A Cast From The Presidents Pool

I would like to wish all of our members a happy, healthy 2008 with many days astream.

We are looking forward to 2008 with much anticipation. We are continuing our stewardship of Bowman’s Creek and look to reestablish the trout population in the No-Kill Area, which has suffered from the stream construction currently in progress. We also are looking to improve the parking and access to the special regulation stretch near Marsh Creek.

It looks like the Doc Ayers’ project will begin soon on upper Bowman’s, restoring almost 6000 feet of stream. I can’t wait to catch my first wild brook trout out of the reconstructed stretch of stream. What a fine example of TU partnering with other agencies to make a difference!

It is extremely important that you send an email or mail a letter opposing the current FFMP being (cast to page 11)

PATU 2008 Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp

The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited is again offering its award winning Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp in June 2008. The camp is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Council of TU and hosted by the Cumberland Valley Chapter. In its eighth season the camp was bestowed the honor of Coldwater Volunteer Conservationist of the Year by national Trout Unlimited at its meeting in August of 2001.

The purpose of the camp is to educate students in the importance of coldwater conservation. The selection of the thirty-two students is a rigorous process. In addition to the application form, each candidate must submit a written essay on why they wish to attend and submit the name, address and phone number of a guidance counselor or science teacher as a reference. By selecting the leaders in high school today, it is felt that they will be the leaders of the communities in years to come. It is important for them to recognize the importance of clean water and how it relates to everyday living. The curriculum has been structured to provide the necessary foundation for that education.

This year the camp will be providing an opportunity for students who are Boy Scouts to complete their merit badges in Fly Fishing and Fishing. Students who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity must contact the camp after they have been accepted for further details.

The camp will be limited to 32 selected qualified students, ages 14 to 17. The student must have been born between June 21, 1990 and June 15, 1994. The camp selection committee will make the selections based upon the candidates’ qualifications and indicated desire. This year’s camp will be held on Sunday through Friday, June 15-20, 2008. For more details see the camp’s web site at:

http://www.riverscamp.com

Chapter to Sponsor a Student

Once again, the chapter will sponsor a student, (if selected by PATU) to attend this youth camp. If you are interested in the chapter sponsorship and have a son or daughter, niece, nephew, etc., who may be interested in attending the camp, please have them fill out the application available on the website listed above and return it to a chapter board member or mail it to our chapter post office box. All entries must be received before March 4, 2008 as we will judge all applications at our March board meeting. Our selection will be based on the strength and appearance of the applicant’s essay, paralleling the selection procedure at the state level.

We will then take the necessary steps to assure our successful candidate meets the March 15 state deadline.

It is important that you realize that success at our chapter level does not mean acceptance into the camp. As stated, there are only 32 openings, and hundreds of applicants. While a chapter sponsorship does increase a prospective applicant’s chances of being accepted, it is by no means a guarantee that they will be accepted. Ultimately, the decision is made on the strength of their essay, i.e., no spelling or grammatical errors, and stating the reasons why the applicant wishes to attend the camp clearly and concisely. For further information, contact any board member or call chapter president Mike Romanowski.
Mike Romanowski to speak January 10

Longtime friend and co-founder of the Stanley Cooper Sr. Chapter of Trout Unlimited Mike Laskowski will be the featured speaker at our January 10 general meeting. (Note the change in date. A conflict with a VFW meeting necessitated the move. Our meetings will return to the second Tuesday in February.)

Mike is a certified FFF casting instructor, a signature fly designer for Umpqua Feather Merchants, and owner of Oil Creek Outfitters in Titusville, PA. Mike’s program, "Life Cycles", will cover the life cycles of aquatic insects for trout fisherman, such as: Caddis, Stoneflies, and Mayflies.

Mike is originally from Nanticoke and had a fly shop in Plains, PA in the 80's. He and our President, Mike Romanowski, co-founded the Stan Cooper Sr. Chapter in 1987. This is sort of a home coming for Mike and he is looking forward to seeing a lot of long-time friends.

Wes Congdon, Loren Williams to Speak at February 12 Meeting

The chapter is proud to welcome Wes Congdon and Loren Williams to our February 12 meeting. Wesley Congdon, 18, participated in the World Youth Fly Fishing Championships held last summer in central PA. Wes is a graduate of Mountain View High School and is currently attending Penn State-Worthington with civil engineering as his major.

