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MISSION

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

VISION

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,
May 17
@ 7 pm**

ANNUAL FISHING DERBY - May 7 from 8 - 10 am

Latimore Valley Fairgrounds Children 12 & under

- No entry fee
- Prizes awarded for largest trout in 4 age groups, & keep your catch
- Bait fishing only
- Refreshments – Door Prizes
- Trout provided by YELLOW BREECHES



2015 Derby Winners



Directions: Travel north on US Route 15, 2 miles north of York Springs, PA, turn right (east) on Latimore Valley Rd. Go to first stop sign (old US 15 or Harrisburg Pike) turn right. Go 1000 ft to road at bridge, turn left to children's area.

May Guest Speaker: Andrew Trelease

Andrew Trelease will be speaking at our May 17 chapter meeting. Andrew is an avid fly fisherman, guide, and owner at Trout Haven. A native of upstate New York, Andrew frequents some of the Northeast's most legendary rivers - The Beaver Kill, East and West Branches of the Delaware, Willowemoc Creek - as well as lesser-known back country gems full of native brook trout. Andrew will describe his inclusive getaway trips to the world-renowned Spruce Creek in central Pennsylvania. Fly fishing celebrities, US Presidents, and famous athletes are some

of the avid anglers who fish the limestone spring waters of Spruce Creek.



President's Message By: Dean Stum

With trout stocking done until fall, I imagine it is time to focus a little more on the lawn and garden projects needing done around the house. Special thanks to all who helped float stock the fly fishing only section of Conewago Creek! The Latimore Creek fish derby takes place Saturday, May 7. The derby will be held from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and is for children 12 and under. The trout, supplied by the Yellow Breeches Anglers and Conservation Association, will be arriving at 7:30 am. Anyone interested in helping out with the stocking or the derby in general, please show up any time from 7:15 am on.

Sunday, May 1 will be the last day the ladies group attending the women, wine and waders event will meet. It will culminate with a fishing day and picnic on the Yellow Breeches. Hopefully, the weatherman is off on his forecast for the day!

Things are progressing with upcoming work to be done on the fly fishing section of the Conewago. Meetings with Fish and Boat have been delayed/postponed a time or two, but our stream coordinator is keeping us on the forefront of their mind.

The Chapter has been having member meetings every other

month since the beginning of the year. At this time, a speaker is scheduled for the May chapter meeting and the Chapter picnic is scheduled for June 11 at the Brickyard Pavilion, Pine Grove State Park. A postcard with more picnic information is expected to be sent in the next couple of weeks.

Please check the chapter website announcements for additional meeting information as it becomes available.

Here's to hoping you all are getting some time out on the streams. See you there!

Trout in the Classroom Release By: Richard Lewis

Dave Swope, Joe Whitmore, and Richard Lewis assisted with the Adams County Trout In The Classroom Release Day on April 22. Science students from Gettysburg, New Oxford and Biglerville have raised their trout fingerlings since last fall. After releasing the trout, students participated in a one-hour, ACTU led training session. The training session covered fishing safety, fishing ethics, cold water conservation and fly and spin casting instruction.

Pictured below: Joe Whitmore providing casting instruction. Photos courtesy of Richard Lewis.



Ask Not What Trout Can Do For You; But What You Can Do For Trout

By: Chris Plesic

I know it is a corny title, but you have to admit that it caught your attention. So, I won't apologize. While I have your attention, I'm going to try to keep it. What have the trout done for me you might ask? Well, to be honest, I could write a book on that question, but I have to keep this article to a certain size. My father, Richard Plesic, got me started in trout fishing very

young. It was something we enjoyed doing together. We went to a friend's camp every year for trout camp. It was a rustic place on the Little Aughwick Creek. There were great memories made there, and quality time spent with cousins and friends. As time went on, like most things, trout camp fizzled out. Of course, my dad and I still fished when we could; however, the real trout bug bit me around the age of 14. The real challenge was getting rides to the streams. So, when I turned 16, all bets were off. My friends and I would bounce to every stream within three counties of Hanover. We were 16 year old trout bums - loving every mi-



