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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,
July 19
@ 7 pm**

LATIMORE KIDS' FISHING DERBY - 2016



6 & under Winner – Ruthie Worley, 14”
7-8 years Winner – Lucas Stockslager, 15 ¾”
9-10 years Winner – Alexis Broadhurst, 13 ½”
11-12 years – Breanne Myers, 15”

Adams County Trout Unlimited does it again, another successful Derby. The Derby was held on May 7, despite some cool weather with some showers, it was a great success! I consider success when a bunch of children are out on beautiful stream fishing for trout, not on their iPads fishing their favorite app. The children's faces said it all, for two hours they fished hard to catch that big luncker. Focused and determined to take first prize for the biggest fish. I really enjoy the Derby because my daughter Chloe has been participating in it for years. She is 11 now and has one more year left, we reminded her of that this year. So

next year will be extra special, we also live within a mile of the creek. Chloe grew up fishing, swimming, and playing there. Latimore is a place that is truly near and dear to us. The Derby is also how I learned about Trout Unlimited and eventually became a member. So not only is it a great outreach program, it gets kids and families together for great fishing fun. The Derby begins with the Yellow Breeches Anglers arriving. This is my favorite part because kids get to stock the fish. This alone adds so much to the experience. After the stocking, the children register and anxiously await the sound of a (continued on page 2)

President's Message By: Dean Stum

The past two weeks have made me think that I missed July and that it was already August. Lawns are turning brown and flower/vegetable gardens are in need of water to keep the flowers, corn, zucchini and any other favorites healthy and growing. Streams are warming and getting low. Please consider giving the trout in the warm water areas a little break, as the stress of a fight on your fishing line may be the straw that breaks their back.

The Chapter was present at this year's SOY event. Joe Whitmore reported that the event was a big success! Special thanks to Joe, Ricky and Jeremy Whitmore, Gary Toner, Sue Cipperly, Hank Rajotte, Jeff Clark, and Buzz Dettinburn. Hopefully in the fu-

ture, some of the kids who attended will remember your time commitment and pay it forward.

The Chapter picnic was held at Pine Grove Furnace State Park on Saturday, June 10. Plenty of food and drink were shared by participants.

Guest Speakers were scheduled for Chapter meetings throughout the spring. For July, there will be no Chapter meeting. Instead, the Board will meet to discuss business and plans for the upcoming months. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of July (July 19th) at the Gettysburg Ag Center. Please remember, Board meetings are open to all members. This is your Chapter. Your thoughts and input as to

what you would like to see the Chapter do or provide members is always welcome.

The end of the fiscal year is quickly approaching, which means nominations and elections will soon be at hand. If you are interested, or know of anyone else who may be interested in being more actively involved, please contact me or any Board member. There is no nomination committee, so we must rely on word of mouth and input from members. Please see the positions which will be open for election on page 7 of this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing you at Tuesday's meeting.

Latimore Derby (continued from page 1)

horn at 8:00am. This signifies the first cast may be thrown and the Derby has officially begun. The children fish till 10:00am. Then they take their biggest fish to the registration table to be measured and the measurements are recorded. While they are waiting for all the measuring to be done they get to enjoy free hot dogs, chips, cookies, and drinks. The longest fish wins in four separate age groups. The age groups consist of 6 & under (13 participants), 7-8 (10 participants), 9-10 (7 participants), and 11-12 (13 participants).

We had a total of 43 kids participate in the Derby. ACTU congratulates all the winners and thanks all the children for participating. We also want to give a special thanks to the Yellow Breeches Angler's for bringing such nice size trout for the kids. We can't do it without you guys. Another huge thank you from

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Yellow Breeches Anglers & Association

the Chapter goes to Sue Clipperly; she has chaired the Derby for years and has done an outstanding job! Thanks Sue for all your hard work in organizing such a great event. The chapter also wants to thank Dean Stum, Amy Stum, Chris Plesic, Chloe Plesic, Becky Plesic, Merry Bush and Hank Rajotte for all their efforts and volunteering. Another great thing about the Derby is our fantastic sponsors. These Sponsors donate such great prizes and enough prizes for every child that participates to get a prize. They play such an important part in the Derby and we are so thankful for their generosity.

So, thanks again to all our sponsors and volunteers for giving the children a great day they will never forget of fishing, food, prizes and fun.

God's Favorite Fish - A Poem By: Chris Plesic

One day a friend asked me a question you see. If God had a favorite fish, what would it be? So without hesitation, I jumped in with both feet. It has to be the trout; it cannot be beat. The colors and hues and patterns are divine, which I believe only the creator could design. They are speckled and spotted, they shimmer and shine. Their beauty is breathtaking, it must be a sign. Some trout have

blue halos and rainbows galore, such a magnificent species I have to implore. Their habitat spans from the hills of Pennsylvania, clear to the Alps in the North of Slovenia. So special a fish, God couldn't just create one. There is the marble, the brookie, the brownie, the bull, the cutthroat, the rainbow, the tiger, how cool! The trout is not just pretty, it has purpose you see. It brings people together, like you and like me. Through ban-

quets, trout derby's and labors of love. We get down on our knees and thank the great God above, for sending this beautiful creature we love. Who taught us how to be good stewards of your streams and to preserve it for the future generations it seems. So good fishing to you all, that is my wish and now you know why the trout is God's favorite fish.

