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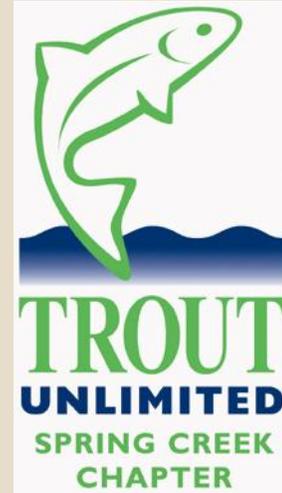
Annual Spring Banquet March 24!

The annual Spring Creek Chapter banquet will be held Saturday, March 24, 2012 at the State College Ramada Inn. Happy hour will begin at 5:30 p.m., with a buffet style dinner starting at 7 p.m. The banquet will feature many raffle prizes, 52-card draw, a silent auction, and a live auction. Please join us for an evening of fun, and help support the chapter's efforts this year. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$15 for children under 15. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact **Jim Purtell** by mail, telephone, or email using the contact information below. A few tickets will be available at the door, but reservations are appreciated prior to March 17.

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Flies, more needed for banquet

In support of our Spring Banquet, we are looking for a few good tiers to tie and donate a dozen or two of their favorite patterns to include in our "fly log", raffles, and auctions during the banquet. If you can donate some of your handiwork, please contact **Jim Purtell**, banquet chairman, at (814) 383-0166 or purtellj@embarqmail.com. Additionally, we would gladly accept any donations of gently used fishing equipment, fly tying material, books, or artwork that are suitable for the banquet's raffle.



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Following his well-attended program at the February membership meeting, **Don Bastian** examines flies tied by 11-year-old **Roye Houston** of Morrisdale. Roye and his parents attended the meeting to see Bastian tie and get some pointers on Royes own handiwork.

Changing your membership info.

Several members have recently asked about updating their personal information with TU. There are several ways to do this.

1. Call 1-800-834-2419
2. Email trout@tu.org
3. "Do-It-Yourself" in the Members Only Section of the National TU website at www.tu.org
4. Ask your chapter president or membership chair to up-date the information for you.

Bellefonte water opened to angling

On January 1, the Fish and Boat Commission re-designated Spring Creek Section 05 in Bellefonte. This section is the exhibition area at Tallyrand Park which is closed to fishing. The Commission will now maintain the reach of Spring Creek flowing through Tallyrand Park as an exhibition area but will open the adjacent reach downstream of

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Upcoming Program

Dr. Robert Bachman will join us at the March 1 membership meeting to give a presentation titled "Spruce Creek

Revisited". Bob intends to show us how he watched and recorded the behavior of wild and hatchery trout from towers erected along the "George Harvey" section of Spruce Creek and the management implications of the results of what he observed. The meeting is open to all and will be held March 1 at the Comfort Suites in State College at 7:30 p.m.

Bachman is retired from state government after thirteen years of service with the state of Maryland in a number of fish-and-game-related positions including: Director of Fisheries (inland and marine), Director of Fish and Wildlife and Chief of Freshwater Fisheries. He holds a doctorate in behavioral ecology from the

Pennsylvania State University, a Bachelor of Science degree in Oceanography from the University of Washington, and a Bachelor of Science degree

the High Street Bridge to angling. The new limits of the exhibition area are from the railroad trestle located 100 meters upstream of the dam in Tallyrand Park downstream to High Street Bridge, a distance of approximately 200 meters. The newly opened 350- meter reach downstream of the High Street Bridge is now part of Section 06 and catch and release all-tackle regulations will apply.

Canyon use topic of meeting

On January 26, 2012, a meeting was held at the Pleasant Gap Visitors Center to discuss current regulations and potential user conflicts in the Spring Creek Canyon. Our chapter was represented by **Judi Sittler**, **Chris Haser** and **Bob Carline**; the Canoe Club of Center County was represented by **Joyce Furfaro**, **John Lynch**, and **Ed Bowman** (Tussey Mtn. Outfitters); the Sierra Club was represented by **Lynne Heritage**. The PA Fish and Boat Commission was represented by **Jason Detar**, Area Fisheries Manager; **Spring Younkin**, Outreach and Education Coordinator, and **Greg Kraynak**, Waterways Patrolman. **Dan Murray**, a conservation officer with the Game Commission was also in attendance.