nute of it. I could go on and on, but I think you get the point. It's funny how the pursuit of a fish can bring friends and family together, even communities. Think of the Derby's, Trout in the Classroom, and many other educational projects that center around trout. I now continue what my father started with my daughter. I think every time we hit the stream our relationship grows and memories are stashed away for safe keeping. Who would have thought that all of these fantastic things could come from a "fish"? So how can we ever repay the fish? Well, here comes Part 2...ask what you can do for the trout. It was a question that I asked myself a few years back. Two members from

Adams County Trout Unlimited talked to me at the children's fishing derby at Latimore Creek. They explained the details of the Trout Unlimited organization, what they did and what they were all about. I joined that day. I thought to myself, it's time to give back. What good are my fishing rods going to be to my daughter and grandchildren if there aren't any cold water fisheries? How can they keep my father's and my legacy alive? I can't save and maintain all the streams, but we can do it together, one mud seal or tip deflector at a time. We can participate in some of the activities I mentioned earlier. We can help with stream projects, donating to Trout Unlimited or other clubs who raise money to stock fish. Some clubs have their own hatcheries and need help. The list is long and I know our time is short. If you sit down and really think about these two questions, who knows, even you could be inspired by a fish.

SOY Volunteers Needed - Saturday, June 4; New Oxford Fish & Game

As in past years, Adams County TU is hosting a fly tying station at this year's SOY event. Led by Joe Whitmore, volunteers are needed to assist. The event is being held at New Oxford Fish & Game, located at 955 Jack Road, Orrtanna. The events start at 8 am; breakfast and lunch are provided for all volunteers. Please contact Joe Whitmore for more information or to volunteer.

Changing Lives with a Rod and Reel By: Dave Swope

Back in 2004, Adams County Trout Unlimited (ACTU) was organizing numerous stream projects in Adams County in open waters. This all volunteer 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 ACTU, 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 a kids fishing derby.

ACTU found their calling when the organization decided to adopt a kids and handicap section of stream on Latimore Creek, hosting their first fishing derby on May 17 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 while connecting families enjoying the outdoors, hey, its fun for all.

This fishing program continues on

May 7 from 8-10 AM and will give us the opportunity to reach future members in ACTU.

Please arrive early for registration and helping to stock the stream can be fun too. Special thanks again to our partner the Yellow Breeches Anglers for rearing nice trout and bringing them to our fishing derby. ACTU has opened up a whole new world for some kids, and maybe even changed their lives. This program also opens new doors to kids in the outdoors and it proves there are heroes among the volunteers. The chapter appreciates all donors and volunteers who make this successful.

2016 Family Fishing Festivals Set for May and June

From The PA Fish and Boat Commission

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) has scheduled several opportunities in May and June for families to learn fishing skills and enjoy fishing.

The PFBC is holding three Family Fishing Festivals in May and three in June. These events lead up to the two statewide Fish-for-Free Days – the Sunday before Memorial Day, May 29, and Independence Day, July 4.

“Family Fishing Festivals are a convenient way to introduce friends and family to the sport of fishing at no cost,” said Carl Richardson, PFBC Education Section Manager. “These are educational events designed for families with little or no fishing experience. Participants will learn basic fishing skills and have an opportunity to practice those skills while fishing during the program.”

“We know that once people try it, particularly kids, they will see that

fishing is a great recreational activity and they will want to do it more,” he added.

