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THE OIL CREEK GUSHER

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25th Annual Conservation Banquet

*The Quality Inn
 Liberty St., Franklin, Pa.*

MARCH 29, 2008



*Adults : \$30
 Children 12 & under: \$15*

*Social Time: 5:30 p.m.
 Dinner: 7 p.m.*

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 Drawing:
 March 15**

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This year we have guns, fly rods, artwork, TVs and much more. To see a list of donors and prizes, go to our website at www.oilcreektu.org.

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 Anniversary Raffle
 again this year!
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 noodle rod; \$100 jewelry gift
 certificate; handmade rod
 rack and blanket; art print;
 and more. Tickets are \$5
 each or 5 for \$20.*

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Proceeds benefit the Oil Creek TU Chapter's local work to provide better trout fishing recreation for families and improve the quality of our area's coldwater resources.



**Oil Creek Chapter
of Trout Unlimited
Chapter # 424**

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South Sandy Restoration Project -- Lance
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Trout in the Classroom -- Lance Bowes (see
VCD, below)

Trout Stocking – Bill R. Huber, Tom Young
Venango Conservation District --

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Youth Field Day – Regis Senko, 677-5080



OCTU MEETING REPORT

December 19, 2007 / January 16, 2008

OUR NEXT MEETING IS FEBRUARY 20

Board of Directors Vacancies -- Two vacancies existed for the Board of Directors: Bill Huber's term, as he is now president; and Dennis Beaver, who moved and is unable to serve. The Board approved Bob Pfendler to serve in Bill Huber's position (term ending 11/09) and Wayne Wilson to complete Dennis Beaver's term (ending 11/08).



Chapter Fly-tying Classes — Scott Wilson was planning to have a chapter fly-tying class this winter, but has had to cancel. However, he would like to set up tying classes later this summer, specifically for teaching the tying of steel-head flies. If you think you'd be interested in something like this, say for August, let Scott know.



Education – Ron DeWoody, Ed Atts: The education committee had no news to report at the last two meetings; scholarship requests and information will come in a month or two. The chapter is part of a cooperative scholarship at Clarion University, with Iron Furnace and Allegheny Mountain TU chapters. Also, the chapter has money budgeted for a youth camp scholarship, but we need to have applicants' names come in. At the last meeting, it was suggested that we submit only one name to the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp, at Allenberry Resort, this year. It is a worthwhile program, but we want to avoid the unfortunate situation we had last year. More on this to be discussed at the February meeting.



Local Trout Stream Access Issue — Greg Pochron: You can access Porcupine Creek through the Matson Lumber Company property, except during hunting seasons. There is a question as to which hunting seasons, however.



Oil Creek State Park Projects / Friends of the Park – Bill L. Huber: The park is working on doing some new trails. The Friends of the Park will be involved in the park's open house, set for June 21.



Open House – Regis Senko: Oil Creek State Park will be having their open house on June 21 this year, which is the same day as Venango County Youth Field Day. We probably get more exposure to the public and more potential for new members from Youth Field Day. Perhaps a few members could do fly casting at the Oil Creek State Park open house. To be further discussed at the next meeting.

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited Donations: The chapter made a donation of \$300 to State Council to help fund the newsletter and other PATU functions. Also, at the Winter ExCom meeting, the Council discussed the need for help with funding a state-level Trout in the Classroom coordinator. Northwest Region Vice President Scott Wilson contacted the OCTU board, which unanimously gave its approval, by phone, to commit \$500 from the chapter.



Polk Center Earth Day: The date for the Polk Center Earth Day/Bring Your Child to Work Day is Thursday; April 24. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 or 4 p.m. The National Aviary is the headliner this year and will be putting on a special presentation at the center's auditorium. Polk Center employs nearly 1,000 people and 350 people live on the campus. The Polk Village elementary students are the event's special guests, along with I.U. students throughout the area. The event is free and open to the public. Vaughn MacGregor says he will be there to represent the chapter again. If anyone else would like to help, please let Vaughn know.



Porcupine Creek Water Diversion: The chapter received a letter of thanks from Ken Undercoffer, President of the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited, for our letter of support regarding the Porcupine Creek situation, where an individual was diverting water illegally to make electrical power. The letter was published in the last Gusher.



Trout in the Classroom – Lance Bowes, Watershed Specialist, Venango Conservation District: New trout are still living in the classrooms, except for Mike Crocker's class. There are a total of five schools with five classes involved locally in Trout in the Classroom. The chapter has funds to support additional classrooms, and grants are also available. If anyone knows a teacher in a local school who wants to be involved, please ask him or her to contact us.



