



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

FISH TALK

Hello, Anglers, here we are wrapping up August and wondering where the summer has gone. I hope that some of you got to go on vacation to your favorite beach, park, or trail, and could enjoy some outdoor activities despite the wet weather, even if, it was only in your backyard.

We had to cancel our July 28th stream workday due to the excessive water flow in the Conewago. A few weeks earlier, Dave and I had walked our Siberian Husky up the trail, and were surprised and laughed as we watched a duck floating quickly down the middle of the high, muddy, rapidly moving stream.

I recently looked at some old newspapers to find some water levels in our community to try to compare the statistics between this year and last year. When I compared July 6, 2017 and July 3, 2018, the month to date rainfalls were listed as 17.92" and 23.64". Then, on September 5, 2017, the newspaper indicated that the York Airport had received a total of 26.91", which was lower than the 28.90" average year to date rainfall amount.

This month, however, the stats are quite different as we all know. On July 15, 2018, the Hanover Evening Sun reported a total of rainfall to date as 23.98". But, on August 22, 2018, that year to date reached a high of 40.50". Where will it all end? December 31st will give us that answer.

We played a fun 50 question Trout Trivia game, followed by refreshments, during our last meeting while we listened to the heavens open up once again, and, I can tell you, that no one answered them all.

Thanks to our volunteers, we are planning to work on the Conewago Creek Fly Stretch path again on Saturday, August 25, 2018 from 7:30 am until noon, to continue to weed whack and open the access paths into the stream.

Wow! What a summer! Did you eat any crabs? Did you get your line in the water? Remember, if you have any special photos, please send them in to us.

Casting out a little farther, your ACTU President and co-volunteer,

April Lee Swope



L.L. BEAN DONATION

On Wednesday, August 15, 2018, ACTU President, April Swope, received two 8'6" 6 wt. Angler II Fly Rods as a donation from L. L. Bean, Inc., based out of Maine, to support our Youth/Veterans fishing and casting events and our other great programs.

I had applied for donations towards our Trout In The Classroom Program so our local students may learn how to cast into the Strawberry Hill Nature Reserve pond and have their pictures taken using some of these Angler II Fly Rods.

While speaking with my twin in Alabama, on Thursday, August 16, 2018, I was pleasantly surprised to find three more same styled donated rods, including the reel, inside their packages lying on my front porch.

What a blessing! Now, ACTU has enough to give one away at our 2019 Fundraiser Event and two more rods to give a way at our 2019 Latimore Children's Fishing Derby held at the Latimore Fairgrounds in the Spring.

Our Chapter looks forward to sharing these special moments with you next year.

Thank you, L. L. Bean, Inc. for your continued partnership with Trout Unlimited as we work together to educate the next generation in the outdoors and to conserve and protect our water and fish resources.



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TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

On June 16, a workday was scheduled and organized for a trail cleanup day to provide angler easier access along the banks of the Conewago Creek in the catch and release section. The group concentrated on the wild rose bushes that seem to crab too anglers boots and equipment, when trying to locate the right fishing hole. The group cut back overhead branches on the trail for dumping and depositing stones on the trail. We did manage to get three quarters of the far side of the stream completed. After five hours the group decided it was getting to hot and the equipment was not cooperating so we enjoyed a cool bottle of water before heading back. This will also make it easier to repair the trail when spreading stones. Tip our hats to these guys! Anglers appreciate it.



Left to right; Ed McGlaughlin, Hank Rajotte, and Howard Hellyer.

STREAM RESTORATION on the Conewago Fly Fishing Only section

This summer, we will once again connect with our Southern Partner Northern Virginia Chapter of Trout Unlimited working side by side placing rock on habitat projects, repairing existing deflectors, while adding new log framed deflectors in the fly stretch. Our partnership with NVTU started in 1982 when cows waded freely in the water and with siltation everywhere. The early restoration efforts partnered the chapters to enjoy our 36th year working together. The essence of what Trout Unlimited Chapters are all about-working together to protect and restore a great fishery.

WORKDAY PLANS for the chapter

Your chapter will continue with their scheduled restoration plans on Phase 2 established with the PFBC Habitat Division from 7/16/2016 with some additions. The rest of July was canceled due to high stream flows.

SUMMER PICNIC 2018

ACTU members, family and friends gathered for June's annual picnic at Gladys Meadows. The menu included ribeye steaks, baked beans, deviled eggs, potato salad, pasta salad, veggie and fruit tray, truly scrumptious desserts with tasty smoked salmon as the appetizer. Yum! All you cared to eat for dinner! Last count was about 30 people in attendance.



After dinner the group listen to speakers from the PFBC: VP Richard Lewis, SC Regional Vice President Russ Collins, and Chapter President April Swope updating on all chapter accomplishments in 2018. It was great talking face to face with the landowners, the Rodger Family, who all were present. Not enough can be said for the long-standing relationship (over 40 years) with our chapter and the privilege to play in their backyard. Mr. Rodgers had a great deer story to tell.

