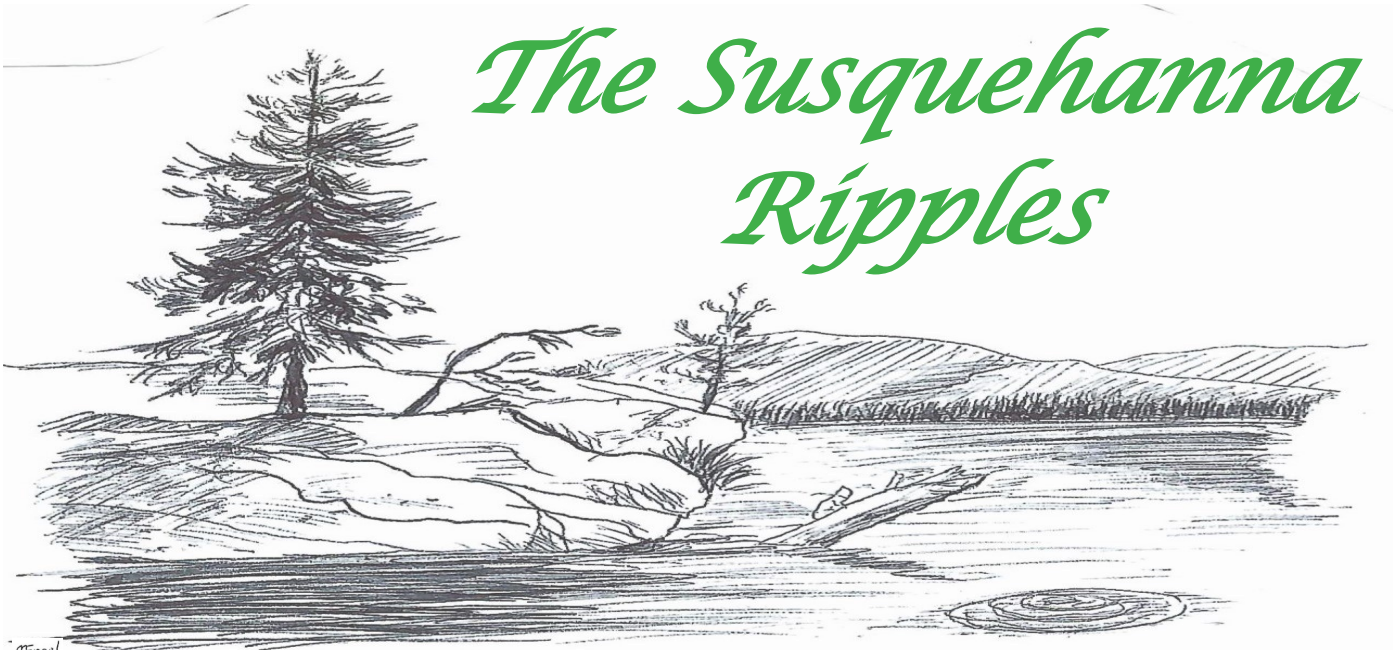


# The Susquehanna Ripples



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*The Newsletter of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited #044*



Chapter members Alison and Jesse Knowlden show a couple of nice rainbows they recently caught while fishing on the Nantahala River near Bryson City, North Carolina. The couple shed their cabin fever with the fishing trip the first weekend of March. Photos submitted by Charles Knowlden.

## “Where to Go Trout Fishing in Northcentral PA, Part 2”

**What:** Susquehanna Chapter of TU invites all fishing enthusiasts to the second in a series of programs on where to find good trout fishing opportunities in Northcentral PA including tips on how to use tools on the PA Fish and Boat Commission website and the internet to locate public stream access, stream classifications, and special regulation areas on our local streams as well as advice from experienced local anglers with special focus on Loyalsock Creek and some of the best streams to the south of Williamsport. The public is invited to attend. For more information, please see our website at <https://susquehannatu.com/>.

**When:** Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm

**Where:** Covenant Central Presbyterian Church, 807 W. 4th Street, Williamsport. Parking and entrance to the Church is at the rear of the building with access off of Campbell Street.

Walt Nicholson

## Susquehanna Ripples

The next issue of the Susquehanna Ripples will be published in mid to late June. Please consider submitting something (picture, story, cartoon, poem, gear review, stream review). Anything will be accepted that is relevant and appropriate. This is your newsletter and we want to publish the things that you want. When you submit things, it makes my job much easier. You can submit things year round and I get it in next issue. Thank you in advance.

