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2015 Kids Fishing Derby By: Sue Cipperly

At 7:00 a.m. on May 2, members of the Yellow Breeches Anglers and Conservation Association (YBAC) arrived at the Latimore Fairgrounds with a truck full of trout, and eager young people helped ferry the trout to the creek in nets. They were preparing for the annual TU Kids Fishing Derby, which would begin at 8 a.m. After signing up at the registration table, excited children and their families set off to find a good fishing spot along the children's section of Latimore Creek. We had a total of 50 children participating this year.

At the sound of the air horn, the quest for the longest trout began, with shrieks of excitement as the young anglers landed their fish. For some, their TU Derby catch was the first time they had caught a fish. At 10:00 am, the air horn signaled the close of fishing, and volunteers measured the fish and recorded the length. The prize for the longest fish in each of 4 age groups was a choice of rods, and each participant got to choose from a selection of door prizes provided by the club and donated by area companies. The winners for longest fish were: Marques Flowers (age 4) 14" fish; Chance Reindehl (age 8) 13.5" fish; Hunter Madara (age 10) 14.5" fish; Darien Osmun (age 11) 14 1/8" fish.

While the fishing was going on, TU members were cooking hot dogs -which the kids and their families enjoyed along with chips, drinks, and cookies. Everyone had a great time, and the weather was great for an event like this. Several families have made this an annual "must do" and have expressed their appreciation for the event each year. The fishing derby is free of charge to the participants, though there were several generous donations by the parents.

The following companies and organizations donated goods or gift cards to support the event: Yellow Breeches Anglers and Conservation Association, the PA Fish and Boat Commission, Utz Potato Chips, Cadbury Schweppes, Giant Foods (Gettysburg), Weis Foods (Gettysburg), LL Bean, B&B Lures (Hanover), and the Adams County Conservation District. This morning of fun would not have happened without the dedicated folks from Adams County TU, who seem to have almost as much fun as the young folks. The smiles and the families spending time together in the out of doors are the reward for the volunteers. See you next year! Refer to page 6 for pictures of the event.

Do you shop on Amazon? If so, you can now make a donation to ACTU every time you shop through Amazon Smile. There is no additional cost to you and Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to ACTU. Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-2222233> for more information.

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STRAIGHT TALK By: President, Dave Swope

Hello everyone. It looks like Spring has finally sprung, I hope everyone is out fishing. God has given us great weather producing some real beauty for us to enjoy. April has been a good month and it appears the hatches are a little behind this year due to the colder weather. Our chapter has been busy stocking, planning the Latimore fishing derby, preparing for the TIC program at Strawberry Hill, repairing the Latimore picnic table, and picking up the Governor's environmental award on the Jig project. Well, its official the "Gig at the Jig" has been completed. There are many people from several TU chapters who volunteered their time in the restoration project success story.

It was good seeing some new faces at the recent membership meetings, held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Conservation District Building. Dean has been doing a bang up job with guest speakers; could be the drawing card for members to attend and get educated.

June's chapter meeting will be a streamside picnic at the Rodgers farm pavilion; you may bring a covered dish for all to enjoy. The chapter will supply the hotdogs, ham-

burgers, and drinks. Just sit back, relax and fellowship, maybe exchange a couple of fish stories. Don't forget your lawn chairs.

On May 16, the chapter will assist Senator Alloway with his fishing derby for children. We will also be presenting a few short introductions for the children and some prizes in different age groups. We will be in need of some help. We will be meeting at the Orrtanna Pond at 7:30 AM; presently 60 children are signed up. The chapter will be educating the children with a few short round robin demos, then on to fishing.

It is time to prepare for the Rivers Conservation School. The Rivers Conservation and fly fishing youth camp will be held June 21-26 2015, at the Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs. The camp is for boys and girls age 14-17. The chapter will once again support a student who will be attending the Rivers Conservation School in June. We wish Cam the best and we know the camp will be worth it. Students that attended in the past really expressed how the school made a difference in their lives. See you on the Stream.

Short Casts

Newsletter Submissions: Submission of articles and suggestions for the newsletter are encouraged and may be sent to amystum@comcast.net in a Word document or email text. All submissions are due by the 1st of the month for that month's newsletter.

Free Fly Tying Lessons: Once again, our own Joe Whitmore is providing free 30-minute beginners lessons prior to the monthly ACTU chapter meetings from January thru May. The lessons will start at 6:30 pm, no supplies or prior experience is required! The meeting will start immediately following the lesson. We look forward to seeing you there!

Chapter Logo and Tagline Initiative: At the January 2015 monthly meeting, a motion was made to develop a Chapter logo and tag line. **We are looking for your creative ideas!** Submit your suggestions, in concept or draft, to amystum@comcast.net no later than **June 1, 2015**.

