

Save your appetite for the Steak Fry June 12

This year's Spring Creek TU Steak Fry will kick off at 3 p.m. June 12 at Group Tenting Area A at Poe Paddy State Park.

This is an event for the whole family, so bring the spouse and kids, your friends and neighbors. Plan to come early and fish Penn's Creek (maybe the Green Drakes will cooperate

and hatch for us) or see the other natural attractions Poe Paddy and Poe Valley State Parks have to offer, then refuel at the Steak Fry with friends. You can even pitch a tent and stay the night if you wish.

Chef Jay Lynch and staff will provide a tasty fire-grilled steak and baked potatoes, butter, sour cream,

soda, cups and salt and pepper for adults and hot dogs for the kids. Bring a covered dish, salads, dessert or other foods to share. Also bring any other drinks you like and your eating tools, plates, etc.

The meal will be served at about 5:30.

Cost of the adult meal varies based on market price

of steaks and has yet to be determined, but kids will eat free.

RSVP to Jay at 814-234-0813 or by email to jlynch@meiser-earl.com.

For directions and more information about the Poe Paddy State Park, go to [www.http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/poepaddy.aspx](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/parks/poepaddy.aspx).



Students transfer brook trout to aerated buckets for transport to Laurel Run at Whipple Dam State Park, above.

At right, the fish swim in their tank for the last time.

Photos by Ron Shealer



Trout in the Classroom project releases another batch of brookies

By Judi Sittler

The Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited is a proud sponsor of the Trout in the Classroom program.

This project is financed in part by a TIC Start-up grant awarded to the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited from the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's Sportfishing and Aquatic Resource Education Grant.

Brook trout are raised from eggs in a specially equipped cold water aquarium in the partnering teacher's classroom. Lesson plans include conservation education and the conditions needed for brook trout survival.

The chapter provides direct instructional support to the partnering school.

When the fish are about 2 - 3 inches long, usually

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Founded in 1973, the 350-member Spring Creek Chapter of TU seeks to conserve, protect, and restore Spring Creek's coldwater fishery and watershed.

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NewsIn Brief

Dennis Charney to educate us on Wulff School techniques

June 2, 7:30 p.m.,
Comfort Suites
State College

Our last speaker before we break for the summer is Dennis Charney, well known local guide, expert fly tyer, and familiar face at Flyfishers Paradise.

As many of you know, Dennis has spent time teaching at the Joan Wulff Fly Fishing school and will be providing those folks who attend his presentation this Thursday a few of the lessons that have been developed at the Wulff school.

No doubt almost every flyfisher can benefit from advice on casting and line management. Dennis's

presentation should provide a nice complement to previous speakers who have focused more on fishing sites, species and tactics.

This should also be a great program for anyone interested in having their kids (or a spouse) get a few casting instructions, so bring them along.

Mentors needed for camp

Mentors needed for fly fishing camp for youth

Summer is fast approaching and that means it's almost time for the CRPR / SCCTU Youth Fly-Fishing for Trout Camp.

The aim of the camp is to introduce area youngsters to the sport of fly fishing. Part of Spring Creek TU's role in the partnership is to provide adult volunteers from our

ranks to help staff the camp.

Help youngsters in grades 5 to 8 learn to cast, tie, read water and catch fish.

Some days will include van trips to local waterways for on-stream instruction. The two-week camp runs every morning July 18 to 22 and July 25 to 29.

For more information or to volunteer, email Chris Hennessey at c.hennessey@comcast.net or call 814-237-0154.

Board Meetings

All members are invited to attend the monthly meetings of the board of directors. Board meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second Monday following the regular membership meeting at the Comfort Suites in State College.

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in May or June, the fish are released in "Approved Trout Water", meaning an already stocked stream.

PFBC regulations govern all stocking practices in PA; they deem the placement of fish in waters designated as "Catch and Release,"

"Wilderness Trout," or "Class A Wild Trout" as unlawful. The program is not meant to have a restorative impact on a fish population, and the purpose of this effort is educational in nature only.

On May 18th, Ron Shealer, a Mt. Nittany Middle School teacher, and his class



Photo by Chris Hennessey

Gathered to release trout during a downpour last month are, from left, Mark Hohnadel, Davis Kelleher, Tyler Reese, Joe Walker, Cody Harpster Sebastian Forest, Isaac Messner, Katie Ziegler and Ron Shealer.

released this year's crop of fingerlings into Laurel Run near Whipple Dam.

We hope a few of those little fish survive! We also hope

the experience has made a positive impact on the students who kept those fish alive and healthy. Congrats to Ron and his students.

Voigt joins SCCTU board of directors

Long-time chapter veteran Bill Voigt has joined the chapter's board of directors.

Voigt was born and raised just north of Philadelphia. After attending Penn State, he spent 30 years employed by the DuPont Company in Wilmington, Delaware.

For the past 20 years he has lived in the State College area where he is semi-retired, working part time for Penn State at the Bryce Jordan Center. Bill

is married with two children, two step children, six grandchildren, and 1 great granddaughter.

He has been a member of TU since 1975 and has held every position in our local chapter, participating in banquets, cleanups, fly tying classes, and fishing shows. For the past ten years, he has been the coordinator of the Yellowstone Volunteer Fly Fishing Program in Yellowstone National Park.



Bill Voigt

Bill and his wife and enjoy bird watching, hiking, fishing, kayaking, and college sports. They also participate in a country gospel band.