Bob Baker

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**Fly Tying Class Wrap Up**

The Chapter's fly tying class wrapped up the 2nd week of March after a 2 year absence. We were excited to welcome 20 students and introduce them into the fun and addicting hobby of fly tying.

Dave Rothrock was the class coordinator and lead instructor. Under his suggestion, class's were run under a different format than in the past. With this new format, Dave was the lead instructor tying in front of the room with a camera in front of him and showing everything he was doing on a screen.

This format allowed everyone to be taught one way to do something while there were several instructors floating around the room helping as needed.

In the past, we would have few students at a table with an instructor and have 5 or more tables. This allowed for different techniques and methods to be taught by the instructor at that table and there may not have been consistency in methods or techniques between the tables.

Class size was limited to 20 students because of space and making sure we had an ample number of instructor to accommodate the number of students.

We felt bad that we had to turn away over a dozen individuals and wished that we could accommodate everyone. We are looking at ways to add more students in the future, but that depends on if we can get the help we need to help teach.

One major obstacle with having any additional class's any time in the near future is that it is fishing season and the weather is getting warmer. We don't want to be sitting indoors when we could be out fishing and doing summer activities and with our families and friends.

We had a large number of kids who wanted to take the class but could not. At the same time, we have had requests for an advanced fly tying class and learn more difficult patters and techniques. Some have mentioned teaching bass flies or terrestrials. We can do a lot of things but it takes help from you. You do not have to be a professional tyer but if you tie flies, you can help with the basic techniques, etc. We are exploring ways to accommodate everyone and give you the class's that you want.

We want to thank everyone who took the class. If you already haven't done so, let us know what you thought about the class. Do you have any suggestions on how to improve the class, any negative feedback, what you liked or did not like, how was the room in the Church, should we spend more time on any particular thing, did you feel rushed at any time and is 1 1/2 hours adequate to learn and tie each nights flies?

Lastly, we want to thank everyone who helped make this class a success. With out these men, who all volunteered their time, are the reason that we are able to offer class's like this. There were many hours devoted to the class other than the 1 1/2 each week and their dedication and help is much appreciated. Thank you to Dave Rothrock, Walt Nicholson, Rick Kinzer, Charles Knowlden, John Kolb, Jim Latini, Bill Kosmer and Dave Craig.

**Chapter meetings** are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (unless otherwise noted) and are always free and open to the public and begin at 7:00 pm . Meetings are held at the **Covenant Central Presbyterian Church, 807 W 4th St, Williamsport, PA 17701**, in the Fellowship Hall (unless otherwise noted). Parking is at the rear of the Church and enter off of Campbell Street.

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





**Bill O'Connor**

March 29, 1931 - March 21, 2023

By Bob Baker



When I heard that Bill had died, I was overcome with grief and sadness. It felt like a big piece of me was gone. I knew I had to write something about my friend for the newsletter and I struggled as to what to write. What could I say about Bill that hasn't already been said? I did not want to repeat all his great accomplishments and the things that he had done with our Chapter so I thought about how

could I honor such a great friend.

I thought back to a day last fall when I went to visit him at his home in Pen Argyl. We sat in his living room talking and bringing him up to date with what was going on with the Chapter and in Williamsport. I also spent time asking more questions for the story we were working on.

Then it hit me. The last 2 questions I ask him would be perfect for this difficult piece and hopefully his answers can shed a little more light onto this wonderful man.

I ask Bill if he had any regrets in his life or career? He looked at me, shook his head and got a smile on his face (the one that we all remember) and said no. He said he was able to spend his life with his best friend and worked in a business that he loved. Being able to do everything that he had done in his life and being able to do it with Doris by his side made everything perfect.

I then ask what was his greatest memory? Bill again shook his head, got a big smile on his face and got choked up as his eyes began to water. After a short pause, he said "my friends and the people I have met. Everyone I've met is considered a friend."

He said his best friends are in Williamsport and those whom he would have weekly lunches with, members of Trout Unlimited, the fellow Veterans at the American Legion, the people he taught over the years, his family of employees and all the customers.

He said that fishing brings people together and that is something that is important to understand. He said that he fished with President Carter, Senators, CEO's and many powerful and influential people throughout his life and they are all just like you and me. They have important jobs but take away the job and they are just regular people.

