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

*The Newsletter of the
Tulpehocken Chapter
of Trout Unlimited*

Tully Talk by Bill Eggleston

Good Day,

I hope everyone has made the best of the winter season. This will be a busy year for our chapter and we will be looking for your support in a couple of areas.

Our chapter was fortunate to have had a booth at the Lancaster Fly Fishing show on March 3 and 4. Some of our members had tied flies for a raffle; they turned out great, all "Tully specific" patterns! We enjoyed meeting people at the show and sharing more about our chapter.

As you may also be aware, there was a stream stocking from the spillway on down. A total of 2700 trout were dispersed, 1900 Rainbows and 800 Browns.

We will be having a stream cleanup of the Tully on April 27th, we could really use your help keeping our home water clean.

On April 20, 2013 we will be holding our TCTU #150 Banquet Fundraiser. This is our first banquet fundraiser in a number of years and we are very excited about getting this event going again. The banquet will be held at the Fish Pond West this year. Ticket and menu information is on our website.

Our chapter will have two stream restoration projects in the spring of this year. Both of these projects will be on farms in the Womelsdorf area and both projects need to be completed this year. Len Good, our Chapter's Resource Manager, plans on using these two stream projects as a teaching tool for anyone who would like to learn the process of stream restoration and improvement. Len will be retiring after the completion of these projects and currently we do not have anyone to take over the Resource Manager position. Please come out and join your other chapter members in making these projects a success. Who knows, you may find that you have a real interest and talent for Resource Management.

The recurring message of this letter is that we need your support to make things happen. There is a core group of members who are making things happen at the moment and it is only a matter of time before people will start to burn out. Also as noted above some of our long time members are stepping down. The contributions these members have made to our chapter over the years can't be measured. But as these members step down, we need someone to step up and fill their positions.

Thanks for your time and remember we are all volunteers...

Bill



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Currents

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Upcoming Events

April 9th, 16th and 23rd at 7:00pm -Fly Tying Class for Beginners

West Lawn United Methodist Church

April 17th at 7:30pm TCTU #150 Board meeting
First Church of the Brethren

April 20th at 5:00 pm TCTU #150 Fundraising Banquet

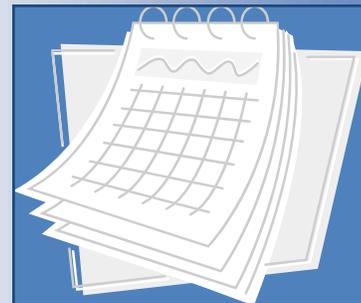
Fish Pond West-299 Swiftwater Lane, Leesport PA

April 23rd at 7:30- TCTU #150 Member Meeting

What's a Trout to Eat? By Doc Plucinsky- First Church of the Brethren

April 27th at 8:00 am, Tully Stream Clean up

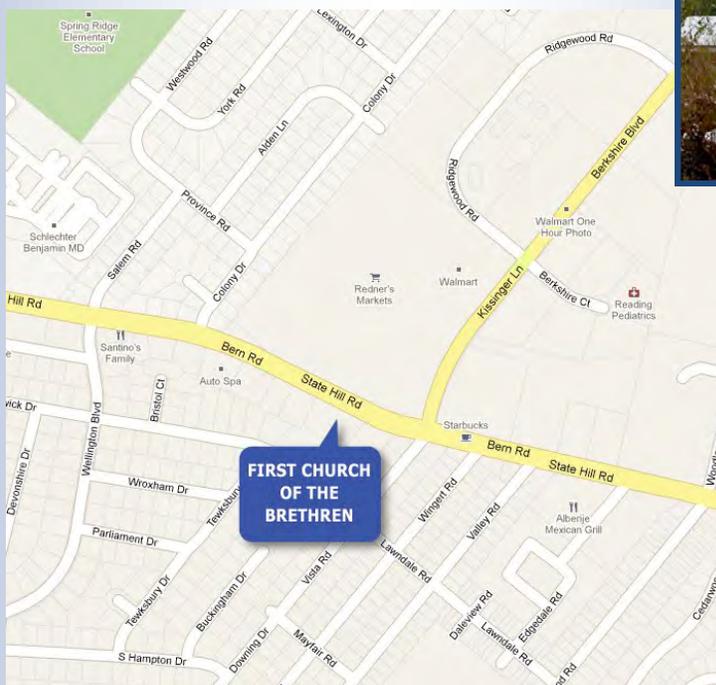
Meet at Paper Mill Parking lot.



