

Susquehanna Ripples

Newsletter of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited #044

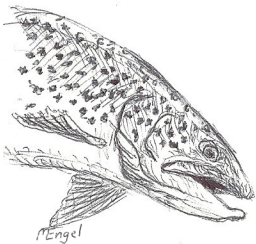
April 2014

Celebrating 50 Years 1964 – 2014
Trout Opening Day is April 12, 2014

On April 9 at 7:30 p.m. the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited will host a presentation on Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, a national program dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings.



All are invited to attend and learn about opportunities to serve our veterans through fishing-related programs. Charles Cutshall of the Valley Forge Chapter, leads that Chapters program and will be the speaker for the evening. The event will take place in the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church, rear, 102 East Third Street, Williamsport.



YOUTH FISHING DAY PLANNED

The Slate Run Tackle Shop is sponsoring a youth fishing day in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission on May 17 at the old camp ground below Slate Run on Naval Run. Amity Daniel will be the coordinator for the Commission. The tackle shop will purchase 200 youth fishing licenses and give them away to the first 200 youth who apply. They will supply rods (fly or spinning as requested) along with tackle for the day. They are soliciting fisherpersons to instruct both youth, their parents, and other new fisherpersons. Adults must purchase their own license. The event will be held at the old campground between noon and 5 P.M. Both Slate Run Tackle and the Commission will be publicizing the event.

The Susquehanna Chapter has been asked to provide as many instructors as possible. Interested parties should call Tom Finkbiner at Slate Run Tackle (570-753-8551) to let him know that you will help out. Tom has been a great supporter of our chapter for decades, and here

is a chance to support a great event he is sponsoring. ***Dave Craig

CHAPTER ELECTIONS COMING IN APRIL

The Chapter will be having its annual elections at the April 12, 2014 meeting. Please consider running for one of these positions because this is your Chapter and we need your help to do the things that you want to do. All positions are open and if interested, or would like more information about any of the positions, please contact Dave Craig at (570-326-1002 or 570-971-4744).

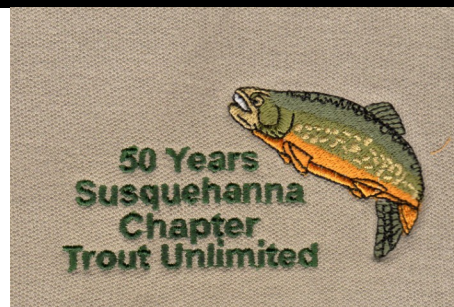
Anniversary Dinner

As of the printing of this newsletter, we have over 50 reservations for the Anniversary dinner to be held on April 5. We are expecting a great time seeing old friends, making new ones, and recalling the good times. We will have information about the dinner and celebration in the next Ripples and will post it on our website. Thank you to all who have helped this organization over the years

Website

Have you checked out our Website lately? If you haven't, please do because there has been changes to it and we are making every effort to keep it updated and to add things of interest to our members.

In last month's issue of the Susquehanna Ripples, we had a picture of Chapter Member Miranda Ludwig and the Steelhead she caught in December. We now have a page on the website called "Photos" and this is where we will post the pictures you submit. Please consider submitting a photo or other item for use on our website and in this newsletter. When submitting a picture, please include a brief description and all submissions require your name. Thank you.



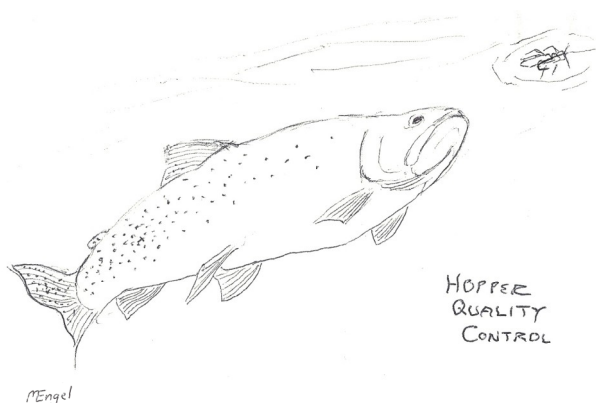
New Chapter Hats

The Chapter has ordered new hats, and they are now available. The new hat features a brook trout with the copy Susquehanna Chapter Trout Unlimited 50 years. The hat is nice quality with a Velcro strap. The price will be \$15. We ordered only 72 hats to see how sales go, so come and get yours! They will be available at all Chapter functions and meetings.