He enjoyed teaching and fishing with every single person and interacting with the thousands of customers from the business. Put a person in a stream with a rod in

their hand and it doesn't matter what job they have or what their background is, they are standing in the water just like us trying to get a fish to bite a fly we tied or a lure they bought at the store.

He has met people of all races, religions and walks of life and he has liked everyone he has met. He began to laugh and said that some people made that more difficult to do than others. "Every person has influenced me." We all share a love of trout fishing and for protecting trout waters. Bill said that "people have told me that I have left a mark on their lives" but Bill thinks it's the opposite. "Everyone I have met has left a mark on me."

Up until his death, Bill spoke regularly with his many friends on the phone and always ask how the "gang" was doing.

Bill was a great friend and very special person and we all want to thank him for being that friend. Even though he is physically gone, a piece of him will remain in our hearts and his influences will always be there when we are fishing or tying flies.

He didn't like all the credit he received over the years and would quickly give it to Doris. He considered himself to be just a regular guy and one of us.

On behalf of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the thousands of people Bill has left his mark on, we extend our deepest condolences and offer our thoughts and prayers to Karen, Chuck and the entire family. Your father's legacy will live on in all of us.







Chapter member Dave Burke sent us these photo's of trout he recently caught. Dave took our recent fly tying class and caught the trout in the top photo with a hair ear nymph that he tied at home. The bottom picture is a trout he caught with a Mickey Finn that he tied in class. He was fishing the delayed harvest section of Little Pine Creek and said that these were the first trout he has ever caught on a fly. Congratulations Dave and we hope there are many more great memories for you.



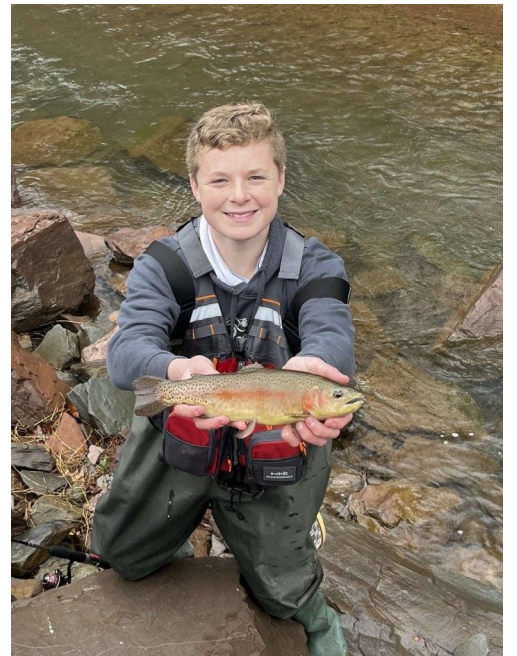
Chapter Member Asher Ulmer with a beautiful golden rainbow. The fish measured 21 inches and is definitely a catch of a lifetime. Congratulations Asher. Are you getting this mounted?



*"I caught this fish earlier today, but he got away. So if you catch him, he's mine."*



Wes Harvey, along with Dad Frank, and a group of friends went out on the Mentored Youth Fishing Day. Frank Harvey said "we fished with a great group and all the kids were catching plenty of fish while enduring some wind, rain and cold. Despite the cold Wes caught 52 trout and it included 2 golden rainbow trout. All trout were caught and released. " Another great day with Father, Son, and good Friends. Congratulations!!





**Treasurer's Report**

by Bob Baker, Treasurer

Our fiscal year ended on March 31 and we will have the Treasurer's report for fiscal year 2023 in the Summer issue of the Susquehanna Ripples. We are in the process of moving our bank accounts from Woodlands Bank to Muncy Bank & Trust. We moved a majority of our money already and have seen a significant increase in the dividends that we are receiving. It has been a positive step for us to move to Muncy Bank & Trust. The accounts at Woodlands will be closed shortly. The treasurers report is for the period November 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023.

I have also included the report for the Service Partnership Program. It is important to note that all the money used by Charles Knowlden, Service Partnership Program Coordinator, has been donated or was generated through fund-raising. We have been fortunate to have received many donations over the years and the donors can designate how they want those items to be used. Last fall we were fortunate to have received a very large collection of rods/reels and various other tackle. The donor requested that these items be used for the Service Partnership program. At our recent Fishing Flea Market, these items were marked with a V and when individuals went through check out, the tags with a V were collected and the totals were kept separate.

