

# Susquehanna Ripples



Newsletter of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited #044

November 2013

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## **Penn's Creek Fishing to be topic at November Meeting**

Penn's Creek is arguably one of the top 10 trout streams east of the Mississippi and rated in the top 100 in the continental U. S. Bruce Fisher of Penn's Creek Angler in Weikert, PA will be presenting an informative program on the hatches, pools, scenic attractions, and fishery facts, lore, and tips on this famous nearby stream. The public is welcomed to attend this monthly meeting of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited on Wednesday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church on the corner of East Third and Mulberry Streets in Williamsport.



## **Check your Membership Expiration Date**

On each mailing label for items that we send to you, the expiration date of your membership is given. In the example below, the expiration date for John Q. Fisherman is 01/31/2014.

44 RE 410027874 **01/31/2014**  
JOHN Q. FISHERMAN  
OR CURRENT RESIDENT  
PO BOX 1132  
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You will receive notice of renewal from Trout Unlimited prior to your membership expiring. If you do not receive one, a quick look at your mailing label will give you this information. Trout Unlimited needs your continued support so that we can continue working to preserve our waterways and watersheds.

At the present time, there are 10 individuals within our Chapter who have expired memberships and will remain on the mailing list for a short before being removed.

Other important information found on the first line: 44 is the Chapter that you belong to, the two letters are the type of membership that you have, and your membership number follows (410027874).



## Year in Review and What's Ahead

The last year has been a terrific one for the Chapter and we are looking forward to another great year in 2014.

- The biggest accomplishment that we had was the fishing equipment recycling program. It was an idea that we had and you came through in a big way. Numerous individuals donated items (both new and used) to the Chapter for our table at the Pennsylvania Outdoor Life Expo. We estimated we received over \$6500 worth of items and sold much of that at the show. We still have items in our stock and are continually asking, and hoping, that we will receive more. The sale of these items was our major fundraiser for this year and replenished our treasury that will allow the Chapter to continue operate and meet our financial obligations. Please consider donating your fishing equipment / accessories to our Chapter.
- We had our second fly tying class that was again a big success. This class was offered at no expense to the participants and was possible due to the donations of fly tying materials that we received and by individuals who gave up their time to show us their skills and teach us their art. We want to give a big Thank You to everyone who participated.
- Donated rod building equipment and supplies to a Boy Scout Troop in Montgomery so they could build their own fishing rods
- The fishing platform at Trout Run Park was finally a reality. After years of planning and hard work by many individuals and organizations, the platform was finally built in November 2012
- We participated in the Unassessed Waters Project with the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. We were one of only two TU Chapters who participated in the pilot project and were successful in providing valuable information to the PFBC.
- Had a fish outing and campout on Antes Creek in May hosted by Andy Lyons
- Established a website to further reach out to our members. We also maintain a facebook page.
- Had individuals step up and fill many of the vacant positions (Officers and Directors) after a few years of being vacant

What's ahead:

- 2014 marks the 50th anniversary of our Chapter and we are looking forward to celebrating this milestone throughout the year
- Continue to work to increase our membership and to get individuals to become officers / directors or to help with Chapter events
- Hosting a fly tying class the first part of 2014
- Continue working with and supporting our local watershed groups and other organizations who work to preserve our waterways

- Continue providing informative Chapter meetings, regularly published Susquehanna Ripples and keeping the website up to date.

We want to thank everyone for their help and support over the past year and look forward to this is the coming year.

As always, we want to hear from you. Any suggestions, ideas, or comments that you have are always welcomed and appreciated. We are always looking for help. Any amount of time that you can give is always appreciated.

The next issue of the Susquehanna Ripples will be January 2014. The deadline for any submissions is December 27, 2013. Please consider submitting something



Carl Duane Hiller Sr.  
1936 - 2013

Duane was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Montoursville, and was a graduate of both Lycoming College and the Pennsylvania State University. He retired as an engineer in the Wire Rope Division of the former Bethlehem Steel, and was a former Loyalsock Township Supervisor. He was a mason; was a member of Trout Unlimited, enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and wood working.

Duane is survived by his wife, Ursula and his seven children.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

*This originally appeared in the October 2013 issue of the Susquehanna Ripples. It was not readable after printing and we apologize for this and are reprinting it.*

## PFBC Issues Alert to Contain Invasive Species in Centre County

“After confirming the presence of the aquatic invasive species (AIS) known as New Zealand mudsnail (*Potamopyrgus antipodarium*) in Spring Creek, Centre County, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) is reminding anglers and boaters that cleaning their gear is the easiest, most effective means of preventing its spread to other waters.

Biologists with the state Department of Environmental Protection collected the samples in April in Spring Creek between the Benner Spring State Fish Hatchery and the State Route 550 bridge near Bellefonte. Earlier this month, snail experts from South Carolina’s College of Charleston and the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum confirmed the findings.