Fishing Trips: Cumberland Valley TU has generously opened their trips to our chapter members. If you are interested in participating in an organized trip, please visit <http://cvtu.homestead.com/CalendarEvents.html> to see all the scheduled trips and contact Biff Healy (biffer1966@hotmail.com) or Dave Stone (dstone@stonelaw.net)

Congratulations Quinton! Quinton Nace has been accepted to attend the TU Annual Teen Summit. This year's event will be held at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC, from June 28 through July 2. Quinton will meet other TU teens from across the country, talk about how TU can better engage teen members, learn how to become a TU leader in our community, work on a service project and fish! The Chapter will be sponsoring Quinton at this event and we are excited to hear about his adventure. Good luck Quinton!

Family Fishing Programs: The PFBC has scheduled several events providing a great opportunity for families to get out and fish together. Family Fishing even at Codorus State Park is scheduled for May 23, and Fish for Free days will be held May 24 and July 4. Visit <http://www.fish.state.pa.us/FamilyFishingPrograms.htm> for more information.

Comments To Change DHALO to C&RFFO for Big Cove Creek, Fulton County

By: Dave Lippert

As most fishermen know by now, the PAF&BC proposed changes to allow bait in the Delayed Harvest Streams has been pulled and cancelled. This, I believe, was made possible by fishermen's opposing comments who knew this would have been a bad idea. Now that the subject of "Special Regulation Stream Sections" is still on the forefront of the Commission, I am requesting all fly fishermen to provide individual comments on our Big Cove Creek (Delayed Harvest) stream section here in Fulton County. A year and a half ago a petition with nearly 200 signatures was sent to the Commission asking them to change the one mile section of Delayed Harvest Artificial Lure Only (DHALO) to Catch & Release Fly Fishing Only (C&RFFO). They put the decision off and have not done anything to even survey or look into the possibility of making a change to the regulation.

I am asking fly fishermen within our southcentral region to access the PAF&BC website. Just click on "The Fishing Hole" ([link](#)) and under suggested com-

ments state that the DHALO section on Big Cove Creek, Fulton County, be changed to C&RFFO. The following rationale is a suggested example, if you would like to use it:

- Fish hold over even in drought years because of three cold limestone springs that feed into it.
- It has variety and abundant aquatic life to maintain good food and quality fishing.
- Good habitat provides the potential for trophy trout if not harvested.
- This section is an exception to most DHALO streams because it has excellent water quality and would be better designated as C&RFFO.
- Because of its high water quality and popularity it attracts fly fishermen from nearby Maryland, West Virginia and even Virginia.

You may want to reference your own experiences and why you would like to see it changed to C&RFFO. Even though petitions were submitted in the past, personal and individual comments may carry more weight to accomplish this request.

Passing of the Baton - Becky Plesic appointed as ACTU Treasurer

At the April monthly membership meeting, Andy Murray officially tendered his resignation as ACTU Treasurer. Andy and Jetsy continue to support the chapter while they are preparing to sell their home and move to Florida. Becky Plesic was nominated to fill the Treasurer's position for the remainder of 2015.

Becky is a life-long resident of Adams County and currently lives in York Springs with her husband, Chris (known by many members as our backhoe operator on many stream projects) and 10 year old daughter, Chloe. She also finds time to spoil her two Chihuahuas, Ava & Sophie Chanel. Becky is a graduate of New Oxford High School and Central Pennsylvania College. She has worked at the U.S. Department of Justice for 15 years.

Becky's many hobbies include: ATVing, hunting, fishing, baking, traveling, wine, camping, photography, and spending time with family and friends. She spends a good bit of time at their camp in Centre County. Also a sports fan, Becky roots for the Philadelphia Eagles, New York Yankees, Penn State and cheering on Bermudian Freedom where her daughter plays

softball. Becky is an active life member of the East Berlin VFW Post 8896, where she serves as Trustee for the Ladies Auxiliary. She's also the Treasurer for Buckridge Wilderness Club in Centre County, and attends Morning Hour Chapel in East Berlin where she also serves on the Hospitality Committee. Becky is a member of several clubs and organizations including: Central Mountain ATV Association, Susquehanna Valley Trailblazers, Snow Shoe Rails to Trails, Dillsburg American Legion Post 26, Latimore Fairgrounds - Eastern Museum of Motor Racing, NRA, PA Fly Fishing Museum, Yellow Breeches Anglers, and Pennsylvania Off-Highway Vehicle Association.