I have provided a report for the Flea Market. We were very successful in the sale but this report is not final as we are waiting for one final bill to come in. Once that is received I will provide a final report.

**Treasurer's Report**

by Bob Baker, Treasurer

November 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023

Woodland's Bank as of 2/28/2023

Checking Account:	\$1,200.56
Savings Account:	<u>\$1,553.13</u>
Total money	\$2,753.69

Muncy Bank & Trust as of 2/28/2023

General Fund:	\$ 5,608.57
Projects Fund:	<u>\$20,514.52</u>
Total Money	\$26,123.09

Total Money in both banks (as of February 28, 2023)	\$28,876.78
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**Income:**

Dividends	\$ 156.33
Donations	\$ 130.00
Fly Tying Class	\$ 140.00
Merchandise sold	<u>\$ 15.00</u>

Total Income	\$ 441.33
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**Expenses:**

Church Donations	\$ 344.21
Donations Given	\$ 250.00
General Expenses	\$ 8.37
Memberships	\$ 311.50
Fly Tying Material	\$ 34.28
Sales Tax	<u>\$ 11.19</u>

<b>Total Expenses:</b>	\$ 959.55
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Income	\$ 441.33
Expense	<u>\$959.55</u>

Total	\$ <b>-518.22</b>
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**Service Partnership Report**

April 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023

Beginning Balance	\$ 584.70
No Income	
Expenses	
5 rod kits/reels	\$ <u>514.89</u>
Service Partnership balance	\$ 69.81



**Fishing Flea Market**

March 18, 2023

Donations	\$ 39.00
Service Partnership (SP merchandise)	\$ 640.00
Start up funds	\$ 300.00
Sale of Merchandise	<u>\$4,806.00</u>

Gross Income	\$5,785.00
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Expenses (not final)	
Supplies	\$ 40.21
Sun Gazette	\$ 163.50
Start up funds	<u>\$ 300.00</u>

	\$ 503.71
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Income:	\$5,785.00
Expenses	<u>\$ 503.71</u>

Net Income	\$5,281.29
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## PFBC BOARD GIVES PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO PROPOSED FEE ADJUSTMENTS NECESSARY TO DELIVER QUALITY FISHING AND BOATING

During a special meeting held on March 1, 2023, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) Board of Commissioners gave preliminary approval to a list of proposed fee adjustments for various fishing licenses and permits for the 2024 license year.

"Through these modest fee adjustments, we are keeping pace with the rising costs associated with maintaining vital infrastructure, services, and programs that anglers and boaters deserve and have come to expect," said Robert BJ Small, PFBC President and District 6 Commissioner. "Our goal is to keep the prices of fishing licenses and permits as low as possible, while still being able to upgrade and invest in the equipment, staff, programs, and facilities, such as our fish hatcheries and hundreds of public access areas, that deliver quality recreation throughout the Commonwealth. Adjusting fees to match our business needs, when necessary, will ensure that Pennsylvania remains a destination for fishing and boating for a very long time."

Under the proposal, the price of the most common fishing license and permits, a Resident Annual Fishing License, Trout Permit, and Combination Trout/Lake Erie Permit, would increase by \$2.50 each in 2024. Separate increases would be applied to other license and permit categories for non-residents, seniors, and tourists. If approved, revenues from these fee increases are expected to generate an estimated \$2.9 million annually for the PFBC's Fish Fund to support fishing related programs.

In accordance with Act 56 of 2020, which provided the PFBC with the authorization to set fees, the proposed fee adjustments must be given preliminary approval by the Board, be presented during a public hearing, and given final approval by the Board. Also, in accordance with Act 56, after final Board approval, the fee adjustments will be shared with the Pennsylvania House and Senate Game and Fisheries Committees for their review. The date for the public hearing has yet to be established and is expected to be announced in the coming weeks.

<https://www.media.pa.gov/pages/fish-and-boat-commission-details.aspx?newsid=506>

### Donations Received

#### **Mary Camp**

Donated 3 large tackle boxes of big game spin and casting reels, spoons, spinners and spin baits, saltwater plugs, lamiflex fly/spin rod and case, Pflueger fly reel, and associated swivels, leaders, sinkers. All items belonged to her late husband George.

