



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello fellow ACTU members.

Hoping all of you are healthy. Please make the effort to protect yourselves, your loved ones, and those around you. We are not out of danger yet, but things are beginning to improve with the COVID pandemic.

Stocking our local waterways has been successfully completed and it is time to get out and fish! Don't forget to take someone fishing with you. You can pass on no greater gift than to teach another person, youth or adult, the art of fishing.

In the coming weeks and months ACTU will be engaging in supporting some of our annual activities. First off, our monthly meetings for the next several months will take place at the Lake Heritage pavilion. This will allow for a face to face meeting, certainly better and easier than ZOOM meetings. The turnout at our last meeting on April 20th was great with several new members participating. Meetings will be at 7:00 PM on the third Tuesday of the month. An agenda and notification will be sent out via email prior to each meeting. Please plan on attending. Members' input is essential to the Chapter's success.

The annual Latimore Fishing Derby is scheduled for May 8th at the Latimore Park just South of Dillsburg off Rt. 15. Trout stocking is at 7:30AM and fishing begins at 8:00. This for youth 15 and under. Look for ACTU's ad in the Gettysburg Times. The event will be somewhat limited due to COVID restrictions, no food or prizes, but we will still need a few volunteers to run the event. Please let me or Dave Swope know if you can assist. .

Our next event is the South Central Outdoor Youth Program to be held at the McSherrystown Fish and Game facility. This annual program introduces youth to various outdoor activities. ACTU presents an opportunity for youth to learn about fly fishing and fly tying. Please consider helping ACTU demo fly tying. The date is June 5th and starts at 8:00 AM. You don't need to be a fly tier to assist the kids with doing their own tying. A sign up sheet will be available at the May membership meeting. Breakfast and lunch is provided for helpers.

Another annual event is our ACTU picnic for members and their family. This gathering with great food and a nice relaxing get together was cancelled last year, but we are hoping to pull it off this year. The timing is unsettled but most likely will be at the end of August or beginning of September. The venue may be at the Lake Heritage pavilion, an excellent covered facility with separate mens and ladies restrooms. More to follow as we move through the Summer months.

There are grant approvals pending and stream improvements in the planning stage. Please monitor our web page and/or our facebook site as well as your emails for information on ACTU activities. The Chapter relies on volunteers to achieve things so please help.



WHATS INSIDE

2 STOCKING
Spring Stocking complete.

6 TROPHY TROUT
Mummasburg program in its 26th year.



TROUT STOCKING SEASON SPRING 2021



PFBC Tim Scheaffer has Oliver Ecker assisting with a bucket of trout



Tim knows the correct way to throw a bucket of trout



Tim sets an example for the next generation of conservationists.

Stocking trout in 2020 was quite different. I happen to assist on the first few stocking assignments, and then Covid struck. The PFBC employees finished out the stocking season and did their best to disperse the trout in our streams and ponds. The Opening Day change was quite sudden and some were outraged with no real traditional opening day of trout. But things could have been worst, the season was not cancelled, like our neighboring State. There were no crowds. Many fished thru the Covid, more so than previous years. With lots of time on everyone's hands, many answered the call and just got out and enjoyed the outdoors.

Now in 2021, all I heard was complaints about the fishing manual having two openings days on the front cover. Doesn't one think at all? These booklets must be ordered and designed long ahead of trout season. Now, we see a change of tradional opening day statewide and more complaints again, even though others like it. Let's face it, you cannot please everyone all of the time. Decisions must be made and its for the best and not always the most popular.

Our first big stocking in Adams County, we were fortunate to have our State Representative Torren Ecker and family assisting, along with PFBC President Richard Lewis and the PFBC Director Tim Schaeffer. As you can see above, Tim and Torren were not shy on getting the trout to the stream.

It was also great to see WCO Rachael and Chuck back in Adams County stocking together. Thanks to everyone for thier help. Dave Swope 🐟



12 year old Nate Hollabaugh one of ACTU youngest ever to float stock trout



2 Nate's sister, Isabel gets hooked at an early age



Torren and family release a Golden Trout



State Representative Torren Ecker, PFBC Director Tim Schaeffer, Retired Colonel Allen Leppo, and Derek Strasbaugh stocking trout.

SOUTHCENTRAL OUTDOORS FOR YOUTHS

JUNE 5 at the McSHERRYSTOWN FISH AND GAME CLUB

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. ACTU members are needed for fly tying event.

Registration is available online May 1, 2021, 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, snakes, muzzleloader, .22, and shot-guns. There are also exhibits and demonstrations including, PGC, PFBC, predators, etc. All pre-registered youths will receive a free t-shirt; 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.



