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## Hard Work Always Pays Off –Even in the Winter

By Robert Bergamaschi

Winter has arrived, the air is getting colder, the water flowing in our local waters is frigid, but winter does not mean we are in hibernation as a chapter.....the hard work continues as activities are heating up for next year.

The chapter is busy lining up the 2024 season, starting with the traditional fly tying courses at the Stuart Community Center in Carlisle. The board is also busy arranging speakers for chapter meetings that start back up in January. Of course core to the chapter mission of protecting and improving our cold water resources, we are striving to have a few stream projects in the queue for next year and beyond.

An area of need for the chapter moving forward will be for the position of treasurer. Jeb Betar (Treasurer) is planning to transition out of board duties. As such, the chapter is looking to our membership for a volunteer to step forward to shadow Jeb over the next several months and eventually take over Treasurer duties in the fall of 2024.

Let this serve as a call to our membership. With nearly 600 members, we need your continued help and support. Send us your ideas, comments, and suggestions on topics such as:

- Content for the *Tight Lines* newsletter.
- Stream project ideas or areas of concern.
- Chapter activities you'd like to participate or lead.
- Interest in board treasurer duties.

None of the activities you see in the chapter happen by accident, they happen when our members are active, and are willing to offer just a little bit of their time to our mission. Keep up the hard work.

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### Upcoming Meetings:

**Jan. 17, 2024—Mt. Zion Crossroads Church—  
Josh Miller, Head Coach of US Youth Fly Fishing**

**Stay tuned to your email and the chapter social media pages for future meetings.**

# Keeping Tight Lines Strong

Robert Bergamaschi - Editor



## Calendar of Events

2024

### January 2024—March 2024

Fly Tying Classes  
Stuart Community Center  
415 Franklin St.  
Carlisle, PA. 17013

### January 17, 2024

Chapter Meeting  
Mt. Zion Crossroads  
Church



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~ Thank you to those who contributed to *Tight Lines* in 2023. The quality of the newsletter is greatly enhanced when members contribute content. So please, keep it coming; fishing stories, cleanup efforts, etc! One item we are missing from prior volumes of the newsletter is a feature article about fly tying. I am not an accomplished fly tier (yet), so anyone wishing to contribute details and photos of your favorite fly is welcomed.

In addition to content for *Tight Lines*, we are always looking for your ideas on presenters at our chapter meetings. If you have seen presentations you think would be good for the chapter, or have ideas, please send them along. I invite you to contribute or offer recommendations for content you'd like to see in *Tight Lines* or at a future chapter meeting. Please feel free to email me ideas, content, etc. at [rjberg42@gmail.com](mailto:rjberg42@gmail.com)

Robert Bergamaschi

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## CVTU Membership is Currently 574!

CVTU receives a \$15 rebate from the **special \$17.50 first-year membership dues** when the chapter code 052 is marked on the application. **New Members** may also join online at [www.tu.org/intro](http://www.tu.org/intro). Be sure to select chapter 052, Cumberland Valley. You may renew your membership by mail or on the web at [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org). You may also renew, or change your membership information by calling **TU Customer Service** at **1-800-834-2419**. For more information, contact our Membership Chairman.

# President's Message

From the President, John Zazworsky

## Cumberland Valley Chapter Officers and Directors (term)

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Robert Bergamaschi (24)

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### Membership Chair:

(Open)

### Limestoner Spring Fly Fling:

Gary Leone (24)

### At Large:

Tom Baltz (23)

Eric Naguski (24)

Jonathan Daniels (24)

Robert Bergamaschi (24)

Chad Greenlee (23)

Bonnie Golla (25)

Zoe Metro (25)

David Bowerman (26)

Ben Mummert (26)

We've just finished the Thanksgiving season, and in that spirit I'd like to say some words of thanks.

This fall we held our annual election of board members. On behalf of the board and the chapter, I extend special thanks to Garrett Keiffer and George Reilly for their contributions to our chapter as they complete their terms on the board. Thanks to our next class of board members: Tom Baltz, Chad Greenlee and Daryll Kuhn are continuing on the board by starting another term, and we welcome David Bowerman and Ben Mummert who are beginning their first terms on the board.

