

Susquehanna Ripples

Newsletter of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited #044

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Susquehanna Chapter To Partner With Healing Waters



Our chapter voted to partner with Project Healing Waters during the meeting on September 10. There was one "no" vote. Healing Waters is an organization for the benefit of wounded and injured veterans by teaching them fly tying and related activities. It is sanctioned by the national office of Trout Unlimited, who has reported that there are already over 75 chapters actively running the program with fantastic results! There will be no cost to the chapter, since Project Healing Waters will supply both equipment and supplies. Our chapter may contribute as we desire, since we have a large inventory of materials. The Project Lead for the program will be Chuck Cutshall of Project Healing Waters (also, Lehigh Valley Chapter or T.U.), since none of our members were willing to do so at this time. Five of our members have indicated that they are willing to provide instruction. At least two should be present at each session. We are hopeful that other members will be willing to join us in this effort as we become more familiar with the activity.

The program will be held twice monthly at the V.A. Center at 49 E. 4th Street in Williamsport. V.A. counselors will be present at all events, the scheduling of which is yet to be determined. Chuck has arranged for us to use the Lycoming College lawn across the street, in the event that the program progresses to the point where we decide to give casting lessons. The program is an opportunity for our chapter to provide service to our veterans, and perhaps grow our active membership at the same time. You can access the Healing Waters website at projecthealingwaters.org for more detailed information.

By David Craig

Merit Badge Counselor for the Boy Scouts, a great way to help



Merit badges are awards earned by boy scouts based on activities within an area of study by completing a list of requirements. The purpose of the merit badge program is to allow Scouts to examine subjects to determine if they would like to further pursue them as a career or hobby, as well as for advancement through the various ranks.

Each merit badge has a booklet published by the Boy Scouts of America and it contains the requirements for that badge. The Scouts are always looking for qualified adults to serve as Merit Badge Counselors. There are 137 different merit badges covering all kinds of topics. Yes, there is a Fishing, Fly Fishing and Fish and Wildlife Management merit badges, but there is also Cooking, Welding, Electricity, First Aid, Painting, Kayaking, Personal Fitness, and Aviation among many other and there is certainly a badge that fits your strengths.

All that is required is that you register as a merit badge counselor with the boy scouts, take youth protection training (online) and submit an application listing the badges you want to be a counselor for and your qualifications.

Please consider this worthwhile and fulfilling job. There is no pay associated with this but you will get many other benefits from sharing your knowledge and helping a young man explore his world and to learn new and exciting things. The local Boy Scout Service Center is located at 815 Northway Road, Williamsport. Their phone number is 570-326-5121 or toll free at 1-800-647-4510. Their website is <http://councils.scouting.org/council533>.



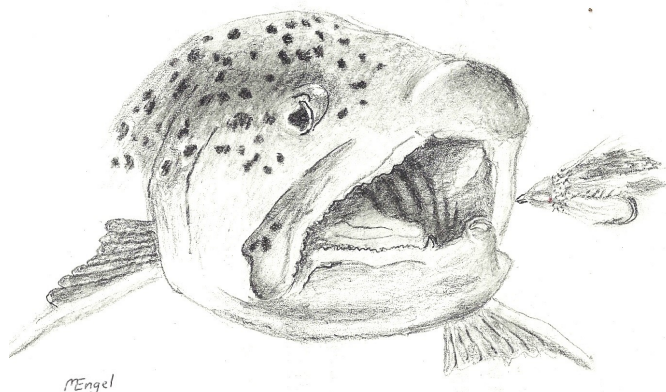
More Equipment Donated to Susquehanna Chapter

Member Jake Wilkinson donated several items to the Chapter at the September meeting. New waders, boots, and a couple of older rods and cases. He made a similar donation last year. Thanks, Jake! All of us should review or inventory of stuff and pass what we don't need on to the Chapter in preparation for our next sale.