Mr. Brown Trout By: Dave Swope

After the group finished trout stocking on the Conewago Creek and I finished the PFBC paperwork showing the number of stops in each of the three sections, how many people participated in the stocking, how many anglers fishing, etc. I managed to wet a line in open waters, where the angling pressure did not seem as great. My preferred fishing equipment has always been a fly rod, fishing a spinner fly gold variation. This type of fly rod spinner fishing is not for beginners. After landing a few trout and releasing them without touching the fish, I decided to move upstream in the faster current. With the water almost over my hip waders, I made a few casts, catching a fish almost every cast. On the next cast, I felt the fly stop and I flipped my wrist before the trout spit out the fly, the fish was on. For the next 11 minutes, with my fly line to the backing, I let the fish run and just fed the line out. I knew, as the fight progressed, that it was a brown trout. Never once coming to the surface, it fought extremely hard, strictly on the bottom.

Up stream and then downstream he fought, close to the far shoreline but never tangled in the debris on the other side. I managed to move downstream in lower water, but where the currents were stronger, to make sure I could recognize the size of the fish and when he would be ready for the landing net. I was hoping he would not start downstream over the rocks. I readied the net, as the fish came close, and was somewhat amazed at the size of the large dark spots on his body. Now, for the first time, viewed this monster brown trout and when he saw the net, round two of fighting occurred - but I could tell the battle wasn't the same. I managed to bring him in towards the stream bank to land. I knew without getting his tail end into the net far enough to lift him up was going to be quite a task,

even though the fight was over. Finally, I had my chance with the major part of the tail end in the net to lift quickly. The brown trout was 24 inches and 6 lbs. My biggest brown trout ever. The trout is far ahead in the fishing contest and will be mounted next to the four rainbows, brown, and gold rainbow in my mancave. The trout will be mounted curving from out the TU national net the chapter presented to me years ago. It's a somewhat of a new engineering design that I have in mind.

A day later I landed a 18 inch, 3 lb brook trout. The largest I have ever caught and the biggest brookie in the fishing contest. Now what should I do?



ABC's of Fly Fishing

Do you have any tips you'd like to share with others? Please send them to amystum@comcast.net. Look for more hints each month.

Having trouble with your fly and leader landing in a heap? Two pointers to try: Think of a 3 foot level balanced on your casting shoulder—your hand should travel along the line of the level. Another thought: Think how you would spray someone with water if you held a paintbrush with the bristles loaded with water. You would start out slow so you wouldn't spray yourself, then gradually speed up your arm/hand and stop abruptly at the end of your reach di-

rectly at the person, not the ground. That is a beautiful cast in the making!

Also, fly patterns that have movement built into the fly materials suggest life and are great choices. Think rabbit, marabou, bear, squirrel, mink and muskrat for some of you flies.



Volunteers Wanted By: Dave Swope

A FEW GOOD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. In my opinion, the chapter is well short of its potential. The energy of a small number of “usual suspects” is the driving force behind our currently, well recognized programs. A veteran chapter member once wrote an aspiring article on “[taking your environmental commitment to the next level.](#)” I’ll try to convey the essence with some modifications in the form of myths:

Myth One: [Board meetings involves a lot of work.](#)

Reality: All you have to do to make them entertaining is mention fishing and we will digress for an hour. In that hour you will find out current information not found else-

where about secret fishing spots. It’s also an opportunity to spark a new project that you think is important.

Myth Two: [Nearly all key positions are currently filled.](#)

Reality: We need the following chair positions to be filled: youth programs, membership, fundraising, fishing trips, new programs, etc. We also need volunteers in all committees.

Please contact any Officer or Board Member if you are interested in more information on any of these items.

Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission - Family Fishing Activities

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) has scheduled several opportunities in May and June for families to get out and enjoy fishing. These events lead up to the two statewide Fish for Free Days; the Sunday before Memorial Day May 24, and Independence Day on July 4. Family Fishing Festivals are educational events designed for families with little or no fishing experience. The fishing license requirement is being waived for registered Family Fishing Festival participants 16 and older.

- May 2, Southcentral PA Region: Gifford Pinchot State Park
- May 9, Southwest PA Region: Burrell Lake Park

- May 16, Southeast PA Region: Nockamixon State Park
- June 6, Northcentral PA Region: Bald Eagle State Park
- June 20, Northwest PA Region: Moraine State Park
- June 27, Northeast PA Region: Francis Slocum State Park

Visit www.GoneFishingPa.com and select “Family Fishing Programs” to register or learn more about these events. Space is limited and there will be no registration taken the day of the event.