Venango Conservation District – Lance Bowes, Venango Conservation District: The district is looking for projects to do; if anyone has ideas. They are especially interested in doing more stream bank stabilization.



Youth Field Day: The chapter voted to once again send a check for \$300 to support the Venango County Youth Field Day. We need to discuss our participation, also.



Scott Wilson, center, teaching fly-tying. Stay tuned for a steelhead fly-tying course.

Treasurer's Report -- Linda Wilson: Report for the January 2008 meeting. Beginning balance \$14,271.99. Total deposits \$514.08. Total expenses \$350.24. Ending Balance \$14,435.83. Expenses reported (since the November meeting) were for the Christmas party (chapter bought desserts); Small Games of Chance license; donation to PATU; guest presenter dinner at chapter meeting; and printing and mailing Fall 2007 Gusher newsletter.



Web site – www.oilcreektu.org – The chapter has received a statement from our webmaster, Josh Peters. Scott Wilson has had difficulty contacting him for changes. Question is, does the chapter want to continue the website or not? Purpose of the site is not necessarily for chapter members' enjoyment, but for people outside of OCTU to find out who we are and what we are doing. Right now, the site is highly underutilized by its members. If you have any photos, stories, etc., please pass them along to Scott. If you are submitting info in writing, e-mail it to Scott in Word format or as a regular e-mail. Photos can be sent by e-mail, but Scott would prefer to have them on a CD, floppy or flash drive. That way he could make alterations without distorting the photo. We could include trout stocking schedules from the Fish and Boat Commission on the website.



Winners of "You Attend, You Win" drawing

In the "You Attend, You Win" meeting attendance incentive drawings, for the December Christmas Party/Meeting, **Bob Pfindler** won. For the January meeting, **Kim Wilson's** name was drawn. Congratulations! The "You Attend, You Win" special drawing rewards members who attend our meetings. Some member at each OCTU meeting goes home with a \$10 gas card, as a thank-you and encouragement for being there and participating.

PROGRAM AT FEBRUARY 20 MEETING: Mike Swatzler of the Venango Conservation District, on West Nile Virus. We need program suggestions for the March, April and May meetings.



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Contact: **MARC RICKARD**, Conservation District Mgr.
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 VCD Web site: www.venangocd.org

With spring approaching, the Venango Conservation District has begun making arrangements for stream improvement and bank stabilization work to be done locally. A pre-construction meeting will be held, some time in April or May, of the involved parties on the stream bank stabilization project on Sugar Creek, near Wyattville (along SR 427). The high sand stream bank has eroded toward the roadway. The anticipated start date for construction is July 7. The Conservation District is also trying to schedule work on the East Branch of Sugar Creek and getting the permits completed. The Oil Creek Chapter is involved in this stream improvement and bank stabilization project, which will benefit stocked and wild trout, through an Embrace-A-Stream grant we obtained from national TU in 2006. The grant funds must be used during 2008, or they must be given back to national Trout Unlimited.



MARK KERR, Venango County Waterways Conservation Officer
 Pa. Fish & Boat Commission, NW Region Office 814-337-0444, www.fish.state.pa.us

Justus Lake received trout in mid-January and an additional, previously unscheduled stocking in early February, due to the availability of fish. Other trout stockings will begin in March. Point-of-Sale licenses sales are going nicely. Fishermen should remember their license still needs to be displayed. Regarding the oil spill on Cherry Run, a suspect was arrested by the State Police; one felony count was filed.



Contact: **SCOTT WILSON**, Northwest Region Vice President, 814-673-3528, steelonthefly@msn.com

Scott Wilson attended the State Council of Trout Unlimited's (PATU) Winter ExCom meeting in mid-January, in State College. He addressed PATU about our access concern to parts of Porcupine Creek, due to Matson Lumber Company leasing land for hunting, and will be getting more information. The Council's Stream Access Committee is working on access issues and easements across the state. Scott is also working with the Awards Committee on a proposal for a "Best Small Chapter" annual award. This would take into account the fact that small chapters do not have the opportunities, funding, etc. that larger chapters do and would still recognize them for outstanding work, within their means, for coldwater conservation. Also, State Council is completing a task of reviewing and revising its policies on environmental and trout management issues. These are being published in the state newsletter. One of the new policies deals with chapters raising or stocking hatchery trout.



