



Tertiary Treatment

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

All membership meetings are at 7:30 PM at the Comfort Suites Inn, 132 Village Drive, just off North Atherton St.

"No Eyeballs or Antennae; Simple, Effective, Durable Flies To Suggest Caddisflies"
by Steve Sywensky.

Thursday, November 5th: Steve Sywensky is owner of Flyfisher's Paradise, State College's oldest fly shop (over 35 years operation). Steve is not only one of the most knowledgeable persons about Spring Creek, but he fishes it almost daily and understands the patterns that work best. He has tied some ridiculously large number of flies -- easily over 200,000 -- so if he doesn't know what works on Spring Creek, probably no one does. Come see the expert talk about and tie the flies he knows will take fish.

Upcoming Meetings

December 3: Dwight Landis will speak on "Mountain Trout: Wild Trout Fishing on the Forested Freestone Streams of North Central PA".

January 7: Don Douple will make a presentation on "Streamer Fishing for Bigger Trout".

February 4: Roughly five members of the PSU Flyfishing Club will put on a fly tying demonstration which will feature a variety of different patterns being tied by each person. This is a particularly good opportunity to see how patterns come together and to ask questions about techniques used.

March 4: Rebecca Dunlap and Jason Detar: Biological and Chemical Conditions on the West Branch of the Susquehanna - Analysis of Data from Recovery Benchmark Inventory". Becky Dunlap is the TU Project Manager for the WB Susquehanna Restoration Project, and Jason Detar represents PA Fish and Boat Commission.

An Open Letter to SCTU Membership

In the past year or two and also in recent weeks your chapter has been engaged in several projects to enhance the fish habitat of Spring Creek. We also have been involved with the future divestment of Rockview lands and the subsequent protection of Spring Creek Canyon, plus the impact of a late October fishing tournament having an impact on the spawning of the Brown Trout in our local streams.

All of these activities take time to do. It takes a lot of energy and dedication for our projects and community involvement to be successful. Those who have been physically involved and wrestled with the rocks and logs, attended meetings and wrote letters or sent emails are to be commended for their work.

As a current SCTU Board member and past President, I have seen many things happen within our chapter. Some were not so good, but most were great. Today though we must move on and continue our purpose and mission.

There are over 300 members in our chapter. Some do not live in the Spring Creek Watershed, some live many miles from our area. Some may live with a stream in their back yard or nearby over the hill. The interesting fact about our members is that no matter where they reside, all can be a voice.

You see the Trout have no voice!

TU members have to be their voice!

You do not need to do very much to be a voice.

No matter where you live, I urge you to get curious about the quality of the water you drink, may be swim in, boat in, or fish in. Have you ever wondered where your treated sewerage water goes? What about your own well water? Have you ever visited your water treatment facility?

You can also attend our Board meetings which are open to the public or attend a Watershed meeting to see what is going on.

Thanks for reading this and I hope to see you or hear from you soon.

Ted Trostle

Board of Directors
Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Meeting of September 14, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Comfort Inn Suites, State College, PA.

Board Members present: President Bill Brusse, Judi Sittler, Rick Van Horn, Bob Donaldson, Dick Stevenson and Bob Eberhart.

Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes of the meeting of June 15 were approved as submitted.

Spring Creek Heritage Award: On Spring Creek Day each year ClearWater Conservancy and the Spring Creek Chapter of TU jointly present the Spring Creek Heritage Award to an individual who has made unusual contributions to the preservation and protection of Spring Creek. This year it is the Chapter's turn to nominate this individual. After discussion, Dick Stevenson moved to nominate Joe Humphreys. Rick Van Horn seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Spring Creek Day Exhibit: The Chapter will have an exhibit at Spring Creek Day on October 4. Bill Brusse and Judi Sittler will set up and oversee our display. Dick Stevenson will help to prepare the exhibit.

Banquet Chairman: Dick Stevenson will serve as Banquet Chairman for one more year but will then step down. It would be desirable for the new Chairman to serve on this year's committee. Bill Brusse will begin looking for a new Banquet Chairman.