The Barnitz Church stream and bank improvement project is nearly completed for the year. A sign recognizing all contributors will be installed soon. This project will need continuing work over the next few years to ensure the plantings succeed, so look for notices in the future. This project has seen a great volunteer effort from many community partners; please take a look at the in-stream and streamside work to see what's possible when like-minded conservation groups work together.

Long-serving board member and Treasurer Jeb Betar is planning to transition away from board duties at the end of the summer. Our chapter needs a volunteer--preferably with some accounting experience--to step forward as soon as possible in order to shadow Jeb through the next nine months to learn how our finances are organized and take over those duties in the fall. Anyone who is interested and has questions should ask any board member at a membership meeting or other chapter event, or send an email to [cvtu052@gmail.com](mailto:cvtu052@gmail.com) and a board member will follow up.

Look for more information in this newsletter and future communications about a new look to our major fundraiser, the annual Limestoner banquet. This year, we've moved the event later in the spring to April 20, and it will be preceded the same day by a fishing derby. We're hoping this combination will increase participation, strengthen fund raising and build wider fellowship among chapter members and with our community partners.

We're in the process of planning our next year of activities; in particular, we're always looking for good ideas for speakers for our chapter meetings. If you have suggestions, contact any of your board members or send a note to [cvtu052@gmail.com](mailto:cvtu052@gmail.com).

See you at our next meeting or on the water in 2024!

Tight Lines,  
*John*

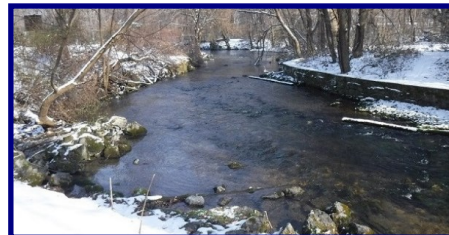
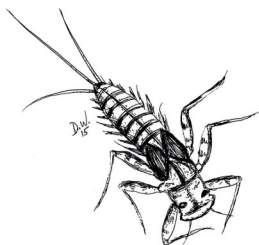


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## **Limestoner Spring Fly Fling**

**By Zoe Metro**

On Saturday April 20th, CVTU presents The Limestoner Spring Fly Fling!

The Limestoner Committee and the board of directors have been meeting for several months to bring a new and exciting twist to the traditional CVTU annual fundraiser. The committee wanted to keep the tradition of the Limestoner banquet, but provide a new way of bringing chapter members and members of the surrounding community together. So, what is the Limestoner Spring Fly Fling?

This will be an all day event, with options to participate in a fishing tournament, attend presentations and fly tying demonstrations, bid on auction items, and win some really fantastic prizes. In fact, you can do it all if you choose!

Look for more information on specifics and sign up in the New Year. This event will be held on Earth Day, and will again serve as CVTU's primary fundraising event.

This is an event with many moving parts, as such, we need your help! If you are interested in helping with planning or volunteering on the day of the event, please reach out to the chapter via email [cvtu052@gmail.com](mailto:cvtu052@gmail.com).



Photo Courtesy: Dave Weaver

## **2024 Meeting Lineup**

**By John Leonard**

CVTU is kicking off 2024 with awesome speakers coming to our monthly meetings. We need you back, in person, at Mt. Zion Crossroads Church, 420 Park Drive, Carlisle (between Mt. Holly and Boiling Springs).

If you haven't attended a chapter meeting recently, there's plenty of parking and a large meeting area.

January's speaker is Josh Miller, Head Coach of US Youth Fly Fishing Team which brought home the Gold in 2023. Josh is a former member of the US Fly Fishing Team and arguably one of the best fly anglers in the United States, if not the world! He will talk about dry/dropper techniques and answer any question you have.

So come and get educated, become reacquainted with some old friends, and make some new friends. We might even have some fresh coffee!

In the upcoming months, our speakers will be Jeff Blood, well-known Lake Erie tributary steelhead fisherman and guide, Dave Rothrock (enough said), and Tom Herr who will take us to Alaska.

We hope to see you on January 17th. Happy Holidays and many tight lines in 2024!