Loren Williams, originally from Wyoming Valley, is currently coaching the US Youth Fly Fishing Team, a member of the US Fly Fishing Team, and was the team USA 2005 Team Fly Tyer. He currently resides in Rochester where he is a registered fly fishing guide.

Wes and Loren will present a video on their experiences competing in last year's Youth World Fly Fishing Championships. They may also tie some flies if time permits.
The Stanley Cooper Sr. Chapter of Trout Unlimited

The mission of The Stanley Cooper Sr. Chapter of Trout Unlimited is to preserve, protect and enhance wild trout, salmon and steelhead fisheries and their habitat.

The Stanley Cooper Sr. Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets the second Tuesday of every month (except June, July & August) at the VFW Post 283, Wyoming Avenue, Kingston at 7:30 p.m. Programs are free and open to the public - everyone is invited. We welcome your participation.

Welcome Aboard...Welcome Back
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The Stanley Cooper Sr. Chapter of Trout Unlimited would like to welcome back the following renewing members:

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The Federal Budget

Hopefully, the federal government will have an approved budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year by the time you are reading this update. The federal government fiscal year runs from October 1st of one year to September 30th of the next year. The last federal budget expired on September 30, 2007. Since then, the federal government has been operating on a series of temporary budget bills. These stopgap measures were necessitated by multifaceted disagreements within both congressional chambers, between the House and the Senate, and between the White House and Congress -- sometimes between the White House and Republicans in Congress.

The only way to try to understand all of the maneuvering is to remember that 2008 is an election year that both political parties see as one that can result in major changes. There will be a new President. Democrats have only a one-vote majority in the United States Senate. More than 30 Senate seats will be up for election. The entire House of Representatives, where the Democrats also hold a slim majority, will be up for election in 2008. Consequently, every politician wants an issue or two that will advantage him or her and impair any political opponent. Since the federal budget is where federal income sources are identified and federal spending is approved, it is the most important piece of legislation all on the congressional calendar. It is an ideal place for politicians to attempt to distinguish themselves from their opponents.

Normally, the federal budget is 12 separate pieces of legislation covering all federal departments. This year, the Defense Department budget was approved in November, only about 60 days later than it should have been. At the end of December, the other 11 spending and revenue bills were rolled into one massive piece of legislation totaling more than 3000 pages and, eventually, approved by the House and Senate and signed into law by the President. Here is how some of the major issues were handled.

Funding for the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq were not included in the Pentagon's original budget. Now, there is about $31 billion for operations in Afghanistan and $40 billion for operations in Iraq. This is much less funding for Iraq than was requested by the White House, but the funding does not set any timeline for troop withdrawals. Some troops -- approximately 40,000 -- will be withdrawn from Iraq by this summer anyhow, unless the Pentagon extends tours of duty. Extended tours of duty are not considered likely in an election year. The real dispute in 2008 will be over how long and under what conditions the remaining US troops -- more than 100,000 -- will be withdrawn from Iraq and over what time frame.

In the Omnibus budget bill are numerous provisions affecting environmental issues. There are substantial federal loan guarantees for the development of low-carbon energy sources. For example, the budget sets aside $18.5 for nuclear reactors, $6 billion for coal plants that employ new methods for reducing carbon, and $2 billion for plants that gasify coal. This budget will expire on September 30, 2008. It is likely that we will once again have a series of stopgap budget bills to keep the federal government operating between then and the end of

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**The Energy Bill**

Also at the end of December, the federal government passed a new energy bill. This bill increases mandatory fuel efficiency standards for automobiles and light trucks. It requires a significant increase in the use of alternative fuels. It did not roll back a $13 billion tax break for oil companies and did not set a standard for the electric utilities to produce 15% of their electricity from renewable sources.

The increase in fuel efficiency standards will result in a slowing of the deterioration of air quality, including a slowing in the production of greenhouse gases. However, continuation of tax breaks for the oil industry removes a significant revenue source from federal coffers; and, electric utilities, one of the biggest contributors of air contaminants, will continue to produce significant tonnages of air pollutants.

**New Report Looks at Impact of Climate Change on Trout and Salmon**

Washington, D.C. – Though climate change will have a dramatic effect on trout and salmon populations, a new report says that much can be done now to prevent widespread fish declines in rivers and streams around the country.

