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*"To Conserve, Protect, and Enhance the  
Quality and Quantity of the Cold Water  
Resources of Berks County, Pennsylvania"*

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- June 9 • **TCTU Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture Meeting** 7:30 PM  
Berks County Agricultural Center, County Welfare Road
- June 18 • TCTU Board Meeting, 7:30 PM\*
- June 25 • TCTU Chapter Meeting  
**Jim Finn, Fishing the Shenandoah Region**
- July 16 • TCTU Board Meeting, 7:30 PM\*
- July 23 • TCTU Chapter Meeting  
**George Daniel, TCO State College, Fly Casting Tips**  
Covered Bridge Park, 6:00 PM
- Aug. 20 • TCTU Board Meeting, 7:30 PM\*
- Aug. 27 • **TCTU Chapter Picnic**  
Hot Dogs & Horse Shoes!  
Details to be announced
- Sept. 17 • TCTU Board Meeting, 7:30 PM\*
- Sept. 24 • TCTU Chapter Meeting  
**Rick Nyles - Fly Tying**  
7:30 PM - West Lawn Library

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**Mar. 14 • TCTU Annual Fund Raising Banquet  
The Inn at Reading**

*\*Board Meetings are held at Snyder Insurance - 1020  
James Drive, Reading, across from Classic Harley.*

## TULLY TALK *by Tom Garlow*

April 18th, 2008, 85 whopping degrees outside and I am wading in the Manatawney creek. That's right, April 18th. Do you folks remember back to that mini heat wave we had in the middle of April? It's been nice and cool and wet since, that's for sure. This year, the purple flowers on my miniature crab apple trees have had a fantastic run of beauty. Close to three full weeks worth of vibrant display. The heat wave felt great, but the wet spring has been fantastic. Water levels are good everywhere you look. I am going to be up in Clinton and Potter county fishing at the beginning of June and I am just hoping that the cool wet weather delays the Green Drake hatch on the northern freestones by a couple of days. That would be killer. Full canopy creeks like the Cross Fork or Young Woman's creek can have hatches off and on all day during this hatch. SWEET!

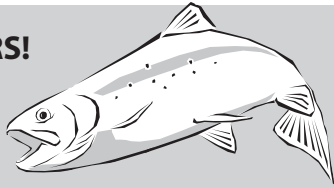
So back to April 18th. Through a mutual friend, I had the good fortune of getting together for a day of fishing with an old high school classmate I have not seen in 33 years (except for a brief moment at a Crosby, Stills and Nash concert at the Sovereign arena). Mark Bosoldis an old classmate of mine and also a fellow member of our chapter. It was a crazy afternoon on the creek. It was great to see Mark again and he has a super smooth cast and delivery. Hits the target every time. We had a great time catching up. It turns out that several people from our class have taken up

fly fishing, hunting, the great outdoors, etc., and that is certainly satisfying. I have no idea what the rest are up to, but I bet more than a few could/would benefit from some zen time standing in a creek casting tiny flies at rising trout. And the trout were rising on the 18th of April. Dozens of them. Chasing some emerger we had no solution for. All around us were flies and fish but no luck. Where is Rick Nyles, the Manatawney King, with the magic fly when you need him? (Rick by the way, is also an old classmate) The highlight of the afternoon was when approximately 1000 egg laying caddis descended on Mark's boot mistaking it for a rock and literally covered it with little green eggs lined up neatly one after the other. I am looking forward to getting out with my old friends again in the next couple of weeks to cast some flies and drink a couple of brewskies. Good times ahead.

So, lets see what is coming up. June 9th is the second meeting of our chapters efforts at participating in the TU Brook Trout Initiative. Save the Brookie folks, save the Brookie. The first meeting was informational and led by Len Good, Resource Management Director. The June 9th meeting is going to be a responsibilities, procedure and process meeting. Ron Speicher and Gene Markle have been working at putting together a more formal road map as to how we want to conduct our survey. They have not been able to identify any one set of procedures or methods used by any other state chapters for gathering information. This program has been in place for a few years and *(continued on reverse side)*

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### **TULLY TALK** *(continued from reverse side)*

nothing has been standardized yet (or so it seems). So we are going to invent our own template and time frame. Please consider coming out to the meeting on June 9th at 7:30 in the Ag center. We could use the help. If anyone has organizational leadership capabilities in our group (there are approximately 350 TCTU members) we could really use you. We are trying to enlist the help of local schools as well.

If you have not been out to a meeting in a while, please consider joining us for one. Meet some fellow members and learn something new. At a recent meeting we had Bob Bachman, Commissioner from the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission. Bob has this advice for everyone: please do not hesitate to write the commission with concerns over management on your favorite streams. For instance, I would like to see the Trophy Trout all methods regs taken off of Penns Creek and make it catch and release only. Also please consider writing them about stream access issues. We are losing access folks. Not everyone can join a private club and nor should they have to, but that's the direction it seems like we are headed.

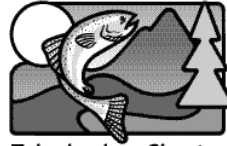
That's my rant for May. Get out and enjoy the weather, fish with your kids, grandkids or both.  
Peace, Tom

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