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**Trout in the Classroom (TIC): 2015 Kick-off**

On Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, Adam McClain, ACTU TIC Coordinator and Adams County Conservation District's Watershed Specialist, met with 10 of the 11 local TIC teachers in Adams County. For the past 6 years, this meeting has been held to kick off the new TIC school year that starts in November and ends around May. Most of the meeting focused on the issues that the teachers ran into the prior year and solutions to those issues. Other topics included an overview of routine maintenance and tank setup, handing out replacement supplies, 2016 trout release events, guest presentations, and much more.

The 11 current participating schools are: \*Bermudian High School (HS) - Diana Jarema, \*Biglerville HS - Jenifer Peglow, Fairfield Elementary School - Candy Wagner, Fairfield Middle School - Kathy Serfass, Gettysburg HS - Laura Kennedy, Gettysburg HS - Steve Glassmann, Gettysburg Montessori Charter School - Heather Grace-Rutledge, \*Harrisburg Area Community College - Bill Hartzell, New Oxford High School - Crystal Krumrine, St. Francis Xavier - Amy Woods, and Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve - Autumn Arthur. (\* new teachers 2015/16)

Around November 5<sup>th</sup>, the fertilized trout eggs and food will be arriving at the schools. All of the local TIC tanks are currently setup and ready for their new trout. We set these tanks up about a month before the fish arrive so the tanks have time to go through the nitrogen cycle (tanks ability to convert harmful ammonia to less harmful nitrate).

The purpose of the TIC program is to raise Brook Trout, the only native Pennsylvania trout and also the state fish, from fertilized eggs to educate students about the life cycle and specific habitat/water quality requirements that the trout need. For more information, contact Adam McClain [amccclair@adamscounty.us](mailto:amccclair@adamscounty.us).

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**NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday, October 20, 2015



## **STRAIGHT TALK** By: President, Dave Swope

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TOPS OCTOBER MEETING  
Hey, the fall leaves are changing their brilliant colors and Nature is revealing its tapestry as the crisp air settles around Adams County. The apple season is in full swing-it's Apple Harvest Time.

Although the temperatures are turning colder, ACTU has not slowed down and next month's meeting attendance program will prove its been a busy year. This meeting attendance program was adopted to show appreciation to our members that attended our chapter meetings for the year; one member selected will be guaranteed a prize. Election of officers will take place at this month's chapter meeting. Come out and join in-get introduced to the officers and trustees that will hold the fort together in the coming year. The chapter has filled some key chair positions in youth and publicity for the coming year with members stepping up to help further our mission. There are opportunities to help make your chapter one of the best. Don't continue to be an armchair member, you cannot participate from the sidelines. You can help by getting involved, in working together, to help protect and restore the future of cold-water fishing in Adams County.

The chapter will be accomplishing two activities in early October. First the stocking of 150 brown trout and 150 rainbow trout on October 2<sup>nd</sup> (rescheduled to Oct 15<sup>th</sup>) with the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission's fall stocking pro-

gram. We will be meeting at the Russell Tavern Bridge at 10:45 to float stock the fly stretch. It took almost four years to get brown trout on the stocking schedule, so enjoy. The other activity is restoration repair on the fly stretch on October 15<sup>th</sup> starting around 8 AM meeting at the old sign along Zeigler's Mill Road and working upstream. The chapter will be working on the final repair for 2015 so come out and help roll some rocks.

On November 11<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at the Cross Keys Diner, the chapter has scheduled a board meeting to adopt a budget and design the chapter's challenges for 2016. All members are invited to attend this meeting. The dinner meal will be on your own at 6PM, meeting will start at 7 PM.

Recently, the chapter received answered prayers once again with God providing an open door for Chris to get healthy enough (right-on-time) for him to travel with his family to one of the most remarkable trips of a lifetime. If, we continue to have "Faith and Believe" that God is our strong tower, our provider, our deliverer, that He is the one that died on the cross for the forgiveness of all our sins, and the only Lord that rose from the dead, then God will answer your prayers too. Congratulations to the Plesic's and Lippert's family for a safe trip back home. See you on the Stream.

