women's event series open to all interested women.

Space is limited

Registration Deadline: 3/1/2016

Registration forms are available on the website.

ADVANCED REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT REQUIRED

Events 1 - 3 will be held at the **Adams County Winery** at 251 Peach Tree Rd, Orrtanna, PA

- **March 20 - Series Introduction & Kick Off**
- **April 10 - Fishing Gear Introduction and Overview** will be led by Jake Villwock from the TCO Fly Shop.
- **April 17 - Fishing Instruction Overview and Casting** will be led by expert guide Tony Dranzo.

Event 4 will be held at the new **TCO Fly Shop** at 2 E. 1st St, Boiling Springs, PA.

- **April 24 - Fly Tying Introduction** will be led by Jake Villwock from the TCO Fly Shop.

Event 5 will bring all the lessons together and put it into practice on the stream. Ladies will be paired with others from the sessions for a time of fishing.

- **May 1 - Fishing**

COST: \$10 per person, event; or \$35 for all 5 events.

Light refreshments will be served at events 1-4; Wine will be available for purchase (with proper ID) at events 1-3.

For more information, please contact: **Becky Plesic or Amy Stum.**

Change in Chapter Meetings

The chapter is implementing a 6-month trial in changing the approach for general membership and board meetings.

General membership meetings will be held in **January, March, & May**. These meetings will have brief (5-10 min)

business updates and will focus on the presenter/education topic.

Board meetings will be held **February, April, & June** to discuss all decisions, chapter strategy, and general chapter business. As always, board meetings are open to anyone inter-

ested in attending and hearing the direction the chapter is taking. In addition, all approved meeting minutes are available on the chapter website.

If you have any questions about the meeting changes, please contact President Dean Stum.

President's Message By: Dean Stum

The beginning of another year is upon us. Usually during the winter, I try to imitate the black bear by hibernating (conserving energy in a semi-conscious state while staring at all of the football games flashing across the TV screen). This year will be a bit different for me. The Chapter annual meeting was held in October, in which I was elected President. After two months of Board meetings in which the 2016 budget was discussed and approved, 3 members stepped up to fill positions on the Board, our newly created stream coordinator position was filled, by-law revision/amendments have been discussed, and the first quarterly report to PA TU has been submitted, I can say without a doubt that outgoing President Dave Swope deserves to be commended for his 8 years of untiring service. Fortu-

nately for the Board and me, Dave will remain on the board as Chairperson. Dave's knowledge, experience and relationships he has developed over the years and his willingness to share with the board will ensure it continues to operate effectively. Approval at the last board meeting has changed the member meeting schedule from a monthly to bi-monthly status. Board meetings will be held on the alternating months that Chapter meetings are not held. As always, board meetings are open for any member to attend. Since member meetings will only be held every other month, please pay special attention to future newsletters, emails, and post card mailings for information updates. The Chapter will continue to host or support events

that have been held in the past. There will just be a reduction in the number of member meetings held. The board will utilize the time between member meetings to work on developing and carrying out the strategic plan. During our term, the Board and I will do our best to provide meaningful member meetings. At times, the meetings will be educational. Other times, the meeting will be more of an informational nature, providing members and the public with topics of interest. Please feel free to contact any member of the board if you have an educational or informational topic that would be of interest to the chapter. I look forward to providing you with more updates in the next newsletter!

Chapter Leaders Update

The chapter officers and board are pleased to announced the remaining Board position has been filled. **Roger Brown** was appointed to the open Board position at the December Board meeting.



Roger may be familiar to many of you, as he has been a partner and friend to the chapter for many years through his membership in the Northern Virginia

TU chapter, our partner on the Conewago. Roger joined NVATU in 2002 and was chair of the trout stocking responsibilities and a liaison to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

Roger worked on stream restoration projects in Markham, VA; Hagerstown, MD; and Gettysburg, PA. The Virginia project was a partnership with VDGIF fish biologist CWF Program Volunteers, and TU volunteers. For the last 7 years, he has served as an unpaid CWF Program volunteer, making about 180 trips to trout streams and stocked over 140,000 lbs. of brook trout. He also assisted with Trout in the classroom, trail restoration, Canadian Goose Banding, Chronic wasting disease research projects, as well as The National Archery in The Classroom Program. We thank Roger for his willingness to serve the chapter by sharing his experience and insights in helping to

drive the chapter's direction. The Board also appointed the Stream Coordinator - **Larry Hartlaub**. In September, the Board implemented a Stream Policy to outline our strategy and go-forward process for stream improvement projects, which included the creation of a stream coordinator position. Larry is a past-president of the chapter and has extensive knowledge and experience with the Chapter's conservation projects and device installation on the Conewago Creek in the Fly Fishing only section. We thank Larry for his willingness to serve the chapter in this capacity.

