

# The Susquehanna Ripples



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

## Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited to Host Lycoming College Clean Water Institute



The public is invited to meet Matt Kaunert, Director of the Clean Water Institute (CWI) and Research and Teaching Associate of Biology at Lycoming College who will make a presentation on the CWI's programs to engage its students in research and conservation projects on

local streams and watersheds. The CWI is a valued partner of Trout Unlimited and has conducted important work to protect important stream resources, habitat and aquatic ecosystems throughout northcentral PA while teaming with regional, state and national conservation agencies and organizations.

The Institute is dedicated to helping students grow in their chosen disciplines as well as to contributing to our understanding, protection, and restoration of local watersheds including Loysock Creek projects, the PA Fish and Boat Commission Unassessed Waters Program, agricultural stream restoration, acid mine drainage abatement, hellbender reproduction, urban stormwater mitigation, and plankton sampling on Rose Valley Lake.

The CWI has also been a leading partner with the Williamsport Municipal Water Authority in providing outreach experiences for local K-12 schools at the Waterdale Environmental Education Center as well as outreach coordination with the James V. Brown Public Library, Loysock Creek Watershed Association, and Trout Unlimited.

Papers on research and work done by the CWI have been presented at regional, statewide, and international conferences hosted by a number of professional organizations, including the Bucknell River Symposium, Pennsyl-

vania Academy of Science, Society for Freshwater Science, and the Symposium for Urbanization and Stream Ecology.

Matt Kaunert joined Lycoming in May 2023 having earned his B.S. in biology from Allegheny College and M.S. in biology from Georgia Southern University. Before joining Lycoming, Matt worked as a biological scientist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's American Alligator Research Section and conducted threatened and endangered species research with the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. at Ohio University regarding Eastern Hellbender conservation in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the 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. The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, please see our website at <https://susquehannatu.com/> and <https://www.Lycoming.edu/cwi/>

### A Riddle For You

Two fathers and two sons go fishing.

They catch 3 fish in total but all go home with a fish each.

How is this possible?

Answer on page 8

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**It's Election Time!**

The Chapter's annual election will be held at the November 8, 2023 Chapter meeting. All positions are open as well as Director positions.

Please think about running for one of these positions or if you know someone who would want to serve. If you are nominating someone, please check with them first to see if they are willing to serve.

You can send us your nomination at [susquehannatu@gmail.com](mailto:susquehannatu@gmail.com) or contact any of the officer's on page 2 of this newsletter. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor prior to the election.

The nominating committee has provided the following list of candidates:

President OPEN

Vice President Steve Martin

Secretary Kevin McJunkin

Treasurer Bob Baker

Director (3 year term) Bill Worobec

Director (3 year term) Jim Latini

Director (2 year to replace Steve Martin) Dave Walters

Director (1 year to replace Dave Craig) Mike Ditchfield

Thank you for all of your support and help in the past and for the consideration that you will give to the upcoming election. The time you put into each position varies and you can put in as much time as you can devote. For more information on any of these positions, please let us know.

**Our Official Newsletter**

The **Susquehanna Ripples** is the official newsletter of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited. It is published 8 times a year: January, February, March, April, June/July, September, October, and November. Please consider submitting something of interest to our readers; a story, stream report, recipe, photograph, gear review, etc. Submissions received will be placed in the next available issue. All submissions can be sent to [susquehannatu@gmail.com](mailto:susquehannatu@gmail.com) / [boblbaker@comcast.net](mailto:boblbaker@comcast.net).

**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



September 5, 1985

# Tall and True

by Robert Rinn

One of the legends surrounding that great educator and writer Charles Lose revealed his continuing interest in the outdoors after he had become blind.

It has been reported that friends and relatives would drive up the Loyalsock with Dr. Lose as a passenger. Frequent stops enabled him to describe the exact location after listening to the sound of the water. His mind had recorded all sensations during his earlier years along this favorite waterway.