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## **Conewago Creek Work Day**

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, the chapter will perform another stream restoration repair project in the fly stretch above the old sign on Zeigler's Mill Road. All required permits have been secured and have met with Board approvals within the

2015 adopted budget. Anyone interested in attending, please meet at 8AM at the old sign. Bring safety equipment like eyewear, boots and gloves. Make sure any open cuts are covered.

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## **ABC's of Fly Fishing**

A big Thank You to Andy Murray for sharing all his tips & tricks on Fly Fishing. Do you have any tips you'd like to share with others? Please send them to [amys-tum@comcast.net](mailto:amys-tum@comcast.net).

When nymph fishing, make sure your fly is bouncing along the bottom. Use more weight than you think you need. If you aren't getting hung up on the stones on the bottom occasionally, then you are not fishing deep enough. Add more weight.

Strike indicators are good for some people, especially for steelhead. But, they can spook a trout. Try an attractor dry fly instead. Tie the attractor to your leader, then tie

another leader to the bend of that hook about 12-18" long, and then a good match the hatch pattern to the end of that.

I use the surgeons knot to attach my tippet sections as many people do because it is fast and easy. But I have run into several people lately who are making mistakes during construction of the knot. Lubricate the knot before you draw it together and make sure that both loops are EXACTLY the same size and stay the same size while drawing it down. Failing these steps will weaken the knot substantially as it is not the strongest knot we could use in the first place.

## Most Important Meeting of the year? By: Dean Stum

Is this October's Chapter meeting the most important meeting of the year? Some will answer yes, and attend the meeting. Some will answer no, and not attend the meeting. In August, a post card notification was mailed to all Chapter members providing information that voting will be held in October to install new Board members for positions that will be open due to current members serving out their term. Due to the low attendance in September, no nominations were made. Therefore, Board members will be nominated **and** voted in during the October meeting.

October's meeting is "D-Day" folks. Why do I believe this to be the most important meeting of the year? Considering that everything the Chapter intends to accomplish next year will be driven by Board approval, one would think it would interest you to know each person being nominated to the Board, and what is important to them.

What if:

- The Board feels Trout in the Classroom is too expensive to run/maintain and votes to no longer support the program?

- The Board feels that not enough people are showing up to help at the Southcentral Outdoor for Youth (SOY) day and votes to withdrawal from this activity?
- Stream projects are becoming cumbersome with all of the new permitting requirements, lack of volunteers, and the Board votes to discontinue stream projects and look at other avenues of supporting Trout Unlimited's mission?
- The Latimore Creek fishing derby lacks enough support (stocking, cooking, obtaining prizes, volunteers) and the board votes to discontinue this?

Would you care?

It is time to make your voice heard. To show up or not is your decision. We all lead busy lives. If you cannot make all of the meetings, that is very understandable. However, if you feel that October's meeting will be the driving force behind what the Chapter will accomplish in the coming year, I'll see you there!

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## Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome many new members to the Chapter this year and look forward to seeing you at upcoming Chapter meetings and events!

Edmund Bender, Gettysburg  
Jonathon Boudrean, Orrtanna  
Bill Caldwell, East Berlin  
Kilian Caldwell, East Berlin  
Thomas Chiarizia, Fairfield  
Eli De Paulis, York Springs  
Charles Dettinburn, Biglerville  
John Dufendach, Gettysburg  
Donald Duncan, Fairfield  
Paul Fair, Gettysburg  
Randy Forsythe, Biglerville  
Ted Gerula, York Springs  
Gregory Gipe, Fairfield  
Edward Gobrecht, Gettysburg

Jerrett Kagarise, Littlestown  
Justin Klingler, Mechanicsburg  
Debby Kuester, Fayetteville  
Charles Lee, Gettysburg  
William Leedy, Fairfield  
Cameron Mickley, Fairfield  
Robert Minck, Newville  
John Paxson, Gettysburg  
Gary Perry, Gettysburg  
Jay Reed, Gettysburg  
John Rogers, III, East Berlin  
Harland Staub, New Oxford  
Joseph Thatcher, Fairfield  
Kenneth Vanhoutte, Gettysburg





## Volunteer Opportunities Update

Our recent call for help in the areas of Public Relations Coordinator and Youth Coordinator has been filled! We are pleased to announce our new Public Relations Coordinator is **Catherine Wallen**, and our new Youth Coordinator is **Hank Rajotte**. Catherine and Hank are currently working on proposals that will be presented at the Chapter Board Meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to find out how you can get involved and support these new positions, please contact Catherine ([cwallen@wellspan.org](mailto:cwallen@wellspan.org)) or Hank ([hank-carol@comcast.net](mailto:hank-carol@comcast.net)) for more information.

