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Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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New Year, New Look

SCCTU gets a makeover for 2014! You'll see a fresh new look for our Chapter and new features added to our newsletter throughout the year. We'd like to hear what you think.

Please send comments and ideas for upcoming issues to [Newsletter Comments](#)

Creek Side Scenes

Even a snowy New Year's Eve is a good time to fish!

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Our Mission

*To conserve, protect and restore
Spring Creek's
coldwater fishery and
watershed*

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Special Events

**Only 67 days until the
41st Annual Dinner
and Fundraiser!**

Saturday, March 29
Mountain View Country
Club

[\(Details\)](#)



Spending quality time together near Fishermans Paradise

A big thank you to Pat and Logan for agreeing to be in our first installment of ***Creek Side Scenes***.

Each month will showcase a member submitted photo or story of the sights along our local waterways.

Please send us your photos. The day's big catch, friends and family enjoying the creek, our beautiful scenery and wildlife or anything that interests you.

Submit your photo to: [***Creek Side Scenes***](#)

Board of Directors Elected

Congratulations to **Bob Vierck**, our newly elected Chapter President. Our former Vice President and long time TU member, Bob is a proven leader who will keep our Chapter active and successful. In addition to his duties as President he is our Conservation Committee Chair and webmaster.

Paula Sowers was elected Vice President. She joined the Board in 2013 and has volunteered for many of our projects. Paula is our Membership chair and assists Bob with public relations.

Judi Sittler, who completed two terms as President, remains on the Board as the Youth/Education Committee Chair.

TU Family Picnic

June 7, 2:00-6:30pm
Spring Creek Park
Pavilion #3
[***\(map\)***](#)

Member Meetings

Join us the first Thursday of each month, 7:30 pm, to hear speakers on a variety of subjects related to conservation and fishing. Bring a friend, meetings are free and everyone is welcome.

[***Upcoming Meetings & Location***](#)

[***Complete Calendar of Events***](#)

Board Meetings

Board meetings are open to all members and held at the State College Comfort Suites, 7pm.

[***Meeting Schedule***](#)

Board of Directors

Bob Vierck
President

Paula Sowers
Vice President

Scott Brumbaugh
Secretary

Rick Van Horn
Treasurer

Bob Donaldson
David Dudukovich
Jim Lanning
Lynn Mitchell
Mark Pencak
Judi Sittler

Secretary **Scott Brumbaugh**, Treasurer **Rick Van Horn** and Meeting Coordinator **Mark Pencak** were re-elected and will continue their excellent work.

Welcome **David Dudukovich** and **Jim Lanning** to the 2014 Board. Both are active chapter volunteers. Their experience and dedication to our causes will be a valuable addition. Both are serving on the committee planning the 41st Annual Dinner and Fundraiser.



Front: Judi Sittler, Bob Vierck, Paula Sowers
Back from left: Scott Brumbaugh, Bill Voight,
Rick Van Horn, Mark Pencak, Lynn Mitchell,
Jim Lanning and David Dudukovich
Not shown, Bob Donaldson

[**More Information Available Here**](#)

Message from the New President



I would like to take this opportunity to thank our past "Madame President", **Judi Sittler**, for a job well done. During Judi's four years as president, much was accomplished. I list some items below, but most important is that Judi brought an infectious enthusiasm to our chapter. That enthusiasm resulted in increases in membership, attendance at meetings, volunteerism, and camaraderie.

Some of Judi's accomplishments include:

- An extensive outreach program that Judi calls "Table Events" such as Penn State's Arbor Day, the Spring Creek Family Festival, State College's Light Step, Right Step, Port Maltida's Outdoor Sportsman Show, Earth Day, the Bellefonte Art Museum's Waterways, and many more.
- Extension of the children's education program including Krislund Camp, the Youth Service Bureau's Take a Kid Fishing, expanding the Trout in the Classroom program to four schools, hosting the first National TU Teen Summit, and the Buffer Buddies outreach.
- Establishment and the funding of the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited's endowment fund through Centre Foundation and participation in the Centre Gives campaign.
- Obtaining a WREN grant for Streamside Owner's Return the Roots - Runoff Pollutes stream improvement.
- Continuation of a rich in-stream and riparian planting program via a NFWF (National Fish and Wildlife Foundation) grant and the resultant Lower McCoy bank stabilization project.
- Participation as a partner in the Spring Creek Watershed Association.

