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*The Newsletter of the
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of Trout Unlimited*

Year in Review- and looking ahead!

By Ron Weidner

We had a good year this year. We presently have 363 members, the highest membership in our history. Now all we need is some more of those members to give a few hours a month and become involved. You will benefit from the experience.

We were able to complete some small stream projects this year and used our expertise to help with a larger stream project. We held fly tying classes, fishing clinics, meet and fish with members, friends, students and families. Every month during the summer we held an all you can eat breakfast at the Tully House. Socializing with others that have the same interests can be rewarding. Come out and listen to the fish stories, add some of yours. Look for more breakfasts next season.

We sent three kids to two different Conservation Schools and started a new school in our "Trout in the Classroom" program. TIC has been a very excellent and popular program, the kids love it.

The necessary equipment is provided to raise Brook Trout in the classroom, eggs are provided by the PA Fish Commission, when the trout are old enough to survive they are placed in an approved stream.

We hope we can accommodate another school next year. We have three schools in the program and two schools interested. They will need to apply for a grant in conjunction with our funding.

You can help by funding a sponsorship in your school or just financially support the program. Our cost to sponsor a new school is approx. \$600.00, a full sponsorship or a partial is available. Contact any of Officers. They can be found on our website www.tullytu.org.



Photo- Tom Ham

Tully Talk

by Gene Markle

The Second Season

The weather this year has been anything but ideal at times. We had a very wet spring that made streams unfishable or at least difficult to fish for weeks at a time. This was followed by a hot summer and a flood which again made fishing difficult at best and caused a lot of us to head for higher ground. This was then followed by a pre Halloween snowstorm that left plenty of us without electricity and trees and branches strewn all over our lawns which gave us plenty of cleanup work to do on the subsequent weekends..



We are now in winter and my fly rods have been collecting more dust than I care to mention. The good news is we are now in what I like to call the 'second season'. The air temperatures have cooled which means the water temperatures have cooled enough to allow us to get out and chase trout without the worry of stressing them because of fighting them in warm water. This is the time of the year when trout streams are not as crowded and one can take their time fishing and cover water without just fishing the good runs and riffles before someone else sets up camp in them for the next hour or two. The mornings can be cold and the hatches are not nearly as plentiful but one can still get out and enjoy a day on the stream.

This is the time of year where small midges work if your eyes are young enough to tie them to your tippet. Also effective are streamers and of course hare's ear and pheasant tail nymphs. I like to pick a stream and cover about a mile or so working downstream and spending a little extra time on the pockets that are bound to hold some fish. Sometimes they do and sometimes they don't but I guess that is why they call it fishing and not catching. So if you get the chance, head out to a local stream and just enjoy the day chasing some of those browns and rainbows. You will still be able to catch the NFL highlights on one of the 20 or so ESPN channels that are on the tube. I will remember a day of fishing long after I've forgotten how poorly my favorite team played on Sunday.

Tight Lines - *Geno*

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Currents

— 2012 —

Jan. 18 • TCTU Board Meeting - 7:30 PM

All members are welcome

Jan. 25 • TCTU Chapter Meeting - 7:30 PM

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Feb. 15 • TCTU Board Meeting - 7:30 PM

All members are welcome

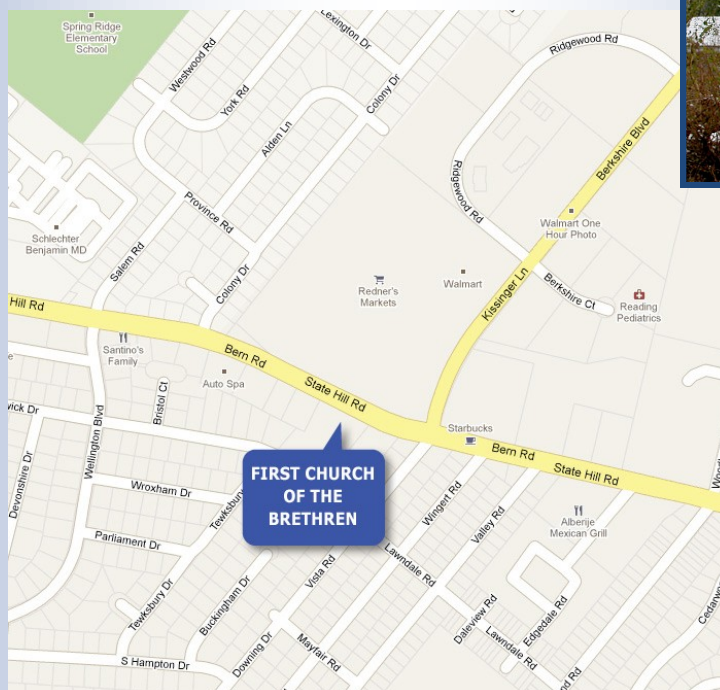
Feb. 22 • TCTU Chapter Meeting - 7:30 PM

