



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello Chapter #323 ACTU members,

Looking at my calendar, I noted that our Chapter is quite busy during the next few months. See the back page for the complete calendar of events. Needless to say, the Chapter needs much more support to accomplish all that we have on our plate. Please attend our monthly meetings to learn what is going on and how you can help. Contact me at any time to volunteer your help.

On a different note, we will soon be out enjoying another fishing season. Please familiarize yourself with the current PA Fish and Boat regulations. Fishing etiquette simply means following rules as they apply to fishing. An ethical person does the right thing even if no one is watching!! Take care of the environment. Don't litter or dump waste into the water. Pick up any trash you see and carry it out. The ideal is to leave an area cleaner than you found it. Respect wildlife. Handle fish carefully for a successful catch and release. Keep only what you can use and release the rest properly. Respect the law and respect landowners.

Report any illegal activity immediately (in this day and age, avoid confronting law breakers as things may get out of hand). Respect others. Get permission before entering private property, be courteous, give other anglers their space, and encourage others to do the same. Hoping we enjoy another great fishing season.

It is with somewhat mixed emotions that I offer the following, a short autobiography. I have been asked on a couple of occasions to provide a summary of my background so here it is:

Born in W. Warwick, RI on June 24, 1943. Raised on Lake Mishnock, W. Greenwich, RI. My youth was spent ice fishing, ice skating, swimming, boating and fishing. In 1965, I received a BS degree from URI and an MS degree in 1967, both in Microbiology. I met my wife while at URI and we married in June of 1967. We have three children and two grandchildren. We moved to Adams County in 1976.

In 1983, I received an MBA degree from Mt. Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD. After retiring in 2003 with 37 years in the Biotech Industry, I became a licensed realtor in PA. My current hobbies, aside from ACTU, are ham radio and gardening.

The two pictures are of me in April of 1948 at Lake Mishnock with a bullhead and on the Chesapeake Bay with a striped bass in September of 2003. Ain't fishin fun!!!

Hank Rajotte, Chapter President



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ADAMS COUNTY CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

MENTORING YOUTH DAY

Through agreement with the PA Fish & Boat Commission (PFBC) and Knouse Foods, the youth mentoring day in Adams County will be hosted at Orrtanna Pond on March 28. Children up to age 15 with a mentoring adult can sign up on PFBC website. Youths will be allowed to keep 2 trout. Adults must purchase a 2020 trout stamp & fishing license. For more information, please visit <http://www.fish.state.pa.us/MentoredYouth>

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Submission of articles and suggestions for the newsletter are encouraged and may be sent to swopeda@hotmail.com. Deadline for the June issue is May 15th. The newsletter is distributed the week prior to the monthly meetings via email, to the address listed on your TU membership. To ensure you receive chapter communications timely, it is very important for TU to have your current email address. To verify your email address, go to www.tu.org, click on "Member Login", and validate your profile. If you have trouble logging in or need help editing your profile, please call 1-800-834-2419 between 9 am – 7 pm ET, Monday-Friday.

KNOUSE PROPERTY-UPPER SECTION OF CATCH AND RELEASE

We continue with Conewago Task Force meetings for the betterment of fly fishing in Adams County. Our financial goal has not been reached, although does look attainable but we need your help. In our last newsletter, I spoke of how critical preserving this piece of stream property will be in the future for you the fly angler on page 10 in the last newsletter titled "Access Means Everything". Last year alone, we lost over 4 miles of excellent water on Little Marsh Creek being dropped from the stocking schedule.

A stream easement, if agreed upon, will be carried by the PFBC, giving us the same privileges under the regulated section of catch and release by following the PFBC guidelines. In this stream easement a parking and access area to the stream will be added when enough funds are secured for these additions.

This may be your chapters final cry to you to get involved and help make a difference. If you fly fishing this section you should recognize how critical preserving this waterway? Any amount will be cheerfully accepted. Without any help received your chapter needs to consider cutting more programs that requires cutting back on the annual budget including donations to other non profit groups to somehow be able to reach this agreement. Contact me thru swopeda@hotmail.com or call 7172536680. Only three members were interested enough to call last month and talk about the agreement while one committed financially. Thank You. "Why Me" an article on page 11 on the last newsletter, I hope you read that too.