PFBC Family Fishing Festivals will be held at these locations:

May 7, SC Region: Gifford Pinchot State Park - Conewago Day Use Area, York County, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. ([for more information or to register](#))

May 14, SE Region: Deep Creek Lake, Green Lane County Park, Montgomery, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. ([for more information or to register](#))

May 21, SW Region: North Park County Park, Allegheny County, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. ([for more information or to register](#))

June 11, NE Region: Francis Slocum State Park - Day Use Boat Launch Area, Luzerne County, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. ([for more information or to register](#))

June 18, NW Region: Moraine State Park - Pleasant Valley Day Use Area, Butler County, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. ([for more information or to register](#))

June 26, NC Region: Bald Eagle State Park - Pavilion #7, Centre County, 11:00 AM to 03:00 PM. ([for more information or to register](#))

The PFBC is waiving the fishing license requirement during the program for registered Family Fishing Festival participants 16 and older. The program is open to all ages, including children ages 5 and older. The PFBC provides equipment, bait, and tackle. PFBC staff will be present to teach skills and assist those who fish. Preregistration is required.

Visit www.GoneFishingPa.com to register or learn more about these programs. Space is limited, and there will be no registrations accepted the day of the event. In addition, PFBC partners will be hosting programs throughout the summer. These events can also be viewed at the fish and boat web-

Child Abuse Clearances

Required by PA law, any member interested in volunteering at youth programs must obtain:

- 1) PA State Police criminal history check
- 2) PA Department of Human Services Child Abuse Certification
- 3) If you have lived in PA for less than 10 years, FBI fingerprinting is also required.

Our treasurer, Becky Plesic, has set up an account with the child welfare portal to make it faster and easier for our chapter volunteers to obtain their child abuse clearances.

Below are the steps to submit your FREE clearance requests:

1. Contact Becky at bplesic321@aol.com for the Waive-Fee Payment Code (everyone gets a different code).
2. Go to the portal at <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS/Public/Home>
3. You will need to Create Individual Account
4. CWIS will send you a temporary password
5. Go back to portal and this time click on Individual Login
6. Use login you created and temporary password that was emailed to you from CWIS. Create new password.
7. Create new background check.
8. Click on VOLUNTEER for

reason (first option), then put in CATEGORY: Other and AGENCY: Adams County Trout Unlimited

9. Enter all personal information

10. At payment section, enter the code Becky provided to you for processing.

11. Becky and you will receive notice once everything goes through and you are approved. Becky is retaining copies of all ACTU member volunteer clearances.

If you have already received clearances through your employer or other volunteer organizations, please forward copies to Becky.

Trout in the Classroom (TIC) Tickets

Once again this past November, PA TU delivered 250 Trout in the Classroom (TIC) tickets to every chapter in the state. Our chapter sold 99 tickets. The chapter itself purchased 20 tickets, and was notified this past week that we had won a \$50.00 prize!

With the chapter membership being well over 150, I believe we can do much better with the TIC ticket sales. When the tickets

arrive this November, I will be contacting members and asking for help in selling tickets. If you don't feel comfortable being a "salesperson" I will ask you to consider purchasing just 1 ticket. These ticket sales are the only fundraiser held each year to provide for the management and materials needed to run this program. With ACTU supporting 10 classrooms on average, it is very important to sell these tickets.

Not only do the sales support this program, but it allows the Chapter to use its funding for other resources and activities. Steve Defriece and Buzz Dettinburn both tied for the most sales made by a non-board member. Congratulations to both of you! As promised, your sales entitle you to a choice of any item listed on the ACTU store. Please contact Dean Stum with your selection.

Do you shop on Amazon? If so, you can now make a donation to ACTU every time you shop through Amazon Smile. There is no additional cost to you and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to ACTU. Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2222233> for more information.

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Women, Wine & Waders - Oh My By: Chris Plesic

