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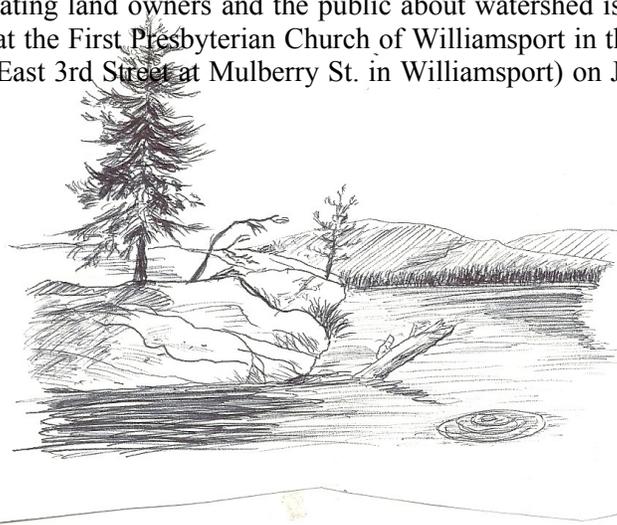
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Celebrating 50 Years: 1964—2014

2014 is a big year for our Chapter. In March, we will mark 50 years since our Chapter was first formed. We are planning a banquet to celebrate this milestone and will be having articles and hopefully pictures in future newsletters to commemorate this great event. Not many organizations, and TU Chapters, make it 50 years and we are very grateful to everyone who has helped us get to this point. More information will be posted in the near future on the website and in the Susquehanna Ripples.

Annual Watershed Summit to be held January 8, 2014

The public is invited to come and learn about all of the volunteer accomplishments of our local watershed groups and local colleges during 2013 and upcoming plans for 2014. Susquehanna Chapter Trout Unlimited is hosting this annual meeting of area watershed associations and conservation organizations which are working to preserve and enhance our area streams and watersheds. All are invited to learn how to help and get involved. Each year these groups have carried out important projects including improving stream habitat, stabilizing stream banks, monitoring water quality, and educating land owners and the public about watershed issues. The meeting will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Williamsport in the Fellowship Hall (rear of 102 East 3rd Street at Mulberry St. in Williamsport) on January 8th at 7:00 PM.



**We hope you had a very happy and joyous holiday season and
a happy new year**



FYI

Miles of stream in PA	79,495 (DEP Stream Layer)
Number of streams surveyed since 2010	2,502 (This includes streams found to be dry)
Number of streams surveyed with WT	1,199
Miles of Class A Streams	1,613
Miles of Wild Trout Streams	13,294
Miles of Stocked Trout Streams	4,670
Miles of Trout water	17,964 (This number is constantly growing as we continually document wild trout streams through the Unassessed Waters Initiative)

Mentored Youth Fishing Day to Expand Statewide in 2014

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) unveiled plans to expand its popular Mentored Youth Fishing Day program across the state in 2014.

Launched this past spring as a pilot program on the Saturday preceding the regional opening day of trout season, Mentored Youth Fishing Day was an immediate hit with adult anglers and the kids in their lives. More than 3,700 adult anglers registered 5,110 kids for the fishing opportunity.

“This new program turned out to be very popular with anglers and their friends and family,” said PFBC Executive Director John Arway. “We had a great turnout at every location and we received a lot of thanks from participants, who said they were happy to have a special day to fish with their children in advance of the opening day. We expect the same level of enthusiasm and turnout when we expand it statewide this spring.”

For the 2014 fishing season, the first Mentored Youth Fishing Day will be held on approximately a dozen waters on March 22, the Saturday before the regional opening day of trout season in 18 southcentral and southeast counties. The second one will be held on approximately two dozen waters on April 5, the weekend before the traditional statewide opening day of trout season.

“We are still finalizing the exact number of waters and will publicly announce the list in December before the holiday season, sort of our gift to anglers,” added Arway.