2015 Governor’s Environmental Award of Excellence Banquet Pictures



L-R: John Quigley (Acting Secretary Department of Environmental Protection), Dave Swope President (ACTU), Daniel Weekley (VP Corporate Affairs)



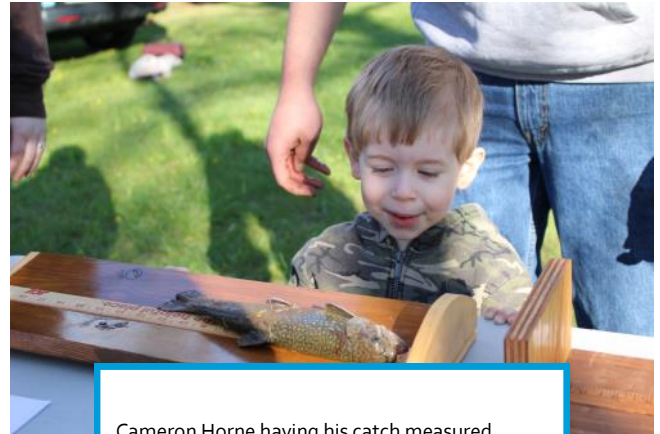
L-R: Adam McClain (Adams County Conservation District), Rod Cross (Falling Spring TU), Don Albright (Cumberland Valley TU), April and Dave Swope (ACTU), Jetsy and Andrew Murray (ACTU)



Pictures from Latimore Fishing Derby - May 2, 2015



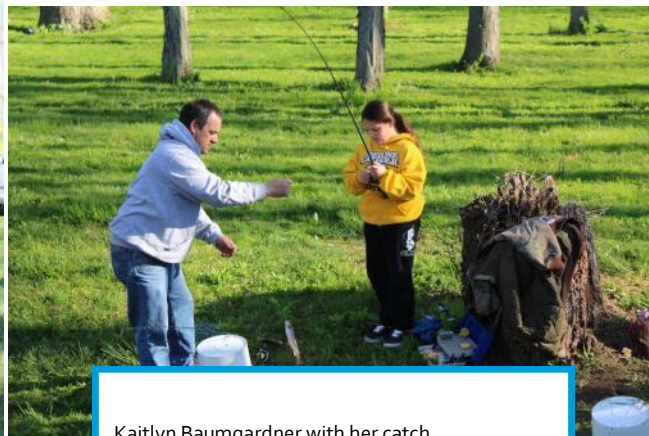
L-R: Rick Fetchko & Steve Kreiser (YBAC), Jetsy Murray, Sue Cipperly, Dean Stum, Andy Murray, and Hank Rajotte (ACTU)



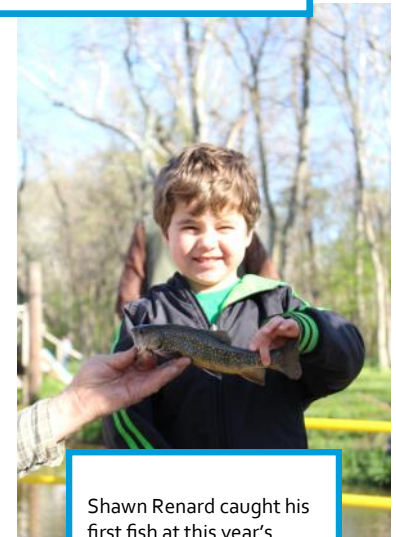
Cameron Horne having his catch measured.



Madison Harrington with her stringer catch



Kaitlyn Baumgardner with her catch



Shawn Renard caught his first fish at this year's derby



2015 Winners
(L-R): Marques Flowers, Hunter Madara, Chance Reindehl and Darien Osmun.





2015 Chapter Calendar

MAY

- May 19 Elementary TIC Release 9:30 am Strawberry Hill Preserve,
Fairfield PA
- Fly Tying Lesson 6:30 pm Gettysburg, PA
- Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm Gettysburg, PA
- May 20 Middle School TIC Release 9:00 am Strawberry Hill Preserve,
Fairfield PA

JUNE

- June 5-7 TU Regional Meeting Frederick, MD
- June 6 SOY Field Day 8:00 am McSherrystown Fish & Game
- June 16 Chapter Picnic 6:00 pm Streamside at Rogers' Farm,
Conewago FFO section
- June 21-26 Rivers Conservation Camp Allenberry Resort
- June 24 ACTU Board Meeting 7:00 pm Gettysburg, PA
- June 28 - July 2 TU Teen Summit Cullowhee, NC

JULY

- July 21 Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm Gettysburg, PA

AUGUST

- August 18 Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm Gettysburg, PA

SEPTEMBER

- September 15 Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm Gettysburg, PA
- September 16-20 TU Annual Meeting Scanton, PA

OCTOBER

- October 3 PA Council Fall Meeting State College, PA
- October 20 Chapter Meeting 7:00 pm Gettysburg, PA

NOVEMBER

- November 11 Board Meeting, 7:00 pm Gettysburg, PA