I guess there is only one thing to say, if you organize it, they will come! Yes, you heard me right. Our very own Adams County Trout Unlimited Chapter 323 Secretary/Editor Amy Stum had a vision. I remember the board meeting like it was yesterday. I remember when she presented her brain child to us. I have to say that even though I liked her ideas, I was skeptical. I knew that it could be a success, but I just wasn't sure of what kind of turn out she would get if we went through with it. The question was, were there enough women interested locally to support such an event? Let's face it, fly fishing is still a male dominated sport. However, I have to say that women's interest is well on the rise. Please don't get me wrong, women have been fly fishing just as long as men. Now, women are guiding trips and have Trout Unlimited shows. We also cannot forget anglers like Joan Wulff, who paved the way for many women to get involved in the sport. One statistic that I found interesting is that women make up approximately 15% of the purchases of fly fishing apparel and equipment annually. So, if I were an owner of a sporting goods store, that is a number that I would watch carefully because it is going nowhere but up. Oh yeah!! Speaking of numbers going up, I remember when Amy first started advertising for the event. It started off a little slow, two signed up, then three, then five. It wasn't a flood of women, but as time went on and the deadline came closer, the word got out and the number hit 19 total women (including Amy & Becky). I have to admit, I found this number astounding. I also learned that if you don't put your ideas into action, you will never know if they will work. So my hat's off to Amy for putting

herself out there and to those women who signed up. Many of the ladies had never fly fished before or even held a rod of any kind. Kudos to these women for jumping out of their comfort zone and trying something new. We are proud of all of you. So, let's break down this grand vision of Amy's. She created five events and each event had its own day. The events were all approximately 2 hours and varied in location according to what the specific event pertained to.

Event #1 consisted of a meet and greet at Adams County Winery. The women also discussed their reasons for signing up for these events and what they hoped to get out of the event. Some of the reasons were: to find a friend to fish with and learn from someone other than their spouse, others just wanted to learn how to fly fish. The skill levels varied between women, some were complete newbies to the sport, while others described themselves as having moderate experience. They continued their afternoon by watching a video from Trout Unlimited's Women Initiative on women in TU. There were door prizes, raffles and of course, great conversation while sipping some of that great Adams County wine - not a bad way to spend an afternoon. Our current chapter President, Dean Stum, also introduced the women to the chapter and what we are all about. The women left the winery excited and eager to come back to the next

event.

Event #2 consisted of a breakdown of fishing gear and an introduction overview. Amy Coen, from TCO Fly Shop, presented information on everything from socks to sunblock. An expert in outdoor clothing, Amy helped to dispel some myths and educate the ladies about the science of clothing.



She brought a fly rod to show how to assemble it and break it down. This session was also held at Adams County Winery. So while they were checking out all of the great gear, and I heard that there was even some modeling of the gear, they were indulging in some wine and refreshments. They again had fun with some raffles and door prizes and ended the exchange with sharing contact information for that future fishing buddy. Now we are up to **Event #3**, which consisted of fishing instruction and casting. The women were very fortunate to have local guide, Tony Dranzo, at the helm. They worked on knot tying, the difference between dry flies and wet flies, and insect identification. His main focus was to give the women the ba-

Women, Wine & Waders - Oh My (continued)



sics to get them on the water. The last hour was spent with Tony providing casting instructions, including overhead and roll casts. He donated his time and even brought rods for the women who did not have one.



Event #4 was an introduction to fly tying. It took place at TCO Outdoors (aka Fly Shop) in Boiling Springs. They were fortunate enough for this event to take place the weekend of TCO's grand opening. The women had the option of attending any of the fly tying presentations throughout the weekend and joining in on TCO's events. They specifically had one on one help from Jake Villwock, the TCO instructor, from 5-7 on Sunday



evening.. During the session, the ladies tied a san juan worm and a caddis larva flies. TCO provided all of the materials and donated their time and venue. A good time was had by all. Thanks Jake for doing a fantastic job.

Event #5 It's the BIG day, time to apply all of the knowledge from the previous weeks. We met up at South Middleton Park; it was a dreary overcast day. My wife, Becky, and I were the first to arrive. I'll be honest; it wasn't pleasant

outside for a picnic and fishing. The cool, nasty, damp weather didn't stop these women. They came one by one. They were anxious and eager to gear up and go fishing. I have to say, I was a little anxious too. This is the first time that I was responsible to mentor three women on the sport of fly fishing all at once. We were all on the stream together. I have to say it was a great experience.

