

Aquetong Creek Update:

A group of chapter members have begun gathering information and planning to make stream improvements to support and enhance the brook trout population that we introduced to the creek a few years ago. We are working with PFBC and partnering with Aquetong Watershed Association (AWA) and Solebury Township. The engineering firm Princeton Hydro was contracted by Solebury to monitor the stream and design and implement stream improvements in the section immediately above the location of the former dam. As part of the work, they surveyed the trout population from 2017 to 2022. The population seemed to be increasing and reached a peak in 2021, but dropped dramatically in 2022. This spurred us to form the committee and re-engage in supporting and developing this unique resource. There are no obvious changes to the creek that might explain the sudden change. The AWA has been monitoring stream conditions and have seen nothing that changed in that time period. (Princeton Hydro also has measured various water quality parameters and found nothing changing to any significant degree.) Also, we are investigating why trout seem to be confined to the park reach of the stream. PFBC and Princeton Hydro both did electro-fishing surveys of the stream multiple times and found basically no trout downstream from the park. There are no obvious reasons why this might be the case.

We have been working with the PFBC stream habitat specialist and local fisheries biologist to understand the current situation and how we might improve it. We are in the midst of this investigation and are beginning to make a plan for how to move ahead. If you would like to help with this effort, contact Kevin Randall at k.randall@ieee.org

As you know this takes time, people power and finances. We are having our annual raffle (see below) as well as calling for your donations to Bucks County Trout Unlimited for direct use on this stream project.

We are also asking for you to update your email address for our communication. We do NOT share any emails with any other enterprises. You can update your email by sending a note to k.randall@ieee.org

Anyone who would like to be more involved or volunteer in any capacity, please email aquasun@comcast.net

2023 Aquetong Creek Revitalization raffle

Your ticket can win multiple times and you need NOT be present to win. Tickets are 100.00 each.

Drawing will be April 6th at our monthly chapter meeting. If you're not familiar with our raffles, they do not disappoint in quality of products. Prize list (note: subject to updates due to availability of some items) (not limited to only the prizes listed)

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Yeti 45 cooler | Go Pro camera | Bourbon Basket | JBL Extreme Speaker | Yeti Duffle Bag 40L | Cast Iron Cookware |
| Lamson Reel set | Custom Bourbon Glass set | Yeti Hopper 30 | (4) BCTU Pint glass | Fishpond hip pack | Sage Wade Staff |
| Fishpond net | Sage Click IV reel set | Yeti Panga 50 bag | Yeti Waterproof Backpack 28L | Yeti Carryall 20 bag | |
| Roam Gear Box | Mainstream \$50 Gift cert | Roadtrip Grill | ROD | Travel Med Kit | Native Brand Sunglasses |
| Simms Guide Nippers | Wine Basket | 2 person tent | and more !!! | | |

Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____ Email _____

of Raffle Tickets _____ @ \$100 ea GENERAL DONATION _____

DONATION TO STREAM REVITILIZATION PROJECT \$ _____ TOTAL INCLUDED _____

We prefer check (to BCTU) but CC is accepted CC# _____ Type _____ DATE _____ CVC _____

You can also buy tickets with PayPal thru our website www.buckstu.org and click the **2023 Raffle**

Please mail to Jeff Neamand 370 New Britain Rd, Doylestown PA 18901 or email to aquasun@comcast.net