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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, September 15, 2015

**Trout in the Classroom Raffle Tickets Now on Sale**

PATU Council is once again conducting its annual Trout in the Classroom (TIC) raffle to support the TIC grant program. The TIC program is an interdisciplinary program that teaches students about coldwater conservation while raising brook trout from eggs to fingerlings in a classroom aquarium. Each program is unique as teachers tailor their programs to fit their individual needs. With the assistance of this annual raffle, PATU provides a mini-grant program to support the classroom needs and helps to educate the next generation of coldwater stewards. The PATU Existing Grant program assists teachers in replacing outdated or non-functioning equipment, books, field and sampling equipment, as well as funding field trips to engage students in coldwater conservation activities.

Many classrooms partner with local community organizations such as Trout Unlimited chapters, watershed associations, and conservation districts which provide a community connection and link to the local watershed; ACTU will support 10 programs for the 2015/2016 school year. These program partners provide technical and financial support and programs and presentations to engage students in coldwater conservation. By providing these grants to schools, PATU can relieve some of the financial burden of our partners and allow them to use their funding for other important projects, while also providing support to classrooms that must rely solely on these grants to continue their programs.

**All proceeds from the annual raffle go directly to the TIC grant program.**

Over the last several years, funding to support the grant program has been reduced due to state agency budget cuts. Through your support PATU hopes to continue their mini-grant program. The goal for this year's raffle is \$10,000.

[Click here](#) to download a copy of the raffle ticket. Donations should be made to PA Trout and mailed to P.O. Box 5148, Bellefonte, PA 16823.

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## STRAIGHT TALK By: President, Dave Swope

### STAYING CONNECTED WITH ACTU

Summer is quickly coming to an end and it has been a great year for Adams County TU. The chapter has been noticed by numerous agencies for our local restoration efforts on the Jig also picture in the Pa. Angler & Boater magazine. Hey, did you see the latest news on our chapter's website? Amy deserves a pat on the back for updating and replenishing our website with some exciting news about your chapter, find a list of chapter activities fast in our website calendar of events.

After all the hustle and bustle, we did manage to stay on schedule with a good workday to begin habitat repairs in the fly stretch, with plenty more to accomplish. After our stream walk, a couple of us were anxious to "get in the stream again and roll some rocks." Special thanks to Chris Plesic and Dean Stum for their efforts. Hopefully we can jump back into the stream in September and complete a few more repairs on the older projects. Most of us realize now that it takes longer making repairs than adding a new habitat device because of removing the shotrock and the old, collapsed lumber out of the way. Through all our prayers, some of our members have been recuperating very well. God has his hand on them because some issues could have been extremely critical; we certainly have many things to be thankful for.

With due respect and appreciation, I would like to say thanks to a new member, who wishes to remain anonymous, for mowing the pathways at the Project Area. I'm sure fly fishing anglers appreciate an easier path for their outdoor outing. The chapter does have some light work

that needs attention at your own leisure time, contact me if you are interested in helping out 253-6680.

Another major event for the chapter is attending the upcoming September State Fall meeting on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at State College. Please let me know if you are planning on attending for the chapter.

On October 2, around 11:15 AM, we will be meeting at Russell Tavern Bridge to assist the PFBC to float stock the fly stretch, come out and give us a hand. After continuing my communications with the PFBC, I can promise you and the anglers more brown trout are on their way to a new home this Fall. Since mentioning the PFBC, watch for the PFBC starting a new trophy trout program Statewide in 2016. Eight trout streams will be selected to be stocked in each of the eight regions for Delayed Harvest Artificial Lure Only sections.

Don't forget that at September's meeting, the chapter will be holding nominations for Officers and Trustees. If you are interested in learning more about the Board or becoming a member of the Board, please feel free to contact me or a board member for more information. After considerable deliberation, your chapter has selected a new logo which is being detailed. We think this image will be recognizable at a distance, reproducible on hats and shirts, as well as just looking downright cool. Enjoy the fall fishing season. See you on the Stream.

**Do Your Duty and Fear No One..... R. W. Abele Executive Director PFBC 1921-1990**



On August 9th, Chapter President (left) Dave Swope and Ed McGlaughlin (stream steward) hung the high cable with new signs at the Rt 34 bridge to identify the Fly Fishing Only Catch and Release Section on the Conewago Creek.

## Influenced by Trout By: Dave Swope

Many years ago, when trout season opened at five in the morning and when my hair was fire-engine red, I got hooked. My real confession is trout has influenced my life in such a way, I couldn't get enough trout fishing. The challenges and the thrill of out-witting this spooky fish consumed me. My Dad was a real angler; Dad motivated us boys by his sucker fishing in the dead of winter and his trout fishing in the spring. As spring arrived, Dad would gather us together to prepare our equipment for the upcoming opening day of trout season; there has been much discussion about the excitement of the opening day of trout.