Trout Unlimited’s new report, *Healing Troubled Waters*, highlights how global warming will affect our nation’s trout and salmon populations and the waters in which they live. Based on research by Trout Unlimited scientists, the report also provides recommendations for what can be done to help fish and rivers withstand these changes.

The report summarizes recent scientific studies that show that trout and salmon populations are likely to decline by 50% or more in regions around the country that will be most effected by global warming. According to new studies by the U.S. Forest Service, some trout species like the bull trout, found in high-mountain areas of the West, could see as much as a 90% population loss. Many trout species already listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act will become increasingly vulnerable to extinction. In addition, it has been shown that 20% to 40% of the Pacific Northwest’s salmon populations may disappear as a result of climate change.

“Climate change is not some uncertain future problem, it is happening right now and we see evidence in terms of reduced snowpack and earlier spring runoff,” said Jack Williams, Trout Unlimited’s senior scientist and one of the report’s authors.

“Salmon and trout are among our most vulnerable species and their protection in the face of a rapidly changing climate demands strong actions,” he continued.

In the Appalachians, scientists estimate that up to 90% of the wild brook trout there could be lost due to climate change.

Though the statistics paint a somewhat grim future scenario for coldwater fish, the report provides a framework for what can be done to help rivers and fish build resistance and resilience to the effects of climate change. By protecting high quality habitats and healthy fish populations, scientists hope that fish will be able to endure warmer water temperatures and additional stress as a result of a warming climate. The report points out that these investments are...
crucial now, before widespread changes occur.

With Congress prepared to address climate change, the opportunity exists for making this a legislative priority.

“We are pleased to see that a number of members of Congress have recognized the need to fund and implement strategies such as these to combat climate change impacts on fish and wildlife resources and have introduced bills that would provide such funding,” said Steve Moyer, TU’s Vice President of Government Affairs.

“One of the most promising is the Climate Security Act, S. 2191, introduced by Senators Warner (R-VA) and Lieberman (D-CT), to be marked up in the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee today, which would invest an estimated $175 billion thru the year 2037 on projects designed to enhance sustainability of fish and wildlife in the face of continuing climate change impacts. We urge Congress to pass the legislation as soon as possible,” said Moyer.

The complete report is available at www.tu.org/climatechange.

From The Stream........Bob Evans

I'm writing this on the official second day of Winter, although it seems like Winter has been too long with us already. Now all I have to do is wait for a sunny day without wind and I'll be on the stream. Probably Bowman’s!!

When we last communicated, I was still rearranging the van by removing the Salmon rod and reel and placing them in climate controlled storage, replacing the breathable waders with the 5 mil Neoprene waders, repairing the guides on my Wooly Bugger rod and restoring the bait fishing tackle box to its rightful place on the back seat of the van. It is my pleasure to report that ALL those projects have been accomplished AND MORE. The damaged guide on the rod was replaced and a hook keeper was added, all using that same gaudy ORANGE thread that holds the other guides in place. A perfect match and a beauty to behold!! Laugh all you want, but I know more than a few of you would give your right arm to land some of the fish this rod has brought to net.

Before moving the tackle box to the van, I tied up some more gang-hook leaders for my bait fishing. Possible enough to last me until vacation in May. Sorry Ed, the 5# leader material ran out as I finished the fifth leader, so I couldn't tie any extras for you! But then you haven't returned the little plastic zip-lock pouches, so there would be nothing in which to put them. Joe!! You have any 5# Maxima leader material in stock? And of course, the waders were switched, so NOW I'm ready! Above all this my greatest accomplishment... removing all the flies from my main fly box, cleaning out all the grit that seems to collect during the season and replacing them in the order in which they are likely to be used. Maybe some of you are better organized than I, but when I remove a fly from my line, it goes to one of my patches or keepers. By the time I clear off the patch (usually only two or three times a year), there are between 20 and 30 flies to return to the fly box. To be honest, they go anywhere there's an opening! NOW when I open the fly box, the location of the fly I need has been predetermined.