New Zealand mudsnails are small, measuring less than one-quarter inch, with a long, narrow, coiled shell with deep grooves. Like other aquatic invasive species, they disrupt ecosystems by rapidly multiplying and competing with native species for space and food.

“Based on studies conducted in western U.S. streams, if the population grows quickly, they could become the dominant organisms in the benthic – or bottom dwelling – community, upon which many other species depend for food,” said Bob Morgan, the PFBC’s ecologist who studies aquatic invasive species. “Because this is the first known occurrence of the New Zealand mudsnail on the Atlantic slope of the eastern U.S, the effects of the snail on higher organisms, such as fish, are not certain at this time.”

The invasive species has spread to Europe, Asia, Australia and North America. They were discovered in the Snake River in Idaho and Wyoming in 1987; in Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River in 1991; and in Lake Erie about 4 miles north of

Presque Isle Bay in 2007. Additional populations were found in a small stream near the Niagara River in New York in 2008 and in another Lake Ontario tributary in 2011.

“Spring Creek is one of the most heavily fished streams in the state, with anglers travelling to it from all over the world,” added Morgan. “Given the presence of the mudsnail in other areas of the country, it’s not surprising they have been found here. As with many aquatic invasive species, they are nearly impossible to eradicate once established. This is even more difficult with the mudsnail because it usually takes only one small snail to be able to produce offspring. But we must do our best to slow its spread to other waters.”

Anglers and boaters are urged to “Clean Your Gear!” before leaving a water and entering another one.

New Zealand mudsnails require some specialized disinfection measures. Gear should be visually inspected and any clinging matter should be removed and disposed of in the trash. To kill mudsnails, three methods are effective. Gear can be frozen for a minimum of six hours, or it can be soaked in hot water – 120°F to 140°F – for five minutes. This last method is not recommended for Gortex.

Also, a 2005 study by the California Department of Fish and Game showed that mudsnails can be killed by soaking gear for five minutes in a one-to-one solution of Formula 409® Cleaner Degreaser Disinfectant and water. After soaking gear for five minutes, thoroughly rinse it with plain water. Simply spraying gear with the disinfectant or the mixture does not work. Also, general cleaners have not been shown to be effective against the mudsnail.

If you suspect that you have found New Zealand mudsnail (or any other AIS) in another waterway, please report your information at: <http://www.fish.state.pa.us/ais-reporting.htm>. When reporting an AIS sighting it is very important to include as much information as pos-

sible including close-up photos of the organism, the exact location (GPS coordinates work best), a description of what you found, and your contact information.

For more information about New Zealand mudsnail, visit <http://www.paseagrant.org/fact-sheet-group/invasive-species/> and scroll down to Fact Sheets – Invertebrates and the mudsnail photo/link.”

## CLEAN YOUR GEAR

Help reduce the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) are plants and animals that have been introduced into new ecosystems and have environmental, recreational, economic or health impacts. These invaders may damage equipment and compete with native species. Anglers and boaters may unknowingly introduce AIS into new waters.

Stop aquatic hitchhikers by following these simple steps.

- \*Check your equipment before leaving any body of water
- \*\*Remove and leave behind plants, mud and aquatic life
- \*Check your fishing gear: Shoes or boots, Clothing, Fishing vests, Fishing rod, reel and line, Hooks and lures, Tackle boxes

Many AIS can't be seen and are microscopic. It's important to clean your gear even if it doesn't appear to have anything on it. Use hot (140° F) water to clean your equipment. Spray equipment with a high-pressure washer.

Or, dry everything before entering new waters. Allow equipment to dry to the touch, and then allow it to dry another 48 hours. Thick and dense material like life jackets and felt-soled wading gear will hold moisture longer, take longer to dry and can be more difficult to clean.

<http://fishandboat.com/cleanyourgear.htm>

**Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2013  
October 1, 2012 - September 30, 2013**

**Checking Account**

Beginning Balance October 1, 2012	\$1,130.52
Deposits:	
Donations	\$5.00
Transfer from Savings Account	\$1,000.00
Membership (2 new memberships)	\$35.00
Sale of Merchandise Donated	\$439.00
New Member Rebate from TU	\$45.00
Sale of Merchandise at POL Show at Mall	\$4,611.00
 Total Deposits	 \$6,135.00
Expenses:	
Deluxe Checks (new box of checks)	\$25.20
Chapter Meetings (Utility Donation to Church)	\$100.00
Neece Paper Company (plastic bags for POL Show)	\$4.60
In Memory of Donation (for Evelyn Rinn)	\$25.00
Office Supplies (mailing seals and address labels)	\$61.35
Fly Tyer Magazine Subscription for James V. Brown	\$41.90
Membership (4 new memberships)	\$87.50
Bob Baker (Printing of Susquehanna Ripples)	\$955.02
David Craig (Items for POL Show)	\$158.99
PO Box Year Rental	\$60.00
PO Bulk Mail Permit	\$190.00
PO Bulk Mail Postage	\$335.00
Post Office (Mailing of Certified Letter)	\$3.75
Sales Tax Paid	\$52.81
 Total Expenses:	 \$2,101.12
Checking Account Balance	\$5,164.40

