East Branch

Newsletter of the
Brandywine Trout and Conservation Club

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Did You Know?

- Of all the water on Earth, humans can only use three tenths of a percent of this water.

- The United States uses about 346,000 million gallons of freshwater everyday.

-By the time a person feels thirsty, their body has lost over 1% of its total water amount.

The B.T.C.C. is now accepting 2017 memberships. Get yours now!!

General Membership & Elections Meeting

The B.T.C.C. will hold a general membership meeting at the Downingtown Borough Hall on Thursday, January 19, 2017. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the Board of Directors will conduct an election at this time. BTCC topics of discussion include last years events, dates to remember for this year, etc... Guest speaker and Fish and Boat Commission WCO, Bob Bonney, will inform us about new topics for 2017. This meeting is very important. Please try to attend.

2017 Election Meeting

All Positions are open. Anyone interested in running for a position, this is a good time to volunteer to help your local trout club. Help make this club better with your time, help,

Regional opening day of Trout Season starts on April 1st at 8:00 AM. The traditional opening day of Trout Season is April 15th at 8:00 AM.

Trophy Trout "Poster" Sponsorship deadline for 2017 is Sunday, March 26th.

All junior, senior, and regular members in good standing prior to October 1, 2016 are eligible to vote and run for office. Each member may also carry ***one*** proxy vote for another member the night of the elections.

The BTCC needs your help to keep this club running during 2017. Out of over 200 members, it takes more than the same 10 or so dedicated and active members to survive. Please lend a hand and help your club continue to provide year round Trout fishing on the East Branch of the Brandywine Creek and Beaver Creek. Bring your kids, cousins, friends, etc... and get them involved with the outdoors!! It is very important that all members attend this

To all members with email addresses.....please include or update your email address when filling out your 2017 membership form!!!

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President's Message by **Frank G. Swarner III**

The Brandywine Trout and Conservation Club enjoyed another great year in 2016. Trout fishing was fabulous even though we started out with a somewhat dry spring. The East Branch of the Brandywine Creek and Beaver Creek received multiple stockings and I hope everyone was able to get out on the stream and enjoy the fruits of your club's labor. Spring is always a good time to see what your membership dues go towards. Be proud of ***your*** club and the creek and stream **we** help take care of!!

Last years kids clinic was a wonderful success for all who attended. It was the 34th anniversary of the kids clinic and the Moose Lodge was packed. Most kids left with their own fishing rod and reel plus a few other goodies for an enjoyable time fishing. I would like to thank Joe Petrella, Jim Gilpin, Rich Lutz, Tom Prusak, and Joe Sbei. I would also like to specially thank the Moose Lodge for supplying lunch and refreshments along with their continued support over the years. This year will mark the 35th year for the Kid's Clinic being held at the Moose Lodge!!

The stocking of the East Branch of the Brandywine Creek and Beaver Creek this past spring was just as smooth as last year. For the seventh time in a row, stocking manager Vince Talucci did an amazing job coordinating this tough task on two separate occasions. Since enough members showed up to lend a hand, the job was finished quickly and everyone had enough time for lunch and fishing afterwards. Teamwork can go a long way!! If you've never helped before and want to learn more about your club and the East Branch of the Brandywine, this is the time to do it!!

A special thank you goes out to Bob Bell of the West Chester Fish, Game and Wildlife Association. Thank you for helping us stock, along with providing the use of your power washwer and tools.

The BTCC held its sixth annual "Kids Rodeo" this past season and there was a wonderful turnout. It was a free event for the kids and most of them caught their own fish. For all of you that donated money to help support our club and the "Kids Rodeo," it is sincerely appreciated. Thank you making it a special day for everyone. I would also like to thank all the members who helped at the event as well. Everyone made it a special day!

This will be the first year in several years that we will not be raising any Trout at one of our hatcheries outside of Kerr Park. The decision to not continue using this hatchery was voted on by the board members since the we have had some power outage problems have lost quite a bit of Trout over the years.

As all of you know, our club is a non-profit organization that relies on the help from volunteers that make all of our programs and events possible. Without their help our club could not be what it is today and what we hope it to be in the future. A sincere thank you goes out to the board members and the handful of volunteers that do more than their part of work throughout the year. I hope to see all of you again in 2017 and hope to see some new and younger faces as well.

Orvis Downingtown - Fly Tying 101 - Free Course

Our event is open to anyone with any level of Fly Tying experience. If you're interested in participating, ask an Orvis associate for details and dates.

Orvis Downingtown Fly Tying 101 Free Course Dates
January 14th, 2017 and January 21st, 2017

In order to have your name or company name placed on the BTCC Trophy Trout "Poster," please be sure to sponsor your Trophy Trout no later than Sunday March 26, 2017

Great American Sportsmans Show
"The Sportsman's Show"
Harrisburg, PA - February 4 - 12, 2017

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B.T.C.C. Club Report

Membership As of 1/1/17 there are currently **313** members:
21 Life members, 14 Comp. Life members
100 Regular members, 40 Senior members
38 (130)Family members, 8 Junior members
14 Comp. for 2015

Treasury Checkbook balance January 1, 2017 = $7562.00 - no outstanding bills

State Co-op Program

4050 fingerlings arrived on Tuesday, October 4th, 2016

Kerr Park

The walls of the runway were power washed and Thoraseal was applied. Stop planks and screens were cleaned and installed along with new air socks. The pond above the hatchery was power washed and cleaned as well

Devereux Nursery

All BTCC equipment has been removed from this hatchery and the lease with Devereaux has been cancelled for 2017 and beyond.

