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Trout Unlimited, Inc.



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Photo by Joe Hnatishion

Tully Stream Cleanup

28 tires pulled from the stream! Go to page 4 to read about it.

Breakfast on the Tully

Breakfast on the Tully is back starting May 14th! This year the breakfasts will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month, May through August, starting at 8:30 am. The menu will vary depending on the mood of Dave Frees and his staff of hard working cooks. A donation of \$4.00 per person is suggested. Hang out and tell fish stories or bring your fly rod and try your luck in the pool behind the house.

TCTU Fly Tying Class

Tulpehocken Chapter Trout Unlimited is sponsoring a fly tying class for beginners. The classes have started but you may still participate. Class dates are March 15, 22, 29 April 5, 12 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Cost is \$20.00 which will be used to cover material costs. Please contact us if you need to borrow a vice. Call Rick Bell at 484-575-7037 or email Jeff at evmocas@gmail.com for vice requests, class description or other details.

Tully Talk by Gene Markle

It is the beginning of March, the bitter chill of winter is slowly disappearing and the days are getting longer. Sounds and signs of spring are around us which only means the opening day of trout season is fast approaching. Now is the time to go through our fishing equipment, replenish supplies and start planning for fishing trips in the upcoming year.



As a chapter, we have done some planning of our own. Our annual stream clean up organized by Joe Hnatishion has just wrapped up and it was a great success. Over 30 people were on hand to help make our namesake stream looking as good as it fishes. Over 28 tires were removed and over 39 bags of trash were hauled away. I am proud of the people that took time out of their day to help clean up but saddened by the fact that there are so many people out there with so little respect for our environment that they use a place as beautiful as the Tulpehocken Creek a dumping ground for their trash. Although the organized clean up happens once a year, please be kind and pick up whatever trash you happen to find along this and any other stream while you are out fishing, hunting and hiking along our waterways.

Rick Bell is busy organizing and getting our fly tying class together. This annual class has been very popular throughout the years and is something the instructors as well as the students look forward to. Rick will also hold an annual fly fishing clinic. This class is geared towards the beginner fly fisherman or woman and has been well received. Rick has many years of fly fishing experience and we are fortunate to have him share his time and knowledge to promote the sport.

We will be sponsoring breakfasts through late spring and summer at the Tully House so come out and have a great meal, meet some old friends and create some new ones.

We will have a few "meet and fish" days put on our calendar. These events are just a simple way to get together with some friends and do a bit of fishing on some local streams. If you are new to fly fishing or not familiar with the Tully and some of the streams in the area, this is a great way to learn a stream and pick up some tips from those of us who frequent them.

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Currents

Mar. 22 • TCTU Fly Tying Class
Contact Rick Bell for info

Mar. 23 • TCTU Chapter Meeting - 7:30 PM
Lenny Gliwa - Fishing the Lehigh River. Lenny is a sales associate at the TCO Bryn Mawr store.

Mar. 29 • TCTU Fly Tying Class

April 2 • Opening day for Regular Trout Season in South East PA

April 5 • TCTU Fly Tying Class

April 12 • TCTU Fly Tying Class

April 20 • TCTU Board Meeting - 7:30 PM

April 27 • TCTU Chapter Meeting - 7:30 PM
Mike Heck - Author of *Spring Creek Strategies* - Limestone streams of Cumberland Valley including a book signing - www.fallingsprings.com

April 30 • Meet & Fish - 7:00 AM
Manatawny Creek
Meet at the Tiki Bar

May 10 • Tully Stocking - 12:30 PM
Meet at the Stilling Basin

May 14 • Breakfast on the Tully - 8:30 AM
Held at the Tully House

May 18 • TCTU Board Meeting - 7:30 PM

May 25 • TCTU Chapter Meeting - 7:30 PM
Program to be Announced

May 28 • Berks County Conservation District Annual Banquet - 6:30 PM
Fleetwood Grange

