



Tertiary Treatment

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Dec. Membership Meeting

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

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

Upcoming Meetings

January 7: Don Douple will make a presentation on "Streamer Fishing for Bigger Trout". Don will be making a video presentation on streamer fishing for larger trout. He promises we will have video with lots of big trout, fly patterns that catch them, tying ideas and how to cast heavy flies. Some background on Don -- he graduated from Indiana University of PA, majoring in biology education. He is a terrific photographer of wild trout in their own environment, and was mentioned by name in the Ozzie Ozevovich video shown at a recent SC TU meeting. In addition to photography, Don is a fly fishing guide, fly tyer and custom rod builder. He currently lives in Belleville.

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.

From Board Member Ted Trostle

The annual cost to produce and mail this newsletter is over \$3600. Being that your chapter is a non-profit organization with a mission to preserve and protect the waters of Spring Creek, it has been decided to redirect this cost to support the mission.

Therefore, we will be making a change to provide the SCTU newsletter electronically via email using our List-server

The February 2010 issue will be the last post office mailing.

To assure that you continue to receive the newsletter, you **MUST** sign up or subscribe to this service.

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Note: The newsletter may be also viewed on the SCTU Website www.springcreektu.org

Minutes of October Board Meeting

Board of Directors
Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited
Meeting of October 12, 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, Cliff Wurster, Allen Phillips, Ted Trostle and Bob Eberhart. Guests: Art Kempf and Dick Shreve

Approval of Minutes: The draft minutes of the meeting of September 14 were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Rick Van Horn presented his Report. As of September 30, the Chapter's net worth was \$30,450. This figure does not include \$73,384 of grant money that is held in separate accounts and must be spent on habitat projects. Rick noted that more bills from the McCoy Dam habitat project are due and that he anticipates that after these are paid about \$7700 will remain in the DCNR grant account for next year's project. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented.

Memorials and Memorial Funds: During his Treasurer's Report Rick noted that the Chapter has received \$890 in memorial contributions for Dave Carson, but that nothing has been done with them. Bill Brusse agreed to consult with the Carson family about how they would like those funds to be used. This led to a discussion about funds that were donated in memory of Tony Gerace that have not yet been used. There was also discussion of the need to erect a memorial to George Harvey somewhere along Spring Creek. Dick Stevenson suggested that some of the proceeds from next year's banquet should be designated for the Harvey memorial. He also suggested that the letter announcing the Banquet might say that a fund for the Harvey memorial was being set up and that those who wished to do so might contribute to that fund. The Board agreed to this suggestion.

National Flyfishing Championship and Fishing During the Brown Trout Spawn: There was lengthy discussion about the impact of the upcoming National Flyfishing Championship Tournament to be

held on Spring Creek and other local streams in late October and about whether the Board's actions in regard to that tournament had been appropriate. The discussion was prompted by a letter from Cliff Wurster to the Board in which he stated that the Board had missed an opportunity to speak for the fishery when it did not strongly oppose the Tournament. He also felt that participation of the Chapter membership, and of the Board in particular, in Chapter Projects was less than satisfactory. Cliff's letter is attached to these Minutes as Appendix A.

The Board finally agreed that the Chapter's efforts should focus on working to modify PFBC regulations concerning fishing on Class A streams during the spawning period. Bob Donaldson abstained from supporting this approach. The Habitat Committee, led by Cliff Wurster and assisted by Art Kempf, will lead this effort. They will begin by seeking information from neighboring states where fishing is restricted during the spawn. Ted Trostle agreed to consult with his acquaintances in the leadership of PATU and try to get their support for some change in the regulations. The names of other Chapter members who are knowledgeable and who might assist this group were suggested.

Newsletter upgrade: Judi Sittler believes that the Newsletter could be used more effectively to disseminate information to the Chapter, and that the content might be upgraded and made more interesting.

Listsrv protocol: Judi Sittler said that use of the Chapter Listsrv is not appropriate for dissemination of personal comments and opinions. She will look into how the people who may send material through the Listsrv can be limited to a small number who have Chapter information that should reach all the Chapter members.

Announcement from Bill Brusse: Bill said that, because of the continuing economic slow-down, he is devoting more time to his job and that he does not wish to serve as President of the Chapter next year.

The meeting adjourned at about 9:40 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.

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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