



# The Flyline

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# From Randy's Desk . . .

As I write this in August, Already I can see leaves falling from the trees. It's been a weird summer, and fall seems to be coming earlier than usual. MLTU has had a productive summer. We completed some rock work on the Showalter property on Benscreek. We helped out with Yellow Creek Coalition projects such as project maintenance and bank stabilization on the Sherlock Property. We contributed \$5000.00 toward rehabilitation of the Rock Tunnel treatment project on the Benscreek. After all, what good is habitat improvement without water quality? We are still looking into a manure spill on upper Yellow Creek. We are nominating new officers and directors, and we will elect those positions in September. We never lack for something to do.

this year, I have begun to see more participation by our younger members. That is very encouraging. I would like to challenge those young members out there to become involved in the chapter. Come to a chapter meeting and learn about what we do. Attend some of our winter activities like fly tying classes. You younger members are the future of our chapter. It's time to get involved.

I hope you have a great holiday season and a happy healthy new year!

Catch One,  
*Randy*



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Mountain Laurel Chapter, Trout Unlimited meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Gander Mountain Store in the old Wal-Mart store building beside the Galleria Mall at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted in this newsletter. Board of Directors meetings are held at 6:30 PM on the same day as the regular meeting at the Gander Mountain Store.

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## Membership Application and Renewals

If you are already a member of the chapter, you will receive a renewal notice in the mail. You may renew by check, credit card, or online at [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org). If you are not a member, Go to [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org) to apply. We will not have application forms any more. New memberships will be handled at the national website.

**Regular Membership** .....\$35

**Family Membership** .....\$50

All other types of memberships will be listed on the TU website.



## Natural Thoughts . . .



November is the time we should be preparing to hunt deer in Pennsylvania. This year I think you should take a weekend off and attend the International Fly Tier's Symposium in New Jersey. This show, run by our own Chuck Furimsky, brings together some of the best fly tier's in the world under one roof.

At this show you can watch masters at work at close range. You can interact with them, ask questions, and learn new techniques. There will be lots of seminars to attend and classes to take if you wish. What better way to improve your skills!

In addition there will be countless booths at which to purchase materials. If it's made it will be there.

Major tackle manufacturers will be represented in force. You can look at all the new rods, reels, and other accessories. You can test items out. You can cast with the pros.

You can support members of our chapter. Randy Buchanan and Andy Fresch will both be featured tiers at the show. Come and watch these guys tie. I know they will appreciate it.

This year's show will take place at Somerset, New Jersey on November 22, and 23, 2014. For details about the location of the show, costs, etc. call Randy Buchanan at 467-4034.

## *2014 PA Council Annual Fall Meeting and Festival*

By the time you read this article, the 2014 PA Council of Trout Unlimited will have held its annual fall meeting and festival at the Shaver,s Creek Community Building in Petersburg, PA. Gary Cooper and Dave Maher will represent the chapter at this event. Saturday's agenda will include seminars on improving communication among council and chapters, as well as the public. We will also be discussing successful conservation projects, women in TU, youth engagement, membership engagement, Fundraising, and other related topics. New officers will be elected, and awards will be handed out to some of the best chapters in the state. There will be raffles, a pig roast, and a bonfire. It should be a great time

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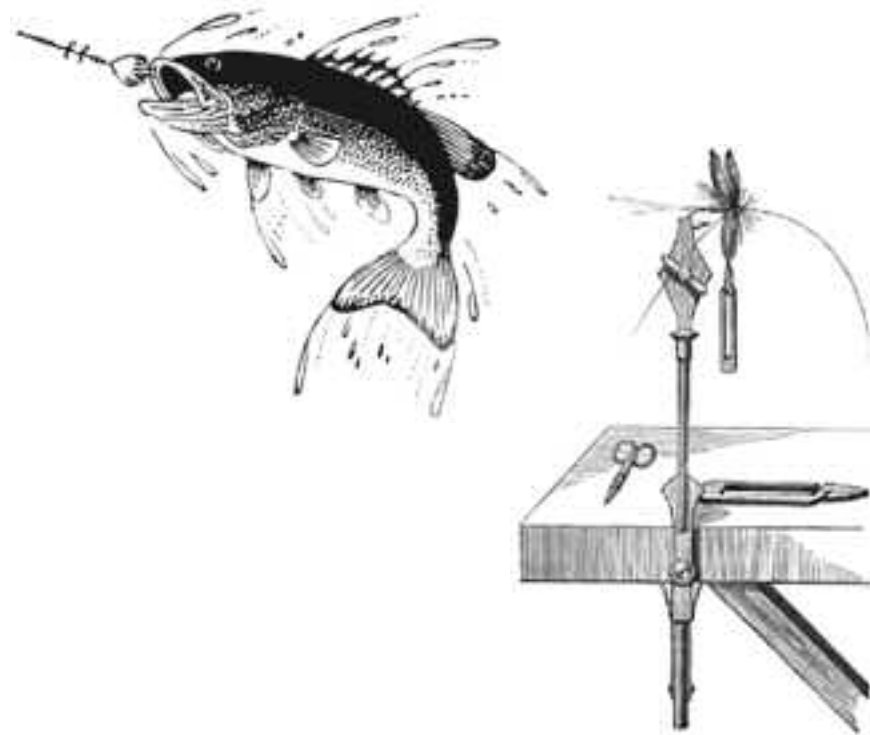
## *Chapter Volunteers Help with Bank Stabilization on Yellow Creek*

Recently, volunteers from MLTU helped to complete a bank stabilization project of the Yellow Creek Coalition on the property of Mr. Fred Sherlock. Two deflectors were installed, as well as a mud seal by the group which included other coalition members. Greg Shustirck was in charge of the operation, and Bill Conlin and Rick Musselman ran the heavy equipment. Two Saturdays were needed to complete the work. A good time was had by all.



## Chapter to Offer Free Fly Tying Courses

This year Mountain Laurel Chapter will be offering free fly tying classes to the public. The courses will be held in the winter at the Gander Mountain lodge in the Gander Mountain Store, although the exact dates have not been set yet. These are beginner level courses. Tools and materials will be provided by the chapter. Top level instructors will be on hand. If you are interested, or if you know of anyone who is interested, all that you have to do is to register at the front desk at the Gander Mountain store. For Information call Gary Cooper at 814-266-4763.



## Upcoming Chapter Events

### Monthly Chapter Meetings

Tuesday, October 14, 2014  
Tuesday, November 11, 2014  
Tuesday, December 9, 2014  
Tuesday, July 8, 2014  
Tuesday, August 12, 2014

Monthly meetings are held at the Gander mountain Lodge inside the Gander Mountain Store at 7:00 pm

### Board of Director's Meetings

Same dates and location as the regular monthly meeting. Starts at 6:30 p.m.

### Banquet Committee Meetings

Wednesday, October 15, 2014  
Wednesday, November 19, 2014

Buchanan Residence at 7:00 p.m.

### Chapter Fundraising Banquet

Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Johnstown.  
Tickets - 814-266-4763.

### Beginning of Terms for Officers and Directors

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

### Other Chapter Dates

Saturday and Sunday, September 13 & 14, 2014 – PA Council Annual Fall Meeting and Festival.

..... *Shaver's Creek Community Building*

Sunday, November 9, 2014 – Yellow Creek Coalition Meeting – 2:00 p.m.

..... *Bowser's Cabin. Election for two one-year board positions. Any member of the coalition may attend and vote.*