

Susquehanna Ripples



Newsletter of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited #044

January 2018

Chapter Election Results

At the annual meeting in November, elections were held for various positions. The Board of Directors (the nominating committee) had nominated several individuals for the positions. The floor was open at the meeting for any additional nominations and being none, the following individuals were elected to serve. The Chapter wants to thank these men for their willingness to serve and help lead the Chapter in the coming year.

President: Walt Nicholson
Vice President: Dave Craig
Secretary: Kevin McJunkin
Treasurer: Bob Baker

Director: Bob Spencer (2020)
Director: Bill Worobec (2020)

Cold Water Heritage Plan

At the November Chapter meeting, Shawn Rummel, PhD (Field and Research Manager of TU Pennsylvania Coldwater Habitat Restoration Program) gave an overview of the cold water heritage plan for the Rock Run watershed. Several areas of potential improvement were noted in the report.

The next step is for the Chapter to review the report and the recommendations given in the report: These are

- Support Wild Trout listings. Four previously unassessed streams were found to have wild trout populations
- To address aquatic organism passage issues (culverts are an example) . There were 17 road-stream crossings identified within the watershed and of those, 11 had no passage, 5 were reduced and 1 had full passage.
- Evaluate and address acidity issues. Four tributaries to Rock Run were found to have low pH levels.
- Continue with the volunteer Water Quality Monitoring program. Our Chapter has been very successful

in monitoring water quality and collecting data throughout the Rock Run watershed.

- Implement habitat improvement projects. These would include bank stabilization and riparian plantings.

After review of the report, we will begin to identify potential areas for projects and prioritize them. We will proceed based on the funding we can receive. It is important to note that there are a great number of partners, and other groups and individuals, that are, and will be, involved in any projects in the watershed.

A copy of the final report has been posted our website at susquehannatu.com for you to review and download. If you would like a report sent to you, please email us as susquehannatu@gmail.com and we will send you a copy.

We welcome any questions or comments on this and would like to have your input and participation in restoring and protecting the Rock Run Watershed.

Annual Watershed Summit To Be Held

The public is invited to the annual meeting of area watershed associations, public officials, and conservation organizations which help to preserve, protect, and enhance our area streams and watersheds. Please come to learn about the volunteer efforts and beneficial projects accomplished by our area's many watershed groups, conservation organizations, and agencies during 2017 and their upcoming plans for 2018. Each year, these groups have carried out projects including improving stream habitat, stabilizing stream banks, monitoring water quality, and educating land owners and the public about watershed issues and best practices. For more info: Susquehannatu.com or Facebook @ [SusquehannaChapterTU](https://www.facebook.com/SusquehannaChapterTU). This informative meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10th at 7:00 PM at the Covenant Central Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall at 807 West Fourth Street (enter off of Campbell St.) in Williamsport .

THANK YOU to our Watershed and Conservation Groups

The Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited would like to thank all the Watershed Organizations and Outdoor Conservation Groups that work so hard to protect our resources. We know the amount of work that you do and that this work is done with limited resources (financially and manpower). We applaud you for everything that you have done and look forward to continuing our relationship and working with you in the future. Central Pennsylvania is a much better place because of your efforts and we can not thank you enough.

A list of the various clubs and organizations in our area is on page 4 of this newsletter. If you do not belong to any of these groups, please consider joining one (or more) of them. Please contact them with your support because they need your help to continue meeting their goals.

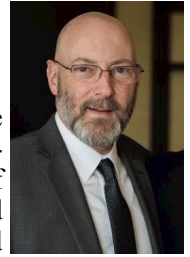
Chapter meetings

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and are open to the public and begin at 7:00 pm (unless otherwise noted). Meetings are held at the **Covenant Central Presbyterian Church, 807 W 4th St, Williamsport, PA 17701**, in the Social Hall (unless otherwise noted). Parking is at the rear of the Church and enter off of Campbell Street.

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

Dave Colley

January 3, 1961 ~ November 14, 2017



This past November, our friend Dave Colley died after a long battle with cancer. Dave was an active member of our Chapter for a number of years and was very instrumental in organizing and running the Trout Kickoff for a number of years. We most recently worked with Dave at the Wine, Women and Waders event in April 2016 at Pier 87 where he provided casting instruction.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dave's wife Donna and his children Geoffrey, David, James, Sean, and Kathryn as well as to his extended family.

The family ask that memorial donations be made to: NO Stomach for Cancer, Madison Community Foundation, 2 Science Court, Suite 3, Madison, WI, 53711 or visit www.nostomachforcancer.org.