FIRST ROW—Attractors...Patriots, Royal Coachman, Royal Wulff and a variety of Adams.
SECOND ROW - Hendricksons...Compara Duns, No Hackle, Standard Tie and Parachutes.
THIRD ROW - March Browns...Compara Duns, Standard Tie and Parachute with a few larger sizes for Broadhead Creek.
FOURTH ROW - Cahills, Spiders and other light colored flies.
FIFTH ROW - Blue Wing Olives and Vermont Caddis (deadly on Bowman’s during late Spring and through Summer).
SIXTH AND SEVENTH ROWS - Caddis, Caddis and more Caddis...Elk Hair, Deer Hair, Fan-Winged and Henryville Special styles arranged by body color...green, tan, brown and black...Plus a few Olive Bodied Stone Fly Adults.

The other half of the box contains the wet version of the dries, floating nymphs, a verity of Wooly Worms, Drakes and other large flies such as Hoppers (including the one that hooked and landed that 5 lb Brown in Bowman’s in 2007).

Here's wishing all of you a great 2008 replete with many memorable fishing trips!! You are invited to join me on any of my trips, and if any of you want company on your trips, just call me. 823-3030...Hope to spend some time on the lower Lehigh and reacquaint myself with the Lackawaxen River this year.

The next newsletter will be for March and then every other month...May, July, Sept., etc., so March
will be about Opening Day and May will be about trips. Also, by May we should know the results of redirecting Bowman’s Creek.

**Wyoming County Conservation District Bowman’s Creek Update**

The following update was reported by Dillon Marino, Stream Technician for the Wyoming County Conservation District.

- Construction began on the Jenks Road site on 10/9. To date, the multiple thread channels have been consolidated into one channel with an appropriate width, depth, profile and pattern. This channel has been graded throughout the 5000' length of the project. Channel blocks and sills have been installed in the floodplain on both sides of the creek to prevent lateral migration. At this time, the contractors are setting Rock Vane Structures. We continue to be on schedule and look to have the project completed by the end of the year, assuming mother nature cooperates.

- Waters Edge Hydrology, contracted to do the engineering work for the four emergency sites, in conjunction with the stream technicians, completed a site characterization and have begun their engineering design work.

- Rettew Associates Inc, contracted to do the engineering work for the JDJ Associates/ Doug Ayers Restoration, in conjunction with the stream technicians, completed a site characterization and have begun their engineering design work.

- At this time, there is no new information regarding the Brody Site Restoration joint-permit application package.

- The first half of the design for the Keystone College Site Restoration has been completed by PACD TAG engineers and submitted to WCCD

- The District Board and Wyoming County Commissioners saw fit to fill the vacant Stream Technician Position on 9/24/07. CONGRATULATIONS to Paul Hovan on receiving this promotion.

### Reserving March 29 Banquet Tickets?

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**Trout in the Classroom 2008 Update**

The chapter’s trout in the classroom project at Wyoming Area High School started out a little bit differently this year. As you’ll remember last year, chapter members Dick Gareis and Bob Evans traveled to Benner Springs Hatchery near State college to pick up trout fry. This year however, eggs were delivered directly to the Wyoming Area Secondary Center the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Once at the school, we placed the eggs in a special hatching basket inside the 50 gallon aquarium shown above. Everyday the eggs were inspected and cleaned by senior Richard Terran. Eggs which had perished turned white. A turkey baster made a great removal tool.

They began hatching in mid December and currently all are hatched. Although we haven’t taken an actual count, we estimate there are well over 100 trout in the tank at press time.
Upper Delaware Wild Trout Need Your Help

The Delaware River Basin Commission ("Commission" or "DRBC") will hold a public hearing to receive comments on proposed amendments to its Water Code and Comprehensive Plan to implement a Flexible Flow Management Program ("FFMP") for the New York City Delaware River Basin reservoirs. (See the Cannonsville Release schedule below.)

The public hearing will take place on Wednesday, January 16, 2008, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. or until all those who wish to testify have had an opportunity to do so; it will take place at the West Trenton Volunteer Fire Company, 40 West Upper Ferry Road, West Trenton, N.J. Persons wishing to testify are asked to register in advance with the Commission Secretary at (609) 883-9500 ext. 224.

Written comments will be accepted through the close of business on Friday, January 18, 2008. Written comments may be submitted by email to paula.schmitt@drbc.state.nj.us; by U.S. Mail to Commission Secretary, DRBC, P.O. Box 7360, West Trenton, NJ 08628-0360; or by fax to 609-883-9522. In all cases, the commenter’s name, affiliation and address should be provided in the comment document, and “FFMP” should appear in the subject line.