I'm pleased that Judi is staying on the board and will be as active as ever. She is our new Youth/Education Committee chair. With her help, many more children and adults will be introduced to conservation, fishing and caring for Spring Creek.

Sincerely,



Bob Vierck, President

Volunteer of the Month



Jason Detar, Fisheries Manager, North East Region, of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) is a valuable friend and partner. He has a long history working with our chapter to restore Spring Creek and improve its natural habitat. Jason has always gone beyond the norm assisting the chapter in developing stream improvement plans and projects.

A prime example is Jason spending hours of his own time reviewing our National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) grant. With his help, the grant was fully funded to the tune of nearly \$70,000. He was instrumental in getting Spring Creek designated a "priority" stream for PFBC. This allows us to utilize their resources on a higher priority basis.

We are pleased to be helping Jason with an Angler Use Survey along the middle and lower Spring Creek this spring. He is proactive in participating with SCCTU and its goal in conserving, protecting and restoring our watershed.

Jason will be giving an excellent presentation at our April 3rd general membership meeting, discussing future opportunities and threats to the fishery in the Spring Creek Watershed.

41st Annual Dinner and Fundraiser, March 29, 2014 News and Updates from the Committee

We need your help to make this year's event a success.

Do you know a person or business willing to donate goods or services for auction? Fishing or non-fishing items welcome.

Or, do you

know potential **sponsors** willing to make a monetary donation? Sponsors receive recognition at the event and beyond.

Send information to [Fundraising Ideas](#)

New on the auction block...

Greg Hoover, widely acknowledged as the world's most knowledgeable fly fishing entomologist, will take two people on a **half-day trip** that includes learning about and examining aquatic



macroinvertebrates in our local streams and, of course, some time fly fishing.

Greg received his Master's degree based on a thesis researching Penns Creek's famous green drake hatch. Greg has conducted hundreds of seminars on the identification and imitation of trout stream insects and their relatives. Greg teaches entomology at the Pennsylvania State University's main campus, where he is also the faculty advisor to the Penn State Fly Fishing Club. He was the recipient of the George Harvey Award for unselfishly promoting the sport of fly fishing through teaching of others. Greg is also the co-author of "Great Rivers, Great Hatches" (Stackpole) and has written various research reports and publications. Don't miss the opportunity to learn from the best.

New for 2014....

We're pleased to announce that the Tussey Mountain Trio will provide music this year's event. They're sure to liven things up.

February Member Meeting

Join us **Monday, February 6th** for our general meeting.

Speaker: Steve Galletta,
Big Horn River, MT guide

Steve Galletta and Pete Shanafelt are the co-owners of the Bighorn Angler fly shop, guide service and lodge. They will be presenting some of their experiences on the Bighorn and demonstrating how to tie their "must have" black caddis patterns (very comparable to the Grannom Caddis on Spring Creek). They will also be tying blue wing olive patterns that work on the Bighorn and should also work on Spring Creek.



Where and when: 7:30pm, Comfort Suites on North Atherton Street, first floor meeting room, 7:30 pm

Interesting Meetings in our Area

There are many opportunities to learn about conservation and the environment in our area. Here are some upcoming opportunities:

Medications in the Environment, February 12.

This talk is partially sponsored by SCCTU.
The Spring Creek Watershed Commission is sponsoring Dr. Andrew Peterson on "Medications in the Environment". He will speak about the entrance of medications from various sources into our waterways and some forms of aquatic life.
Wednesday, February 12, 7pm - 9pm, Dreibelbis Auditorium, Mt. Nittany Medical Centre

Invasive plant program, February 26

Learn about invasive plants and how they impact our forests and waterways. The Woodland Owners Association of Centre County and Penn State Extension-Centre County are pleased to be providing a presentation on invasive plants and how to select native alternatives. Wednesday, February 26, 7pm-8:30pm, Foxdale Village Auditorium (500 E Marylyn Ave), State College

Keystone Coldwater Conference, February 21-22.

A two day conference devoted to sharing of ideas and concepts among diverse groups with the common interest of conserving, protecting and resorting our coldwater resources.
For more information: [Keystone Coldwater Conference](#)

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