ACTU VISITS NVTU

Last month, President Hank Rajotte and Board Member Richard Lewis visited our partner NVTU to show a power point presentation on the Conewago Creek Restoration work with different pictures of our longtime partnership rolling rocks, fishing, fellowshiping together celebrating this our 38 year together. Our hope and vision are their support reaching our financial goal with the stream easement agreement.

The ABC's of Fly

Do you have any tips you'd like to share with others? Please send them to swopeda@hotmail.com Look for more hints each month.

What is the proper tippet size to use for the fly I am using? A great starting point that usually doesn't need any adjustment is by dividing the hook size by 3. If you are using a size 12, that would be a 4X tippet size. If the hooks size doesn't divide equally, round off to the nearest whole number (16 would be 5.33 so use 5X). You can also go a size heavier if the water is cloudy or high. Also, be sure to learn to tie a loop knot to attach a streamer pattern to your leader. It gives your imitation much more life-like motion and it is also a very strong knot, stronger than a standard clinch knot.

LONGTIME FRIENDS OF ACTU 323

This type of RECOGNITION has been long overdue in recognizing some long-time members that keep contributing annually to our ACTU mission. My hats off to Jack Cashman and George Lower. Over the years, my visit at their businesses for helping the chapter has always been exceptional. Through their efforts in giving has helped the chapter at our fundraising events. Just a note of thanks to these longtime friends of ACTU for their generosity. Special thanks to Cindy Staub as the chapters newsletter designer who makes my work look exceptional. Her volunteer efforts has continued viewing "Adams Angler" as one of the best in the State.

GUEST SPEAKERS

DAN HERRICK

In February, the chapter's guest speaker will be Past President and Past banquet chair, Dan "The Man" Herrick one of the best fly-tying expert's in Southcentral Pennsylvania. Come out and enjoy getting first-hand experience on some of the newest methods in fly tying that make those trout go crazy. Adding to this great entertainment will be the chapters latest purchase of an electronic device called a Go Pro.

RACHEL THURNER DIAZ

The seventh woman to become a Waterways Conservation Officer for the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission spoke at our last monthly meeting at the ACCD. Her name is Rachel Thurner Diaz. Rachel's regions to patrol and stock trout includes all of Adams County and parts of York County.

Her presentation was bringing the group of attendees up-to-snuff on what's new from the Fish and Boat Commission in 2020 including a trout stocking overview which includes stocking more rainbow and golden rainbows trout and less brook trout. After years of research, the PFBC believes more rainbows will survive and remain within the streams after stocking. Furthermore, the rainbows growth in a hatchery environment are much better and they can withstand acidic conditions more favorable. Also, Rachel added that rainbow trout provide a better fishing experience.

Although the fly fishing angler believes that the brown trout will last more into the fishing season because they are less likely to be caught after stocking. No news on a fishing license increase after 14 years.

The chapter extends their appreciation for her speaking at our meeting.



CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

We have received reports of ACTU chapter memberships being moved to other chapters. To insure you are correctly aligned with the Adams County chapter, please check your latest issue of "TROUT" magazine and check the mailing label that it lists chapter 323, Adams County as your home chapter. If your chapter is not 323, call Mallory Gay at 703-284-9424 to have it corrected.

NEW MEMBERS

Fred Klein
Robert Tuliszewski

THANKS FOR RENEWING

Bernard Anthony
Randy Detinburn
Barry Bixler
Bill Breighner
William Celio
Rick Franzese
Brandon Harman
Howard Hellyer
Barbara Henry
David Kamsler
Charles Lee
Bob Marchio
Earl Trump
Chris Plesic
Gary Stone
Charles Detinburn
John Snoke
Jack Cashman
Burnell Humbert
Steve Gotwols
David Markle
Patrick Naugle
Steven McKenna
Cindy Staub
Stephen Robinson



SOUTHCENTRAL OUTDOORS FOR YOUTH - SOY

This year's event will be held on June 6, 2020 at McSherrystown Fish and Game, 2 Fish and Game Rd, New Oxford, PA. This free event is open to all youths between the ages of 6-17 years. They must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on the day of the event. Registration is available online until May 04, 2020, or on the day of the event from 6:30am to 7:45am.