May 28 • Meet & Fish - 7:00 AM
Tully, Meet at the Paper Mill

May 30 • PA Fish & Boat Commission Fish for Free Day

June 11 • Breakfast on the Tully - 8:30 AM
Held at the Tully House

June 15 • TCTU Board Meeting - 7:30 PM

June 18 • Fly Fishing Clinic - 8:30 AM
Meet at Red Bridge Park

June 22 • TCTU Chapter Meeting - 7:30 PM
Program to be Announced

July 9 • Breakfast on the Tully - 8:30 AM
Held at the Tully House

July 16 • Fly Fishing Clinic - 8:30 AM
Meet at Red Bridge Park

July 20 • TCTU Board Meeting - 7:30 PM

July 27 • TCTU Chapter Meeting - 7:30 PM
Program to be Announced

Aug. 13 • Breakfast on the Tully - 8:30 AM
Held at the Tully House

Aug. 17 • TCTU Board Meeting - 7:30 PM

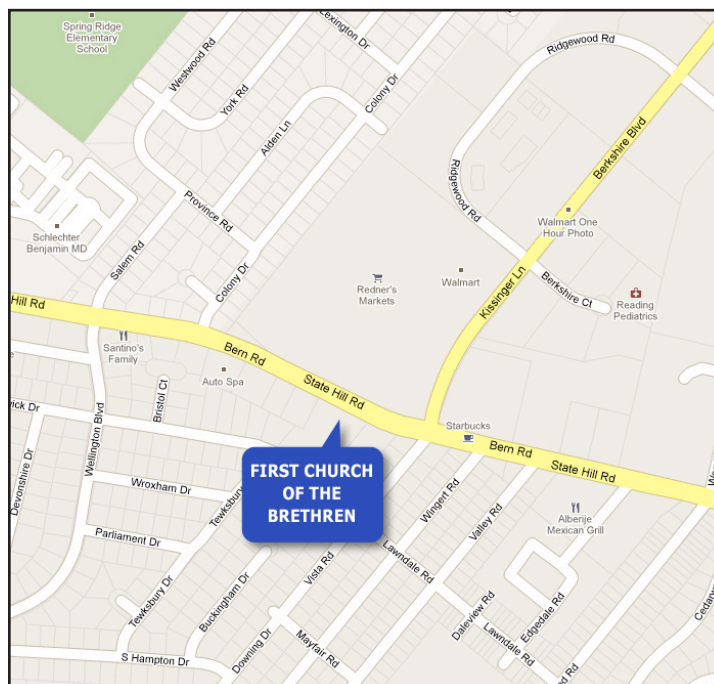
Aug. 24 • TCTU Chapter Meeting - 7:30 PM
Program to be Announced

Sept. 5 • PA Fish & Boat Commission Fish for Free Day

Sept. 17 • Fly Fishing Clinic - 8:30 AM
Meet at Red Bridge Park

Sept. 21 • TCTU Board Meeting - 7:30 PM

UNLESS NOTED MEETINGS 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 meeting time.

Trout in the Classroom

By Bill Eggleston

Once again TCTU is working with a school to promote a Trout in the Classroom (TIC) Program. Our new program will be working with a fourth grade class at Robeson Elementary School in Robeson Township. This will be our chapter's third TIC program and will join the existing programs at Oley Valley and Hamburg Area High Schools.

The Trout in the Classroom program is based on partnerships at different levels. At the upper level we have Pennsylvania Trout Unlimited (PATU), Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) and the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). PATU will provide technical assistance, grant opportunities and workshops for new TIC participants. PFBC will provide Brook Trout eggs and trout food, and the PDE will provide curriculum for the classroom.

On the local level, TCTU will be partnering with Robeson Elementary school, and also with the Berks County Conservation District (BCCD) and the Hay Creek Watershed Association (HCWA).

TCTU will provide technical assistance, fill out the grant application, gather letters of support from our partners and be able to supply the school with a 55 gallon aquarium with lid. Robeson Elementary School will set up the aquarium and raise brook trout from eggs to fingerlings in a classroom environment. The BCCD and HCWA have agreed to help support this program anyway they can.

Let me explain the TIC timeline for those of you who, like me a few months ago, didn't understand the process. I will base the timeline on a new startup TIC program, so you can see time involved.

- FEB 2011- Grant application and letters of support must be submitted to PATU. (Grant mailed 2/4/2011).

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If you would like to receive notifications by email whenever new issues of the TullyGram are available, please send your name and email address to us at info@TullyTU.org. Also make sure you "white list" this address in any spam filters you are using.



Photo by Steve Fabian

HELP PROTECT OUR STREAMS!

If you witness poaching, pollution, or other problems on the stream, do not confront the violators. Please call the Berks County non-emergency dispatch at (610) 655-4911. Enter this number into your cell phone so you have it when you need it.

Gloria's Kitchen Korner

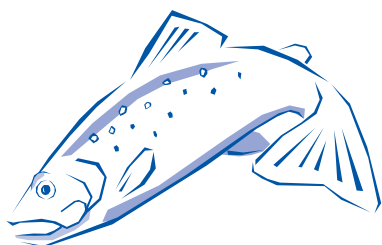
by Gloria Barnett

"Hello Everyone" from my Corner Kitchen.

Serve with your favorite tomato sauce or stewed tomatoes. Pasta, parlied potatoes or mashed potatoes may be used as a side dish. Your choice is the best choice.

Enjoy!