Treasurer's Report : Rick Van Horn presented his Treasurer's Report. As of August 31, the Chapter's net worth was \$34,111. This figure does not include \$80,838 of grant money that is held in separate accounts and must be spent on Habitat projects. The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Proposed Budget for 2009-2010: Rick Van Horn presented a proposed budget for 2009-2010. Rick noted that although the Chapter had received a substantial amount of funds in memory of David Carsen, none had been budgeted for a Dave Carsen Memorial Project in 2008-2009. He suggested that the Chapter should look into what use should be made of these funds. The proposed budget was approved as submitted.

Habitat Project Update: Bill Brusse reported for Habitat Chairman Cliff Wurster that the Habitat Improvement project just upstream of the former McCoy dam site has been essentially completed. ClearWater is scheduled to make riparian plantings along the stream this fall. While the project was successful, it was more costly than expected and funds are not available to carry out the project that had been planned downstream from the dam site. Grant monies are still available to complete one in-stream project next year at a site that has not yet been determined.

October 2009 Fishing Tournament and Fishing during Spawn on Spring Creek. In a series of recent emails posted on the Chapter's Listserv, some members expressed concern about the National Flyfishing Championship to be held October 23-26 on Spring Creek and other local streams. Some have expressed strong opposition to this event because it is believed that the competitors will be fishing over spawning trout. Bill Brusse reported that he and Bob Donaldson had met with representatives of the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC), the Centre County Convention and Visitors Bureau and Team USA,. the local sponsors of the event, to discuss this concern. It was reported that 10 anglers will be fishing on each of two two-mile reaches of Spring Creek for three hour periods on Friday morning, Friday afternoon, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Controllers will be present to monitor the anglers and to direct them away from redds. Some believe that most spawning does not take place until November and that there will be little spawning activity at the time of the event. PFBC said that they have little experience with such competitions, that fishing is permitted year round on Spring Creek and that they have no policy regarding fishing for trout during spawning. PFBC will have observers at the competition to monitor the fishing activity.

Judi Sittler argued strongly that the Chapter should have been involved in planning this event and that we should be included in planning for future tournaments. Bill Brusse will write to the tournament

organizers to express the Chapter's concern about the timing of this event and to ask that the Chapter be included in planning for future tournaments on Spring Creek. There was also discussion about whether the Chapter should ask PFBC to consider banning fishing on Class A trout streams during the spawn; this issue will be considered at future meetings.

Listserv Protocol: During the discussions of the fly fishing tournament considered above, some members expressed their views, sometime pointedly, in emails sent to the entire Chapter Listserv. The Board agreed that the Chapter's Listserv is to be used to disseminate information about Chapter activities that is of interest to all members and that expressing personal views via the Listserv is inappropriate. Judi Sittler will follow up on this to see if the Listserv can be set up so that it can be used only by members who have information that needs to be sent to all Chapter members.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Eberhart
Secretary.

CHAIRMAN/CHAIRWOMAN NEEDED

Spring Creek Chapter Members,

Dick Stevenson has done a remarkable job over the last 5 years as the chairperson of the Banquet Committee, but after the 2010 Spring Banquet he is, rightfully so, ready to pass the proverbial baton.

The Chapter has an urgent need for someone to volunteer for the chair of the Banquet Committee. The banquet is the primary fund raising event to support the operation of the chapter and more importantly the activities that we support that include the youth first cast summer program, youth conservation leadership school, habitat work, membership meeting speakers, and the Spring Creek Watershed Community watershed monitoring program.

Dick has developed an impressive process and list of contacts. We would like to have the incoming chairperson work with Dick during the planning and preparation for 2010 Spring Banquet so that Dick can pass along the information and the incoming chair can benefit from Dick's experience.

The work of the Chapter is being done by fewer and fewer people. The Chapter needs active participation by more of our members. So please, volunteer for this important position.

Thanks,
Bill Brusse,
President, Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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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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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Regular Membership (\$35)

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