



News from the Spring Creek Chapter



46th Annual Dinner and Fundraiser

Is the bitter cold weather giving you cabin fever? Come out and join us at the [Mountain View Country Club](#) Saturday, March 23 to celebrate 2018's accomplishments and help raise funds to protect our watershed.

Invitations and raffle tickets will be in the mail soon!
This year's raffle is for an Orvis Helios 3F, 10', 4WT rod donated by our friends at Flyfisher's Paradise (value \$849)



When: Saturday, March 23rd, 2019

Where: Mountain View Country Club *Note—we've moved*
310 Elks Club Rd, Boalsburg, PA 16827

Mingling and cocktails begin at 5:30 pm with a cash bar on site. Dinner buffet served at 7:00 pm followed by live auctions, silent auctions and raffles.

Advance tickets (before March 9) are \$50, tables of 8 are \$360, see registration form below for details.

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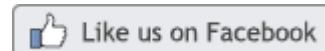
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Our Mission

*To conserve, protect and restore
Spring Creek's coldwater fishery and watershed*



[Visit the Website!](#)

Member Meetings

February 7 - Nick Raftis
"Fishing the Lehigh River"

March 7, Dennis Charney
"Spring Creek"

Email questions to: springcreektu@gmail.com

Patterns and Tactics"

Click on the pictures for a registration form or to see what we accomplished in 2018!

Our normal meetings are on the first Thursday of the month, 7:30 pm with speakers on a variety of fishing and conservation subjects.

**Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited
46th Annual Dinner and Fundraiser**

When: Saturday, March 23rd, 2019 Where: Mountain View Country Club
310 Ellis Club Rd. Southburg, PA 16827

Admission: Adults \$50 Table of 8: \$360*
Children under 15: \$15 Table of 10 available upon request: \$450*

Mingling and cocktails begin at 6:30 pm with a cash bar on site.
Dinner buffet served at 7:00 pm followed by live auctions, silent auctions and raffles.

Questions? Contact Mario Carrello at mcarrello@gmail.com or 814-237-9685

Reservations

Send reservation form and payment (checks payable to Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited) to:
SCCTU Treasurer: Mario Carrello
291 North Street, State College, PA 16801

Advance ticket reservations must be received by March 9, 2019.
After March 9, 2019 and at the door, adult tickets are \$30.

Name: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Number of Adults: _____ Number of Children: _____
Tickets: \$ _____ Raffle Tickets: \$ _____ Donation: \$ _____ Total Enclosed: \$ _____
Name/Address of all Attendees

*Tables of eight or less may be reserved with full payment required at time of reservation.
Please indicate the names and addresses of all attendees for our records. Thank you.

The Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

Registration Form

2018 Activities and Achievements

The Spring Creek chapter of Trout Unlimited is an all-volunteer cold water conservation organization. Our members are devoted to improving water quality, stream conditions and trout health along the 22 miles of Spring Creek and its tributaries. SCCTU has been busy conserving, protecting and restoring Spring Creek's cold water fishery and watershed in 2018. We do this through outreach, conservation and education. Accomplishments are made possible by the hard work of many member volunteers and generous donations.



Community Outreach and Youth Education

- General Meetings:** We had fly-tying presentations from PSU students, covered the Rora and Saura of Spring Creek, and then went to Pleasant to learn about fishing the famed Big Horn River. We had a presentation from the Fish and Boat Commission and learned about the effects of climate change on PA fish and wildlife. We also hosted our popular wine tasting event at The Nature Center and Holiday Party.
- Veterans Service Program:** Open to all veterans, active duty military and their families, the VSP has served over 400 veterans and family members. The program features semi-monthly mentored streamside fishing sessions and winter learn to fish and fly tying classes. VSP volunteers also participated in: winter outreach program and the annual PSU Veterans Tagline.
- Cost-Effective Day Family Fishing Picnic:** Organized alongside ClearWater Conservancy, this chapter event had over 250 people in attendance. Activities included fishing, fly tying, casting lessons, insect identification, boating, environmental education and a scavenger hunt for the kids.
- Watershed Anglers:** An active program for women of any skill level who enjoy or want to learn fly fishing and conservation. Monthly meetings or fishing outings include education and conservation that encourage women to participate in chapter activities and leadership.
- Over 40 Youth Outreach events,** plus Trout in the Classroom and Y Trout programs.

