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PWWTU Receives Two PATU Awards

By Joe Kline

At the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited's (PATU) statewide council meeting in October, our chapter was the recipient of the **2009 Samuel Slaymaker Award** for the **best chapter newsletter** and also for the chapter with the **Greatest Membership Increase**.

Sam Slaymaker from Lancaster, Pennsylvania is the author of *Tie A Fly, Catch A Fish* and is credited with originating the Little Brook, Little Rainbow and the Little Brown Trout fly streamer patterns. The award named in his honor is based on the newsletter's design, appearance and content.

Christian Shane accepted the position of *H&R* Editor early last fall and from his first revamped issue, the publication's editorial and appearance were immediate and dramatic. He creatively introduced new features and graphics that made *H&R* more visually attractive and reader friendly. In fact, respondents to the chapter's recent member questionnaire gave *H&R* an excellent rating. To Christian and his hardy band of writer and photographer contributors, congratulations on a job so well done. The chapter is proud of your award and joins in the celebration of your achievement.

The second PATU award is for the chapter with the greatest membership increase (**89 members in 2009**). In recognition of all the PWWTU members who took the time and made the effort to recruit fellow anglers to join in TU's mission to preserve and protect our nation's coldwater, freshwater fisheries - Thank you.

(Editor's Note): I would like to thank the following writers for their talents, time and contributions in the last year: **Tom Walsh, Walter Reineman, Jim Hoey, Peter TenEyck, Chuck Meyers, Bob Bukk, Dave Fahrner, Steve Shanahan, Doug Sherman and Mac Seaholm**. Also, hat's off to **Joe Kline**, who's contributions to the *H&R* (and the chapter) are too many to even begin to list. Thanks, Joe!

...and to all the former editors of *H&R*, this award's for all your past hard work!

As always, we strive to make *Hatches & Rises* the most informative, enjoyable and the best newsletter it can be for our chapter. Please share your ideas, pictures, suggestions and contributions (*Email to christianshane72@hotmail.com*).

Also, you can pledge a **\$10 monetary contribution** to keep *H&R* running smoothly (*See page 7 for details*). Thanks again to those who have pledged!

<*)>< Christian



(PATU's Greatest Membership Increase - 89 New Members!)

Cabin Fever Flea Market Alert!!!

One of the most popular and crowded Cabin Fever venues is **PWWTU's Flea Market** where you can place your unwanted fishing gear for sale. Things like rods, reels, books, fly boxes, vests, fly tying tools and materials – in short, everything serviceable that you no longer have a use for.

Here's how it works:

Bring your **fishing items to the Flea Market before and/or during the show hours of 9 am to 4 pm.**

Fill out the **Flea Market Registration Form (See Page 3)** with your name, the merchandise you are selling, your asking price and whether that price is negotiable. The Chapter will keep 10% of the sales price. Unsold items can be retrieved from the Flea Market at any time, but must be picked up at the show closing time of 4 pm. If not reclaimed by the closing time, they will become the property of PWWTU. Items should be tagged with the seller's **"ID Code" (3-letter initials)** and a number that matches the number on the registration form.

All transactions are between buyers and sellers. PWWTU only provides the venue for the market and the service of registration to benefit sellers. All items are offered in "as is" condition. Sellers hereby release PWWTU and any individual member or officer from any claims for damage or other loss. Sellers also agree to donate 10% of proceeds from items sold to PWWTU.

For more information, call **Mac Seaholm** at **412-922-8646**.

PWWTU Upcoming Events (Mark your 2010 calendars!)

****"Casting For Recovery" Fashion Show - Sunday, February 14, 2010**

@ Four Points Sheraton North - For details, visit www.pwwtu.org or email cfrupa@comcast.net

***Cabin Fever - Sunday, March 7, 2010**

@ Four Points Sheraton North - For details, see **Page 4** of this issue.

***Fly Fishing Seminar - Saturday, March 20, 2010**

St. Bede Activities Center, Pt. Breeze - For details, contact **Bob Bukk** at (412) 521-0714.

***Fisherman's Paradise Bus Trip - Saturday, June 12, 2010**

State College, PA - Cost for members and/or nonmembers is \$55.00.

