

Dear Friend,

**It's almost that time ~ The 24th Annual Conservation/Fundraiser Banquet!**

The **Bucks County Chapter of Trout Unlimited** is pleased to invite you to this very special event. Join us **March 19, 2016**, at the “**Spring Mill Country Club**” for an evening of camaraderie, as this event brings together all of us who enjoy the outdoors, whether your an avid fisherman, hunter, or simply care for our environments well being, we have something for everyone. There will be numerous raffles, door prizes, interactive games and a silent auction. We continue to extensively expand our prize lists, so please be sure to join us! Doors open at **5:00 PM**, followed by a full course served dinner.. We will have happy hour from 5 pm to 8 pm



**PLEASE NOTE THE LOCATION FOR 2016**

**Spring Mill Country Club  
171 Jacksonville Rd, Ivyland PA 18974**

**Coldwater Conservation 2016**

In 2015, BCTU was active in working to protect and restore Bucks County's three largest cold-water watersheds, Aquetong Creek, Cooks Creek and Watson Creek.

In the Aquetong Creek watershed, the Aquetong Lake dam was breached in late spring. The chapter's near 20 year advocacy effort calling for the removal of the dam played a key role in the dam's removal. With Aquetong Lake no longer warming the water of Ingham Spring, downstream water temperatures showed a dramatic difference as compared to the warmer lake temperatures of previous years. In-stream temperature loggers placed by the chapter in 2015, recorded temperatures reaching highs of 66 degrees in July and August as compared to highs of 81 degrees in previous summers. The chapter completed a riparian buffer planting on Aquetong Creek in October, several hundred native shrubs and wild flowers were planted on 300 feet of stream bank that was being maintained as lawn; these will shade the stream and help to maintain and improve the trout friendly temperatures we are now experiencing. The plans for the placement of large woody debris in a section of Aquetong Creek were finalized in 2015. Permits should be secured in early 2016, with implementation later in the year. The wood placed in the stream will improve habitat for trout and aquatic insects.

In the Cooks Creek watershed, the chapter contracted to have the Coon Hollow Run sub-watershed surveyed to determine the health of its brook trout population. Coon Hollow Run is home to Bucks County's only wild brook trout and was last surveyed by the PA Fish Commission in 1992. If the results of the survey show the population to be healthy (it was rated as "Class A" in 1992), some Coon Hollow Run brook trout could be transferred to Aquetong Creek to re-establish a population there. The survey will be done in May/June 2016.

In the Watson Creek watershed, chapter members planted 100 native shrubs in the headwaters to eventually shade out invasive reed-canary grass which narrows the stream channel and can lead to degraded water quality.

Very Sincerely Yours

**Please join us for a fun and entertaining evening!**

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# TICKET ORDER FORM

Bucks County Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
24<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet  
Saturday, March 19th, 5:00 PM



**Please Note that the DEADLINE for tickets for our event is **March 5th 2016**.  
This means that all tickets for the event must be in by this date!!! This is a very firm DEADLINE!**

\_\_\_\_\_ Banquet Tickets @ **\$60.00 each OR 110.00** for a couple (meaning significant other, wife, g/f or b/f)  
(must be purchased by **Mar 5th 2016**) March is coming before you know it!  
Includes, full course served dinner and drinks (draft beer and wine included).  
*Please select which dinner entre you would prefer;*  
\_\_\_\_\_ Beef Short Rib      \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Marsala      \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Plate

\_\_\_\_\_ Early Bird Raffle Ticket Package @ **\$100 each** Raffle tickets will include **GOLD and BLUE** level tickets  
We continue to grow the value and types of prizes that we give away. Last year we had over 11,000.00 in prizes on display !!  
(Purchase your **early bird** raffle packs in advance and you will receive a better value  
of tickets compared to purchasing the tickets individually at the event )

\_\_\_\_\_ SPECIAL RAFFLE TICKETS @ **3 for 20.00** (If you purchase before Feb 21st, 2016 you will get 3 raffle tickets,  
these raffle tickets will be **10.00 each on the night of the banquet**) This year ONE (1) Winning ticket to be  
drawn at the banquet, winner will have choice of the ONE of the following. **\*\*subject to substitute(s) of greater or equal value**  
- Sage Accel Series Fly Rod choice 3-4-5-6-7 weight      - Yeti Tundra 65 Cooler  
- 400.00 cash      -mystery item to be displayed at the event      -  
- Simms G3 Guide Stocking Foot Waders (choice of size)

\_\_\_\_\_ General Donation. If you would like to support our coldwater conservation work in Bucks County, a donation of any  
amount would be greatly appreciated.

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount. Thank You!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method;

Additional Names: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Check made payable to BCTU

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\_\_\_\_\_ Visa / MC CC # \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Expires \_\_\_\_\_ CVC (on back) \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Contact \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Contact Information is required for ALL credit cards**

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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**If you have guest(s) that you would prefer to sit  
with at the event, please list their name(s)  
I can place up to 8 at a table and will do my best  
to accommodate everyone**

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*please provide so we have electronic contact**

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