

# Tertiary Treatment

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## SCCTU joins others in joint statement on drilling

Three central Pennsylvania conservation groups with a combined membership of about 2,200 joined together last week to petition their state legislators to implement six steps to safeguard natural resources and residents from the impacts of Marcellus Shale gas extraction in the Commonwealth.

### ClearWater

Conservancy, the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Sierra Club Moshannon Group delivered by hand or mailed the joint statement to the offices of state Sen. Jake Corman, and state Reps. Scott

Conklin, Kerry Benninghof and Mike Hanna.

The three conservation groups are united in the conviction that Pennsylvania's sad history of environmental disaster - including the clear cutting of vast forests by uncontrolled logging and later the contamination of thousands of miles of streams by a poorly regulated coal mining industry - must not be repeated.

The statement calls on the legislators to:

1) Establish a moratorium on all new drilling until effective regulations have been developed and can be

enforced.

2) Enact legislation requiring drillers to provide funds to state and local governments comparable to those required in other gas-producing states.

3) Empower and require regulatory agencies to protect public health and the environment from the impacts of drilling.

4) Require regulatory agencies to monitor the industry and collect cumulative data on environmental

impacts.

5) Amend the Pennsylvania Oil and Gas Act to include increased oversight, disclosure and environmental protection.

6) Enact legislation that prohibits forced pooling of unwilling landowners.

Also included in the joint statement document are the official position papers on Marcellus Shale drilling adopted by each of the three groups previously. 

**See the complete joint statement at [springcreektu.org](http://springcreektu.org).**



**CONSERVATION CHAMP...** Don Hamer, center, long-time State College-area conservationist and philanthropist, was honored June 18 for his many contributions with the 2011 Spring Creek Heritage Award. The presentation was made at ClearWater Conservancy's Spring Creek Family Festival. With Hamer are, from left: Bob Donaldson of Spring Creek Trout Unlimited; Jen Shuey of ClearWater; Kelleen Foster of ClearWater and Molly Hetrick of Millbrook Marsh.

## Donations of tying materials needed for Trout Camp

Part of our chapter's commitment to the CRPR / SCCTU Youth Flyfishing Camp held every July is to provide tying materials for use by the campers.

The materials listed below are needed this year. Please consider donating any of these materials you may already have or purchase a few extra items when you take in your summer tying supplies.

Contact Judi Sittler or Chris Hennessey and we will pick up your supplies. Thanks!

- Size 12 and 14 dry fly hooks.
- Size 12, 14 wet fly hooks, preferably 2xl.

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# EventsCalendar

## Charlie Meck to present 'Quick Trim Flies' in September

Sept. 1, 7:30 p.m.,  
Comfort Suites, State College

Our Membership Meeting for September will have a presentation by Charlie Meck entitled "Quick Trim Flies". Charlie is a prolific author on fly fishing, hatches, and fishing techniques as well as a fly tying expert and pattern originator. His topic is sure to be of interest to anyone who uses flies when fishing.

Meck, a lifelong Pennsylvania resident, has fished virtually every trout stream in the state. He has also fished throughout the Mid-Atlantic States, Arizona and New Mexico. When he is not fishing, he is writing, teaching, or speaking to a variety of groups. He lives in Pennsylvania Furnace.

## PFBC's Arway to address hot topics in October

Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m.  
Comfort Suites, State College

October's Membership Meeting features a talk by PA Fish and Boat Commission's Executive Director, John Arway.

John will speak on the topic "Straight Talk From John Arway - Issues of Current Interest". A 30-year veteran of the Commission, Arway has been in PFBC's "top job" since March 2010, after serving as chief of Environmental Services Division in the Bureau of Fisheries.

John is a native of North Huntingdon, and holds degrees in biology from the University of Pittsburgh (B.S.) and Tennessee Tech University (M.S.).

## Fly fishing clinic benefits St. Paul's

Joe Humphreys will host a Fly Fishing Clinic to benefit St. Paul's Church United Methodist Church in State College August 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sieg Conference Center of Lock Haven University, located on Fishing Creek in Lamar. The cost is \$125. Advance registration is required and space is limited. Participants should bring their own fishing license, fly rod, reel, line, leader, flies and waders.

To register, send name, address and contact information to Lou Geschwinder, 277 Ellen Ave., State College, PA 16801 or lfg@psu.edu. Payment should be made by check payable to St. Paul's United Methodist Church with 'Fly Fishing Clinic' in the memo line and mailed to the above address.

