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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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Feb. 27 • TCTU Chapter Meeting
Ed Perry - World Wildlife Foundation
Global Warming
7:30 PM - West Lawn Library

Mar. 15 • TCTU Annual Fund Raising Banquet The Inn at Reading

- Mar. 19 TCTU Board Meeting, 7:30 PM Snyder Insurance
- Mar. 22 Tully Stream Clean-Up (See reverse side for details)
- Mar. 26 TCTU Chapter Meeting
 Eric Stroup, regional guide
 on the "Little J"
 7:30 PM West Lawn Library
- Apr. 16 TCTU Board Meeting, 7:30 PM Snyder Insurance
- Apr. 23 TCTU Chapter Meeting
 Blaine Steensland Penn State
 Fly Fishing Club
 7:30 PM West Lawn Library
- May 21 TCTU Board Meeting, 7:30 PM Tully House

Board Meetings are held at Snyder Insurance - 1020 James Drive, Reading, across from Classic Harley. June, July and August Board Meetings will be held at the Tully House.

TULLY TALK by Tom Garlow

February 9th, a morning snowfall is just covering the ground changing to showers later in the morning. It seems like a major portion of January and February, to date, has been gray skies without a great deal of moisture. Though January seemed pretty cold to me, there is virtually no snowpack anywhere to be found in the state. I was in the Poconos yesterday, nothing, not one little snowbank to be seen. I know many of you don't want to see any of the late season snowstorms we often experience around here, but it would help our freestone and even spring creeks located throughout the state.

In other interesting state news, Donny Beaver lost his court case regarding the Little J and his claim to it as private water for his club. That, folks, is great news in my opinion. In the last couple of years, he has managed to lease up large portions of Yellow Creek in Bedford County and sections of Pine and Elk Creeks in Centre County (these feed into Penns Creek at Coburn) all three, sensational streams. Access to prime spring creek water just becomes more difficult with each passing year. Reduced access will mean reduced interest, which in turn will end up in reduced license sales and less dollars being spent in local areas where spring water abounds.

On to other things. THE BANQUET. Yes boys and girls, March is almost here and ticket applications have been sent out for our big fund raising effort to be held on the 15th of March at the Inn at Reading. We still NEED HELP with soliciting. Our committee is a very small one, most of the work and solicitations is done by 3 or 4 guys, that's it. We need your help to keep our organization strong. Funds raised go to scholarships, conservation, Trout in the Class Room, and operations. Please come out and support The Tulpehocken Chapter of Trout Unlimited. The local chapters get virtually no help from the national organization when it come to fund raising. Our speaker is going to be Doc Plucinsky, presenting his incredible photography on why he still LOVES the WEST. As always, this is going to be a great evening of fun.

The week after, we will be holding a clean-up on the Tully, Saturday morning the 22nd of March. The clean-up is being organized by Joe Hnatishion. Tully stocking is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 3rd. Look for details on the PFBC website. Meet and organize at the Stilling basin. Does anyone want to help float stock?

So to wrap things up, this is a busy time of year for us, prior to finding that extra time we all desire for casting little flies at (continued on reverse side)

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TULLY TALK (continued from reverse side)

rising trout. Banquet, clean-up, stocking, fund raising, where can you help out? Please come out to a meeting and meet some of your fellow chapter members. We just about always have great speakers and presentations. Also, look for some improvements to our website tullytu.org. Rick Nyles and Gene Markle have been trying to tweak it before they to take off for rushing waters.

See you at the banquet. Peace, TOM

Tully 2008 Stream Side Clean Up - Saturday March 22nd, 9AM

- Join fellow fishermen & women for an hour or two of stream side clean-up.
- All you need to bring is a pair of work gloves to join in the fun!
- We will be focusing our effort on a few areas in the delayed harvest section of the Tulpehocken Creek.
- Bring your fishing equipment for some outstanding spring fishing after the clean up.

Contact Joe Hnatishion @ 484.332.0432 with any questions.

DATE: Saturday March 22nd at 9AM **MEET AT:** The Paper Mill Parking Lot

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