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Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp (Two Former Campers Give Back To Conservation)

by Matt Lourdeau

It was on a trip to Boiling Springs to visit his great aunt that Alan Mehrzad found a brochure for the 1999 Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp. From a young age he was involved in many outdoor activities, and he had recently taken up fly fishing. His parents encouraged his interests in the environment and science. He applied to the camp and was accepted to attend that June.

Late last year Alan was appointed as the first Riverkeeper for the Congaree River system in Columbia, South Carolina. Heading up this program entails monitoring water quality and facilitating cooperation with local organizations that affect or utilize the river, such as the Saluda River Chapter of Trout Unlimited. He is balancing this new position with finishing up his master's in earth and environmental management from the University of South Carolina.

Alan is one of many individuals who have attended the Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp in its 14 years that have gone on to work in a field that the camp promotes. Although the camp is only six days, the effect that the material presented and the relationships that are formed lasts a lifetime.

Over these past 14 years, volunteers from the Cumberland Valley Chapter have been instrumental in making the camp what it is today. From teaching sessions to acting as "ghillies"

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**Membership Meeting June 17, 7 PM
at Vince's Meadow on Letort Spring Run**

June Meeting Program

Our June member's meeting will be held at "Vince's Meadow" on the Letort at the usual 7 PM time. The only important item of business is that the list of candidates for nomination to the CVTU Board of Directors will be read and further nominations accepted from the floor. We'll cook some burgers and hot dogs, kick back, and tell some fishing stories! Bring a rod and try the Letort for some Sulphur action if you want to. Rain or shine, stop by and enjoy the Chapter's property on the Letort. We are located on South Spring Garden Street, Carlisle.

**35
Members and
Guests Attended
the May
Members Meeting**

Quick Bites and Short Strikes

Clark Hall, Editor

Calendar of Events

2009

- June 6
East Licking Creek Trip
- June 7
Ladies Fly Fishing Course
- June 9 & 10
Reel Recovery
Allenberry, Boiling Springs
- June 10, 7:00 PM
Directors Meeting
Allenberry, Boiling Springs
- June 11, 8:00 AM
Senior Breakfast
Fay's Country Kitchen
- June 17, 7:00 PM
Membership Meeting
Vince's Meadow
- 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 8, 7:00 PM
Directors Meeting
Allenberry, Boiling Springs
- July 9, 8:00 AM
Senior Breakfast
Fay's Country Kitchen
- July 11
Project Healing Waters
Allenberry, Boiling Springs
- July 15, 7:00 PM
Membership Meeting
Allenberry Meadow Lodge
- 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 **July/August** issue is **June 19**.

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.

Several members of CVTU participated in the second annual Letort Festival, which highlights the exceptional natural features of the storied Letort Spring Run. The newly acquired CVTU display kiosk was well reviewed, and as usual, CVTU fly tiers demonstrated state-of-the-art fly patterns (see photo on page 4). Before the festival, CVTU Feet in the Stream (FITS) gang members helped out with the cleanup of the park and stream areas.

The June Members Meeting is the start of CVTU's election cycle. Nominations for the Board of Directors are read at the June meeting. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the June meeting. Election of the Board of Directors will be held at the July Members Meeting for the five director terms that expire at the end of September 2009. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the July Members Meeting. Election of Officers is performed by the Board of Directors at their September meeting. Terms of officers and board members elected are effective October 1, 2009.

The next issue of *Tight Lines* will be a combined **July/August** issue. It will be published around July 1.

CVTU Membership is 479!

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 members** since the May issue of *Tight Lines*: Jared Gerace, Camp Hill; Stephen Grunden, Mechanicsburg; Doug Hamacher, Mechanicsburg; William Imler, Camp Hill; Lenard Kirkman, Mechanicsburg; Ryan Meyer, APO



President's Message

From the President, Jim Hutcheson

**Cumberland Valley
Chapter Officers and
Directors** (director term)

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697-1071

Robert Thompson, (10)
243-1967

vacant, (10)

This year's Letort Festival was a great success. The weather cooperated, and attendance was up considerably from last year. CVTU was ably represented by Jerry Kerstetter, Ken Okorn, Gene Giza, and Vern Fowler all of whom demonstrated fly tying. Art Rorex gave a casting demonstration and followed up with impromptu lessons for some of the kids who showed an interest. Please remember the activities coming up in the month of June and lend a hand if you can. Ladies fly fishing day is Sunday, June 7 (contact Bob Thompson). The Reel Recovery program takes place June 9 and 10, and Bob Thompson can use fishing buddies for the recovering cancer patients. Finally, this year's Rivers Conservation Camp needs gillies more than ever, since there are more novice fly anglers who will be starting from scratch. Please let Clark Hall know if you can help (June 21-26).

If you follow the letters-to-the-editor section of the Patriot News, you will know that there is a certain amount of controversy over the plans we have to remove the Yellow Breeches dam at Green Lane Farms. Several neighboring land owners are concerned about their property values should the dam be removed. Despite the fact that all permits and funding have been secured for the removal to begin on schedule just after June 15, several of us in the dam removal party (reps from DEP, PAFBC, URS Engineering and I) plan to meet with the concerned citizens in an attempt to set their minds at ease. The removal will, however, take place as scheduled.

HELP!! We desperately need help to elect a few new board members. If you are interested and willing to dedicate some time and effort to help us continue the good fight for cold water fisheries preservation in the area, please consider serving on the board. Contact any current board member.