#### **John Matter**

Donated 6 spinning rods, boat anchor, wading and hunting boots and various fishing lures and fishing accessories

#### **Anonymous**

Fishing vests, waders and miscellaneous fishing gear

#### **Anonymous**

Large bag of plastic fishing lures, spoons and crankbaits

#### **Anonymous**

Many individuals donated money to the Chapter totaling \$39



Our friends from the Spring Creek Chapter of TU in State College will be hosting the Fly Fishing Film Tour on May 3, 2023 at the State Theatre in State College. A portion of the funds generated by this event will go to the Spring Creek Chapter to allow them to continue their work in preserving and protecting the watersheds in their region. For more information or to purchase tickets, please click the links below.

<https://thestatetheatre.org/events/2023-fly-fishing-film-tour/?occurrence=2023-05-03>

<https://flyfilmtour.com/>





## Thank You for Making the Fishing Flea Market a Big Success!!!

Because of the generosity of so many people, the Chapter was able to hold a Fishing Flea Market on March 18. All the items that we offered for sale were donated and used. Many years ago we had the idea of recycling fishing gear so that it would not end up in the landfill and to collect items that others do not want or have no further use for. We had a little bit of everything and want to thank everyone who came out to support the Chapter. We had a barrel of fishing rods for \$1 as well as a selection of higher priced rods, quite a selection of fishing reels, fishing lures of all types and sizes, artwork, books, fly tying materials, ice fishing materials, a huge assortment of tackle boxes and storage containers, and much more. It was great to see many friends and to make new ones. One of the greatest thrills of the day was all the kids that were there and were getting their first fishing rod or spinner (among other things). They would come to the check out with a smile on their face and were so happy to be paying for the items with their own money. There were just as many smiles from the adults as well as there were deals that could not be beat. Again, we want to thank everyone who made this event possible; the individuals who donated items, the many TU members who spent hours collecting, sorting, pricing and setting up and running the show, to the hundreds of people who came out and purchased items to allow us to continue our work and for Covenant Central Presbyterian Church for giving us a place to meet and to have our sale.





## HEADWATER HEMLOCK PROJECT

The headwaters of the Pine Creek watershed provide thermal refuge to native brook trout naturally reproducing in these primarily undeveloped forested mountain streams. Impacts of rising summer temperatures and the infestation of invasive species, such as the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) are threatening the cold water heritage of the upper Pine Creek Watershed. These streams are valued not only by fish and other aquatic species that live here; in addition eco-tourists, sports-fishers, and local communities find solace and economic support from the goods and services provided by our bounty of natural resources.

The Pine Creek Watershed Council is interested in taking a proactive approach to the loss of the Eastern Hemlock from stressors in the watershed. The loss of the Eastern Hemlock will be devastating to our ecosystem and will negatively affect our local economy.

Along with the Tioga County Conservation District, they will be planting trees in the coming weeks. Please see the Upcoming events page for the dates. Anyone who wants to help is welcome and contact information is below. This is a great way to help protect the native brook trout in our region.

See tree planting schedule under upcoming events (page ). All help will be appreciated and you can contact Jim Weaver, Coordinator for further information or questions. [jmwvr69@gmail.com](mailto:jmwvr69@gmail.com) or by phone at 570-439-7729 <https://pinecreekwatershedcouncil.weebly.com/> to learn more about the Pine Creek Watershed Council.

The following link (<https://pinecreekwatershedcouncil.weebly.com/plant-a-tree-shade-a-trout.html>) will take you to a great publication called “Pine Creek Headwaters Hemlock Plan: Thermal Refuge Prioritization.” This document describes their project of Plant a tree, Shade a Trout. It is well worth your time.

### Links to Organizations mentioned in this issue

#### Consolidated Sportsmen of Muncy Creeks

<https://muncycreeks.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MuncyCreeks/>

#### Fly Fishing Film Tour 2023

<https://flyfilmtour.com/>

#### Hughesville High School Fly Fishing Club

<https://www.facebook.com/hhsflyfishingclub17737>

#### Lycoming Creek Angler's Club

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100078708534311>

#### PA Council of Trout Unlimited

<https://patrout.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/PennsylvaniaTU>

#### PA Fish and Boat Commission

<https://www.fishandboat.com/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.facebook.com/PaFishandBoat>

#### PA State Parks

<https://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/Pages/default.aspx>

#### Pine Creek Watershed Council

<https://pinecreekwatershedcouncil.weebly.com/>

#### Slate Run Brown Trout Club

<https://slaterunbrowntroutclub.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063705979624>

#### Slate Run Sportsmen

<https://slaterunsportsmen.com/>

#### Tioga County Conservation District

<https://www.facebook.com/TiogaConservation>



Chapter Members Gary and Carter Hockenberry always have a great time fishing. In the top picture, Carter holds one of the many trout he caught on the Mentored Youth Day. The bottom photo shows Carter's display for a science fair at school. Titled “How to Catch a Trout” Carter describes the necessary steps to catch a trout. He is a very successful and has lots of fish under his belt.



