Lynn Mitchell Elected Chapter President

A native of Lewistown, PA 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 learning to be a warm water bass fisherman on the Juniata River, and while fly fishing is very new to him, he is learning lots from the chapter monthly presentations and our helpful members. Lynn and Julie have a son who resides in State College and a daughter in Lewistown.

Lynn has been an active board member and volunteer's regularly with conservation, outreach and veteran service programs. He has BS in Business Management from Point Park University, Pittsburgh, PA and an MBA from Penn State.

Chapter elects four new board members

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To conserve, prote

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Spring Creek's
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September meeting

Mt. Nittany Vineyard

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September 7th.
Ford was born and raised in rural upstate New York. As a kid he enjoyed fishing and hunting with his father. He spent 25 years in the Navy after college, including a tour in Iceland where he was exposed to salmon fishing using flies. Ford worked at Penn State for almost 20 years. During this time he started fly fishing in the local streams. Always interested in environmental issues, he was Penn State’s representative on the board of ClearWater Conservancy for 12 years and remains active with them. A member of TU and the chapter for several years, he helped facilitate development of the chapter’s strategic plan. Now that he is retired he hopes to find more time to fish and become more active in the chapter. His other interests include: spending time with his grand kids, membership on the Mount Nittany Health System board, Penn State Sports, and figuring out retirement..."

Ford was elected Chapter Vice President.

Frances was born and raised in Philadelphia PA, but spent weekends and summers in Ocean City NJ. She spent a lot of time on the ocean and fresh water fishing with her father and brother. She moved to Centre County, 48 years ago so that her husband, Dick, could attend Penn State as an undergrad. Her career has been in the banking and investment industries. Frances has served on the boards of several local non-profit organizations and chaired the Centre County Youth Service Bureau On the Fly Tournament for the past 4 years. Dick enjoyed fly and spin fishing most of his life and has been a member of SCCTU and served on the board for a number of years. Fran started to fish with him and joined TU about 15 years ago. They have had some great freshwater and saltwater fly fishing experiences on local streams, North Carolina, Alaska and the Bahamas and have made great fishing friends along the way.

Frances was elected Chapter Secretary
Jamie spent most of her childhood in Meshoppen, a small town in Northeastern Pennsylvania. She grew up spin fishing with her older brother and cousins in the backyard creek, Susquehanna River, and local ponds. During her Penn State career she worked part time at the local YMCA as a lifeguard and personal trainer. She also played softball at the collegiate level and was on the PSU boxing team. Jamie graduated from Penn State with a bachelor’s degree in kinesiology with an emphasis in Fitness Studies in 2010. She began her career working for the YMCA of Centre County. She often thought about starting a new and challenging sport and purchased her first fly fishing rod in 2013. As the Director of Community Outreach and a self taught fly fisherman, she partnered with the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited on a Trout in the Classroom type tank at the YMCA – the highly successful Y-Trout Program. As the proud sister of a United States Marine, she became actively involved the Veteran Service Program as a Stream Side Mentor. In addition to fly fishing, Jamie spends her time with her dog Jesse and enjoys hunting, going to country music concerts, wine tasting, and working out in the gym.

Bob is a Staff Attorney at Penn State University active in water law and policy, wildlife and fisheries issues, and the food–energy–water relationship. Prior to Penn State, he worked for the Pennsylvania Game Commission in Harrisburg, PA. He has published in several legal publications on water policy and the Endangered Species Act. Bob is a member of the American Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association, and American Water Resources Association, where he serves on the policy committee for the national organization. He received his B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Science from Penn State University and his J.D. from Penn State Law. In his spare time he is an avid bow hunter, fisherman, and enjoys backpacking in the Adirondacks. Bob has a passion for determining the future of eastern U.S. water management and the potential impacts on cold water fisheries from population increases, new users, and weather variability. In addition, he is a beginner fly fisherman.

Save the Date – 45th Annual Dinner and FUNdraiser
It's time to start looking ahead to our annual fundraising banquet for 2018. The donations have started coming in and it looks to be another good year! The banquet is always a fun event. It's a great chance for you to meet like minded sportsmen and women while supporting a good cause.

We would love your help gathering donations and sponsorships – or ideas for new sources for both – or your help staffing the event. Please contact Paula Sowers at springcreektu@gmail.com or 301-351-593 if you have ideas, donations or can help. Invitations will be coming out soon.

We hope to see you there!

When: March 24 2018
Where: Ramada Inn and Conference Center
Time: 6:00pm – 9:30pm

Upcoming General Meetings

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<td>February 1</td>
<td>The Penn State Fly Fishing Club members will be demonstrating their fly tying prowess at our Feb. General Meeting. Please join us for this popular event.</td>
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<td>March 1</td>
<td>Mark Nale, outdoor writer and photographer, will be doing a presentation on the Flora and Fauna of Spring Creek</td>
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<td>April 5</td>
<td>Steve Galletta, owner of Big Horn Anglers, will present to us on fishing the Big Horn River in Montana.</td>
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<td>May 3</td>
<td>John Arway of the Fish and Boat Commission</td>
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Meeting Location: Comfort Suites Inn, 132 Village Drive, State College, Pa 16803

Women Anglers Meetings

The SCCTU Women Anglers have a whole lineup of meetings and outings for women interested in fly fishing. Please RSVP for any of the events by contacting Diane Brown at dmb490@gmail.com.
contact Diane with questions.

