

Susquehanna Ripples

Newsletter of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited #044

April 2016

Preseason Custom Trout Fly Workshop Offered by Susquehanna TU

The public is invited to come to a informational workshop just before the opening of trout season at which local expert fly tiers will be available to tie custom flies on request and answer your questions about fly patterns and places that will be good for early season trout fishing. This will be a great opportunity for those wishing to get involved in the sport to pick up some advice and a few flies that members of Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited are pleased to share. Circle your calendar for April 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall at the rear of the First Presbyterian Church at the corner of East Third and Mulberry Sts.in Williamsport.



HUGE FISHING SALE APRIL 9
10 A.M. – 4 P.M.
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Where: The First Presbyterian Church, at the corner of E. 3rd and Mulberry Streets, Williamsport (rear entrance)

WE HAVE THE REMAINING INVENTORY FROM THE FORMER E. HILLE FLY SHOP AND IT WILL ALL BE FOR SALE. ALL PRICES AT LEAST 50% OFF OF RETAIL - CASH ONLY.

WE HAVE LARGE QUANTITIES OF FLY TYING MATERIALS, SPINNING LURE COMPONENTS, BACKPACKS AND BAGS, VARIOUS USED RODS AND REELS, ROD MAKING MATERIALS AND MUCH, MUCH MORE. ALL ITEMS HAVE BEEN DONATED TO THE CHAPTER

Benefits the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited and aids in our goal of conserving, protecting and restoring the streams and watersheds of North Central Pennsylvania. For more information, please contact us at susquehannatu@gmail.com



THE SALE WILL BE OPEN TO TROUT UNLIMITED MEMBERS ONLY APRIL 8 FROM 6PM – 8:30 PM AND APRIL 9 FROM 9AM – 10AM (MUST PROVIDE PROOF OF TU MEMBERSHIP). APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO JOIN TROUT UNLIMITED AT A SPECIAL RATE OF \$17.50

Fly of the Month



**Al's 4-Bead Head Nymph
Fly and Photo by Richard Taylor**

Hook: Size 12-nymph, barbless if desired.

Thread: Black 3/0.

Beads: Glass, Bronze, 30gms., "Create.A.Craft" "Rocailles" from the Wal-Mart Arts and Crafts section.

Dubbing: "Orvis Angora-Goat" & "Umpqua-Dave Whitlock's Dubbing Blend Helgramite"

Prepare dubbing by scissor cutting the long Angora Goat hair into about half it's normal length then mix an equal part of it and the "Helgramite" dubbing. I use a small bowl for this.

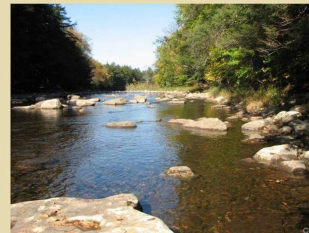
<http://flyanglersonline.com/flytying/fotw2/022105fotw.php>



Annual Election to be held on April 13

The Susquehanna Chapters' annual election will be held during the meeting on April 13. We presently have four directors, in addition to the four officers. There is room for more directors, and would welcome some new faces in your leadership group. If anyone is interested in any of the positions, please contact Kevin McJunkin, Secretary know.

Loyalsock Creek River Conservation Plan Public Outreach Meetings



Monday, April 18th 7-8:30 PM

Plunketts Creek Fire Hall
327 Dunwoody Rd., Williamsport, PA 17701
(Plunketts Creek Twp.)

Tuesday, April 19th 7-8:30 PM

Community Baptist Church
853 Rt. 87, Montoursville, PA 17754

Wednesday, April 20th 7-8:30 PM

Worlds End State Park
82 Cabin Bridge Rd., Forksville, PA 18616

Come tell us what you think about the watershed!

