FROM OUR PRESIDENT

On Saturday, July 20, 2019, clothed in light summer attire due to the excessive heat, friends and strangers gathered together in the Rockwell Lanes' parking lot where greetings and introductions were exchanged with smiles, hugs, and handshakes.

Psalm 133 begins with, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" I think that this verse characterizes our Adams County Trout Unlimited Chapter's workday on the Conewago. Like the Good Shepherd, PFBC Habitat Director Tyler Neimond, ordered our steps, and even sent some of us out in two's.

Another scripture says, "But the people that know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits." I am proud to state that like the mature and babes in faith, the advanced and novice participants from all walks of life worked side by side on the various stream projects completed that day.

We stopped early to enjoy our lunch with good conversation about many topics and be refreshed in the cool shade under the Gladys Meadows Pavilion before saying our farewells to our new and old friends alike, promising to see each other again.

April Lee Swope

Our president speaking to 140 New Oxford fourth grade students on Earth Day.

WELCOME ABOARD TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Congrats the following individuals have joined ACTU:

Kenneth Baker from Dillsburg

Larry Dost from York Springs

Thanks for continuing with ACTU:

Gary Gulbranson	BJ Small
Larry Hartlaub	Jim Zinn
Steven McKenna	Paul Ford
Hurshel Shank	Jerome Eline
Dave & April Swope	Deb Wentling

Pictured above left to right: Al Poklemba, Dave Swope, Russell Short, Daniel Lazenby, Jon Johnson.

ATCU#323 is proud to announce that Daniel Lazenby has been selected as the liaison from Northern Virginia Trout Unlimited to help lead the Conewago restoration project and correspondence between the two chapters.

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GLADYS RODGERS CHAPTER FAMILY PICNIC

Due to weather forecast, the Board took action and moved the location of the annual chapter picnic from Gladys Meadows to the Adams County Conservation District Building Pavilion on June 18th. Menu included Barbeque steak and chicken, smoked salmon, baked beans, green beans, potato salad, etc. Desserts were many and the Mr. Rodgers apple pie went fast. Our members and friends had a great time of fellowshipping and enjoying the steak. We were very happy to see some new faces this year. About 40 people attended the event.

Quiet is a good sign of good food

Wayne Rodgers-landowner

Treasurer cooks up juicy steaks

President April Swope opens the meal with prayer

BJ SMALL SPEAKS ON TMDL

At July's chapter meeting PFBC Commissioner BJ Small (District 6) speaks to the group on Chesapeake Bay and reducing the (TMDL) Total Maximum Daily Load in our local environment. Planting trees will play major role in reducing phosphorus and nitrogen along our waterways.

GUEST SPEAKER NAVY CAPTAIN JOEL STEWART

Captain Joel served in Iraq in 2005 and founded the Baghdad Angler's Club and School of Fly Fishing. He wrote a book, "A Fly Rod In My Sea Bag" about his time in Iraq and the club he started up to support service men and women far from home. His efforts in Iraq led to him linking up with Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. PHWFF is a non-profit organization, founded by Veterans to support disabled Veterans through the challenges and comradery of fly fishing. He works to promote PHWFF at every opportunity.

Capt. Joel Stewart receives a donation check from President April Swope towards Project Healing Waters for Veterans.

RESTORATION PARTNERSHIP CONTINUES

On July 20th with one of the hottest days of the year, the Adams County and Northern Virginia Chapters of Trout Unlimited collaborated in rolling rocks on the Conewago Creek. President April Swope was aware of the dangers by the heat and ordered ½ hour breaks with plenty of cold water. At noon, the horn blew to invite everyone to enjoy a lunch provided by Richard Lewis. We had a tremendous good turnout with a total of 15 workers and PFBC Tyler Neimond directing the restoration projects.

The day started off with introductions and a short briefing including removing trees from the stream, filling in an eroded area with brush and covering with stone, constructing a mudsill, cutting back weeds and multi-rose bushes along the streambanks, locating a cable in need of repair to designate the beginning of the catch and release section, and grooming trails along the mile long stream. Before lunch Dave shared chapter restoration information assisting with Tyler. The stream easement was discussed and its value to the chapter. Then, Richard served cold cuts with cold beverages and chips, which was a fantastic treat on a hot day. After lunch, the NVATU members visiting the Conewago Creek for the first time received an introduction on the memorial bench and the history of the pavilion along with the longtime partnership between the two chapters. The day ended with a check presented to Chapter President April Swope from Daniel Lazenby, a symbol of NVATU continuing support in our restoration partnership.