Program to be Announced

-Full 2012 Calendar coming Soon!

**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



Willow Creek Project By Jeff Schronce

On Saturday October 15th the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Tulpehocken Chapter Trout Unlimited, Maiden Creek Township and various other non-profit entities completed the first half of a very important brook trout restoration effort on Willow Creek. Given the tremendous flooding experienced during Hurricanes Irene and Lee, a collective sigh of relief was heard as we saw that all of the in stream improvement had made it through the vicious storms which unprecedented volumes of water into the drainage. The water was still fast and high on the 15th and the mud made moving slow. Fortunately the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and Maiden Creek Township had pre-bored the holes so there was a lot less digging than anticipated. 500 native species of trees and shrubs were planted.

This is a tremendous brook trout fishery and we have a huge opportunity to make it prime waters. The project seeks to restore 2.0 miles of riparian habitat and 2.0 miles of in-stream habitat for brook trout. The project seeks to restore stream bank stabilization and riparian. Six acres of riparian buffer will be restored, and approximately 1,500 native trees and shrubs in total will be planted. Please stay tuned for future announcements for opportunities to help in this project.



Photos— Ron Weidner

A Special Thanks!

Long time Tully TU member **Roy Womer** has given us his collection of fly tying materials. For health reasons he is no longer able to fly fish. His extensive collection of material included a number of high quality hackle necks many spools of tying thread, copious loose hackle feathers, and a large selection of dyed and natural buck tails. His generous gift is greatly appreciated and will be used by our fly tying classes.



Gloria's Korner Kitchen -By Gloria Barnett

Hello Everyone from my Korner Kitchen. The holidays are over, but this recipe will be a delectable bit of goodness, whether you keep it for yourselves or serve it up for friends. I hope you all enjoy this great recipe.

-Gloria

GLO'S BAKED BRIE WITH CRANBERRIES AND APPLES

Brie is a French cheese known for its soft texture and white rind. When preparing this cheese, leave the rind on the cheese. The entire cheese is edible, including the rind.

(Preheat oven to 350 degrees.)

Coarsely chop apple. Combine apple, almonds, cranberries, brown sugar and cinnamon in a small bowl and mix gently. Stir in butter/oleo until ingredients are moistened.

Cut Brie in half – horizontally – place ½ of Brie, rind side down, on a baking pan or glass baking dish. Spoon half of the mixture over bottom half of Brie – spread evenly. Top with remaining Brie, rind side up.

Spoon remaining mixture over top. Bake 12 – 15 minutes, or until cheese is soft and just begins to melt.

The baked Brie can be served with toasted French bread or assorted crackers.

Note: You can substitute your favorite dried fruit in place of cranberries – raisins, dried cherries or chopped apricots.

