

Tertiary Treatment

The Newsletter of the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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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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Bob Bachman with his trusty film projector

Dr. Robert Bachman gave a fascinating presentation at the March 1 membership meeting titled "Spruce Creek Revisited". Bob showed us how he watched and recorded the behavior of wild trout from towers erected along the "George Harvey" section of Spruce Creek and the management implications of the results of what he observed.

Watershed Cleanup Day April 21

Once again you are invited to help us clean-up the the Spring Creek Watershed April 21. Like in the past few years SCCTU will be covering the area from the I-99 overpass on Houserville Road downstream to the Rock and from the Rock up to Airport Road. Additionally, we will be covering the area from the McCoy Dam parking area up stream to the the Gas Station. If you are capable of wading and willing to do so please bring your waders. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Rock parking area and at the McCoy Dam site parking area for those who will be helping with the lower section. As always there will be a lunch provided at Mill Brook Marsh Nature Center following the clean-up.

Please let me know if you will be attending and which area you would prefer to assist with by either calling at 814.235.5343 or (preferably) e-mail me at brookiebrown@comcast.net I look forward to seeing you there.

Chris Haser,
SCCTU Clean-up coordinator

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Upcoming Programs

The guest at our **April Membership Meeting** will be **Mike Gogal** of Gogal Publishing Co. Mike will give us an update on a new application created by his company for GPS-enabled smart phones and Garmin GPS units that allows anglers to find every Approved Trout Water, Class A Trout Water, and Designated Wilderness Trout Water in the state of Pennsylvania and then get turn-by-turn directions directly to these waters. Mike is co-owner of and the inventor of this technology; he will cover in his talk the journey from authoring trout maps to creating smart phones apps and how he uses these new tools in his own fishing. To learn more about Mike and his products, [Click Here](#) Mike has presented this program to a number of TU Chapters to rave reviews.

At our **May Membership Meeting** we will be joined by steelhead guide and writer **George Douglas**.

Volunteer for Arbor Day event at PSU Arboretum

SCCTU board member **Bill Voigt** is looking for a few volunteers to staff a TU booth at the Arbor Day celebration at the PSU Arboretum Friday, April 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 pm. The goal for the day is to introduce State College area residents, particularly children, to our mission and to fishing. We will also be doing some fly tying and casting demos and need volunteers to pitch in with both of those efforts. To volunteer, email Bill at wfv100@psu.edu or by phone at 238-1969 or 863-1589.

Thanks to Eberhart for his service

Bob Eberhart stepped down from the SCCTU board in January. He was the secretary of our chapter for years and served our chapter in numerous capacities for many more years. He promises to help us out from time to time, but his commitments in many volunteer areas of the community has him stretched thin. He is a valued conservation steward. In 2010 he won the Spring Creek Heritage Award. The award is given jointly by our chapter and ClearWater Conservancy. It recognizes the efforts of outstanding community volunteers who have shared time, talents, and passions to protect, restore and bring greater community awareness to Spring Creek and its watershed. The award exemplifies this valued member of our chapter.



Bob Eberhart accepts the Spring Creek Heritage Award in 2010.

Thank you, Bob, for your service to Trout Unlimited.

Donations needed for Trout Camp!

The SCCTU/CRPR Trout Camp for Youth held annually and supported by our chapter is in need of some new equipment. Tying vices, tools and hip boots are wearing out after a decade of hard use by the kids. Consumables such as leaders, hooks and all manner of tying supplies are always in demand. We are calling on members to either donate any serviceable equipment they may have and not need, or, even better, make a tax-deductible donation to our chapter

George will present "Fish Like a Guide, which will provide tips on how to catch and land trophy steelhead with a video to illustrate some of his points.

George lives and fishes for steelhead, salmon and trout in Ohio and New York and on the West Coast, has authored many fishing books, and publishes Kype Fishing Magazine.

George's passion over the years has included introducing fishing to kids, educating anglers of all ages, and advocating catch and release. He was inducted into the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame in 2010, as one of 48 legendary communicators in the sport of freshwater fishing.

Our meetings, free and open to all, are held the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the first floor meeting room at the Comfort Suites on North Atherton Street in State College.

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and we can purchase the equipment. To make a financial donation, visit the chapters web site at www.springcreektu.org and click on Donate to the Spring Creek Chapter at the bottom of the navigation bar. To donate equipment or materials, bring your items to an upcoming membership meeting or contact **Chris Hennessey** at ch.hennessey@comcast.net and we will make arrangements to pick items up from 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 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.

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.

Our Mission

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