The conservation officers reviewed a summary of regulations related to the Canyon. These regulations are a hybrid, because the Fish and Boat Commission owns 75 ft on each side of the creek and the Game Commission owns the rest, which is subjected to their rules for game lands. Boaters and anglers were reminded that during hunting season, people should be wearing orange, if they are outside of the 75-foot corridor. The regulations are posted at access points.

A question was posed about accessing the canyon when the shooting range was in use. Here is their response: "Shooting Range - The shooting range will continued to be used. When in use, signs will be posted above and below the range area to notify users. The path will be closed to all users above and below the range. In the near future, a highly visible cable will be strung across the path (above and below the range) when the range is in use to block users. In addition, a by-pass trail around the range will be developed to allow users to continue on the path." It was suggested that the agencies use their websites to notify people when the range will be in use.

Another question dealt with commercial activity, e.g., angler guides. Here is their response: "Commercial use regulation (as listed in the Spring Creek Canyon) - All fishing regulations apply, therefore, fishing guides/boating guides are allowed to use/access the Canyon area. The regulation for the Canyon refers to (guides) "setting up shop" at Fisherman's Paradise.

There was concern about cutting windfalls so that boaters could safely pass. Current rules prohibit such activity. We also discussed possibly prohibiting boating through the no-wade zone of Fisherman's Paradise. This was suggested by a boater. In response to these concerns the Fish and Boat Commission pledged: "Our next step is to develop the etiquette guidelines and send them out to you

in Marine and Electrical Engineering from the United States Naval Academy. His pioneering behavioral study of brown trout at the Pennsylvania State University won him the American Fisheries Society's "Best Paper Award."

Bob serves on the Board of Commissioners of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission as commissioner from District 6 and on numerous other boards.

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for review and comment. We will also be looking into the portage suggestion around Fisherman's Paradise No Wading area and developing a policy for the cutting down of woody debris in streams. I (Spring Younkin) will keep you updated."

The consensus was that paddlers were most likely to float the canyon during periods of high water, times when fishing pressure would be light. There was a concern that novice paddlers might try floating during normal or low water, and these folks could cause some friction, particularly during the sulphur hatch.

Tussey Mountain Outfitters has just posted an item on its web page advising paddlers on the best water levels for floating upper Spring Creek with an advisory that this upper reach is only occasionally fit for floating. The Canoe Club is going to include pertinent information in its newsletter, particularly advice to its members on avoiding conflicts with anglers.

We felt that this was a productive meeting and a good start to minimizing user conflicts.

- Bob Carline

Coldwater Conference Feb. 24-25

PA Council of Trout Unlimited will host the 10th Keystone Coldwater Conference Feb. 24-25, 2012 at the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel in State College.

This conference is designed for grassroots members from nonprofit organizations such as Trout Unlimited, sportsmen's groups and watershed associations, along with environmental professionals from conservation districts, agencies and consulting firms to share ideas and concepts among diverse groups with the common interest of protecting our coldwater resources.

This year's conference is titled "Responsible Land Use: Protecting Habitat and Native Species," with topics such as landscape fragmentation, buffer maintenance, stormwater management, invasive species and development (pervious and impervious).

Our chapter will participate in the conference by providing a poster showcasing our conservation work and other activities. SCCTU members who plan to attend can help the chapter by manning the poster for an hour or two between sessions. [Click Here](#) to email **Judi Sittler**. For more information or to register for the conference, [Click Here](#)

Recommend a youth for Rivers Camp

SCCTU has funds available to sponsor one youth from our area to attend the Rivers Conservation Fly Fishing Youth Camp June 17 - 22, 2012 at the Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs, Cumberland County. The camp, hosted by the Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, is for boys and girls ages 14 to 17 born between

June 22, 1994 and June 17, 1998. If you would like to recommend an eligible youth who is interested in attending the camp, please let **Judi Sittler** know before March 1. To email her, [Click Here](#)
Visit www.RiversCamp.com for more information about the camp.

Our Mission

The mission of Spring Creek Trout Unlimited is to conserve, protect, and restore Spring Creek's coldwater fishery and watershed.