Thanks to all who helped make the picnic so enjoyable and for those that pitched in and all those for a great time.

The chapter's gracious landowner, Wayne Rodgers (on left), has been our only landowner since 1977, the very beginning of the chapter's charter on the Conewago Creek. Simply amazing. Thank you so much for the privilege and the opportunities of rolling rocks in your backyard. We have been truly blessed with your friendship over the many years.





WHAT A CRAZY SUMMER!

Rain, Rain, and more Rain! Flooding is not good for trout. Oh yea, it flushes the streams and rivers but also creates havoc with stream bank erosion problems. Fortunately, many areas in the catch and release section has been restored over the last 40 years to protect most of these flood events but after very heavy rains a few new areas will show eroding issues.

After last year, the restoration committee learned the hard way - it must get really dry at our work site before we work on the trail, otherwise we mess things up and have many more hours of additional work. So, this year, the rest of our restoration plans are on the back burner. Although the stones to repair the trail are ready to be installed with most of the ballast already completed and the R-5 shotrock has been delivered to the worksite. Some of these R-5 stones may have to be sorted for certain habitat devices but are small enough for the backhoe to handle. Most likely the chapter will be working closely with the PFBC Habitat Division when restoration work can continue.

Heavy flooding along the Conewago Creek (above) shows a diversion flow away from the stream channel to take some of the pressure off the main steam flow. These type channels are important in order to decrease flooding and will prevent extreme erosion issues. Also aquatic life can live much easier in these areas and reproduce and add to a food choice for the trout.



MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

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NURSERY NIGHTMARE

The Fairfield Fish Nursery received 4,560 5-6-inch fingerling trout on July 2nd from the PFBC Huntsdale Fish Hatchery. On July 4th, rain wrecked havoc on our finned friends. Fairfield received over an inch a rain in 45 minutes which raised one of the most important ingredients in rearing trout "temperature of the water" from 56 degrees to 74 degrees in that very short time. Mortalities then multiplied as the lower outlet became clogged by dead fish. After the downpour the fish were counted individually and only 2180 remained. What a devastation!

So many variables go into the trout rearing program annually, like temperature of the water, water quality, predators, diseases, even muddy waters slow the trout from feeding and growing. When these events happen, many more volunteer hours are added to the program for it to remain successful. Serving as co-op manager for the last 26 years, each and every year brings a challenge to raise some of the largest trout possible for this community of anglers to enjoy. Replacements have been ordered through the PFBC Cooperative Division.

Two weeks after the Fairfield Co-op episode, our partners at Yellow Breeches Anglers Co-op was flooded from days of heavy rains and thousands of trout were lost.



GET PUBLISHED

Send your best pictures of your catch on the stream to Adams Anglers. Our on-line version of Adams Anglers newsletter reserves space for members to fill with their favorite photographs and or stories of their fishing trips or outdoor adventures. One possible source of photograph which would be truly useful is when fishing with a friend or float stocking with a friend.

When you take pictures aimed at TU publications, set digital camera at the highest setting and don't worry about editing the picture, we can handle that part. Remember pictures captured on lower camera settings are ok for casual family viewing or web viewing but they do not contain more image data and so are not useful for printed publications for Adams Anglers.

Information we need: send us your contact information, how to get in touch with you, where and when the catch was made, and any other information you would like to share, such as weather, flies used, size and weight (of the fish Not You). We want to hear from you! swopeda@hotmail.com



On opening day of trout season Chapter President April Swope landed this beautiful rainbow at 8:10 AM. April claims it was her first bite of the day and truly a good one. April was using an Orvis 7'6" fly rod with a Joe's special spinner fly combo. The rainbow measured 21 inches and 4 ½ lbs. The trout was caught in Little Marsh Creek Adams County. This trout held the record at Sell's sporting Goods for two months.




On June 26th ACTU Board Member Rich Lewis caught and released this 24 inch five+ lb. Brown Trout on a North Potomac River raft float trip near Keyser, WV. He was using spin tackle and a 2.5 inch gold and black "Rapala" like plug.

Who will be the next member to get published in the Adams Angler Newsletter? The Adams Angler is published quarterly with deadline submissions: December 15th, February 15th, June 15th and August 15th. 



STATE ADVOCACY DAY IN HARRISBURG

On June 4th, Adams County Chapter President April Swope and Trustee Richard Lewis volunteered to travel to Harrisburg along with Rob Shane Mid-Atlantic Director, Dave Kinney TU Eastern Policy Director, Charles Charlesworth, President State TU and Monty Murty State TU to deliver a message on the following topics:

Clean water act-fishing license increase-habitat-stream health and protection-stronger commitment in restoration. The group had an opportunity to speak with numerous Senators and State Representatives on the above issues. Thanks to April Swope and Richard Lewis for representing ACTU in Adams County. 

