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of Trout Unlimited*

Tully Talk by Dan Shaffer

The Annual Banquet at the Reading Country Club was a great success. We raised over \$8,000 for the Chapter and have funds available for more Trout in the Classroom programs. Youth camp sponsorships and funds for stream projects. Many, many thanks to the Committee!! Without their help none of this would be possible. And thanks to those who attended for being so generous with your donation dollars. We rely almost entirely on the funds we raise at events as we are an all-volunteer organization.

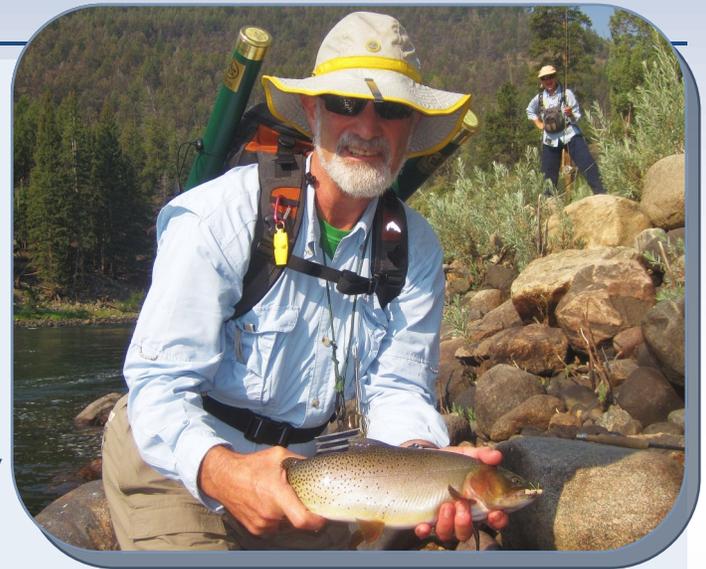
Our summer season is upon us. Monthly meetings through September will be held at the Tully House at on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30PM. We've enjoyed seeing many of you at the 'Breakfasts on the Tully,' more will be held on the second Saturday of August and September. We ask for a \$6 donation, but the camaraderie and setting is priceless.

This summer we also did some work on the Tully House. We had a meeting with Chris Stress from the Parks Department and he gave us the "green light" to improve/rehab the Tully House. As most of you are aware, the windows and shutters needed scraping and painting, the roof on the upstream side needs work, the underside of the porch roof needs cleaning painting, etc. There are plenty of big and small projects we still need to work on while the sun shines. Volunteers are needed, please contact Dan Shaffer at 610-334-2615

Members of our Resource Committee have been looking into a potential Hay Creek project. We met with Karl Lutz from PAFBC at Hay Creek on the Johanna Furnace site and discussed the potential for repairing the stream banks that are being eroded by high water events. This could be a major undertaking. Briefly, Hay Creek is an EV stream with one of the steepest gradients in the county. When the water is high it hammers the banks. Also, Hay Creek flows through a historic site and under Rt 10. So we will need to embrace a number of other Government and Non-Government agencies to get the work done. We will keep you posted on this. Call to members: if you work for any agency that might be involved or know of someone who works for the same please let us know. We will need lots of member and non-member help for this project to be a success.

Other stream projects where we will need help are coming this year as well. The Sonnen Project on the Upper Tully is Scheduled for late fall. Please check the website, Facebook and emails for the Stewart Farm stream clearing project. We will need stream work volunteers for both.

Finally, we are all working toward improving cold-water conditions and education in our area. We do not have all the answers or questions. But, if we ask enough questions, hunt for good answers and educate folks about what we are doing; we will make a difference and improve our community for generations to come!