-View Full 2013 Calendar at <http://www.tullytu.org/events.lasso>

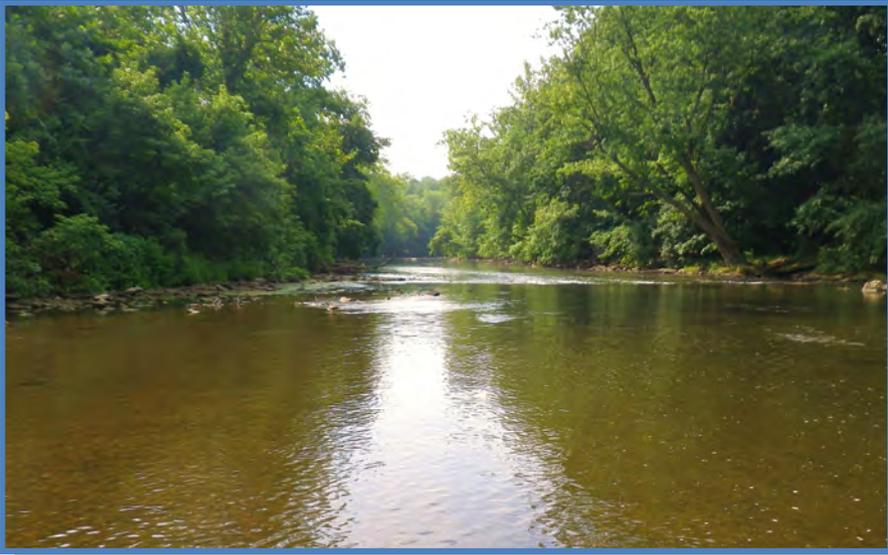
UNLESS NOTED EVENTS ARE HELD AT THE FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

2200 State Hill Road, Reading, PA 19610-1904



DIRECTIONS TO THE TULLY HOUSE:

Take the Bypass (Route 422/222) going West from Reading. Exit on Broadcasting Road. Go North on Broadcasting Road (follow the signs to Penn State, Berks Campus). At the bottom of the hill turn right onto Tulpehocken Road. Turn left to enter Grings Mill Recreation Area (across the street from Penn State). Make the first right toward the tennis courts. Go to the end of the parking lot and down the gravel road to the house. If the park is closed, enter at the secondary gate, just South of the main entrance. Please be prompt. The gate will be open 15 minutes prior to and 5 minutes after the



Gloria's Korner Kitchen -By Gloria Barnett

This is one of my favorite recipes. Any fish can be used really, and the recipe can be doubled to enjoy it with friends! -*Gloria*

Gloria's Dilled Trout Dip

Ingredients:

1 cup flaked trout	1/2 tsp. Worcester Sauce
1 - 3 oz. package cream cheese	1/4 tsp. salt
1 small clove garlic/minced	1/4 cup half and half
1 tsp. green onion/chopped fine	1/4 tsp. liquid smoke (Optional)
1 1/2 tsp. fresh lemon juice pepper to taste	
1/2 tsp. chopped Dill Weed	

Thoroughly combine all ingredients in a medium bowl and chill at least 1 hour before serving.

Garnish with black and green olives and thin red roasted pepper strips.

This dip can be served with wheat and rye crackers or your favorite dipping choice of crackers or veggies.

I hope you enjoy this recipe as much as Elliott and I do!

(Print and Cut on the Lines above to place in your Recipe box)

Welcoming our new Members & Renewals

(4th Qtr)

Steven Baer- Blandon, PA

Tim Cronrath- Topton, PA

Curt Davis- Kutztown, PA

Robert Doll- Strausstown, PA

Lee Drexel- Reading, PA

Christina Formica- Mohnton, PA

Kurt Frantz- Fleetwood, PA

Alex Gressley- Hamburg, PA

Mark Gyomber- Mohrsville, PA

Alicia Hall- Lenhartsville, PA

Andrew Hall- Lenhartsville, PA

Bill Koch & Family- Sinking Spring, PA

Clyde Liddick- Kutztown, PA

Jon Muthard- Reading, PA

Mark Sensenig- East Earl, PA

Kurt Shearer- Sinking Spring, PA

Crew Stover- Reinholds, PA

Terry Straub- Narvon, PA

Joan Whitmire- Narvon, PA

Crystal Wood- Reading, PA

Joseph Zidik- Reading, PA

LIKE FISHING & WRITING?