We often see, but do not hear. The wail of a loon or the call of the whippoorwill are dramatic but the subtle background music, a part of outdoor living, sometimes escapes our notice. These matters should be included in an inheritance passed along to grandchildren and future generations. Included are the soft whisper of a canoe nudging a sandy beach for a lunch stop on a wilderness river, the satisfaction of a sharp axe splitting dry wood, and the conversation overtones of a group of good friends around a campfire.

I hope that grandchildren will appreciate the metallic ring of a fly reel as a big trout strips line in a dash for freedom after the slurp of a rise to a Light Cahull. When the line slices through the water with a hissing like escaping steam, a real battle is underway.

I like the roar of rapids and waterfalls. A morning spent in the vicinity of a cascade is good therapy for whatever ailments one has.

What promise there is in the forlorn little voice of a lone peeper, the first of the spring season! And a little later, the low-pitched, reverberating sound from the woods of a cock grouse broadcasting that the

mating season has arrived.

Birds add the melody to an outdoor experience. The "chick-a-dee-dee-dee" of a Black capped Chickadee and the "fi-bree" of a Phoebe are familiar to trout fishermen.

Dry leaves rattling in a late afternoon breeze announce that fall season is moving through. Everyone has a special attachment to sounds associated with each portion of the year.

Thunder in the hills followed by rain peltng the tent is beautiful music for nightfall. Tents were made for listening to the sounds of nature.

The confines of a tent are undesirable when a camping buddy is a snoring champion. I once traveled with a chap who must have been the prized snorer of all time. He would start with the easy rhythm of a steam engine, progress to the staccato of a train rattling across a rickety trestle and, finally, a reenactment of the battle of Gettysburg for the remainder of the night.

He had to stop camping in the north country since his snoring cracked the eggs of eagles nesting high in the trees.

An echo is a delightful phenomenon of nature. A woodcutter lived at the top of one of our long and deep valleys. He normally retired at eleven PM after opening the door of his cabin and shouting, "Good Morning!" At six A.M. the echo would return, "Good Morning," and his day would begin.

Tall and True submitted by Kevin McJunkin and used with permission from Bob Rinn's daughter Melanie.



It's that time of year when many of us have to decide whether we want to go hunting or fishing. Good luck to everyone who heads out to the streams or the woods this fall and winter and remember to be safe and courteous of others who are also out enjoying their time.



Our annual picnic / chapter meeting was held at Trout Run Park on September 13. There were over 20 individuals who came out for hotdogs, various salads, corn on the cob, cookies, and lots of stories. We want to thank Chef Mike for manning the grill and to Jim for the corn on the cob.

Following dinner, attendees viewed the handicapped accessible fishing platform and stream bank stabilization / floodplain overflow restoration project. There was also fly-casting instruction. We want to thank everyone who came on this beautiful night. If you would like more picnics, let us know. These are a great time to get together, meet other like minded people, and just share stories (lies) about the fish that we love to chase.

## **Pine Creek Muskellunge stocking program**

It was recently brought to the attention of the Chapter that the PFBC may have stocked musky on Lower Pine Creek. Chapter President Walt Nicholson reached out to the Fish Commission and Jason Deter, Fisheries Biologist, responded with the email below.

“Pine Creek flows for 85 miles from its headwaters in Potter County to its confluence with the West Branch Susquehanna River in Lycoming County. It is a large warmwater stream for much of its length and supports quality angling opportunities for Smallmouth Bass and Walleye as well as seasonal angling opportunities for stocked trout when water temperatures are cool. Muskellunge occur in the lower reaches of Pine Creek as well as the West Branch Susquehanna River. Muskellunge angling has gained substantial interest by both fly and gear anglers over the past several years and a primary goal of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission’s (PFBC) Muskellunge Management Program is to create quality Muskellunge fisheries in select lakes and rivers/streams across the state. To achieve this goal, waters that have suitable habitat and forage base may be selected for stocking when adequate wild reproduction isn’t present to maintain a quality fishery, which appears to be the case with lower Pine Creek.

