

# News from the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited



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## Historic Bellefonte Cruise Donates to SCCTU



"The Historic Bellefonte Cruise", sponsored by Historic Bellefonte Incorporated (HBI), chose SCCTU to be a beneficiary of their ongoing community support after this year's 26th annual event. Bill Pantle, from Bellefonte Cruise, and an SCCTU member, presented Chapter President Robert Vierck with the \$500 contribution.

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## Our Mission

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

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## Member Meetings

Join us the first Thursday of the month, 7:30 pm, to hear speakers on a variety of fishing and conservation subjects.

Bring a friend, meetings are free and everyone is welcome.

[Complete Calendar of Events](#)

## Board Meetings

Board meetings are open to all members. They are held at the State College Comfort Suites

[Meeting Schedule](#)

The contribution recognized SCCTU and how the Chapter's work helps attract fishermen to the area. The Board of HBI was particularly interested in the role SCCTU played in making the planned Flood Wall and Walkway along Spring Creek in downtown Bellefonte habitat friendly for trout.

Profits from the event go back to the community and to support other HBI sponsored events such as Victorian Christmas. Other recipients have included scholarship funds, children's educational materials and Bellefonte police, etc. The Historic Bellefonte Cruise draws some people 10,000 annually.

### George Harvey Spring Creek Heritage Award



Spring Creek Trout Unlimited and ClearWater Conservancy presented this year's George Harvey Spring Creek Heritage Award posthumously to **Jim McClure**.

Jim was staunch advocate for environment and the Spring Creek watershed. He was one of the founders and the first president of the ClearWater Conservancy and served on the State College Borough

Council and Planning Commission. He is known for his cartoon titled "We're All in the Same Bathtub". Created in 1981, its message of conservation is still as true now as it was then.

### Board of Directors

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### Project Update – Backyard Makeover, Slab Cabin Run Planting

Work continues in conjunction with our recent Backyard Makeover project. More deep rooted trees and shrubs were planted on both sides of Slab Cabin Run. Two large trees, a Sycamore and a Tulip Poplar, were planted across the creek on the bike path side where more shaded was needed. Native shrubs were added to the sloping bank on the homeowner's side.

We will continue to monitor and plant in the area, which calls attention to the things a streamside homeowner can do to reduce erosion and filter pollutants before they enter the stream. Our hope is that high foot traffic on the bike path will provide opportunities to educate the public about the value of deep rooted vegetation along our streams. Thank you to Countryside Nursery's Bob Guenot, Willard Berry and Ron Guenot, and shrub planters Robert Fine, Daniela Torissi, and Sam Galt for their hard work.



Robert Fine, Daniela Torissi, and Sam Galt planting shrubs



From Countryside Nursery Bob Guenot, Willard Berry, Ron Guenot

Project Update – Fishermans Paradise and Rock Road Parking Areas

In another successful collaboration SCCTU and PA Fish and Boat recently completed in stream structures at Fishermans Paradise and parking lot improvements there and at Rock Road. Slideshows for each project are available on our website.

**Fishermans Paradise - Bank Stabilization, Stormwater and Parking Lot Improvements:**

Three multi-log deflectors were installed between the Stackhouse and the lower parking lot.

To combat poorly drained parking lots the area was re-graded and swales were built. Stone was installed to increase permeable surfaces and help eliminate standing water. Posts were installed around the perimeter to eliminate destructive parking practices.



Click here for the slideshow: [Slideshow](#)

**Rock Road Stormwater Abatement and Parking Lot Improvement**

The Rock Road site needed more in-depth work to correct the serious problem of stormwater runoff into the creek. The project included installation of a pipe to divert the culvert under the road to a new swale and wetlands. The parking lots were re-graded to move water into the swale, and stone installed. Posts were also installed here.

Click here for the slideshow: [Slideshow](#)





## Veterans Service Program Date Change

The new Veterans Service Program continues to be popular with Veterans and Chapter volunteers. **Now that we're into fall, the group will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at noon** at Fisherman's Paradise.

Click here for the updated flier: [VSP Fall Flyer](#). Please pass it on to any Veterans you know. We'd love to see them.

Four months into the program we have 25 retired and active Veterans from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines and 17 chapter volunteers, some of whom are veterans themselves. We designed our program to be inclusive and have had spouses and children (and dogs) fish with us. In addition to fishing and fly tying, program leader Jim Lanning coordinates contacts between the vets and professionals from many industries.



## SCCTU Brown Trout Logo on Your Shirt

Get our custom designed SCCTU Brown Trout logo stitched on your favorite shirt or fishing vest for only \$10.00.

You can drop off your shirt/vest at the November 6th general meeting or contact Judi or Dave to make other arrangements.

**Deadline: November 20, 2014**

Judi Sittler:  
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David Dudukovitch:  
[drd20@arl.psu.edu](mailto:drd20@arl.psu.edu), (814) 574-3965



## Makes a great Christmas gift!

### Save the Date for this Year's Holiday Party

This year's Holiday Party will be held Friday, December 12th from 6-9pm. The party is moving this year and will be held at the home of Vice President Paula Sowers. More details will follow.

### Get Involved!

We're proud that SCCTU is a very active chapter, but that means we need you. We're always looking for new people to get involved. There are a variety of ways - attend meetings, volunteer for projects, help on committees or serve on the board. Whatever your strengths or interests, there is a place for you. You can spend as much or as little time as you want.

- Attend meetings
- Submit photos or article ideas for the newsletter or Facebook page
- Conservation (In stream work and riparian plantings, upkeep and monitoring)
- Youth and community outreach
- Veterans Service Program
- Committee member
- Board of Directors
- Administrative (mailings, event planning, etc)
- Fundraising (prize or donation solicitation, event staff, etc)

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