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Annual PA Fly Fishing Heritage Day

PA Fly Fishing Museum Association

Location: Allenberry (Meadow Pavilion Area)

Date: Saturday, June 20, 2009

Time: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM rain or shine

Attendees can pre-register before June 16th for this event for a \$12 admission fee including a buffet lunch. Entry for youth 15 years old and younger is free or \$6 pre-registered with lunch. Adult registration the day of the event is \$7; a few lunches may be available at \$8 additional.

Listed below are some of the activities currently scheduled. Check the PA Fly Fishing Museum Association website for updates.

- **Fly Casting** – One-on-one instruction and demonstrations. Improve your casting skills or try casting for the first time with expert fly casting instructors from 9am to 3:30pm.
- **Fly Casting Competition** – A fun and friendly competition for accuracy and distance - Open, Amateur & Youth Divisions.
- **Women's Fly Fishing Network** - There will be a session devoted to women fly anglers to meet and discuss fly fishing opportunities.
- **Fly Tying Demonstrations** – Watch notable fly tiers demonstrate their favorite patterns.
- **Aquatic Insects** – Stream-side sessions on aquatic insect identification presented by Greg Hoover, specifically tailored for

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**Membership Meeting May 20, 7PM
at the Allenberry Meadow Lodge**

May Meeting Program

Our May Members Meeting will feature **Eric Stroup of Spruce Creek Fly Co.** He will give us a look at some of the more popular trout stream insects found in Central PA., patterns for them, and how to fish them. Eric spends his time guiding the central part of PA, mostly Little J, Penns, and various brook trout streams. We are in the peak of the "hatch matching" season, and this program will surely make us all want to get out there and meet some of these hatches! We look forward to seeing you at the **Allenberry Meadow Lodge.**

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Members and
Guests Attended
the April
Members Meeting

Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Clark Hall, Editor

Calendar of Events

2009

- May 2, 9:00 AM
Letort Clean-up
- May 2, 11:00 AM
Letort Festival
Letort Park, Carlisle
- May 13, 7:00 PM
Directors Meeting
Allenberry, Boiling Springs
- May 14, 8:00 AM
Senior Breakfast
Fay's Country Kitchen
- May 20, 7:00 PM
Membership Meeting
Allenberry Meadow Lodge
- May 26 -29
Pine Creek Fishing Trip
- June 6
East Licking Creek Trip
- June 7
Ladies Fly Fishing Course
- June 9 & 10
Reel Recovery
Allenberry, Boiling Springs
- June 20
PA Fly Fishing Museum
Heritage Days
Allenberry, Boiling Springs
- June 21-26
**Rivers Conservation and
Fly Fishing Youth Camp**
Allenberry, Boiling Springs
- July 11
Project Healing Waters
Allenberry, Boiling Springs
- August 28
CVTU Family Picnic
Allenberry Meadow
- September 12
Last Supper
Vince's Meadow
Spring Garden St., Carlisle
- October 10
PA Fly Fishing Museum
Dinner & Auction
Allenberry, Boiling Springs

The email/online version of *Tight Lines* is now being published in color and also with working links to referenced web sites and email addresses. Submission of articles and suggestions for the newsletter are encouraged and may be sent to chall2636@verizon.net or you can call me at **697-4549**. The deadline for the **June** issue is **May 22**.

The **CVTU Seniors Group** meets at 8AM the second Thursday of each month at Fay's Country Kitchen in Carlisle. All seniors and anyone else able to attend are welcome.

We are in need of raffle prizes for the monthly Members Meetings. Equipment, books, flies, and tying materials are among the many things that are appropriate for these prizes. If you have anything to donate or know anyone who may be interested in donating prizes, contact **Alden Amig** at **774-0304** or email him at aamig@earthlink.com.

The primary distribution of *Tight Lines* is via email. It is, therefore, very important that we have your current email address. To continue to receive *Tight Lines*, as well as reminders of Members Meetings and special events, send your current email address to chall2636@verizon.net. Put my email address in your address book and/or add it to your "safe senders list" to avoid the spam filters. For those who do not have email, copies of *Tight Lines* may be picked up at **Yellow Breeches Outfitters** around the 1st of each month, except for the months of August and December. *Tight Lines* will be mailed by request only.

