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2020 BEST SMALL CHAPTER AWARD

SEASONS GREETINGS

Hello fellow ACTU members,
As we approach the end of 2021 let us enjoy family and friends as we celebrate Thanksgiving I want to wish each of you a blessed and wonderful Christmas and a better New Year in 2022.

In spite of COVID restrictions, 2021 was a great year for ACTU. Your volunteer officers, board members, chairpersons and participating members were able to accomplish the following: Latimore Fishing Derby, South Central Outdoor Youth Day (SOY), a Conewago stream work day of over 300 work hours, progress on the Knouse land purchase, and the ACTU annual picnic.

The planning and budgeting for 2022 has been completed and ACTU is looking forward to another successful year. Plans include the following: attendance at the Heidelsburg Fish and Boat Show February 26-27th, the Latimore Youth Fishing Derby early May, the SOY event June 4th, culmination of the Knouse land purchase with a dedication ceremony, and the recognition and celebration of 40 years of working together with Northern Virginia Trout Unlimited to improve streams in Adams County. Along with these endeavors the Chapter will be addressing further stream work in 2022 and of course, stocking trout in our local streams.

Needless to say none of the above can be accomplished without the help of volunteers. During November, December 2021 and January 2022 a nominations committee will be preparing a list of recommendations for officers and board members for the fiscal year beginning March 2022. Please consider volunteering to help out in 2022. You can contact me or any of our officers or board members if you want more information regarding how you can help. If you go to our web site and open up "by-laws" you will find information on various positions within the Chapter.

One last note: it is the law in PA to wear a life jacket from now until April 30, 2022 when on PA waters. Falling into water below 70 degrees F can cause cold water shock resulting in death. A life jacket can keep you afloat until help arrives. Don't become a statistic. Eighty percent of all boating fatalities were not wearing a life jacket.

Enjoy the holidays, stay healthy, prepare your gear for another fishing season, put some fishing gear on your Christmas list, and, PLEASE consider volunteering to help the Chapter.

CATCH AND RELEASE AREA CLOSED

ACTU has posted new signs respecting the landowners wishes again in 2021. We have added more visible signs at numerous entrance areas on the fly stretch. Please respect these signs posting the entire fly-fishing area is closed from November 27 thru December 11 for Big Game Rifle Season.

Thanks to our Stream Coordinator for his efforts in protecting all our landowners wishes.

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Managing Streams for Future Generations

CONEWAGO CREEK RESTORATION PLAN

Through our stream volunteer program, the Adams County Chapter of Trout Unlimited and partners are transforming the Conewago Creek, a 1.1 mile stretch of stream that originates from the upper reaches of the South Mountain.

The Rodgers Farm stretch was the focus of this years improvements. Recently volunteers modified existing log tip-defectors on the waterway by installing wings to the log vein crossing that will maintain a plunge-pool effect and direct the stream's flow toward the center of the channel. We added protection on mudsills using the new National Fish and Wildlife design: ground over the shotrock, seeding, covering with a coconut matting and securing matting.

This stretch of the Conewago is managed under the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's catch-and-release only regulations. In addition, in the summer, as the water of the Conewago warms, stocked trout move up into the cooler tributary. As a result, the Conewago experiences heavy fishing and traffic along its bank nearly every day.

The ACTU restoration project has provided midstream cover for fish; enhance the positive effects of existing cross veins, while reducing their negative impacts; provide stable cover along existing streambank, while reclaiming lost bank; address the "break" in the stream bank; and repairing some older habitat structures.

Volunteers also recently placed several random boulder arrays in the waterway, bringing three of the eight planned habitat improvements to fruition. The boulders provide resting cover in the middle of the channel and break up the uniform flow of the stream.

Previously a multi-log vane deflector was constructed on the left streambank between the log cross-vane structure and an existing rock dam to add a diversity to the structure and some streambank stabilization.

The project began last July with the construction of a modified mudsill along the right bank. The structure is designed to reclaim the eroding stream bank and provide some stable, undercut banks for fish cover.

TROUT WEEK was from September 27 till October 2 pictured above from right: Bruce Hauf, Quinn Jones, Buzz Dittenburn, Frank Kozak, Jerry Gladfelter, Lynn Rebert, Buzz Dettinburn , Dave Swope (not pictured) planted 125 trees and shrubs along the banks of the Conewago Creek.

Upon completion of the remaining five structures, a less manicured, vegetated buffer will grow along the top of the streambank. At least five feet in width, the area has also been planted with native shrubs.

Much-needed cover and holding areas for wild and stocked trout will be added to the area, and the trout should be more evenly distributed throughout, as will the fishing pressure.

Plans for the project were developed by the PFBC Habitat Management Division and the chapters restoration committee, which also contributed staff time to the project. Permitting has been approved from the PFBC, ACCD and Department of Environmental Protection.

Other partners to date have been Vulcan Quarry and Pa. FBC which supplied large stones; Jim and Curt Rodgers, landowners, provided the logs; Adams County Bobcat Service provided heavy equipment; which transported the massive logs to the work site, Brian King provided coconut matting, and NVTU members and ACTU members and friends provided MANY volunteer hours.