Left to right, April, Senator Rich Alloway and Richard Lewis

CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE OF OUR OWN

Congratulations to ACTU Board of Trustee Richard Lewis for being newly elected as the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission Vice President. Many of you may already know Richard from his participation in many of our ACTU events and coordination of the luncheon and partnership on the chapter's jewel restoration project on Birch Run. Richard is a retired forester. Richard has an AAS degree in Forestry from Paul Smith's College, a BS in Forestry from State University of NY and a BS from Syracuse University. He has also completed a Master's Level Certificate from the American University School of Business Administration.

Richard wears many hats in the chapter as editor of the chapters facebook page, board member, and continues in the role of contacting the membership with our newsletter. Thank You Richard and Congratulations.



Richard Lewis reaching out to forestry students on the importance of protecting our streams and fish. Richard is a great educator, speaker, angler and hunter.



ARWAY STEPS DOWN AS PENNSYLVANIA FISH AND BOAT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

John Arway has decided to retire November 2, 2018, after serving in the top position for 10 years with a combined 38 years working for the betterment of the anglers in the Commonwealth.

John has fought for the rehabilitation of the Susquehanna River, once a great bass fishery and pursued to make it great again. His greatest fight was to keep the Pa. Fish and Boat as a private agency which required the necessary funding through a fishing license increase. His work and his ability to work with the higher echelon as well as the grassroots partners scored high with the respect he received through organizations of this caliber.

John was mentored by the great Ralph Abele. John carried Ralph's long tradition close and inherited some of the best slogans from Ralph in "Straight Talk" articles and "Do your Duty and Fear no One".

We wish John the best in health during his retirement and tight lines. Someday our paths will cross again. Thanks John from one conservationist to another.

Executer Director John Arway (middle) at the recent Wild Trout Summit and newly elected Vice President of the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission Richard Lewis (right)

AUTUMN FISHING HOT SPOTS

One of the most guarded secrets of trout anglers has long been that some of the best fishing of the year is during autumn. As the nights grow cool and the water temperatures remain much more comfortable for trout, the fish become more active. An ancient instinct in the trout makeup advises them that the long Pennsylvania winter is just ahead and now is the time to fatten up in anticipation of leaner days ahead. The trout usually feeds at this time of the year with an abandon uncharacteristic than any other season.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

The fly angler can find good fishing hotspots in the Delayed Harvest Fly Fishing Only DHFFO on Green Springs Creek near Newville. The project is on a small meadow limestone extends from the mouth upstream about one-mile and receives a fall stocking of browns and rainbow trout.

Anglers looking for a mixed of specialty regulated and open water and a larger stream setting can do well on the Yellow Breeches both in the mile-long catch and release barbless hooks or artificial catch and release only section at Allenberry or upstream in open waters. Although the Breeches receives trout from the Yellow Breeches Co-op Anglers Association, trout tend to do well through the summer months.

ADAMS COUNTY

Of course, just to the west of Cumberland County, Adams County offers limited Autumn trout fishing opportunities. The best autumn bet is the DHFFO catch and release on the Conewago Creek. The project begins at Biglerville at the Rt 34 Bridge and continues upstream 1.1 miles. The project receives an autumn fall plant stocking of brown and rainbow trout from the Pa. Huntsdale Fish Hatchery. This project site offers good fishing and pleasant scenery. Restoration work continues annually by a local TU chapter providing excellent habitat for the fish.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

In Franklin County the autumn trout fishing picks up considerably with two Delayed Harvest Projects one open stream section and a Lake all receiving an autumn stocking. A 1.1 mile of the Falling Spring branch at Chambersburg is managed under the Artificial Lures Only (DHALO) regulations. Extending from Walker Road downstream to Fifth Avenue to Chambersburg, this project on this limestone classic spring creek flows through a residential area and offers excellent autumn fishing.

In the extreme southern end of the county is the East Branch of Antietam Creek, a limestone stream which has a mile section on the east edge of Waynesboro managed as a DHFFO. The project begins at the Rt 16 bridge and extends down to Township Road 365. Restrictive regs and a fall stocking of browns and rainbows makes this a productive destination for the autumn anglers.