The 2nd annual Letort Festival will be held in conjunction with the annual Letort cleanup at Letort Park on May 2. The cleanup starts at 9:00, and the Festival runs from 11:00 to 3:00. CVTU will have a table with fly tiers, video information, and a casting demo. The Festival is sponsored by ALARM's storm water awareness program. CVTU is a member of the program's organizing committee.

The Cumberland County Recycling and Waste Authority and Dickinson College are providing an opportunity to dispose of unwanted and expired medications. There is no charge for this service. This applies only to unwanted and expired medications for humans and pets, either prescription or over the counter. These may be in tablet, liquid, ointment, inhaler, powder or patch form. Nothing else will be accepted.

The medications should be in the original container with the label. Cross out all personal information. These medications can be taken to the parking lot of Kaufman Hall, 400 West North Street, Carlisle, on Saturday, May 2, 2009, between 10 AM and 2 PM. All medications will be destroyed by incineration.

Improper disposal of medications causes serious water pollution problems. Traces of such medications have been found in drinking water and fish. For more information, contact the Cumberland County Recycling and Waste Authority at 240-6489.

CVTU Membership is 466

CVTU receives a \$15 rebate from the **special \$17.50 first-year membership dues** when the chapter code, 052, is marked on the application. Applications are available in the local fly shops. You may renew your membership by mail or on the web at www.tu.org. You may also renew, or change your membership information by calling **TU Customer Service** at **1-800-834-2419**. For more information, contact Clark Hall, Membership Chairman.

Following are CVTU's **new member** since the April issue of *Tight Lines*: Charles Hill Jr., Boiling Springs.



President's Message

From the President, Jim Hutcheson

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Directors** (director term)

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Fine weather has finally arrived, and it couldn't have come at a more opportune time. The day I am writing this is the first day of the CVTU week-long fishing trip to Penns Creek, the first of several fishing outings this spring. After a glum winter, it's refreshing to see some sunlight and to have temperatures which do not remind us of winter steelhead fishing. As a chapter we spent a good part of the past four months working on various fund-raising activities; now is the time to indulge ourselves and go fishing. Other upcoming chapter trips include Pine Creek in late May and the always popular one-day trip to East Licking Creek the first Saturday in June.

There are also plenty of opportunities to volunteer for one or another CVTU activities: Women's Fishing Day, June 7; Reel Recovery, June 9-10; the Rivers Conservation Camp, June 21-26 (Gillies still needed!); and Project Healing Waters, July 11. In addition to these scheduled activities, I am sure that Gene Giza will be organizing Feet-in-the-Stream work parties several times this spring.

Finally, please remember that May 2 is the annual clean-up day on the Letort (9:00 -11:00) followed by the 2nd annual Letort Festival in Letort Park from 11:00 to 3:00.

Tight lines,
Jim

Lost and Found

If anyone left a "purse hanger" at the *Limestoner* Banquet, call Jim Rainey at 249-5398, describe it, and Jim will return it to you.

We are in need of gillies during the 10 fishing sessions for the 15th annual **Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp**. This year there will be more campers who are first time flyfishers than in past years, so the need for individual attention will require more gillies.

Evening fishing begins at 6PM and ends at 9PM. Morning sessions begin at 5AM and end at 7AM. Volunteer gillies wear their own vest and carry their own favorite flies to insure they have everything to make the session a successful one for the student. We do ask that gillies NOT carry a rod.

Working with these young people is a rewarding and memorable time. We hope you will join us as often as your schedule permits. Sign-up sheets will be available at membership meetings, or email chall2636@verizon.net or call Clark Hall at **697-4549**.

2009 PA Fish for Free Days are May 23 & June 7 - take a friend fishing.

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anglers.

- **Casting Cane** – Meet cane rod builders and try casting various spilt cane rods.

