

Tertiary Treatment



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

At the Jan. 8 meeting, Bob Carline will be sharing with us a topic he knows very well: "The Trout Fishery of Spring Creek - A Watershed Under Siege". **Note that the January meeting is on the 2nd Thursday in the month since Jan. 1 is a holiday.** 7:30 PM the Comfort Suites Inn, just off North Atherton St. Bring a couple of friends.

Note: Election of new board members will be conducted at this meeting. Please attend.

CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS

The SCTU board has three members leaving at the end of the year. President Bill Brusse is asking for volunteers for these important positions. If you want to join in the battle against the forces of evil, give him a call: 234-8851, or email at wbrusse@converseconsultants.com.

CHEF PALMER RESIGNS

Master TU Spring Cookout Chef, Bill Palmer, with tears in his eyes and sobbing uncontrollably, regrets that he can no longer organize the spring cookout at Poe Paddy State Park. TU is desperately looking for someone to take his place. The spring cookout is one of the few events where TUErs can get away with lying through their teeth about the giant trout they have 'reduced to hand' on Penns Creek and be rewarded for their deception with a steak dinner.

This is one of the social highlights of the year for the TU fellowship—just ask anyone who attends.

Call Bill Palmer at 364-9101 if you would like to volunteer for this important chapter position.

SPRING BANQUET-FIRST CALL.

Mark your calendar for Friday, April 4th, 2009 for the TU Banquet at the Ramada Inn State College.

Board of Directors
Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Meeting of November 17, 2008, 7:30 p.m.
Comfort Inn Suites, State College, PA.

Board members present: Bill Brusse (President), Ted Trostle, Allen Philips, Rick Van Horn, Jay Lynch, Dick Stevenson, George Moellenbrock and Bob Eberhart. Also present were Bob Carline, Chapter member; Katie Ombalski, ClearWater Conservancy; Scott Carney, Pa. Fish and Boat Commission; and Jeremy Hopkins.

The minutes of the meeting of October 13, were approved as submitted.

Bill Brusse noted that Art Kempf and Jere Willey had resigned as members of the Chapter Board of Directors for personal reasons and that these positions should be filled.

Ted Trostle raised the issue of repeating the 2005 macro invertebrate study of Spring Creek financed by the Chapter. He has spoken to Marty Friday, a biologist for DEP about this and learned that DEP is considering doing another study in 2010. Mr. Friday would like to have a copy of the 2005 study, and Bill Brusse said that he would try to find one for him. (ed note: Mr. Friday reported the day after this Board meeting that he had located a copy.)

Ted Trostle reported that he has a DVD copy of the chapter's video entitled "A Conversation with George Harvey" and that Ev Schaffer has the original VHS tape. Ted further noted that he converted the VHS tape to DVD to preserve it and provided a DVD copy to the Bellefonte Museum to be a part of local history. A few years prior to George's passing, he signed a declaration that stated if the Chapter wished to reproduce and sell the video, the proceeds must go to education. Dick Stevenson suggested that the copies should be made before the original is played too often. He also noted that copies might be sold at the Annual Banquet.

Ted Trostle reported that in support of the First Cast program and on behalf of the Chapter he applied for a grant via the Western PA Conservancy Mini Grant Program sponsored by Dominion Gas. He also noted that Centre Region Parks and Recreation may consider running two sessions of First Cast this year. Several board members felt that it would be difficult to get enough volunteers to adequately support two sessions.

Rick Van Horn presented his Treasurer's Report dated October 31. The Chapter's net worth is \$101,371.77. He also presented reports on the financial status of the various Habitat projects. In addition, he reported that the Chapter's Income Tax return for the last fiscal year has been filed. He noted that the Chapter has been paying state sales tax on items we purchase and that he is applying for an exemption from this tax as the Chapter is a 301.C.(3) organization.

Katie Ombalski presented a report on the status of expenditures on the various Habitat grants. She emphasized the need to keep track of matching expenditures and volunteer activity to meet match requirements. She noted that some expenses, such as food for volunteers, fuel for machinery, and rental for porta-potties cannot be counted as match for DCNR grants. She said that she and some TU members will meet with PFBC representatives in December to plan activities for the coming year. She said that one item for discussion will be improvements to the McCoy Dam access area. She also mentioned the possibility of having memorials for George Harvey and Tony Gerace somewhere along Spring Creek. She said that sites near the Habitat improvements projects might be considered. There was general discussion about the Spring Creek Canyon Master Planning effort, but no action was taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Eberhart
Secretary

E-MAIL LIST

As some are aware, the Chapter has the capability to do email notifications of important events, updates, and to provide last minute notifications of changes. Of the 350 Chapter members, only 75 or so members have provided email addresses to receive these updates. We plan to begin the distribution of Tertiary Treatment by email. If you want to be added to the list, just email a request to Bill Brusse at the email address listed on page 3.

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.

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Start or Renew Your TU Membership through SCTU

When your membership is about to expire, or join for the first time, fill out the form below and forward it with a check (payable to Trout Unlimited) to the address indicated below.

Name _____

Check Membership Category *

Address _____

Regular Membership (\$35)

City _____

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