

Tertiary Treatment

The Newsletter of the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Elections yield changes to board

Board member **Bob Vierck** was elevated to the post of vice president during the board elections earlier this month. A very active board member, Bob also built and maintains the chapter website. Congrats and thanks to Bob.



Bob Vierck

New to the board as of this month is **Lynn Mitchell**. A native of Lewistown, Lynn moved across the Seven Mountains in 2007 to State College with his wife, Julie, after he took a job in the Office of Sponsored Programs at Penn State. Much of his time in Lewistown was spent volunteering with a variety of non-profit organizations such as the United Way, Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, and the YMCA. Lynn grew up a warm water bass fisherman on the Juniata river, and while fly fishing is new to him, he is learning lots from the chapter monthly presentations and our helpful members. He holds a BS in Business Management from Point Park University, Pittsburgh and an MBA from Penn State. Lynn and Julie have a son who resides in State College and a daughter in Lewistown.



Lynn Mitchell

Mark Pencak has also joined the board. Mark was born and raised in Chicago (the city not the burbs). He always wanted to go fishing and he managed to master the cane pole and worms at an early age. He was fascinated with fly fishing. He used car wash money to buy a fly rod and reel and taught himself how to fly fish while in grade school. In college, he learned river fishing



Current Chapter Membership:

462

Officers

Judi Sittler
President

Bob Vierck
Vice President

Rick Van Horn
Treasurer

Scott Brumbaugh
Secretary

Board of Directors

Bob Donaldson

Jim Purtell

Bill Voigt

Fiona Stewart

techniques while fishing for smallmouth bass on the St. Joe's River in South Bend, Indiana. Mark's career brought him to State College in the early 1980's and fly fishing for trout was the perfect past time to pursue. Mark has been a longtime member of TU, but did not become active until his retirement several years ago. In addition to fishing, Mark enjoys golf, hiking, and sampling the fruits of the vine.



Mark Pencak

Lynn Mitchell

Mark Pencak

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*Upcoming
Member
Meetings*

40th anniversary banquet coming up

2013 will mark the 40th anniversary of Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Banquet chairman **Jim Purtell** is looking for some help planning the 2013 banquet and for ideas on how to observe the anniversary. Contact Jim at jmp@goh-inc.com.

Chapter membership on the rise

We are very happy to report that our total membership as of this month is 462! Of those members, we have 40 Stream Explorers who are the youth of our community under the age of 18. One of the reasons for our jump in membership from around 350 to 462 is the disbanding of the neighboring Wood Duck TU chapter. We acquired about 35 members from that chapter onto our roster.

Welcome to those Wood Duck members. We hope to see you at one of our general meetings or the 40th Anniversary Banquet, or any of our other ongoing activities throughout the year.

We count 35 women on our roster. Let's get that number up to at least 50 by the end of the year.

Watershed Cleanup Day April 20

Once again, Spring Creek Chapter TU is participating in ClearWater Conservancy's annual Watershed Cleanup Day 2013 Watershed Cleanup Day Saturday April 20.

As 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 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 a lunch will be provided

> Our **February 7** meeting will feature a fly tying extravaganza put on by five members of the **Penn State Fly Fishing Club**. Each person will be demonstrating in detail how they tie several of their favorite flies so everyone over the evening will get a close-up chance to watch each of the young but highly experienced tyers do their thing. The Club has done several of these expos for us in the past, and they are back by popular request. This is a great opportunity for new or less skilled fly tyers to pick up many useful tips, both in putting the flies together and in how they should be fished.

Our membership 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

at Millbrook Marsh Nature Center following the clean-up. Please let **Chris Haser** know if you will be attending and which area you would prefer to assist with by either calling him at 814-235-5343 or (preferably) e-mailing him at brookiebrown@comcast.net

**North Atherton Street in
State College.**

**Board meetings, open to all
chapter members, are held
the two Mondays after the
first Thursday of the month,
also at the Comfort Suites,
at 7 p.m.**

Calling all Coldwater Kids

SCCTU will once again be participating in the PATU Wayne's Coldwater Kids event on April 28, 2013 on the famous Spruce Creek in Central PA. This is a great youth event for students age 12-15 who have experience in fly fishing. Spring Creek Chapter of TU will sponsor 6 kids from the chapter membership and cover the \$10 registration fee per student. Since this is a limited opportunity, if you have any interested kids, sign up as soon as possible. Slots will be filled on a first come first serve basis. For more details and registration form, contact **Chris Haser** at brookiebrown@comcast.net or at 814-235-5343. Also needed are members/parents who are willing to serve as mentors.

Youth camp scholarship available

Each year Trout Unlimited sponsors a youth fly fishing camp in Boiling Springs (near Harrisburg) at the Allenberry Resort Inn. The 2013 Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp will be held June 16 to 21.

The Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited has \$250 budgeted to assist a youth to attend this camp. The cost for tuition, room and board is \$350. The camp is co-ed for ages 14 to 17 (applicants must have been born between June 21, 1995 and June 16, 1999) Fly fishing equipment is available for loan if needed. Campers receive all course materials, a vest, camp tee shirt, hat, and flies. There are 10 fishing sessions on the catch and release section of the Yellow Breeches held prior to breakfast and after dinner each day.

Classes are taught by more than 25 different instructors, all experts in their field.