Gloria



Print, cut out and add to your recipe file!

Gloria's Korner Kitchen

Glo's Italian Meat Loaf

- 2 pounds + Very Lean ground beef
- 1 small container Ricotta cheese - drain
- ¼ to ½ cup Parmegain/Romano grated cheese
- 1 ½ to 2 cups cubed Mozzarella cheese
- 3 large eggs
- 3 cups cubed day old bread - 1 cup Luke warm milk - pour milk over bread cubes to soften
- ½ cup chopped fresh parsley - flat or curly
- Salt and pepper to taste

In a large frying pan, add oil to heat - then add 1 medium diced onion, 1 stalk celery, diced and 1 carrot cleaned and shredded. Saute' until all ingredients become soft. Remove from heat and set aside.

Place lean ground beef in a large mixing bowl, add soaked bread cubes, add cooled vegetables and 3 eggs, Ricotta cheese and grated cheese. ... Mix thoroughly with your hands, add parsley and salt and pepper to taste. Now is the time to add the chunked Mozzarella cheese. This cheese will melt inside the meatloaf. This is a Very moist meatloaf.

Place in a large baking dish brushed with olive oil - form the loaf and spread generously with more olive oil. Cover with foil and bake in pre heated 375 degree oven for 45 minutes. Remove foil and bake for another 30 minutes at 375 degrees, then turn oven down to 350 degrees for the remaining 20 minutes. This will form a crusty outside to the loaf.

Chapter News

TCTU OFFICERS SELECTED

In accordance with the bylaws the Board of Directors selected the following officers for 2011.

President: Gene Markle
Vice President: Bill Eggleston
Treasurer: Ron Weidner
Secretary: Matthew Byrne

Congratulations guys and thanks for volunteering!

TCTU "MEET & FISH" DAYS

The chapter is trying something new this year. "Meet & Fish" days are casual get togethers for members who are looking for others to fish with. These events are open to members, friends, ladies, families. Come out and learn about fly fishing or just show up and try a new stream. Check "Currents" on page 2 for streams, date, times and meeting places.

TULLY STOCKING ON MARCH 10TH



Photos by Rick Bell



TCTU member Jim Trout with a nice Steelhead.

"CAUGHT AND RELEASED"

This year we would 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. Send them to Newsletter@TullyTU.org.

TULLY STREAM CLEAN UP

Joe Hnatishion organized a stream cleanup on the Tully on Saturday, March 12th. It was nice seeing so many individuals turn out for this great event that benefits all that enjoy the outdoors. We are truly fortunate to have you on our team.

Here are a few stats from the day:

- Youngest helper: Age 4
- Oldest helper: Age 82...and we had everyone in between
- 28 tires removed
- 39 bags of trash
- and 1 very heavy hot water heater!

Also, thanks for Boy Scout Troop 505 from Boyertown for making the trek up Rt. 73 to join in the fun.

If you would like to learn more about our organization, please visit us at www.tullytu.org.

Thanks Joe for organizing and promoting this event!

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.

TCTU IS ON FACEBOOK!

Log into your Facebook account and search for "Tulpehocken Creek Trout Unlimited."

FLIES YOU SHOULD TIE FOR SPRING

Besides the favorite dry flies you probably need to fill your boxes, you should consider tying some using the same recipes, but adding weight. When we tie a dry fly with the hope that it rides high on the water film, we usually do several things to ensure this. We use the lightest wire hooks, waterproofing, and sparse construction to make sure that even if it gets waterlogged, it remains in the film. There are several reasons to abandon these ideas at times and produce adult fly imitations that are intended to sink.

One of the reasons is that several genera of the flies we call Blue Winged Olives, for example, emerge well below the surface of the stream and swim upward, quickly break through the film then fly away. This is probably true of a number of other mayflies and probably some caddisflies as well. A weighted dry fly imitation will provide a fly that can be used to imitate this underwater emergence.

There is another similar justification for occasionally weighting a few dry flies. This is that some of the same flies swim beneath the surface for egg laying. I've told you before that probably half the caddisfly species on the Tully do this, and some author I've read said the same of BWO's. In fact he pointed out that most of us haven't fished over a spinner fall of these because there very likely wasn't one that ended up on the surface. Many of them lay their eggs on the stream

bottom and the males apparently follow their fertilized mates into the water to act as a diversion to be eaten and improve the females' success in escaping feeding fish. I suspect that Light Cahills are also swimming egg layers. My evidence for this is that I frequently see what appear to be spinners popping directly from the surface without any sign of breaking away from a shuck.

Add to these examples the fact that some duns as well as spinners get washed under the film in places with turbulence. A certain fraction of the flies that appear in the air probably have counterparts drifting under water.