Also, you can “very lightly” tent the Brie with foil while baking, if you prefer. (I tent this recipe so it will not melt in the oven)

Ingredients:

½ cup apple, chopped
¼ cup natural almonds
1 TBSP packed brown sugar
¼ tsp. cinnamon
1 TBSP butter or oleo/melted
1 Round Brie cheese (8 oz.)
¼ cup dried cranberries

Sometime last March I received a phone call from a high school junior, Jennifer Dronebarger who was looking for a senior project. In most of Pennsylvania the completion of a senior project is a requirement for graduation from high school. I asked Jennifer what her interests were. She told me that she was interested in Marine Biology. After about a week of thought on my part, I suggested a macro-invertebrate study of Cacoosing Creek. The impetus for this included the anecdotal evidence suggesting that this stream has a very poor assortment of aquatic insects. The creek has been studied more or less informally by a fair number of high schools as well as the Berks County Conservancy. The one published study was done by Dr. John Jackson and associates at the Stroud Laboratory as part of their study of tributaries of the Schuylkill River. All of these studies suggested that the Cacoosing has problems.

A further reason for study at this time is that the dam on the paper Mill property had been scheduled for removal. At one point several years back I had called Mike Kaufman, regional biologist for the PA Fish and Boating Commission. The purpose of my call was to ask Mike to change the Tulpehocken Special Regulations to include the portion of Cacoosing Creek downstream of the dam. Mike's response was: "Why don't we take out the dam?" Mike said he was going to follow up on the idea with his superiors. It appears that he did. The Fish and Boat commission will be the primary source of funding for the project, which will actually be administered by American Rivers.

I contacted Dr. Jackson to find out how thoroughly his group had examined the Cacoosing. He told me that he and his students had sampled from three sites during late winter and early spring over several years. Two of the sites were downstream from both wastewater treatment plants, those of Sinking Spring and Spring Township. The third was on a tributary upstream. It became clear that Jennifer had the opportunity to discover the possible source or sources of the stream's problems. Spring rains and Jenn's school commitments kept her away from the stream and the potentially heavy mayfly and caddisfly hatches. In early June, she and I began kick net sampling. I helped her considerably at first, because she had limited biology in her course work at that point. She learned to identify the major taxonomic orders of aquatic insects and a few other aquatic organisms with the help of a couple of websites.

We began at the obvious and easily accessible section below the paper mill. The same day, I suggested that we drive to the park just off State Hill Road to examine a stretch several miles upstream. I gave Jennifer several additional suggestions for sampling sites including immediately upstream and down from each of the sewage treatment operations. Another potentially interesting location was an upstream tributary flowing past a now closed landfill. The landfill during a part of its history was an EPA Superfund site and contains a number of potentially dangerous organo-chlorine compounds as well as a variety of toxic heavy metals. This site has been capped and sealed and was removed from designation as a Super Fund site.

A big surprise was that the richest and most fertile sampling sites were downstream of the uppermost sewage treatment plant. All the typical aquatic insect groups were present including Mayflies, Caddis flies, one species of Stone fly, Crane flies, Damsel flies and Dragon flies. Crayfish and two species of aquatic beetles were also found. One was the Water Penny which is aquatic only as a larva. The other was a small species that is aquatic throughout its life. These and caddis flies were very abundant. One caddisfly species was very similar to the Tully species except that the net spinning larvae were bright yellow.

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Less abundant were mayflies, although both Trico's and Sulfurs were present. Sampling was near the end of Sulfur emergence. A shortcoming of our study was that it began after the major spring emergences of many caddis flies and the earliest of the watershed's mayflies. We saw many fish in this stretch and quite a few were trout.

The Sinking Spring Wastewater treatment plant apparently has little impact on the insect life of the Cacoosing. A slight growth of filamentous algae was noted downstream of the facility suggesting that plant nutrients from this source were having some impact.

The Spring Township Plant is a different story. Downstream from its outflow there were very few macro-invertebrate species and essentially no insects. The most abundant organisms after mats of filamentous algae were scuds and fresh water sponges. Because of the overabundance of algae covering the substrate, the kick net was impossible to use. When we turned over rocks and sifted through the attached algae, we found very large numbers of scuds (fresh water shrimp) and abundant colonies of sponges, but little else. (Lots of organisms, but an extraordinary lack of biodiversity).