Photo Courtesy: Dave Weaver



## Winter Fly Tying Courses By Jonathan Daniels

We encourage any existing members who enjoy tying flies to come help with mentoring students in our Beginner's Course or helping with the many logistical demands of coordinating the Experienced Tyer's Course. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other chapter members who have been tying, fishing, and helping with these courses, in some cases for many years. And it is the best way to meet and welcome the new people taking the courses who are eager to learn about tying flies and fishing in our area. They are also eager to understand what we do in CVTU and how they can help to preserve and improve our area's cold water fisheries.

Our [Beginner's Course](#) will once again be led by Jerry Kerstetter and assisted by many of our members who have helped mentor the beginners for years. If you have taken the Beginner's Course before or if you have basic tying experience, it would be wonderful to have you join us in helping the students this year. Please contact the coordinator at the address below!

Our [Experienced Course](#) this year will feature some CVTU icons of fly tying: Tom Baltz, Clark Hall, and Henry Ramsay. We will have a gentleman from Harrisburg, the Fly Tyin' Dude himself, Dave Troutman, sharing bass flies and popper patterns. Neil Sunday and Herman Makosky will be tying some hot guide flies and a cool streamer pattern. And more guest tyers are being lined up too.

We hope to see you at CVTU's classes this year. Please tell your friends and all the young eager fishers you know about them. And, DON'T FORGET, a seat in one of these courses makes a GREAT HOLIDAY GIFT!!!



Photo Courtesy: Jonathan Daniels

## 2024 Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp By Clark Hall

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited is accepting applications for its 29th Annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp June 16-21, 2024. The camp will be at Messiah University in Grantham, PA and begins on Sunday and ends the following Friday. Click [HERE](#) to view a video about the camp.

Admission is limited to 24 selected qualified students from 14 to 17 years of age.

The highly structured curriculum is based on college level classes. Students are instructed in ecology, aquatic biology, geology, hydrogeology, erosion and sediment control, ichthyology, riparian corridor protection, watershed management, entomology, and much more. Students also participate in a hands-on stream habitat improvement project. But it's not all work. There are 10 fishing sessions, casting, fishing instruction and fly-tying classes. Over 25 instructors, all experts in their field, teach the various classes.

For more information, a camp brochure, or to apply, visit the camp website at [www.riverscamp.com](http://www.riverscamp.com). Questions may be submitted at the website or via email to [riverscamp@gmail.com](mailto:riverscamp@gmail.com). We are looking for donations of flies for the campers. We are requesting that donors tie 2 dozen of whatever pattern they sign-up for. Signup sheets for flies will be available at membership meetings, or email Clark Hall at [chall2636@verizon.net](mailto:chall2636@verizon.net) or call 717-697-4549.

We are also looking for gillies for the 10 fishing sessions for the camp. Evening fishing begins at 6 PM and ends at dark. Morning sessions begin at 5:30 AM and end at 8:00 AM. Volunteer gillies wear their own vest and carry their own favorite flies to insure they have everything to make the session a successful one for the student. We do ask that gillies NOT carry a rod. Working with these young people is a rewarding and memorable time. We hope you will join us as often as your schedule permits.

To sign up for any or all fishing sessions, contact Biff Healy by email at [biffer1966@hotmail.com](mailto:biffer1966@hotmail.com), or call him

## **CVTU Service Partnership** **By David Bowerman**

In her book *Walking Toward Peace: Veterans Healing on America's Trails* author Cindy Ross writes: "...nature itself is both sacred and healing. It has the sacred qualities of boundlessness, intimacy, and transcendence, and the idea of what we are doing is sacred as well as useful and fun. Your body feels better, your mind and imagination work because you see a wider world and you want to be part of it."

As an Army veteran with two tours of duty in Iraq I know firsthand the challenges faced by those who serve in our nations armed forces. And our first responders must deal daily with people having the worst day of their lives; second-hand trauma is a real thing. There are many fine organizations that get service members and veterans out in the woods and on the water, teaching lifelong skills and the restorative benefits of nature. That's why I am excited about TU's Service Partnership initiative, reaching out to active military, veterans and first responders.

Our chapter is fully on board with this program. CVTU members staffed an information table at the Army War College Welcome Expo back in August at Carlisle Barracks, which generated a lot of interest in a family fishing day at Barnitz Church on Yellow Breeches Creek. Unfortunately, this event was rained out but we plan to reschedule it sometime after the 2024 opening day of trout season. We are also inviting War College students to sign up for the upcoming fly-tying classes. Another exciting opportunity is a collaboration with Fly Fisherman Magazine and the Hershey Veterans Resource Group for an event in the spring.