- **Antiques “MeadowShow”** – Like the Antiques RoadShow, Jerry Girard, an expert in appraising vintage bamboo rods and tackle, will be on hand to look over your treasures.

- **Rubber Fish Race** – The fundraiser for the PFFMA is this fun and exciting Rubber Fish Race in the Yellow Breeches at 12:30, patterned after Rubber Ducky Races and the Kentucky Derby. **\$500 cash grand prize!!** You do not have to be present to win!

- **Plus** – many wonderful fly fishing vendors and exhibitors!

To register or for more information, check the PA Fly Fishing Museum Association website at www.paflyfishing.org.

Limestoner Report

by Jim Rainey

It has been my privilege to have chaired your Limestoner Banquet Committee for the past two years. My task was made immeasurably easier and more enjoyable because I was assisted by the great volunteers listed below. And I would be remiss in not acknowledging our fantastic donors, listed here and on our website. Without them, our fundraising efforts would not be successful.

The Limestoner Banquet is an important event for our chapter. It is when we honor our Limestoner and Charles Fox awardees for their magnificent contributions to coldwater conservation and fly fishing and our many chapter volunteers. It is an evening of good fellowship where we enjoy the company of other CVTU members and guests. And it is our primary fundraising event from which we derive the revenues that enable us to conserve our beautiful Cumberland Valley trout waters. It is a shame that more CVTU members do not attend.

I am stepping down from the chairmanship of the Limestoner Committee. It is time for another volunteer to come forward and infuse the banquet with fresh energy and ideas.

2008 & 2009 Limestoner Banquet Committee Members: Bob Agnew, Anne Barrett, Eileen and Tom Baltz, Tom Brennan, Eric Edstrom, Rowland Harrison, Jim Hutcheson, Yvette Kane, Art Rorex, Paul Rouse, Bob Thompson.

Our deepest appreciation goes out to the following individual and corporate sponsors and donors who supported the Limestoner Banquet guest speaker, raffles, and auctions. Their donations of sponsorship and auction/raffle items made this year's Limestoner a huge success.

Please patronize our corporate donors. You

would not enjoy our marvelous Cumberland Valley trout fishing without their support!

Guest Speaker Sponsor: URS Corporation (Mark Pennell)

Corporate Donors: Allenberry Resort, Bob Jacklin's Fly Shop, Camp Guttalata (Mark Campbell), Colucci Company, David Weaver Gamefish Art, Dusty Wissmath's Fly Fishing Schools, Four Seasons Fly Fishing (Gene Giza), Gelinan Manor Bed & Breakfast, Gold's Gym (Carlisle), Hardy's & Grey's North America, Meadowbrook Gourds, Mel Krieger's Club Pacific, Peggy's Silver Spoon, Pheasant Field Bed & Breakfast, Sawdust & Stitches (Barry Mill), Tom Glance-Artisan, Targus (Gary Borger), Village Artisans, Yellow Breeches Outfitters (Emily Zeiders), YMCA (Carlisle)

Individual Donors: Anne Barrett, Fred Bohls, Dave Booth, Tom Brennan, CVTU Board of Directors, Mike and Laurie Danko, Eric and Sandi Edstrom, Clark Hall, Bill Harms, Jim Hutcheson, Jerry Kerstetter, Ray Krouch, John Leonard, Pam McClelland, Ken Okorn, Dr. Tom Pheasant, Al and Debbie Stansbury, Al Stutenroth, Terry Tatarus, Bob Thompson, Mary Lou Tietbohl, Dr. Tony Townsend, Jeanette Utech, Tom Whittle.

East Licking Creek Trip

by Ken Okorn

The annual day trip to East Licking Creek will be on Saturday, June 6, 2009. East Licking Creek is a small to medium size freestone stream near Port Royal in Juniata County. The stream is over 20 miles in length and has both stocked and wild brook and brown trout. The upper half of the stream is forested, and the lower half is a mix of woods and farms. The Clearview Reservoir separates the two sections. There is a Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only section that is four miles in length, located on the upper portion. Fishing is also good on the open water. Additional information is available in the books on Pennsylvania trout streams by Dwight Landis and Charlie Meck.