For more details & reservations contact **Bob Bukk** (412) 521-0714 or email pwtubustrip@gmail.com



President's Beat by Walter Reineman

First off, as you read on the front page, *H&R* has been presented with the Slaymaker Award for best newsletter this past year by PATU. I can't add much more except to say thank you to **Christian Shane** for his editing and just as important, many thanks to **Joe Kline** for his long time contributions. So many thanks for your help in keeping the wheels on the bus.

Yes, you know I am going to say something about **Cabin Fever**. It's simple: **Sunday, March 7, 2010**. For any questions call **Doug Sherman** or myself, call **Peter TenEyck** to volunteer in general and **Mac Seaholm** to volunteer in the Flea Market. Enough said.



For shameless efforts in seeking your financial support of the chapter, please purchase tickets to the **Holiday Rod Raffle** and the then join us at the **Great January Fly Sale**. The featured bamboo rod by local rod builder **Jerry Freund** is absolutely beautiful. Take a chance, tickets are reasonable considering the potential. About the Fly Sale, please remember two things: first, this is usually one of our best attended meetings and second, don't be bashful, tie some of your own and donate them to the cause. I am. See you there. -Walter

Cabin Fever Flea Market REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Seller _____ ID Code (Initials) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

(Mark each item with a tag, your initials and a number corresponding to the number on the list)

Item Description	Price	If Negotiable Check Below	Sold Price
1. _____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
2. _____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
3. _____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
4. _____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
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Don't miss one of this area's largest fishing shows!

CABIN FEVER 2010

(Sponsored by Penn's Woods West Chapter of Trout Unlimited)



Sunday, March 7, 2010 (9 am to 4 pm)
Four Points Sheraton (North)

(Near the intersection of the PA Turnpike and I-79)

***Exhibitors** include custom rod builders, fly tyers, outfitters, dealers, guide services, artisans and much more!

***Featured presentations by:**

***George Daniel**, *US Fly Fishing Team Gold Medalist*

***Jeff Turner**, *50 trophy waters in 50 days in 50 states*

***Dwight Landis**, *Wild Mountain Trout Streams in PA*

***Flea Market** for new and used fishing gear

*Hands-on **fly casting & tying activities** for the kiddos

*Bucket **raffles** for fly rods, fishing gear, guided trips & more

***Admission - \$7.00, Kids under 12 - Free**

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The Dusty Bookshelf: “Well Cast Lines” by John Merwin

Article by Jim Hoey

I've long been a fan of quotations. Whether it's a single sentence or several paragraphs, a few words from a special book can tell as much about the whole volume.

I've bought books solely for this reason – because I found some small piece of it especially meaningful. I once even bought a book primarily because I liked the author's name, Rafael Sabatini – what a great name!

You might well ask, “If that's all you want from a book, why not get it from the library?” I think my feelings on this score are of sound mind. More and more often, one finds questionable smudges in library books, providing a most compelling argument for book ownership.

But to the volume we're considering here, John Merwin's little book is a collection of enjoyable quotations, with their authors conveniently listed alphabetically.

The quotes run the whole range from the funny to the profound, from the touching to the routine. But, by far, most are worth the reader's time.

Some examples:

“There is no use in your walking miles to fish when you can depend on being just as unsuccessful near home.” – Mark Twain

“Fishermen are born honest, but they get over it.” – Ed Zern

“The fisherman fishes as the urchin eats a cream bun – from lust.” – T.H. White

“Time is but the stream I go a-fishing in.” – Henry David Thoreau

“A fish story backed by visual evidence is something you don't run into every day.” – Walter W. “Red” Smith

Good quotes offer a haiku-like reductionism that gets to the essence of the matter, a succinct model of the whole. Poets instinctively understand this sort of brevity.

Well Cast Lines is worthwhile reading as far as it goes, but it's not intended to be the ultimate quote book. Many other quotes are not in the book, possibly for good reasons.

I conclude with one of my favorite quotes in Cormac McCarthy's bleak novel, *The Road*:

“Once there were brook trout in the streams in the mountains...they smelled of moss in your hand....On their backs were vermiculate patterns that were maps of the world in its becoming. Maps and mazes. Of a thing which could not be put back. Not be made right again. In the deep glens where they lived, all things were older than man and they hummed of mystery.”

I would have bought this book solely for these words.



Well Cast Lines by John Merwin is currently out of print, but it is available through internet sites.
The Road by Cormac McCarthy is available at book stores from Vintage Books.