This wastewater treatment facility was the subject of an article in **The Reading Eagle** in mid-summer that described a future planned expansion to increase its capacity. Cited were excess phosphate and chlorine releases in the outflow. Both would account for our observations. It would appear that the treatment rather than occurring entirely within the facility was continuing to take place downstream in the Cacoosing and beyond in the Tully. Sampling in the Tully upstream and downstream from the Cacoosing's mouth did not reveal significant differences in our somewhat crude samples, so we considered the effect on the Tully to be minimal. Above and below the several possible outflows from the closed landfill on a tiny Cacoosing tributary, very few insect species were found, but the interesting one was a very large caddis larva that builds a case from leaf stalks laid parallel to its body. Until this summer, I had never seen a cased caddis larva in any part of the watershed and I have been actively looking. This tributary was in moderately good condition. A variety of insect groups was represented, just small numbers.

The two projected changes for the Cacoosing Creek have put me in a state of considerable anticipation. The sewage plant upgrade suggests that several miles of stream will once again have abundant insect life and be able to support a lot more trout. And the removal of the dam should produce considerable more trout spawning in a stream that has historically had demonstrable natural reproduction below the dam. Now the potential exists for miles and miles of spawning redds. I personally can't wait!

Redner's "Save-a-tape" Program

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.

"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.

Send them to Newsletter@TullyTU.org.

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.



Winter Fly Fishing

-Joe McGinley

Winter trout fishing can be quite productive. Providing you pick your days carefully, dress for the conditions, and fill your fly boxes with the appropriate patterns. Many times our local waters are void of angling pressure for weeks on end, giving the adventurous angler an opportunity to fish in solitude.

Dressing correctly for the conditions is half the battle while fishing during the winter months. Start with a moisture wicking base layer, this piece will keep you warm and dry throughout the entire day. Polypropylene or capilene are two excellent base layer materials. A warm mid layer of fleece or polyester will help keep your core temperature up throughout a cold day on the water as well. Stay away from cotton mid layers, as they do not breathe well and do not wick water once they become wet. Your outer most layer should be a breathable waterproof material capable of keeping you bone dry during that afternoon snow squaw. Lastly, a pair of fleece or wind stopper fingerless gloves are a must have, you may even want to carry two pair. Being dressed for the conditions can make or break your day.

Choosing the days you spend out on the water carefully will improve your odds of being successful as well. Air temperatures above 30 degrees will lessen the amount of ice build up you accumulate on your guides, which in turn leads to more time fishing. Being out during the warmest time of the day will also increase your success; try spending the hours of 10am-3pm fishing. Many days, anything before or after these hours is difficult to say the least. Low sun means colder air and water temps. As the sun hits the water in the morning, even a half degree temperature increase can make the fish much more active. With that being said, choose your spots wisely. Fishing areas where the sun is hitting the water will more times than not produce fish. Trout will move to shallower water in the winter to feed during periods of high sun. This water is warmer and more inclined to produce some aquatic insect activity. So before you begin wading an area, stop and study the water. You may be surprised to see fish lying very close to the bank.

There are many different theories regarding winter fly selection. And as always, matching the hatch is very important. However, there may only be a short window throughout the day when matching the hatch is possible. Maybe one or two hours in the late afternoon, when midges or little black stoneflies are actively hatching. So what do you use for the rest of the day when there is no bug activity? Fish your favorite confidence flies. Large attractor patterns are extremely effective during the colder months of the year. Prince nymphs, pheasant tails, and San Juan worms in sz. 10-16 will consistently produce fish all winter. Sometimes bigger is better. Also, try fishing a large attractor pattern trailed by a small midge pattern. Many times the large attractor will get the fishes attention, and encourage them to move toward your offering.

The key to becoming an effective winter fisherman is to consistently fish in the correct water column. Fishing the right flies incorrectly will leave you fishless and cold. With the exception of an afternoon midge hatch, trout will not be suspended in the water column during the winter. So fishing your flies as close to the bottom as possible will improve your catch rate. Many times simply adding a little more split shot will immediately get you into fish. A common winter rig consists of the following: 7.5ft 5x leader tapered down to 5 or 6x tippet fished with two larger flies. Add your split shot right above the tippet knot approximately 10-18 inches from your first fly. Attach your strike indicator 1 1/2-2 times the water depth. Constantly adjusting your indicator and split shot with varying water depths and current speeds will also increase your catch rates during the winter.

