

Tertiary Treatment

The Newsletter of the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Al Phillips was given a token of our appreciation for the 10 years he devoted to organizing our monthly meetings, including our excellent speakers and presenters. He will now be found in the audience, enjoying the presentations and perhaps fishing with his new, engraved fly box in his vest. **Mark Pencak** will be our new general meeting organizer, with help from the SCCTU board. Thanks, Al, for all of your fine service.

Grant to fund stream education

Our chapter is proud to announce that we were awarded a grant for \$3,800 from the Water Resources Education Network (WREN) in conjunction with the League of Women Voters, Pennsylvania-Citizen Education Fund. The WREN Project supports community-based efforts across Pennsylvania to build informed citizens who will protect local water resources with water friendly public policies and hands on work. We were one of only 12 Pennsylvania organizations to be awarded this funding.

Bob Vierck and **Judi Sittler** will be attending a two day workshop in June to get trained in methods that will help educate streamside owners on the importance of keeping or planting deep rooted vegetation along the stream banks.

Our plan is to do a backyard makeover for some lucky homeowner, to show the public how a streamside owner can enjoy the stream and be a good streamside steward who understands what is required for a watershed to be healthy. The health of our watershed ultimately increases the health of the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Our partners will include the UAJA, College Township, and Harris Township. We will target streamside owners from Boalsburg to Houserville.



The WREN grant will be used in part to transform one streamside property from poor riparian condition, above, to good riparian condition, below.



Volunteers needed for stream work

Starting June 24, our chapter, in coordination with PA Fish & Boat, will begin work on the Milesburg site at the Commercial Street Bridge. This is the start of work funded by a National Fish and Wildlife Foundation- Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed Grants awarded to our chapter in 2012.

We will need volunteers to assist in this work. Please contact Bob Vierck at rvierck@verizon.net or call at (814) 360-3702 to discuss volunteer opportunities.

Thanks to all who gave to TU!

A big thank you to our 39 donors to the Centre Gives campaign. Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited raised \$1,850 towards our "Spring Creek: A Watershed Worth the Future" campaign to establish an endowment to protect and preserve this wonderful stream. This endowment is in the final stages of construction and will assure the future viability of our chapter and the SpringCreek watershed.



The winners of the donation prizes are:

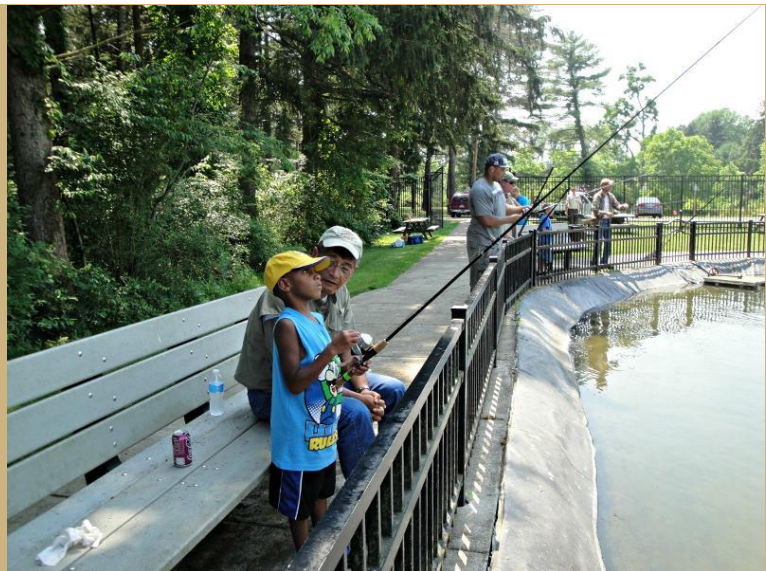
1st donation Wednesday - **Rick Van Horn**

1st donation Thursday - **Nancy Silverman**

Last donation - **Greg Hoover**

Largest donation - **Scott Brumbaugh**

But the real winner is the protection and preservation of Spring Creek.



TU member **Jim Lanning** instructs a young angler at the 2012 Take a Kid Fishing event. Volunteers are still need for this year.

Upcoming Events: Volunteers Needed

Take a Kid Fishing

June 14 from 1 to 3 pm

Bob Carline has scheduled a fishing event with the Youth Services Bureau and its Big Brother/Big Sister program. We will be fishing at the US Fish & Wildlife Hatchery in Lamar. We need volunteers with some fishing knowledge, although the fishing there is rather abnormal and easy. **Contact Bob Carline** at m-bcarline@comcast.net

Krislund Camp

June 17 and 18 from 9 am to 3 pm

We will be teaching camp youth in grades 5 to 9 some fly fishing skills plus aquatic insect identification and coldwater fish habitat conservation. The second day will be fishing at the US Fish &

Wildlife Hatchery and a second location yet to be determined. **Contact Judi Sittler** at jsittler@comcast.net

Buffer Buddies

June 24 & 25 from 10 am to Noon

Milesburg Community Park

The Spring Creek Chapter, working with PA Fish & Boat Commission, will be constructing in-stream structures to stop stream bank erosion along Spring Creek at the Commercial Street Bridge in Milesburg. Come watch the action then join us at the Milesburg Community Park to teach families the basics of fly casting, knot tying and stream insect identification.

Contact Judi Sittler at jsittler@comcast.net



Kristen Saacke Blunk, shown above with SCCTU Vice President **Bob Vierck** helping to plan the Lower McCoy Bank Stabilization and Riparian project in Milesburg, was awarded the 2013 George Harvey Memorial Spring Creek Heritage Award in May. The award is presented jointly by SCCTU and ClearWater Conservancy to individuals who have made an impact on the health and conservation of Spring Creek.

TIC fish released by students

Science teacher **Joe Walker** at Mt. Nittany Middle School, took three classrooms (90 students) on a day-long field trip to the Snow Shoe area to release their fingerling brook trout into the South Fork of Beech Creek. They raised the brookies from eggs as part of the TU and PA Fish & Boat sponsored TIC program.

After the release, they spent the rest of the day learning how water

is being treated to reduce the effects of acid mine drainage. They also had hands on experience testing water from good and bad stream conditions.

Our chapter currently is supporting three teachers in the TIC program. In September we will add **Nick Reitz**, a 5th grade science teacher at Park Forest Elementary School, as one of the teachers we support.



Teacher **Joe Walker** and his students at their release site.

SCCTU project history available

Member **Art Kempf** has written a history of stream habitat grant and projects titled **Spring Creek Chapter TU - Grants and Habitat Projects 1999-2012**. [Click here to download this fantastic report](#). We are indebted to Art for the research and effort that went into this document. It is available on the website on the stream projects page. It is an example of the accomplishments toward the preservation of "Spring Creek: A Watershed Worth the Future."

Some of the accomplishments during this period were:

- 8 Habitat restoration projects at 6 sites
- McCoy Linn Dam Phases I and II
- Sheep Farm Phase 1 and II, Spring Creek Park
- "Rt. 550" - Beezer Distillery
- Fisherman's Paradise
- Buffalo Run (Benner Township Park)
- 130 Habitat enhancement devices
- 8750 feet of stream improvements
- \$441,000 (not including the McCoy Dam Removal)

We are indebted to Art for documenting these accomplishments.



Dave Holmes of Flyfisher's Paradise teaches kids about fly tying at the opening of "Waterways - An artistic exploration of the streams and rivers of central Pennsylvania". This set of exhibits and activities continues through July. The opening was held May 5th. Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited is partnering this event with Clearwater Conservancy, the Bellefonte Art Museum, and the Centre County Conservation District. For more information about the exhibits and associated events, [Click Here.](#)