

The Annual Newsletter

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The Annual Newsletter and *The Conservationist*

By this point, you've probably figured out that our monthly publication, *The Conservationist*, which you get by email or read here on our site is different from this, our newsletter, which is published annually and is web only. For another, you don't need to make the Annual Supporting Contribution (ASC) to read this one. (You have made that, haven't you? Pay with your credit card via [PayPal](#) or [Click here for the form](#)). Finally, you'll see some information that we need to get out every year. Note that the ASC is \$20. The *Conservationist* is only distributed to members electronically.

The PPCTU Forum

The chapter operates a forum that all members are welcome to join. Over 150 members make use of this opportunity to post email messages to the group and receive email messages posted by others. The information that you find here is great stuff that you can't find anywhere else. The forum topics cover all aspects of trout fishing and will improve your knowledge of the sport, so don't be left out. Please review the [PPCTU Forum Guidelines](#).

To subscribe, send an email from the email account you want added to the forum, to ppctu-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. Within a few days, and often within a few hours, you will receive an email confirming your membership on the forum. Once on the list, you can post messages to the entire group by addressing your email to ppctu@yahoogroups.com.

There are several options as to how messages from the forum will come to you. The default is for the forum to send you each message posted to the group as it arrives. A second option is to receive a daily digest, a single email message containing all the messages posted during the last day.

Annual Chapter Election for Officers and Directors

Each spring, the Chapter announces the nominees for its elected officers and new Directors. The actual voting will take place at the May 18th meeting, during which additional nominees may be offered from the floor. The President, Secretary, and Treasurer were elected for 2 year terms in May 2015.

The 2016-2017 slate of nominees is as follows:

Vice-President: TBD

Directors:

Josh Loh (3 year term)

Chuq Yang (3 year term)

Rachel Dagovitz (2 year term)

A third option is no email delivery, using instead an online archive of messages. However, attachments that go out with messages via the other options are NOT kept in the archive, so sometimes you miss out on some things with this option. Lately, forum traffic has run between 100 and 300 messages per month. If you would like to use one of these options and aren't familiar with how to change this setting, or if you encounter other problems with using the forum, send an email to ppctu-owner@yahoogroups.com and we'll try to help you.

More on the PPCTU Forum, and Emergency Cancellation of Meetings

By Bob Dietz

There's one more option that wasn't previously mentioned, and one that you should seriously consider even if you don't want your mail box full of trip reports, information on local streams, tying hints and all that other wasted space. There's also an option to receive *important announcements only*. These would typically be last minute cancellations of meetings due to inclement weather.

Speaking of which, if Montgomery County has canceled **ALL** evening (not just school) activities due to the weather, our meeting will be canceled.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

PPTU Chapter Meeting Dates 2016-2017

September 21, 2016
October 19, 2016
November 16, 2016
January 18, 2017
February 15, 2017
March 15, 2017
April 19, 2017
May 17, 2017

Chapter Meetings are held at the Schweinhaut Senior Center, 1000 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring, Maryland – 7 to 9 PM.

Chapter Happenings:

By Nick Weber

This is an open invitation to you to join in our activities. Ours is an active chapter with interesting programs at our meetings that range from salt water fly fishing to favorite haunts for native brookies and browns both here in Maryland and in adjacent states. We even have destination program speakers. Our chapter meetings have many opportunities to increase your fly fishing experience beginning with the early segments – Tying Bench and

book and video rentals, as well as the speaker programs.

In addition, our members regularly interact by posting on our PPCTU Forum on all manner of topics such as tackle and tactics, fly patterns, and season specific activities. The chapter sponsors exciting fishing outings many months of the year. Check out the reports of these experiences elsewhere on our web site and contact our Outings Chair, Dennis Covert, about participating. The Chapter also sponsors an excellent mentor program led by Ken Bowyer to show you area streams and how to fish them. Visit www.pptu.org for more details on these programs, our other activities, past issues of the *Conservationist*, and a wealth of other practical information on angling skills, fly tying, local stream conditions, etc.

Members also participate in education and conservation activities that enrich and improve the communities that we serve. We sponsor two or more youngsters to go for a week of summer Fishing Camp, Trout in the Classroom, and fly fishing mentoring for students. We have likewise sponsored riparian tree plantings, and developed a new close-in trout fishery on the Patuxent River. Chapter fishers also help stock the Patuxent River early each spring so that members and community fishers have an excellent fishing experience each year. We invite you to come and join us on a regular and active basis.

Stop Transmission of Invasives:

There is an increasing threat to our streams from invasive plants and animals that threaten our sport and the quality of our water resources. [Invasives](#) have already been introduced into Maryland waters. The link above provides more details and links to information on Didymo, now in the Gunpowder Falls River, Big Hunting Creek, and Savage River, is an important threat to be aware of as is Didymo & whirling disease in the North Branch of the Potomac. Effective March 21, 2011, felt-soled waders and wading shoes have been banned. The [Maryland DNR](#) provides more details. To prevent transmission of invasives between infected and non-infected streams sanitize your gear (boots, boats, etc.) by treating with 5% salt solution (2 cups/2.5 gal) for 1 minute. This is one effective treatment recommended by DNR.