Adams County Trout Unlimited Chapter 323 receives a commendation from House of Representatives in Harrisburg from our State Representative Torren Ecker for our achievements amid the Covid 19 outbreak in 2020

REEL RECOVERY PROGRAM

FISHING HELPS CANCER PATIENTS WITH RECOVERY

The motto for a nationwide program that helps men recovering from cancer through the sport of fly fishing is “Be Well. Fish On!”

The program called Reel Recovery is a non-profit organization that conducts fly fishing retreats for men recovering from a dreaded disease. These types of retreats are offered at no cost to the participants and are led by professional facilitators and experienced fly fishers. Reel Recovery provides all meals, lodging and fly fishing equipment. No previous fly fishing experience is necessary. The retreat is usually a three-day process to include a maximum of 12 men invited to participate.

Starting in 2015, fifteen retreats were scheduled for twelve states. The Boiling Springs Retreat covers primary areas of Pennsylvania and Maryland. Reel Recovery spends about \$700 per person on the retreats and funding is provided through donations from organizations.

The Reel Recovery mission is to help men in the recovery program by sharing the healing powers of the sport of fly fishing while providing a safe and supportive environment to explore the personal experience of cancers with others who share their story.

Prospective applicants need to fill out a retreat application and a medical release form. Information on the program is available online at info@reelrecovery.org or by calling 800-699-4490.

In a recent testimonial, one retreat participant said “I discovered that while fly fishing, I was in another place, there was no cancer, no pain, and no fear.”

Your Adams County Chapter continues to financially support Reel Recovery annually. 




John Leonard on left is President of Cumberland Valley Chapter

HELP! HELP, I NEED SOMEBODY, HELP, NOT JUST ANYBODY, HELP, YOU KNOW I NEED SOMEONE, HELP!

The opening line to the Beatle's classic "Help" could easily be the cry of our Adams County Trout Unlimited Board of Directors. The average 15 members that attend our monthly meetings hear our "Help Cry" regularly. We are a very active club.

Who can help on the stream? Who can help with the Ladies' Intro to Fly Fishing Course? Who can teach the kids when we sponsor our fishing derby? Who can help in the TIC Program this year? Who can help tie some flies for the Rivers Conservation and Fl- Fishing Camp? Who can help man the ACTU booth on Heidlersburg Outdoor Show? Who can help with the Fundraising? We are blessed to have a small (when compared to our total membership) core of dedicated volunteers. Who will replace them?

How about you? Can you help? Can you donate four hours of your time to help? What's that? It could be an evening in the summer helping kids learn to fish the late-day hatch. Float stocking or stream restoration work. Or, maybe it's taking half a vacation day to plant some trees. Perhaps to help with our annual picnic or stream cleanup. Will you help? There is a lot more your local chapter could do. We just need a few more volunteers!

Let me know if you want to help or if you have suggestions to improve our chapter. Thank you! You're welcome to contact me at Gary Perry perryjr@comcast.net 



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Wyatt Sokol
Harry Hanna
Rich Degerolamo
Justin Robitaille
Robert Miller
Michael Michaliga

Thanks for RENEWING

Carl Hertz
David Kamsler
Jerry Gladfelter
Gerald Roberts
Robert McKee
Daniel Popek
Val Waters
Dave & April Swope
Elizabeth Smith
Patrick Naugle
David Reese
Larry Hartlaub

Please note:
TU is often slow to add members to our chapter roster so some of our newest members may not have been added to the latest report.



Green Springs President donates to ACTU Treasurer



ACTU Treasurer makes largest donation to Mummasburg Sportsmen President




MUMMASBURG TROPHY TROUT PROGRAM



Mummasburg Trophy Trout Program, kicked off its 26 year of stocking of all the approved trout waters in Adams County for opening day. The Conewago Creek received in excess of 180 of these beauties. Since we had a change of time in the meeting place, I apologize to two of our chapter members for not contacting both of them of this change. I know they would have enjoyed the trip down the stream. So, to Justin and Jon please except my apology. We value everything our members do for the chapter and the anglers.



Due to the higher cost in trout over 20 inches, we figured the best “buy for the buck” was more trout, but under 20 inches. So, get out there and give them a try.

The PFBC will be stocking the same stretch of water on April 22nd. 

ERWIN D. SIAS, ONE OF IDAHO'S BEST FLY FISHERMEN AND OUTDOOR EDITORS

More than fifty years ago, Erwin D. Sias was labeled as one of the best fly fishermen in Idaho. The gentleman known to many as “Si” loved furniture making, but his real passion was for fly fishing and fly tying. Si’s approach to fly fishing was nothing short of revolutionary. His keen awareness of color patterns and careful study of trout behavior brought forth unsuspected responses from the trout, inspiring new tactics and new fly patterns.

