



PFBC STAFF BELIEVES IN OUR LOCAL ACTU CHAPTER

With summer coming fast, the chapter has completed a stream survey with the PFBC and, with their support and partnership, have designed some additional stream restorations to enhance the lower section of the Conewago Creek. PFBC along with the Chesapeake Bay Authority will be teaming up this summer. The chapter will be executing a much larger scale of restoration in the future.

The Chapter is excited with extending our partnership with some new organizations, willing to assist us in our new endeavors with restoring the waterway. A reconnection with the local landowner's and other restrictions being approved, this section of stream will be taken under new future advisement, thus letting higher level professionals pave the way. Starting in late July, we will be looking for help preparing for our stream workday, anyone serious about getting involved and learning how to install habitat devices for stream protection contact Gary Perry gperry@noveltyinc.com about our workday.

Another improvement recently installed is a new gate. After advertising over the Hanover Radio Station Yard Sale, a member asked for anyone in the community having a farm gate - our chapter was in need of one 10 ft gate. A returned call prompted a trip to Glenville to a farmer who had two 8ft gates in his barn. The rest is history two- 8ft gates- FREE along with posts that were donated!



Jeremy Whitmore, Gary Perry, (stream coordinator) and Ed McGlaughlin prepares to install gate posts in concrete at the Route 34 entrance to the "catch and release section" on the Conewago Creek.

Howard Hellyer, (secretary), Gary Perry and new member Justin Robitaille lines-up the pins to install one of the new 8 ft gates.

48 ton of shotrock paid thru the CHIP Program, while another 24 ton was donated by Vulcan Quarry to the chapter.



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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello fellow ACTU members.

I have no central theme for this President's message...just some random observations.

First, I want to thank April and Dave Swope and Gary Perry for their assistance with the SOY fly tying demo on June 5, 2021. SOY (South Central Outdoor Youth Program) hosts an annual event providing youth with an opportunity to experience several aspects of outdoor fun including fly tying, fishing, BB and .22 rifle shooting, archery, shotgun and black powder use, and more. Because of COVID, last year's event was cancelled and this year's was somewhat restricted. Ninety-six (96) youth signed up and they were divided into eight groups of 12 and spent about 30 minutes at each outdoor station. Each participant received a shirt and hat from SOY. Next year's SOY event should see well over 100 youth with up to 12 fun stations. The planned date for 2022 is June 4th. More info as we get into 2022.

ZOOM meetings are hopefully a thing of the past for ACTU. We have been able to hold the past three meetings at the Lake Heritage Pavilion thanks to Howard Hellyer. Until we get an all clear from the Ag Center on Old Harrisburg Rd, we will continue to use Lake Heritage for our meetings and possibly the annual picnic (TBA). Please attend our monthly meetings. Fresh faces and fresh ideas really help the Chapter function.

ACTU officers' commitments have changed. TU National changed their fiscal year. Historically, ACTU made nominations for officers and board in October with voting at the November meeting. With the new fiscal year ending on March 31st, ACTU asked if current officers and board members were willing to extend their terms from November 2021 to March 2022. All agreed to do so. ACTU will now make nominations in February 2022 with voting in March 2022. Information on officers and board member commitments and responsibilities can be found on ACTU's web site. Please give thought to volunteering for an office or a board position. New people with new ideas are the basis for a great chapter going forward.

The cicadas are now quiet, but a strange thing has been observed...100's if not 1000's of empty shells are evident at the base of our wild cherry trees, oaks, and maples, but not a single shell under the walnut trees. In the evening when it is cool and it is raining or has rained recently the peep toads are noisier than the cicadas. A chorus of dozens of toads can easily drown out the cicada's din.

The garden is doing well, corn is knee high, broccoli is being frozen as well as eaten fresh, lettuce and spinach are over abundant and the peppers and tomatoes are looking good. Carrots, beets, and cabbage is doing well. Although our garden is heavily mulched with a thick layer of straw, we are seeing the signs of a lack of rain which brings me to stream health.

Our local streams are very dependent on rain fall. As temperatures soar and water levels drop, please remember it is not a good time to stress trout if you intend to do catch and release. Don't play a trout for a long time, land them quickly, use wet hands during handling, remove your hook as quickly as possible. If needed - cut the leader for a fast release. There are alternatives to stream fishing. Adams County has several lakes that can be easily fished as well as some in neighboring counties. Early morning or in the cool of the evening are great times to wet a line.

Enjoy the Summer outdoors. Stay safe (life vest while boating), Become an active member.