There were over 220 "Trophy Trout" stocked in the "East Branch" and Beaver Creek this past year.

Reminder

2017 BTCC Membership Renewals are due

Cabela's
World's Foremost Outfitter

2016 BTCC Officers

All positions are open for election in 2017

President - Frank Swarner

Vice President - Barry Hines

Secretary - Ted Nawalinski

Treasurer - Rich Lutz

WORD FIND FOR KIDS

R	O	D	X	W	Y	C	M	Z	A	B	A	S	S	M	E	A	T	B	F	J
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The BTCC is looking for Junior Members to be part of the club, and more importantly, to be Junior Officers that would like to learn how the club works. It's A great educational experience!!

** 2017 B.T.C.C. Club Raffle Winners**

1st: $150.00 B.T.C.C. Custom Rod Build
by: Barry Hines Custom Rods --- Tim Laconis

2nd: Orvis "Encounter 865-4" Complete Fly fishing Outfit by:
Orvis Downingtown --- Gayle Jacobs

3rd: Fly Box & "9 dozen" Custom Flies
by: Jim Clark of Glenmoore, Pa. --- Don Glitz

4th: St. Croix 5' Ultralite Spin Rod & Cetus SE500 Reel
by: Gordon's Sports Supply --- Raymond Fuller

5th: $100.00 Gift Card to Wegmans
by: Wegmans Food Markets --- Bucky Urbine

6th: Fly Box & "East Branch" Custom Flies
by: Jay Breneman of Project healing Waters --- Joe Newcome

7th: Shakespeare Micro Rod and Cetus Reel
by: Tom Prusak --- Larry Kosta

8th: $50.00 Gift Certificate—St. Anthony's Restaurant
by: Rose Mascherino Ciarlone --- Gary Hepfl

9th: $50.00 Gift Certificate—St. Anthony's Restaurant
by: Rose Mascherino Ciarlone --- Shay Mento

10th: 2016 B.T.C.C. Membership
by: Brandywine Trout & Conservation Club --- Maddie Stokker

THE Fly FISHING Show
January 27, 28, 29 of 2017
Somerset, NJ
www.flyfishingshow.com

Please visit Gordon's Sports Supply for all of your Trout fishing tackle, bait and supplies.

2017 PA State fishing licenses are on sale now!!

THE Fly FISHING Show
March 4, 5 of 2017
Lancaster, PA
www.flyfishingshow.com

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Brandywine TROUT & CONSERVATION CLUB Organized 1955

NORTHERN CHESTER COUNTY
2017 PRESEASON & INSEASON STOCKING LIST

DATE	WATER	MEETING PLACE	TIME
2/22	FRENCH CREEK - FFOC&R & ALL DHAL's – Pickering, West Valley & E. Brandywine	RIDGE FIRE CO.	12:00
3/4	FRENCH CREEK (2 Trucks)	WARWICK PARK	12:00
3/7	EAST BRANDYWINE CREEK	GLENMORE FIRE CO.	12:00
3/14	EAST BRANDYWINE, PICKERING & WEST VALLEY CREEKS	RIDGE FIRE CO.	12:00
4/4	FRENCH & PICKERING CREEKS & FRENCH CREEK FFOC&R	RIDGE FIRE CO.	12:00
4/10	EAST BRANDYWINE & W. VALLEY DHAL	GLENMORE FIRE CO.	1200
4/26	FRENCH CREEK	WARWICK PARK	12:00
5/9	E. BRANDYWINE & PICKERING *East Brandywine & Pickering DHALs*	RIDGE FIRE CO.	12:00
10/11	EAST BRANDYWINE DHAL	KERR PARK	12:00

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Upcoming Events

March 18
BTCC Kids Fishing Clinic

March 25
BTCC Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup

March 25
PF&BC Mentored Youth Fishing Day

April 1
Regional Opening Day of Trout Season 8:00 am

April 15
Traditional Opening Day

April 15
BTCC Kid's Only Trout Rodeo

B.T.C.C. Membership & Trophy Trout Sponsor Form

Check one : ☐ Renewal ☐ New Member

☐ $10.00 Junior (under 16) ☐ $40.00 Family Membership - list each name for individual cards

☐ $25.00 Adult ☐ $10.00 Lifetime Senior {over 65 and member in good standing for 10 yrs.}

☐ **Trophy Trout Sponsor:** I wish to Sponsor _____ (#) Trophy Trout @ $25.00 per fish

☐ "East Branch" Stream Map $2.00 each

☐ ____ Check here if you would like the "East Branch" Newsletter emailed to you instead of US Mail

Name: _____

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Make Checks payable to and mail to :
B.T.C.C. , P.O. Box 32, Downingtown, Pa. 19335

Join Today——Support the Brandywine Trout & Conservation Club