The women with me improved dramatically in the two hours that we had and they were quite impressive. If they stay with it, it won't be long and they will be teaching me things. Several folks volunteered their time to come and mentor the ladies. Mentors for the afternoon were: TCO guides Ben John and Alex (they also

brought extra rods and reels for those who didn't have their own); Mike King, with Field &

Stream store (he teaches fly tying classes and is an avid fisherman); Rod Cross from Falling Springs Trout Unlimited chapter; Mark Albano from Cumberland Valley



TU chapter, and our own Dean Stum. We were so fortunate to have such a treasure chest of knowledge with us that day; their knowledge and expertise were greatly appreciated by the ladies. It was a splendid turnout. There were seven women who caught at least 1 fish; which in those conditions for mostly novice participants, I thought was great! So, when the two hours of fishing were up, we headed back to the pavilion for the picnic.

The group celebrated their success with great food, including pork and beef BBQ from Hog Wild in East Berlin and various covered dishes. The day ended with a fantastic meal and big fish tales. The raffle of the day was a new fly rod set, courtesy of Dick's Sporting Goods.

So again, my hat is off to Amy for making her vision a reality. I know that all who were a part of Women, Wine & Waders took away something special; whether they were an instructor or a participant. From everyone at ACTU, thank you to all our sponsors and partners who donated their time, equipment, prizes, and venues.

Women, Wine & Waders Events Pictures



Sponsors and Partners for Women, Wine & Waders - We thank you for your support!

- Adams County Trout Unlimited: Amy Stum, Becky Plesic, Dean Stum, Chris Plesic;
- JAMCO Embroidery & Imprinting;
- TCO Outdoors Fly Shop: Tony Gehman, Amy Coen, Alex, Ben John, & Jake Villwock
- Dick's Sporting Goods
- Adams County Winery: Melissa Roth
- South Middleton Park;
- Addicted Angler Guide: Tony Dranzo
- Rod Cross from Falling Springs Trout Unlimited
- Mark Albano from Cumberland Valley Trout Unlimited
- Mike King : employee from Field & Stream
- Most importantly, the women who signed up to take the classes.



Chapter Calendar of Events

May 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 FISHING DERBY
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 CHAPTER MEETING	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY	31				

June 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 SOY FIELD DAY
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 ACTU FAMILY PICNIC
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 BOARD MEETING	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Please submit all items for the next newsletter no later than July 1.	

Upcoming Events

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](#).

*Please check the chapter website
 for additional meetings and events
 as more information becomes
 available.*

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

ACTU Store

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Riparian Buffer Restoration along Little Kettle Creek

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy in seeking volunteers to assist with a riparian buffer restoration along Little Kettle Creek near Germania, PA May 9-12, 2016. Interested volunteers can contact Eli Long elong@paconserve.org for more information.

A riparian restoration project involves planting approximately 200 tree and shrub seedlings per acre. All planting are done by hand and plants can be bare-root, live stakes, and/or small (approximately 1-3 year old) potted trees and shrubs all native to Pennsylvania.

Prior to planting, volunteers are educated about the importance of trees for water quality and

wildlife and how the Watershed Program of Western Pennsylvania Conservancy (WPC) is implementing projects to help improve areas in need of stream restoration. A demonstration will be done on how to plant the trees properly and safely.

Volunteers should plan to be outdoors for the day, roughly 4-6 hours, and dress accordingly based on the local forecast. Sturdy shoes or boots should be worn and gloves are recommended. Stream side areas can be wet, so waterproof/resistant gear is advisable.

Volunteers should pack a field lunch and have enough water to stay hydrated for the day.

Dress and Gear Check-list:

Suggested Protective Gear

- Work gloves, gardening gloves are acceptable
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent

Proper Dress

- Dress for the weather, layers will help regulate body temperature depending on activity
- Pants, long sleeves, and hats protect from the sun and insects
- Sturdy work boots (preferably waterproof) will help keep feet dry and comfortable

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Nominating Chair: Vacant | |

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