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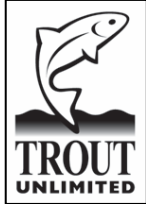
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H&R Wins PATU Newsletter Award, Again!

By Christian Shane, H&R Editor

Listed in among this year's Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited (PATU) annual Awards is our own ***Hatches & Rises*** as the **Best Chapter Newsletter in the State**. PATU honored *Penn's Woods West* this year's *Samuel Slaymaker Newsletter Award* again; *H&R* was also voted best in 2009.

The award, named in Samuel Slaymaker's honor, is based on the newsletter's design, appearance and content. Sam Slaymaker, a Pennsylvanian native and writer, is credited with originating the Little Brook, Little Rainbow and Little Brown Trout fly streamer patterns as well as writing various books on the sport of fly fishing.

I would like to commend the many *H&R* writers for their talents, time and contributions in the last year: **Tom Walsh, Peter Ten Eyck, Jim Hoey, Bob Bukk, Steve Shanahan, Charles Cantella, Rob Walters, Dave Vtipil, Bill Hayes, Walter Reineman, Mac Seaholm, the entire PWWTU Board and the late Joe Kline**. The chapter is proud of your accomplishments and joins in the celebration of this achievement.

As the newsletter moves to an **Online Magazine** format, *PWWTU* members & readers are also encouraged to submit their ideas, pictures, and articles (Email to christianshane72@hotmail.com).



Moving to the online version allows our newsletter to have more content, pictures and even video. So try submitting something, and you may see it in an upcoming issue of ***H&R Online***.

PWWTU hopes this new format will provide an even higher-quality newsletter of the award-winning *Hatches and Rises* for our members.



As of January 2012, the H&R will no longer be mailed - this is your last delivered copy! It is accessible online at www.pwwtu.org.

Win This Small Stream Rod!!!



More Details on Page 6

ROD DESCRIPTION: A 6' foot 5 inch", 3-weight, 3-piece model, including a nylon-covered hard tube case. The rod is built on a medium-fast action olive green graphite blank with gold wraps over smoked chrome guides. It is also inscribed with "PA Council of Trout Unlimited," and the PATU logo is embroidered on the case.

PWWTU Upcoming Events *By Bob Bukk*

It is never too early to plan for the upcoming season. Here are a list of upcoming events that are conducted by PWWTU or organizations affiliated with the chapter:

Saturday, December 17, 2011 - Pittsburgh Fly Fisher's Holiday Party

The Pittsburgh Fly Fisher's will hold their annual Holiday party at the Thompson Run Athletic Association. This event is always a good time. There are speakers, door prizes and dinner. Bring an item for the door prize raffle if you'd like. Call **Jack Hess** for details (412) 466-7148.

Monday, January 9, 2012 - PWWTU Great Fly Sale/Holiday Rod Raffle

The Chapter's Annual Holiday Rod Raffle will feature the rod described above. The raffle will take place at the January meeting after our Great Fly Sale. Tickets are available in this edition of *Hatches and Rises* and at the membership meetings. You can also print tickets from the online version of *H&R* and either mail them in or bring them to the meetings (**See Page 6 for tickets**).

Sunday, February 12, 2012 - Casting for Recovery of Western Pennsylvania Annual Fashion Show

The Casting for Recovery Annual Fashion Show is a major fund raising event helping to provide breast cancer survivors a free-of-charge weekend retreat.

Sunday, March 4, 2012 - Cabin Fever 2012

Our Chapter's biggest and most important fund raising event, Cabin Fever, will be held at the Four Points Sheraton in Cranberry. *For PWWTU to continue the fine work they do for the community, Cabin Fever needs to be a success. Currently, the Chapter needs members to step up to the plate and volunteer to coordinate this event for 2012. Please contact any of the Officers if you want to help.*

Saturday, March 10, 2012 - PWWTU Annual Fly Fishing Seminar

The Chapter's annual free Fly Fishing Seminar will be held at the St. Bede Activities Center in Point Breeze from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Members and non-members are welcome. Additional information will be available in the upcoming months.



Membership Mend *By Rob Walters*



What does it mean to be a member of Penn's Woods West Trout Unlimited?

Join

Becoming a member of *PWWTU* is the foundation for not only national TU but for our chapter, and I thank each of you for being members. Here is another opportunity to continue to support *PWWTU* not only by **renewing**, but by signing up a new member.

Our chapter can thrive financially from the recruitment of new members. TU National offers a *Special Introductory Membership* offer of \$17.50 to new members and \$15.00 goes directly to our chapter. It is very easy to do; have the new recruit log onto www.tu.org/intro and be sure to have them select **042 – Penn's Woods West** as the chapter they would like to join. Currently we have well over 1,000 members; if each of you recruited a new member *PWWTU* would raise over \$15,000, a staggering number.

Support

Trout in the Classroom, Annual Bus Trip, The Joe Kline Great Fly Sale, and Cabin Fever. *Sound familiar?* They should! These are all great ways you can support the efforts of *PWWTU*.

Our Board members and volunteers dedicate countless hours to make them possible and to raise additional funds for our chapter. Why wouldn't you want to support the future generations of cold-water fisheries, take a fishing trip with your buddies, show off your fly tying skills, or check out the latest fishing opportunities our region has to offer?

Please take time to support our efforts by making a financial contribution to *PWWTU* through these amazing programs.

Volunteer

The most rewarding way to help out our chapter is by volunteering your time. We have so many fantastic ways for you to get involved in *PWWTU*. You read about our volunteer opportunities in each issue of *Hatches & Rises* because we truly need your help.

We have one of the largest TU chapters in the country, but our volunteer support is very low. Please...the next time you read about an opportunity that sparks your interest, take 5 minutes, make the phone call to a contact person and help. Cabin Fever is right around the corner, and we would love to have a list of people willing and able to help us on **March 4th** and in the preplanning, too.