Remembering 2009

By Joe Kline



It was the year that perhaps you:

- finally solved the drift pattern in your favorite pool and the trout, more frequently than in the past, decided to sample your offerings,
- were able to convince your spouse that you really needed a new fly rod - and of course a new reel to go with it,
- returned home without a strike after hours spent on the water, but still counted the time well spent because of the brilliant sunset you would have missed by not being out there,
- dispensed with frustration over which hatch should be coming off the water and instead chose a fly that just “looked” right and managed to get a hard strike on it,
- saved enough pocket change and crumpled dollar bills over the years to finally afford that trip to Alaska you always dreamed about and when you got there, the salmon were hungry,
- chuckled to yourself over that big brown that outsmarted you – again,
- learned to listen to the music of the stream accompanied by a bird song chorus and saw the brightly dressed audience of wildflowers along the stream bank joyfully nodding and dancing in the breeze,
- stretched out from time to time in the afternoon under a cool, shady tree because both you and the pool you were casting to for the past two hours needed a rest,
- stood statue still and through the rising mist watched a doe and her fawn on the far bank tentatively tip-toeing their way to the water’s edge for an early morning drink,
- talked less about the sizes of the trout you hooked and more about your respect for them,
- were with a youngster when he or she landed their first trout,
- found a new pool that looked like it should hold some nice trout and it did,
- donned your old waders for the first time last spring and happily discovered they hadn’t sprung any leaks and still fit,
- were complimented by your critical fly tying friends about the patterns you tied over the winter and they even asked for a few samples,
- were at a complete loss over which fly was coming off the water in squadrons when a fluttering dun conveniently landed for a rest on your reel long enough for you to identify it as a green drake.

If you can look back and remember some of the above or only just one of them, then 2009 was a very good year for you.

2009



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January/February Meetings By Peter TenEyck

January 11th - The Great Fly Sale & Rod Raffle

The Annual Great Fly Sale is your chance to stock up on all of the flies that you'll need for the fishing season ahead! From basic nymph patterns and buggers, all the way to the finest dries and terrestrials, you'll find some of the most beautifully tied flies that you'll find anywhere. Our chapter is very fortunate to have so many skilled fly tiers that generously donate their creations to the Great Fly Sale. The January Great Fly Sale is always one of our best-attended monthly meetings and one of our best fund raising activities, too. As an added bonus, the winner of the Holiday Rod raffle will be announced at the January meeting! This will be your last chance to buy entry tickets to win the exquisite bamboo rod that was created (and generously donated) by Jerry Freund of the Little Beaver Rod Company. Come on out, meet your friends, get some terrific flies and help support your local TU chapter!

February 8th - Bob & Linda Steiner

We are delighted to announce that outdoor photographers Linda and Bob Steiner will be our guest speakers in February! Are you often disappointed by the photos that you take on your outdoor adventures? I think that we would all like to return home with better photos of fish caught, the scenery encountered, foliage, wildflowers, etc. Linda and Bob's presentation will explain the use of digital cameras and the key elements to consider when taking photos outdoors. The Steiners are members of the Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association, have contributed to *PA Angler and Boater magazine*, *PA Game News*, *PA Trout*, and they are winners of many professional photo awards. Don't miss this unique opportunity to improve your outdoor photography skills and learn from these experts!

PWWTU Meetings & Greetings

Penn's Woods West Trout Unlimited meets the **second Monday** of each month September through June at **Brentwood VFW Post 810**, 3801 Clairton Blvd., 3.5 miles south of the Liberty Tubes, on the corner of Rt. 51 and Marlea Street (near McGinnis Sisters). **Meetings begin at 7:00 pm.** All are welcome to attend.

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“Tie & Buy” - Fly donations are still needed for January’s meeting!

“Name That Fly” Contest *by Christian Shane*

In honor of our upcoming **January Great Fly Sale** and to generate donations, PWWTU is offering a **free dozen flies** to the member who can correctly identify this fly pattern below.

Please email your **name, phone number and fly pattern answer** to **christianshane72@hotmail.com** and you will be entered into the Great Fly Sale raffle. Please send emails by **Saturday, January 9th!**



The randomly selected winner will be notified before the January 11th meeting where he/she will have a pick of the Great Fly Sale selections.

“Tie & Buy” - Don't forget to bring your **last minute donations** to the January 11th meeting, and be prepared to purchase flies from some of the chapter's best fly tyers!

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