Thanks and Tight Lines!

Jim

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 Day - June 7 - take a friend fishing.

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during fishing time, the information passed along and the camaraderie have lasting effects.

It didn't take Alan ten years to give back to the camp. On returning home to Virginia, he told his best friend about the amazing time he had at camp and all that he had learned about trout and protecting their habitat. I ended up attending camp that next year and began serving as its director in 2008. While not a conservationist vocationally, the impact that men like Rod Cross and Mike Klimkos had on me as a teenager made getting involved with the camp an easy choice.

This year we have 30 young men and women who are eager to learn, and who will become tomorrow's stewards of our coldwater resources. I encourage you to come by one evening to meet them, even help out as a "ghillie." Giving your time and experience is a worthy investment.

Leaders Needed

CVTU needs members who are willing to step up to positions of leadership in three key areas.

Board of Directors: Anne Barrett recently resigned from the board of directors because she is moving from the area. Of the five board members whose terms expire on 9/30 (Chet Hagenbarth, Ken Okorn, Gene Giza, Al Stansbury, Jim Rainey), only Chet has agreed to run for re-election. Therefore, we need four new board members for these three-year positions, plus someone to be appointed to fill Anne Barrett's term.

Limestoner Banquet: We need a volunteer to chair the Committee for the 2010 *Limestoner* Banquet. Requirements are the ability to organize and inspire committee members, a willingness to solicit raffle and auction items, and an attention to detail. The rewards are a priceless appreciation from fellow CVTU members and all Cumberland Valley trout anglers!

Fly Tying Contest: CVTU will conduct the 2010 Pennsylvania Fly Tying Championship at the Eastern Sports and Outdoor Show during February, 2010. We need someone to organize and lead the contest.

Members who are interested in any of these positions should contact **Jim Hutcheson** by email at jwhutcheson@comcast.net or by phone at 249-7298.



I-r: Gene Giza, Ken Okorn, and Jerry Kerstetter demonstrate fly patterns at the Letort Festival.

CVTU Activities

by Bob Thompson

June and July will be a busy time for CVTU, and chapter members are asked to volunteer to instruct, contribute flies, gillie and help with food preparation.

Women's Beginning Fly Fishing June 7

June 7 is a Fish for Free Day, and we will take advantage of it to hold our third Women's Beginning Fly Fishing course. This appears to be becoming an annual event. It is a lot of fun and in several instances has led to more ladies joining CVTU, and to Tracy Coulter joining the CVTU board. The format will be classroom instruction and casting at Yellow Breeches Outfitters, lunch provided by CVTU, and then on to the Yellow Breeches for fishing. The fee is \$50, payable upon application. Participants can bring their own equipment, but CVTU will provide loaners as needed. Hip boots or waders are the responsibility of the participant. The goal is ten students. Please promote it. If there are questions, call **Bob Thompson** at 243-1967.

Reel Recovery June 9 & 10

Reel Recovery is a national non-profit organization for men recovering from cancer. It brings men together for professional counseling, letting them know they are not alone in their fight, and provides companionship while introducing them to the on-stream pleasure of the wonderful sport of fly fishing. CVTU provides the companionship along with the on-stream instruction.

Reel Recovery provides rods, reels, waders and vests. This is the third year CVTU has participated, and those who have volunteered say they have gained just as much as the cancer

survivors. The need is for 12 to 15 of you to give one or two days to this rewarding endeavor.

Project Healing Waters July 11

Saturday, July 11, CVTU will again host wounded veterans for a day fishing the Breeches. This non-profit organization gathers veterans from the veteran's hospitals and teaches casting, fly tying and even rod building. Local chapters provide on-stream experience. Last year CVTU provided a box lunch and a truly gourmet evening cook-out at Gene Giza's home, along with some excellent fishing. Again, the chapter needs a dozen or so gillies along with people to prepare the box lunches and cook the evening meal. Don't miss out on this event.

Sign up sheets for these three events will be available at chapter meetings.

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 Ken Okorn

Hackled Trico

Several years ago, I was leaving the Allenberry section after an relatively unsuccessful

morning of fishing Tricos. Many trout were rising, but several hours of fishing my poly or Antron winged spinners produced only a few fish and dozens of rejections.

I talked to Jerry Kerstetter about this as I was leaving the stream. He asked if I was using synthetic winged flies, which I was. He gave me several Trico spinners with hackle wings.

I tried his flies the next day, and they really made a difference. I tried tying some but had problems dividing the wings on the size 24 flies. That led me to come up with this easier version, which has also worked very well.



Pattern

Hook: size 22, 1X short shank
Thread: 8/0 Uni-Thread, black (male) or white (female)
Tail: none
Body: tying thread
Thorax: any fine black dry fly dubbing
Hackle: light dun

Tying Instructions

1. Wrap the thread to a point just short of the half way point of the shank.
2. Tie in the hackle by criss-crossing the stem with the thread, bending the stem back and wrapping the thread back to the bend, tying down the stem while forming the body.
3. Wrap the thread back to the point where the hackle feather was tied in.
4. Apply the black dubbing to the tying thread and form the thorax both behind and in front of the hackle feather. The Trico thorax is relatively large in proportion to the rest of the fly.
5. Wrap the hackle over the thorax and tie it down in front of the thorax.
6. Whip finish
7. Clip the hackle flat on the bottom.

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