Various activities include fly tying, fishing, archery, BB guns, trapping, black powder, .22, and shot-guns. There are also exhibits and demonstrations with the PA Game Commission, PA Fish Commission, snakes, predators, etc. All pre-registered youths will receive a free t-shirt and hat; lunch is served to all who attend. Although there is open registration between 6:30 am and 7:45 am on the day of the event, to ensure adequate supplies, please register prior to the day of the event. For more information, visit www.adamscountysoy.org or call 717-579-7495. Please check in before 7:45 am, as the event starts at 8:00 am sharp, rain or shine.

About SOY:

South Central Outdoors for Youth (SOY) is a non-profit organization started in 1992 for the express purpose of encouraging youth's interest in the outdoors in a safe and controlled environment, with knowledgeable volunteers on hand to instruct and promote that interest. Its founders and volunteers believe that by giving youths and their parents/ guardians a free day of various outdoor activities, children have the opportunity to experience various sports without cost to the family. If the child decides to continue with the sport, there are many knowledgeable volunteers available to give information and instructions.



Hank and Ed teaching fly tying



Randy has this boy's attention

TRI-COUNTY WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

The Tri-County Watershed Association Meeting was held at Shippensburg University for local watershed organizations and individuals in the South Mountain region of Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, and York counties. Watershed Specialists from Adams, Cumberland, and Franklin County Conservation Districts facilitated the meeting as part of the South Mountain Speakers Series.

The South Mountain Partnership is a conservation project in south-central Pennsylvania that hosts the South Mountain Speakers Series each year. The speaker series strives to educate and engage the public on contemporary conservation topics and challenges to create a citizenry that values and supports the preservation of the natural, cultural, agricultural, and recreational resources of the South Mountain region.

This meeting focused on connecting watershed associations to landowners and provided an opportunity for attendees to share an overview of their organization. Hank and Dave attended and represented ACTU. Dave presented an overview of ACTU's upcoming activities and events. Pennsylvania Organization for Watersheds and Rivers (POWR) will be organizing another regional water workshop for the South Mountain Speaker Series on March 27th, 2020 at the Trails and Trees Environmental Education Center in Mechanicsburg, PA.

In addition to the Speaker Series, the South Mountain Partnership coordinates a mini-grant program that is intended to catalyze on-the-ground projects that further the goals of the Partnership. The Mini-Grant program targets projects to sustain South Mountain's sense of place by protecting and promoting the region's Landscape Resources. The current priority project proposals are those addressing water resources, especially projects that bring many partners together to meet water pollution reduction goals by implementing watershed restoration projects. We look forward to continuing to develop our relationship and involvement between ACTU and the South Mountain Partnership



ADAMS COUNTY PFBC STOCKING DATES

STREAM	PRE-S	TIME	PLACE	IN-S	TIME	PLACE
MARSH CREEK	3-24	10:30	CASHTOWN	5-6	10:15	CASHTOWN
LITTLE MARSH CREEK	3-6	10:30	CASHTOWN	5-6	10:15	CASHTOWN
BERMUDIAN CREEK	3-25	10:00	YORK SPRINGS	4-6	10:00	FAIRFIELD SEC 4 ONLY
OPOSSUM CREEK	3-24	10:30	CASHTOWN	5-6	10:15	CASHTOWN
LATIMORE CREEK	3-25	10:00	YORK SPRINGS	4-6	10:00	FAIRFIELD
TOMS CREEK	3-6	10:30	CASHTOWN	4-6	10:00	FAIRFIELD
MIDDLE CREEK	3-6	10:30	CASHTOWN	5-6	10:15	CASHTOWN
ORRTANNA POND	3-6	10-30	CASHTOWN			
CONEWAGO	3-7	10:30	ACNB	4-20	10:15	ACNB FALL 10-1 11:30 HUNTSDALE
CONEWAGO	3-7	12:45	RUSSEL TVRN BRG			

Please contact Dave Swope (717) 253-6680 if you are interested in helping to float stock the AC streams.