-Dan

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Currents

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Upcoming Events

Breakfast on the Tully!: At the Tully House 7/12, 8/9, 9/13

Upcoming Membership meetings:

August 20, Tully House, WREN Grants– Julie Kollar

September 17, Year in Review– Dan Shaffer

October 15, Saucony Creek Brewery, Lee Hartman, Fishing the Upper Delaware

November 19, Chef Alan's, Nymphing– Doc Pulchinsky

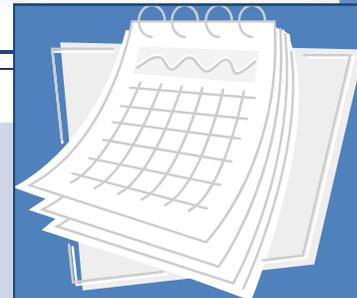
December 17, Golden Oaks Golf Club, Christmas Party! Bob Kutz from the Donnegal Chapter "8 Basic Step Stream Project Development"

Breakfast on the Tully

8/9 & 9/13 from 8:30 until 10:30

For more info on the breakfasts see our ad in this newsletter. Can't wait to see you there!

Please check <http://www.tullytu.org/events.lasso> for more information on upcoming



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 meeting time.



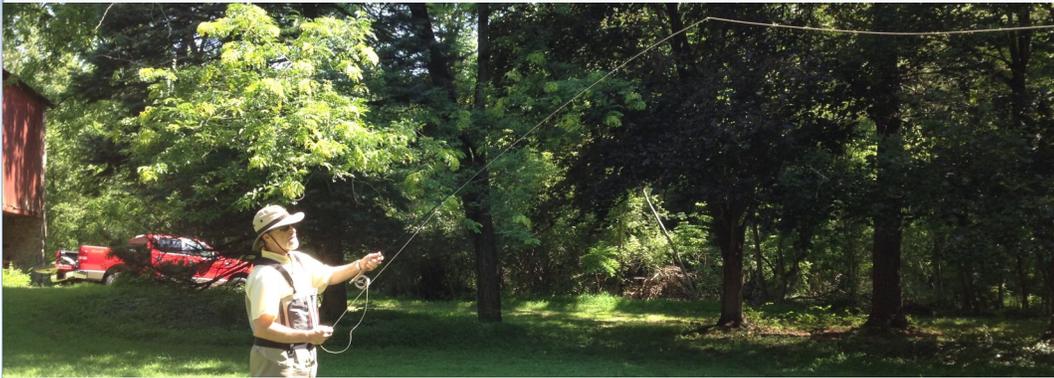
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Fly Fishing Class-

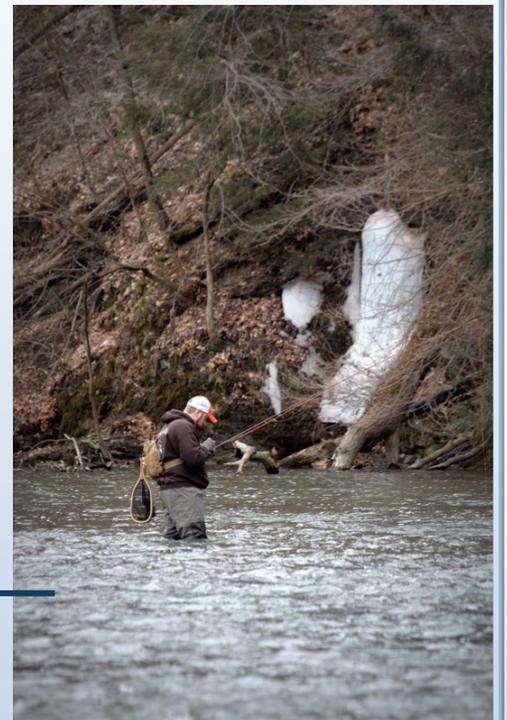
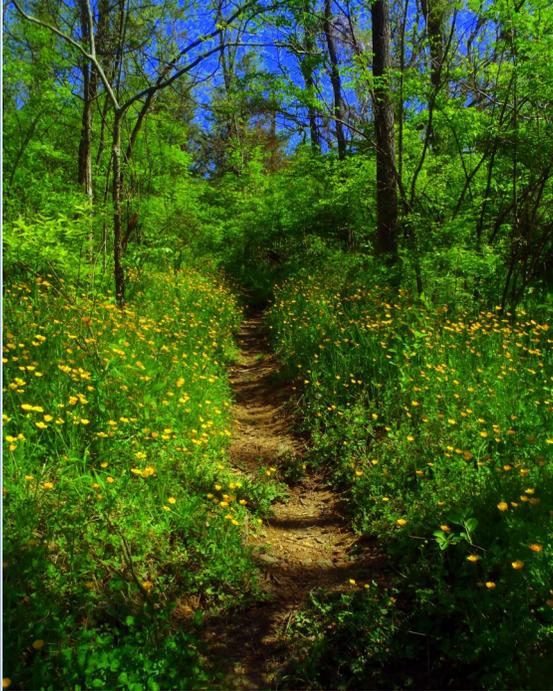