We need help with these projects. We have many vets in the chapter who understand the benefits of fishing and continued service in the community. All are welcome to join us as we continue to build the Service Partnership program. The goal is not to compete with other organizations or have a separate circle within TU, but to get folks onboard with our mission of conservation, protection and restoration of cold water resources, and hopefully add to our membership. Did you know that TU offers free first-year membership to veterans and first responders? In conclusion, just being outdoors benefits body and soul; I may not understand the science behind it, but I know it works for me.

## **Welcome New CVTU Board Members** **By Robert Bergamaschi**

Please join the CVTU board in welcoming new members and thanking outgoing board members.

First, a big thank you to Garrett Kieffer and George Reilly for serving on the board the last 2 years. Your contributions to the chapter, sacrifice of your personal time, and hard work are greatly appreciated.

Fortunately, we had two chapter members step up to serve on the board. Thank you to David Bowerman and Ben Mummert for your commitment. See below for a short bio on David and Ben.

### **David Bowerman**

My wife Lucy and I moved to Carlisle in 2021 from Northern Virginia. I served as a chaplain in the US Army and retired after 27 years, including two tours of duty in Iraq as well as an assignment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. I am still an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (USA) though not currently serving a congregation. I came to CVTU through the Fly-Tying Class in 2022.

We like living in Central PA because of the excellent opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. We also feel honored to have Yellow Breeches Creek a short walk away from our home and the Michaux State Forest visible from our back deck. In addition to loving trout and the wild places where they thrive, I have an interest in the restorative and healing benefits of the outdoors. For this reason I am excited about TU's Service Partnership and reaching out to veterans, active military and first responders.

### **Ben Mummert**

I'm Ben Mummert, an environmental steward deeply rooted in Carlisle. My career has revolved around the principles of natural area protection and stewardship. My journey with CVTU started in 2007 when I participated in the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp. Now, I'm proud to serve as a board member and counselor to nurture the next generation of environmental leaders. I'm actively involved in the local conservation community, notably as a board member with the Letort Regional Authority and volunteer with Letort Stewards. I'm particularly driven by a love for coldwater conservation and native plant restoration. As a CVTU board member, I'm eager to contribute to the Chapter's rich legacy in coldwater conservation.



## The Knott's Beetle Fly

By Biff Healy

This fly was shown to me by Sam Knotts in West Virginia in the summer of 2010 while fishing the Elk River in Webster County. There is a pool at a riffle where the Valley Fork joins the Elk, and we could see trout in the pool. After several tries with the usual fly, I struck out, but Sam started catching fish. Sam said, "here, try one of these", and handed me his beetle pattern.

The Knott's Beetle Fly described here is basically the same pattern with a few minor modifications.

### Materials:

- **Hook**—#14 dry fly hook (I use a Togatta ML102, barbless)
- **Thread**—Black 140 Denier Danville
- **Foam**—2mm thin black fly foam
- Peacock Herl, 3 strands
- Metallic polly foil or Kreinik Easter Grass
- Kreinik Metallic Braid, Medium 10mm

### Tying Instructions:

1. After mounting the hook, start the thread a hook eye width behind the eye, and wrap to the bend of the hook.
2. Then, tie in a length of the metallic foil or Easter Grass on top of the hook. This should be equal to about 1 1/2 the length of the shank of the hook.
3. Next, tie in a piece of foam. I cut a length of the foam 7/16" wide, then cut into lengths equal to the hook shank length. Cut a point at one end and tie it in at the bend immediately on top of the foil.
4. Then, tie in the 3 strands of herl.
5. Advance the thread to the front (eye) of the hook then wind the herl and stop two eye widths before the eye, tie off.
6. Pull the foam over top of the herl and stop the same distance behind the eye, tie off.
7. Lastly, pull the foil over top of the foam and tie it off at the same place you tied off the foam. At this point you should have a beetle body formed.