Can Raising Trout Connect to the Next Generation? By: Dave Swope

In 1974, the McSherrystown Fish and Game Sportsmen Club was approached by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's Cooperative Nursery Division with a proposal to open a trout lab in Adams County with Fairfield High School agriculture students. This was a "first ever" trout aquaculture pilot program designed to teach high school students how to raise trout fingerlings. With grant money from the Commission, a concrete fish rearing raceway was built and the cold water from a spring behind the high school was piped to the raceway. In 1975, the Commission supplied the first trout fingerlings and the high school science teacher and students were trained in the care and feeding of the trout. After the initial training, the students took on the responsibility of feeding and caring for the trout.

Every Spring, approximately 4500 adult trout (12-14" long) from this program are stocked two times in five Adams County Trout streams: Marsh Creek, Little Marsh Creek, Conewago Creek, Middle Creek and Toms Creek. Over the years, trout anglers in Adams County have been very pleased to be able to catch locally raised trout from the responsible student managing the cooperative trout nursery pro-

ject. Since 1975, over 120,000 Rainbow, Brooks, Golden Rainbow and Brown trout have been raised and released in Adams County streams from the Fairfield Facility. Over the 42 years since the project was started, many changes and improvements have been made at the Fairfield High School trout raising facility including adding a propane powered electric generator for backup power, drilling a well to supplement the spring water flow, constructing buildings to hold materials, constructing a walk bridge to get over the raceway, and building a roof enclosure over the entire raceway and spring inlet to protect the growing trout from flying predators.

One of the high school students, Adam McClain, responsible for the care and feeding of the trout became very interested in fisheries and fisheries management during the time he participated in this program. Adam notes, "Raising trout at the Cooperative Nursery was the one of the major factors that influenced my decision to pursue a career in the fisheries field." Adam enrolled at the PSU College of Agricultural Sciences and earned a degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences. After college graduation, Adam took a job as the Cumberland County Watershed Specialist and eventually transferred back home where we are now privileged to have him as our Adams County Watershed Specialist. With the support

of the Adams County Trout Unlimited, Adam has established eleven successful "Trout in the Classroom (TIC)" Programs in Adams County schools where students raise Brook Trout from fertilized eggs in classroom aquariums. This program provides a simplified version of raising trout in a hatchery setting and reaches over a thousand students within the County each year. Although the TIC trout fingerlings are only a few inches by the end of the school year, they are still released into Adams County streams during special Trout Release Day Programs. More recently another Fairfield High School student, Ricky Whitmore, also responsible for the care and feeding of the trout fingerlings during his high school years also made the decision to pursue a conservation career and will soon be attending PSU to work toward his degree in Wildlife and Fisheries Science. In this day and age of fast paced Internet and cell phone technology that often leads our youth down a pathway of "instant gratification", it is especially meaningful to see a natural environmental project, like this trout raising project, which motivates our youth to seek careers in the conservation, ecology, fisheries, forestry, natural resources, or wildlife management fields.

Conewago Creek Electrofishing By: Dave Swope

The Conewago Creek was recently surveyed by the PFBC to establish a base line for wild trout verification and identification of fish populations of many other fish species. Mr. Rodgers was notified the day the group would be on his property.

A floating device called a john boat was installed in the stream which would carry a generator, probes, nets, water tank and other surveying equipment. The team consisted of two PFBC biologist's, two college students and myself.

Electrofishing is the most preferred method for sampling trout in our streams. Sampling trout with electrofishing gear is efficient, quick and relatively safe if properly conducted by trained personnel. Commission biologists use two types and three different methods of electro-fishing. The type and method depend on the size of the water and the water's ability to conduct electric current.

Either AC or DC current operated from either a johnboat, towed

boat or backpack unit. The DC current works best in waters with a high potential to conduct electricity (hard waters and limestone streams). AC current is most effective in waters with a lower potential to conduct electricity (soft waters and freestone streams).

Where appropriate, DC current is the most preferred type of current because it has the least potential to harm individual fish.

In addition, the Commission uses the type of electrofishing unit that best matches the size of the water we are sampling. For example, it's difficult to obtain smallmouth bass abundance data from the Susquehanna River using small backpack-mounted electrofishing gear. A johnboat-mounted electrofishing unit is more suitable for this type of waterway.

Since the college students were temp employees much time was devoted into training as we moved slowly upstream in a 200 meter area to survey. Stream documentation is crucial to the program

and many hours of data is collected and transposed at a later date.

