

## Newsletter January 2023

### News from the Spring Creek Chapter of TU

Visit our website for the most current information about Volunteer Opportunities, Conservation Projects, and more!

**SCCTU** Website



### **Welcome New Board Members!**

We are excited to announce that the Spring Creek Chapter of TU has added 7 new board members:

- Mark Pencak
- Tim Bruggeman
- •Dr. Sima Bruggeman (pictured below)
- Sam Hume
- Richard Novak
- Chris Lipfert
- Mike March

**Read Bio's Here** 



# **Annual Fundraising Banquet**

Register for our <u>Annual Fundraising Banquet</u> on Saturday, March 18th at <u>Mountain View Country Club</u>. We are looking for more donations for our auction and raffles at the fundraiser. If you or someone you know would like to donate an item please view the <u>Local Item Donation</u> form.

We've added a <u>new sponsorship level!</u> Contact Ford for more information: <u>fordstryker@gmail.com</u>

**REGISTER HERE** 



### Our Sweepstakes is Now LIVE!





Take a shot at winning an Orvis Helios 3F 10'6 ft, 3wt euronymphing rod. It is paired with the new Orvis Hydros II euronymphing reel and Hydros Tactical Nymph line with backing. Donated by <u>Flyfisher's Paradise</u>. A retail value of \$1,350!

**Enter Sweepstakes** 

## February General Meeting

Thursday, February 9th 6pm-8pm



Join us for our first in-person General Meeting of the year on Thursday, February 9th, 6pm-8pm at the <u>Comfort Inn Suites</u> in State College. <u>Rod Rohrbach</u> will be discussing "Techniques for Tough Trout". His presentation includes some free flies for all who attend, as well as some casting instruction DVDs he made with Gary Borger.

Going forward, our General Meetings will start at 6pm. Contact Chris for more information: <a href="mailto:lipfert42@gmail.com">lipfert42@gmail.com</a>

## Fly Fishing 101 & Fly Tying Courses

Sponsored by the SCCTU Veteran Service Program

These opportunities are free and open to the public, you do not need to be a veteran to attend. Register <u>HERE</u>.

Contact Larry for more information: <a href="mailto:lcr1@psu.edu">lcr1@psu.edu</a>

## **Attention Fly Fishing Enthusiasts!**

The Winter 2023 Fly Fishing Program Classes, Sponsored by The Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited and Veterans Service Program

### Intro and Intermediate Fly Tying Instruction

Saturdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25 - 1:00 - 3:15 PM

#### Intro to Fly Tying

- 1. Overview of fly tying equipment and tools
- 2. Fundamental tying techniques and methods
- 3. Common materials and their applications
- Learn several patterns that are effective locally (Vises, equipment and materials will be provided.)

#### Intermediate Fly Tying (adults only, limit 8)

- Fly Tying Skill Exercise
- 2. Euro Nymph Patterns
- Intermediate Techniques (Students must have their own vises and equipment. Materials will be provided)

### Fly Fishing 101

Saturdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 - 1:00 - 3:15 PM

#### Fly Fishing 101

- Describe how fly fishing is different from other types of fishing
- 2. Identify where to fish in the Centre Region
- 3. Learn to tie several common fly fishing knots
- Review dry fly, nymphing and euro nymphing techniques
- 5. Identify a brook, brown, and rainbow trout
- Describe some of the equipment necessary for fly fishing
- Identify stream etiquette and how to handle fish safely to return to the stream
- Recognize the common insects and the flies that imitate them.





All classes meet at the South Hills Business School, 480 Waupelani Drive, State College, PA 16801

### **Click here to Register**

Or Contact Larry Ragan, Icr1@psu.edu

For additional information on the Springcreek Chapter of Trout Unlimited and the Veterans Service Program please visit us at <a href="https://www.springcreektu.org/vsp.html">www.springcreektu.org/vsp.html</a> and on Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SCCTUVSP/">www.facebook.com/SCCTUVSP/</a>





## Women Anglers

In 2023, the <u>Women Anglers</u> will host the 13th Annual Joe Humphreys Film Festival in February, schedule fly fishing outings, hold numerous social events, and expand their activities beyond fly fishing to include fly tying.

If anyone would like to learn more about the Women Anglers, please contact Diane Brown at <a href="mailto:dmb490@gmail.com">dmb490@gmail.com</a>.



### Youth Education Committee

On Monday, January 9th, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, PATU. and representatives from our Youth Ed. Committee packed and shipped eggs for this year's Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program. SCCTU currently sponsors 9 TIC tanks!

Contact Judi to volunteer for our Youth Education Committee: <a href="mailto:jlsittler@comcast.net">jlsittler@comcast.net</a>



### The Spring Creek Watershed Atlas

Title: PFAS in the Spring Creek and Bald Eagle Creek

Watersheds

Author: David Thomas Roberts

Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS chemical compounds, were detected in surface waters across Pennsylvania during a survey by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) in 2019. PFAS was found in surface waters of Central PA including in Spring Creek, Bald Eagle Creek, Little Juniata and Juniata Rivers, Susquehanna River West Branch, Clearfield Creek, and Beech Creek.

Click HERE to read more!