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## Knott's Beetle Fly—Continued

### Tying Instructions—Con't.:

8. Trim the foam and foil and foil to make a buggy head.
9. Then tie in a 1-inch piece of Kreinik braid on top of the foil, positioning it so that it is evenly divided and perpendicular to the body.
10. Secure everything with a whip finish.
11. Using a dubbing needle, separate the fibers of the braid into two winglike appendages. Trim them to a length of 2/3 the length of the body.

Congratulations, you're done! I've included three pictures showing the fly in steps from attaching materials to the hook, material wound to the front of the hook, wing material tied in, and the finished fly. The day I first tied one of these on ended up a resounding success, with trout hooked on every cast.

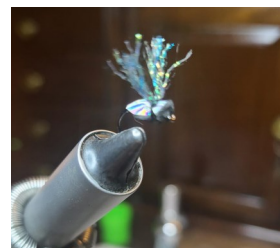
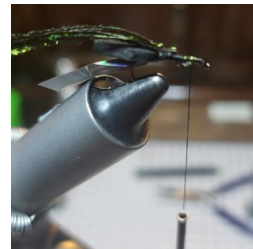


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## Barnitz Church Project Review

By Jonathan Daniels

In 2023, CVTU collaborated with many local community groups, regional conservation organizations, and County and State agencies to improve habitat along a 820' section of the Yellow Breeches Creek owned by Barnitz Church near Mount Holly Springs. In-stream structures and riparian plantings were installed to mitigate erosion of the banks, filter surface water run-off and increase the diversity of habitats available for fish and the many of other living things that reside in and around the stream. This project adds to the list of numerous other projects Trout Unlimited has assisted to install on the cold-water streams in Cumberland County to improve their diversity of habitat and reduce sediment and nutrient pollution into the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

Past CVTU President, Mr. John Leonard, initiated the Barnitz Church Project starting in 2019 after he and chapter members assisting with the [Street-to-Streams](#) program saw that there was significant erosion problem along the banks at the Barnitz Church property.

Talking about a problem and finding a solution are different things. Mr. Leonard met with the leadership of Barnitz Church to secure their agreement to cooperate with a stream improvement project. He then contacted the Pennsylvania State Council of Trout Unlimited connecting with Mr. Phil Thomas, of TU National, who developed a project design to address the bank erosion and improve stream habitat. With the project plan in hand, Mr. Leonard began securing funding, starting with the TU's Embrace A Stream (EAS) matching grant program, and then a large grant from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program, Environmental Stewardship Fund, under the administration of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation. They are a partner of the South Mountain Partnership (SMP); an alliance of organizations working to preserve and enhance the cultural and natural assets of the South Mountain Landscape in Central Pennsylvania.

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## Barnitz Church Project Review— Continued

A majority of the funding for this project was awarded through the South Mountain Partnership (SMP) with management oversight of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. The SMP grant stipulated the establishment of the riparian buffer as part of the project. Note the sponsors of this effort in the picture below:



In the winter of 2022-23, thanks to CVTU's good working relationship and communication with Cumberland County's Planning Department, the Barnitz Church project was included as one of three stream improvement projects that were approved to receive funding from PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) funds allocated to the County-wide Action Plan (CAP) for clean water. For purposes of efficiency, these three projects were bundled as a group to be administered by the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. [PA Fish and Boat Commission](#) would serve as the supervising agency for all three projects and would direct the work in the streams to be done by the local installation contractor who won the bid, [John W. Gleim, Jr. Excavating](#). Additional funds eventually came from groups interested in supporting the riparian buffer establishment, like the Penn Cumberland Garden Club and the Carlisle Rotary groups.



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## Barnitz Church Project Review— Continued

Throughout the project CVTU continued to serve as a critical link by facilitating communications with the landowner, Barnitz Church, and all the agencies and groups involved with the project funding and work during this past year. Jennifer Farabaugh of the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy deserves special mention for her work on the administration of the project. Kyle Schlittler's also earns well deserved praise for his leadership juggling scheduling, coordinating materials logistics, and directing the excellent work of installing the project's bank and in-stream structures done by the PA Fish and Boat Commission's Division of Habitat Management crew and John W. Gleim Jr. Excavating's equipment operators. CVTU led the coordination of establishing the riparian buffer part of the project, and we are very proud to report that all of that work was done by volunteers from CVTU, Barnitz Church, Carlisle Rotary, Carlisle Sunrise Rotary, Penn Cumberland Garden Club, and Kuhn's Tree Services.



