

Tertiary Treatment

The Newsletter of the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Date Change: January Meeting

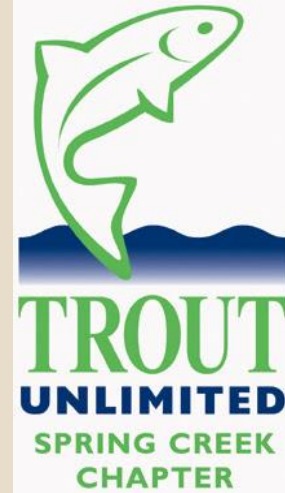
The first Thursday of 2014 is January 2nd, so the Board of Directors decided to postpone the general meeting one week to January the 9th. Please note that this meeting will also be the election of the Board of Directors. At this point, the following Board Members have been renominated to the Board:

Mark Pencak (meeting coordinator)
Rick Van Horn (Treasurer)
Paula Sowers (membership)
Scott Brumbaugh (Secretary)
Robert Vierck (Vice President)

In addition, Jim Lanning has been nominated.

There are several additional board openings, and if you would like to nominate or are willing to serve please contact Judi Sittler (pres@springcreektu.org) or Bob Vierck (vpres@springcreektu.org).

All nominees will be posted in the December Tertiary Treatment. Remember that nominations may also be made at the January meeting.



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Please support the important conservation and education work of the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Donate securely with your credit card by clicking the button below.



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Membership:**

453

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**Member
Meetings**

Our membership meetings,



Community Outreach - Jim Voigt with the Hennessy Clan

free and open to all, are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The first floor meeting is held on the first floor at the Comfort Suites on North Atherton Street in State College. [Click here for complete calendar.](#)

Dec. 5

Barry Eckwahl, steelhead expert known to many of our members, is our speaker for December. Barry will discuss techniques, flies, and bait setups for fishing for steelhead that have seen too many fishermen and every fishing pattern known to mankind.

December 13

Holiday Party at Judi Sittler's
Time - 6pm - 9pm

Where - 108 Gaslight Circle, State College, Pa (This is the Lemont area off Elmwood St. [map](#)). Parking is in the overflow lot opposite 108 Gaslight Circle or on the right side only, of Gaslight Circle.

The SCCTU Board of Directors will be providing the food. Guests should bring their own beverage and bring a spouse or friend.

For more information, email emailpres@springcreektu.org or call 861-3277 ([map](#))

January 9, 2014 General Meeting

Elections and "Your Spring Creek TU" Elections of the Board of Directors and Bob Vierck will present "Your Spring Creek TU". This is a

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Volunteer of the Month - Art Kempf



Art Kempf with Tyler Neimond

Art is the volunteer's volunteer. Art has participated in every project work day since 2004. He always carries more than his load - and all project managers attempt to schedule work at times when Art is available. A retired executive from Kimberly-Clark, he moved to State College from Wisconsin - our gain and their loss. Art is the author of "Down on the Farm - things are looking up for Spring Creek's wild trout" an article in the 2008, Summer PA Trout publication ([Click Here](#)). He also authored "Spring Creek Chapter TU - Grants and Habitat Projects 1999 - 2012" ([Click Here](#)). In addition, Art is an accomplished fly tyer and instructor, as well as a fabulous baker. He is famous for his Apple Walnut Cake!!

Jim Lanning - Chairman of Banquet Committee

The banquet committee is hard at work planning the 41st Annual SCCTU Banquet and Fundraiser. Jim is working with his committee to make this one of the best in our history. Members of the Committee are: Judi Sittler, Paula Sowers, Dave Dudukovitch, Rick Van Horn, Scott Brumbaugh, Lynn Mitchell, Mark Pencak, and Bob Vierck.

presentation given by Bob to the Spring Creek Watershed Association that outlines some of the history and accomplishments of SCCTU over the years.

February General Meeting Steve Galleta

Steve is a guide on the Big Horn River, MT

March 6 General Meeting George Daniel

George is a two-time United States National Champion fly-fisherman. He is the former coach of the USA Youth Team and is the current coach of the Adult team. He is author of "Dynamic Nymphing" - a book that is becoming an all time classic.

March 29 41st Annual Banquet Fundraiser

In 127 days at the Mountain View Country Club.

April, 3 General Meeting To be announced

**May 7
General Meeting**
Larry Fennessey, PSU engineer to talk about the PSU storm water program.

**June 1
General Meeting**
UAJA plant off Shilo Road to have a tour of the plant and hear how the UAJA is treating the waste water to the highest standards in the industry.