David Craig

Officers and Directors for 2014 - 2015

An Election was held earlier this year and as a result, the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited would like to welcome new Directors Carey Entz - Rine and Steve Szoke. Both have been members of the Chapter for some time and stepped up to fill open positions. They will serve with David Craig (President), Walt Nicholson (Vice President), Kevin McJunkin (Secretary), Bob Baker (Treasurer), and Jim Latini, Joe Radley (Directors). Congratulations to all of you and thank you for your helping lead our Chapter



In Memoriam

Domenico Aloisio
1943-2014



Donald Neyhart
1925-2014



The Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Dom and Don. They will be greatly missed and our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

The Internet and the Angler

In an attempt to further provide information to our members, we will begin to have a small article in each issue introducing you to something found on the internet related to our great sport.

It must be noted that the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited does not endorse or support the sites mentioned. We are providing this information to you for informational purposes only.

PA's Wild Trout on facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/PAsWildTrout>) describes itself as "A page dedicated to some of the most beautiful fish on the planet."

This site has a little bit of everything from anglers showing their catch to tips and tactics. There are videos and recently there has been underwater photos posted showing trout in their natural environment. It is amazing the size and color of some of the fish we have in Pennsylvania streams and a site worth checking out.

There is a large number of posts that do not involve Pennsylvania but it is news and information that is relevant to us. A great page with useful information and one that makes us want to get back out on the water.

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The Susquehanna Ripples: Then and Now

By Bob Baker, Editor

As I begin my 4th year as editor of the Susquehanna Ripples, I felt it was important to look back on our newsletter and to plan for the future.

The Susquehanna Ripples became the official Chapter newsletter in 1974. Bob Rinn was the first editor and published 3 - 4 issues a year. Over time, the name of the newsletter changed between the Susquehanna Ripples and just Ripples.

One of the first changes that I made was to return the name Susquehanna Ripples. I felt it was important to keep this name not only to honor Bob Rinn for the name and for creating the newsletter, but also because it is an important piece of our history.

Our newsletter has grown to 8 issues a year and beginning in 2014, we started to print a summer issue in July. We felt this was important to keep in touch with the membership during the long break of summer when we are all fishing (or should be).

I then wanted to create an attractive header. There have been many headers over the years and I searched for a long time to try and find the right picture that had a ripple in it. Member Mike Engle started to submit pictures to the newsletter and in his submissions, I found the perfect picture to use. I have played around with other pictures since that time but none have worked as well.

The quality of information presented was another significant change made. I wanted our news-

letter to be informative and to provide information that would appeal to all members.

Although TU is made up of predominantly fly fishermen, there is a great number of spin fishermen as well. As a result I have started to include articles for the spin fisherman while continuing to have information for the fly fisherman.

Also, even though we are all trout fishermen, many of us also fish for other species and that is why I attempt to include articles on other types of fishing.

The success of our Chapter and of TU goals, is made possible with the support and help of other groups. As a result, we occasionally have a spotlight in the newsletter where you are introduced to that group and a brief history is given as well as their goals and accomplishments.

Over the last year, we have been celebrating 50 years as a Chapter. Some information has been included as to events and activities over the last 50 years and as more information continues to come in, the newsletter will continue to have flashbacks of our past.

Beginning with this issue, we will occasionally have a spotlight on a member or individual important to our Chapter. Al Troth, one of the original founding members is highlighted. I feel it is important to get to know our members and the individuals who are important to the Chapter.

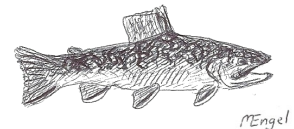
Now, what is the future of the Susquehanna Ripples? I will continue to work to improve the newsletter and make it beneficial to **ALL** members. This will be done by con-

tinuing to provide a wide variety of information pertaining to all aspects of fishing and topics that affect our great sport or our area of Pennsylvania.

This is **YOUR** newsletter and I will continue to work on improving it and making it an attractive and informative newsletter. If there is something you want to see, you like about it, or you don't like, let me know. I want to give you the newsletter that you want.