Conservation

- NRFY Grant:** The chapter began projects under our new National Fish and Wildlife grant to improve habitat of Spring Creek above the Rock Road parking lot, and from Trout Road to just above Heavenside Bridge. The grant includes riparian planting at Gordon D. Kasperer Headline. Construction of five log-rock diverters at the bend above the Rock Road parking lot is complete. Preparations for the Heavenside bank stabilization and riparian plantings have begun. Completion planned for 2019.
- Stream Cleanup:** The chapter partnered with ClearWater Conservancy to coordinate the annual Spring Creek Watershed Cleanup Day.
- Sewerage Program:** The chapter oversees maintenance and improvement of several riparian sites including the McCoy Dam riparian planting, Oak Hill, Rock Road parking lot, and Deer Creek site. We continued to maintain much of the Fisherman's Paradise property.
- Paradise Road Runoff:** There were very serious untreated storm water flows into Spring Creek at the intersection of Paradise Road and Spring Creek Road. SCCTU lead negotiations with PennDOT to accept the road and culvert repair.
- Citizen Science Projects:** The chapter supports the Water Resources Monitoring Project. Chapter volunteers trained high water levels to count and record high-water (redd) locations. Chapter volunteers participated in the revision to the Spring Creek Watershed Plan, the Watershed Atlas, and permit reviews for the Sub-Cable Run water reuse project.

For additional updates, visit springcreektu.org and follow us on Facebook.

2018 Accomplishments

Calendar of Events

Board Meetings

Board meetings are open to all members. They are held at the State College Comfort Suites

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SCCTU/VSP Winter Program

Larry Regan and Dan Kerstetter have put together a great Winter 2019 Fly Fishing and Fly Tying Program. Classes meet on Saturdays at 1:00–3:15 PM at the South Hills School of Business & Technology.

For full details get the flier here: [2019 Fly Tying Flier](#).

Dates:

January 12, 19 and 26
February 2, 9, 16, 23
March 2 and 9



Dan with fly tying class



Larry with the teaching staff



Fishing Class

Bob Whitlinger – New Board Member

Bob Whitlinger grew up in Duluth, Minnesota and moved to California in 1980 after graduating from the University of Minnesota with a Masters Degree in Industrial Safety Engineering. His undergraduate work was in Psychology and he spent four years in the Marine Corps, with two in Vietnam.



He lived and worked in Southern California until his daughter attended Penn State. The family moved to Boalsburg to be with her. After she graduated, Bob and Debbie stayed in Boalsburg.

Bob Has been a member of SCCTU and the VSP for the last four years. He arrived as a Bass fisherman and now enjoys fly fishing and occasionally doing some pond fishing for bass. He is a stream side mentor with the VSP program and enjoys the comradery and friendship of the VSP participants. He gets great pleasure in helping veterans enjoy the pleasure of learning how to fish and enjoy the outdoors.

He has been an outdoors person all his life – from growing up on a farm, hunting, fishing and working with both adult and kids, teaching them how to fish

Bob Sills – New Board Member

Bob was born and raised in North Jersey. At the age of five he began salt water fishing for flounder with his grandfather. When he was a teenager, attending a camp in New Hampshire, he began fly fishing under the tutelage of the camp director.



His love of fly fishing has grown from those days in the early 1960's. He clearly recalls his first trout taken on a dry fly on New Hampshire's Little Swift River.

Bob holds a bachelor's degree in Animal Husbandry, a Masters in Agricultural Education and a Doctorate in Education focused on the processes of teaching and learning. As a secondary Agricultural Science Teacher Bob taught classes in Natural Resource Management (AKA Fly Fishing) that included raising trout in the classroom. His goal was to use the engaging activity of fly fishing as a vehicle to teach math, science, writing and leadership.

In retirement, Bob worked for Outward Bound Professional as a Senior Program Manager facilitating corporate programs in management, team-building and leadership training. Bob assists in the Veterans Service Program as a mentor and a member of the operations team.

Holiday Party 2018

This year's Holiday Party was held at the Boalsburg Fire Department. Coordinated

by Mark Pencak, it was a fun evening with great food and commeradie among the many members attending.