Contact: **VAUGHN MacGREGOR**, Chapter & County Delegate, 724-376-2456; mac4067@certainty.net
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At the December 2007 meeting of the Northwest Division of the Pa. Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Rick Gilson of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) discussed the situation on Porcupine Creek, where an individual was diverting water from the Class A/Exceptional Value coldwater stream to make electricity in his basement. This was a person leasing property doing this. DEP went after the property owner rather than the lessee. The person's actions also violated the terms of his property lease. DEP expects the water intake and output to be removed promptly. Gilson thanked OCTU for our letter of support of the Porcupine Creek fishery to Senator White, Rep. Hutchinson, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, and Chagrin Lumber Company (the property owner).

The Northwest Division has been operating at a deficit, mainly due to postage to mail minutes and correspondence. Income has also been dropping. It's proposed that we streamline expenses and change the dues structure. Some money-saving measures would be sending correspondence and minutes electronically; certificates instead of cash prizes for winners of the annual Poster Contest (below 3rd place); curbing donations at the county or club level, etc. Currently, clubs in the Division are assessed \$.20 per member. Under proposed changes, each club would pay a flat \$20 fee, to be collected by each County Federation. Venango County currently pays \$31.40 at the Division level. Under the new system the dues would be \$40, as there are two clubs in the County Federation. (Note: The dues proposal was OK'd by OCTU.)

Nighttime closure on section of popular steelhead stream

Planning to go after steelhead, or other fish, on Walnut Creek, in Erie County? You'll want to be aware that the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission has closed fishing on Walnut Creek, from Route 5 north to Manchester Road Bridge, between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

The commission found this action necessary and appropriate to conserve and preserve fishing opportunities in the area. The action reflects the concern of some property owners about the noise levels and unnecessary neighborhood disturbances caused by anglers fishing Walnut Creek from late night until early morning.

Prior to this action, from the day after Labor Day until the opening day of trout season in April, all Lake Erie tributary streams were closed to fishing from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m., except for Walnut Creek and Elk Creek north of Route 5. The amendment now prohibits fishing on Walnut Creek from Route 5 north to Manchester Road Bridge between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.

The modified regulation has been posted and is now fully effective and enforceable. This temporary modification will remain in effect until January 1, 2009, unless the Commission, by appropriate action, adopts the amendment. The Commission, under a separate notice of proposed rulemaking, will seek public comments on a permanent change to the Commission's fishing regulations.



Anti-pollution victory: Court strikes EPA mercury rule

In early February, a federal appeals court ruled against the Bush administration's "cap and trade" mercury reduction policy for coal-fired power plants. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit unanimously upheld the challenges of Pennsylvania and other states to the mercury reduction rule adopted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This rule would have allowed coal-fired electric power plants -- the main culprits in mercury pollution -- to continue emitting large amounts of mercury into the air by purchasing allowances from other plants that had reduced mercury emissions below the required cap ("cap and trade"). Pennsylvania's state-specific mercury reduction rule closes the federal loophole, because it does not have a cap and trade component, and will result in a 90 percent cut in mercury emissions from all Pennsylvania coal-fired power plants by 2015. Mercury is a powerful neurotoxic that accumulates in fish flesh and poses serious human health risks.



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JUST A FEW LEFT ... Oil Creek Chapter logo / 25th Anniversary hats are still available. Brushed cotton ball cap, \$15.00 each. Khaki, with navy-blue bill. Chapter logo on the front; "25 Yrs. Of Cold Water Conservation Silver Anniversary" on back. Get yours now! Contact Scott Wilson, 814-673-3528, or steelonthefly@msn.com.

Little Juniata "private or public" court case is over

Fred Bohls, Southcentral Region Vice President for the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited, sent this news "for those of you who have been following the case of Pennsylvania's suit against parties who were claiming ownership of what the Commonwealth has established is a navigable river (*the Little Juniata*)."

"As you may recall, last year around this time, the Huntingdon County Court decided strongly in favor of the Commonwealth plaintiffs. Judge Kurtz ruled that the Little Juniata River is navigable-in-fact, and therefore the Commonwealth is the owner of the river bed in trust for the benefit of the public.

"Consequently, the defendants, Donny Beaver, Connie Espy, Spring Ridge Club, Paradise Outfitters, et al., lacked any basis for excluding the public from fishing in these waters, and the Court issued an injunction to that effect.

"Since that time, Mr. Beaver and his co-defendants appealed the matter to the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court. They filed their brief in November 2007. In January, the Commonwealth filed its comprehensive brief in response.

"On the day this week (*early February*) that Beaver et al. were to file their reply brief, they informed the other parties that they were instead withdrawing their appeal. Thus ends this saga, and the Commonwealth remains victorious. This was a cooperative effort among the Pennsylvania Dept. of Environmental Protection, the Fish and Boat Commission, and the Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources.