Group Picture of Conewago Creek Restoration workers-missing from photo backhoe operator Jeff Martin, ACTU Larry Hartlaub, CTU Frank Kozak, and NVTU Don Gratton who took the picture.

MUDSILL DEVICE: In these two photos chapters are finishing up adding #5 shotrock on 2 inch oak lumber.

Eddie and Gary opens area for backhoe to install wing on upper instream log device on right decending bank.

LATIMORE KIDS FISHING DERBY

Adams County Trout Unlimited does it again, another successful Derby. The Derby was held on May 11th with gorgeous weather, it was a great success! I consider success when a bunch of children are out on beautiful stream fishing for trout, not on their iPads fishing their favorite app. The children's faces said it all, for three hours they fished hard to catch that big lunker. Focused and determined to take first prize for the biggest fish. I really enjoy the Derby because my daughter Chloe has been participating in it for years. She is 14 now and has one more year left, we reminded her of that this year. So next year will be extra special, we also live within a mile of the creek. Chloe grew up fishing, swimming, and playing there. Latimore is a place that is truly near and dear to us. The Derby is also how I learned about Trout Unlimited and eventually became a member. So not only is it a great outreach program, it gets kids and families together for great fishing fun.

The Derby begins with the Yellow Breeches Anglers arriving with 322 beautiful large trout. This is my favorite part because kids get to stock the fish. This alone adds so much to the experience. After the stocking, the children register and anxiously await the sound of a horn at 8:00am. This signifies the first cast may be thrown and the Derby has officially begun. The children fish till 11:00am. Then they take their biggest fish to the registration table to be measured and the measurements are recorded. While they are waiting for all the measuring to be done they get to enjoy free hot dogs, chips, cookies, and drinks. The longest fish wins in five separate age groups. The age groups consist of 6 & under, 7-8, 9-10, and 11-12, 13-15. The winners of these age groups were as follows:

6 & under - 19 kids
Winners - Janae Reisinger & Elli Ensor tied with 17 ½"

7-8 years - 9 kids
Winner - Brantlee Troup, 15 ½"

9-10 years - 13 kids
Winner - Jade Baublitz, 14 ¼"

11-12 years - 14 kids
Winner - Chance Reinoehl, 20" (largest catch of the day)

13-15 years - 8 kids
Winner - Sidney Schoffstall, 16 ¼"

Adams County Waterways Conservation Officer Rachael Turner-Diaz, Lynn Paxton representing Eastern Museum, Dave Swope ACTU

We had a total of 63 kids participate in the Derby. ACTU congratulates all the winners and thanks all the children for participating. We also want to give a special thanks to the Yellow Breeches Angler's for bringing such nice size trout for the kids. We can't do it without you guys. Another huge thank you from the Chapter goes to Hank Rajotte and Becky Plesic; they have chaired the Derby the last few years and have done an outstanding job! Thanks Hank and Becky for all your hard work in organizing such a great event. That chapter also wants to thank Dave Swope, April Swope, Edna Dettinburn, Randy Dettinburn, and Charles "Buzz" Dettinburn for all their efforts and volunteering. Another great thing about the Derby is our fantastic sponsors. These Sponsors donate such great prizes and enough prizes for every child that participates to get a prize or win a raffle. They play such an important part in the Derby and we are so thankful for their generosity.

NEW BRIDGE AT LATIMORE VALLEY FAIRGROUNDS

Adams County Trout Unlimited celebrates adding another new partnership with Adams Electric Cooperative in Gettysburg. Adams Electric is a member owned, electric distribution utility which serves over 32,000 member accounts across Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, Perry and York Counties.

This partnership along with the Latimore Eastern Racing Museum Committee has rebuilt the footbridge in the PFBC regulation section of stream for Kids Only Fishing and the Handicapped. Special thanks to Joe Weaver and Barry Klinedinst for their expertise in designing and building this new access bridge. Great job by the ACTU volunteers.

The new Latimore Bridge completed in time for our annual ACTU fishing derby. All lumber was from trees at the Latimore Valley Fairgrounds and sawed into boards by Joe Weaver, Barry Klinedinst, Eric Wickline and Dave Swope. Special thanks to all the volunteers that worked to make this happen. Great work and design for a bridge that will be safe and last a long time. Special thanks to Joe Weaver for his engineering expertise and equipment.

Latimore Bridge construction starting from cutting logs into boards led by Joe Weaver. From measuring boards to installing electric poles, cables and footbridge boards and framework. Well done ACTU members Eddie, Randy, Buzz, Chris and Eric and especially Joe Weaver.