Si graduated from West High School in Waterloo, Iowa, attended Iowa State Teacher’s College of Cedar Falls, then went on to study journalism at the University of Colorado in Boulder. He began his newspaper career as a member of the news staff of the Daily Record in Cedar Falls, Iowa, later becoming a writer for the Waterloo Courier. After several years on the Courier, Si became chief of the Iowa Bureau of International News Service (I.N.S.) in Des Moines. After that stint, Si moved on to the Washington, D.C. bureau of I.N.S., covering both the House of Representatives and the Senate, as well as the Agriculture Department and other government agencies. Si always prided himself in reporting the news and not private matters about individuals.

Si retired as editor of the Journal in 1978 and moved his family to Bonners Ferry, Idaho. Here he continued his two favorite pastimes, fishing and furniture making. Si was recognized as an authority on the art of fly fishing and has written articles for numerous magazines, such as Outdoor Life. He was a member of the National Press Club and Outdoor Writers Association. In 1970, Si was appointed by then Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel, to the department’s Advisory Board on Sports Fishing and Wildlife.

A longtime friend and fishing buddy described Si as being a “well thought of editor-in-chief, who had a great sense of humor, was a superb fly fisherman and fly tyer and who studied and knew trout patterns and color variations. Si distinguished himself in his passion for fly and jig fishing. Si hired Larry Myhre, and they teamed together to publish articles in Outdoor Life magazine. Both of these men became true legends of the outdoors.

Another longtime fishing buddy praised Si, saying that, he was “one of the finest anglers I’ve ever had the opportunity to fish with, no matter what species of fish we were after or what body of water, he had the ability to use small jigs or flies to catch fish from both shallow and deep pools.”

Si was much, much more than an outdoor writer, fly and jig fishermen, journalist, editor, etc. He was “Poppa” to his girls. Erwin D. Sias, who died in 1996, is survived by two daughters, Carolyn (Toni) Hollingsworth of Cape Cod and Nancy Ann Sias of Fairfield, Pa. Nancy, a member of the ACTU chapter, and a painter, has been inspired by “poppa’s” love and passion for the outdoors. This inspiration is obvious in her beautiful paintings. In this way, Nancy’s tradition in honoring her father continues today. Si’s legacy lives on.



STROUD WATER RESEARCH CENTER STUDY POINTS TO WARMER STREAMS AS THREAT TO MAYFLIES, NOT OXYGEN DEPRIVATION



New research by Stroud Water Research Center has disproved a common hypotheses for why mayflies, which are frequently used as indicators of stream health, display poorer growth when stream temperatures rise as a result of climate change or lack of tree shade.

“Cold-blooded aquatic species like mayflies metabolize oxygen faster in warmer temperatures, so it was thought that the increased demand for oxygen exceeded the supply, which in turn resulted in poorer outcomes,” explained Research Scientist David Funk of Stroud Water Research Center.

He and fellow scientists Bernard Sweeney and John Jackson, also from the Stroud Center, tested the theory by raising two different mayfly species in high-oxygen environments across a range of temperature. Surprisingly, despite plenty of oxygen, the mayflies failed to thrive in the hotter waters.

So Funk investigated what would happen in a reduced-oxygen environment. Instead of struggling, the mayflies adapted, growing larger gills to compensate.

The bottom line – “researchers observed substantial ability for aquatic insects to compensate for oxygen depletion at high temperatures but little, if any, ability to actually compensate for high temperatures,” according to Diane Huskinson, at Stroud Water Research Center.

“This puts greater emphasis on establishing scientifically sound thermal limits to protect the aquatic insects– and life in general– of our streams and rivers and to have sound policies– local, state, federal– in place to keep streams and rivers from warming any further, e.g., good sound restrictions on deforesting streams, raising temperatures due to thermal warming from dams and power plants, and of course warming associated with climate change. 🦋



THE CHESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED

CAN THE CHESAPEAKE BAY BE SAVED

This has been an ongoing question for more than three decades back in the days of Gov. Dick Thornburgh. Back then a partnership was formed between Pennsylvania, Virginia, District of Columbia and Maryland when they pledged to save the Bay. Pennsylvania fell short of their obligations to help clean up the Bay. How did this happen? The State fell short in reducing pollution that flows into the Bay. The cause is relatively simple Pa. does not want to pay for it falling, by most estimates, \$324 million short of what needs to be spent. An environmental advocacy group Penn Future estimates the State would have to pay \$521 million a year to meet a 2025 deadline set by the agreement among the bay watershed states to reduce the pollution in the bay. The Penn Future Group has provided a legislator tool box with a list of proposals so the state can meet their obligations including establishment of a Clean Water Fund, a program to help farmers pay for improvements that would reduce the amount of pollution that flows from the Susquehanna watershed, while also limits the use of fertilizer on lawns and developed areas. They have also compiled a list of ways to pay for it, including revamping the state income tax, imposing a tax on single-use plastic bags, and a fee for stormwater drainage and increasing fees to dump trash. Many of these measures has been introduced during past legislative sessions but has often failed. An example, a bill that would set limits on the use of fertilizer, aimed at commercial lawn services, has been introduced to the state legislature during every session for the past decade or so has failed to gain passage.