In general, the northcentral region has fewer Muskellunge angling opportunities than other regions of the state and Pine Creek is a suitable location to utilize Muskellunge stocking in its lower reaches to create a quality component to the fishery that will complement the existing Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, and stocked trout fisheries. Beginning in 2023, a Muskellunge stocking program was established on the lower reaches of Pine Creek, with focus on the lower 20 miles of the creek. Muskellunge survive at low densities, even in quality fisheries. Pine Creek supports a strong forage base of suckers, Fallfish, River Chubs and other soft-rayed fish species that comprise the preferred forage base for Muskellunge. Smallmouth Bass are not a preferred forage for Muskellunge and both species tend to co-exist well in flowing waters. Given that tens of thousands of trout are stocked into Pine Creek each year and the strong natural forage base that’s present, no impacts to angling quality for stocked trout are expected to occur by establishing a Muskellunge fishery. Additionally, much of the focus area is outside of the stocked trout reaches of Pine Creek. Muskellunge are also stocked in several other waters around that state that also receive trout stockings.

In closing, Pine Creek is a special resource that supports a diversity of quality angling opportunities and establishing a Muskellunge fishery in its lower reaches aims to add a trophy component to this warmwater fishery and complement the existing fisheries that are present. Anglers can read more about Muskellunge Management in Pennsylvania at <https://www.fishandboat.com/Fishing/All-About-Fish/Catch-PA-Fish/Documents/MuskyManagementPlan-2017update.pdf>.”

## **PUT DOWN THE PHONE, TURN OFF THE TV, AND PICK UP A BOOK**

Did you know, that reading for just a few minutes can reduce stress levels by more than two-thirds, allowing the body to relax as the mind is granted a much-needed distraction from everyday worries? Reading also improves a person's concentration, verbal and analytical skills, decision-making and emotional processing.

Through generous donations from individuals and the James V. Brown Library, the Chapter has amassed a large collection of books and magazines. Many of the books and magazines are from the former Angler’s Alcove at the library. All items are available to loan to Chapter members only at this time. There will be a sign out form that needs to be completed (name, address, and contact information). The materials can be signed out at any Chapter meeting and must be returned at the next Chapter meeting. Please take advantage of this great collection and if you have any questions, please let us know.

Any duplicate of a book is for sale and we also have a number of uncatalogued books that are not on the list that are for sale. We do not have a list of these books as of now but you can view them at any Chapter meeting. We also have a variety of VHS tapes and DVD’s available on various topics related to fishing. Periodicals in collection (Fly Fisherman, Pennsylvania Angler, Pennsylvania Boat, Trout Magazine, Fly Tyer, American Angler, and the Art of Angling Journal). To see the complete list of periodicals and books that we have available, click the links below (if viewing on a computer) or let us know and we can email you the lists. Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited Periodical Inventory Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited Book Inventor

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## Abandoned mines pollute 110,000 miles of Western streams; new legislation and mining reform can help

Good Samaritan legislation and mining reform recommendations released this week to spur abandoned mine cleanup.

With an estimated half a million abandoned mines scattered across the West, many in remote, hard-to-reach places, the job of cleaning them up seems almost insurmountable. Big, hard things are not accomplished in one fell swoop, though, and just as many of those old mines were dug with one swing of the pick and one charge of dynamite at a time, so too must their cleanup start with one mine at a time.

Unfortunately, even beginning this work is hampered by the twin troubles of a lack of funding and a regulatory scheme that treats would-be Good Samaritans who want to clean up the mines as if they were the original polluters.

The Clean Water Act, ironically, presents a hurdle to cleaning up streams impaired by acid mine drainage by holding groups like Trout Unlimited or state remediation agencies to the same rigorous clean-up criteria for point source pollution that the original polluter would be held to. Those old miners are long gone and as a result, rather than conduct cost-effective cleanup of these often small and remote mine waste drainages that reduce the pollution impairing Coldwater streams, these mines remain in their current, polluting state because to attempt any cleanup could subject the would-be Good Samaritans to millions in costs and potential fines and perpetual liability.