By taking the time to fine-tune your equipment and plan your winter outings according to favorable weather conditions you will greatly increase your productivity during the winter months.

Joe



Photo- Joe McGinley

PATU-Rivers Conservation & Fly fishing Camp

The 2012 Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp will be held at the Allenberry Resort from June 17 through June 22. The camp is open to applicants between the ages of 14 and 17. Application includes an essay by the applicant explaining why he or she should be considered for selection. Deadline for applications is March 31, 2012. In the past our chapter has provided scholarships to six Berks County teens and will provide at least one for next year's camp. The program is of the highest quality and includes speakers and programs from the Penn State faculty as well as other nationally famous anglers and fly tiers. There is also considerable on-stream fishing time provided every morning and evening. For complete details including application information go to the web site: www.riverscamp.com

TCTU #150 would like to welcome the following new members of our chapter in the 4th Quarter of 2011:

Brock Molinaro
Wyomissing, PA

Christopher Killinger
Shillington, PA

Gregory Kresge
Douglassville, PA

Larry Lloyd
Mohnton, PA

Ronald Maurer
Mohnton, PA

Quentin Veil
Reading, PA

Eric Hess
Sinking Spring, PA

Drew Kohler
Douglassville, PA

Gunnar Miller
Reading, PA

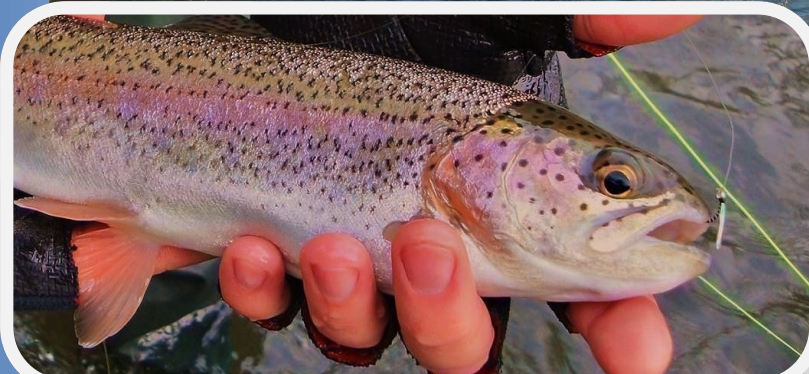
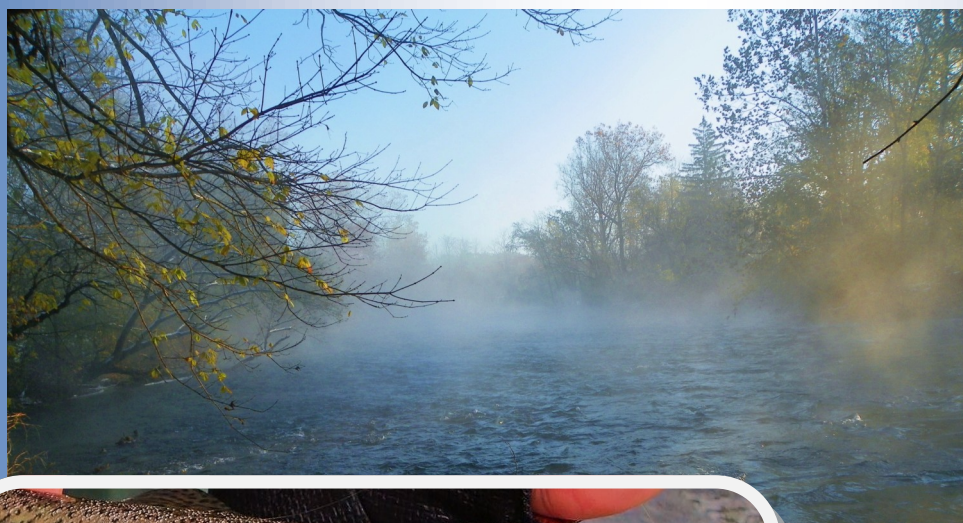
James Weitzel
Reading, PA

Gloria Barnett
Wyomissing, PA

Jeffrey D
Reading, PA

Paul Heim
Reading, PA

Photos—Tom Ham



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.