Preparation has been very important in all aspects of my life, especially taking a serious and direct approach to accomplishing and directing the chapter in our TU mission. My 20+ years in the military also helped me understand the importance of being prepared and ready. The world of trout in my eyes is a life-nurturing stream and the tributaries that feed it. Trout hold the truth of what the real world is all about, what I am about. It helps me forget the mall traffic jams, the work environment, stress, and the rat race we are living in today. Trout-its home away from home. Trout has taught me many valuable lessons, consider the cycles where the journey begins. The process of our water starts at the very top of the mountains, where melting snow and icicles dripping off the hemlocks. Flowing downhill from the headwaters toward fertile farmlands containing pristine streams, drinking readily while surging towards the river.

Realizing and knowing trout has given me an added adventure in the outdoors. Being involved in stream restoration projects has exposed me to the beauty of the stream and surroundings during the seasonal changes. Also, I have gained valuable knowledge and experience by coordinating

the Adams County stocking program, fishing and rearing the four beautiful species of trout for the Pa. Fish and Boat Cooperative Nursery program. Knowing what trout has to offer, I found some of my best days in the outdoors fishing were the ones not in the know, who have never been influenced by trout, thought differently about going out in the inclement weather.

Knowing trout and the secrets of the stream are crafted skills, as strange as a biochemist. Knowing trout and being a successful trout angler, one must look beyond the fish to decipher its alien world of water. Looking past a surface that sometimes looks opaque or transparent, with ever changing stream depths, is important in catching trout.

Trout fishing is an intellectual pursuit. Realizing their habits, feeding patterns, presentation of the fly and being able to read stream obstructions, eddies, water motion, and places where trout will hide guarantees success.

These obstructions, either man or nature made, are usually good for the stream and everything living there. Over the years, I have learned and become excited by knowing what trout have taught me. I have skills that never would have seemed interesting to me before learning how trout influenced me. My relationship with trout has driven me to much higher expectations in reaching certain potentials in life itself. This legacy of trout lives on as much greater divine joy, providing me with encouragement, scenery, fellowship and satisfaction of rebuilding the streams for the next generation and being able to return some of this legacy for the future of trout fishing in the rural area of the Commonwealth. It has surrendered me to the facts of becoming a fisher of men. "Trout so much more than just a Fish"

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## ABC's of Fly Fishing

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

Fluorocarbon leaders are all the rage; however, they sink where as a monofilament leader floats; consider mono when dry fly fishing. I like to carry 3,4 and 5X in Fluorocarbon and 4,5,6,7X in mono. Also, terrestrial patterns, (ants, beetles, hoppers) will probably be your best patterns in the summer when the mayflies and caddis flies are mostly over.

Trout are not always facing upstream. But they ARE always facing into the current while at rest. When you approach a likely spot that has an eddy, the flow along the bank edge will be flowing upstream for a short distance and is a prime spot for a trout to lie in wait for food. Fish the edge!







## Codorus TU Chapter Hosts Fly Fishing Film

The Codorus Chapter of Trout Unlimited is presenting a screening of the 2015 Fly Fishing Film Tour. In addition to the films, the Chapter is gathering a great selection of prizes that we'll be offering via silent auction; the [list](#) is available on their website; a beautiful Hardy rod and reel are at the top of that list. Tasty food and beverage options will also be available to enjoy during the film.

**Date/Time:** September 26; doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and the films will start at 7:00 pm

**Location:** LSC Design, 320 North George Street in downtown York, PA (plenty of free, safe, well-lit parking)

**Tickets:** \$15.00 and are available through [ticketriver.com](http://ticketriver.com)

While the films obviously have a fly fishing theme, they can certainly be enjoyed by non-anglers as well. For more information, please visit [www.codorustu.org](http://www.codorustu.org) or [www.flyfilmtour.com](http://www.flyfilmtour.com).

## HELP WANTED

Are you looking for ways to be more involved in your community? ACTU has volunteer opportunities available. 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

**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 ([amystum@comcast.net](mailto:amystum@comcast.net) or by phone at 717.343.1683) to obtain more information or apply for these positions.

## 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

### SEPTEMBER

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

### OCTOBER

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

### NOVEMBER

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| • November 11 | Board Meeting | 7:00 pm | Cross Keys Diner, New Oxford<br>(6 pm to have dinner prior) |
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**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: Bead Head Brassie

The Brassie is used to imitate midge larva. I think it also imitates caddis larva in the larger sizes. You can tie it with or without a bead head. Before I started using the San Juan Worm in the mid 1990s, this was my favorite "nymphing" pattern. It works year round and is always worth trying when nothing else seems to work. This pattern can be fished on the bottom with weight or just under the surface without weight. I like to fish it as a dropper tied on about 18" to 24" of tippet attached to the bend of my dry flies.