This week, solutions to breach both barriers were proposed through introduction of bipartisan Good Samaritan legislation and recommendations from the Biden administration on reform to the 1872 Mining law that includes adding a royalty payment for minerals extracted by private companies from public lands. This royalty would then be used to fund the cleanup of

mines that were long ago abandoned by now-absentee mining companies, some since that 1872 law was originally passed.

On Tuesday, September 12, the Biden Administration released a new report, Recommendations to Improve Mining on Public Lands, from the Interagency Working Group on Mining Reform. Recommendations in the report include a royalty on hardrock minerals that helps fund abandoned mine cleanups, improving engagement with communities and Tribes, providing land management agencies with greater discretion to determine where and how mining occurs on public lands, and a more consistent permitting process for mining on public lands.

“Increasing the supply of critical minerals necessary to speed the conversion to renewable energy is going to result in more domestic mining,” said Chris Wood, President and CEO of Trout Unlimited. “But to allow that expansion to occur under the framework of a 150-year-old mining law is akin to building a new home on a foundation of rotting wood. We need a 21<sup>st</sup> Century mining law that provides certainty for not only the mining industry, but also certainty for communities, tribes and the health of our lands and waters. We look forward to working with all stakeholders to strike this balance.”

Additionally, the report urged Congress to pass ‘Good Samaritan’ legislation to encourage abandoned mine cleanups from those that had nothing to do with the creation of the pollution. The next day, Congress took up the call with introduction of the Good Samaritan Remediation of Abandoned Hardrock Mines Act of 2023 by a bipartisan coalition of 19 senators led by Sens. Martin Heinrich (D-NM) and James Risch (R-ID).

“There is no constituency for orange water and no one responsible for cleaning up the abandoned mines causing it,” said Wood. “We’re excited for Congress to take bipartisan action that will allow organizations such as TU to step in and help protect our communities and clean our rivers and streams.

We thank Senators Risch and Heinrich for their years of attention to addressing the greatest threat to water quality in our nation.”

The legislation creates a pilot permitting program for entities that had no role in causing the pollution to clean up abandoned mine waste at up to 15 low-risk sites without the threat of long-term legal and financial liability currently imposed by the Clean Water Act. This will allow agencies and nonprofit organizations like Trout Unlimited to reduce the pollution impairing our waters, even if it is not feasible to achieve 100 percent of Clean Water Act standards.

Volunteer, third-party Good Samaritan groups currently undertake some projects to clean up abandoned mine solid waste, such as waste rock piles and mill tailings. However, point-source pollution – where toxic water is discharging out of a mine openings and inner workings – often have to rely on federal Superfund cleanups, which are vastly limited compared to the scale of abandoned mines. Superfund cleanups only address the worst polluting sites and the program is not well suited or funded to deal with the tens of thousands of isolated, smaller mines with difficult access that cumulatively pollute an estimated 40 percent of headwaters across the West.

“We have more abandoned mine messes than hands to clean them up,” said Corey Fisher, public land policy director for Trout Unlimited. “Without Good Samaritan legislation, abandoned mines that could be cleaned up will go on polluting our rivers and communities with no end in sight. Qualified organizations like Trout Unlimited and state mine remediation agencies stand ready to tackle this problem, but first Congress must unshackle those who want to help. It is unconscionable to let this problem persist, and it is long past time for Congress to enact this commonsense solution. Many hands make light work and there’s a lot of work to be done that will not only create clean water, but also jobs in local communities.”

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*Abandoned Mines Continued*

The abandoned mines of the West weren't dug with one swing of a pickaxe or one blast of dynamite. They won't be cleaned up solely with one piece of legislation. However, we can begin chipping away at the proliferation of abandoned Hardrock mines polluting our waters and make real progress at cleaning up our streams for people and fish with the passage of Good Samaritan legislation and reforming the 1872 Mining Law. It's been long past time for each.