We are looking for enthusiastic writers and photographers to submit images and pieces for use in our monthly on-line newsletter to members. Because we will be accepting articles we must point out that the views in the TCTU On-Line newsletter do not reflect the views of TCTU but rather the views of the writer.

"CAUGHT AND RELEASED"

We like to include photos of fish caught by our members in the newsletter. Please forward any current picture with your name and a short statement of where, when, and how the catch was made, along with confirmation that the fish was released unharmed. Thank you, looking forward to your participation.

HELP PROTECT YOUR STREAMS!

Unfortunately not everyone respects the regulations and rules of our waterways. The Tully in particular has special harvest regulations along with bait restrictions that aim to protect and enhance this fishery, the effectiveness of which are directly correlated to how many fisherman abide these rules. If you witness poaching, pollution, or other problems on the stream, do not confront the violators. Please call the SE Region of PFBC non-emergency dispatch at (717)626-0228. Enter this number into your cell phone so you have it when you need it.

Redner's Save-A-Tape

Redner's is committed to the communities that they are part of. They have committed to help out the non-profit organizations whose members shop in their stores.

How it works:

Each member must stop at the store office or Customer Service Area to get a Save-a-Tape card. By using this card each time you purchase merchandise at Redner's your receipt will be designated as a Save-a-tape customer receipt. Forward those tapes to support your Tulpehocken Chapter Trout Unlimited. The organization will receive 1% of the total of the total of all the Save-a-tape totals on the receipts. Proceeds from these funds will be used to help protect our streams, education and other conservation projects.

An Example of how you can help:

Let's say 50 of our 300 plus members spend an average of \$75.99 per week in supermarket expenditures. If it was all spent on the save a tape program and submitted to us. The organization would receive \$1,950.00. There is no time limit and no limit. Please start saving tapes today and support the efforts of our chapter.

Rare or Infrequent Tully Fly Hatches

A number of years ago I wrote a couple of articles based on the fact that the Tulpehocken Creek tailwater fishery was a young one – less than twenty years at the time - and the populations of some aquatic insects seemed to be changing. It made sense that some species were just becoming established in the young tailwater and had not reached their full potential populations. Furthermore, some of the insects from other parts of the watershed that could survive and reproduce under Tully conditions have not yet arrived. In other words I was assuming that most population changes were going to be increases.

I am now beginning to suspect that there are some species that are present but are barely hanging on and even some that have arrived in small numbers and failed to colonize the stream. Obviously there are very large and presumably stable populations of Tricos, Sulffurs, true Light Cahills, many caddis species, early stoneflies and at least a few other flies. But there are several that I have seen infrequently and whose small numbers suggest that they could disappear completely.

One is the Slate Drake, *Isonychia bicolor*. This is a fly that has two different emergence periods. One is in spring, usually June, and the other in September. It is a species that has recently been combined from two or three originally separate species into one. Until a few years ago, I had only seen the autumn emerging version in small spinner swarms near the PA Rte. 222 bridge. Late one evening in the early 1990's a friend carried a single specimen up from the Palisades where we had both been fishing. In 2010, I collected two duns from the wall of the Red Bridge restroom. Those are the only spring emerging ones I have ever seen. I suspect that it will remain infrequent here, for whatever reason.

I remember one caddisfly that I saw in fairly good numbers one year, in the early 1990's in the Palisades. This was the size of the typical net spinning species on the Tully but strikingly different in color. Most of the Tully's caddis fall neatly into color categories of green or tan with some approaching very dark versions of these two basic colors, all with very dark wings. This unusual one had a white thorax and abdomen with three small black spots on the dorsal surface. Furthermore, the wings were distinctly iridescent copper in color. As I recall it appeared for a couple of weeks in late June and early July. It appeared in large enough numbers for me

to go home and tie some imitations. I couldn't imitate the copper colored wings, so I made do with light tan fluff from mallard hen flank feathers. Since that one encounter I have not seen the white bodied caddis again. I saw it in the Palisades near what friends call the Granite Cliff. I know I collected a number of specimens which in the ensuing years didn't make one of the several moves that I did.