### **Materials:**

**Hook:** TMC 2487 or equivalent, Sizes 14-20

**Thread:** Black 6/0 or 8/0 for smaller sizes

**Head:** Copper Bead (optional)

**Body:** Copper Wire (Green or Red Wire are other optional colors)

**Thorax:** Peacock Herl or Gray Dubbing

### **Tying Instructions:**

1. Place hook in vise with optional copper bead head and wrap thread over shank from head to bend.
2. Tie in copper (or other color) wire at bend of hook and wrap thread forward to about 1/8" (1/16" for smaller sizes) from bead head or eye.
3. Wrap copper wire forward over thread to about 1/8" (1/16" for smaller sizes) from the bead head or eye so as to cover the thread, tie off with 3 wraps of thread and cut wire.
4. Tie on peacock herl with 3 wraps of thread, cut any excess peacock herl and wrap tag end with a few more wraps of thread.
5. Wrap peacock herl forward 3 or 4 times, tie off with 3 wraps of thread, and cut excess peacock herl.
6. Wrap thread a few times over peacock herl tag, whip finish, and put a drop of head cement on whip finish as well as along the entire body (I do this because I've had several brassies come unraveled with use).

Fly courtesy of Potomac-Patuxent Chapter of Trout Unlimited; Images and content courtesy of Ken Bowyer

## Fall Trout Stocking By: Dave Swope

Well, Autumn is here & with that comes another opportunity to go after trout. This summer was ok, but it is hot now. I'm sure there were not as many places that saw trout perish in the drought & heat as other years. Fortunately in Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission will be stocking trout across the state again soon. Trout fishing is so popular here in PA that there is demand from anglers to have a fall trout stocking program. Now, the fall stocking isn't as large or as spread out as the spring stocking program, but almost all the famous & popular streams get stocked. This is especially true for streams that have either a "delayed harvest" or "fly fishing only" regulation areas.

To search for the streams that will be stocked in PA this fall, check the PFBC webpage. You can also see when they will be stocked & the species of trout that will be making that stream their new home. If you have the time, you can also volunteer to help the Commission and the chapter stock these trout on October 2 at 11AM, meeting at the Russell Tavern Bridge. Fall is my favorite time of year. After the heat of the summer, I'm ready to have some trout bend my fly rod - even if it means hooking some fallen leaves floating on the water. It's just so nice to be outside along a trout stream in the autumn that I can't wait!!

## No Big Fish Story By: Dave Swope

Pennsylvania's growing public pension obligations could soon hook anglers across the Commonwealth. Although the cost of fishing licenses has not been increased since 2005, legislatures are considering increasing the fishing license and permit fees as the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission looks for about \$9 million in revenue to sustain their operations while paying for bulging retirement and

health costs. Pension obligations are at an all time high. A new proposal authored by State Senator Jim Brewster, D. Allegheny said the increase would be applied to the 2017 license year if adopted. The new license fees would have 25 percent increases. Watch for public comment on the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission website.



## Reaching Students with a Rod and Reel **By: Dave Swope**

For many years, the chapter has been reaching out to work with many projects in order to introduce kids to outdoor activities like fishing in general. Getting the kids in the outdoors by hosting a fishing derby is like “touching heaven” for some of these youngsters. The youngsters are out to learn lessons in patience, gain experience and the thrill of the catch. It’s an introduction to acquire life-long experience which can be fun and supportive and engaging the environment which we continue to protect.

The program builds relationships and families enjoying the outdoors, hey, its fun for all. ACTU has opened up a whole new world for some kids, and maybe even changed their lives with “rod and reel”. This fishing program also opens new doors to kids in the outdoors and it proves there are heroes among the volunteers.

Years ago, the chapter had purchased 8 fly rod and reel combos to provide the basics in fly casting to the first weekend outing of the BSA-TU Venture Crew at the Bennett’s Ponderosa in the Narrows in 2002. After this young group ran its course, we enlisted in the Boy Scouts Jamboree of America at the Latimore Fairgrounds. That weekend entertained exceptional pride in the instructions on fly casting. Even one of

ACTU best, Len Andrews took time to share his fly casting skills to the over 200 scouts. Then the equipment followed a trail to the Gettysburg High School in reaching a higher level of students instructed by Matt Verdirame, a longtime member of the chapter for a few years. Matt was reaching the High School level of his students hooking some for years in fly fishing.

Last week, a new member of ACTU, Justin Klinger who teaches at the Gettysburg Middle School grades 6-8 has committed to starting a fishing club utilizing the fly fishing combos from ACTU. I would like to welcome Justin aboard. The new Middle School club will provide a mixture of conservation, biology, entomology, and ecology education through interactive discussions and presentations, along with field work where students will engage regularly with fly fishing and gear. This has created another great opportunity for ACTU to share our conservation encouragement about our natural resources, chapter projects and history and also to connect with the next generation by involving the students with some of our chapter’s activities, by making a presentation to the school class.

As the club’s advisor, Justin is excited to facilitate this new opportunity in reaching the students to increase their interest, while closing the gap between those that will be interested in fly fishing and fly tying.

## 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.

## Doc Fritchey TU Chapter Hosting George Daniel

On Tuesday, September 22, the Doc Fritchey Chapter presents nationally known fly fishing expert George Daniel. Following the chapter business meeting and election of officers and board members for FYE2016, George will present his program on streamer fishing techniques - the subject of his new

book, *Strip-Set*, which is due out this month. His previous publication, *Dynamic Nymphing*, is a best seller that has introduced fly fishers to an array of new techniques for nymph fishing. They will also be raffling off a framed collage of 6 exquisite fly photos. For more information and reservations, [click here](#) to view the program flyer.