

Tertiary Treatment



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On October 4, Charlie Meck, well known local author and flyfisherman, will be speaking about his latest book, "**Fishing Tandem Flies**". Charlie has generously donated a copy of the book which will be awarded as a door prize to some lucky attendee that evening. Charlie's web site: www.charlesmeck.com provides information about his many other books and videos. Charlie lives in Pennsylvania Furnace but spends his winters fishing in Arizona.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 PM in the Comfort Suites in State College, Village Drive, just off North Atherton Street.

Mark your calendar. Bring a couple of friends.

Christmas Party

Joe Boston has graciously offered to host this year's Christmas Party on December 2, 2007 from 5-9 pm. His address is : 2326 Sagamore Drive State College. 814 861 5566. An RSVP requested. Entrée's will be provided. Bring your favorite vegetable, fruit, pasta, family secret dish, desert, snacks and beverage.

Be prepared to play pool, shoot darts, watch fishing videos, tell fishing stories from 2007, true or not true, and sing Christmas Carols.

Mark your calendar-time flies!

Final Report on Spring Creek Habitat Project

If you fish Spring Creek you owe Joe Boston a big Bravo Zulu (navy talk for "well done!"). Unless you have visited the recent Spring Creek Habitat Improvement Project at the PSU sheep farm, you can't appreciate the amount of planning, coordinating, supervising and just plain sweating needed to complete that project. And on top of it all was Joe Boston. He was there every day organizing people

and material, making sure that everything moved smoothly. He even cooked the burgers for the starving, wet and muddy workers! Be sure to thank Joe the next time you see him.

The following people and organizations donated to the stream improvement project:

Ann Donovan, Watershed Specialist, CCCD

Katie Ombalski, Clearwater Conservancy

Mark R. Roberts, Biologist US Fish and Wildlife Service

Adam Smith, Fencing Coordinator, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Dr. Robert Carline

Davild L. Keller, Stream Habitat Manager, PA F&B Commission

Jason Detar, Biologist, PA F&B Commission

These volunteers pounded rebar, cut planks, carried stones, floated logs, ate hamburgers, wistfully watched rising trout and had a fun time under the guidance of Joe Boston:

Rick Van Horn, Leah Walsh, Allen Phillips, Art Kemp, Geoff Smith, Matt Sanderson, Rob Cooper, Gary Miller, Ted Trostle, Kit Stanton, Ann Donovan, Pat Boston, Bob Carline, Dick Peterson, Zack Harris, Bob Donaldson, Cliff Wurster, Steve McCulley, Tyler Kellerman, George Moellenbrock, John Shaffer, Calab Rebarchak, Paul Rebarchak, Bill Brusse, Jere Willey, Greg Boyd, Brooks Parker, Dick Shreve, Bill Palmer, Bruce Etter, Bob Eberhart, Kurt Engstrom, Dick Stevenson, Gary Owen. Ed Robert, Matthew Robert, Beth Futrick, Jim Power, Joe Milalenko, Jim George.

Draft Minutes of August SCTU Board Meeting

Board of Directors Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Meeting of August 13, 2007 7:30 p.m.
Comfort Inn, State College, PA

Board members present: Jay Lynch, Jere Willey, Dick Stevenson, Ted Trostle, Allen Phillips, Bob Donaldson and Bob Eberhart. Also present were Joe Boston and Bill Palmer.

Treasurer's Report. Jere Willey presented his Treasurer's Report that showed total assets of \$43,137 as of Aug. 13. He said that the Chapter should get a report from Molly Hetrick of Centre Region Parks and Rec. Department about the 2007 First Cast Camp. He said that the Chapter should get more credit for financially supporting the Camp. He suggested that next year some Chapter members should meet with Parks and Rec about the Camp Program. It was noted that Chapter members had not been very active this year in assisting with the instruction phase of the Camp.

Sheep Farm Habitat Project. Joe Boston provided an update on the Sheep Farm Habitat Project. Work will be carried out August 20-23. Jere Willey asked that an itemized bill for Chapter expenses for the project be provided. Joe said that such a bill would come from the University of California of Pa.

Joe said that he would like to make a Power Point presentation to a membership meeting of the Chapter. Dick Stevenson and Jay Lynch volunteered to assist with preparing the presentation. Joe said that at the end of the project he would like to send thank you notes to all cooperators, donors of materials and volunteers; Bob Eberhart agreed to help with this. An adequate number of volunteers have signed up for daytime work for all four days, but only one person volunteered for

evening work so Joe Boston will assign jobs for the after 5 pm shift. More volunteers may become available when PSU students return.

World Youth Flyfishing Tournament and Conservation Symposium. Allen Phillips reported on the Tournament recently held on local waters, including Spring Creek. He reported that ten teams, each with 5 members had participated. The French team placed first, the Czech Republic second and England third. The U. S. team made a creditable showing. The Tournament included a Conservation Symposium, which featured two speakers from the Fish and Boat Commission and Ken Undercoffer, President of Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited. Allen felt that overall the Tournament was worthwhile and that it did include an element of teaching conservation to the participants. He said that if the tournament is held here again the TU Board should be more active in preparations leading up to the Tournament.

Spring Creek Canyon. Bob Donaldson reported on the current status of the Spring Creek Canyon discussions. He said that representatives of ClearWater had met with the Centre County delegation of State Representatives, Sen. Corman, and representatives of Penn State and DCNR, and there was agreement on the concept of ClearWater holding conservation easement(s) on the Canyon properties, regardless of who eventually became the owner(s). He also reported that Rep. Mike Hanna had introduced an amendment to a previously introduced land transfer bill; the amendment would authorize transfer of parts of the Canyon land to Penn State, Benner Township and the Fish and Boat Commission.

This amendment had been stopped by opposition organized by ClearWater and the Sierra Club-backed Spring Creek Alliance. The House State Government Committee has said that it will hold a Public Hearing in Centre County on this issue, probably in mid-September.

It was agreed that the Chapter should: 1) plan on making a statement at the Public Hearing, and 2) that the Chapter should attempt to set up a meeting with representatives of the Sierra Club and ClearWater to attempt to identify some common ground in their positions on the Canyon so that they might present a more unified front. Bob Eberhart will attempt to organize this meeting.

Request from Penns Valley Conservation Association (PVCA) for support for mine permit appeal.

The chapter received a request from Tom Doman of the PCVA asking for 1) financial support for legal expenses for their appeal of a permit for expansion of the Con-Stone quarry near Aaronsburg, and 2)for attendees at the hearing of the Environmental Hearing Board on the appeal set for Sept. 17-20 in Harrisburg. Allen Phillips agreed to provide information on the appeal to John Shaffer for publication in the Chapter newsletter. A motion to provide \$500 to PVCA in support of this appeal was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Eberhart
Secretary

SCTU BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held at the Comfort Suites Hotel, 132 Village Drive, State College at 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday following the scheduled Membership Meeting. Chapter members are encouraged to attend the Board meetings. The Board members welcome and would appreciate greater participation from Chapter members. As many of you know, our membership and board meetings are held at the Comfort Suites Hotel. Comfort Suites provides the rooms to us at no charge. We want to thank Karen Mansfield and her staff for their support.

VISIT THE SCTU WEB SITE: springcreektu.org

The Web Site lists membership and board meeting dates; contains the past 5 months of Tertiary Treatment; and provides links to Spring Creek USGS stream flow conditions, weather, and a number of other good information sources.

Officers and Board of Directors of Spring Creek TU:

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Start or Renew Your TU Membership through SCTU

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