"Also significantly involved for many years has been Allan Bright, owner of Spruce Creek Outfitters, as well as some stellar witnesses on behalf of the Commonwealth, most notably a professional historian who provided remarkable insight to a fascinating time in our nation's history."

CABIN FEVER FISHING SHOW MARCH 2

The Penn's Woods West Chapter of Trout Unlimited, in conjunction with Family Tyes, will hold its 13th annual Cabin Fever trout fishing show on Sunday, March 2, at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel in Pittsburgh's North Hills. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Four Points Sheraton Hotel is conveniently located near the intersection of I-79 and the PA Turnpike.

Penn's Woods Chapter President, Walter Reineman, said, "The over 50 exhibitors include dealers offering fly and spin-fishing tackle and gear, rod-building materials, trout flies and fly-tying supplies, outdoor art, guide services and accommodations. Cabin Fever is the place to start the upcoming trout season and it's fun for the whole family."

Free how-to, where-to seminars begin at 9:30 a.m. The first is entitled, "Spey Fishing the Great Lakes Region," by Will Turek. He will talk about the history, uses and techniques for fishing with long, two-handed spey rods. Spey rods allow anglers to cast larger flies over distance and into strong headwinds, and handle large salmon and steelhead with authority.

At 10:45 a.m., Rod Rohrback, proprietor of the Little Lehigh Fly Shop, will give a presentation on "Fishing the Little Lehigh." He will discuss this famous limestone stream in eastern Pennsylvania and fishing its wild trout population, including presentation, fly design, Tricos and midges.

At 12 noon, Tom Brtalik, from Tom's Fly Fishing Service, will conduct a fly-casting demonstration. At 2 p.m., Rod Rohrback returns to give a seminar entitled, "Fishing the Cushion," an explanation of stream organisms and how they apply to fly selection and tactics when fishing for bottom-feeding trout.

Cabin Fever will also have fly-tying (10 a.m.) and casting (1 p.m.) clinics for kids, plus a youth casting contest.

Admission to the show is \$7; children under 12 free.

Cabin Fever is Penn's Woods West TU Chapter's major fund-raising event, to help finance its stream improvement project on Pine Creek, in the North Hills. For more information, call 412-761-9762 or 412-963-2824.



*Ogden Nash, on one fine day,
Had these very lines to say:*

*"God in his wisdom made the fly,
Then forgot to tell us why."*

*If old Ogden had only known,
His fishing skills he could have honed;*

*By tying feathers on a hook,
Then casting them upon a brook.*

*Staring toward the evening sky,
Identifying the type of fly;*

*Matching color, shape and size,
He would have had more fish fries.*

*For "God in his wisdom made the fly"
In thousands of patterns for us to try.*

-- The Phantom Poet

Do you have an item you would like to donate to the Oil Creek Chapter for raffle/auction at the upcoming fund-raising banquet? If so, contact Scott Wilson, phone 814-677-4735; 814-673-3528; or e-mail steelonthefly@msn.com.



Get a shirt, pull-over, jacket, fishing vest, hat or other garment embroidered with the OCTU logo at these local vendors ...

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Franklin, PA
814-437-7623

Stitch'n To Go
2525 Patchel Run Rd.
Franklin, PA
814-374-5092

**Lewis Custom
Embroidery**
E. State Rd., Seneca, PA
814-676-1333

Whether you choose multi-color embroidery or classic black, you can now get the chapter's unique logo sewn on a favorite clothing item or purchase a garment from the vendor (wide variety of styles are available). You can opt for the logo embroidered small size over a breast pocket on a shirt or jacket, or have it embroidered larger (and shout you're a member) on front or back. It's your choice! Contact the vendor for pricing.

Local cure for the “shack nasties”

The winter doldrums, cabin fever, the shack nasties; call it what you will, the time between Punxsutawney Phil’s prediction of spring and the real thing is a tough month and a half. But ask several Oil Creek chapter members what they did one day in early February and what they had for dinner. Tom Young (right in photo) and Dan Rockwell (center in photo) were seen catching stocked trout at Justus Lake, fly-casting from the shore and boat dock. Bob Steiner, who happened to be there taking



Bob Steiner Photo



Linda Steiner Photo

ing winter photographs, returned with his own fly rod and streamers. Most

trout were caught and released, but Bob elected to provide a three-trout fresh fish dinner for Linda and him (photo at left) that evening. We’ve had some weekend fishing since then and the trout may not be as easy or as eager, but this is a heads up that the local lake was stocked this winter (twice) and maybe you should get in on the fun, whether the water surface is open or iced up. Try the open edges by fishing from shore, if there is only partial ice. If cold weather has placed a full ice cover on Justus Lake, be sure there are four inches of clear, safe ice, before venturing out for ice fishing. Try near the edges and inlets, even through the ice. Linda made the fresh stockers in a pan with a little Jamaica jerk seasoning. Who says you can’t have your fishing fun and occasionally eat ’em too (especially stockers)?