Find us on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/LoyalsockCreekRCP



Contact:

Jenny Picciano
Lycoming County Planning Department
570-320-2136, jpicciano@lyco.org



Northcentral Pennsylvania
Conservancy



Please come out and participate in these meeting and in the Conservation of Loyalsock Creek. Our Chapter is involved in this and has had representatives present in the past planning meetings. Make your voice heard. If you have any suggestions or ideas on how to protect, preserve and restore the Loyalsock Creek watershed, let us know and we will bring them up at the meetings.

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**Treasurers Report for February 1, 2016
through March 31, 2016**

Submitted by Bob Baker, Treasurer

Checking Beginning Balance: \$1,740.16

Income

Donation Carol Kafer	\$ 50.00
Donation Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association	\$ 250.00
Sold Merchandise	\$ 210.00
Refund (postage account USPS)	\$ 180.43
Ripples Subscriptions (3)	\$ 30.00

Total Income: \$ 720.43

Expenses:

Sun Gazette ads for sale	\$ 295.10
Webb Weekly ad for sale	\$ 175.00
Bill O'Connor (bags used for sorting)	\$ 28.00
Walt Nicholson (printing of fly tying manual)	\$ 48.97

Total Expenses: \$ 547.07

Checking Account Balance \$1,913.52

Savings Account Beginning: \$3,082.63

Interest for February \$0.12

Total Income \$0.12

No Expenses:

Savings Account Balance \$3,082.75

Money in the bank

Checking Account:	\$1,913.52
Savings Account:	\$3,082.75
	\$4,996.27



**Coldwater Heritage Partnership Grant
Treasurers Report for February 1, 2016
through March 31, 2016**

Submitted by Bob Baker, Treasurer

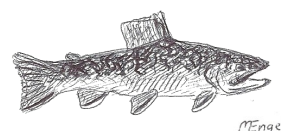
Beginning Balance February 1, 2016 \$4,500.00

No Deposits

No Expenses	
1 water monitoring kit	\$250.00

Account balance March 31, 2016 \$4,250.00

Recipe of the Month



Dutch Oven Trout

6 8 inch trout
12 sl Bacon
1 ts Ground pepper

Filet the trout. Lay three slices of bacon on the bottom of a Dutch Oven, put 1/2 a trout, flesh-side-down, on each slice. Sprinkle pepper lightly over upper sides of fish. Arrange a second layer of bacon and fish at right angles to the first, and continue to arrange other layers, each at right angles to one below it, until all the fish halves are in the pot. Cover the Dutch Oven, bury in coals, cook 35-40 minutes. Serve a slice of bacon with each half-fish.

<http://www.worldfishingnetwork.com/recipes/post/dutch-oven-trout>



Help is needed on April 8 and 9 for the sale. We will be setting up all day Friday April 8 and need help for that as well as manning the tables during the sale and for taking down items after the sale. If you are able to help in any way and for any amount of time, please call Dave Craig (570-971-4744 or Bob Baker (570-337-1279) to let us know when you will be able to help.

Art Neumann, a Founding Father of Trout Unlimited, Has Passed Away

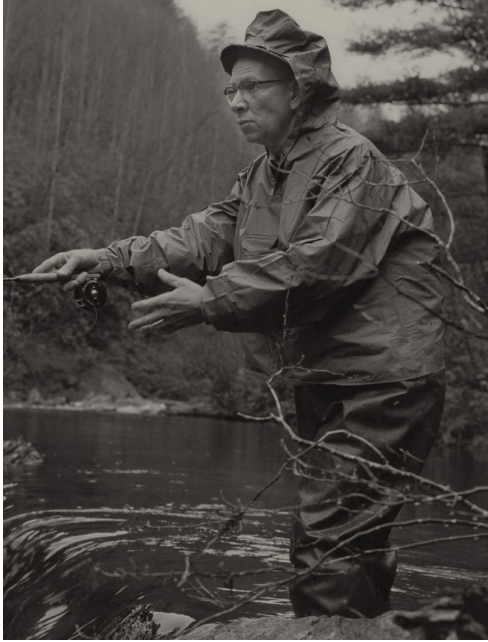


Photo courtesy Michigan Trout Unlimited

SAGINAW, Mich.— Art Neumann, one of the original 16 Michigan anglers who came together on the banks of the Au Sable River and founded Trout Unlimited in 1959, died Monday, March 21, leaving behind a legacy that has stretched for decades and resulted in some of the most important conservation work ever done in the United States.