## **Membership Update**

By Bob Baker

As of March 31, 2023 our membership stands at 323 members. We have had 36 new members since January 1 and we welcome you all to our Chapter and hope to see you at our meetings and events.

## ***Welcome New Members***

**Joshua Ammon**

**Halley Hoot**

**Abigail Morris**

**Dustin Bartron**

**Christopher Hrapowicki**

**Nathan Morris**

**Eli Bartron**

**Cason Kline**

**Joe O'Brien**

**David Burke**

**Richard Knecht**

**Dave Pistner**

**Boyd Clark**

**Rick March**

**Mark Shaheen**

**Michael Foote**

**Jeff Mensinger**

**Michael Wise**

**Brooke Hansen**

**Josh Mensinger**



The Hughesville High School Fly Fishing Club tying flies on March 2, 2023. Dave Weigle, Fly Fishing Club Advisor stated “For some members, today was their first time threading a bobbin and putting a hook in the vise. All things considered, today was a huge success.” By the smiles on the faces and the attention the students are putting into it, we agree with you Dave, it was a huge success. The San Juan Worm is a great worm pattern and an easy one to tie for beginners. We hope to be able to share some success stories in the future with these students catching fish on the flies that they tied. (photos provided by the Hughesville High School Fly Fishing Club and used with their permission)



“My Dad”

By Miss Dawn Bishop, Age 13  
(To my Dad, Herm Bishop, who isn't half as bad as I  
have painted him)

My Daddy is a fisherman,  
He fishes long and late,  
He always has to have a fly,  
He spurns the lovely bait,  
And when the springtime reines around,  
No matter what the weather,  
You'll see him wading in the stream,  
Just floating tiny feathers.



The garden may be full of weeds  
And the basement may need cleaning,  
Or Mother says “let's clean the house”  
But Daddy keeps on dreaming.  
And so, of course, his boots he'll don,  
I know it is no use-  
For trouting time is here again,  
And Dad is on the loose.

From April then, and thru July  
My Dad is gone from home.  
But he'll be back when season's o'er,  
Not much inclined to roam,  
With fancy flies and rod and reel,  
Mosquito dope and things,  
And say, “I've quit for good,” (ha ha)  
Just wait until next spring.



When next spring come, away he goes,  
For he fishes all the while;  
And at season's end, when he returns  
He always has a smile  
When he tells me of the big ones lost,  
And the trout he almost caught.  
We dine on fish that very night,  
(It's salmon Mother bought.)

Oh, Four-Mile Stream and Chappel Fork,  
He takes them one by one;  
And Prouty too, and Kettle Creek,  
And also Sugar Run,

For where trout are, there is my Dad,  
As patient as can be;  
And he will fish from morn 'till night,  
But catch fish? Oh no, not he.

And nights at home, the tales he'll tell  
Of trout that got away;  
Of lines that snapped and leaders broke;  
He had bad luck that day.  
But in the morn away he goes.  
I help to start him out,  
And live in hopes that some fine day  
My Dad will catch a trout.

Now Mother and I just sit and smile;  
We know his stories well;  
Of his Coachman flies and Wickhams too;  
His Queens and Parma Bellies,  
Whirling Duns and Gordon Quills—  
He has them in his book,  
An Iron Blues and Montreals,  
All tied on tiny hooks.

The trout that live in these streams  
Must laugh at him each spring.  
And chuckle as his flies float by,  
“Here comes that man again,”  
But I love my Dad. He's all O.K.  
And I'll whisper this to you;  
The nicest days of all are when  
He takes ME fishing too.