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.

Fly Fishing for BIG Brown Trout in the tributary streams of the Great Lakes.

By: Ron Weidner

My fishing partner Jim Trout and I have taken quite a few trips to fish the tributaries of both Lake Erie and Lake Ontario. We have been lucky to catch a lot of Steelhead, some very large Steelhead over the years.

Because most of us must plan our trip weeks or months, even a year in advance you will run into issues of low water, blown out rivers, extreme weather or get skunked. Hiring a guide can certainly improve your chances of having a successful trip. This year Jim and I said we need to set a new goal and stick to it. Neither one of us had ever caught a really BIG lake run Brown trout. We keep seeing pictures of these huge Brown's others have caught and we wanted to see if we could catch a couple of these bruisers. Not knowing where to concentrate on Brown's we called our guide and scheduled the trip the second week in November, 2011.

When we arrived and checked into our hotel, the locals were telling us a certain stream was fishing really good this year, it happened to be the stream we planned to fish, so we got our hopes up high, suited up and hit the stream. Lot's of fish in the stream, but we had a difficult time catching them in the two hours we had to fish. The next day we met our guide at some ungodly hour in the morning and he took us to the stream he planned to fish for our BIG Brown. Our guide wasn't too happy as he had warned us there will probably be a lot of fishermen.

As the sun rose we saw more, and more, and more fishermen arriving to fish. I looked down stream to see fishermen actually standing almost shoulder to shoulder. Not our type of fishing! We caught some fish, but left without our big Browns.

Our guide's plan was, let's buy lunch put it into our backpack, head back to the stream and walk downstream to get away from everyone. We walked about a mile and a half downstream, finally found an area without other fishermen.

There we caught quite a few nice Steelhead and some Brown's on eggs and streamers, but again, no monster Brown's. The day was coming to an end and it was obvious we had to try something different to reach our goal. Discussing the number of fish we saw in the stream we fished on our day of arrival. Our guide said let's fish it as he wanted to check-out that stream anyway. He usually fishes Lake Erie tributaries, but for Brown's the Lake Ontario tributaries are better. We arrived with about an hour and a half of light to fish. My fishing partner, with the help of our guide nailed our first large Brown. The guide was ecstatic when he saw the number of big Brown's in that stream. After all our trips, we finally hit it at the right time. The big males and females were in to spawn, the males were paired up and fighting each other, what a site that was.

The next morning, before light we went back to that stream. Needless to say our guide knew how to catch them and we ended up catching more Big Brown's then we ever expected. The two of us had four monsters and over 35 others not far behind in size, a dream come true for us.

There were so many fish in the stream it was easy to foul hook them. We do everything possible to release a fish that is foul hooked, we pull those hooks free whenever possible. Every fish we caught and landed ate our fly. I say this because I know there are many guys that count a foul hooked fish as being caught, that's not fishing in our viewpoint.

So don't give up if you enjoy fishing the Great Lakes tributaries, you could also hit it at the right time, if you haven't already. If you have, you know how great it is.

Thanks for listening.



Thank you!

The Board of Directors, Officers and Volunteers of Tulpehocken Chapter Trout Unlimited, Inc. would like to express our gratitude to the donors, sponsors and volunteers of our various programs. We would not be able to accomplish our aggressive stream and educational programs without our sponsors, donors and volunteers.

Below is a list of our sponsors for this past year. Please support all of our sponsors. Thank you!!!

Joe Blackburn - We can always rely on Joe to provide a full day of guided fishing on Spruce Creek, one of Pennsylvania's premier streams as a prize for our annual raffle.

Dr. Mark Landau, Berkshire Vision Center - Thank you Dr. Landau for providing a top of the line pair of polarized fishing glasses for our raffle each year.

Rick Nyles, Sky Blue Outfitters - Rick has been a supporter of TU for many years, we would like to thank him for donating ½ day of guided fishing for our raffle and for sponsoring a breakfast each year. If you want to learn more about fly fishing at any level Rick can teach you, call him or visit his website, www.skyblueoutfitters.com.