For detailed information [Click Here](#)

Contact Judi Sittler with questions regarding the scholarship at jsittler@comcast.net

On the Fly needs your help

The Centre County Youth Service Bureau has invited SCCTU members to consider taking part in the 17th annual On The Fly fishing tournament May 13 at Wayne Harpster's Evergreen Farm on Spruce Creek. In 2012 net revenue for this event exceeded

\$57,000, all of which is used for YSB programs and services. In the past 16 years community members have helped raise over \$700,000 which has been used to serve children, youth and families in the centre region. To take part in the event as a sponsor or angler, contact **Andrea Boyles** at 814-237-5731 or email at aboyles@ccysb.com. For more information about the Centre County Youth Service Bureau [Click Here](#)

Big thanks for donation

Thank you **Ron Evans** for donating 5 new rods, reels, and cases to use with our youth outreach programs. At last year's banquet, Ron was the recipient of a Flyfisher's Fly Shop prize which he generously turned into the rods and reels that are now ready to put into action with scouting troops, the mentors program run by **Bob Carline**, or other activities we hope to develop this summer and in the years to come.

Free TU Membership for women

National TU is offering free 1-year memberships for women. To sign up, [Click Here](#).

And speaking of women anglers...

The Central Pennsylvania Women Anglers will host its "Third Annual Joe Humphrey's Film Festival" Sunday, February 24 at 2 p.m. at Judi Sittler's home, 108 Gaslight Circle, State College PA 16801; 861-3277. The special guest will be **Gloria Humphreys**. All women anglers, novice or otherwise, are invited.

Looking Upstream...

By Judi Sittler

Looking back over the past year, I think we can be very proud of our accomplishments as a chapter and proud of the people who make this chapter work.

Let's start with fundraising. The banquet is our cornerstone for operational expenses. **Jim Purtell** and his committee did a great job putting it all together, giving us a fun



night, and making it a profitable evening. He and his crew are now primed and ready for April 6, 2013 at the Mountain View Country Club (formerly the Elks Country Club) for our 40th Anniversary celebration.

In June of 2012 we participated in the first "Centre Gives" fundraiser run by the Centre Foundation. That netted us \$2,800. Not bad for a 36 hour internet event. We'll do that again in 2013 and better our numbers. In September of 2012 we were one of four organizations who participated in and will be the recipient of funds collected from the State College Rotary Club's annual sandwich sale. Those proceeds will purchase equipment and materials for our youth programs. Thanks to **Rick Van Horn** for setting up the introduction to the Rotary Club.

The big feather in our cap was the \$69,800 grant we were awarded by National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) in August 2012. This Small Watershed Grant was provided by the Chesapeake Bay Stewardship Fund. **Bob Vierck** was extremely instrumental in getting that grant proposal to press and he is now our main man on the ground seeing that the job gets done. Spring 2013 will see us working on the lower McCoy Dam area in Milesburg followed by the parking lots at Fisherman's Paradise and "The Rock."

Let's look at individuals who have given so many hours to this chapter in 2012 plus many years before that. **Bill Brusse** was president of this chapter for at least 5 years and gave many years of his expert advice to our conservation causes. **Chris Haser** stepped down as a board member but will remain our Stream Clean-Up organizer (April 20, 2013), as well as the chapter's coordinator of the PATU youth program called Wayne's Coldwater Kids (April 28, 2013). He will always be our Spring Creek Chapter ambassador holding court at Fisherman's Paradise. **Chris Hennessey** is and will remain our excellent Tertiary Treatment newsletter editor even though he has stepped down from the board. He will continue to help us with projects from time to time and be our go to guy for news and advertising advice.

There is one more man that deserves a standing ovation. That guy is **Al Phillips**. After at least 10 years of planning every detail of our general meetings, he has decided that it was time for him to see what it feels like to just show up at a meeting and not have any responsibilities. Al has given us so much of his time and talent to the general membership. He has served on the board. He puts his boots on the ground for stream clean-up day and boots in the stream to help PA Fish & Boat do their annual redd count. Al is always willing to lend a hand and I'm sure that won't stop. So when you see Al, let him know how much we appreciated his "talent searching" all these years for good monthly presentations.

I'm looking forward to working and playing with all of you in the coming year.

Happy New Year,

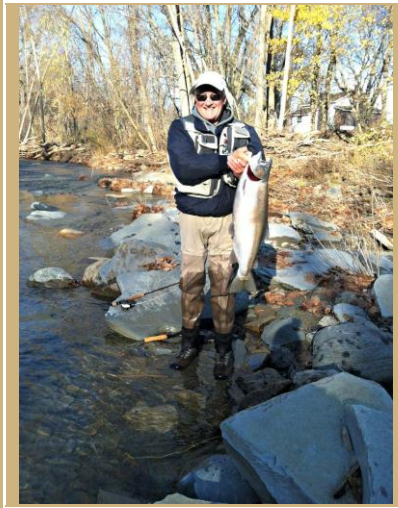
Judi

From the stream....

Here is SCCTU member **Art Kempf** with a nice steelhead he landed below the Route 5 bridge on 20 Mile near North East, Pennsylvania. Way to go, Art!

Send us your fish tales (real or imagined) and photos of your catch or anything else you may see of interest while streamside.

Email submissions to **Chris Hennessey** at c.hennessey@comcast.net



Art Kempf