He was 99 years old.

Neumann was an integral part of the conception of TU, and played uniquely critical roles in early advocacy efforts and the expansion of TU from a Michigan-based organization to a national conservation giant. He was an effective grassroots mobilizer for the early effort to protect the Au Sable from habitat degradation and overstocking in the 1950s and 1960s. He lectured customers in his Saginaw fly shop on their responsibilities for protecting what they loved, and he traveled the country giving stump speeches to waves of new members, creating new chapters all across America in his role as the first executive director of TU.

“What Art did was to build an institution—an institution that began with him and a handful of other people along the banks of the Au Sable River who were tired of the state’s masking habitat degradation through stocking,” said Chris Wood, TU’s president and CEO. “Today, the ‘house that Art built’ includes 400 chapters, over 155,000 members and 240 scientists, biologists and other professional staff who serve to make fishing, and the places that fish live, better.”

Neumann was one of several anglers who helped TU grow into national prominence, and his role was one of a motivator who inspired others to get behind the efforts to protect the fish and the fishing they loved. For his efforts, he was inducted into the Fly Fishing Hall of Fame in 2008.

“All of the founders played unique roles. Some were the scientists, some played the role of politicians, others the administrators and financiers,” said Dr. Bryan Burroughs, executive director of Michigan Trout Unlimited. “Among them, Art was the activist, orator, mobilizer, engager, recruiter and grassroots builder. His skills and passion for this work were essential to the organization’s success. TU would not be what it is today, and would not have been able to do what it does for our trout and salmon, if it were not for Art Neumann.”

Today, TU is perhaps the most effective conservation organization in America. It’s volunteers contribute upwards of 700,000 hours of service every year, and over the course of it’s 57-year history, it has restored thousands upon thousands of river miles, worked in the halls of government to permanently protect millions of acres of trout and salmon habitat and helped introduce thousands of Americans to fishing and conservation.

“Art lived a long life, built an institution to last, got to watch the seeds he planted grow, and left the world better than he found it,” said John Walters, chairman of Michigan Trout Unlimited. “That’s a success, and a life worth celebrating. Rest in peace Art.”

Neumann is known for penning the “Philosophy of Trout Unlimited”, which can be viewed online. It’s best summarized by the saying, “Take care of the fish and the fishing will take care of itself.”

(The above article was Written by: Bryan Burroughs, Michigan TU, and Chris Hunt, TU National Communications Director and was taken from <http://www.orvis.com/news>.)

To see what we will be selling at our Sale on April 8 - 9, please go to www.susquehannatu.wordpress.com. Under the post Inventory List for Sale is a link that will give you most of what we have to offer. Not included in the list is a wide variety of hooks, pre tied fishing flies, rods and reels (used and mainly spinning), rod making materials, and lots of little odds and ends. You can also send a request to susquehannatu@gmail.com and the inventory list will be sent to you.

Public Comments wanted to Foster Joseph Sayers Lake

At the recent meeting of the PFBC, “Commissioners approved for public comment a proposal to change angling regulations for crappie at Foster Joseph Sayers Lake at Bald Eagle State Park in Centre County.

“The lake is a popular crappie fishery with high angler use and harvest and it’s not reaching its full potential under the current regulations,” said Jason Detar, Chief of the PFBC Division of Fisheries Management. “Only about 8 percent of the crappies in our fishery surveys meet the current legal size of 9 inches or longer. The majority of adult crappies collected during our fishery surveys are in the 7-inch to 8-inch range, and anglers want to harvest some of these fish.”

Currently, the daily limit for crappies is 20 and the fish must be at least 9 inches long. Under the proposed changes, anglers would be allowed a daily creel limit of 10, of which no more than five can be over 9 inches.