<https://www.tu.org/good-samaritan/>

The above article was written by Drew YoungeDeyke and he is the National Communications Director for Trout Unlimited. The article was published and included in the Trout Weekly email on September 15, 2023.

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## **PA Senate passes bill that would rob Pennsylvania hunters of \$150 million**

This is the time of year that I might write about upcoming hunting seasons, fall bird migration, or maybe autumn trout fishing. However, something much more important is in the wind. In late August, the Pennsylvania Senate added two amendments to House Bill 1300, a usually routine fiscal code bill. One amendment calls for the transfer of \$150 million from the Pennsylvania Game Commission's Game Fund to the Clean Streams Fund. A second change doubles the fee that the Commission pays to local governments in lieu of taxes. According to PGC Executive Director Bryan Burhans, his agency was not contacted by the Senate about either change.

The amended bill passed the Senate by a vote of 29-18 on Aug. 30. The bill, without the amendments, had previously passed the House by a wide margin (191-12). Because of the changes, the bill was returned to the State House for discussion and another vote. It resides

there now. Even though central Pennsylvania has a rich hunting heritage, all of our local senators voted to rob \$150 million from the Game Fund. Voting in favor of the steal were Cris Dush (Centre, Clinton, Cameron, Elk, Jefferson and McKean counties); Wayne Langerholc (Centre, Cambria and Clearfield); Judy Ward (Blair, Huntingdon, Juniata, Fulton and Mifflin); and Gene Yaw (Bradford, Lycoming, Sullivan, Tioga and Union). Either these senators do not respect hunters and our money, or they did not realize what they were voting for.

The Game Fund contains the money paid by hunters and trappers for licenses, Pennsylvania's share of the Pittman-Robertson excise tax on hunting and shooting items, as well as funds derived from the sale of timber, oil, natural gas and coal extracted from the 1.5 million acres of State Game Lands. No general tax money ever goes into the Game Fund. Not only would this move be an unprecedented stealing of money from hunters and trappers, but it would also jeopardize future Pittman Robertson funding for Pennsylvania. The Game Commission typically receives \$30-45 million per year from PR funds. The state's most recent share was over \$40 million. Burhans called the action by the Senate "illegal."

"This is a diversion of funds according to the Fish and Wildlife code section 324, title 34," Burhans said. "We would no longer be eligible for Pittman-Robertson funds — to the tune of \$40 million a year. Language was put there to keep something like this from happening." The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has notified the agency that money in the Game Fund is considered license revenue, and removing money from the Game Fund as proposed by the bill would likely be unlawful. It was further stated that this could result in the Game Commission becoming ineligible for future receipt of federal Pittman-Robertson funds. PGC Communications Director Travis Lau elaborated on the issue.

"Money in the Game Fund, by and large, was put there by hunters

and trappers like you and me. While the bill states the \$150 million proposed to be taken from the Game Fund would come from oil and gas revenues, there's no way to distinguish oil and gas revenues from other money, such as license sales revenue, in the Game Fund. And, importantly, no oil and gas revenues ever would have been added to the Game Fund in the first place if not for generations of hunters and trappers providing the funding that has built the state game lands system." Over 30 organizations have expressed their opposition to the amended bill. They include Ducks Unlimited, National Wild Turkey Federation, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, National Deer Association, Ruffed Grouse Society, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership, and many others.

These groups and the Commission acknowledge that the Clean Streams Fund is a worthy cause — funding the Agriculture Conservation Assistance Program, which provides financial and technical assistance for the implementation of nutrient and sediment management on farms. However, it makes no sense that the cost of this program should be carried out by hunters and trappers. I contacted my representative and asked that he not vote for HB 1300 unless the amendments are removed. I also called my senator to express my displeasure with his vote. If you are opposed to the amendment, then suggest that you do likewise. The Pennsylvania House is back in session on Monday, and since their schedule is not yet available, another vote on this bill could occur then.