June 7



Jim Lanning at work!!!

The 41st SCCTU Banquet and Fundraiser is only **127 days** from now - We have placed a [Countdown Timer on our website](#) so that nobody will miss it! Make plans now - March 29, 2014 at the Mountain View Country Club.



One hundred and seventy-five "My Heathy Stream" books have been sorted, placed in envelopes, labeled, stamped and delivered to homeowners along Spring Creek from Pine

TU Family Picnic
 Spring Creek Park, Pavilion #3
 Time: 2:00pm - 6:30pm
 Puddintown Rd. and Imoral Way, State College, PA 16801 ([map](#))
 Save the date

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 for a complete
Calendar of Events

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

Officers

Judi Sittler
 President

Bob Vierck
 Vice President

Rick Van Horn
 Treasurer

Scott Brumbaugh
 Secretary

Board of Directors

Bob Donaldson

Jim Purtell

Bill Voigt

Lynn Mitchell

Mark Pencak

Paula Sowers

Email newsletter
 editor
 Chris Hennessey

Grove Mills to Houserville.



Ginger, Stuart, Judi and Bob packing the books



Mark Belden delivering to the Post Office

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SPRING CREEK

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Trout in the Classroom

Pictured here is Dave Truesdale, SCCTU member and lead person for our Trout in the Classroom on November 4, 2013 at the Benner Springs Fish Hatchery

Here he is sorting viable brook trout eggs before packing in plastic bags filled with oxygen, sealed, and shipped, along with special fish food, to 250 teachers in Pennsylvania. The teachers will raise the eggs to fingerlings and release them into F&B approved waters sometime in May or June.



Dave Truesdale



Jessica Martin, Penns Valley Middle School

Jessica Martin, Penns Valley Middle School teacher is showing her students the shipment of eyed brook trout eggs delivered to her from our chapter. The eggs are provided by the PA Fish & Boat hatchery

in Benner Springs. Volunteers from TU chapters, PATU, and Fish & Boat work together to bring brook trout eggs to 250 classrooms throughout Pennsylvania. Our chapter has four teachers "under our wing."

The newest teacher is Nick Reitz at Park Forest Elementary School. The other two teachers are Joe Walker at Mt. Nittany Middle School and Jade Thompson at Bald Eagle High School.

SCCTU Endowment

In 2013, the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited established an Endowment Fund through the Centre Foundation. By contributing to the SCCTU's endowment, donors can make a lasting difference for the Spring Creek Watershed. More information regarding the [Centre Foundation](http://www.centre-foundation.org) can be found at www.centre-foundation.org For more information regarding the SCCTU Endowment [Click Here](#)



Riparian Planting at Lower McCoy Bank Stabilization Project

The Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited Endowment Fund conserve, protects, and restores Spring Creek and its tributaries. It is essential to the future of the watershed that we continue this support into the future.

To contribute to the endowment fund on line, [Click Here](#).

or print the [PLEDGE SHEET \(pdf\)](#) and send to the address below:

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited
c/o Rick Van Horn
425 Canterbury Rd.
State College, PA 16803

For more information, email
pres@springcreektu.org

New Zealand Mudsnail in Spring Creek

The Board is exploring the possible placing signage along Spring Creek.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) confirmed the

presence of the aquatic invasive species known as New Zealand mudsnail (*Potamopyrgus antipodarum*) in Spring Creek, Centre County.

New Zealand mudsnails are small, measuring less than one-quarter inch, with a long, narrow, coiled shell with deep grooves. Like other aquatic invasive species, they disrupt ecosystems by rapidly multiplying and competing with native species for space and food.

The PFBC is reminding anglers and boaters that cleaning their gear is the easiest, most effective means of preventing its spread to other waters.

New Zealand mudsnails require some specialized disinfection measures. Gear should be visually inspected and any clinging matter should be removed and disposed of in the trash. To kill mudsnails, three methods are effective. Gear can be frozen for a minimum of six hours, or it can be soaked in hot water - 120°F to 140°F - for five minutes. This last method is not recommended for Gortex.

Mudsnails can also be killed by soaking gear for five minutes in a one-to-one solution of Formula 409® Cleaner Degreaser Disinfectant and water. After soaking gear for five minutes, thoroughly rinse it with plain water. Simply spraying gear with the disinfectant or the mixture does not work. Also, general cleaners have not been shown to be effective against the mudsnail.

For more information about New Zealand mudsnail, visit http://www.paseagrant.org/fact_sheet_group/invasive-species/

Our Mission

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