YOU'RE THE SOLUTION TO WATER POLLUTION

Bald Eagle Bumblings

By: Chris Plesic

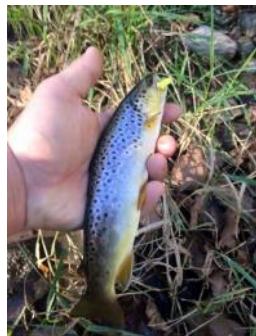
It was the second week of archery season in PA. My wife, Becky, and my daughter, Chloe, and I decided to make the trip north to our camp in Centre County. The primary reason of course was to archery hunt. I decided at the last minute to throw my fishing gear in the truck (it's a bad habit I have); everyone else was in hunting mode.

I was excited at the thought of seeing a big old mountain bruiser of a buck on the move, but I still had not completely made the transition yet. There were still dreams of big Bald Eagle brownies gorging themselves before winter; I knew this could be the weekend. Then I thought, wouldn't it be nice to harvest a buck and land a monster brownie or rainbow? You see, I am an optimist. Then I thought, how about we just get to camp first.

I can't help I get excited about hunting and fishing. Some people like Disney World; I, on the other hand, have grown very fond of our little piece of paradise in north central PA.

So after all these deep thoughts, we arrived at camp, or Disney World or whatever your paradise is. We unpack and go to bed for the Saturday morning hunt. The morning was not very productive. We all got skunked; no one even saw a tail. But that evening was different, before we went out Chloe said, "she had a feeling someone was going to get something." Well she was right! Becky was hunting by herself on another hill that night, when a nice male coyote came down through the woods; which unfortunately for

him, was his last evening stroll. Yes, it is true. If my wife were an animal, she would be a lioness. Later this season, Becky harvested a buck and a doe all in the same day; all three were harvested with her crossbow.



I know we want to get to the fishing part; I promise that we will. I put this story in because the trout I caught on this trip were small and I did not get many. Plus, I want you all to know some members of my family really know what they are doing. I am also extremely proud of my wife. Becky is my fishing and hunting partner. I

also have to say Chloe is following in her mother's footsteps very nicely. Ok, now for the fishing part. It was Sunday, so no hunting. My wife made a nice breakfast; I messed around camp a little and decided I might as well go down to the Bald Eagle. You see I am just full of deep philosophical thoughts like this...just ask my wife. It was a gorgeous day! The fall foliage was coming along nicely, which made the drive off the mountain even better. My next deep thought was what part of the Bald Eagle do I want to fish today? As I approached the stream, I found myself being pulled to the section of stream between Dowdy's Hole Road and Curtain Village; I like this section the best. However, it is good fishing from the confluence of Spring Creek downstream to Dowdy's Hole. A little side note, if you need a place to stay when you make the journey to fish this wonderful stream you can stay at Bald Eagle State Park in Howard, PA. The park offers a campground and the Nature Inn at Bald Eagle. The lake is also right there, so bring your boat and make it a long weekend. It is a pan-

... in the middle of the stream, not a soul around, it's just you and the trout.

fished enhanced lake and is also good fishing. So, meanwhile back at the stream I proceeded to park and gear up. The Bald Eagle is a nice size stream. This trip had significant meaning to me because it was the first time I got to use my new 9' 6 weight Winston and, I must say, it performed very nice. I like a little longer rod for this stream. It gets a little wide in spots, but an 8' 5 weight is fine as well. This portion of the stream is not catch and release. The fish commission put thousands of fingerlings in this stream a few years ago. You will catch a lot of 8-11" fish, mostly brownies and rainbows. This stream has a nice flow all year, and is stocked once before season and once during the season. The bottom line is the Bald Eagle holds trout. An old timer I ran into once told me he averaged 20 trout a year over 20". One year he only caught 10 trout over 20" and he said that was a bad year. He was a

local and fished often, he used minnows on his fly rod. I will not lie, minnows are killer bait on this stream; however, the rainbows

love my egg patterns too. The brownies tended to like the green weenies. The stream is hard to fish in the early season. I honestly do not do well until the second stocking, mostly due to water levels. This does save a lot of the fish and deters people from fishing it. Water temps stay cool year round; Spring Creek is a major contributor to that. I personally love this stream, it is one of my favorites. On this specific trip I only caught four trout - three rainbows and one brownie. (continued on pg 4)

