



THE EVENING HATCH



October 2022

Pike-Wayne Chapter Trout Unlimited

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Now that Fall is upon us and the water temperatures have dropped it is a perfect time to go fishing. The water has cooled, October fall stocking is done, and the trout are active. This year take a youth with you. If you are not sure how to teach someone how to fish go to Pa. Fish and Boat Commission website. In the Query type-Fishing basics. There are beginner lessons on Fly Fishing and Spin Fishing.

We had a successful year starting with our Banquet fund Raiser in April. There were three community Fly Fishing demonstrations and instructions ;Grey Towers in Milford; Bingham Park in Hawley, and the ninth annual Canal Festival Lock 31 in White Mills.

We also provided three \$500 stipends to three seniors from local High Schools, planning to major in environmental studies or related fields.

We were involved in several Community clean-ups events- Lackawaxen River. Rt 402; and Pic-up Pocono programs. We gave fishing instructions to overnight campers at Lacawac Sanctuary. We had our first Trout in the Classroom at Western Wayne Middle school and participated in Casting for Recovery at Sky top Lodge. I would like to invite all PWTU members to attend our monthly meetings held the second Tuesday of the month. Fall and Winter meetings are at Cora's Bistro in Hawley at 5:30. Formal meeting starts at 6:00pm. Come help us plan for next year's events. All are welcome!

PRESIDENT--Paul Ranello

PIKE-WAYNE CALENDAR 2022

(General meetings:**SECOND TUESDAY** of the month, at 5:00 p.m. Board Meetings held before General Meeting .)

Oct 11-TBA- see www.pwtu.org for info

Nov 8-TBA- see www.pwtu.org for info

Dec 13-Christmas Party-TBA
(Check www.PWTU.org for schedule changes and updated Chapter info)

PWTU GONE DIGITAL

At the March 2022 meeting Jim Furno, Editor of the newsletter, stated that printing and mailing the newsletter had gone up to \$300 an issue.

The present membership then decided, in view of the lack of sufficient chapter income, and because of other project expenditures, it would be best to

suspend the mailing of print copies.

Instead the chapter decided to go

digital and just insert the newsletter on our website, namely ***www.pwtu.org***.
This action will allow those who have computers to download the newsletter, and print their own copy.

For those who do not have a computer you more than likely know someone who does and would print the few pages for you.

Sorry, but inflation is affecting all of us.

WITH GREAT SADDNESS THE PASSING OF CHUCK SWARTZ

Chuck was born in Rochester PA. He worked in the Coal Industry full time and guided on the Delaware River for over 30+ years. After leaving the Coal Industry he worked in the Fly Fishing business while continuing to guide as close as Pennsylvania and as far as Montana. He was an amazing angler.

Chuck was a PWTU member for years. We met him years ago when he ran the Orvis fly shop by the Equinunck Creek where it empties into the Delaware.

My brother and I wanted to float from Balls Eddy to Buckingham with our boat.

A great fishing day would have been lost if it wasn't for Chuck volunteering to shuttle us

to the takeout at Buckingham and then to the put in at Balls Eddy. He even refused to be paid for it and he actually only met us for the first time.

He seemed to us to be a quiet guy who was reluctant to impose his opinion on someone unless asked. It was obvious to any practiced fly fisherman that he was extremely knowledgeable about fly fishing and particularly about the Delaware. He was a sharing kind of guy. He was the kind of guy anybody would have been very comfortable with as a fishing partner, anytime.

May he rest in peace.

LETTER OF THANKS TO PWTU

The following is a reproduction of a letter sent to Pike-Wayne Trout Unlimited. It is from the 2022 Campers of the Lacawac Conservation Leadership Academy. PWTU helped to financially support this learning experience as well as to instruct.

*"Hello to Trout Unlimited,
We campers at CLA
(Conservation Leadership
Academy) would love to not
only thank you for teaching us
about fishing, but as well as
sponsoring the CLA camp at
Lake Lacawac. That day may
have been our very first time
fishing which was a great
experience for us all.
So from the bottom of all our
hearts, we thank you for
contributing to our time at
Lake Lacawac.
From 2022 Campers of CLA"*

(The following is re-printed from The Weekly Roundup, Friday, June 24, 2022 The latest news from the State Capitol)

Natural Gas Impact Fee Distributions Benefit Communities, Environment

The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission announced \$234.4 million in natural gas impact fees are being distributed this year, up 60% over last year due to higher prices and greater levels of activity.

Under Act 13 of 2012, county and municipal governments directly affected by drilling will receive a total of \$123.2 million for the 2021 reporting year. This funding is used for a wide range of local infrastructure, emergency response, community and environmental programs.

Additionally, \$86 million will be transferred to the Marcellus Legacy Fund, which provides financial support for environmental, highway, water and sewer, rehabilitation of greenways and other projects throughout the state. Also, \$25.1 million will be distributed to state agencies including the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, Department of Environmental Protection, **Fish and Boat Commission, County Conservation Districts** and the Office of the State Fire Commissioner.

CHAPTER AWARDS TO SPONSORS

PWTU decided to give out a number of awards to those who have helped the chapter in its mission recognizing their contributions.

For instance, the award below is a typical example:



This award above went to the Creamton Fly Fishing Club for its banquet donations



OUR FOLKS AT SKYTOP WORKING WITH CASTING FOR RECOVERY

(NOTE: PWTU PATCHES AND HATS AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT MEETINGS)



PWTU RIVER MEETINGS

May to August (2nd Tuesday of the month) meetings are on the Lackawaxen River-6 p.m. to whenever-at the 110 mile marker (upriver from intersection towpath and rt. 590). Just look for a lot of cars and a happy group of guys. We have Bar-B-Q; hamburgers; hot dogs, brats, salads and beverages. *Make sure to bring a folding chair for yourself.*



Above is VP Tony Capitano presenting an award to Kristina Russo, Library Director



PWTU Booth at Lock 31 Canal Festival

Our PWTU Mission: The conservation and enhancement of Pike and Wayne counties cold water streams and fisheries.

The Creamton Fly Fishing Club
Located on the Upper West Branch of the Lackawaxen River, Wayne County, PA. 7 miles of private water. Presently accepting potential members for our waiting list. 2.5 hrs. from NYC and Philly.
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OTHER EVENTS

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GRILL, GREENTOWN*

CORA'S 1850 BISTRO, HAWLEY

ALICE'S WONDERLAND, GREELEY

PRIME TIME MEATS, MILFORD

HOUSEFLY FISHING, HAWLEY

NORTHEAST FIREARMS, HONESDALE

R3 HARDWARE, HONESDALE

A&G OUTFITTERS, SCRANTON

HUNTER'S GALLERY, HAMLIN

PIKE COUNTY OUTFITTERS, MILFORD

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LUKAN'S RESORT, HAWLEY

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