I have many more ideas to improve our newsletter and will continue to strive to make it the best that it can be.

I want to thank everyone who has supported me and the changes that have been made so far.



Recipe of the Month Campfire Delight

5 medium potatoes, chopped
4 white onions, chopped
4 walleye fillets, cubed (or other favorite fish)
3 Tbs seasoned salt
1 Tbs black pepper
8 - 12 Tbs butter

Place potatoes, onions and walleye (or other fish) in large bowl. Add seasoned salt and black pepper. Lay out 4 pieces of 18 inch foil. In center of each foil piece, place one fourth of fish mixture. Add 2-3 tablespoons butter to each mixture. Seal fish mixture in foil; double wrap with second piece of foil seam side down. Cook on grill for about 30 minutes or until done.

Micheale and Aimee Saindon
Helena, MT North American Fishing Club—Fish Traditions: Member Recipes

Chapter Founder Al Troth



While I was reviewing the material I have collected on the history of the Susquehanna Chapter, I came across information on Al Troth. Mr. Troth was one of the original seven founders of our Chapter and I was amazed to have found that he was the creator of the Elk Hair Caddis.

In researching information on Mr. Troth, I found that he was the creator of several flies (baggie shrimp, Troth PT, stone fly, terrible troth stone, hair hopper and cricket, skater, bullhead, MacSalmon and hoper). but the Elk Hair Caddis remains the most known.

Mr. Troth liked to fish Loyalsock Creek (Sandy Bottom / Hillsgrove sections) and wanted to make an imitation of the caddis flies that he found on the Creek.

He went to his vise and created the Elk Hair Caddis as a wet fly. After fishing with it on the Loyalsock Creek in 1957, he discovered that his new wet fly did not sink, but "floated like a cork." Trying to force the fly under, he pulled the fly line, the fly sank, and immediately popped back up. Seconds later a big 20 inch brown trout took the fly off the surface. A "dry fly" was born.

Mr. Troth attributed the success of the fly, primarily, to four things: 1.) it represents an aquatic insect found throughout the U.S., (2.) the fly offers a small silhouette for the hook size, (3.) the fly is easy to see and may be cast accurately, (4.) the floating properties and durability of elk hair.

The Elk Hair Caddis has probably caught more trout than any other fly and remains to be a main go to fly for fly fishermen.

Mr. Troth passed away in 2012 at the age of 82 in Dillon, Montana. He lived in the Williamsport area for a number of years while an Industrial Arts teacher at Montgomery High School.

During his summers, he and his family would travel to Montana to fish the many great trout streams and they loved the area with hopes of eventually living there. After 15 years of teaching, Mr. Troth retired and he and his family moved to Dillon Montana in 1973.

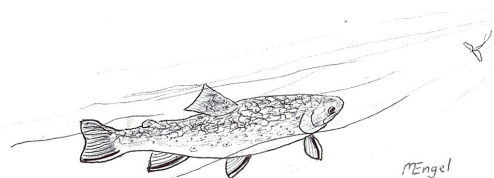
While there, he became a fishing guide and continued to tie flies, authored numerous materials on fly tying and authored several articles and book chapters for various fishing publications. He was also a professional photographer with his images appearing in fishing and outdoor magazines. (Above information obtained from various internet sources.)



Elk Hair Caddis

Remembering our Deceased Members

We have been very fortunate to have had many great people associated with our Chapter. As a way to recognize them, as well as honor their memory, a new page has been added to our website. In Memoriam is a page dedicated to our deceased members. There are several individuals listed at the present time but the list is in no way complete. The individuals obituary, or other information is given as well as a picture of the individual if we have one. If you have any information on any of our deceased members, please submit that information so that we can add them to our site. Everyone affiliated with the Chapter is family and everyone is important to the success of the Chapter. Please make submissions to susquehannatu@gmail.com or send them to Bob Baker, Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited, PO Box 1132, Williamsport, PA 17703-1132



September Susquehanna Ripples

After mailing the September issue of the Susquehanna Ripples, we were notified that some members did not receive their copy. We reviewed the mailing labels to verify they were mailed a copy and also verified the mailing address was correct. We do not know why some members did not receive their copies. We did mail 241 copies on September 2, 2014. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. If you do not receive copies in the future, please let us know and we will send you one. You can also download a copy by going to our website.