***Dave Craig

Pictures in the Newsletter

We would like to have the Susquehanna Ripples printed in color but to do so would double the cost of the printing and we do not feel it is reasonable to spend that extra money. All of our newsletters are placed on our website and should you wish to have a color copy, you can download it from the website. Also, there are times when the pictures we place in the newsletter are printed much darker than we would like and that is beyond our control and we apologize for this.



World Ice Fishing Championships 2014

The United States finished in 12th place in the recent world ice fishing championships held in the Republic of Belarus in February. The top team was from the Ukraine who finished with an unbelievable 31,145 lbs of fish caught over the course of the tournament. The United States team finished with 11,988 pounds of fish caught and in the individual category, the top finisher for the United States was Chad Schaub who finished in 39th place. For more information about the team and to see pictures from the recent Championship, please see their facebook page or website

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Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited Treasurer's Report for February 1, 2014 thru February 28, 2014

Submitted by Bob Baker, Treasurer

Checking Account

Beginning Balance February 1, 2014 \$4,094.97

Deposits:

Membership - Steve Shaner	17.50
Sale of Merchandise (Penn College Show)	66.00
Total Deposits:	\$83.00

Expenses:

Walt Nicholson (Printing Reimbursement)	95.84
Gold Leaf Frame Shop (Frame for print)	150.00
Bob Baker (Reimbursement March Ripples)	283.58
Bob Baker (Reimbursement February Ripples)	130.00
Trout Unlimited (Steve Shaner Membership)	17.50
Lycoming County Treasurer	125.00
(Small Games of Chance License)	

Total Expenses \$801.92

Checking Account Balance February 28, 2014 \$3,376.55

Savings Account

Beginning Balance February 1, 2014 \$6,578.49

Deposits:

Dividend February 14, 2014	.27
Savings Account Balance February 28, 2014	\$6,578.76

Checking Account Balance \$3,376.55

Savings Account Balance \$6,578.76

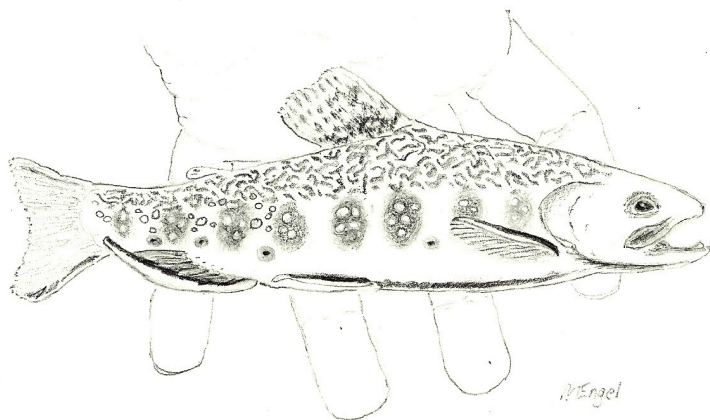
Total Money in Bank \$9,955.31

Unassessed Water Project Continues in 2014

At the March 12 Chapter meeting, Bob Weber, Biologist with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission gave us an update on the unassessed waters project and stressed the needed for our continued help in this project. Bob had indicated that 58,000 of the 62,000 miles of streams in PA are not yet surveyed. Some high points of his presentations were:

- 310 new streams have been added to the wild trout list since 2010 (1320 miles)
- 6,685 miles of streams have been assessed and 2, 998 stream samples have been taken
- There are 20 groups participating in the project (our Chapter is one of them)
- In 2013, half of all streams assessed had wild trout (1089 streams assessed)

Our involvement in providing data to the Fish and Boat Commission is vital to the success of this program. The Chapter has received updated maps showing the streams that have been assessed but the coldwater heritage website has not yet been updated with these. Once they are, we will post them on our website as well. Please go out and fish the unassessed streams and fill out a brief form and submit it back to us. You can contact Joe Radley (570-326-1851) with any questions, to see the maps, or to get the form to fill out. You can also send any information to Carey Entz-Rine at centz@lyco.org.