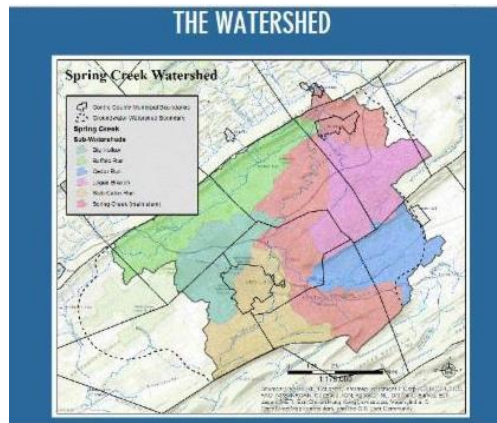
Lunch Packing at the YMCA

SCCTU members volunteered at the YMCA of Centre County Backpack Program in October. They packed about 100 backpacks that feed local children over the weekend. The YMCA works closely with local schools to distribute information to students qualifying for Free/Reduced Lunch Program. Each Friday afternoon during the school year, participating students receive a backpack contain meals and snacks to take home with them for the weekend. On Monday, students return their empty backpacks to the school so it can be refilled for the following weekend. No child is turned away.



Interesting Article in the Spring Creek Watershed Atlas

The Spring Creek Watershed Commission and The Spring Creek Watershed Association have published a new website – the Spring Creek Watershed Atlas. The featured article of this newsletter is an article by Jason Detar and David Kristine of the PA Fish and Boat commission title: "[Status of Fish Populations](#)"



Trout in the Classroom – Packing the eggs and food

Some of our volunteers packed Brook Trout eggs for about 400 Trout in the Classroom programs. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission supplies both the eggs and the food and some of the area chapters help pack. SCCTU is always well represented.



Stream Girls

Another outreach program is the newly created [STREAM GIRLS](#). This program is geared toward 11 – 16 year old girls and includes aquatic bug exploration, stream math, fly tying, fly casting, art and more. It is a partnership between PA Fish and Boat Commission, PA Trout Unlimited, the Girl Scouts and the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited. STREAM stands for Science, Technology, Recreation, Engineering, Arts, and Math. For more information click [STREAM GIRLS](#).



Judi Sittler



Jennifer Shuey



Jamie SanFilippo

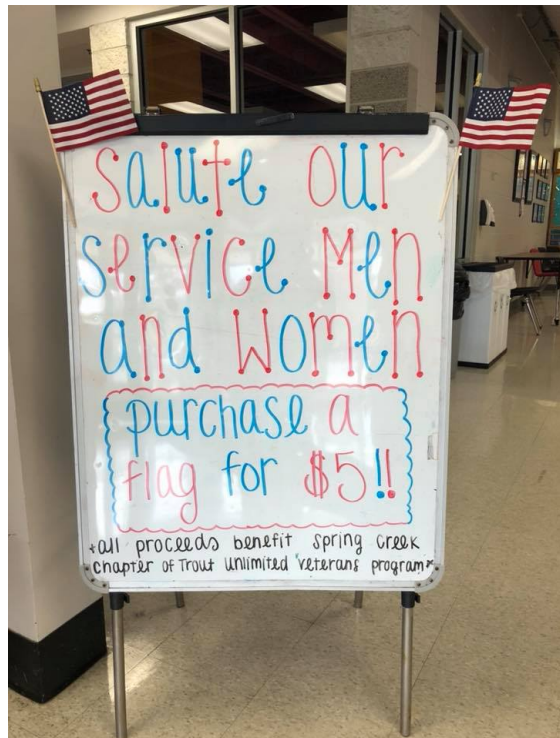
Upcoming

February 7	Nick Raftas, Wild East Outfitters, "Fishing the Lehigh River"
March 7	Dennis Charney, "Spring Creek Patterns and Tactics"
March 23	Annual Dinner and Fundraiser – Save the date!
April 4	Mike MacFarland – "Building a Fly Rod"
June 9	Get Outdoors Family Picnic

Meeting Location: Comfort Suites Inn, 132 Village Drive, State College, Pa 16803

YMCA Donation to SCCTU

The YMCA of Centre County donated \$255 to SCCTU VSP after a fundraiser



Jim Lanning, Scott Mitchell (YMCA
CEO), Jamie SanFilippo, and Lynn
Mitchell

YMCA – Salute our Service fundraiser
for SCCTU Veterans Service Program

Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited, 299 Nimitz Avenue, State College, PA 16801

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