WHY DO TROUT NEED TREES

Trout have very specific needs. They can't live in habitats that don't meet their needs. This is true for all fish. Trees play an important role in trout stream habitat. The Riparian zone, the vegitation areas along creeks and streams, have three important jobs:

These plants help hold the stream banks together, stabilizing them in high water events. The soil can smother places where the trout eggs incubate.

Riparian trees and plants offer shelter for trout. Trout and other fish hide from predators under the roots and branches of streamside plants. Fish can even hide in the shadows of the leaves.

The shade from riparian plants also shields the water from the sun. This helps keep the water cooler in the summer months.

Streamside plants are important to stream food webs. Insects feed on leaves and other parts of the plants when these plants fall in the water. Trout and other fish feed on these insects. Streamside trees are important to all aquatic critters, not just trout.

ANNUAL CHAPTER PICNIC RECAP

Even though we had more guests than members attend the annual picnic, everyone enjoyed the grill steaks and barbecue chicken and some enticing side dishes courtesy of the attendees. A 50/50 drawing, door prizes and many live and silent auction items generated funds to help the chapter. President Hank Rajotte did a great job coordinating the evening events. Richard Lewis, trustee, held the live auction.

Thanks to the following:
Richard, Dave, Jerry and Dave Keller for serving on the picnic committee
Dave & Marge Keller, Richard, Dave and Hank for coordinating donations
Howard Hellyer for reserving the hall, kitchen and setup
April and Marge for their support in the kitchen

In the top photo, Catherine Wallen, District Manager for State Rep. Torren Ecker explained the upcoming House Bills to the attendees at our annual picnic. Catherine believes in ACTU mission and appreciates our conservation efforts. Her family is devoted to conservation and preservation.

D. A. Swope presents Jerry Gladfelter with the David A. Swope Merit and Recognition Award for 2020 in the middle photo. Jerry is the chapter's web page and facebook coordinator. He has been doing a great service to the chapter in updating our membership roster, communications specialist and is working to upgrade our chapter's webpage through National TU. Jerry has been our go-too guy and serves us well in his active participation in our events.

In the bottom photo, Gary Perry received our chapter's Adopt-A-Stream Award from President Hank Rajotte. Gary has been our go-to guy with stream restoration projects and removing the invasive knotweed along the Conewago Creek. Gary has served as a trustee for the chapter and donates many items and time to chapter events. Served as our coordinator of our Zoom meetings during the Covid, keeping communications our priority and the chapter the best chapter in Pa. in 2020.

ADAMS COUNTY TROUT UNLIMITED #323

Managing Streams for Future Generations

Welcome NEW MEMBERS

Brittany Baker
Robert Bishop
William Mitchell
Roy Coldsmith

Thanks for RENEWING

James Carpenter
George Lower
Bob Anderson
Carl Swinn
James Vanik
Barry Bixler
Tom Murphy
Fred Klein
John Reed
Tom Murphy
Brad Shafer
Wayne Belt
Justin Kritchen
Joyce Litzelman
Lynn Rebert
Scott Rebert
R. Simpson
Gary Stone
B Small
Rick Franzese
Matt Orndorff
Anthony Bretzman
Robert Warehime
Richard Albert
Thomas Poust
George Ross
Thomas Miller
Quinn Jones
Joe Finzel
John Rossi
Jessica Walde
Ann & Will Lane
Wyatt Sokol

ACTU HAPPENINGS

GRANT COMMITTEE TEAM

Great News!! A grant application submitted to the J. William Warehime Foundation seeking funds for the Knouse property acquisition and it was favorably accepted in September. As a result, ACTU was awarded $40,000 by the Warehime Foundation! This is the largest grant ever received by ACTU! Many thanks to the people who helped in preparation of the application: Mark Clowney, Joe Hallinan, Sarah Kipp, Frank Kozak, Richard Lewis, Hank Rajotte, Gary Perry, and yours truly, Dave Swope.

A grant application was also submitted to the Rice Family Foundation. ACTU are seeking $10,560 for the Trout in the Classroom Program. Keep your fingers crossed!

The committee will now turn its attention to further researching and submitting grant applications in 2022. If you are interested in contributing or joining our Grant Committee Team, please contact Frank Kozak at fmkozak@gmail.com. Special thanks to Frank for his efforts in obtaining this sizable grant and coordinating with Adams County Conservation District on the acquisition of the 58 acres from Knouse Foods.

Grant committee chair Frank Kozak presents to Vice President Dave Keller and President Hank Rajotte a $40,000 grant check from the J. William Warehime Foundation towards the acquisition of the Knouse Foods 58 acres in the upper reaches of the fly fishing only section in Adams County.

AMBERBROOK/RYAN HOMES

On Saturday, October23rd, five volunteers from ACTU attended and manned the exhibit at the Amberbrook Open House, showcasing a new development north of Gettysburg. The purpose was to introduce retirees and new home buyers looking for a new area to reside, that we have a gem of a trout stream for them to enjoy and a group of volunteers that covers many conservation activities. What better way to find a great location with a trout stream close enough to start a new outdoor adventure, learning how to fly fish. A drawing was held for the winner to receive a guided fly-fishing trip on the Conewago Creek. Our chapter received $300 for this guided trip.