“The changes would allow anglers to still harvest some of the larger fish which are 9 inches or longer, as well as some of the smaller fish which are not currently available to harvest,” added Detar. “The goal is to increase the overall numbers of 9-inch and longer crappies by reducing some of the harvest of these fish, and by thinning the numbers of 7-inch and 8-inch fish through angler harvest.”

The PFBC held a public meeting about the proposal last month at the state park’s Environmental Learning Center. A majority of the participants at the meeting supported a change in the regulations. Public comments will now be accepted for 30 days after the proposal is published in the PA Bulletin. If adopted on final rulemaking, the amendment will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2017.”

To comment on this proposal, please go to <http://fishandboat.com/regcomments/index.htm>. This information was taken from the PFBC website.

TAKING TROUT ON LURES

Small lures are very effective for taking early-season trout. Because S-L-O-W” is the keyword in lure presentation in springtime’s cold waters, it is important to fish lures that have good action at very slow retrieve speeds. The flash and vibration created by weighted spinners with broad, flat, French-style blades are especially good spring trout lures.

Accurate casting is always important when fishing lures for stream trout, but accuracy carries even more weight early in the season. Trout will not move far in the chilly water to intercept or chase a lure. Muddy or stained water also lowers their ability to see the lure.

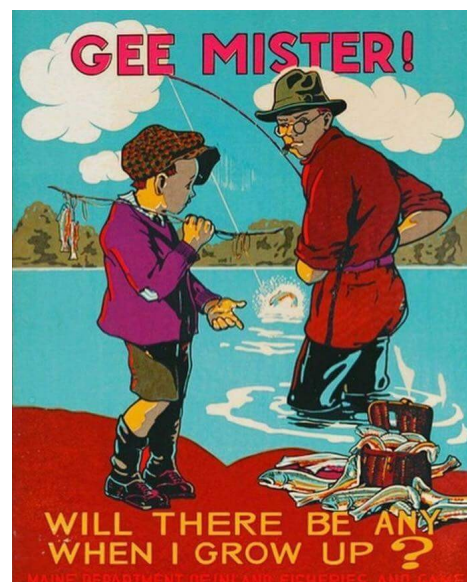
In addition to representing food, flashy lures also appeal to the trout’s curiosity. It pays anglers dividends to cover a lot of the stream. Present the lure often and with broad coverage upstream of holding areas and cover so that many trout will see your spinner as you retrieve the lure downstream.

You can also tease sluggish trout to bite. Sneak up even with, or slightly beyond, the likely holding area when the stream size and water turbidity allow you to stay undetected. Cast the lure across the stream, let it sink a bit, and sweep it in front of the trout. The sudden increase in lure speed can entice a fish to strike, especially when presented close to trout.

Ultralight spinning rod-and-reel combos are ideal outfits for both bait- and lure-fishing for early-spring

stream trout. I prefer a rod a bit longer — 6 to 6 1/2 feet — than the more common 5-foot lengths to make casting and line control easier. And spinning reels of high quality should be used — those with a sturdy bail system to support the many short casts you’ll make each outing. High-quality reels also operate smoothly and easily in cold weather.

Article written by Jim Bedford for PA Game and Fish
http://www.gameandfishmag.com/fishing/fishing_trout-fishing_ra_0509_03/





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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

Project Healing Waters
Held the 1st and 3rd
Tuesday of each month
from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

April 2, 2016
Regional Opening Day
of Trout

April 8, 2016
Trout Unlimited Mem-
bers Only sale 6 pm -
830 pm

April 9, 2016
Fishing Sale
Members 9 am - 10 am
Public 10 am - 4 pm

April 9, 2016
Statewide Mentored

Youth Trout Day

April 13, 2016
Chapter Meeting - Pre-
season Custom Fly Ses-
sion

April 16, 2016
Statewide opening of
Trout Season

April 30, 2016
Last day of mandatory
life jacket

**The next issue of the
Susquehanna Ripples
will be June/July.
Please consider submit-
ting something to share**



**Our Membership currently stands
at 263 members**

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