Are you looking for ways to get more involved with Adams County Trout Unlimited (ACTU) and your local streams? There are more volunteer opportunities available with ACTU. Our success and ability to maintain or expand our programs/projects depends on the support of volunteers; we need **YOU** to make that happen!

### Criteria/Guidelines:

- These positions are open to all interested parties, regardless of age, gender, etc.
- Time commitment can be as little or as much as you have available to contribute
- Current ACTU membership IS NOT required

**Stream Improvement Coordinator** – Is your interest in conservation and stream restoration projects? ACTU has a long history of successful restoration projects on local streams, including: Conewago, Latimore, Conococheague, and Opossum Creeks. Opportunities include assisting in prioritization, scheduling, and coordination of Adams County stream improvement projects, along with identification and coordination of Grant opportunities with the Chapter Board.

**Fundraising Coordinator** – Do you enjoy planning events? ACTU needs to raise monetary and non-monetary donations in order to continue funding and supporting our various programs and projects. As a 503(c)(3) organization, ACTU must hold at least 1 fundraising event annually. Opportunities include identifying and managing fundraising events, assisting in identifying new avenues for raising funds, and leveraging existing business and organizational relationships to secure Chapter donations.

**Family Coordinator** – Women and children have long been interested in fishing and conservation activities, looking for ways to enjoy the Great Outdoors – this IS NOT a “men’s only” organization. ACTU is looking to expand Chapter programs for women and families. Opportunities include expanding current activities and events for all ages, development and implementation of new family events. Please contact ACTU Secretary Amy Stum

## Reminders

**Newsletter Submissions:** Submission of articles and suggestions for the newsletter are encouraged and may be sent to [amystum@comcast.net](mailto:amystum@comcast.net) in a Word document or email text. All submissions are due by the 1st of the month for that month’s newsletter.

**Fishing Trips:** Cumberland Valley TU has generously opened their trips to our chapter members. If you are interested in participating in an organized trip, please visit <http://cvtu.homestead.com/CalendarEvents.html> to see all the scheduled trips and contact Biff Healy ([biffer1966@hotmail.com](mailto:biffer1966@hotmail.com)) or Dave Stone ([dstone@stonelaw.net](mailto:dstone@stonelaw.net))

## 2015 Chapter Calendar

### OCTOBER

- October 20 Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm Gettysburg, PA

### NOVEMBER

- November 11 Board Meeting 7:00 pm Hoss’ Gettysburg (tentative) (6 pm to have dinner prior)

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

## Fly of the Month: Evolution Caddis Pupa Nymphs

The Evolution™ Caddis Pupa is a realistic imitation enhanced with the new Nymph Head® Evolution™ Caddis tungsten beadheads.

**Color variations:** Cream, gray, and green.

### Fly tying materials

**Head:** Nymph-

Head® Evolution™ Mayfly Clinger & Crawler tungsten beadhead, brown (for cream variation), black (for gray variation, olive (for green variation), extra-small or small.

**Hook:** Curved caddis/nymph hook; #14 for small, #16 or #18 for extra-small.

**Thread:** Cream, black, or olive.

**Rib:** Ultra-wire; brown, black, or brown.

**Antennae:** Pheasant tail; black or brown.

**Abdomen:** Standard Dubbing; cream, gray, or caddis green.

**Thorax:** Hareline Hare'e Ice Dubbin; brown, black, or olive/brown.

**Legs:** Partridge, natural.

### Fly tying instructions

**Step 1** Slip Evolution beadhead onto the hook and posi-



tion hook in vise. Note: this is the correct position for the beadhead. The thick part of the bead is on the top of the hook shank.