Jonas Price - Thanks to Jonas and his donation each year of a two night stay at his Bed & Breakfast, "The Feathered Hook" for our annual raffle. Jonas has always been a friend of our organization for a lot of years. When you want a nice place to stay on Penn's Creek don't hesitate to call him or visit his website, thefeatheredhook.com.

Barbara Good - Barbara is the wife of Len Good our Resource Committee head. She handcrafted and donated the lovely Afghan this year as a prize in our annual raffle.

Tulpehocken Creek Outfitters, (TCO Fly Shop) - Tony has always supported our organization with a donation each year for our annual raffle. See him for all your fishing supplies or visit their website at www.tcoflyfishing.com.

Bass Pro Shops - Thanks to the Bass Pro Shops for the donation of a lovely print for our annual raffle

Jeff Schronce - Jeff is on our Board of Directors and always does what needs to be done along with providing donations and sponsorships.

Dale Beigel - Dale has sponsored our Breakfasts and is always willing to help us.

We know we must have missed someone this year and apologize for that. We would also like to acknowledge the support we get from our 350+ membership. When we need help putting on a program you have been there when we need you, whether it's helping on a stream project, teaching kids about fishing or flipping pancakes at our breakfasts. We look forward to seeing more members at our meetings and outdoor events.

Our January Meeting Program

Date & Time: January 25th, 2012, at 7:30

Place: Robeson Elementary School, 801 White Bear Rd, Birdsboro, PA 19508

A Trout in the Classroom (TIC) presentation will be given by our newest TIC teacher Rebecca Johnson and TCTU #150 member Rick Bell. We will be holding this membership meeting at the Robeson Elementary School to see the TIC program up close.

DIRECTIONS:

Coming from East of Birdsboro, PA 19508:

Merge onto US-422 W

Turn left onto S Center Rd/PA-82.

Continue to follow PA-82. 1.8 mi

(PA-82 is 0.3 miles past Daniel Boone Rd, If you are on Perkiomen Ave and reach W Baumstown Rd you've gone about 0.6 miles too far)

Turn right onto Douglas St 0.2 mi

(Douglas St is 0.2 miles past Office St)

Merge onto Cocalico Rd .4 mi

(Cocalico Rd comes in from the right)

Turn left at stop sign to stay on Cocalico Rd. 3.2 mi

(intersection of Cocalico Rd and Jefferson ST)

Turn right at stop sign onto White Bear Rd. 0.7 mi

801 White Bear Rd, Birdsboro, PA 19508-7941 will be on right.



We Hope To See You There!

**A trip "Back in Time" to warmer days on the
Manatawny Creek!**

Photos Courtesy of Rick Niles

From the Editor

-By Thomas Ham

Hello TU community...and Happy New Year!

I just wanted to take some page space here and introduce myself. My name is Thomas Ham and I am the new editor for the TullyGram. I'm an avid outdoorsman with a heart for conservation. I saw TU as a great way to get involved in the effort for habitat conservation. As the chapter moves forward and seeks new ways to ensure the health of our local waterways, I hope to bring you the news in proper fashion. You may notice a few changes in the appearance of the TullyGram, and you may notice a few more differences as time goes on. In my professional experience I have seen what good communication can do for an organization, especially for community building, so I'm definitely looking forward to being a conduit between members and chapter activities.



I'd like to ask you the readers, if there is anything you'd like to see, or any suggestions you have for us? This newsletter is yours as much as it is ours and the Tully TU chapter would love to hear from our TullyGram readers! Remember to check out our Facebook page and stay tuned for more information on a "Tully TU" Blog.

Remember the true goal of our mission is to create a healthy habitat for wild fish; this benefits not only the fish and the angler, but society as a whole. However it is we who use these waters most who have a responsibility of stewardship to the environment. While TU has done a tremendous amount in this effort, we couldn't do anything without you all.

Enjoy the fishing today, protect it for tomorrow

-Tom

Say, Remember that Halloween Snow?

