



# TALE OF THE POOL

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## Upcoming Events:

- Trout Stocking, Sunday  
April 3, 2005 10AM
- Dunbar Creek Cleanup,  
April 9, 2005 8 AM
- Membership Meeting,  
Fly Tying Demonstration  
Becker's Shadyside Inn,  
April 13, 2005, 7:30PM
- Membership Meeting,  
Becker's Shadyside Inn,  
May 11, 2005, 7:30PM

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the 2005 trout season nearly upon us, the CRTU stocking crew has been busy of late. Saturday, March 5th was spent sorting, transporting and stocking approximately 650 trout into the Laurel Hill and Meadow Run delayed harvest sections and into the Yough at Confluence. Most of the fish were leftovers from 2004, some over 24" long. These big guys have been "feasting" on the 2005 fingerlings, many of which are now stocking size themselves. The sight of a 24" brown trout with two fingerlings tails protruding from it's mouth is amazing.

Later this spring, we will be building a cage addition that will allow sorting by size and species. This should eliminate cannibal consumption by holdover browns. It is great to see the success of Pennsylvania's original cage culture nursery firsthand. This cooperative effort between CRTU, the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, D/R Hydro and



Meadow Run, Spring 2005

the Army Corps of Engineers has provided trout for the Yough watershed for seven years.

Once again this year, through the efforts of Rick McClintock and crew, our chapter will raise and stock nearly 10,000 trout. We will soon need volunteers to assist in building

additions to the nursery and participate in stocking these fish. See the stocking schedule elsewhere in this newsletter.

Get Involved! To volunteer call me at 724-852-3033.  
Press On,  
Dale Kotowski

## DUNBAR CREEK CLEANUP! APRIL 9, 2005 8AM

Every year the Saturday before Opening Day CRTU members meet at Dunbar Creek for some spring cleaning, food and refreshments and perhaps some fishing. We will meet at the state game shed at the beginning of the dirt road at 8am on Saturday,

April 9th. Trash bags, gloves and refreshments will be provided. Bring your fishing gear. Any members with vehicles available to haul away the trash are welcome.

Dunbar Creek Cleanup was one of the first projects of

CRTU and continues to be a most worthwhile effort. If you have any questions please call Dale Kotowski at 724-852-3033. See you there!

## CRTU BANQUET NOTES



CRTU's tenth annual banquet was held Saturday, March 12, 2005 at Becker's Shadyside Inn in Uniontown. A good time was had by all. Many thanks to Banquet Chairman, Eugene Gordon and family for a job well done. This year's prizes were exceptional, especially the ten fly rods that were raffled off to celebrate CRTU's tenth anniversary. Once again the Master of Ceremonies duties were handled by Ben Moyer. Our thanks go to Bernie Manyak, Gary Walters, Tom Shetterly and the rest of the Banquet Committee for helping to make this years banquet a great success. As usual Darrell and his staff at Becker's Shadyside Inn did an incredible job.

The banquet is a great opportunity to see all our members, old and new, trading fish stories and breaking bread together. As you know this is CRTU's primary fund raiser. Thanks to all who dug deep into their pockets to support such a good cause.



Two conservation awards were presented by the chapter for outstanding service to the Yough watershed. The Meritorious Service Award for Coldwater Conservation went to Dr. William Kimmel. Dr. Kimmel was a big help in the early stages of Glade Run. He and his students did all the baseline water quality and biological monitoring to establish that the stream was polluted. That information was used to get the initial grants. Then, after we began the alkaline sand additions, Kimmel continued to sample water quality and biological indicators to gauge the effect on water quality. We could not have done as much as we have at Glade Run without the scientific component provided by Dr. Kimmel.

The Sportsman Conservation Award went to John Maddas. John is the "father" of Dunbar Creek. He has organized and led stream cleanups, stream habitat work, youth fishing days and trout stocking for years and years. John is a selfless servant of the outdoors, and his life work has made Fayette County a better place for all the rest of us.

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## CRTU TROUT STOCKINGS



Everyone involved with our first 2005 stocking on March 5th commented on how enjoyable the day was; a little work, a lot of laughs and all for a good cause. True "fish of a lifetime" now await some lucky anglers. In past years, most of the fish raised in our nursery were stocked into the delayed harvest sections of Laurel Hill Creek and Meadow Run, the FFO section of Dunbar Creek, and the Yough and Casselman Rivers. Additionally, we have provided trout for several youth and special needs groups for fishing derbies. This year is no exception. These areas will again be served and other stocking sites will be discussed at future membership meetings.

Scheduled stocking dates are Wednesday, March 23rd and Sunday, April 3rd. We will meet at the nursery in Confluence at 10am. Remember to bring your waders. Check the website for any last minute cancellations. The current stocking crew phone chain is as follows:

Rick McClintock	724-329-1251	Rick McClintock	724-329-1251
Dale Kotowski	724-852-3033	John Kreuzer	724-329-0795
Henry Deabner	724-930-7020	Tom Wilson	724-627-8313
Allen Tedrow	724-925-1290	Brian Thompson	724-329-6367
Roy Giovannelli	724-736-2969	Lou Giovannelli	724-326-4386
Frank Steck	724-736-4602	Tom Shetterly	724-483-8654
Donald Shupe	724-785-8901	Al Budinsky	412-848-5087
Joe Fagan	724-887-7464	Gary Walters	724-437-9625
Eugene Gordon	724-277-8688	Eugene Gordon	724-277-8688

Please call the member below your name. If anyone wants their name removed or added, please contact Dale Kotowski.

