



TALE OF THE POOL

WINTER 2005

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Banquet- Eugene Gordon
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Youth Education-Tom Wilson

Upcoming Events:

- Membership Meeting,
Becker's Shadyside Inn
March 9, 2005, 7:30PM
- CRTU Banquet, Becker's
Shadyside Inn, March 12,
2005
- Dunbar Creek Cleanup,
April 9, 2005
- Membership Meeting,
Becker's Shadyside Inn,
April 13, 2005, 7:30PM

FROM THE PRESIDENT: 2004 ANNUAL REPORT

The Chestnut Ridge Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CRTU) had a very busy year with much accomplished through the efforts of a small group of hardworking members. In February 2004, Eugene Gordon, with help from his family and the Banquet Committee put together the 9th annual CRTU banquet. Once again, the banquet was a great success. Many thanks to Eugene as we look forward to the 10th annual banquet to be held on March 12, 2005 at Becker's Shadyside Inn.

In February 2003, a Membership Committee was formed. A large part of the chapter's efforts in 2004 has been targeted on improving member services. The committee, chaired by Allen Tedrow, has completed a chapter brochure, redesigned the chapter newsletter, and developed a CRTU website. These tools will allow for better communication to the members and general public.

10TH ANNUAL CRTU BANQUET! MARCH 12TH, BECKER'S SHADYSIDE INN

You may have noticed that CRTU annual banquet, usually held in February, is scheduled for March 12th this year. Cocktails start at 5:30 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm. The dinner choices are Prime Rib or Stuffed Chicken Breast. The cost is \$30 per person.



Dunbar Creek, Winter 2005

Once again this year, Rick McClintock ran the chapter's cage culture nursery. Nearly 10,000 trout were raised and stocked primarily in the Yough watershed. This fall the chapter received a grant from the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission to build additions to the nursery that will allow for the sorting of fish by size

and species. This work will be completed in the spring of 2005.

The Glade Run mine drainage abatement Phase I and II were completed in November 2004. Purco Coal, under the supervision of Skelly & Loy, Inc. (continued on page 2)

There will be raffles for hunting, fishing, and camping equipment along with wildlife prints. As you know, the banquet is CRTU's primary fundraiser so do your part in spreading the word. Tickets can be purchased at International Angler, Woodlands

World at Nemaocolin, and Mountaineer Sport Shop in Uniontown. Volunteers are needed to help Eugene set up at 9am on Saturday at Becker's. For tickets or information please call Eugene at 724-277-8688, or Tom Shetterly at 724-483-8654.

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completed this project using Growing Greener funds and a grant from the Office of Surface Mining. Natural brook trout reproduction continues in Glade Run and these stream improvements have been shown to benefit the waters of Dunbar Creek as well. On Sunday, August 1, 2005 the CRTU Family Picnic was held at the Yough tailraces. Food and refreshments were offered along with an opportunity to fish with fellow members.

In November 2004, the chapter received a \$300,000 Growing Greener grant for the acid mine drainage remediation project on Morgan Run. Meetings are on going this winter with the Fayette County Conservation Department, DEP, the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Earthtech Engineering and CRTU to get this project started. We have until 2007 to complete this work.

In December 2004, the chapter 's membership meeting and Christmas party was held at Becker's Shadyside Inn. John Rogish was the first recipient of the chapter travel rod, an Orvis bamboo Battenkill with a CFO reel to be fished for the 2005 season. We look forward to John's journal entries of his fishing experiences. This rod will be raffled annually at the December meeting.

And on a personal note, it is my belief that sportsmen who aren't environmentalist are fools. The protection of air, water, fish and wildlife habitat, our parks and wilderness areas is our responsibility. It needs to start and remain a grassroots effort right here on our home waters. We need the members of this chapter to work harder. We need active members to influence inactive member friends to get more involved. We need to continue our efforts to recruit new members and to light a fire of activism in them. To those of you who have done so much over the years THANK YOU! And to the rest of you, WE NEED YOU NOW! In closing, my thanks to Vice President Cynthia Zibrida, Treasurer Dave Gilpin, Membership Chairman Allen Tedrow, Banquet Chairman Eugene Gordon, Tom Shetterly, Rick McCintock and Past President Ben Moyer, for their help.

Press on,

Dale Kotowski,

CRTU President (724) 852-3033

CRTU YOUTH COMMITTEE

Every year CRTU offers to sponsor a local youth for Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp. This years camp is from June 19-24, 2005 and is held at the Allenberry resort in Boiling Springs, PA. . The camp is open to youths ages 14 to 17. Applications and an essay must be submitted by March 15, 2005. For more information go to www.riverscamp.com.

Also, volunteers are needed to form a CRTU Youth Committee, whose mission is to establish an ambitious program geared towards helping youth of our area become involved in cold water conservation and the sport of fishing. As I look in the mirror and around the room at CRTU Membership meetings, I see more gray hair each month. This tells me that the average age of our membership is not getting any younger. Who will continue our efforts twenty years from now?

Member Tom Wilson has agreed to chair the Youth Committee. Volunteers are needed to assist Tom establish youth programs. These programs should stress conservation, the goal of Trout Unlimited, but be fun too. A weekend workshop or perhaps an evening a month teaching fly tying, fly casting, entomology, stream restoration, and planning field trips would be coordinated by the committee.