About this time you are probably anxious reading forward on what were the results of the electrofishing in the Conewago in the catch and release section that your chapter devoted so many years of their volunteer efforts in restoration projects. Well, I was truly impressed and surprised at the number of trout-big trout in this small 200 meter section of fishing. I was not sure at first what we might find in the waterway that maybe could make a difference in future stockings or the stream becoming reclassified.

Only one five inch wild brown trout was documented along with eight trophy trout and many smaller trout, bass, pan fish, suckers, minnows, a bull-head catfish, and a species that proves our fishery is a healthy one. Well onto Bermudian Creek tomorrow.

A Conservation Hero-Ben Dugger By: Dave Swope

On April 9th, at the age of 86, AC-TU lost a life-member. Ben left us as a great motivator in the protection of our waterways. Ben loved to fish. Early in his life Ben had a passion for the protection of land, water and our natural resources. Ben received many conservation awards and certificates of appreciation over the years of his involvement in Maryland Chapter of Trout Unlimited. As a life-member of Trout Unlimited, Ben's focus was also on the youths of tomorrow. He was ac-

tive in teaching kids the art of fishing and how to become a better advocate in stream conservation. Ben demonstrated in his own ways the purpose of a true conservationist and what it should mean today. Ben had 42 bluebird boxes in the Carroll Valley area that he cared for annually.

Ben's legacy lives on today with his donations to the local Trout Unlimited Chapter. Middle school students have found great assistance with the fly rods and equipment Ben left behind to help teach

others to get involved in the outdoors thru fishing.

So I say, thanks Ben for all your volunteered time, efforts and through all your donations to the chapter in the promotion of fishing and carrying the conservation torch for the next generation to enjoy what we have all enjoyed together. Good bye my brother and may you rejoice casting a line in a better place where there is no pain and suffering.

SOY Field Day

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped Joe Whitmore at this year's SOY Field Day event, held on Saturday, June 4th.



Chapter Calendar of Events

July 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 Board Meeting @ 7 pm	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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August 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 @ 7 pm	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Upcoming Events

- July 19 - Board Meeting @ 7 pm
- August 16 - Board Meeting @ 7 pm
- September 20 - Board Meeting @ 7pm
- October 18 - Board Meeting @ 7 pm

Chapter meetings are held at the **Adams County Conservation Building** on [670 Harrisburg Road](#), across from the Adams County Bank.

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Adams County Trophy Trout By: Dave Swope

Congratulations to the Mummasburg Sportsmen Association who recently completed its twentieth year of putting smiles on many anglers faces in Adams County on the traditional opening day of trout fishing.

Wally Kane has coordinated the trophy trout stocking program for all eight of the approved trout streams and the Orrtanna Pond for many years. This year has benchmarked twenty consecutive years for the Mummas-

burg Club stocking trophy trout, with cooperation annually from Adams County Trout Unlimited and McSherrystown Fish and Game lending their support. I wish to thank the clubs for their efforts and valuable time donated to this great "one of a kind program" in Pennsylvania. Hopefully everyone realizes the time and effort spent to deliver a product to the community; it requires a tremendous amount of patience to coordinate such a worthwhile pro-

gram for all anglers to enjoy. The fish, all trophy size trout (some reaching 24 plus inches in length), give anglers high expectations for an added outdoor adventure.

Folks, we are fortunate to have a sportsmen organization that cares and enjoys giving back. May we enjoy the next twenty years in the program as much as the first twenty years.

Tight Lines

Upcoming Chapter Elections

The following Officers and Board Position will be voted in for 2017 at the October meeting:

Vice President: 1-yr term (vacant)

Secretary: 1-yr term (incumbent Amy Stum)

Treasurer: 1-yr term (incumbent Becky Plesic)

(1) Board Member: 3-yr term (incumbent Joe Whitmore)

All nominations should be submitted by September; for more information or to submit nominations, please contact Dean Stum.

Chapter Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs

President: Dean Stum | (717) 339-6192 | Term: October 2015 - September 2017

Vice President: Vacant | | Term:

Secretary: Amy Stum | (717) 343-1683 | Term: October 2015 - September 2016

Treasurer: Becky Plesic | (717) 870-4543 | Term: October 2015 - September 2016

Board Chairman: Dave Swope | (717) 624-8134 | Term: October 2015 - September 2018

Director: Roger Brown | (717) 753-3482 | Term: October 2015 - September 2018

Director: Chris Plesic | (717) 309-9053 | Term: October 2015 - September 2018

Director: Hank Rajotte | (717) 253-7106 | Term: October 2015 - September 2018

Director: Joe Whitmore | (717) 642-3759 | Term: October 2013 - September 2016

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TIC Coordinator: Adam McClain

Fishing Derby Coordinator: Sue Cipperly

SOY Coordinator: Joe Whitmore

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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 Dean Stum.