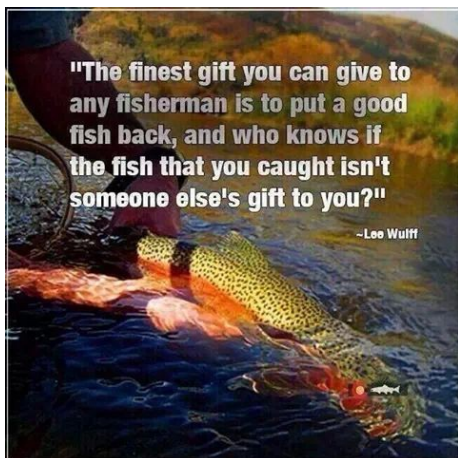
The chapter has ordered new patches and will be sold for \$2 each. They will be available at all Chapter functions and meetings.

Commissioners Approve Voluntary Youth License

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission has created a voluntary \$1 youth fishing license and to dedicate the revenue generated from it to programs to increase youth fishing participation.

"Increasing youth and family participation in fishing, boating, and conservation programs has always been part of our strategic plan," said PFBC Executive Director John Arway. "This goal responds to the fact that the percentage of children and young adults ages 6 to 15 who fished in Pennsylvania in 2010 was only 24 percent, as compared to 37 percent in 2005 and 41 percent in 1995. We want to continue to refine and develop programs to engage kids."

A youth license also provides an added benefit when it comes to federal funding, which accounts for approximately 25 percent of the PFBC's budget. For every youth license sold, the PFBC will receive approximately \$5 in federal revenue from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Sport Fish Restoration Act program, which provides funds to states based on a formula that includes the number of licenses a state sells.



Trout Fishing

by Mrs. Eunice B Lamberton 1873

Give me a rod of the split bamboo,
a rainy day and a fly or two,
a mountain stream where the eddies
play,
and mists hang low o'er the winding
way,

Give me a haunt by the furling
brook,
A hidden spot in a mossy nook,
No sound save hum of the drowsy
bee,
or lone bird's tap on the hollow tree.

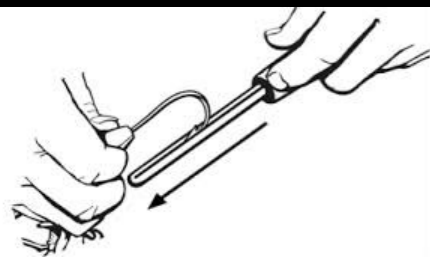
The world may roll with it's busy
throng,
And phantom scenes on it's way
along,
It's stocks may rise, or it's stocks may
fall,
Ah! What care I for it's baubles all?

I cast my fly o'er the troubled rill,
Luring the beauties by magic skill,
With mind at rest and a heart at ease,
And drink delight at the balmy
breeze.

A lusty trout to my glad surprise,
Speckled and bright on the crest
arise,
Then splash and plunge in a dazzling
whirl,
Hope springs anew as the wavelets
curl.

Gracefully swinging from left to
right,
Action so gentle- motion so slight,
Tempting, enticing, on craft intent,
Till yielding tip by the game is bent

Drawing in slowly, then letting go
Under the ripples where mosses
grow
Doubting my fortune, lost in a
dream,
Blessing the land of forest and
stream



Sharpen your hooks

Probably one of the most overlooked things you can do in preparation for the upcoming fishing season, as well as throughout the season, is to make sure your hooks, flies, and lures are all sharp. Keeping them sharp may help prevent a fish from getting away and will be more gentle on the fish.