WHAT ARE THE GAINS IN THE CLEANUP

Cleaning up the Susquehanna Watershed and the Chesapeake Bay is a huge undertaking, that is expensive but the benefits outweigh, by far, the costs. The results would be increased profitability for farmers, most say higher property values, increased revenues from recreation, improvements in water quality and drinking water and mitigation of the effects of climate change. In most part, recreation seems like a small portion of the economic pile, but from a study of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership found that outdoor recreation accounts for 390,000 jobs in the State valued at \$26.9 billion annually. These benefits of investing in and meeting Pennsylvania's clean water goals will have real results in the Commonwealth. Calculating these economic benefits in Pennsylvanians for meeting its pollution goals could exceed \$6.2 billion annually.

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE GOALS - AND HOW WILL IT BE PAID

- Add on a water use fee that would impose on commercial entities that uses more than 10,000 gallons a day, exempt farmers and municipal and community water systems
- Eliminate the sales tax exemption for bottled water and consider revoking the exempt status awarded bottled coffees, juices and teas
- Passing Gov. Wolf's proposed "Restore America Plan", calling for \$4.5 billion in spending, raised by selling bonds, to rebuild the state's infrastructure
- Increasing tipping fees at municipal landfills. Previously, tipping fees increase were used to fund the Growing Greener fund
- Leveling a tax on single plastic bags, which would lower the use of plastic bags and the pollution caused by them
- Levying a severance tax on fracking
- Imposing a storm water management fee
- Changing the state's tax system to cut income tax, then increase taxes on what is being called "passive wealth"

Whichever way this proceeds to cleanup the Bay, Pennsylvania holds the candle to "kick a lot of money into the pot" to figure out a path what would be politically acceptable.

Watch how your local chapter can help and has helped in the next newsletter.



A Great Family Activity!

May 8th



15^{and under}

**No Entry
Fee
Keep your
Catch**

**Prizes
Awarded
Lunch
Provided**

**Trout
FISHING DERBY**

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.

ADAMS COUNTY TROUT UNLIMITED #323



Managing Streams for Future Generations



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CHAPTER MEETINGS 2021

April 22

Trout Stocking Conewago Creek

May 8

Latimore Fishing Derby 8-11am

May 18

Chapter Meeting 7pm Lake Heritage

June 5

Southcentral Outdoors for Youth
Fly Tying

June 15

Chapter Meeting 7pm Lake Heritage

July 20

Chapter Meeting 7pm Lake Heritage

August 17

Chapter Picnic & Meeting



FOR SALE

FLY TYING EQUIPMENT

Sunrise India vise w/tray, 9 bobbins, curved scissors, 3 clamps, whip finisher, lg and sm hair stackers, over 3200 hooks (23 sizes) spools of thread & wrap, lead wires, saddles, necks and hackles, 24 spools of chenille of various colors, multiple paks of deer hair, 10 pks of poly dub various colors, calf tail, duck, goose, turkey, pheasant, peacock and other feathers, krystal flash, flashabou, other mics. \$250 for everything obo. Call Mike 717-357-8270

12 GAUGE SHOTGUN RELOADING EQUIPMENT

Single stage reloader with 3" adaptor kit and extra universal charge bars MEC SUPER SIZER RCBS balance beam scale-model 5-10 Wad splitter, scoops & trays 3,325-209 primers 800-109 primers 21-1/2 lb shot (various sizes) 25 Brenneke rifled slugs, over 2,000 wads plus inserts, wraps, wool felt, foam, sleeves, over-shot cards, tyrex cards, polyethylene powder, buffer and special buffer, super slick lube, motor mica dust. Around 2,000 hulls (some resized and primed, shell boxes, canvas shot bags, other misc items, various powders (10 lbs). Call Mike 717-357-8270 Firm \$450

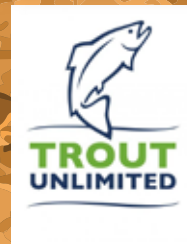
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Adams County Trout Unlimited Patches
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