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<td>2pm – 4pm</td>
<td>Schlow Library</td>
<td>• Intro to SCCTU, Women Angle and VSP&lt;br&gt;• Fly Fishing 101</td>
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<td>2pm – 4pm</td>
<td>Schlow Library</td>
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<td>Stream Prep</td>
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<td>Sunday, April 15</td>
<td>2pm</td>
<td>Penns Creek (fly-fishing)</td>
<td>Tom Doman, fly-fishing guide, will provide assistance for us.</td>
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<td>Sunday, May 20</td>
<td>5pm</td>
<td>Benner Spring (fly-fishing)</td>
<td>• Sulphur Hatch Review&lt;br&gt;• How to fish dry flies&lt;br&gt;• How to fish the hatch</td>
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Redd Count Results

Forty-four SCCTU volunteers conducted the 2017 Redd Count during November. Coordinated by Kate Lemon, this year’s Redd Count was the third expanded count that included greater detail and a finer breakdown of the redds on Spring Creek. Many of the volunteers did their count on Sunday, November 1 and were rewarded with chili by Lynn Mitchell. The weather this year was cold but a lot less windy. It was a very successful event.

The total number of redds for 2017 was 1,236, which was down from both 2015 (1,945) and 2016 (1,597). This count was the lowest since 2000. However, there was quite a bit of variability this year: It may have been due to fairly high water with poor visibility. It is notable that some sections hosted more redds than prior years, while others had significantly less. This could be due to changes in the stream flow, especially the low flow in 2016. It will be recommended that we evaluate some of the lower-count sections very carefully next year.

The raw data going back to 1987 is available [here](#).

PA’s Pilot STREAM Girls Project – Volunteers Needed
We are launching a new STREAM (Science, Technology, Recreation, Engineering, Arts, Math) Girls pilot program in Pennsylvania. It is a TU designed conservation patch that the Girl Scouts can earn during a two day (week-end) program.

We are looking for any TU volunteers from across the state to participate in the training and then the program itself. Based on our experiences, other regions can plan for this program.

**Instructor Training:**
When: May 5th & 6th, 2018
Where: PFBC’s Central Region Office (CRO) Bellefonte, & Fisherman's Paradise (in-field) training.
Training conducted by TU's Franklin Tate & Tara Granke, assisted by PATU's Amidea Daniel and Judi Sittler

**PA's Pilot STREAM Girls Weekend Program**
When: July 27th – 29th, 2018
Where: Sieg Conference Center, Lamar (along Fishing Creek)

Please contact: Judi Sittler (814) 861-3277, jlsittler@comcast.net, or Amidea Daniel, adaniel@pa.gov for more information and to sign up for the training &/or program.

**VSP Winter Program and Schedule**
Announcing the 2018 SCCTU VSP Winter Fly Fishing Program Classes:

**Fly Fishing Tactics for Catching Trout**

This Program will include an introduction to all the aspects of fly fishing, including: the proper fly fishing equipment and setup, flies and hatches on local trout streams, hands-on fly rod casting instruction, manners on the stream, and techniques for catching trout in our local streams. There will be separate beginners and intermediate fly tying sections to the classes starting in January and February. All equipment and supplies will be provided. Classes are open to all.

Saturdays, January 13, January 20, January 27, February 10, February 17, February 24, March 3 and March 10, 1:00–3:00 PM

Classes will be held at the South Hills School of Business & Technology in State College (480 Wapendani Drive).

Please register for this free class and receive a class schedule and more information by contacting us by email.

Contact Dan Kerstetter at paflyfisher777@gmail.com or Jim Lanning at jlanningvsp@gmail.com to register.

[Click Here for more details.](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1129913887200&format=html&print=true)
Joe Humphreys and Greg Hoover to be honored by the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association – "A Night with Local Fly Fishing Legends"

The Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association has sponsored a Night with Local Fly Fishing Legends Humphreys and Greg Hoover... Learn about the "Little Blue–Winged Olive Hatch"

Saturday, February 24, 2018, 5:30PM–9:00PM
The Nittany Lion Inn, 200 West Park Avenue, State College, PA 16803

Each $45 dollar ticket includes drink ticket, dinner, presentation, raffle ticket and an accompanying take-home pattern booklet. Tickets may be purchased at www.paflyfishing.org Deadline to purchase tickets is February 16th, 2018.

Join them for an enlightening evening with fellow fly fishing enthusiasts! Funds raised will help support Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum Association in preserving the rich heritage of the sport and aid in conserving local waters.

Schedule of Events
5:30PM–6:30PM: Happy Hour and Tying Demonstrations
7:45PM–8:45PM: "The Biology and Fly Fishing an Important Mayfly Hatch Across the US: The Little Blue–Winged Olive Dun" Presented by Greg Hoover

Greg Hoover is widely acknowledged as North America's most knowledgeable fly fishing entomologist, and has been tying flies and fly fishing for more than 50 years. He teaches entomology and fly fishing courses at Pennsylvania State University, where he is also the faculty adviser to the Penn State Fly Fishing Club. He is an accomplished author on multiple aquatic entomology and fly fishing topics.

6:30PM–7:45PM: Dinner Celebrating Guest of Honor Joe Humphreys

Joe Humphreys, a Penn State University alumnus, always had a proclivity for the water and a passion for fishing since he caught his first trout at six years old. Today he is a nationally known fly fisherman, conservationist, author, and educator. A fly fishing instructor for over 40 years, his pupils have included former President Jimmy Carter, Vice President Richard Cheney, basketball coaching legend Bobby Knight, and many others. Join us as we celebrate his storied career, dedication the sport, commitment to nature preservation, and infectious spirit. He is the founder of the Spring Creek Chapter of TU.

8:45PM – 9:00PM: Raffles/Auctions"