



The Susquehanna Ripples



Newsletter of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited #044

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Fly Tying Class a Success!

Well over 30 individuals have participated in each of the fly tying class's so far making the course a big success. The class is made up of all age groups and include families, kids, women and men and all are having a great time. We are fortunate to have several experienced tiers who are giving their time each week to help and assist the students learn to tie. We want to provide the best experiences and opportunities to anyone who shares our love for the outdoors and for fishing. At earlier Chapter meetings and Susquehanna Ripples editions, we have discussed other possible classes and opportunities. We are currently looking into the possibility of fishing outings this spring and summer. This would be a great opportunity for those in the class to get out and try out their flies, but also for the rest of us who were unable to take the class's and just want to get out and fish. Look for more information on this in the future. If you have any questions or comments about the class's, please let us know.

Loyalsock Creek Clean Up Planned

Clinton County Cleanscapes will be having a Loyalsock Creek Greenway Community Cleanup on March 24 and April 28, 2012. Start time will be at 9:30 am and will end at 12:30 pm and a complementary lunch and refreshments will be available for all participants.

The goal of this clean up to is to remove the flood debris that remains along the creek as well as other debris that has found its way along the creek since the flooding in September 2011. This is a great opportunity for our Chapter and its members to get together and work with other groups to help restore a beautiful waterway.

More information about the cleanup can be obtained by contacting Elisabeth Lynch-McCoy, Executive Director of Clinton County Cleanscapes, Inc (P.O. Box 304, Mill Hall, PA 17751, 570-726-3511 or by email at clintoncountycleanscapes@yahoo.com)

You can also visit their websites at:

<http://www.clintoncountypa.com/PA%20Cleanways%20Banner.htm>

<http://www.keeppabeautiful.org/>

The Philosophy of Fishing Visited

Submitted by Bob Rinn

“Pools and Ripples”, a delightful group of essays by Bliss Perry offers much thinking about what we feel during our pursuit of trout and salmon: it is the basis for the name Susquehanna Ripples. An afternoon with Perry is time well spent.

Writers of yesteryear capture a feeling of contentment, times when life slowed to a flow where the concern about tomorrow did not include a cascade into the rush of urgency generated by our modern existence. It is easy to slip through these pages into the headwaters of the Lamoille River where I spend many pleasant days decades ago. Vermont has many delightful places, and people like the guide “Old John” whose poor cooking Perry would ignore for the pleasure of watching his unique method of fly casting starting with a back cast when “he inhales along rapt of breath as if he were going in a trance, lifting his ribs and his elbows very high, like some strange old bird about to take flight. As the cast starts forward, he seems to breath it softly across the river, as gently as a child blowing dandelion seed. He gets an incredible distance, but I never saw him raise a fish.”

Some of his essays take us into the New Hampshire peaks around Franconia Valley where splashing brooks were clear and full of trout. His niece, Annie Trumbull Slosson, wrote about the Notch Country in her famous book “Fishin’ Jimmy.” Now this is another book to consider, a short and easily absorbed tale of fishing personality, full of concern about the surrounding world and its people.

I like the way Bliss Perry moves through his fishing experiences, often revealing connections with moral and physical satisfaction essential to traversing a smooth trail. We hope for the wind at our backs as we paddle through the years ahead. He writes, “Nonsense! If the rod and reel are working well, and the fly book is wisely filled, and the sky a bit overcast, and there is just enough ripple on the water, your life-extension institute is already functioning!”

John Arway Spoke at February Meeting

We were very fortunate to have had Mr. John Arway, Executive Director of the PFBC and Mr. Bill Worobec, Commissioner for the PFBC at our recent meeting.

As always, they provided us with great, up to date information as to what the PFBC is doing and their future plans and goals.

One change that may affect us directly in this area is the way trout are stocked. New regulations for their drivers may not allow them to visit every spot they used to thus not allowing for an even stocking of a stream.

As always, they are asking for help from fishermen and other interested parties to help them stock and see that trout are evenly distributed throughout the stream.

A big thank you to Mr. Arway and Mr. Worobec for taking the time to come to our meeting and speak to us and answer the many questions that we had.