We had a wonderful turn out to our Fly Fishing Clinic in June. Several people joined us at the Tully House where Dan and Chris conducted a roundtable session on the basics of gear, rigs and fly types, and chapter member Ed Ulmer covered 'macro-invertebrates.' Then the group moved to the lawn for casting instructions. After that they went into the water and lifted some rocks for a rundown of entomology. Eventually they did a little fishing!

I hear the burgers and dogs were tasty too!



Visions of the Tully- Chris Wiederspahn



These photos were provided courtesy of Chris Wiederspahn who enjoys spending his free time capturing the Tully through the lens. Thanks Chris!

Keep them coming!

New Member Promotion!



New TCTU chapter members get...

**A free TCTU logo hat,
A free breakfast, and a
10% off coupon at *TCO Fly Shop!***



Already a member? Tell a friend about TU!

Trout in the Classroom!



We were very pleased to see yet another successful TIC campaign. A big thank you to Jen Clinton for helping students from the Reading School District raise and successfully release trout fingerlings!

These are some photos from the April release at Grings Mill.

Great job kids!!!!



Did you know?

FYI's from Dan

1. The Tulpehocken Chapter of Trout Unlimited co-hosted a Berks Headwaters meeting to discuss how we can work more effectively with other agencies in our area working toward clean clear cold water. The meeting was held at the Environmental Center of Berks Conservancy in Angelica Park. Those attending represented Berks Conservancy, Stroudt Water Research Center, TCO Fly Shop, Donnegan Chapter TU, Schuylkill Highlands and TCTU. Our goal was to reach out to these organizations in the community to offer our help and assistance with cold water stream projects as well as getting folks on board with our vision. TCTU will continue to work independently with those attending as well as other organizations unable to attend. We will continue to work toward maintaining, repairing and improving our cold water heritage.

2. On Wednesday evening July 16th we had a program entitled "Unassessed Water Initiative" presented by Bob Weber from PAFB. It was decided at the meeting to embrace the program and work with PAFB in order to identify streams and tributaries that are not currently assessed for water quality or native fish. Hopefully we will be working with a number of other organizations including watershed associations. Stay tuned for more details!

3. The Sonnen Farm stream bank restoration project is slated for this coming fall. Please keep a weather eye for volunteer announcements starting in October.

2014 Banquet!



2014 Youth Program Fundraising Banquet

By: Ron Weidner, Treasurer

TCTU held our annual Fundraiser Banquet on March 21, 2014 at the Reading Country Club and we are proud to announce that the event was very successful. Thanks to our supporting members and guests, we were able to raise enough money to continue our program of sending young adults to the conservation schools that we support. The Banquet provided enough money to establish another "Trout in the Classroom" program with a local school. In addition we have received a special donation from an anonymous source to provide a second "Trout in the Classroom" program for an inner city school.

This 2014 event raised approximately \$13,000.00 with a net after expenses of approximately \$8,000.00. We are extremely happy with the result considering that attendance was down compared to previous years. We understand that other chapters in our region have experienced the same attendance results.

Please remember, we are 100% volunteer and must hold fund raising events in order to continue to operate, no one receives a salary. The only financial support that we receive from National and Pa. Council of Trout Unlimited is a portion of the dues paid by NEW members, we do not receive any portion of the dues paid by existing members.

TCTU has an operating Budget this year in the approximate amount of \$25,000.00. That amount includes our young adult programs as well as-

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All Things Fly

-From the blog of TCO guide Jake Villwock

<http://www.allthingsflyfishing.blogspot.com/>



Step 1: Make a tight thread base, tying in the tinsel as you go back.



Step 2: Keeping the wraps tight, bring the thread forward about 3/4 of the hook shank.



Step 3: Wrap the tinsel forward, keeping the wraps tight. Tie off and cut excess.