I remember well finding the giant *Hexagenia* species in a mating swarm over the riffle at the mouth of Cacoosing Creek. Spinners typically swarm right above the deflector. On two occasions I have also witnessed impressive emergences of duns somewhat after sunset in the riffle farther from the bank. On one of these, the duns left the surface in turbulent water and flew at high speed directly upstream only a foot or two above the surface. I've seen spinner flights below Reber's Bridge above the small wooded island. These flies range from an inch in length for the males to over an inch and a quarter for females and these dimensions do not include the tails. These flies have a two year growth period as nymphs. For reasons that include size, relative lack of habitat and long life cycle, I suspect that this will also never become a major Tully hatch.

From my list of solitary or rare experiences is a huge early morning hatch of white mayflies in the Paper Mill riffle. This event lasted about half an hour on July 14, 1992. I am sure of the date because it was the morning after the birth of my youngest son. I arrived on scene at just about first light. At first I saw no insects, but within a few minutes, a major emergence of #14-16 white mayfly duns began. The trout in the riffle also noticed and were frantically chasing floating duns and some were jumping out of the water for those that had just become airborne. I did not see any markings on either the bodies or the wings although they may have been present. Because I decided to catch fish I didn't attempt to preserve any flies, but in retrospect should have because I also didn't catch any fish. I suspect that the fly might have been a Light Cahill (*Stenacron* species) which should have dark markings on a limited area of the front wings. Timing, both time of day and time of year are the reasons for guessing *Stenacron*. In recent years I have seen Light Cahills emerging sporadically from early morning through the day with a major hatch of duns occurring at and after dark.

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Flyspecks - By Rick Bell (Continued)

Unfortunately, I also haven't seen any significantly early morning hatch of large light colored mayflies in the twenty years since.

I also reported a month of major hatching of Hendricksons a month later than it should have been. Ephemerella subvaria the famous Hendrickson of the Delaware watershed is typically a hatch of mid April. In 2010 the Tully hatch started at the end of April, continued through May and into the first week of June. Its population has declined over the last two years, but was very heavy three years ago when I estimated its mating flights to contain over one thousand individuals. These large spinner swarms occurred virtually every clear evening over riffles downstream from Reber's Bridge.

I have been trying to make some sense out of the disappearance of some flies and the apparent rarity of heavy emergences of others. I suspect that the occurrence of toxins produced by major blooms of blue-green algae in Blue Marsh Lake have had some influence. In fall of 1998 such a bloom was witnessed by Dr. Philip Dougherty and Professor Hall who had been doing regular water quality studies in Blue Marsh. Shortly after the appearance of

these algae the Tully received its annual stocking of fingerlings. Very few of the several thousand trout that were stocked were seen even the day after stocking. That same year the fresh water sponges in the Palisades and elsewhere disappeared and were gone until I restocked them. I also have seen small, young colonies downstream of the Cacoosing. I have no direct evidence that algal toxins were responsible, but the rapid disappearance and timing make it a near certainty. I suspect that agricultural pesticides also play a role in population changes as well. In addition, the abnormally rapid flushes of the Tully during big releases from Blue Marsh are likely to move eggs and larvae from the stream bottom and send them downstream. Flood conditions and subsequent releases certainly don't have a beneficial effect on the flies.

Here's one final bit of encouraging news. Last spring, Jake Villwock of TCO, while fishing the Tully caught a single March Brown and kept it alive so that Henry Ramsay could photograph it, which he did. Now we have something to look forward to. That would be the appearance of a second one.

2013 Lancaster Fly Fishing Show

For those of you who attended the show, you probably noticed us set up outside the main show area. We want to thank all of you who came by and said hello. It was nice speak to people and share more about the chapter and what we hope to accomplish. We also raised a few bucks through our Fly box raffle. I'd like to thank Dan Shaffer, Nate Schaeffer and Jeff Schronce for lending us their time, knowledge, and resources to make the weekend happen...I can't imagine being stuck at a booth all day with anyone else!

-Tom



Visions From the Tully

-(Photos by) Tom Ham



Waterfowl wintering on the Tully is just as beautiful a sight as the trout that swim in it!

I can enjoy these pictures much more knowing Spring is about to be sprung...

-Tom



Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing

The PATU sponsored Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Camp at Allenberry is still accepting applications for the June 2013 camp. Applications will be accepted until March 31 and must include an essay by the applicant describing his/her reasons for wanting to attend the camp. Details about age eligibility and the program in general are available at www.riverscamp.com. Cost of the week long camp is \$350 and the chapter will again offer a scholarship or if two applicants are accepted from Berks County, we will award two half scholarships. The applicant must apply directly to the camp and not to the chapter.

