



The Susquehanna Ripples



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Your Fish Stories and Pictures are wanted!!!!

With the start of the 2012 Trout season starting in a few weeks, we want to wish all of you the best of luck. We are asking you to send in your pictures of the fish you catch and stories about them. This is your newsletter and we want to share what you have done and accomplished. Even though we are a Trout Unlimited Chapter, we welcome any pictures, stories or product reviews for anything fishing related. We are all fishermen and many of us fish for more than one species. We want to highlight the achievements of our members in the Susquehanna Ripples and on the web page. Please consider submitting something to share with others. Contact information is on the last page.

Fishing Etiquette to Remember

1. Know and understand all fishing rules and regulations
2. Don't trespass. Always ask permission
3. Do not litter. If you take it in, take it out and throw it away properly. If you find someone else's trash, pick it up
4. Practice leave no trace
5. Don't crowd another angler and don't fish the same area they are
6. Practice catch and release and take pictures
7. Have fun



FLY TYING MATERIALS SALE

SCTU has obtained a quantity of fly tying materials and books from donations and an estate purchase. The excess of what we need for our tying course will be sold at meetings well below market price in order to raise funds for the chapter.

We have india necks, a few very good dry fly necks, necks, hooks, thread, floss, dubbing, quills, fur, etc. Come check it out, and pick up supplies and classic books. Items will be for sale at Chapter Meetings.

Fisheries Management Plan for Pine Creek

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission has recently released its fisheries management plan for Pine Creek. Pine Creek is an 87 mile long stream which originates in Potter County and flows through Tioga, Lycoming and Clinton counties.

“The plan describes the history of fisheries management on Pine Creek, identifies the factors affecting the biological health of the stream, and outlines future fisheries management plans,” said Jason Detar, Area 3 Fisheries Manager. “Part of the process of developing the plan involves soliciting public input. We appreciate anglers taking the time to review the plan and providing us with their comments.”

This 58-page plan is available online at the PFBC website at: <http://fishandboat.com/pinecreekplan.htm>. The plan is designed to guide future actions by the PFBC and aid other stakeholders by providing information and information needs about these valuable resources.

Pine Creek supports a diverse fishery of cold and warm-water species. The upper stretch of Pine Creek above Genessee Forks supports an excellent wild trout population, while the middle reach from Genessee Forks to Waterville - including “the canyon” - provides for quality stocked trout angling, and the lower section from Waterville downstream offers good warm-water angling opportunities for smallmouth bass. <http://fishandboat.com/newsreleases/2012press/pineck-plan.htm>

Pennsylvania Trout Newsletter online

Because you are a member of Trout Unlimited, you are automatically a member of The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited. Council has stopped mailing their newsletter but has it on their website at <http://www.patroul.org/>. Please check out the site and the newsletter to find out what is happening on the State level.

Treasurer’s Report for February 1—29, 2012

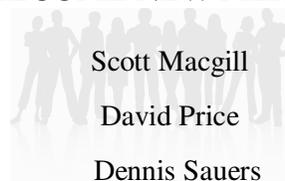
Checking Account

Beginning Balance February 1, 2012	\$2,207.03
No Deposits	
Expenses	
Bob Baker (Reimbursement)	
February 2012 Newsletter	\$ 147.76
Post Office Bulk Mail Postage	\$ 125.00
Fly fishing Materials	\$ 200.00
Checking Account Balance	
February 29, 2012	\$ 1734.27

Savings Account

Beginning Balance February 1, 2012	\$6,492.15
Interest Payment February 15, 2012	\$ 0.29
Ending balance February 29, 2012	\$6,492.44
Checking Account Balance	\$1734.27
Savings Account Balance	\$6,492.44
Total money in bank	\$8,226.71

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Scott Macgill

David Price

Dennis Sauers

Gladwin Yenner

Doug Zehner

Our Membership now stands at 200 members

Volunteer Opportunities

- July 16—July 20, work will be done on Lycoming Creek at the Sheshequin campgrounds in Marsh Hill. Numerous devices will be installed in the creek under the direction of the PFBC. For more details or to sign up, please contact Mike Ditchfield at 998-9926. This work will be done during the day.
- Work will be done on Wallis run in late July or Early August. This work will be done with the North Central Pennsylvania conservancy. No other details are available to us at this time but please contact Renee Carey at 323-6222 for more details or to sign up.
- The Lycoming / Sullivan Envirothon will be held at the Consolidated Sportsmans on Route 87. This will take place on April 25, 2012 from 8:30 - 1:00. This is a competition between teams of high school students on topics such as soils, water, forestry, and many others. The teams go to stations and are tested on their knowledge. The winning team then goes to the State Envirothon on May 22 and 23 at the University of Pittsburg in Johnstown.
- April 28, 2012 at 9:30 am - 12:30 pm a clean up of the Loyalsock Creek is planned. This will be the second clean up day headed up by Clinton County Cleanscapes, Inc. The goal of this clean up 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. More information about the clean up 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> or <http://www.keeppabeautiful.org/>
- May 22 - 23, 2012 is the 28th annual Pennsylvania Envirothon at the University of Pittsburg in Johnstown. Over 100 volunteers are needed for this event. For more information or to register, please contact Bill Kahler at 570 - 327 - 3571 or wkahler@pa.gov.
- July 22- 27, 2012, the national Canon Envirothon will be held at the Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove. There will be over 40 States and several Canadian Provinces represented. Over 300 volunteers are needed for this event. Please go to www.envirothonpa.org and click on the Canon Envirothon logo on the left side of the page to see a list of volunteer opportunities. You can also contact Karen Books at 717 - 787 - 2103 or kbooks@pa.gov for more information or to register

New Web Page Lists Proposed Wild Trout Waters

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) has launched a new web page which lists streams that have been sampled by the PFBC and cooperating partners as part of its statewide initiative to document waterways supporting naturally reproducing wild trout.

“The wild trout designation is a biological classification which indicates that a stream is producing and sustaining a natural trout population,” said Dave Miko, chief of the PFBC’s Division of Fisheries Management. “It’s important because streams with this designation, and their associated wetlands, are entitled to greater regulatory protection.” The web page is <http://fishandboat.com/wild-trout-designations-step1.htm>.

The streams on the list have been sampled by the PFBC and cooperating partners as part of an effort to collect baseline biological information from previously un-surveyed streams. Preliminary results from the surveys indicate that the streams on the list may be eligible for consideration as wild trout waters. They may also support wild trout populations sufficient to designate a stream section as a Class A wild trout stream. <http://fishandboat.com/newsreleases/2012press/wild-trout.htm>



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Upcoming Events

March 31, 2012

Opening Day of Trout Southeastern PA

April 11, 2012

Monthly Meeting

April 14, 2012

Opening day of Trout Season Statewide

May 9, 2012

Monthly Meeting

No Meetings will be held in June, July, or August

September 12, 2012

Monthly Meeting

October 10, 2012

Monthly Meeting

November 14, 2012

Monthly Meeting

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 May 2012 issue of the Susquehanna Ripples is April 25, 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