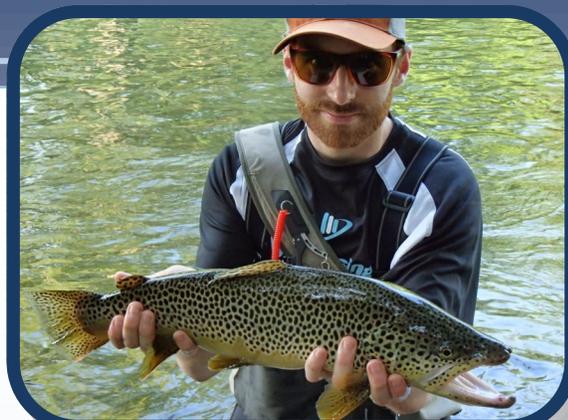
Step 4: Take a small piece of poly yarn, and tie it in, you can trim to size once they it is secure.



Step 5: Dub the thorax, you do not need a lot of dubbing for this.

Step 6: Whip finish and cut thread.

...and the finished product!



Featured Fly - "Glass Butt Trico Spinner"

Ok, so because I was so bad with the featured flies last month, I am going to try to over load you this month. Fishing and Tying has taken a back seat to life the past month or so, but its small-mouth and trico season, so let the fishing and tying begin! This is a simple fly that was shown to me by Wes years ago, it has been tested and proven. So I wanted to share it with everyone, Enjoy.

Materials:

Hook: TMC 2488 sz 20-28

Thread: UNI Thread 8/0 - Black

Flash Butt: Pearl Tinsel - Small

Wing: Poly Floating Yarn - Lt Grey, White, or Med Grey

Thorax: Superfine or Antron - Black

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.

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.



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.

Spring Issue Funnies



PARTNERSHIP

"You give me half the fish, and I tell my Mom to let you live."

ICRHHRSCHBEZBURGER.COM

Fish come in three sizes;

Small

Medium

&

..the one that got away!!!

Important Announcement!

Nominations for Board seats for fiscal year 2015 are now being accepted. If you are interested in a Board seat or want to nominate someone, please email:

info@tullytu.org.

Your Invited.....

Breakfast on the Tully

Sit next to the stream and allow someone else to do the cooking and the clean-up. It is Saturday morning and **you deserve a break!**

**2nd Saturday May thru Sept
8:30AM til 10:30AM - \$6.00**



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-some stream projects that are in the works for the Tulpehocken Creek and Hay Creek, plus educational events and social events for our members and guests.

TCTU needs you as a member, to tell us that you will volunteer.

We need volunteers to help with our breakfasts, help with maintaining the Tully House, write articles for our newsletter, help with our fund raising and to assist in all of our many youth and social projects. Email or contact any of our Board or Committee Members if you are willing to help. You can find that contact information on our website www.tullytu.org.

We want to say a special thank you, to all of our Sponsors and the many businesses and individuals that donated prizes. Major sponsors are listed on our website.

Mark your calendar for Saturday March 21, 2015 for next year's Banquet.

Hope we can count on your continued support and attendance.

Tully TU Needs You!

TCTU is looking for a volunteer for Banquet Chairman. The Banquet Chairman will be responsible for managing all aspects of the banquet including, venue, donations and sponsorships, auctions and raffles, work crews, check in and out and reporting results to both the President and Treasurer, etc. Most duties can and should be delegated, but the chair is the responsible person. Please email Dan Shaffer dshaffer2200@hotmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

From the Editor

-By Thomas Ham

Hello TU community!

I hope everyone's summer is going well. As we conclude this newsletter my thoughts just keep returning to this TullyGram's central theme...education. We recapped our fundraising banquet which was all about youth conservation education. There was pictures from a recent TIC at Reading School District. We also celebrated a successful fly fishing clinic, which at its core will always arouse a respect and appreciation for the waters we fish. These things are what TU is what it is all about, and that is what we need to continue to accomplish. Hopefully the warmer weather finds you spending more time with family and friends, and of course on the water.

Remember, the greatest impact of conservation is not only in the doing, but in teaching future generations to continue the effort!

-Tom

A close-up photograph of a brown trout with dark spots on its side, being held by a person's hands. The fish is the central focus of the banner.

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