

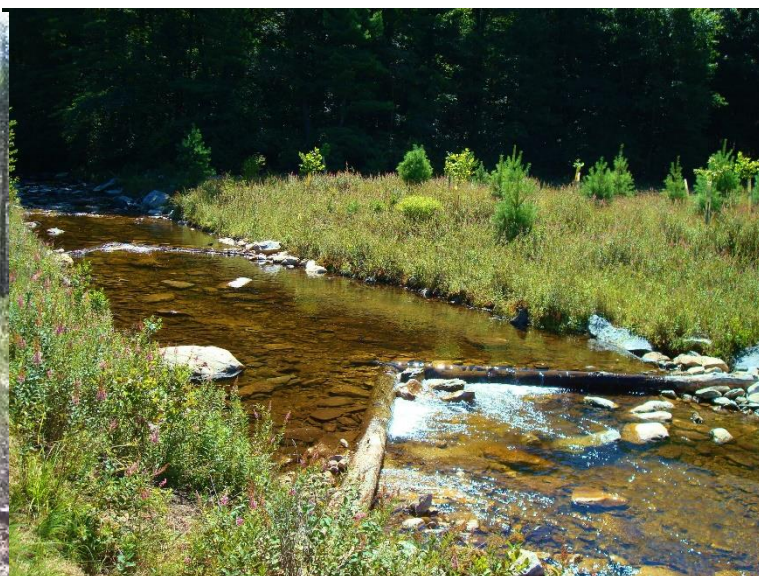


ADAMS ANGLER

MARCH 2017



Sen. Rich Alloway w/partners at Birch Run project site



24 fish habitat devices installed

Brook Trout Restoration in Adams County: From Mudflats to Native Brook Trout

At the March 28th Chapter Meeting Richard Lewis and Dave Swope presented a power point presentation on the Birch Run Reservoir restoration project recognizing and commending the fourteen partners that made it possible to install 24 fish habitat devices over a two-year span. The streambanks were planted with 160 trees and shrubs to provide protection and add overhead cover. What once was a warm water fishery has now been reversed into a cold water habitat for native Brook Trout. This restoration project was made possible with the help and the supervision of DCNR Forester Phil Bietsch at the Michaux Forest Office in Caledonia. The Birch Run restoration project in Adams County received the Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence in 2015.

Special thanks to Rod Cross, Falling Springs Chapter, Don Albright, Cumberland Valley Chapter, John Grabner National Capital Chapter, Phil Bietsch, Kevin Anderson and Gleim Construction for providing their dedicated hours on this fabulous restoration project in Adams County. From Adams County Chapter Dave Swope, Andy & Jetsy Murray, Gary Toner, Adam McClain, Steve Grunden, Edwin McGlaughlin, and Richard Lewis all played major roles in bringing the project to completion.

Adams County State of Water Conference

The Adams County Conservation District will be providing a Workshop for local municipal officials, municipal planners, municipal engineers, and other local decision makers. The workshop will be held at the Agricultural and Natural Resources Center on Wednesday, May 15th from 8am to 3pm. Presentations will provide information on the current status of water resources in Adams County including water quality trends, available resources for water protection, and the status of local resource management programs.

Dave Swope will represent the Chapter at the Workshop. ACTU will setup a table to display our stream restoration projects including earlier projects on fish habitat.

Trout in the Classroom



This year's Trout in the Classroom release dates at Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve are: **May 4th, May 10th, and May 11th**. These are the days when the students will release the Trout fingerlings they have raised into the stream. ACTU presents a short educational program to the students after the Trout are released. We need your help on these three days with the morning portion of this program that teaches the students how to spin cast and fly cast. **Please volunteer a few hours of your time to help make a difference with Adams County students. Please contact ACTU Youth Education Coordinator Hank Rajotte and volunteer to help. hank-carol@comcast.net 717-408-8747**

Trout Trivial - ACTU

1. Name ACTU's First President and founder?
2. What year did NVTU first partner with ACTU?
3. What year was the first mud sill installed on the Conewago Creek project?
4. Name the year ACTU received National Recognition?
5. What year was the startup of TIC and name the school.

See below for answers

ACTU Chapter President Dean Stum's Message

We've all heard the expression... "It could always be worse". That surely applies to the float stocking held Saturday the 11th of March on the fly fishing only section of Conewago Creek. It was cold and windy, but considering storm Stella rolling in just 3 days later and blanketing two thirds of the nation with significant amounts of snow and wind, I'd say Saturday went just fine. A fine, mixed crew of float stocking veterans and "newbies" were on hand to deliver the precious cargo over the 1 mile stretch of the fly fishing section. Special thanks to Jeff Clark and son-in-law Dave, Chris Plesic, Chester, Zack and Andrew. Zack and Andrew just happened to drive by and asked if they could help. Two fine young high school aged men that have never float stocked before, seemed to really have enjoyed the experience. I hope to see them around on the water and meetings.