Many of our members fish year round. Fishing can still be enjoyed in some streams that don't freeze as well as fishing through the ice. What ever you do, please keep safety in mind. Ice can be everywhere during the next few months and make sure to check the thickness before going on it. Remember to tell someone where you will be going, dress in layers and have dry clothing available, where cleats to help grip the ice and prevent slipping, and no when to stop fishing for the day.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

From our all of us to you and
your family



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Donations to the Chapter

During the last fiscal year, we were fortunate to have had several donations of fly tying and fishing gear. The estimated value of these items is \$1430.00 and we have several thousand dollars worth of inventory.

If you are in need of a fishing pole, whether fly or spinning, fishing reels, lures, hooks, or any type of fly tying material, please let us know before you go out and buy that item. We have a large inventory and will sell the items at an unbelievable price as compared to a store. Many items are gently used and some have been repaired to working condition while the fly tying material is new and in original packages. If you need, or want, something, let us know and we will gladly let you know if we have it. If you are interested in looking at the inventory, this can be arranged on an appointment basis. We are currently in the process of inventorying and organizing what we have.

The Chapter has been fortunate to have received fly-tying and fishing equipment from the estates of deceased individuals (members and non members). Please consider leaving these items to the chapter when you can no longer use them. This will supply a source of materials for future fly-tying classes and equipment for fund-raising events. What a great way to leave a legacy to the activity we all enjoy!

Our most recent donation received was:

John T. W. Ober \$200 in memory of Al Eschenbach

Fly of the Month



Pine Squirrel Streamer

Materials

Hook: 3XL-4XL streamer hook
Thread: Olive or brown
Bead: Gold bead sized to hook (brass or tungsten)
Body: Gold Tinsel
Wing: Pine Squirrel strip, dyed olive
Rib: Medium gold wire
Hackle: Hen hackle

<http://www.flyanglersonline.com/flytying/fotw2/020507fotw.php>

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Trout in the Classroom Field Days

There are presently 4 schools in our area that are participating in the Trout in the Classroom program. The students have aquariums with the needed equipment to raise trout from eggs. Each spring, each class goes out and releases the trout they have raised into a local stream. This year, the Chapter is looking to participate in these releases and field days. These events will be during the week and during the school day and will include the releasing of the trout as well as some education on conservation efforts and fishing instruction.

At this time, no dates have been set but we are looking for volunteers to help these students. The releases are generally done at the end of April through the first part of May and when we get specific dates, we will let you know.

The schools currently involved in this program are: Montgomery HS STEM / AG Class, Williamsport HS Aquarium Club, St. John Neumann HS Biology Class, and the Loyalsock Middle School Special Education Class.

Fly Tying Class to be held

The Chapter will be holding its annual fly tying class starting February 6, 2018 and running through March 27, 2018. The class's are free and open to the public and will be held weekly starting at 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Tuesday evenings at the Covenant Central Presbyterian Church (807 W. 4th Street, Williamsport-parking and entrance is off Campbell Street). The course will include an instruction manual, all the tools and materials needed to tie your flies during each session. If you have your own tools, you are more than welcome to bring them with you. Beginners and all skill levels are welcomed and instructors will include notable local fly tyers.

To register, email a request to susquehannatu.com and include the name of everyone you are registering, experience levels, and contact information (email and phone number).

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Welcome new members

Joshua Carey
Lesa Hillegass
Nathan Keefer
Raymond Keller
Eileen Richards

Please consider sending in a picture, story, product review, or anything else that you may think will be of interest to our members. We have been fortunate to have had people submit things in the past but it remains difficult each month to put together an interesting newsletter for you. With your help, it will be easier to do and will provide more interest, and a different point of view, to our membership. If you can submit anything, please send it to susquehannatu@gmail.com



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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

November 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018 Mandatory Life Jacket Requirement

January 10, 2018
Chapter Meeting - Annual Watershed Summit 7 pm

January 25 - 28, 2018
Early Bird Sports Expo, Bloomsburg Fair Grounds

January 26 - 28, 2018
The Fly Fishing Show, Somerset, NJ

February 6, 2018
Fly Tying Class

February 3 - 11, 2018
Great American Sports Show in Harrisburg

February 13, 2018
Fly Tying Class

February 17 - 18, 2018
18th Annual Valley Outdoors Cabin Fever Expo at the Mifflinburg Intermediate School

February 20, 2018
Fly Tying Class

February 21, 2018
Chapter Meeting - Note Change in Date

February 27, 2018
Fly Tying Class

March 1, 2018
Stocked Trout Waters Closed to Fishing

March 3 - 4, 2018
The Fly Fishing Show, Lancaster, PA

March 6, 2018
Fly Tying Class

March 13, 2018
Fly Tying Class

March 14, 2018
Chapter Meeting

March 20, 2018
Fly Tying Class

March 27, 2018
Fly Tying Class

March 31, 2018
Regional Opening Day Trout South-eastern Counties

April 7, 2018
Mentored Youth Trout Fishing Statewide

April 11, 2018
Chapter Meeting

April 14, 2018
Statewide Opening Day of Trout