ACTU members April and Scott floating the Conewago Stream

MARCH 28

Mentoring Youth Day
8am-7pm

APRIL 3

Mummasburg Trophy Trout
Stocking
2pm @ Russell Tavern Bridge

APRIL 4

Opening Day of Trout
South Central

APRIL 25

Carroll Valley Fishing Derby
8am til dusk
Carroll Valley Park Fairfield

MAY 9

Latimore Fishing Derby
7:30am until 11am
Latimore Valley Fairgrounds,
York Springs

JUNE 6

SC Outdoors for Youth at
McSherrystown Fish & Game
7:30am til 3pm



PFBC employees Chuck & Rachael play a major part of preparation of stocking trout for opening day.



Joe Hastings (right) President of Green Springs Rod and Gun Club donates check to Dave Swope treasurer of ACTU towards our Zoo America Fundraising Project. Also special thanks to Adams County Chiropractic, PC. for their donation towards the purchase of a stream easement on the Conewago Creek. We have started our goal.

HEIDLEBURG FISHING SHOW

TThe 5th Annual Heidlersburg Fishing Show will be held on February 22 and 23, 2020. Friday night will start with a delicious dinner for all vendors who help to setup that evening. Early morning risers on Saturday will have the opportunity for bargains. You name it, in the fishing industry, it will at this event with more than 75 vendors participating. Doors open Saturday 8-3 and Sunday 9-2



A Great Family Activity!

May 9th



15^{and under}

**No Entry
Fee
Keep your
Catch**

**Prizes
Awarded
Lunch
Provided**

Latimore Valley Fairgrounds

7:30am Stocking / 8am-11am Fishing

Bait Fishing Only



Trout provided by Yellow Breeches Anglers & Conservation Association

DIRECTIONS: Travel North on US Route 15, 2 miles North of York Springs, PA, turn right (east) on Latimore Valley Road. Go to first stop sign (old US 15 or Harrisburg Pike) turn right. Cross bridge, Baltimore Road, turn left. Latimore Creek at Latimore Valley Fairgrounds – Special Regulation Section.

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WOMEN'S INTRODUCTION FLY FISHING CLINIC

Intro to Fly Fishing
Fly Tying Gear Equip
Casting
Entomology
Knot Tying
Reading Water

June 13, 2020 9AM - 2PM
Gettysburg YWCA
901 Fairfield Rd.,
Gettysburg, PA.
Equipment & lunch provided
\$20 fee goes to 1yr TU Membership
Register on www.eventbrite.com

FREE ADMISSION

**OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC**



REFRESHMENTS

**SILENT & LIVE
AUCTIONS**

FAMILY DAY and ANNUAL FUND RAISER

Saturday March 21, 2020 1:00pm to 4:00pm

At the Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resources Conservation Center
670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325

Zoo America

Live Friend from the Reptile World



Bring your children and /or grandchildren to the **FREE EVENT**. Many great silent auction prizes and two outstanding live auction prizes will be auctioned with all proceeds to fund: Adams Co. Trout in the Classroom Programs, Stream Restoration Projects, the Latimore Youth Fishing Derby and other ACTU Chapter Conservation activities

Gettysburg Escape for Two

Hosted by Richard and Jackie Lewis



ACTU



Collection of Dan Herrick's

Hand tied flies



Adams County Ag. And Natural Resources Conservation Center 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, PA

CHAPTER MEETINGS 2020

February 18

Chapter Meeting 7pm Dan "the Man" Herrick fly tying

February 22 & 23

Heidlersburg Outdoor Show Sat. 9-4 Sun. 9-1

March 7

Stocking Conewago Creek 12:45pm Russell Tavern Bridge

March 17

Chapter meeting 7pm PFBC Michael Nerrozzi

March 21

Chapter Fundraiser Zoo America 1pm ACCD

April 20

Stocking Conewago Creek 12:45pm Russell Tavern Bridge

April 21

Chapter Meeting 7pm

May 9

Latimore Fishing Derby 7:30am

May 19

Chapter Meeting 7pm

June 9

Southcentral Outdoors for Youth @ McSherrystown F&G

June 13

Women's Initiative Program @ YWCA Gettysburg 9-2

June 20

Women's Initiative Program fishing location TBA

July 21

Chapter Picnic 6pm @ ACCD pavilion

All Chapter Meetings held at
Adams County Conservation District Building

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SPRING STOCKING

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\$50 half page and
full page ad \$100. Call
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