Bald Eagle Bumblings (continued from page 3)

All were healthy and had great color. As I get older, I don't really care how many I catch. Picture this, you are in north central PA in the middle of the stream, not a soul around, it's just you and the trout. You are between Dowdy's Hole and Curtain Village. It's a special hole you're fishing. There's deep slow water up stream that flows into a shallow pocket, which creates these riffles that are just calling to your fly. The leaves are vibrant colors. There is hardly a breeze, but the air is crisp. You make a beautiful roll cast into a dream pocket. You mend your line nicely because of the swift flow and smack, fish on. Well

that's Disney World, I mean the Bald Eagle. I know I only caught four trout, but then again I was just bumbling around!

About Bald Eagle Creek. It is a 55.2-mile-long tributary of the West Branch Susquehanna River mostly in Centre County, Pennsylvania, in the United States. It is home to the Bald Eagle Trout Fishing Tournament. Bald Eagle Creek runs through the Bald Eagle Valley at the foot of the Bald Eagle Mountain ridge to Lock Haven.

The shorter Bald Eagle Creek (Little Juniata River) runs south in the val-

ley from the same headlands near the Blair County/Centre County line, terminating in the Little Juniata River in Tyrone. The main line of the Nittany and Bald Eagle Railroad short line runs along the full length of both Bald Eagle creeks. Interstate 80 crosses the creek between Snow Shoe and Bellefonte, and U.S. Route 322 crosses between Port Matilda and State College. Much of the Nittany Valley drains to the creek through water gaps in the Bald Eagle Mountain ridge.

Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing School - March Meeting Preview

The Adams County Trout Unlimited Chapter meeting on March 15, 2016, will feature a presentation on the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp by Rod Cross.

The 2016 Camp will be held June 19-24, 2016, for 14 -17 year old students at the Allenberry Resort Inn on the Yellow Breeches Creek in Boiling Springs, PA. A camp selection committee will

select up to 32 students based on applications and expressed desire to attend the camp. Cost of the camp which includes food, lodging, tuition/course materials, a fishing vest, shirt, cap and flies is \$400; scholarships are available.

The camp includes 10 fishing sessions on the Yellow Breeches held prior to breakfast and after dinner every day. Rod's presentation will cover all of the aspects of and details about the Camp.

This will be an excellent opportunity for parents and students to learn more about this camp that has become a model for many other youth fishing Camps. Trout Unlimited Membership is not required to attend this meeting; it is open to the general public.

An application is available on the website: <http://riverscamp.com>.

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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

Chapter Calendar of Events

January 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Chapter Meeting	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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February 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Board Meeting	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

Upcoming Events

- January 19 - Chapter Meeting @ 7 pm
 February 16 - Board Meeting @ 7 pm
 March 1 - Registration Deadline for Women's Event Series
 March 15 - Chapter Meeting @ 7 pm
 March 20 - Women's Event @ 2 pm
 March 26 - Regional Mentored Youth Day @ 8 am
 March 31 - Registration Deadline for Rivers Conservation Camp
 April 2 - Regional Opening Day of Trout @ 8 am
 April 9 - Statewide Mentored Youth Day @ 8 am
 April 10 - Women's Event @ 2 pm
 April 16 - Statewide Opening Day of Trout @ 8 am
 April 17 - Women's Event @ 2 pm
 April 19 - Board Meeting @ 7 pm
 April 24 - Women's Event @ 2 pm
 May 1 - Women's Event @ 2 pm
 May 7 - Fishing Derby @ 8 am
 May 17 - Chapter Meeting @ 7 pm
 May 29 - Fish for Free Day
 June 4 - SOY Field Day @ 8 am
 June 11 - Family Picnic; Pine Grove Furnace State Park
 June 21 - Board Meeting @ 7 pm
 Stocking Dates will be announced by the Fish and Boat Commission.

Monthly chapter and board meetings are held at the **Adams County Conservation Building** on 670 Harrisburg Road, across from the Adams County Bank.

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Family/Women Coordinator: Vacant | |

Fundraising Coordinator: Vacant | |

Nominating Chair: Vacant | |

If you are interested in more information about any of the vacant positions, please contact Amy Stum.