Why we are asking you to oppose the adoption of the FFMP (Flexible Flow Management Program)

The FFMP is a great attempt at managing the reservoirs with out the impossible task of meeting some temperature target or flow target at great distances downstream of the reservoirs. Unfortunately, it contains a fatal flaw, which if not corrected, will undoubtedly result in the continued decline in the lower West Branch and Main Stem trout fishery. The flaw, to which I refer, is the lack of proper mandated releases from Cannonsville when the total system is in L2. The current FFMP would mandate a drop from releases as high as 1500 cfs to 260 cfs, even when Cannonsville is full in mid-summer.

The nationally famous wild rainbow trout fishery in the Main Stem of the Delaware was created solely by releases from Cannonsville to satisfy the Montague target. Over the years, each subsequent modification to flow or release strategy for the Cannonsville Reservoir have gradually whittled away at the intensity and frequency of the Montague releases to the point where the Main Stem rainbow trout fishery has been mostly replaced by a lower density brown trout fishery, and insect hatches are less intense and more unpredictable.

In previous release protocols, a "thermal bank" existed that, from time to time, made up for the lack of Montague releases. The current FFMP, as it now exists, no longer contains any habitat banks or thermal targets. Instead, it was understood (by many of the biologists involved with the concept of doing away with these onerous "banks"), that releases from the reservoirs tied to the storage in the reservoir would not only do away with any need for thermal releases, but would eliminate the so called YO-YO releases which are so detrimental to the entire coldwater ecosystem formed by the construction of these reservoirs. The drastic rise and fall of flow and temperature accompanied with Montague releases were supposed to be mitigated by realistic releases from the reservoirs as a function of the amount of water in the reservoirs. (continued next page)

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Fortunately, the releases in the FFMP for Pepacton and Neversink are an improvement over previous strategies, and these reservoirs have little effect on the Montague target. Cannonsville, however, is another matter. Under the existing FFMP release schedule, there will be an undetermined duration and frequency of releases from Cannonsville at 260 cfs during the summer. Even if Cannonsville were to be almost spilling, the current strategy mandates only a 260 cfs release. Such a release would have devastating effects on the West Branch and Main Stem trout fishery and their aquatic life, including the nationally-endangered dwarf wedge mussel.

Fortunately, a simple solution is available to change a completely unacceptable flow program to one that would undoubtedly not only protect the remaining trout fishery but greatly improve it, most likely to a condition better than ever. All that is needed is to add three or more release levels from Cannonsville when the total reservoir system is in condition L2, with releases from Cannonsville tied to the storage in Cannonsville alone. It should be possible to make such a slight modification to the existing FFMP with virtually undetectable affects on any other users, NYC or downstream users. The concept is simple. As Cannonsville is drawn down, the releases from Cannonsville decrease proportionally, instead of a step drop to what are virtually drought conditions for the coldwater ecosystem. Then, if the reservoir refills as a result of a rain event, Cannonsville releases are accordingly increased. Under such a regime, the assumption that the "drought of record starts tomorrow" would be negated. Such a release protocol not only minimizes the YO-YO effect, but lessens the impact of the assumption that the "drought of record starts tomorrow", when it most patently is not occurring. Because the OASIS model makes this assumption,
condemning the ecosystem to perpetually "drought" conditions, such a slight modification corrects for this understandable, but unrealistic assumption."

*Commissioner Robert A. Bachman, PhD., Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission*

Commissioner Bachman was appointed by Governor Rendell to serve as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission in April of this year. He earned his PhD from Penn State doing a four-year behavioral study of free-ranging wild and hatchery trout in a Pennsylvania stream in 1982. He has over 20 years experience in managing trout and other fish, including Director of Maryland’s Fishery Service and Director of Fish and Wildlife in Maryland. During his service in Maryland he gained considerable expertise in the management of trout in and downstream of major reservoirs, working with the US Army Corps of Engineers, the City of Baltimore, the Potomac River Basin Commission and local communities to find a balance between the needs of the fish and other water uses. He currently serves on the Sub-Committee on Ecological Flows (SEF) of the Delaware River Basin Commission.