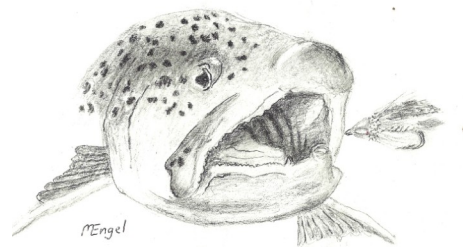
When we buy hooks they generally have a good point on them but after using them a few times, the once sharp point is starting to get dull and some rust may be forming.

Catching fish, bouncing around in the tackle box, hitting rocks and other things in the water all cause the point to loose its sharpness.

A couple of minutes is all it takes throughout the season to make sure you have sharp hooks and that you are removing any rust that may be forming on them.

There are many types of hook sharpeners available on the market but if you choose not to use one of these, almost any file or sharpening stone will work.

To sharpen the hook, you want to sharpen the four sides of the point and pull the hook away from the sharpener as shown in the picture.





WHAT IS THAT DAD?
A THING OF THE PAST, SON.

The above drawing is from the Winter 1982 edition of the Susquehanna Ripples and was done by then Chapter member Harold Lutz. It is amazing that the topic of getting kids outdoors and involved in fishing was a topic of discussion even then.



Chapter Member Miranda Ludwig was fishing the Salmon River in February when she caught this steelhead. Another beautiful fish and Congratulations!

Take a Kid Fishing

In 2013, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission approved a mentored youth fishing season / day in the southeastern part of the state. Because of the success and interest in this program, it has been expanded to statewide in 2014.

This is a great opportunity for kids and they can only fish in select bodies of water but what a great way to get kids outside.

Richard Louv has coined the term nature deficit disorder because kids now are so preoccupied with the computer, cell phones and other digital devices that they are not getting outside.

Kids are also involved in sports, music, dance and other activities which take up their time further removing them from the outdoors.

Think back to when we were kids. We were outside all the time doing something. Granted we did not have the gadgets and electronics that we have today so we had to go outside and find things to do.

No matter what we did, we were outside and experiencing everything mother nature had.

Please make it a goal to take at least one kid fishing this year. With trout season just around the corner, what a great time to get a kid away from the TV or computer.

The mentored youth fishing is a great opportunity not only for you, but for the kids you share the day with. All you need is your fishing license and a free youth license and you are set for a fun filled day that will create memories that will last a lifetime.

WANTED

We want your stories of your fishing trips with a child and we want the stories from the kids as well. Please write a short article about your day and encourage any kids who fish on the mentored youth day, or any other day, to write about that experience and we will publish it in this newsletter.

NOTICE

Rescheduled to May 10, 2014

Mentored Youth Fishing Days rescheduled to one statewide day

Program regulations (times, waters, creel limit, permit/license requirements) remain same for new date

Fresh load of trout to be stocked at each water



Notice issued 3/18/14

Consolidated Sportsmen of Muncy Creeks

The Consolidated Sportsmen of Muncy Creeks was established in 1961 with the mission to improve the habitat for hunting and fishing in the Muncy Creek Watershed in Lycoming and Sullivan Counties. In their 53-year history, they have been responsible for raising and stocking pheasants and trout, holding educational workshops, introducing children to the outdoors and more to enhance the sporting culture in central Pennsylvania.

For the last 48 years, the Sportsmen have been a cooperative nursery operator under the supervision of the Pennsylvania Boat and Fish Commission. Their trout-rearing program began with boxes in a small run in Unityville in Lycoming County. The club then operated an open pond on the property of John Peterman in Nordmont in Sullivan County. After the death of John Peterman, the Sportsmen discontinued raising trout in Nordmont and the Fishing Creek Sportsmen provided trout for stocking in Sullivan County for two years.