## Donations of materials needed for Trout Camp

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- Size 8 and 10 streamer hooks.
- Brass Bead Heads for all of the hook sizes above.
- Lead wire for hook shanks.
- Black foam sheets for beetles and ants (black foam cylinders work well for "instant ant" bodies).
- Woollybugger chenille, medium, (black, white, chartreuse).
- Marabou for bugger tails in colors above.
- Green weenie chenille (fine).
- Hares ear dubbing or the like (for muskrat nymph and Walt's worms).
- Rooster saddle hackle in the colors above for buggers.



**OUT AND ABOUT...** Board members Chris Haser and Bob Vierck man SCCTU's display at ClearWater Conservancy's Spring Creek Family Festival June 18.

# Summary of Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

## Summary of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of the Spring Creek Chapter of TU of May 16, 2011.

Minutes were approved at the Board meeting of June 13.

The complete Minutes will be posted on the Chapter's website.

## Request from the Little Juniata River Association (LJRA Boston):

Joe Boston, representing the LJRA, asked that the Chapter consider making a donation to the LJRA's 2011 Habitat project. The stream section to be improved is located upstream of the Riggles Gap Road Bridge. Grant applications for the project have been submitted but even if the applications are approved, the funds will not be available this year. The Board decided that it could not commit funds to this project because we are not sure that funds will be available for our own Chapter's planned projects for this year. However, several Board members said that because they often fish the Little J, they would be willing to make a personal donation. The Board agreed to send a note to Chapter members indicating the LJRA's need and that personal donations could be sent to Joe Boston and that they would be appreciated.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rick Van Horn reported that as of April 30 the Chapter's

net worth was \$48,673. There was discussion of what funds would be available this year for habitat projects. Rick agreed to work with Bill Brusse on this.

**New Bylaws:** The Board considered the proposed Bylaws that had been tentatively agreed upon at the April Board meeting. As no additional comments had been received from the membership, the Board voted 8-1 to adopt the proposed Bylaws. They will be posted on the Chapter website and copies will be sent to Pennsylvania Council of TU and to National TU.

**Annual Steak Fry:** This year's steak fry will be held on Saturday, June 11 at Poe Paddy State Park with Jay Lynch again the head chef. Further details will be published in the Chapter's Newsletter.

**Centre County Community Foundation (CCCF):** In a follow up to the discussion of the CCCF at the April Board meeting, Judi Sittler reported that Chapter member Dick Stevenson is looking into what would be required to establish an endowed fund with the CCCF that would benefit the Chapter.

**Joint Statement on Marcellus Shale Drilling:** Bob Eberhart reported that the committee working on a Joint Statement on Marcellus Shale drilling on behalf of ClearWater, the Sierra Club Moshannon Group and our Chapter

hopes to have a draft statement ready for consideration by the three groups within the next few weeks.

**Didymo Posters:** There was discussion of the threat posed to Spring Creek and other streams by didymo (*Didymosphenia geminata*). It is believed that these highly invasive algae may be carried from stream to stream on the felt soles of boots or waders. The Little Juniata River Association has prepared a poster to be displayed along the Little J that warns of this danger. There was discussion of whether similar signs should be posted along Spring Creek. The LJRA poster is designed specifically for display along the Little J and would need to be revised to be appropriate for Spring Creek. Bill Brusse will work on a revised poster for Spring Creek.

## Communications

**Committee report:** Chris Hennessey said that in order to make production of the Newsletter more efficient he would like to use a web-based system called Constant Contact. For \$120 per year this organization will provide web-based design tools and email the finished documents to the address list that we provide. There was also discussion of whether it was necessary to publish the complete minutes of Board meetings in the Newsletter. It was agreed that in the future the Secretary will prepare a

## Editor's Note:

In preparation for a pending format change to the electronic newsletter, we will publish a summary of the board meeting minutes in the newsletter. The full text of the board meeting minutes will be posted to the chapter's website at [www.springcreektu.org](http://www.springcreektu.org).

short summary of each Board meeting for the Newsletter and the complete minutes will be posted on the Chapter website.

## Habitat Committee

**report:** Bill Brusse said that funds remaining in the DCNR grant must be spent by the end of June. Some clean up activities remain to be done; and these will be carried out in cooperation with ClearWater. He also said that no new grant funds had been received for the Oak Hall project for this summer and that he would confer with Treasurer Rick Van Horn to determine whether some Chapter funds might be allocated to this project. Total cost is estimated at \$20,000.

**July, August Board Meetings:** President Judi Sittler announced that there will be no regularly scheduled Board meetings during July and August.