**Savings Account**

Beginning Balance October 1, 2012	\$6,494.34
Deposits:	
Dividends	\$3.19
Donations	\$5.00
Sale of Merchandise Donated	\$51.00
Sale of Merchandise at POL Show at Mall	\$1,480.00
Refund (Return of storage containers)	\$25.00
Memberships (2 new members)	\$35.00
 Total Deposits:	 \$1,599.19

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**Savings Account Expenses**

M & T Bank (Service Charge for transferring funds)	\$1.00
Transfer to Checking Account	\$1,000.00
Trout Unlimited (2 new memberships)	\$35.00
POL Startup Funds	\$480.00
<b>Total Savings Account Expenses:</b>	<b>\$1,516.00</b>
<b>Savings Account Balance:</b>	<b>\$6,577.53</b>
Checking Account Total	\$5,164.40
Savings Account Total	\$6,577.53
<b>Total Money in Bank</b>	<b>\$11,741.93</b>

**Mandatory Life Jacket Requirement Started November 1**

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) is reminding boaters that beginning November 1 and lasting through April 30, they are required to wear a life jacket while underway or at anchor on boats less than 16 feet in length or on any canoe or kayak. The requirement applies to all Pennsylvania waters.

“Life jackets are the most important piece of safety equipment on a boat,” says Laurel Anders, director of the PFBC Bureau of Boating and Outreach. “According to Pennsylvania’s boating accident reports, almost 80 percent of all boating fatalities happen to boaters not wearing a life jacket. A disproportionate number of the fatalities occur during the months of November through April. During these cold weather months, boaters are especially at risk due to the water temperature and the risk of sudden cold water immersion.”



**Golden Girl Streamer**

Hook: Streamer, 3X-4X long, sizes 5/0-4  
 Thread: Black  
 Tail: Orange hackle fibers  
 Body: Flat gold tinsel  
 Underwing: Orange calf tail  
 Wing: Golden pheasant tippet  
 Hackle: Orange

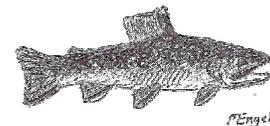
**Golden Girl Streamer**  
Baitfish Imitation

Naturals Imitated	
Name	Region/Season
Attractor	All Regions Winter

The Golden Girl is primarily a winter steelhead fly and was created by Roderick Haig-Brown.

The original recipe for this streamer used indian crow for the tail, orange polar bear for the underwing, golden pheasant crest for the topping and yellow hackle for the throat. The recipe listed on this card uses less expensive materials, but still performs very well.

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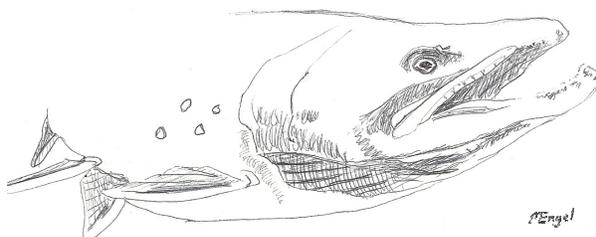
**Recipe of the Month**  
**Basil Parmesan Bass**

- 2 bass fillets
- 1 clove minced garlic
- 1/4 tsp. basil
- 1/2 tsp fresh ground black pepper
- 1 tbsp butter
- 2 cups freshly grated parmesan cheese

Cover a baking sheet with foil and put the fillets in the center. Mix garlic, basil and pepper. Rub the fillets with butter and then top with spice mixture. Broil for about 7 minutes. Check fillets often - cooking time varies with thickness of fillets. Fish is done when it flakes easily. Cover each fillet with one cup of cheese and broil until the cheese is melted.

Valley Outdoors / Standard Journal Cookbook 2008

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**The Mission of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited is to work to conserve, protect and restore Central Pennsylvania's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds**

### **Upcoming Events**

**Wednesday November 19, 2013 (7:30 pm start)**

Chapter Meeting Fishing on Penn's Creek will be topic.

**December 1, 2014**

2014 Fishing Licenses go on Sale

**January 1, 2014**

Trout Extended Season starts for approved trout waters

**January 8, 2014**

Chapter Meeting, Annual Watershed Summit

**February 12, 2014**

Chapter Meeting, Representatives from Fish Commission

**March 12, 2014**

Chapter Meeting

**March 22, 2014**

Regional Mentored Youth Fishing Day for SE/SC Pennsylvania

**March 29, 2014**

Opening Day of Trout for the SE Counties of Pennsylvania

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**



Glen Francis  
John Schrader

### **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 (unless otherwise noted), 102 East 3rd Street, Williamsport. Parking is in the rear of the Church along Mulberry Street.

No meetings are held in May, June, July, August or December