The next nursery was constructed on the Glen Faus property outside of Hughesville – the nursery is still in operation today. After the Sportsmen stopped operating their facility in Nordmont, they constructed a new nursery on Roaring Run north of Picture Rocks, 18 years ago. With the two nurseries, the Sportsmen raise 13,000 trout per year, primarily raising brook and golden trout and holding over 150 to stock large trout for area anglers. In the history of the club, they have now stocked over 320,000 trout into the tributaries of Muncy Creek in Lycoming County and Loyalsock Creek in Sullivan County. Some of the tributaries stocked in Lycoming County are Little Muncy Creek, Gregg's Run, Sugar Run, Laurel Run, Roaring Run, Big Run, Lick Run and Rock

Run. Tributaries stocked in Sullivan County are Lopez Creek, Birch Creek, Stink Run and Glass Creek. Trout are also stocked in Muncy Creek in Sullivan County.

The Sportsmen have held a children's trout derby at Van Rensselaer Park in Picture Rocks for nearly 20 years. Held annually on the first Sunday of May, last year's Dick Harner Kid's Trout Derby (named for a past president of the Sportsmen), had record turn out last year with 235 children participating. The Sportsmen also provide trout for the Loyalsock Men's Club Derby, held on Little Bear Creek also held on the first Sunday of May.

The Sportsmen are also active in supporting other local conservation organizations and state agencies. They assist the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission with the stocking of Muncy Creek and cooperate with the Muncy Creek Watershed on their projects.

The club can always use your help in any of the various activities they are involved in and please consider becoming a member.

For more information about the Club or to get membership information, please contact Mike Badger at 570-584-2309 or send an email to info@muncycreeks.org.

Club President Dayl McClintock provided the information for this article. <http://muncycreeks.org/>

Wax Worms

They are often referred to as 'waxies' and are a great bait for catching panfish and trout. Small jigging spoons, teardrop jigs and tube jigs are all great vehicles to deliver wax worms to fish, however, the smallest possible jigs usually being best as they allow the wax



worm to wiggle more freely, which is a big part of their attractiveness to the fish. You can hook one or two wax worms into a jig, inserting the hook through one end, to keep the wax worm bait alive and wiggling. It's also advisable to keep the jigging motion as subtle as possible to avoid spooking the fish. Wax worms will work at a variety of depths, and in any sort of cover. Wax worms are very easy to keep alive, simply by keeping them in the refrigerator around 40 degrees you should be able to keep them dormant for weeks if needed. It may take 10 minutes to warm them up enough to start moving around again. The most important thing to remember is don't let the wax worms freeze.

Recipe of the Month Stuffed Lake Trout

1/2 cup butter
1 small onion, chopped
1 rib celery, sliced (about 1/2 cup)
4 cups bread cubes
1 tsp sage or poultry seasoning
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp pepper
2 T. parsley
1 lake trout

Heat oven to 375 degrees F. In heavy skillet, heat butter over medium - high heat until melted. Sauté onions and celery. Add bread cubes, sage, salt, pepper and parsley. Toss lightly to mix well.

Meanwhile, place fish on foil covered baking sheet; stuff trout with vegetable mixture. Season with salt and pepper. Bake about 1 hour, depending on size of fish. Serve on lettuce leaves for fancy appearance.

Ronald Runyon
Dubois, PA

North American Fishing Club - Classic
Fish Member's Best Recipes



Slate Run Brown Trout Club

Anyone who has ever visited or fished Pine Creek knows what a great resource we have in Central Pennsylvania.

In 2002, it was realized that the trout populations were decreasing in Pine Creek and Tom Finkbinder, owner of the Slate Run Tackle Shop and Wolfe's General Store, and others, wanted to change that.

With the improvements to the Babb Creek Watershed around this time and other work occurring throughout the region, Tom had an idea to repopulate, supplement and enhance what the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission was doing on Pine Creek.

After considerable research and work, the Slate Run Brown Trout Club was formed with the goal of making Pine Creek a world class fishery.

