

Tertiary Treatment



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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

The May 7 program is being presented by **William (Bill) Voigt** and is titled "**The Yellowstone Volunteer Fly Fishing Program**". Bill will explain what projects they have done in recent years to benefit the trout and streams in Yellowstone Park. He has given this talk at the FFF national conclave, the Ennis Fly Fishing Festival and also to several other TU chapters. Bill is retired from Penn State and now can focus his energy on fishing locally and out in Yellowstone among many other activities.

Although Yellowstone's fisheries staff have directed much of their efforts at emerging crises such as lake trout removal and whirling disease in recent years, there are a multitude of other fisheries issues and questions that need attention. There are an estimated 2,650 miles of streams and 150 lakes with surface waters covering 5% of Yellowstone's 2.2 million total acres. Because National Park Service staff cannot address all of the park's aquatic issues, a program was established wherein flyfishing volunteers use catch-and-release angling as a capture technique for gathering biological information on fish populations throughout the park. Conducted each year since 2002, the Volunteer Flyfishing Program has resulted in an immense amount of information that would otherwise have not been available to park managers. Projects have included determination of the range of hybridized Yellowstone cutthroat trout in the Lamar River, its major tributaries, and several other park waters; and documentation of the status and movement patterns of Arctic grayling in the Gibbon River system. The biological data collected by the Program's participants have greatly contributed to understanding of the park's fisheries.

SUPPORT OUR BANQUET DONORS

The following individuals and companies donated prizes for our spring banquet:

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Meiser & Earl, Inc.	Bob Eberhart	Ms. Marie Bednar
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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.

MARCH TU BOARD MINUTES

Board of Directors
Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Meeting of March 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 February 16, 2009 were approved as submitted.

Delivery of Newsletter: Bill Brusse reported that the Chapter now has email addresses for more than 150 of the members. There would be significant savings if the Newsletter could be delivered to those members electronically rather than by U.S.Mail. However, the Chapter membership list is maintained by National TU, and at present that list is downloaded and used to mail the newsletter to all members. To email part of that list would require some one to maintain the email list and then compare it with the downloaded list each month to ensure that all members received the Newsletter. To make this work, we need to find someone to maintain the email address list and make a monthly comparison.

Treasurer's Report: Rick Van Horn presented the Treasurer's monthly report. As of Feb. 28, the Chapter's net worth was \$27,546. This does not include \$52,846 of grant money from DCNR that is held in a separate account and must be spent for stream habitat projects. Rick suggested that \$5,000 be taken from the Chapter's other accounts and along with other funds already allocated to the Chapter's Habitat Funds be used to purchase a \$15,000 one-year certificate of deposit. This suggestion was moved, seconded and approved unanimously. Rick also explained a proposal from Kish Bank to meet the Chapter's banking needs. Rick saw no advantage to the proposal and no action was taken.

Banquet Status: Dick Stevenson reported that preparations are going well and that about 60 reservations have been received so far. Dick has made 20 CD copies of a tape "A Conversation with George Harvey" that will be offered for sale. Donated items continue to be received. One, from Richardson Fly Box Co., is a three-shelf box that tyers at Fly Fisher's Paradise are filling with flies.

Habitat Projects: Cliff Wurster reported that all materials that will be needed for this year's projects have been listed on a spread sheet and, with assistance from Katie Ombalski, bid packages for materials needed for this year's projects are being prepared. Suggestions for work dates for these projects are being solicited.

Additional Agenda Items: Bill Brusse and Bob Donaldson will meet with Tom Doman of the Penns Valley Conservation Association and Brian Burger of PFBC in April to discuss a "Pine Creek private stocking problem".

The Chapter will clean up a reach of Spring Creek upstream from the Rock and possibly other areas on Watershed Clean Up Day, April 25. Judi Sittler agreed to act as Chapter Coordinator for this event.

Rockview Status: A Public Meeting on the Spring Creek Canyon Master Plan and Management Plan will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31 at CPI (formerly the Vo-Tech School) near Pleasant Gap. The Plans will be posted at www.canyonplanning.com after March 24. The meeting adjourned at about 9 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Bob Eberhart
Secretary

SPRING CREEK TU FIRST CAST GRANT

Ted Trostle Reports that SCTU received an \$800 grant to help defray some of the operating costs of the 2009 First Cast Summer Camp. This financial support for the project was provided by the Dominion Foundation which is dedicated to the economic, physical and social health of the communities served by Dominion companies.

The "First Cast Fly Fishing Camp for Youth" started in 2001 with a partnership between Spring Creek Trout Unlimited Chapter 185 and the Centre Region Parks & Recreation Department, State College, Pennsylvania.

The main goal of the camp has been to connect youth to the outdoors and conservation activities and provide life long enjoyable alternatives to negative influences. The activities have promoted and fostered development and interest in environmental water quality issues, entomology, and fly fishing. The campers are taught important water quality criteria as it applies to rivers and streams, basic entomology and the whys and hows of fish habitat.

Over the years each summer a two-week camp is offered to children grades 5-8, and has been a great success. Each year 18 youngsters attend the camp and spend their days learning with a qualified instructor and many volunteers from the local TU chapter. Instruction includes tying flies, knots, casting basics, stream etiquette, aquatic macro-invertebrates, stream ecology, and more. Guest speakers, such as Joe Humphreys, visit with the campers and provide instruction, as well as lasting impressions. When possible, campers are involved in a stream restoration project with the PA Fish and Boat Commission or visit a restored site to learn about riparian buffers. This camp is held at the local Millbrook Marsh Nature Center and campers travel from there to local waterways. Many of the campers also complete Boy and Girl Scout requirements during the camp to earn scout badges or pins.

YOUTH 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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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.

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Check Membership Category *

Address _____

Regular Membership (\$35)

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