With spring approaching, the Chapter will be gearing up for many events. As always, attendance/help at any one of these events is greatly appreciated. The Latimore fish derby, Soy ,TIC trout release at Strawberry Hill and Jack Hubley with his animals are just some of the many upcoming events. Events and points of contacts will be provided as the time arises. Be sure to keep an eye on upcoming guest speakers at Chapter meetings. One or more may peak your interest!



The Splash of Opening Day

The opening day of trout season begins on April 1st 2017 with the invitation of Spring to many of us. In Adams County alone awaiting anxious angler's casts will be over 20,000 legal sized trout stocked in the eight approved trout streams by the PFBC. Adding to those numbers will be the volunteer efforts of the Adams County Trophy Trout Program ready to commit themselves for the twenty first year adding 1500 torpedoes (as my editor friend interprets them).

The PFBC stocking program is supported strictly by revenues from both fishing license sales and Trout stamps. This independent agency's program is one of the largest in the nation stocking over 3.7 million adult brook, brown, rainbow and golden palomino trout to be released in the state. A change coming from the 1st Trout Summit in 2002 has the agency gearing up again this year for larger trout being stocked in 2017 which has required reducing the allocations per rearing stations. All trout stocked in the Adams County streams will come from the Huntsdale Hatchery.

Trout season is the main locomotive that generates over 600 million in Pa. economy annually. Many businesses rely on Opening Day into May to carry their business through the year. Stream flow conditions are good and the Co-op trout are nice this year. So, look forward to some good in season stockings from the Co-ops and the PFBC.

Opening day of Trout season generates the "Spring Fling Traditions" of the camping season. Opening day will bring anglers and families to the campgrounds, with memories of just enjoying a warm spring day, giving a chance to separate us from the cabin fever syndrome, wearing our hip boots to wade through knee deep water, a time to view God's creatures, his splendor, to reflect on our good health, to celebrate his many blessings of our great outdoor heritage, our freedoms, to relieve the stress of everyday living and signs of better times ahead.

The many traditions, we associate with opening day are almost more important than fishing. For the writer, the preparation of equipment and memories with my family in the early seventies has long passed but the relationship with trout "being so much more than just a fish" has enhanced many memories in which I still view and look forward to that Opening Day. Thanks to all those volunteers who realize through their volunteer efforts, give all anglers the opportunity to enjoy opening day and beyond the enjoyment of those Spring traditions.

Memorial bench



This Memorial Bench is dedicated to our deceased ACTU members who at one time participated in the restoration (in partnership with Northern Virginia TU) of the Conewago Creek catch and release section constructed by two actu members.

The Memorial Bench is located approximately half way between the Route 34 bridge and Russell Tavern Road bridge in the catch and release only section of the Conewago Creek beside the Gladys Meadows Pavilion.

Anyone noticing a nametag missing from this Memorial Bench dedication please contact a NVTU or ACTU officer.

MAY 6, 2017

7:30a.m. till 11:00a.m.

(7:30 Stocking / 8-11 Fishing)

Latimore Valley Fairgrounds Children 12 & under

- No Entry Fee
- Prizes awarded for largest trout in 4 age groups
- Keep your Catch
- Bait Fishing Only
- Lunch Provided
- Door Prizes & Raffles



A Great Family Activity!

*Trout provided by Yellow Breeches
Anglers & Conservation Association*



10TH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S TROUT FISHING DERBY
Sponsored by: ADAMS COUNTY TROUT UNLIMITED,
CHAPTER #323

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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Trout Trivial - ACTU

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2. What year did NVTU first partner with ACTU? *1982*
3. What year was the first mud sill installed on the Conewago Creek project? *1982*
4. Name the year ACTU received National Recognition? *2004 – Golden Trout Chapter Award*
5. What year was the startup of TIC and name the school? *2009 – Gettysburg High School*

Southcentral Outdoors for Youth Day (SOY)

This year's event will be held on June 3, 2017 at York and Adams Gun Club, Abbottstown, 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, 2017, 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 7:45am 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 8:00am 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 out-door 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.

Next Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM, Wednesday, March 22nd Adams County Agricultural and Natural Resources Center 670 Old Harrisburg Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325

First presentation: Aquatic Insects - Small animals with a big responsibility. Chloe Plesic, age 12 will be presenting her 4H presentation for experience and practice

Second Presentation: Fly Fishing in Southwestern Alaska - Frank Kozak, Codorus TU Chapter Member

Come see what a week of rainbow trout fishing in Alaska is like. Frank Kozak, with the Codorus TU Chapter, spent a week last September fly fishing the remote fisheries in the Lake Iliamna area of the Bristol Bay watershed. The Iliamna Lodge, located about 210 miles west-southwest of Anchorage, is in a pristine, remote location, populated with bears and eagles, and millions of fish, including native Char and massive Rainbows. In addition to fishing the Iliamna River, Frank and his group fished the Chekok, Talarik, Copper, and Chinkelyes Rivers.

Frank's presentation will take you through the days spent on each of these rivers, as well as the travel to the lodge by plane and boat. As Frank will tell you, it was a trip of a lifetime.



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