The club sells memberships each year to raise the money needed to purchase the trout. The Club has been very lucky over the years to have obtained substantial donations from individuals and business's.

Most notable is Straub Brewery of St. Mary's, Pennsylvania. Representatives from the brewery were fishing on Pine Creek many years ago and thought the fishing was great and could not believe the size of the trout they were catching.

They had stopped into Wolfe's General Store / Slate Run Tackle Shop and became aware of the Brown Trout Club and gave a significant donation to the club at that time and have been a huge supporter of the club since.

It was very important at that time, just as it is now, to stock trout on public water that is open to everyone. The club started stocking German

Brown Trout in Pine Creek and all fish that are stocked are between 15" and 28" Stocking occurs several times a year and is open to anyone who wants to help.

For more information on the Brown Trout Club, please go to their website at <http://slaterun.com> and on the right side of the page is a white box for you to sign up to receive their newsletter. You can also click on the link to see past issues of the newsletter and let me tell you, it is worth checking out.

You can also stop in to the Slate Run Tackle Shop and talk to Tom or give him a call at 570-753-8551. He always has time to talk and will answer all your questions and give advise about the fishing, just as the rest of his team will do.

There are many pictures and videos on the website and in the newsletters and it is hard to describe the size and numbers of these trout. There are many underwater videos showing the trout and many happy anglers showing off their trophies of a lifetime.

Dave Wonderlich provided the information for this article.



Delayed Harvest Extension Proposal for Pine Creek

Fishing on Pine Creek is fantastic and is certainly becoming a world class fishery, if it already isn't. People from around the Country, and some foreign Countries, are coming to the Pine Creek region to experience the great fishing and in hopes of catching the once in a lifetime trout.

There are many times throughout the summer and fall when anglers have to wait on the banks before fishing because of the number of other anglers already there. Because of this, a proposal is in the works to extend the Delayed Harvest section of Pine creek.

Presently, there is a 1.2 mile section on Pine Creek (from the confluence of Slate Run downstream to 150 meters upstream of the confluence with Naval Run). The proposal would extend the delayed harvest section 1.6 miles downstream to the area of Bonnel Run.

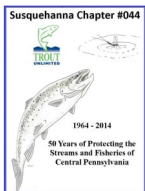
This proposal is still in the planning stages and nothing official has been presented to the PFBC and details are being reviewed and worked out. One of the current discussions is to propose slot limits on the new section (similar to what is in place on Penn's Creek)

For more information about this, please contact the Slate Run Tackle Shop.

Bob's Foam Hopper Tied by Bob Haase

Hook: Mustad 94831 or equivalent in sizes #12 through #8
Thread: 140 Denier Tan
Body: 2mm (1/8") Foam
Wing: 1/16" Foam
Legs: 1/16" Foam
Hackle: Dry Fly Hackle to Match
Eyes: Squish Ball Material or Foam





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The Mission of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited is to work to conserve, protect and restore Central Pennsylvania's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds

April 5, 2014

50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

April 9, 2014

Chapter Meeting - Project Healing Waters
Chapter Elections

April 12, 2014

Statewide Opening of Trout

May 10, 2014

Mentored Youth Day Statewide on limited waters

May 17, 2014

Youth Fishing Day in Slate Run

May 17 - 23, 2014

National Safe Boating Week

May 26, 2014

Fish for Free Day, no license required

June 1 - 8, 2014

National Fishing and Boating Week

June 14, 2014

Opening Day of Bass

The next issue of the Susquehanna Ripples will be published in June / July.. Please consider submitting anything you think may be of interest to our readers. All submissions need to be to Bob Baker (boblaker@comcast.net or sent to the Chapter's mailbox) before June 25, 2014. Please include your name with all submissions and a brief description if submitting a picture.

Chapter meetings

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and are open to the public and begin at 7:30 pm. Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church of Williamsport in the Fellowship Hall (unless otherwise noted), 102 East 3rd Street, Williamsport. Parking is in the rear of the Church along Mulberry Street.

No meetings are held in May, June, July, August or December