The above article was taken from the online version of the Centre Daily Times on September 30, 2023 and written by Mark Nale who lives in the Bald Eagle Valley, is a member of the Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association and can be reached at [MarkAngler@aol.com](mailto:MarkAngler@aol.com).

<https://www.centredaily.com/sports/outdoors/article279918714.html>

See page 9 for PATU's letter expressing concerns for HB 1300

## HELP NEEDED TO TRACK FISH MOVEMENT and SURVIVABILITY

The Brown Trout Club is calling for volunteer anglers to help with an informal survey of trout movement and survivability.

A recent stocking by the BTC included a number of tagged trout. While there are no rewards or prizes for catching a tagged trout, the BTC asks for your voluntary assistance.

Whenever you catch a tagged trout, take a quick photo and then immediately release the fish unharmed back into the water. Please do NOT remove the tag!

When done fishing, share your photo of the tagged trout with the fly shop pros at the Slate Run Tackle Shop. Please include a note as to approximately where and when the fish was caught and released.

It is important to remember that trout in The Stretch are managed by the PFBC strictly under no-kill, catch & release regulations 365 days a year. No trout may be killed or had in possession!

With your voluntary assistance in reporting where and when that tagged trout where caught and released, the BTC will be able to better plan its stocking activities.

**Slate Run Tackle Shop**  
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[www.slaterun.com](http://www.slaterun.com)



The above information was taken from an email / news release from the Brown Trout Club on September 26, 2023

## Fall Fishing After All By Asher Ulmer

Any serious fisherman knows that just because fall is here, doesn't mean the fishing stops. I had been fishing all summer and reeling in some epic bass, trout, carp, catfish, koi, pickerel, and creek chub. I got some new top water frogs, and used my trusted minnows, wax worms, and nightcrawlers as bait. I was looking forward to going to New York Salmon fishing with my mom and dad in October, when, to my horror, disaster struck!

During the fifth week of my seventh grade year, I was warming up for gym class, and ran towards the wall in our gymnasium. I couldn't stop quick enough and put my arms out to stop myself, and slammed right into the wall. Instantly, I felt pain and sat down. My gym teacher told me to go to the nurse and proceeded to lecture the rest of the class about not running into the walls. (I wish she would have given that lecture *before I ran!*) *The nurse evaluated my left arm and decided to call my mom to take me to get it checked out.*

After a few x-rays, the doctors determined I had a radial buckle fracture. They wrapped my arm in a splint past my elbow, gave me a sling, and told my mom to make an appointment with Orthopedics for a cast. I was devastated! There goes my fall Salmon fishing!

A few days later, I got a green cast, and decided to use a brown marker for signatures, so it looked like camo. Everyone wanted to sign my cast, and I'll admit, I was loving all the attention, but was still bummed about not being able to go fishing.

When I thought all was lost and October was going to be the worst month EVER, my dad brought home rubber gloves and told me I could fish from the bank of our friends' pond. I was so excited to get the pole in the water! I ended up catching two native Brook Trout and a 12 inch Rainbow Trout! Even though I'm not able to go to New York Salmon fishing, I was still able to fish, and am so thankful for that!



# Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited - October 2023



## 2nd FIPS Mouche Ladies World Fly Fishing Championship Canada 2023



RESULTS: after session 5

PROVISIONAL

PLACE	NAME	TEAM	PLACINGS	POINTS	FISH NO	LONGEST FISH
1	Czech Republic	CZE	84	102820	156	536
2	Canada	CAN	105	82380	127	615
3	USA	USA	119	62060	88	556
4	Australia	AUS	135	50040	73	605
5	England	ENG	137	49360	63	532
6	South Africa	RSA	138	50600	82	510
7	Netherlands	NED	168	33440	50	560
8	New Zealand	NZL	178	29840	44	554
9	Sweden	SWE	189	26580	40	565
10	Scotland	SCO	195	15900	22	540