## TEN YEARS AGO ...

When Eugene Gordon was involved with early planning stages of this chapter he traveled to various local sportsmen's clubs. One of the questions that he asked was "where do you fish?" The response of many was Dunbar Creek. Eugene then asked, "what stream sections do you fish, the one with the stove in it or the one with the refrigerator?" The results of the first Dunbar clean-up were incredible...tires piled ten-feet high, hundreds of bags of trash and numerous not-so-small appliances. That first clean-up was in April 1995, and it is repeated each year as our chapter's first work detail in preparation for the opening of trout season.

The spring of 1995 was a busy time for the chapter. A fundraising committee was formed and led by Eugene Gordon. The membership committee was led by Max Furin and Rod Cross. Mark DeFrank, who will be tying flies at our April 2005 meeting, opened the May 1995 meeting by tying and explaining the green drake pattern. In addition to the clean-up, repairs to the jack dams on Dunbar Creek were completed. Meadow Run was designated as the chapter's "adopted stream", with the future delayed harvest designation only a possibility at the time. Plans for the first annual banquet were underway. Busy times, indeed. Just as they are today...

Dunbar Clean-Up...Ten Years After...April 9th, 2005...BE THERE!

## FROM THE BOOKSHELF: "THE RIVER HOME"

First off, let me say I'm enjoying the hell out of this book. Written by Michigan native Jerry Dennis, author of [A Place On The Water](#) and [From A Wooden Canoe](#), it is a combination of amusing essays about fishing trips sprinkled with deep passages written so well you have to go back and reread them. Some chapter titles are "Home Again", "Why Fish?", "Eight Days of Hendricksons", "Giants" and "Secret Places". In "Why Fish", Jerry is asked by a woman at a dinner table why he fishes, and he can't quite give her an answer. Later in the essay he writes a heartfelt tale of a canoe trip fishing with his son. After the trip he has his answer...

"Fishing, I should have explained, teaches us to perform small acts with care. It humbles us. It enriches our friendships. It cultivates reverence for wild things and beautiful places. It reminds us that time needs occasionally to be squandered. It makes us participants in nature instead of spectators, a crucial distinction because participants tend to become passionate and protective and spectators tend to become indifferent. I wish I could have made the woman understand that fishing is simply a way to open our hearts to the world"

Do yourself a favor. Spend an evening with Jerry Dennis.

Allen Tedrow

## LAST CAST: FROM THE EDITOR

Upcoming programs scheduled for future membership meetings are as follows; At the April 13th meeting, Mark DeFrank will tie a few early season trout flies. Mark has started a new company called Chestnut Ridge Flies, specializing in custom hand tied flies and a guide service. His new website is [www.chestnutridgeflies.com](http://www.chestnutridgeflies.com). Scheduled for the June 8th meeting is Scott Loughner. Scott will do a slideshow on Yough river smallmouths.

The first chapter fishing outing was held on Saturday, March 19th at Meadow Run. Members enjoyed a light breakfast before spending the day on the DHALO section of this beautiful stream. Additional outings are scheduled as follows: Saturday, April 30, 9am at Dunbar Creek.

Saturday, May 21, 9am at Laurel Hill Creek

Friday, June 17, 8am, Annual Chapter Outing, Beaver Creek

As always, topics of interest for the newsletter are welcome and can be submitted to me through email at [awt@pitt.edu](mailto:awt@pitt.edu) or at the membership meetings. The next issue will be mailed the end of June. Please submit any material to me by June 8, 2005. Thank you.

Allen Tedrow

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## PFBC PROPOSES REGULATION CHANGES

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission will be seeking public comment on several new trout regulations. The commission favors regulations that will facilitate license sales by making it easier to target trout. Under consideration is combining Delayed Harvest Fly Fishing Only and Heritage Trout Angling waters under the new category of Catch and Release Fly Fishing Only. There would be two trophy trout designations, Trophy Trout-All Tackle. And Trophy Trout Artificial Lures Only. The size limit would increase to 16" on the trophy trout waters and the creel limit would be placed at 1 fish per day. Also under consideration is creating a new designation called Catch and Release All Tackle, and removing time restrictions on fishing Delayed Harvest waters. For more information, visit the PFBC website at [www.fish.state.pa.us](http://www.fish.state.pa.us).

The proposed change of the current Catch and Release designation to Trophy Trout Artificial Lures Only (16") is considered a step backward in trout management policy by the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited. Catch and Release ALO has been shown through out the country to be the most effective measures for protecting and enhancing wild trout populations. Also, because of the harmful effects of hooking mortality associated with the use of bait, PATU is against placing any wild trout populations under Trophy Trout All Tackle regulations.

Make your feelings known. Send a letter now. Support the current Catch and Release approach. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments, objections or suggestions about the proposal to the Executive Director, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000. Comments also may be submitted electronically by completing a form at [www.state.pa.us/Fish/regcomments](http://www.state.pa.us/Fish/regcomments).

To view the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited letter to Dr Austen, Executive Director of the PFBC, go to [www.patROUT.org](http://www.patROUT.org).