SOUTHCENTRAL OUTDOORS FOR YOUTHS

JUNE 5 at the McSHERRYSTOWN FISH AND GAME CLUB

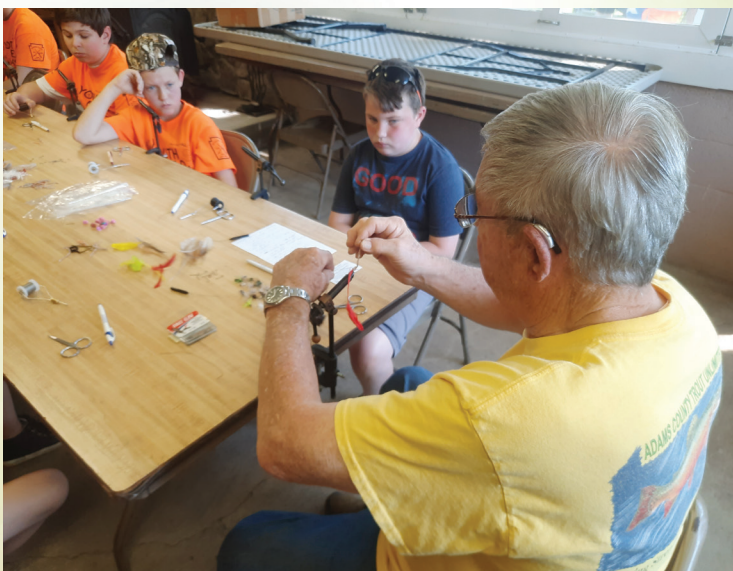
This year's event was held on June 5, 2021 at McSherrystown Fish and Game on 2 Fish and Game Road, New Oxford. This free event has been open to all youths between the ages of 6-15 years. They must be accompanied by a parent or guardian on the day of the event.

Registration was available online until May 04, 2021, due to Covid only 100 participants were allowed along with parents and instructors.

Various activities included fly tying, fishing, archery, BB guns, black powder, 22 shoot,

shot-guns, trapping, etc. There were also exhibits and demonstrations with the PA Game Commission, PA Fish Commission, snakes, predators, etc. All pre-registered youths received a free t-shirt and hat; lunch was served to all who attended. For more information on next years event, visit www.adamscountysoy.org or call 717-579-7495.

About SOY: South Central Outdoors for Youth (SOY) is a non-profit organization started in 1992 for the express purpose of encouraging youth's interest in the outdoors in a safe and controlled environment, with knowledgeable volunteers on hand to instruct and promote that interest. Its founders and volunteers believe that by giving youths and their parents/guardians a free day of various out-door activities, children have the opportunity to experience various sports without cost to the family. If the child decides to continue with the sport, there are many knowledgeable volunteers available to give information and instructions.



President Hank Rajotte and Trustee April Swope demonstrate the "Art of Fly Tying" to eight different youth groups at the 2021 event held at McSherrystown F&G Club.

ACTU and kids say special thanks to Hank, Gary, April & Dave for having the patience to teach our next generation of anglers. Kids were taught how to tie the famous "Wholly Bugger". After completion kids put their own fly on their hat.

CHANGING LIVES WITH ROD AND REEL

Adams County Trout Unlimited does it again, after 17 years of volunteer effort another successful Derby. The Derby was held on May 8th with rainy weather, still it was a great success! I consider success when a bunch of children are out on beautiful stream fishing for trout, not on their iPads fishing or in front of the computer. With plenty of beautiful trout from the Yellow Breeches Sportsmen and many golden trout the kids helped to stock the stream with excitement. The children's faces said it all, for three hours they fished hard to catch that big lunger. Focused and determined to take their first Golden Trout or the biggest fish. I really enjoy the Derby because of reaching our next generation, like the pics below. The Derby also provides adults to learn about Trout Unlimited and eventually become a member. So, not only is it a great outreach program, it gets kids and families together for great fishing fun.

Special thanks to all our volunteers and Yellow Breeches Anglers Assoc.