**An Example Email**

*(This is what the jist of your email should contain)*

The FFMP, as it stands now would most likely eliminate one of the best, if not THE BEST wild rainbow trout fisheries in the EAST—the wild rainbow trout fishery in the mainstem of the Delaware from the Junction Pool downstream to Callicoon. This magnificent fishery, which has been in existence for over 30 years has been declining as a result of poor water management over the last 3 to 5 years, and if adopted by DRBC, the FFMP, as it now stands, will undoubtedly finish it off.

The 260 cfs release from Cannonsville during normal summer conditions is grossly less than what created this magnificent fishery. There have been no changes in the US Supreme Court Decree that justifies this drastic reduction of water from the Cannonsville Reservoir. It is obvious that this is some kind of administrative error inasmuch as the overall strategy of the FFMP calls for releases to be tied to the amount of storage in the reservoirs. The precipitous drop in releases from the L1 condition to L2 in Spring and Summer is not consistent with the intent of the new release strategy and will result in serious harm to this nationally-renowned fishery." (Please take the time to write this important email. Now more than ever we have the power to shape the future of the Upper Delaware’s world-class fishery. Many fellow TU members have complained to me that our battle is futile. I say to all of you, here is your big chance to make a difference! Please take advantage of this opportunity, for we only get one. If the current FFMP is adopted, it is quite conceivable the upper river will never recover.)

*Mike Romanowski*
*President*
*Stan Cooper TU*

**Chapter Preparing for Annual Banquet**

**2008 National Conservation Banquet**

We are looking forward to our 18th Annual National Conservation Banquet, which will be held on Saturday, Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the Best Western East Mountain Inn. Tickets for this event usually sell fast, so please call in early. We would hate to see someone miss out on attending what we hope has become an enjoyable evening.

We will kick off the festivities on March 29 at 5:00 p.m., with a long cocktail hour to allow everyone to inspect our auction and raffle prizes and purchase raffle tickets. We feel we have secured the best banquet prizes to this date. Graphite rods by Sage, Winston, and Orvis, a specially

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Dinner will be served sometime around 6:15 p.m. You will have a choice of Chicken Cordon Bleu or Fillet of Sole. (Please specify your choice on the banquet ticket as changes cannot be made on the night of the banquet) There will be ample time during and after dinner to continue bidding on our silent auction prizes or purchase some extra bucket raffle tickets.

Our live auction will start at approximately 7:30 p.m. After the live auction, the silent auction tables begin closing - randomly. *As always, we will gladly accept Visa and MasterCard.*

If you are interested in attending the banquet and would like to make reservations, please email Ernie Pagliarini at: empagliarini@hotmail.com, and then mail a check in the amount of $45.00 for each ticket to Dr. Ernie Pagliarini, 1291 Wyoming Ave., Exeter, PA 18643. You may also call 654-7960 or 881-5100, but please email if you can. If you would like to reserve a table, you can do so by sending a check for eight or ten tickets and asking that we reserve a table in your name.

### Outside Raffle Tickets

You will soon be receiving our outside raffle tickets. This year we are offering a high quality digital camera as first prize, the popular Pendleton blanket as second prize, and at press time we are considering an ipod as third prize. These prizes appeal to everyone and should make the few tickets you receive very easy to sell. As you know, a large percent of our banquet revenue is generated by our Outside Raffle. Please mail all returns to banquet co-chairman William Stricker, 41 E. Union Street, Kingston, PA 18704-4815, or bring them to a meeting. Thank you for your support. If you would like more tickets, please call Bill at 288-4600 (evenings).

A Cast...(from page 1) proposed for the upper Delaware River. A large angler response will ensure that the river receives adequate flows, and protect the river’s wild rainbow trout population.

It will be good to see my old buddy Mike “Lash” Laskowski again. I don’t think he or I envisioned the chapter lasting so long when we started it back in 1987. Mike should be proud, we have one of the finest, most respected chapters in the state. By the way, please note the meeting change. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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Calendar of Events

January 10 ............... Mike Laskowski - “Life Cycles”

February 12........ ............Wes Congdon, Loren Williams

“Team USA Fly Fishing”

All monthly meetings of the Stanley Cooper Sr. Chapter of Trout Unlimited are held AT 7:30 PM AT THE VFW ANTHRACITE POST 283, 757 WYOMING AVE, KINGSTON, PA 18704. All Meetings are Admission Free and Open to the Public.

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