Crayfish - A Great Bait

Crayfish are a food source for trout and often overlooked by anglers. Crayfish numbers vary depending on the stream you are fishing but no matter what stream, trout love them as they are an easy source of food. Using live crayfish has the advantage over lures and flies because it is the real thing. You will have most success in shallow streams or areas with lots of rocks.

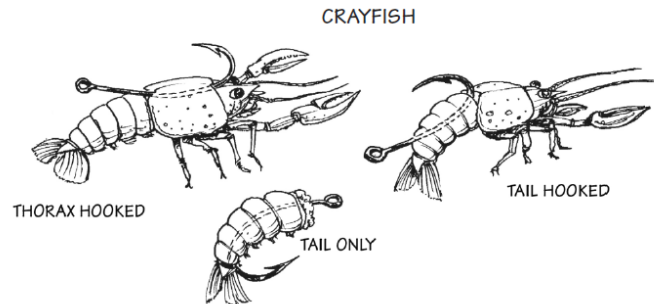
Crayfish are easily collect and can be collected in almost every stream and can vary in color. If you can't use a live crayfish, there are plenty of imitations on the market.



One example is the Rebel Teeny Wee-Craw. This lure catches trout year round and is great in shallow waters streams. It dives to around 2-3 feet and is a great imitation of a young crayfish.



Plastic crayfish (up to 2 1/2 inches) are another great trout bait. Add some weight to keep it on the bottom and troll it or use the jerk and pause motion.



If using a live crayfish rig it so they can be retrieved backwards, the way that crayfish always swim. Fishing at dawn, dusk, or during the night would best imitate natural movement. To hook crayfish, thread the hook shallowly through the back or forward part of the body so as to not hurt any vital organs. An alternative is to hook the crayfish through the meaty part of the tail. You can also cut the tail off the crayfish and use the tail to hide the hook.

Hunter's Lake

Located off Route 42 on Brunnerdale Road in the mountains of Sullivan County, Hunters Lake is a 117-acre lake owned by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and managed by the Fish and Boat Commission for public fishing and boating. The property, which includes approximately 2,000 acres of surrounding woodlands, was acquired in 1961.

This is a popular trout stocked fishery. Bass, pickerel and panfish are among the other popular fish species anglers pursue at Hunters Lake. Statewide regulations for Commonwealth Inland Waters apply for all species of fish. A fishing pier is located at the lake.
(http://fishandboat.com/water/lakes/hunters_lk/hunters.htm)



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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

Upcoming Events

October 8, 2014

Chapter Meeting - Project Healing Waters with representatives present to talk about the program

October 22, 2014

Deadline for submissions for the November issue of the Susquehanna Ripples

November 12, 2014

Chapter Meeting

December 29, 2014

Deadline for submissions for the January 2015 issue of the Susquehanna Ripples

January 14, 2015

Chapter Meeting - Annual Watershed Summit

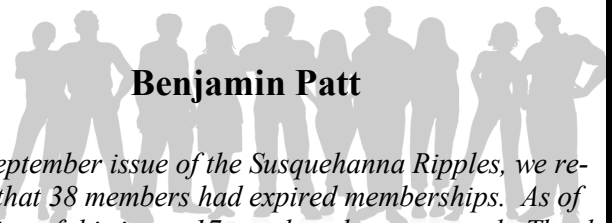
February 11, 2015

Chapter Meeting

March 11, 2015

Chapter Meeting

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Benjamin Patt

In the September issue of the Susquehanna Ripples, we reported that 38 members had expired memberships. As of the printing of this issue, 17 members have renewed. Thank you to those that have done so. Please check the mailing label above and the far right side of the top line gives your expiration date.

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