SOUTHCENTRAL OUTDOORS FOR YOUTH

Southcentral Outdoors for Youth, a real success story was held at Littlestown Fish and Game Club on June 1st, 2019. Over 200 kids were registered and the doors opened at 6 o'clock Saturday morning. Thank goodness our VP Hank Rajotte arrived the day before the event to get the fly-tying equipment setup for ACTU. Another pad on the back for Hank. Along side of Hank working the fly-tying stations were members Randy, Edna and Buzz Dittenburn and Ed McGlaughlin. Tip my hat to this group of volunteers, thank you so much for your efforts.

About 157 kids arrived on a beautiful summer day with 12 outdoor station waiting to start for their enjoyment. The youth were divided into groups of 11 or 12 to travel to each station by the end of the day. Over 400 hotdogs, baked beans, macaroni salad, and apple sauce were served to some of the hungriest kids imaginable.

Hank gets some of the youths ready for a pic

Ed and Edna has this youth attention

Randy instructs fly tying hands-on

REACHING OUT TO THE NEXT GENERATION

On May 14th & 16th ACTU instructors along with our local Waterways Conservation Officers met with our 11 schools enrolled in the TIC Program to release their brook trout into the waterway and enjoy having the opportunity of being in the outdoors. The setting at Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve is perfect for this type of outdoor activity. Directed by Joe Hallinan AC Watershed Specialist the round robin stations worked great. The kids enjoy all the workshops and the beautiful weather. Thanks to all our instructors and thanks to LL Bean for making memories for our youth.

Waterways Conservation Officers Rachael and Darrin

Trout in the Classroom students learning to cast with our new LL Bean Fly Rods.

Congratulations to the Montessori School for raising and releasing 78 brook trout. Accepting the award for Montessori School is Teacher Heather Edmond from ACTU President April Swope. (not pictured; Nicole Rickell, assistant)

The Trout in the Classroom Program in Adams County began in 2009 with the Gettysburg High School and has grown rapidly into 11 schools enrolled. Your ACTU chapter along with Committee Chair Joe Hallinan, our Adams County Watershed Specialist, has developed a new challenge for the students and teachers who participates in the program. This Adams County TIC Award will be presented annually to the school enrolled in the program for raising and releasing the most brook trout by May 1st of each year.

ACTU Chapter President April Swope thanks Adams Electric Operations Manager Mike Feathers for their financial support in the construction of a new bridge for the young anglers. Due to high water and aging the old bridge was beyond repair. This expands the fishing opportunities for kids getting across the stream to fish. Everyone involved is hoping to get another 40 years or more access across the stream for the betterment of trout fishing Adams County.

MR. KLINGLER'S STUDENTS

The Gettysburg Middle School classroom activities are fun. Most kids enjoy learning about fly tying and fly casting, but outdoors hands on and hooking the fish is what really excites them.

A few years ago, Middle School teacher Justin Klingler, approached our ACTU chapter to begin a partnership by borrowing fly fishing equipment to start a classroom approach 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 a fishing trip. Chapter officers agreed to participate at a local pond for an evening of fishing with the students. You can understand by the pictures, the students were thrilled while posing with their catch.

CHAPTER MEETINGS 2019

August 20
Chapter Meeting 7pm
Guest Speaker Chloe Plesic- Rivers Conservation School

September 17
Chapter Meeting 7pm
Guest Speaker PFBC Amidea Daniels
Nomination of all Officers

October 15
Chapter Meeting 7pm
Guest Speaker PFBC Michael Nerozzi
Election of all Officers

November
December
No Chapter meeting

All Chapter Meetings held at
Adams County Conservation District Building

EVENTS

October 1
PFBC Fall Stocking
Fly Stretch 11am

ED HANGING NEW SIGNS ON THE CONEWAGO

VOLUNTEER FOR FALL STOCKING

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ADVERTISE IN ADAMS ANGLER

If you are a business owner and would like to reach 200 members with a common interest in fishing and the environment, consider running your ad in the Adams Angler. There are 4 issues per calendar year. Cost of the ads are $25 business card and $50 half page and full page ad $100. Call 253-6680 to advertise.

ACTU BOARD MEMBERS

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VP	Hank Rajotte
Secretary	Howard Hellyer
Treasurer	Dave Swope
Board Chairman	Dean Stum
Directors:	Richard Lewis
	Larry Hartlaub
	Charles Dittenburn

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