A follow-up survey of participants found that 89 percent of the registered youth fished that day; a majority of mentors were family members; and more than 80 percent of the mentors said they were satisfied with the experience. All total, the kids and their mentors fished 7,727 hours and reported releasing 4,405 trout and harvesting 1,183. Nearly 80 percent of the mentors said they usually fish the opening day of trout season. However, more than one-third of respondents said that they do not typically take youth out on opening day. (taken from PFBC website)

Thank You Again

As we start a new year, we feel it is once again appropriate and important to thank everyone who has helped our Chapter fulfill its goals in 2013 and move forward with success. The list of individuals is numerous and everyone has contributed in their own way and it is very much appreciated. A simple thank you does not seem enough but please know that your efforts and contributions are not forgotten. Everyone who has contributed items to be sold for Chapter fundraising, helped at the Chapter booths at events, held an officer or director position, contributed to the newsletter or website, helped with the fly tying class’s, helped set up or tear down after a chapter meeting, and for coming to or monthly meetings, every little bit counts. This list is not complete and there are many other things that our members do to contribute.

In Memory

The Officers and Directors of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited would like to take a moment and remember all of our deceased members. Over the past 50 years we have accomplished a great deal as an organization, but we have experienced sorrow many times with the passing of a Chapter member.

We would like to pay tribute to these men and women who played a vital part in the formation, and growth, of this organization in its first 50 years.

While we celebrate our 50th year of anniversary, let us remember these men and women who helped make this all possible. This organization would not be what it is today if it was not for the dedication and support of these individuals.

Recipe of the Month

Salmon - Pasta Salad

Salmon

- 1 (1/2 lb) salmon fillet or 1/2 lb canned salmon
- 1/8 tsp dill weed
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Granulated garlic to taste
- 2 tbsp olive oil

Pasta

- 2 1/2 cups extra wide noodles, cooked according to directions
- 1 cup halved olives
- 1/4 cup finely chopped carrots
- 2 ribs celery, finely chopped
- 1/2 cup finely chopped tomato
- 1/4 cup finely chopped green onion
- 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion

Sauce

- 5 tbsp melted butter
- 1/8 tsp dill weed
- 3/4 tbsp granulated garlic
- 2 freshly squeezed lemons
- Salt and pepper to taste

For Salmon: Sprinkle salmon with dill weed, salt, pepper and granulated garlic. In a large skillet, heat oil over medium high heat until hot. Add salmon and cook 2 minutes per side or until fish flakes easily with a fork.

For Pasta: In a large bowl, stir together noodles, olives, carrots, celery, tomato, green onions and red onion. Flake salmon and gently stir into noodle mixture.

For Sauce: in large, microwave safe bowl, stir together butter, dill weed, granulated garlic, lemon juice, salt and pepper: cook in microwave on high 1 1/2 minutes. Gently stir sauce into pasta. Serve warm with toasted French bread.



Red Devil Bug Dry Fly

- Hook: Standard dry fly, sizes 8-14
- Thread: Red
- Tail: Natural deer body hair
- Body: Red chenille
- Shellback: Natural deer body hair - butt ends
- & Head: of tail pulled over body and clipped to form head

Red Devil Bug Dry Fly
Attractor

Naturals Imitated	
Name	Region/Season
Attractor	All Regions All Seasons

Orley Tuttle, an Adirondack guide from Old Forge, NY, developed the Devil Bug in 1919.

The Devil Bug is tied in a variety of colors. A common variation uses peacock herl for the body and dark deer hair for the shellback and head.

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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

January 1, 2014

Trout Extended Season starts for approved trout waters

January 8, 2014 (7 pm start time)

Chapter Meeting, Annual Watershed Summit

February 12, 2014

Chapter Meeting, Representatives from Fish Commission

February 15, 2014

Penn College Outdoor Expo

10 am - 5 pm at the Penn College Field House. The Chapter will have a space at this event and will be selling items and giving information about our Chapter and TU

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

April 5, 2014

Statewide Mentored Youth Trout Day - Statewide

April 9, 2014

Chapter Meeting

April 12, 2014

Statewide Opening of Trout

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