**Step 2** Attach the tying thread directly behind the beadhead and lay a base of thread over the entire hook shank.

**Step 3** Select a strand of ultra-wire and tie it in on top of the hook directly behind the bead.

**Step 4** Tie the ultra-wire in along the top of the entire length of hook shank.

**Step 5** Dub a buggy abdomen.

**Step 6** Wrap the ultra-wire forward to create the ribbing.

**Step 7** Dub the abdomen using a darker color dubbing.

**Step 8** Dub a nice, buggy thorax.

**Step 9** Use a partridge feather for the legs of the caddis fly.

**Step 10** Pull the feather gently to get the legs the right length.

**Step 11** Tie in 2 antennae of the fly using pheasant tail fibers. The antennae should be roughly twice the length of the hook shank.

**Step 12** Wrap a few more turns of dubbing over your thread wraps to finish the head of the fly.

**Step 13** Tie off the thread and add head cement.

Images and content courtesy of Flymen Fishing Company; visit: [www.flymenfishingcompany.com](http://www.flymenfishingcompany.com) for step-by-step photos and more information.

## TU Offers Family Membership Upgrade

Enjoy the benefits of a family membership for the duration of your current membership for **FREE** – and connect the other members of your family who are passionate about fishing and conservation to TU. For a limited time, TU is offering a free family membership upgrade to any current TU member when you sign up at <https://gifts.tumembership.org/family-membership-upgrade-form>. By adding the names and contact information of other family members, your family will receive the following benefits:

- All family members will be listed individually on the local chapter membership roster and can receive communications and invitations to local, statewide and national events.

- A complimentary copy of Stream Explorers magazine will be mailed to your household if you add youth family members under age 12 to your family membership.



All members of your household will be able to create a unique member profile on [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org) to engage in our online community, join discussion groups, access member-only content such as the digital version of Trout Magazine and more.

**Already have a Family Membership?** You are now able to list each member of your household separately as a Chapter member.

This ensures each member of your household enjoys the benefits of TU Membership and any children under the age of 12 will receive a copy of the Stream Explorers magazine.



## Stream Restoration Policy Adopted

At the September 9, 2015, Board Meeting, the ACTU Board established and adopted a Stream Restoration Policy. A copy of the policy is listed below for your reference. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact any of the Chapter Officers or Board members.

### **Adams County Trout Unlimited - Chapter 323 Stream Restoration Policy**

The mission of Adams County Trout Unlimited is to conserve, protect, enhance, and restore Adams County's coldwater fisheries and watersheds. The purpose of this stream restoration policy is to provide the Chapter Membership with consistent guidelines on accomplishing stream restorations.

All Chapter restorations and repairs will be conducted under the direction of the Chapter's Stream Coordinator. The Stream Coordinator is appointed to this position by a majority vote of the ACTU Board.

The duties of the Stream Coordinator include (and are not limited to):

- Identifying and prioritizing stream areas that need initial restoration or need previously established restoration structures repaired
- Designing or having structures designed that will best restore stream areas or that will repair existing deteriorated stream improvement structures that need restoration
- Completing a detailed list of the materials, equipment, and manpower as well as the costs needed for the restoration or repair
- Presenting the ACTU Board (for approval and budgeting) with detailed restoration or repair project plans, including structure designs and estimated costs
- Obtaining all necessary federal permits, commonwealth permits and landowner's written permissions necessary for the approved project
- Acquiring/purchasing and scheduling the delivery of materials, tools, power equipment, and manpower to complete a restoration or repair project
- Assuring all individuals working on the project have registered on the daily ACTU sign-in sheet before beginning their work and assuring that all project volunteers wear applicable Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and comply with all applicable safety regulations.
- Providing the Chapter's Treasurer with all of the project's receipts/invoices for prompt payment
- Reporting back to the ACTU Board when the project has been completed
- Monitoring past projects over time to verify the restoration or repair was successful

The Stream Coordinator shall be onsite daily to supervise, manage, and coordinate all work projects. No work is to be undertaken by a member without the Stream Coordinator or his/her designate present. The designate must be or be approved by an ACTU Board officer. The designate must also follow the Chapter's Restoration Policy and Guidelines.

Independent stream restoration work completed by an individual or individuals outside of the Chapter's Restoration Policy is not authorized by the Chapter, will not be reimbursed, and will not be recognized by the Chapter. Individuals conducting stream improvement/restoration work outside of the Chapter's Restoration Policy are personally liable for all injuries, damages, penalties, etc. imposed by any individual, government agency or landowners for their work.

*Approved by the Adams County Trout Unlimited - Chapter 323 - Board of Trustees on September 9, 2015*