## 8th FIPS-Mouche Masters World Championship 24-30 Sep 2023 Kamloops BC



RESULTS: after session 5

PROVISIONAL

PLACE	NAME	TEAM	PLACINGS	POINTS	FISH NO	LONGEST FISH
1	SPAIN	ESP	134	113680	172	580
2	USA	USA	135	126420	209	610
3	FRANCE	FRA	149	145980	250	550
4	CANADA	CAN	151	85300	126	585
5	IRELAND	IRL	175	77180	119	578
6	ENGLAND	ENG	180	86640	136	565
7	CZECH REPUBLIC	CZE	182	81920	123	565
8	ITALY	ITA	197	77200	123	620
9	AUSTRALIA	AUS	199	76840	120	545
10	BELGIUM	BEL	208	60160	95	540
11	THE NETHERLANDS	NED	227	69240	104	561
12	SOUTH AFRICA	RSA	232	56580	87	640
13	JAPAN	JAP	278	28040	44	555



## 8th FIPS-Mouche Masters World Championship 2nd FIPS-Mouche Ladies World Fly Fishing Championship

The world fly fishing championships were held in Kamloops, British Columbia, Canada on September 24 - 30. The ladies team finished 3 behind the Czech Republic and Canada. The Men finished in second place behind Spain. Congratulations to both teams.

**Do You Know** that you do not have to be a member of our Chapter or a member of Trout Unlimited to submit articles, pictures, stories, or any other fishing / conservation item to us for inclusion in our newsletter? We have many followers who are not members (although we would love to have you) and your experiences would be of interest to everyone who reads this newsletter. Submitted items have to be relevant to Trout Unlimited and to our mission of caring for, and restoring, our cold water fisheries. This newsletter is published 8 times a year and all submissions will be placed in the next issue. All submissions are subject to approval and may be edited as needed. Please consider submitting anything that you have that would be of interest to our readers. It is difficult at times to find material to make up each issue and with your help, this newsletter will continue to be the kind of publication that YOU want.

### Riddle Answer from page 2

There are three men: A grandfather, a father (the grandfather's son) and the father's son.





13 September 2023

TO: Members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives

RE: Opposition to HB1300 Amendment related to reallocating Game Fund dollars to the Clean Streams Fund

Dear Representatives:

We, Trout Unlimited & Trout Unlimited Pennsylvania Council, representing the interests of 15,000 members of anglers, conservationists, and outdoor enthusiasts across Pennsylvania, are writing to express our concerns regarding HB 1300, in particular the amendment taking \$150,000,000 from the Game Fund, money earmarked for wildlife and habitat and Pennsylvania Game Commission administration, and diverting it to the Clean Streams Fund.

The Game Commission functions without the benefit of tax dollars or general funds. The revenue from oil and gas extraction on state game lands that is being targeted played a critical role to strengthen the Pennsylvania Game Fund while the revenue from license sales and other sources have been stagnant. However, this relatively new revenue source is highly unpredictable. Continued removals would hinder the Commission's ability to fulfill its mission. When a sportsman/woman purchases a license, they expect that their hard-earned dollars will be put back into the system that conserves the environment that they utilize for their outdoor passions. Diverting these funds would go against that compact between the hunter and the state, setting a dangerous precedent for future legislative sessions.

While the Clean Streams Fund continues to enhance Pennsylvania's water quality and fisheries, the diversion of \$150,000,000 from the Game Fund as proposed in HB 1300 will undermine the Game Commission's ability to manage wildlife and habitat, and the model of conservation funding that license holders have supported for generations.