Thanks for another top-notch banquet

Looking Upstream

By Judi Sittler, SCTU President



Our chapter contributes to our community in so many ways. We provide informative, monthly meetings to anyone who wishes to attend. Our chapter is committed to educating our youth by sponsoring the Trout in the Classroom program and the CRPR/SCCTU Fly Fishing Camp for Trout (previously known as First Cast). We contribute to the Water Resources Monitoring Project and to the PA Senior Environmental Corps, which monitors water quality.

The most visible contribution to the Spring Creek Watershed is in the form of habitat conservation, restoration, and protection. Those projects cost the most in dollars and manpower. Therefore, for us to carry out our mission, we need dollars and manpower.

This chapter has one main source of fundraising. That's the banquet. This year Jim Purtell took over the 'driver's seat' from the

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PFBC adds 99 streams to Wild Trout List

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) added 99 new waters to the state's list of wild trout streams May 24, raising the total number of documented waterways which support naturally reproducing populations of trout to nearly 3,650.

The board voted to add the streams during a special Commission meeting held today at Bald Eagle State Park in Centre County. It also removed 16 waters from the list and adjusted the limits on eight others.

The changes resulted from recent stream surveys undertaken as part of the PFBC's Unassessed Waters Initiative, a collaborative effort among the agency, local colleges and universities and conservation groups to survey the Commonwealth's nearly 45,000 remaining unassessed waterways. Surveying unassessed waters and documenting wild trout populations are consistent with the Commission's five-year Strategic

Plan, Strategic Plan for Management of Trout Fisheries in Pennsylvania and the agency's Resource First philosophy.

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The wild trout stream designation has regulatory significance because wetlands that are located in or along the floodplain of the reach of a wild trout stream are considered "exceptional value" by the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and are entitled to the highest level of protection by DEP.

The changes voted on today will go into effect immediately upon the publication in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. The list can be found on the PFBC

website at: http://fishandboat.com/images/exec/minutes/2011minu/04min_exh_i.pdf.

The current version of the wild trout streams list was last revised in April 2010 and can be found on the PFBC website at: http://www.fishandboat.com/trout_repro.pdf.

Summary of Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

Summary of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of the Spring Creek Chapter of TU of April 18 2011.

Minutes were approved at the Board meeting of May 16.

The complete Minutes will be posted on the Chapter's website.

Al Jones, Executive director of the Centre County Community Foundation, described the activities of his organization and how the Chapter might benefit from them. The Chapter could apply for grants to be funded from discretionary funds held by the Foundation, or the Chapter could work toward establishing an organizational endowment. An endowment fund to benefit the Chapter could be established with as little as \$2000 and would become endowed and would make annual distributions when the fund reached \$10,000.

Chapter members or

other individuals could will tax-advantaged bequests to the fund. These opportunities will be discussed at future Board meetings.

New Board Member: Judi Sittler introduced Bill Voigt who will fill the seat vacated by Ron Shealer for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Treasurer's Report: Rick Van Horn reported that as of March 31, the Chapter had a net worth of \$41,763. The Board considered how it could find \$350 to help support a new Trout in the Classroom project at the Penns Valley Middle School.

Proposed Bylaws: Comments received from the membership on the proposed Bylaws were reviewed and some were incorporated into the document.

The proposed Bylaws will be considered again at the May Board meeting, and if no major additional comments are received, may be adopted at that time.

Marcellus Shale: Bob

Eberhart reported that a Joint Committee of ClearWater, the Sierra Club Moshannon Group and our TU Chapter had met to discuss a Joint statement on Marcellus shale drilling and had reviewed a preliminary draft. The project will continue.

Spring Creek Heritage Nominee: The Board supported the request from Clearwater that this year's Spring Creek Heritage Award should go to Don Hamer, a long-time benefactor of many projects to protect and improve Spring Creek. Don has also made substantial donations to our Chapter.

Spring Creek Clean-up Day: Chris Haser reported that this year's Clean-up day will be on April 23. He said that the Chapter has agreed to clean up the stream and stream bank in the region of the Rock. If there are enough volunteers and enough time, the Chapter may also clean up the access area at the McCoy Dam site.

Little Juniata River

Editor's Note:

Starting this month, in preparation for a pending format change to the electronic newsletter, we will publish a summary of the board meeting minutes in the newsletter. The full text of the board meeting minutes will be posted to the chapter's website at www.springcreektu.org.

Association (LJRA): Joe Boston will attend the May Board meeting to request assistance from our Chapter with projects proposed by the LJRA.

Banquet Committee: Jim Purtell distributed a report of the Income and Expenses of the 2011 Banquet held on April 9. Net income was \$9,184; this figure is close to those of 2010 and 2009.

There was discussion of how future banquets might be managed to yield more income.

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Thanks to Purtell, committee for a banquet well done

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competent hands of Dick Stevenson. It's a huge responsibility to be in charge of the major fundraiser for our chapter. Jim took on the job with gusto and a commitment to keep our banquet going strong. Jim and banquet committee members Chris Hennessey, Scott Brumbaugh, Rick Van Horn, and Jeff Sturniolo, jumped

in with both feet. They pulled together high quality auction and raffle items, and maintained the well organized event that we all expect.

Jim would be quick to say thanks to all the folks who showed up to help with the banquet set-up and to the PSU Fly Fishing Club members who helped on the night of the banquet. Then we can't forget to say another big thank you to all the donors who

gave valuable items for this fundraising effort.

Our chapter has a membership who takes pride in our community and our natural resources. I welcome you to take part in our contribution to the community in any way that feels right for you. We have several committees that could use some help. Feel free to e-mail or call me and we can figure out what the right fit is for you.