Join



Support



Volunteer

Stream Teams on Little & Big Pine Creeks *By Tom Walsh*

PINE CREEK - SEPTEMBER 10, 2011

PWWTU held its annual Pine Creek Stream Work Project. Three new rock and log style deflectors were installed along the Bryant Road section under the supervision of the **PA Fish & Boat Commission**.

Aided by members of the **Allison Park Sportsmen's Club**, many PWWTU members attended. The **Allegheny County Conservation District** provided partial funding.

A beautiful hand crafted fly rod was donated by PWWTU member **Greg Caldwell**. The rod was raffled off among the volunteer workers. The winner was **Rev. Richard Neuman** of Etna. Following the work day, a nice lunch was provided for the workers.



LITTLE PINE CREEK/FAWCETT FIELDS PROJECT - SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

On September 16th, work was completed on the **Little Pine Creek Stream Improvement Project** in Shaler Township at Fawcett Fields Soccer Park on McElheny Road.

This project consisted of a series of stone deflectors and vanes along a 1,000 foot section of the stream, as well as riparian plantings along the bank. It is intended to help prevent downstream silting and preserve the stream bank.

The project was sponsored by PWWTU at the request of the **PA DEP**. PWWTU applied for a \$133,000 grant from the Federal Clean Water Act as well as a \$5,000 grant from the Allegheny County Conservation District.

The work was carried out by **Gleim Environmental Group** of Carlisle, PA and managed by **WHM Consulting** of State College, PA.

PWWTU will meet with the **PA Fish & Boat Commission** to discuss the feasibility of stocking this section as a children's fishing area.



*(LEFT)
Riparian
Planting
Along the
Bank*

*(RIGHT)
One of the
Six Stone
Vanes*

*(Photos by
Tom Walsh)*



Successful Spawning for Trout in the Classroom By Christian Shane



(Above) Adult female brook trout in preparation tank.



(Above) Brighter in color, these are the adult male brook trout before we collected their milt.

On **September 28, 2011**, members of the **PA Fish & Boat Commission's Benner Spring Hatchery** began to "spawn" our brook trout eggs. These pictures *above* are of the native brook trout spawning and the pictures *below* are of the little brook trout eggs just after they were collected from the female brook trout and mixed with the milt of the male (*Photos courtesy of Amidea Daniel, TIC Coordinator*).

These eggs will then be placed in secure incubators where they will begin to develop. In approximately 29 to 30 days, volunteers will handle them and prepare them to be shipped to our classrooms on **November 1, 2011**. Then we will place them into our classroom "hatching baskets" and wait for them to hatch.

By the time this issue of *H&R* reaches you, the eggs will be on their way to classrooms throughout Pennsylvania. In January's first *H&R Online Magazine*, look for pictures of the hatched eggs and their journey from eggs to alevins to fry to fingerlings.

(Below) A close-up view of the Brook Trout egg collection from the females.



(Below) A close-up view of the egg fertilization using the milt (sperm) of the male brook trout.



2011/2012 Holiday Rod Raffle Tickets Available

Win a custom built fly rod...PWWTU is offering a small stream **Brook Trout fly rod** in a 6'5" ft, 3-weight, 3-piece model, including a nylon-covered hard tube case (*See Page 2 for pictures*).

Tickets are 1 for \$3.00 or 6 for \$10.00. These tickets may be cut out and reproduced for multiple entries or purchased at our membership meetings in November, December and January. The drawing will take place at the **January meeting**; Winner need not be present at the meeting.

PENN'S WOODS 2011/2012 HOLIDAY RAFFLE

PATU Brookie Fly Rod 6'5" ft, 3 wt, 3 piece

1 Ticket—\$3.00 6 Tickets—\$10.00
(Please print clearly or use labels)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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Make check payable to **P.W.W.T.U.**
Send tickets and check to:

P.O. Box 90137 / Pittsburgh, PA 15224



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Meetings & Speakers By Peter Ten Eyck

November 14th - George Douglas

Steelhead guide, George Douglas, will be our speaker this month. George is well-known as the authority on New York's Salmon River. He is the author of many books on fly fishing and is the publisher of *Kype Fishing Magazine*. His passions include introducing kids to fishing, educating anglers of all ages and advocating catch and release. George was inducted into the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame in 2010 as one of forty-eight legendary communicators in the sport of freshwater fishing. He will be sharing some of his tactics and strategies for catching the big ones along "Steelhead Alley" in New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio.



December 12th - Dr. Scott Shalaway, Ph.D.

We are fortunate to have **celebrated naturalist and nature writer, Scott Shalaway**, as our December speaker. Many of you are familiar with Scott's frequent articles in the Outdoor section of the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette* and his radio show, *Birds and Nature*. He is a certified wildlife biologist and is one of the country's leading authorities on backyard wildlife. If you love nature, come on out to our December chapter meeting and hear Dr. Shalaway's presentation.



PWWTU Meetings & Greetings

Penn's Woods West Trout Unlimited meets the **second Monday** of each month September through May 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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Fly Sale
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Please donate to one of our most popular and profitable chapter events, **The Joe Kline Great Fly Sale**. Named after one of our chapter's best tiers, the sale will take place at the meeting in January. Flies will be priced at **\$5 per half dozen**, and they are tied by *PWWTU's* finest.

If every *PWWTU* member contributes a half dozen for the sale, we would have over 6,000 flies to choose from! So turn in your flies for the sale at the November, December or January meetings. If you can't attend a meeting, please contact **Christian Shane (412) 916-2979** for shipping instructions.

Thanks for your donations and hope see you in January at the sale!