There is also a deep concern that this diversion from the Game Fund will render Pennsylvania ineligible to receive future Pittman-Robertson federal funding. Pittman-Robertson funds are derived from an excise tax on hunting and shooting equipment. These funds are collected by the Federal Government and dispersed to the states as matching grant money to state wildlife

agencies. In 2023 Pennsylvania received **\$41,067,392** in funding from this program. Mainly due to the large number of hunters in Pennsylvania, it ranks third among all fifty states in the amount of funds received each year. Funds derived from an excise tax that those same hunters proudly pay to support the North American Model of Conservation.

Eligibility for these funds is dependent on revenue derived from hunting and fishing licenses (including funds from assets previously purchased with said revenue such as leases on Game Lands) being controlled by the agency and only used for administration of the State fish and wildlife agency, which includes only the functions required to manage the agency and the fish- and wildlife-related resources for which the agency has authority under State law. Any diversion of these funds will likely render the state ineligible to receive federal funds through Pittman-Robertson (Sections 80.10, 80.11, 80.20 of the Federal code).

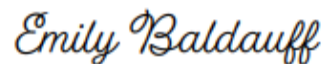
Trout Unlimited strongly supports activism to preserve, conserve, and restore coldwater fisheries across the country. The Clean Streams Fund is an important conservation program that needs to be funded permanently, however we do not support diverting funds from one conservation program to fund another. Doing this would undermine the very partnerships that we work to build day in and day out between commissions, agencies, and non-governmental organizations to do important stream restoration, habitat restoration, and land preservation across the Commonwealth.

**For these reasons we ask that HB 1300 not pass with the aforementioned amendment.**

Signed,



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President, Pennsylvania Council Trout Unlimited



Emily Baldauff  
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Pennsylvania Senate  
Governor Joshua Shapiro

## *Welcome New Members*

**Stanley Boler**

**Amy McCoy**

**Cade Cassel**

**Brysen Rankinen**

**Mike Flanagan**

**Wayne Smythe**

**Christopher Harvey**

## **Trout Unlimited CX3 Annual Meeting 20232**

National Trout Unlimited held their annual membership meeting September 27 - October 1 in Spokane, Washington.

Chris Wood delivered his annual State of Trout Unlimited address to those present and a video of that presentation is given below.

<https://www.facebook.com/TroutUnlimited/videos/828380235420215>

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CHAPTER**

Current Chapter Membership is 322 members. At the September 16, 2023 annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited, the Chapter was awarded / recognized as the Chapter with the greatest membership increase (in numbers and percentage) over the last year. We want to thank everyone who has joined or renewed their memberships. We are also grateful to those of you who encourage others to join Trout Unlimited. As a reminder, for anyone who wishes to join trout unlimited, you can give us your application and we will submit it for you. If you submit the application yourself, please keep a copy of it and forward it to us at [susquehanna-tu@gmail.com](mailto:susquehanna-tu@gmail.com). This way we can track the membership with National. As always, please make a note on the application that you wish to be assigned to Chapter #044.

### **PATU ANNUAL MEETING**

The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited held its annual meeting on Saturday September 15 at Haywood's on the Green in Mill Hall. Two members of our Chapter attended. For those that were unable to go, PDF versions of the presentations are available below, if provided by the speaker. (if reading online just click the link below or by going to <https://patrout.org/index.php/annual-meeting/>). More information about the annual meeting will be forthcoming in the Fall 2023 Pennsylvania Trout newsletter.

#### **Annual Meeting Presentations –**

[PATU Programmatic Updates/Annual Report Review](#) – Rachel Kester, PATU Program Director

[Marketing Your Chapter](#) – Rick Nyles, PATU Eastern Executive VP

[Advocacy Update](#) – Emily Baldauff, TU Mid-Atlantic Policy Program Manager

[Youth Fly Fishing Educational Training Program](#) – Dr. Sara Mueller, Wildlife Leadership Academy

[Priority Waters Update](#) – Scott Koser, TU PA Coldwater Habitat Program Manager

[PA Office of Outdoor Recreation](#) – Dr. Nathan Reigner, PA Director of Outdoor Recreation



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