GRANT COMMITTEE HARD AT WORK


The Grant Committee members Gary Perry, Frank Kozak, Dave Swope, and Joe Hallinan are working hard to secure grant funding as our fundraiser

1. The committee has applied for the following grants:

- a. Wal-Mart - 10 grants. To date, two grants, each for \$250, have been received: one grant for the parking area and one for Mummasburg TT. We are waiting to hear on five grants (including a \$5,000 request for the Knouse property acquisition) and have been denied three grants (for the Ladies Initiative, the parking area, and Trout in the Classroom).
- b. American Water – Conewago Creek Restoration, \$4,900, Not awarded.
- c. Rice Family Foundation – Trout in the Classroom, \$10,560, Dec. 31 award date.
- d. South Mountain Partnership – A Pre-application for a \$5,250 grant for the Conewago Creek Restoration Project, Phase II was submitted on May 27th.
The chapter has been selected with the SMP to submit a final application but not assured of funding yet until approval.

2. The committee has researched about 20 organizations for grants related to the Knouse Project. Most of the organizations' grants do not apply to the project or the timeline for grant submittals has passed for this year. A grant application is planned to be submitted in mid-August to the Warehime Foundation seeking funds of the property acquisition.

CONEWAGO CREEK ACCESS PROJECT

The Conewago Task Force Group have been very active after our “last hurdle” for acquisition with DCED has been denied. We have reapplied to DCED. We have met with Senator Mastriano’s office for more support thru a Zoom meeting. We have also recently focused on the American Rescue Plan in Adams County. This plan focuses on the outdoors which would put us right in the niche for a local grant for the Conewago Creek Knouse Foods acquisition of 58 acres. Below would be the new parking area along Zeigler’s Mill Road with access to stream. 



CHAPTER PICNIC SEPTEMBER 21ST 6 PM



With the Covid becoming a less of a public threat, our chapter is excited and anxious about having a social get-together to celebrate back to “normalcy”. We are planning a chapter picnic/gathering at 6 PM on September 21st which will be a family event featuring some games, good food chicken and steaks, flea market, a few nice raffle/auction items and awards.

We are not far enough along to provide an approved location but we want you to mark your calendars. It's definitely a time to get back together. In order to accommodate everyone please register by contacting President Hank Rajotte hank.rajotte@gmail.com or Dave Swope swopeda@hotmail.com by September 14th deadline.

Everyone attending is asked to bring a covered dish to share. Come on out and meet the landowners and our State Representative Torren Ecker & family.

Enjoy fun and games, chicken and steak to order, and our guest speaker. 🦄



OUR ACTU CHAPTER HAPPENINGS

ADAMS COUNTY TROUT UNLIMITED #323



Managing Streams for Future Generations

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gary Currens
Rick Baker
Joe Finzel
David Palesky
Terry Klunk
Alan Mahone
Rick Marsilio
Donald Yealy

Thanks for RENEWING

Carl Swinn
Chris Breighner
Barry Bixler
Gary Ross
Eric Hostetter
Gary Stone
Stanley Thornton
Violet Heinning
Stephen Robinson
Dean Stum
Carl Gentzler
Brantley Ensor
Bernard Anthony
Deb Wentling
Thomas Poust
Cindy Staub

Norman Cain
Thomas Albright
Glenna Staley
Greg Walde
Joe Lemmon
Matthew
Verdiraime
John Snoke
Brian King
Hershel Shank
Joyce Litzelman
Lynn Rebert
Donald Gregg
Jerome Eline
Thomas Herren
James Schroyer
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Eric Wickline
Braden Whisler

Craig Rivenburg
Francis Klunk
John Santino
Brinton Reed
Murray Watt
George Lower
Robert Warehime
Marvin Kunkel
Rich Franzese
Brad Wagner
Mike Hutchins
Matt Orndorff
Steven McKenna
Joe Harrington
Andy & Jetsy Murray
David Topper
Anthony Bretzman

Please note: TU is often slow to add members to our chapter roster so some of our newest members may not have been added to the latest report.





RIVERS CONSERVATION AND FLY FISHING CAMP

The Camp will be held stating Sunday thru Friday June 20-25 at Messiah College. ACTU will fully fund one student from Adams County, Wyatt Sokol. Wyatt attends Biglerville High School. He will have a great week on the Yellow Breeches. The chapter will be waiting to hear back on his success.

AN ARTIST'S IMPRINT ON ACTU

Back when printed communications had been our principal news source for our membership, our "Adams County Pause" newsletter was four or six page black and white sheet composed, most likely on a word processor. In 2014, the newsletter took a giant leap forward in design and impact thanks to the work of our ACTU member and Graphic Designer Cindy Staub. A native of Hanover, Cindy and I met many years ago through her husband Jim, whom I graduated with in '68 and served together in the Military over 20 years. Before Cindy's joined ACTU, we recently changed our newsletter title to "Adams Anglers" by our members coming up with numerous new titles. Adams Anglers won outright presented by April Swope.

