

Tertiary Treatment

The Newsletter of the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Holiday Party Dec. 9!

Spring Creek Chapter TU members and their families will gather for the 2011 Holiday Party Dec. 9. The festivities will be held this year at the home of president Judi Sittler at 108 Gaslight Circle, State College, starting at 6 p.m. Judi will provide two pots of chili: one white chili with turkey, one red chili with beef. The chapter will supply a small keg of beer from Otto's. Please bring a dish to share and any other beverage you like. See you there!

Arway asks members for support

PA Fish and Boat Commission Executive Director John Arway was the guest speaker at the Oct. 6 membership meeting in State College.

He discussed a host of issues facing the commission and asked that each member of our chapter consider contacting their representatives in Harrisburg on two issues.

The first is Senate Bill 1049. [Click Here](#) to see the full text of the bill. The legislation supports Arway's plan to create opportunities to generate license sales and initiate multi-year licenses and permits. He sees restructuring license fees as a way to attract and retain anglers and thereby increase revenues for Fish and Boat.

The second issue is Marcellus Shale drilling related. Arway said that despite a dramatic increase in workload for Fish and Boat related to permitting and enforcement of Marcellus Shale drillers, the commission is not included in many of the impact fee plans currently circulating in Harrisburg, including Gov. Corbett's plan unveiled recently. He urged us to call our representatives and the governor's office and ask that the Fish and Boat Commission be included in any impact fee legislation.

Much more can be found on these and other subjects in Arway's columns. [Click Here](#) to go to the commission web site.



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PFBC Executive Director John Arway addresses SCCTU members at the October member meeting

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Upcoming Programs

December's Membership Meeting features Hannah Stout, graduate student in Entomology at PSU on her efforts to restore the green drake to Spring Creek. Our meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 7:30 PM, at the Comfort Suites in State College. Free and open to all.

Looking Upstream

I'm pleased to tell you that our chapter is developing more activities to introduce our local youth to fishing and the appreciation of preserving our natural resources. In October we taught Cub Scout Pack #50 how to tie flies, tie knots, cast, and identify stream bugs as well as identify good habitat for cold water fish. Scott Brumbaugh, one of our newer board members, was the organizer of this very successful day at Spring Creek Park. Assisting him was Scott's dad plus Chris Haser, Bob Vierck, Jim Purtell, Chris Hennessey, Paul Griffin, and me. It was very satisfying to see this group of 8 year old boys harness their energy and learn some basic skills of fly fishing and stream biology.



By Judi Sittler
SCCTU President

We are now getting ready to teach Girl Scout Troop #1244 some fishing basics. This time it will be a little more involved because these girls will be working for their fishing badge. We have Jean Brenchley and Fran Stevenson lined up to help us, as well as Jim Strauss and a couple of other parents. I'm hoping to get this program organized in a way that allows us to present it to other Girl Scout troops.

There are requests to our chapter from another Cub Scout troop, and we've made contact with a Boy Scout leader who wants to work with us. That means we will be looking for volunteers to help out. You can commit to helping out with just one troop or many. We will put the framework together for the scout instruction and you just fit in to your area of comfort.

If one-on-one is your style, then you might be interested in a mentoring program that Bob Carline is putting together. We are in the planning stages of a program that would match a SCCTU adult member with a child who might not otherwise have an opportunity to fish. If you read my article on Owen Welch, he attributes a lot of his love for fly fishing to a guy named Larry Winey who raffles "A Kid fishes for a day with Larry Winey," during the Penns Creek chapter banquet.

At our SCCTU banquet this past year, we collected \$260 from the Trout in the Classroom raffle. This year we have grown to four classroom teachers participating in this very cool program which raises brook trout eggs to fingerling size, then releases them in PA F&B approved waters. The TIC program reaches a lot of children and includes conservation instruction. Our TIC teachers are Ron Shealer and Joe Walker at Mt. Nittany Middle School, Jessica Martin at Penns Valley Middle School, and Jade Thompson at Bald Eagle High School.

Let's hear it for everyone who teaches a kid something about fishing!



Pack 50 Den 5 Cub Scouts Wyatt Shaeffer and Ian Green tie green weenies with some help from volunteer John Brumbaugh.

Our Mission

The mission of Spring Creek Trout Unlimited is to

**conserve, protect, and restore Spring Creek's
coldwater fishery and watershed.**