Treasurer’s Report for January 1-31, 2012

Checking Account

Beginning Balance January 1, 2012 **\$2,615.26**

Deposits

Member Reimbursement \$ 75.00

Expenses

Bob Baker (Reimbursement)

November 2011 Newsletter \$ 111.74

Mailing labels \$ 7.29

January 2012 Newsletter \$ 74.20

Post Office Bulk Mail Permit \$ 190.00

(Good until 1/13) **\$ 383.23**

First Presbyterian Church of Williamsport \$ 100.00

Utility Donation

Checking Account Balance 1/31/2012 **\$ 2,207.03**

Savings Account

Beginning Balance January 1, 2012 **\$6,491.89**

Interest Payment January 13, 2012 \$ 0.26

Ending balance January 31, 2012 **\$6,492.15**

Checking Account Balance **\$2,207.03**

Savings Account Balance **\$6,492.15**

Total money in bank **\$8,699.18**

House Bill 1950 Signed into Law

The Marcellus Shale bill was signed into law by Governor Corbett on February 14, 2012.

Highlights of HB1950 include:

- The financial support it will provide to the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission for investigative and enforcement activities.
- Funding for the Growing Greener Fund
- Requires a water management plan, approved by DEP, for Water withdrawals for drilling or hydraulic fracturing
- DEP must consider the impact on public resources and is allowed to place conditions on well permits to ensure protection of public resources and habitats
- It prohibits well pad sites or the drilling of wells in floodplains.

One area where HB1950 does not go far enough is the requirement that drillers increase the distance from a well bore to a stream from 100 to 300 feet. TU advocates that well pads, as opposed to well bores, should be at least 300 feet from a stream or other body of water.

Taken from press release of Trout Unlimited http://www.tu.org/press_releases/2012/marcellus-shale-impact-bill-a-step-forward-for-fish-and-wildlife-in-pennsylvania

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Kohl Knopp
Robert Pulizzi

Our Membership now stands at 195 members

We presently have the President position open and 7 Director positions. We have had no one step forward to fill these important positions and we are again asking you to consider filling one of these positions. This is one of the best ways to make your membership count and your voice heard! If you are interested in becoming an Officer or Director, please contact David Craig (contact information is on the front) to find out what is required for the position you are interested in.

DEP Wants Your Comments

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection is accepting public comments until March 21, 2012 for its proposed changes to its erosion and sediment general permit.

“The permit mandates protection of waterways and watersheds from sediment runoff during construction disturbing more than five acres over the life of an oil or gas related project.”

Highlights include:

- DEP can extend the time it takes to review permits if they find problems with the submitted permit.
- The operator of a site is required to restore the well site after completing the well.
- The operator of a site is required to use best practices for erosion and sediment control
- Operators of a site must also comply with post construction storm water as is required by their county.

Information for this article was taken from the DEP website at www.dep.state.pa.us and click on the oil and gas tab.

Update your Contact Information

We have recently started using email to notify our membership of important events. The first was to notify the membership that John Arway, PFBC Executive Director, would be at our February meeting. All email address's were obtained from Trout Unlimited and a number of them were returned for various reasons. At the same time, we found that there are a number of individuals who did not have an email address listed. If you do have email and wish to be included, please let us know your email address. If you received an email from us, you have nothing further to do.

Additionally, when we conducted our phone survey last year, we found a number of incorrect phone numbers. Please go to the Trout Unlimited web page (<http://www.tu.org/>) and log in to update your contact information or send your updated information to rlbaker@earthlink.net or to 821 Wilson Street, Williamsport, PA 17701 and we will update our records.



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Upcoming Events

March 6, 2012

Fly Tying Class

March 7, 2012

Monthly Meeting with Don Bastian. Don is a well known fly tier, author, lecturer and guide who has fished throughout the United States. He has been featured in many well known fishing magazines and will be talking about classic flies and will be available to answer your questions. Please note that the meeting has been changed from March 14 to March 7

March 13, 2012

Fly Tying Class

March 20, 2012

Fly Tying Class (Last Class)

March 31, 2012

Opening Day of Trout Southeastern PA

April 11, 2012

Monthly Meeting

April 14, 2012

Opening day of Trout Season Statewide

Chapter meetings

Held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and are open to the public and begin at 7:30 pm.

Meetings are held at the First Presbyterian Church of Williamsport in the Fellowship Hall, 102 East 3rd Street, Williamsport. Parking is in the rear of the Church along Mulberry Street.

The deadline to submit articles for the April 2012 issue of the Susquehanna Ripples is March 28, 2012. Anything received after this date will be placed in the next issue. Please send to Bob Baker, 821 Wilson Street, Williamsport PA 17701 or rlbaker@earthlink.net