Join the Oil Creek Chapter today and enjoy a special half-price deal!



New members signed up by the Chapter pay just 1/2 the regular individual membership rate.* That’s right, you pay just \$17.50 (not \$35) for a regular 1-year Trout Unlimited membership. You get all of Trout Unlimited’s benefits -- Trout Magazine, PA Trout Unlimited State Council Newsletter, the Oil Creek Chapter’s Gusher Newsletter, plus being a part of all the great conservation work T.U. does! That’s not all -- Sign up this way and your Chapter (Oil Creek) will receive a rebate from National T.U. on your membership, to use for our LOCAL work for streams and trout. To join, send this form to get the special introductory rate and to make sure that the Oil Creek Chapter receives its rebate.



You want to join us anyway -- This is the extra push you need to wade in NOW!

Yes, Sign me up as a new member in the Oil Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited #424, at the special introductory rate of \$17.50, and send the Chapter its rebate!

JOIN NOW AND ALSO SEND FOR YOUR BANQUET TICKETS (P. 1) AND RAFFLE TICKETS (BACK PAGE)

(Your name) _____

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(City, State, Zipcode) _____

(Phone) _____ (Email) _____

Mail to: **Oil Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited**
P.O. Box 366, Franklin, PA 16323

Make check payable to “Oil Creek Chapter TU”

Visit the Web site www.patrou.org for other membership plans (including Family) -- all have rebates to the chapter.

*New Membership Acquisition Plan - Chapter Code 424, Oil Creek. Note: Membership renews at regular rate of \$35

OUR CHAPTER MEETINGS
are held on the third (3rd)
Wednesday of the month,
September through May,
unless otherwise noted.

Regular Meeting Schedule:
Concurrent Board &
Membership: 6:30 p.m.
Meet for dinner with the
group, 5 p.m. (optional)

2008 Meeting Dates:
February 20
March 19
April 16
May 21
September 17
October 15
November 19
December 17

Programs – 7:30 pm
(Public is welcome, N/C)

Our Meeting Place:
King's Family Restaurant
(in the Community Room),
on Route 8/62, between
Franklin and Oil City.

BANQUET: MARCH 29
(see page 1 for details)

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR OUR 26TH ANNIVERSARY RAFFLE!

Back by popular demand! The Oil Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited will conduct its Special Anniversary Raffle for a second year. After last year's success, our banquet chairman, Scott Wilson, decided to include a special raffle prize drawing for this year's banquet once again. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20 and are on sale now. The winners will be drawn on March 29, 2008, at the 25th Annual OCTU Banquet. We hope you will come to the banquet, for the rest of the great prizes, the great meal, and the great time you'll have with fellow chapter members and friends. But even if you won't be attending the banquet, you can still get in on this special drawing! Winners are not required to be present at the banquet to win. Eeveryone is reminded that these tickets do not gain you admittance to the banquet. Banquet tickets are sold separately (see page 1). The following is a list of prizes, and donors/sponsors, for this year's raffle:

1. Remington Genesis 50 caliber In-Line Muzzleloader ~

Sponsored by Edward Jones Investments

2. Scientific Anglers 9-ft., 8 wt. Fly Rod ~ Donated by Scott and Kim Wilson

3. Handmade Lap Blanket ~ Donated by Suzan Senko

4. \$100.00 Gift Certificate to J & K Jewelry ~

Donated by J & K Jewelry, Titusville; OCTU

5. Box of Hand-tied Flies ~ Donated by the OCTU Fly Tyers

6. Handmade Solid Oak Rod Rack ~ Donated by Clyde's Crafts; OCTU

7. Framed Deer Print ~ Donated by Parker's Furniture, Titusville

8. \$30.00 Gift Certificate ~ Donated by Coach's Bar & Grill

9. Noodle Rod & Reel Combo ~ Donated by Seneca Outpost; OCTU

10. Trout Unlimited Membership and OCTU Hat ~ Donated by OCTU



Raffle tickets are available from Scott Wilson (814- 677-4735 or 814-673-3528). Tickets will also be available at OCTU membership meetings and the night of the banquet. Additional locations will have tickets available at a later date. When tickets are available at these locations, it will be posted on our website, www.oilcreektu.org.



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April 1, 2008**