Cindy joined ACTU 7 years ago after discovering a renewed love of fishing, a sport put on hold for decades in order to start and run her own graphic design business in Hanover. Graphics Plus opened in 1988 and consumed most every waking hour for 30 years.

A hiking trip to Wyoming in 2012 included an introduction of fly fishing in Yellowstone. (As I am writing this article Cindy and Jim are again in Yellowstone). That experience woke up a passion buried deep in her memories. Upon returning from that trip, she joined Trout Unlimited and the Adams County Chapter. Seeing an introductory fly- fishing course offered for women by ACTU in one of the chapter newsletters, she signed up and learned the basics of knot tying, fly selection, casting and stream etiquette. The final lesson was conducted on the catch and release section of the Conewago Creek ACTU manages. Seeing this stretch of water and the conservation efforts the club was doing, she wanted to help. Since Cindy's involvement with our newsletter design our chapter's newsletter has been absolutely gorgeous. I, myself, know very little about graphic design and it was a true blessing for Cindy to step up to the plate. After joining our ranks, she realized how her professionalism would be a great fit and benefit to our chapter. I tip my hat for her efforts. In 2019, Cindy received the chapter's "David A. Swope Recognition and Merit Award" for her commitment in providing an upgrade for all our readers of your chapter newsletter.

THE CHEESAPEAKE BAY WATERSHED

Five ways volunteers can help protect the Chesapeake Bay

1. Pick up trash. Litter is often one of the most visible forms of pollution we encounter in our day-to-day lives.
2. Plant a tree
3. Be a citizen scientist
4. Support wildlife
5. Educate others

Restoring the Susquehanna watershed and saving the Chesapeake Bay might seem like a huge task, involving big projects – from stream restoration, to updating wastewater treatment systems, to mitigating the damage caused by mine discharges, to changing farming practices or cleaning up litter.


But there are some simple things that you can do to contribute to the effort. They may seem like little things, but if enough people adopt the practices, environmentalists believe they can have a large impact. 

FUNDRAISING PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN YOUR CHAPTER

People are the backbone and the force of our conservation efforts. However, money keeps the lights on late at night while we're planning those conservation projects. Funds raised can pay for the tank at the new Trout in the Classroom program across town or buy two hours of a bulldozer and backhoe to move boulders and large woody debris to your in-stream habitat restoration or a dozen new rods for your veteran's service project. Fundraising is one of the most important endeavors of a successful chapter and all successful chapters are great at fundraising—the two go hand in hand. Although it comes with its particular challenges, all chapters have the potential to tap into their community to raise funds and successfully bankroll projects, but remember a successful fundraising project starts long before the ask or the event, typically with a fundraising committee and a thoughtful plan.

After writing the above paragraphs, our chapter fundraising efforts should not go unnoticed. It has not been discussed in detail because of the Covid. We have been limited without having a SOLID fundraising program. We are typically running our chapter with limited funding connecting programs with other programs that has not been operational since Covid.

Many chapters and councils have had great success moving beyond the banquet and developing fun, new ways to raise funds. From hosting a fishing film screening to holding a streamside BBQ and silent auction, to hosting a “friendraiser” at a brewery or sending a project-specific appeal directly to members, all of these tactics can help reach new supporters and raise more funds for our work.

At this point requiring donations is an option. During the Covid, times have changed without business at our local establishments and we began to crawl instead of running with our activities. Hopefully in 2021, things will keep improving and open up businesses. 

CHAPTER MEETINGS 2021

July 20

Chapter Meeting 7PM Lake Heritage

July 31

Conewago Creek Workday 7:30AM

August 17

Chapter Meeting 7PM Location TBA

September 21

Chapter Picnic 6PM Please Register Location TBA

October 6th

PFBC Fall Stocking Conewago 11:30AM

October 19

Chapter Meeting 7PM Location TBA



VOLUNTEER FOR WORKDAY

Our annual Conewago Creek workday will be held Saturday July 31. Members from both chapters, PFBC, friends and more will meet at the Bowling Alley around 7:30AM.

Equipment will be from Adams Bobcat Service and our selected volunteers will be handling the big equipment. Please bring hip boots and gloves. Masks are optional.

Lunch will be provided around noon. All habitat work will be supervised by the PFBC and only those assigned on the stream committee will direct the group.

SATURDAY JULY 31

ACTU BOARD MEMBERS

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VP	Dave Keller
Secretary	Howard Hellyer
Treasurer	Dave Swope
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