

Tertiary Treatment



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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

All membership meetings are at 7:30 PM at the Comfort Suites Inn, just off North Atherton St. Bring a couple of friends.

Apr. 2 Jim Downes, cane rod maker, and Jonas Price, owner of The Feathered Hook in Coburn, will be making a joint presentation on the features of bamboo rods, including some details of construction, casting characteristics, care needed, and other related aspects of cane rods. The title will be "Bamboo Rods and Classic Reels", with samples for examination and admiration. Come and drool at what you may one day possess if you become a Wall Street Hedge Fund Manager.

ON THE FLY FLYFISHER'S TOURNAMENT

Ok, you know you got it. Others walk to the stream, you swagger. You always match the hatch. Your casting makes Joe Humpherys envious. Why not show it all off and help a worthy cause by signing up for the **ON THE FLY** tournament on Spruce Creek presented by Wayne Harpster and family and the Centre County Youth Services Bureau? It might be the only chance you will ever get to fish Spruce Creek and help a child at the same time. Call Dick Stevenson at 814.692.8471, or email him at res4@psu.edu for more details.

SPRING CREEK CLEANUP DAY

On April 25 the Chapter will rally at the Rock on Rock Road at 8 am. You can pick up water, garbage bags, and gloves and be assigned cleanup areas.

There's no better way to celebrate spring than to come outside with ClearWater to help clean sites throughout Central Pennsylvania when we host our annual Watershed Cleanup Day. It is a hand-on opportunity to work together as a community to make your own watershed a cleaner place to live and to spread the message of individual environmental stewardship. Each year, hundreds of volunteers

clear tons debris and trash from local sinkholes, roadsides, illegal dump sites and stream banks, making the natural surroundings of Centre County more beautiful and healthy.

Following the Cleanup at 12:30, a thank you picnic will be held for all participants at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center.

PENNS CREEK OUTING ANNOUNCEMENT

Chef emeritus, Bill Palmer, announces that this year's Penns Creek Outing will be on June 6th at Group Camp Site 'A' at Poe Paddy State Park. Come and fish for the mighty leviathans that inhabit the swirling waters of Penns Creek, and eat gourmet food prepared by our new TU outing chef, Kit Stanton. Call 814.360.4120 to talk to Kit, or 814.364.9101 to talk to Chef Emeritus Palmer to reserve a seat.

Board of Directors
Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Meeting of February 16, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Comfort Inn Suites, State College, PA.

Board members present: Bill Brusse (Pres.), Judi Sittler, Cliff Wurster, Rick Van Horn, Dick Stevenson, Allen Phillips, George Moellenbrock, Bob Donaldson and Bob Eberhart.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of January 19, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Additional Agenda Item: There was again discussion about an individual who has leased the fishing rights on Elk Creek and is stocking fish illegally. Brian Burger of PFBC has urged the Chapter and the Penns Valley Conservation Association (PVCA) to make a formal complaint and encourage PFBC to take action. A meeting among representatives of PFBC, PVCA and the Chapter will be arranged to discuss this matter. There was also discussion about whether stocking by a landowner on Spruce Creek might also be illegal. It was agreed that we need to know whether Spruce Creek is designated as a Class A stream.

Treasurer's Report and Budget Discussion: Treasurer Rick Van Horn made his monthly report. The Chapter had a net worth of \$22,789 as of Jan.31. This figure does not include \$52,746 of DCNR grant money which is held in a separate account and must be spent on DCNR grant projects.

Habitat Projects Update: Habitat Chair Cliff Wurster reported that he, Art Kempf and Bob Carline met recently with representatives of PFBC and that good progress is being made in preparing for future projects. With respect to Improvements to be made at Spring Creek Park in Houserville, arrangements have been made with College Township and Centre Region Parks and Rec to preposition materials and equipment along both sides of the creek in the project area. At the future project site at the Rock, access to the stream from both sides will be needed. The land on the far side of the creek from Rock Road is managed by the prison at Rockview, and some difficulty is being met in arranging access from that side. For the project at Paradise, most of the work will be maintenance of existing structures. For 2009, scheduled projects are improvements at the access area at McCoy Dam and work at Paradise. For 2010, scheduled projects are at the Rock and at the Spring Creek Park site. Cliff stressed that volunteers will be needed for these projects, both to get the work done and also because volunteer time counts as match required by the grant.

Rockview Status: Bob Donaldson reported on the two concept plans for the Spring Creek Canyon lands prepared by the Master Plan consultant. Option 1 (aka the "reserve" plan) will restore/reforest the entire study area including the present agricultural lands, while Option 2 (formerly known as the "Heritage" plan) would set aside about 375 acres for use as "conservation agriculture". In both options . the only vehicular access to the interior of the tract would be via Shiloh Road , at the end of

which the bridge would need to be repaired to provide access to a parking area to be constructed on the far side of the creek. Trail access to the Canyon would be from parking areas established at the Rock, on Barnes Lane and the existing parking area at Fisherman's Paradise. In Option 2, about 25 acres near the Rishel Hill interchange of I-99 would be designated for active recreation (ball fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, etc.) and possibly a YMCA. There might also be a trail from this area into the interior of the tract. The final plan will likely be a hybrid of these two options incorporating the best features of both. The Consultants also presented a very complex organizational chart showing how the four proposed owners and ClearWater, DCNR and some public representatives might interact to manage the "common lands" (i.e. the areas with public access) of the tract. An Open House and Public Meeting will be held at the end of March to receive public comment on the proposed plan.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Eberhart

FLYFISHING CAMPS

Dan Kerstetter sent information regarding two youth fishing camps this summer at the Millbrook Marsh through the Centre Region Parks & Recreation. The first camp is in June 22-26 (warm water fly fishing partly sponsored by PA Fish & Boat Commission).

The second camp is in July 13-17 & 20-24 (youth fly fishing sponsored by Spring Creek TU). Camp registration begins February 2, 2009.

Information about both camps can be found at:

<http://www.crpr.org/programs/Sum/Camps/S-Camps.html>

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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