This is the original such camp and probably remains the best anywhere. Students may fish from 5:00 AM until breakfast and again from after dinner until dark. Non-fishing time is spent in college level classes taught by experts from around the country as well as Penn State professors. Many of the youth from our chapter have attended past sessions and report that if not the best, it was one of the best things that ever happened to them.

Tully TU Annual Fundraiser Banquet!!!

Tulpehocken Chapter of Trout Unlimited will hold a Banquet on April 20, 2013 at Fish Pond West located near the parking area for the Palisades on the Tully.

If you have never had a meal at Fish Pond West, you are in for a treat. The clams and chicken, steak or lobster are accompanied by great sides including Fish Pond's own recipe Mac N Cheese. The food is great and the portions are Berks County sized. You should not go hungry. Bring your favorite adult beverage as this is a BYOB event, however, we want to stress that over indulging will not be welcomed or tolerated.....PLEASE drink responsibly.

We are hopeful the Banquet returns as the mainstay for fundraising for the chapter. Please come for the fun and camaraderie and bring a few extra bucks for bidding on some of the great donations we have garnered. To name a few items; we have restaurant gift cards from Judy's, Dan's, Emily's Pub, Yellow House, and Union Jack's. There is at least one trip to Canada as well as a plethora of fly fishing gear and books. Handmade crafts, photos, and prints will also be available for auction. And for you country music lovers we have an autographed guitar by Dolly Parton, Billy Ray Cyrus and Trace Atkins to name a few.

Finally, if you have an item you want to donate for the cause or want to help with the event, see the contact information below.

Tickets can be purchased on line on our website: www.tullytu.org or you can call or email Dan Shaffer at (610) 334-2615 and dshaffer2200@hotmail.co for tickets or more information.

From the Editor

-By Thomas Ham

Hello TU community...and Happy Spring!

Well, I am sure it is not a common practice among the literati, I feel when you're experiencing writers block, you can just steal someone else's work and go out strong...with that said I'm going to divert from my normal spiel and share a piece of philosophy I'm sure could help us all—

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls, asking the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

He then poured a box of pebbles into the jar, and shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls, asking the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full.. The students responded with a unanimous 'yes.'

The professor then produced two Beers from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed..

'Now,' said the professor, 'I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things—your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions—and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car.. The sand is everything else—the small stuff.

'If you put the sand into the jar first,' he continued, 'there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness.

Spend time with your children, you parents, your grandparents. Take your spouse to dinner. There will always be time to clean the house and mow the lawn. Take care of the golf balls first—the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.

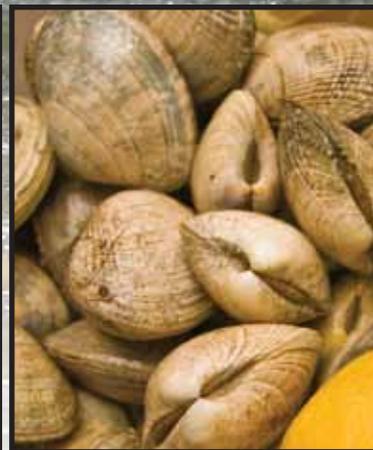
One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the Beer represented. The professor smiled and said, 'I'm glad you asked.' The Beer just shows you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of Beers with a friend!

Here's hoping that volunteering with TU can at least be one of your pebbles!

-Tom



Lobster & Steak & Chicken & Clams & More!



BYOB

- 1/2 Roasted Chicken..... \$35
- 12 Oz N.Y. Strip Steak \$40
- 1 1/2 lb. Lobster \$50

All dinners include assorted meats, cheeses and snacks. Dinner includes one dozen steamed clams, fishpond macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, pepper cabbage, vegetables, dessert, coffee and soda.

April 20, 2013

5:30 to 9:00 PM
Social Hour 5:30 - 4:30

At Fish Pond West
299 Swiftwater Lane
Leesport, PA

Live Entertainment, Live Auction, Silent Auction, Raffles

Proceeds will benefit local youth programs such as Trout in the Classroom and fly fishing camps and stream enhancement and water monitoring projects in the Berks County area.

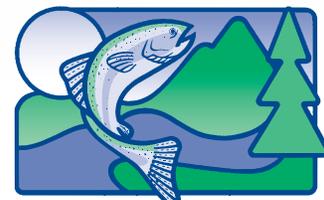
Reservations Required

Seating is limited

For more info call (610) 334-2615

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