Trout Unlimited has a youth membership and sponsor Junior Chapters. They will also assist any chapter in establishing youth programs. Any member interested in joining the committee please contact Tom Wilson at (724) 627-8313 or Dale Kotowski at (724) 852-3033.

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TEN YEARS AGO

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the Chestnut Ridge Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Ten years ago Eugene Gordon walked into the Upstream Fly Shop in Morgantown, WV and started a conversation with owner Paul Kurincak. Eugene was a member of the Forbes Trail Chapter of TU but felt more effort should be concentrated on the Yough watershed. Paul suggested to Eugene to start his own chapter and the seed for the Chestnut Ridge Chapter #670 of Trout Unlimited was planted.

Eugene, with help from John McAdams of the Greensburg Fishing Post, Buck Craig, who ran a Fly Fishing Club at Laurel Highlands High School, Brian Huddock and Craig Cheselske, gathered names of fisherman in the area. The first informal meeting was held at Dunbar Creek in July of 1994. Soon Homer Wehe, Bob Musar, Rod Cross, Gerry Grote, Ben Moyer, Max Furin, Tom Licciardi, Van Humbert, Tim White and J.D. Ruby came on board. They set up a meeting at the Holiday Inn on September 13, 1994 to go over the Trout Unlimited bylaws. That fall the application was filed and the first official charter membership meeting was held on January 11, 1995. That meeting was attended by fifty concerned anglers who all became CRTU Charter members. Also among the fifty were Tom Shetterly, Rick McClintock, Brian Reedy, Barry Lasosky, and Andrew Lasosky.

Through out the year this membership will look back and celebrate their efforts. As our motto states; Reclaiming the Past, Protecting the Present, Preparing for the Future. Here's to the fifty!

FROM THE BOOKSHELF: "DISTANT WATERS"

When you begin this wonderful book on fly fishing destinations around the world, have your passport ready. You will be taken to some of the most beautiful places on earth. Robert Traver once said that trout choose to live in beautiful settings. A quick trip through these pages will bear that out. Nick Lyons, in his chapter on Montana and it's spring creeks, speak of the clarity of the air and water. He can see the trout and the rest of the life that abounds in the stream. Nick says that summer in Montana is a wonderful time to be alive. John Gierach, in his essay on Alaska, talks of the great land with awe and a little fear. John talks about brown bears and their fishing prowess. The rainbow trout he pursues are what most anglers dream about. He speaks of being tired after a day of fishing, only to realize he has been fishing for sixteen straight hours! New Zealand is covered by Verlyn Klinkenborg, one of my favorite writers. I have always dreamed of fishing there. The huge fish, friendly people and pristine countryside make it a dream for fishermen.

These are just a few of the great trips that writers like Russell Chatham, Art Lee, and Tom McGuane write about. Iceland, Russia, Norway, and Argentina are just some of the places this book will take you. As readers, hopefully we'll fish these distant waters. Until then, books like this will keep those far- a- way places close at hand.

Dave Gilpin

LAST CAST: FROM THE EDITOR

Hopefully you have enjoyed the premiere issue of the revised CRTU Newsletter. It is our hope that future issues will contain useful information and enjoyable reading. Our goal is a minimum of four issues per year, corresponding with each changing season. That goal however, cannot be accomplished without input from the membership. All submissions are welcome. Tell us of a special fishing trip, submit a fly tying recipe, suggest a speaker, or keep us aware of upcoming legislation that could affect our home waters. Stories can be submitted to me through email at awt@pitt.edu or at the membership meetings. The next issue will be mailed the beginning of April. Please submit any material to me by March 9, 2005. Thank you.

Allen Tedrow

TO COMMEMERATE OUR
TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY
THE BANQUET COMMITTEE
IS RAFFLING OFF TEN PRE-
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REEL IN A MEMBER!

Dear CRTU Member,

Trout Unlimited Chestnut Ridge Chapter has been a leader in coldwater conservation in southwestern Pennsylvania since 1995. The membership committee was formed last year in an effort to increase public awareness of our chapter and better serve the needs of the membership. Since that time a membership survey was distributed and a CRTU website and brochure developed. If you have not yet visited our website, please do so at www.crtu.org.

One of the goals of the membership committee is to increase our membership. Portions of each new member's initial Trout Unlimited dues are allocated to the local chapter. More importantly,

with a larger membership we can become a stronger voice on issues that affect our home waters. Acid mine drainage, public fishing access lost to private interests, controversial regulations, vandalism of our streams, support for funding and legislation that benefit our watershed are just some of the issues CRTU addresses.

Enclosed is the new CRTU brochure along with a national Trout Unlimited membership application. It is our hope that every CRTU member can contribute to this membership drive and "Reel in a Member". It could be a fishing buddy, brother in law, or maybe someone at work. If you see another angler on the stream, tell him about our chapter. Inform them that perhaps the trout they just

caught at the Yough tailraces was from our nursery, or that the native brook trout they are admiring at Dunbar Creek is due to our efforts at Glade Run.

Brochures will also be available at every membership meeting. If you are not presently active in the chapter, please consider attending a meeting. We meet the second Wednesday of the month at Becker's Shadyside Inn in Uniontown.

Thank you,
The Membership Committee