A decade ago I began to tie adult caddis using the fluffy base of a goose feather as wings. I usually weighted the tippet with split shot, but occasionally added a few turns of lead wire at the thorax. This nearly always improved my catch. Another way to add weight is to use a bead head on some of your dry flies. For Tricos, several friends tie them on heavier hooks, dispense with dry fly dressings and pull the flies under the water after casting them. They often caught more fish than I did so I tried it and it worked for me too. I don't think the trout are as careful when the Trico imitation is submerged. Try it with patterns that aren't doing so well on top.

So this Spring weight some flies, weight your tippet, use heavier hooks or bead heads on your dry flies and see what happens.



Photo by Steve Fabian

WARREN COMPANY AGREES TO PAY \$25,000 SETTLEMENT FOR UNPERMITTED DISCHARGE INTO LYCOMING COUNTY'S PINE CREEK

Pennsylvania Game Commission

A Warren, Pa., company has agreed to pay a \$25,000 settlement in lieu of fines and civil damages to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) as a result of the company's unpermitted discharge of a chemical product into Lycoming County's Pine Creek last spring.

Pennsylvania General Energy Co. LLC (PGE) agreed to pay the settlement following an investigation by PFBC waterways conservation officers and the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) into the incident, which was first observed on March 15, 2010.

"Fortunately, Pine Creek water flows were very high during this time and diluted the discharge to a point where it was not considered harmful," said PFBC Executive Director John Arway, who noted that PGE responded to the incident and cooperated with the PFBC and DEP. "However, the multiple illegal discharges still violate the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Code, the Clean Streams Law, the Solid Waste Management Act and DEP's oil and gas regulations."

Pine Creek is nationally famous as a high quality stocked trout water. It also is a heavily used recreational fishing and kayaking waterway. It is commonly referred to as the "Pennsylvania Grand Canyon."

On March 15, 2010, a mountainside stream flowing from a spring above state Route 44 was observed running white and foamy as it cascaded down the mountainside prior to emptying into Pine Creek in Cummings Township. The discharge, fueled by spring rains, continued for several days.

A subsequent investigation by PFBC law enforcement officers and DEP determined that the contaminate material was Airfoam HB, a chemical wetting agent, and that the source was a PGE Marcellus gas well site situated above the spring discharge, on the mountainside approximately 2,000 feet away. Natural gas well drillers mix wetting agents, commonly called surfactants, with water to create soapy foam that reduces surface tension and aids in the drilling process. Airfoam HB has been approved by DEP for use by the industry.

PFBC investigators determined that the surfactant was pumped down the well during the drilling process and, in all probability, accumulated in a void in the sedimentary rock layers. The surfactant was then flushed laterally through the underground rock strata by heavy rain runoff before emerging as a soapy discharge at the spring.

BERKS COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT TREE SEEDLING SALE

The Annual Conservation District tree seedling sale has started. Proceeds Support Environmental Education in Berks County. You can download the order form at their website:

www.berkscd.com

TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM *(Continued from page 3)*

- APRIL 2011- Grant awards announced. If a grant is unavailable, then other funding must be obtained.
- JUNE 2011- Training workshop for Teacher and TCTU #150 member.
- SEPT 2011- Aquarium set up in classroom
- OCT-NOV 2011- Brook Trout eggs arrive, incubation and then hatching
- DEC-JAN 2011/2012- Brook Trout grow to Fry stage
- FEB-MAY 2012- Brook Trout grow fingerling stage and are released into an approved stream

As you can see this is a program with a scheduled timeline and goals. By taking this opportunity we will help these students learn to recognize Brook Trout as an indicator species and what these fish will need for a healthy cold water habitat in order to survive. We then believe this program will pay huge dividends for our environment and for the sport of trout fishing in the future. While I'm writing this article I realize that the students at Oley Valley and Hamburg High schools should be observing and monitoring the fry growing into the fingerling stage. How cool is that.

In a few months we may be asking for your support to help the teachers and students on release day. I hope those of you with flexible schedules can come out and help with this opportunity.

Any questions please contact our chapter's TIC Chairman, Rick Bell, or me. Our contact information is on the TCTO home page. (www.tullytu.org)

TULLY TALK *(Continued from page 1)*

We plan on holding another "Italian Night" this fall. Last year's event was a great success and the food was excellent.

I am looking forward to meeting some new people at the events mentioned above to check our website frequently (www.tullytu.org) and come out and enjoy the festivities.

Have a great spring and remember that we as a chapter are only as strong as the people who support us so please keep that in mind and try to set aside some time to get involved. A few hours over a year makes a big difference in helping us accomplish our goals.

Tight Lines, Geno

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