Conococheague Creek in Caledonia State Park off Rt 30 about 12 miles East of Chambersburg is a modern-size freestone stream managed under open regulations. It is popular and heavy stocked with brook trout with an autumn stocking. Further upstream towards the headwaters four trout unlimited chapters and DCNR teamed up on a restoration project to protect wild brook trout. This section does not get stocked. 🐟

GUEST SPEAKER ON TAP

JUSTIN KLINGER

A few years ago, Middle School teacher Justin Klinger, approached your chapter to begin a partnership to borrow fly fishing equipment to begin a classroom approach in the possibility of introducing and educating students in conservation with a rod and reel. Your board of officers not only responded well to this partnership with equipment but agreed to take the students and help introduce this outdoor recreation experience on annual fishing trips. Justin is an 8th grade science teacher at Gettysburg Middle School, and is an advisor for the GAMS fly-fishing club. This is Mr. Klinger's 4th year leading the club, and he enjoys introducing the sport to students six through eight. Having grown up fishing since the age of four, his passion is sharing his favorite pastime with his students. His presentation speaking at the chapter meeting will focus on the middle school fly fishing club beginnings, the topics learned by the students, and the successes they have had in exploring and learning a new life-long skill. Mr. Klinger will also share how partnerships with organizations like Trout Unlimited have provide opportunities for Gettysburg students that they otherwise would not have been able to experience.



GUEST SPEAKERS ON TAP

DAN MOUL

The chapter membership is looking forward to welcoming our State Representative Dan Moul as our guest speaker in October. In 2006, Dan Moul was elected to represent the citizens of the 91st Legislative District in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

A strong advocate for government reform, Moul is fighting for meaningful tax reform, a reduction in the size of the state legislature, lobbying and welfare reform and measures to protect the safety and welfare of children.

Moul serves as vice chairman of the House Children and Youth Committee on which he worked to pass a package of child protection legislation stemming from the Sandusky child sex abuse case and measures to strengthen Pennsylvania's child support laws. In 2017, the Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children honored him with its Champion for Children award in recognition of his support for child protection. He was the sponsor of Act 104 of 2008, which gives Pennsylvania the ability to extradite so-called deadbeat parents, who move out-of-state to avoid paying child support, back to Pennsylvania for prosecution. Moul's legislation also increased the penalties for willful non-payment of court-ordered support.

In the 2015-16 Legislative session, Moul was named vice chairman of the House Game and Fish Committee, and he will continue to serve on the Agriculture and Rural Affairs and Tourism and Recreation Development committees. Moul also serves on the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin.

Prior to being elected to the House, Moul spent 20 years as owner operator of his own real estate management and renovation business. Before that he worked in the sales division of Hanover-based Utz Quality Foods.

A lifelong resident of Adams County, Moul is a graduate of New Oxford High School and he studied finance at York College. He is an active member of "People Who Care Inc.," a non-profit charitable organization in Adams County dedicated to helping people in their time of need.



JOE HALLINAN

Adams County Watershed Specialist and Trout In the Classroom Coordinator.

At July's chapter meeting President April Swope introduced and welcomed, Joe Hallinan our new watershed specialist and TIC coordinator of the 11 schools enrolled in the TIC program in Adams County. Now you talk about enthusiasm and a person with a mission, willing to learn the ropes and work together-that's Joe. He didn't waste any time jumping into activities in the county because he knows he has big shoes to fill. Joe grew up in the woods of Carroll Valley, spending most of his summer days in Tom's Creek and the Miney Branch. Joe attended Mother Seton School, Delone Catholic High School, and East Stroudsburg University. He spent several years during and after College merchandising trees and shrubs throughout Northern Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

After meeting his wife Shana, they moved back to the area in 2009 when he became the Public Programs Coordinator at Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve and Shana began teaching 8th grade language arts at Upper Adams Middle School. Shana and Joe have two children, Fiona (age 6) and Finnian (age 2). After leaving Strawberry Hill and taking a short break to be a stay at home dad, he was the Recreational Facility Supervisor at Mount Saint Mary's University for five years, before joining the staff at the Adams County Conservation District as the Watershed Specialist. Joe enjoys spending time outdoors with his friends and family; gardening, biking, hiking and camping. He is excited to be back working in the environmental field, focusing on the health of our County streams and the preservation and care of Mother Nature.

Welcome aboard Joe and thanks for stepping up to the plate on short notice. We appreciate that smile. We plan on working closely with Joe through the coming months with our TIC program and water issues.



CHAPTER MEETINGS 2018

September 18

Chapter Meeting 7pm
Nominations of Officers
Guest Speaker-Justin Klinger
Gettysburg Middle School Fly Fishing Club

October 16

Chapter Meeting 7pm
Elections of Officers

November

No Meetings

December

No Meetings

All Chapter Meetings held at
Adams County Conservation District Building

EVENTS

September 8

PA Trout Fall Meeting
Bellefonte, PA

October 2

PFBC Fall Stocking
Conewago Creek
11:30am

Oldie but Goodie



Opossum Creek Restoration 2008
VP Terry Sipe with
Secretary Rick James

Oldie but Goodie



Past Chapter President and
Banquet Chair -Dan the Man
expert in fly tying

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