Special thanks to Richard for developing the power point of chapter activities just in time for the exhibit, also thanking Dave K, Buzz, Howard H for their volunteer hours. Pat on the back to Dean Simpson for playing a major part of taking part in this program. Director of Amberbrook, Mark Peacemaker spoke on how successful this first exhibit has been and we would be invited us back in the future.

FALL STOCKING & FISHING WITH FRIENDS

Fall trout stocking of the Conewago Creek took place on October 6th in the catch and release section. Northern Virginia TU again had an amazing turnout of volunteers. Below, Buzz Dettinburn and Don Gratton handles trout going into the float boxes. Trout species consisted of beautiful brown and rainbow trout. The entire 1.1 mile section was float stocked with trout. Don Gratton and Bob Krieger from NoVTU led the float stocking charge.

Jim Wilson, No.VTU, accepts the engraved knife from Bob Kreiger No.VTU for catching and releasing the largest trout on the Conewago Creek during the 2nd Annual of "Fishing with Partners". Frank Kozak ACTU caught the most trout that day.

Hurricane Ida hit our fishery area hard. Many trees were down in the stream and trail on the Conewago Creek area. We did manage to move the trees off the trail and cut another off the cable that starts the beginning of the fly section on the Conewago. The blockage would have caused the float stockers problems of getting the trout delivered to their new homes. Thanks, goes out to Ed for his help and also identifying this problem before stocking the trout.

MEMBERS CORNER

FISHING FOR WILD TROUT IN CENTRAL PA

Big things happen in small places. The experience, although not fabulous for fishing, was successful in terms of fishing different streams and enjoying our beautiful Pennsylvania watersheds.

We started on the Yellow Breeches, fishing multiple locations of this world renown trout stream. We then moved onto Spring Creek... here is when it gets tough. All wild trout and they are spooky as Halloween!

Special thanks to Frank for providing me this wild trout opportunity and Neil for guiding us on this day. This wild rainbow trout matches my hat.

Members Pat and Susan Naugle fishing Yellowstone National Park

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

There are over 2 million acres to roam freely, and many miles of streams with totally open access to an excellent cutthroat trout fishery. In this photo, my wife Susan and I, are hiking several miles to the Lamar River to try our luck in a more remote area of Yellowstone. My favorite stream to fish in Yellowstone is the Soda Butte Creek, which has easy access, is easy to wade, and holds many good-sized cutthroat trout. Not only is Yellowstone free-roaming for us, grizzly bears and bison are roaming the same territory, note the bear spray.

Pat plays a major role in the Watershed Alliance of Adams County, being past president. He knows water and wears many hats in the all-around protection of water in Adams County. Pat has assisted in the research of our water, the vertebrate and identification sampling of Toms Creek over the years, while collecting data of the stream ecosystem for the future protection. In 2021, Pat and Susan were major players in the Chesapeake Bay Tree and Shrub distribution. They played a instrumental role, along with Joe Hallinan, in planting the most trees and shrubs in Adams County this past year.

PROTECTING OUR LOCAL WATER RESOURCES

With our chapter being very active, sometimes we don't discuss enough about protecting our watersheds. A watershed is an area of land that drains rain water or snow into one location such as a stream, lake or wetland. These water bodies supply our drinking water, water for agriculture, offer our recreational opportunities and provide habitat to numerous plants and animals. Unfortunately forms of pollution, including runoff and erosion, can interfere with the health of our watershed. Therefore, it is important to protect the quality of our watersheds. We solve this dilemma by performing voluntarily as a team with our stream restoration efforts.

Why Do We Need Healthy Watersheds? Watersheds sustain life, in many ways. Some of those are manufactured goods and tourism depend on clean, healthy watersheds. That is why proper watershed protection is necessary to you and your community. Watershed protection is a means of protecting our river or stream by managing the entire watershed that drains into it. Clean healthy watersheds depend on an informed public to make the right decisions when it comes to the environment and actions needed by all.

CHAPTER CALENDAR 2022

January 18
Chapter Meeting 7PM Lake Heritage Ag Center Pavilion
Nomination of Officers

February 15
Chapter Meeting 7PM Lake Heritage Ag Center Pavilion

February 26-27
Heidlersburg Outdoor Show

March 15
Chapter Meeting 7PM Lake Heritage Ag Center Pavilion
Election of Officers
PFBC Preseason stocking (TBA)

April 19
Board Meeting 7PM Lake Heritage Ag Center Pavilion

May 7
Latimore Fishing Derby 8am 12 noon

May 17
Board Meeting 7PM Lake Heritage Ag Center Pavilion
PFBC Inseason stocking (TBA)

Some wise guy once defined a fishing line as a piece of string with a worm on one end and a damn fool on the other.

This is a silly definition, of course, for many fishermen use flies instead of worms.

Ed Zern

YOU'RE THE SOLUTION TO WATER POLLUTION

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