The above poem was taken from the May 1937 issue of  
the Pennsylvania Angler

<https://www.fishandboat.com/About-Us/Angler-and-Boater/LegacyIssues/1930s/Documents/05may1937.pdf>



**FISHERMEN THESE DAYS:**

**LOOK SON! ANOTHER BENT POLE,  
WE MUST GO FISH BY THEM!**



## Earth Day

Earth Day 2023 is April 23 and this year's theme is Invest in our Planet. There are many ways to do this and we can do something right in our own home and property.

### Limit Fertilization

- ◆ Test your soil to determine how much and what proportion of nutrients your landscape actually needs.
- Leave clippings on the lawn - they may provide enough nitrogen.
- Use organic fertilizers such as compost, compost tea, etc.
- Don't fertilize if not needed

### Be Water Wise

- ◆ Establish a no-mow zone, an area where you let the grass grow tall and reduce irrigation in that area.
- ◆ Mulch and/or install drip irrigation for flower beds, shrubs and trees to reduce evaporation and weeds.
- ◆ Ensure adequate organic matter in soil to improve water holding capacity, thus needing less water.
- ◆ Install sensors or smart controllers to automatically turn off your irrigation system when it rains.
- ◆ Invest in an irrigation audit and follow the recommendations.

### Plant Natives & Maintain Streamside Buffers

- ◆ Keep existing native plants, shrubs and trees – especially near the stream!
- ◆ Maintain a 20 ft. buffer of native shrubs like willows, alders, or sedges along stream banks.
- ◆ Convert your lawn (or other areas) from Kentucky blue grass or non-native species to drought-tolerant native plants that require less water, fertilizer, and maintenance.
- ◆ Consult with a landscape architect or landscaper specializing in native plants and follow the recommendations.

### Use Herbicides/Pesticides Appropriately

- ◆ Know what weeds you are dealing with, when it is best to treat them and what is the most effective herbicide or pesticide to apply.
- ◆ Request a noxious and invasive weed audit a professional landscaping company and follow the recommendations.
- ◆ Use natural herbicides and pesticides when appropriate.
- ◆ Never water after application of herbicides or pesticides

### Take a trash bag to your local lake or river

Plastic and other litter left at ponds, lakes, and riverbanks is harmful for many reasons. Plastic does not degrade even after hundreds of years and can leach toxins into water supplies. Many animals will even eat plastics and not be able to digest them, leading to their death in many cases. Other litter like aluminum cans can cut animals and hurt them, leading to infection and also possible death.

Instead of taking your fishing rod to the riverbank this Earth Day, take a trash bag and a pair of gloves. Pick up the trash on the stream bank or lake's shore line.

### Replace your Fishing Tackle with more Sustainable Options

Chiefly, this means avoiding plastic lures and lead weights. Some companies offer various materials other than plastic for baits, and you can find tin or brass sinkers to replace the lead ones in your tackle box. Who doesn't love a trip to the tackle store and being more eco-friendly at the same time on Earth Day?

### Donate or Volunteer to a Conservation Organizations

Over the past couple years, I have volunteered for my local Trout Unlimited group to do river bank restoration and pick up litter along Forest Road 276 in the Pisgah National Forest. It's a small part, but I always came away with a good feeling. If you're working or have already made other plans this Earth Day and can't take time to attend an

event or go pick up trash at your lake, then you can always consider a small donation to a conservation-focused nonprofit of your choice.

Let me know in the comments if you attended any Earth Day celebrations or if you simply got outside and enjoyed the outdoors. After a few years of pandemic life, which forced many of us inside, the ability to go into nature and enjoy Earth Day is a blessing. I hope you have a wonderful Earth Day with those closest to you and appreciate the beauty that surrounds us.

### Read a book about environmentally safe fishing practices

If you are more of a curl up in a lawn chair and soak in nature type of person – then consider reading a book this Earth Day about fisheries and their environmental impact.

### Other Ideas

- ◆ Go Fishing by yourself or even better, take your family, neighbors, grandchildren or introduce someone to fishing
- ◆ Report pollution
- ◆ Report poaching activities
- ◆ Plant a tree



### PFBC releases 2022 Annual Report

Tim Shaeffer, Executive Director, recently released the PFBC's annual report. This report highlights the Commissions activities throughout 2022 as well as providing information on licenses and permits sold, programs run and a brief fiscal report. You can see the full report by clicking the following link:

<https://www.fishandboat.com/About-Us/Reports/documents/2022annualReport.pdf>



# Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited - April 2023

## Upcoming Events

**November 1 - April 30, 2023**

Mandatory cold weather life jacket requirement

**April 1, 2023**

State wide opening of Trout

**April 12, 2023**

Chapter Meeting

**April 15, 2023**

The Brown Trout Club will be stocking the Stretch. Meet at 10 am at Wolfe's General Store

**April 22, 2023**

Consolidated Sportsmen of Muncy Creeks stocking

**April 22, 2023**

Earth Day

**April 24-25, 2023**

PFBC Quarterly Meeting

**April 25, 2023**

PA State Parks annual convention Genetti Hotel

**April 29, 2023**

Pine Creek Watershed Council tree planting at Patterson Lumber Company, West Branch Pine Creek 9am—12pm

**May 3, 2023**

Fly Fishing Film Tour to be held at the State Theatre in State College. This is a fundraiser for the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

**May 6, 2023**

Pine Creek Watershed Council tree planting at Patterson Lumber Company, Long and Blue Runs 9am—12pm

**May 6, 2023**

Opening Day of Walleye / Sauger

**May 6, 2023**

Lycoming Creek Angler's Club stocking Lycoming Creek. Meet at nursery at 8:30 am

**May 7, 2023**

Consolidated Sportsmen of Muncy Creeks Annual Dick Harner Kids' Trout Derby

**May 10, 2023**

Pine Creek Watershed Council tree planting at SGL 208 Long Run 9am - 12pm

**May 13, 2023**

Pine Creek Watershed Council tree planting at SGL 64 Phoenix Run 9am - 12pm

**May 13, 2023**

Lycoming Creek Angler's Club stocking Lycoming Creek. Meet at nursery at 8:30 am

**May 20, 2023**

Pine Creek Watershed Council tree planting at Sassaman Long Run 9am - 12pm

**May 20, 2023**

Lycoming Creek Angler's Club stocking Lycoming Creek. Meet at nursery at 8:30 am

**May 21, 2023**

Consolidated Sportsmen of Muncy Creeks stocking

**May 27, 2023**

Lycoming Creek Angler's Club stocking Lycoming Creek. Meet at Trout Run Fire Hall at 9 am

**May 28, 2023**

Fish for Free Day

**June 3, 2023**

Slate Run Sportsmen's Summer RSVP by May 22 Slat-runsportsmen@gmail.com

**June 3, 2023**

Lycoming Creek Angler's annual Children's Fishing Derby at the Squarewood Acres Camp Grounds (formerly Sheshequin)

**June 10, 2023**

Opening Day of Bass

**June 18, 2023**

National Go Fishing Day

**July 4, 2023**

Fish for Free Day

**July 24 -25, 2023**

PFBC Quarterly Meeting

**September 5, 2023**

Extended Trout Season Begins

**September 9, 2023**

Slate Run Sportsmen's Fall Meeting RSVP by August 28 Slat-runsportsmen@gmail.com

**September 13, 2023**

Chapter Meeting

**September 16, 2023**

PATU Annual Membership Meeting in Bellefonte

**September 23, 2023**

National Hunting and Fishing Day

**October 11, 2023**

Chapter Meeting

**October 23-24, 2023**

PFBC Quarterly Meeting

**November 8, 2023**

Chapter Meeting and Annual Election

If you have an event you would like us to post on our event calendar (newsletter and webpage), please send the information to us and we will share it. It must be pertinent to our mission and membership.



**Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited**  
**PO Box 1132**  
**Williamsport, PA 17703 - 1132**

**Since 1964, the core mission of our Chapter is to work to make positive contributions to the protection, conservation and restoration of our Coldwater fisheries and their watersheds of North Central Pennsylvania**

**Membership Application**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_

TU does not make email addresses available to outside parties, for any reason, ever.  
 Please help us conserve resources by providing your email address.

SEND APPLICATION AND PAYMENT TO:



**Trout Unlimited**  
**PO Box 98166**  
**Washington, DC 20090**

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES\***

- New Members Only \$17.50
- TU Teen (\$14) (13 - 18 y/o)
- Regular (Renewal) \$35
- Life Membership (\$1500)
- Family (\$55)
- TU Business (\$295)
- Stream Explorer (\$12)  
12 years old and under

**PAYMENT METHOD**

- Check
  - Visa
  - MC
  - AMEX
  - Discover
- Make checks payable to Trout Unlimited

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law

To ensure correct New Member Rebate, enter Chapter/Council #:

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