Many hundreds of volunteer hours have been given to implement The Barnitz Church project, starting back in 2019 through the end of 2023. Let us be committed to contributing many more hours over the next five years, particularly to maintain and cultivate the riparian plantings. In order to allow the native trees, shrubs, wildflowers and grasses we have painstakingly installed to establish a foothold before being overwhelmed by the more aggressive non-native and well-established invasive plants, we must take care of them. The trees and shrubs used in our plantings were supplied by the [Chesapeake Bay Foundation](#) as a part of their Keystone 10 Million Trees Initiative which is intended to make a meaningful contribution toward helping..... *Continued on next column*

## Barnitz Church Project Review— Continued

our state come a little closer to meeting the goals to reduce our part in the nutrient and sediment pollution of the largest estuary in the United States and one of the most productive bodies of water in the world.

If you have read this far, I commend you. Reading about all of the work that was required to bring this project to life is not easy, just as getting individuals and organizations working together for a common goal can be NOT EASY. But that is one of the rare gifts of Trout Unlimited; the opportunity it provides us, locally as well as nationally, to "bring together diverse interests to care for and recover rivers and streams, so our children can experience the joy of wild and native trout and salmon."



We live in a place made famous for its coldwater fisheries by the many founding members of this chapter who loved fishing here and who called our streams their home waters. These are our streams and this is our community. It is made up of many diverse people who love fishing and who care about protecting these exceptional natural resources. Just as we work to care for our own personal properties, attending to our houses and yards by keeping them clean, repairing them when needed, and making them more beautiful through our careful attention and investments of sweat and equity, let us give our time and efforts to care for the commonwealth we share in our waterways. Just as we improve our sense of community with our neighbors by seeing them regularly and getting to know them better through social interactions and working together on small or large things, let us invest in building and strengthening our relationships with others in our fishing and conservation communities by working together regularly.

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## Barnitz Church Project Review— Continued

Our chapter is currently planning our schedule of activities and events for 2024 right now. Join us for some of them: the CVTU Winter Fly Tying Courses, trips to the regional winter fishing and outdoors shows, our Intro-Fishing Get-Togethers where new fishers can meet and fish with experienced fishers, our first Limestoner Spring Fly Fling which will be a day of fishing and fun events followed by the traditional Limestoner banquet, Chapter trips to local as well as renown destination streams for fishing and for seeing how other TU chapters have managed their conservation projects, some of the youth educational programing we offer, our monthly meetings with a variety of inspiring speakers, and more!!! Come to fish.

Come to fish. Come to learn. Come to share in the joy of working together to protect, connect and restore our cold-water streams! Experience the rewards of being an active part of restoring our community!



We encourage all members to get out to the Barnitz Church area to admire all of the efforts that went into this significant project.

*All photos for the Barnitz article were contributed by Jonathan Daniels*



Photo Courtesy: Dave Weaver

## The Latest News from the CVTU Social Media Pages By Robert Bergamaschi

The *Tight Lines* newsletter, email, and membership meetings are just a few of the ways the chapter uses to communicate information and events. Take a look at some of the "Latest News" from the [CVTU webpage](#).

### 2023 Year End Retrospective and Financial Summary

November's general meeting covered a year end financial summary, in addition to a retrospective of club activities. Presentations from this meeting are available by clicking the link above. Board member and CVTU Treasurer Jeb Betar, in collaboration with CVTU President John Zazworsky, composed and presented the financial summary. Board member Jonathan Daniels was responsible for the year end retrospective.



### Chalk Stream Presentation Video

Click the link above to view the video of the Chalk Stream presentation featured in the CVTU October meeting. Chalk Stream expert Mr. Michael Blackwell, spoke on the techniques he has been using to improve and strengthen the health of limestone streams in England.

This is particularly relevant to our efforts to understand the best options for management of the stretches of the Upper Letort Spring Run. As the owner of several land tracts along the headwaters of the Letort, we have a responsibility to learn about these options as we work toward building a coalition of neighboring landowners and land managers around these hallowed waters.