We will leave from the Middlesex Diner on Rt 11 at 7 AM. Those who would like to meet for breakfast should plan on being there by 6:30 AM. In past years, car poolers were allowed to leave vehicles at the back of the diner parking lot. Maps will be available for those who are not familiar with the location of the stream. A picnic lunch will be provided at the Karl Guss Picnic Area located at the downstream end of the special regulation area. The cost of the lunch will be approximately \$5 per person. Contact **Ken Okorn** by phone **697-2451** or email ken.okorn@verizon.net by June 2 if you plan to join us. We will need a count of the number of people for lunch.

Fly of the Month

submitted by Gene Giza

March Brown Flymph



The May 2008 Chapter trip to Pine Creek near Slate Run produced some nice German brown trout caught on the surface during the March Brown and Gray Fox activities. Several of the Chapter members had great success fishing the one mile newly designated Delayed Harvest Artificial Lures Only section.

Early the last morning of the trip, an elderly father and his son arrived from the Williamsport area and walked to the section of water where Ken Okorn and I had been fishing. As we watched from the bank, they positioned themselves in the stream and began to fish. Almost immediately the son began to catch fish. March Brown naturals were not evident, but the son continued to hammer trout feeding in the surface film. Ken and I both realized that a potential fly fishing educational opportunity was unfolding in front of us.

The father soon left the water, and as he was returning to the parked vehicle, we asked him what they were using. The reply was a March Brown Flymph, and he showed Ken and me the one tied to his tippet material. Unfortunately, the Flymph the father was using was not the same March Brown Flymph his son was having success with. We left with a description of his son's Flymph fly. Ken and I decided, that for this year's Chapter trip to Pine Creek, we would work up our separate versions of the March Brown Flymph.

I was not satisfied with the Flymph fly that I had patterned after the one described to Ken Okorn and me at Pine Creek last year. However, while attending the February 2009 Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show, a CVTU acquaintance, who is an excellent fly tyer, suggested I look at a March Brown emerger that was being

tied by one of the fly tying exhibitors. He was tying an interesting style of emerger, but what caught my attention was the one-piece shuck and underwing tie in method. Immediately I knew that would enhance the March Brown Flymph that I was planning to use on the upcoming Pine Creek trip. See below for the general tying guidelines and the enhancement gleaned from the fly tyer at the Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show.

Pattern

Hook: Mustad 94831 size 12 or 10.
Thread: camel 6/0
Shuck: Enrico Puglisi's tan Sparkle material or substitute tan Antron
Abdomen: beaver dubbing dark tan
Rib: Kevlar thread Light Cahill color or similar yellowish color.
Thorax: ginger dubbing
Underwing: same as shuck above
Wing Collar: Hungarian Partridge and ginger hackle
Head: camel tying thread

Tying Instructions

1. Pinch the barb of the hook, if it has one.
2. Secure the hook in the vise jaws, attach the thread behind the eye and lay down a single layer of thread to the bend of the hook.
3. Tie in a three-inch piece of sparkle material for the shuck and the underwing. The underwing end of the sparkle material should extend an inch beyond the hook eye, and the shuck should extend $\frac{3}{4}$ inches beyond the hook bend.
4. Tie in the ribbing Kevlar thread at the hook bend.
5. Dub the abdomen to within $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of hook eye and rib with the Kevlar thread.
6. Fold the sparkle material that is protruding over the hook eye, over the abdomen and take two to three turns of tying thread to hold it in place. The underwing is thus formed.
7. Tie in the partridge hackle and the ginger hackle. Dub in a small amount of the ginger dubbing to form the thorax. The dubbing should slightly overlap the front portion of the underwing.
8. Individually wrap the partridge and ginger hackles, two to three turns and tie off.
9. Trim the overwing so it does not extend beyond the bend of the hook and trim the shuck to length if necessary.
10. Form the thread head, whip or half hitch the head and apply a few drops of cement.

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"Hold the phone! This is a trail of fin tracks leading into the river!"

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