



# The Annual Newsletter

## Potomac-Patuxent Chapter

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### **The Newsletter and *The Conservationist***

By this point, you've probably figured out that our monthly publication, *The Conservationist*, which either you get in the mail or read here on our site is different from this, our newsletter, which is published annually. For one thing, you won't be getting this one in the mail; it's web only. For another, you don't need to pay the annual supporting contribution to read this one. (You have paid that, haven't you? [Go to http://www.pptu.org/Join-form.shtml](http://www.pptu.org/Join-form.shtml).) Finally, you'll see some repeat information that we need to get out every year.

### **The PPTU List Server**

*By Robert Simpson*

The chapter operates a listserver 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 listserver topics cover all aspects of trout fishing and will improve your knowledge of the sport, so don't be left out.

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

There are several options as to how messages from the listserver will come to

you. The default is for the listserver 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 meeting, during which additional nominees may be offered from the floor.

The 2007-2008 slate of nominees is as follows:

President: Bob Dietz  
VP: Carl Smolka  
Secretary: Tim Pembroke  
Treasurer: Paul Vicenzi

Typically, we fill two directors positions each year. This year Carl Smolka is running for vice-president leaving an empty director's spot. Nominated to fill the remaining 2 years of his term:

Larry Vawter

Directors 2007-2010:

Will Amland  
Craig Falk

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, listserver 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 listserver, send an email to [ppctu-owner@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ppctu-owner@yahoogroups.com) and we'll try to help you.

## **More on the PPCTU Listserver, and Emergency Cancellation of Meetings**

*By Bob Dietz*

There's one more option that Robert didn't mention, 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 cancelled evening activities due to the weather, our meeting will be cancelled.

## **Help Wanted: Cabinet Level Officials**

The tiny republic of PPTU is desperately in need of volunteers to fill the positions of Program Chair, Publicity Chair and Membership Chair. Since no one has volunteered under these job titles, we've decided to add an inducement. If you volunteer now, you can call yourself Foreign Secretary, Minister of Propaganda, or Minister of Internal Affairs. Think of how that will look on your resume!

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

### **PPTU Chapter Meeting Dates 2007-2008**

September 19, 2007  
October 17, 2007  
November 14, 2007  
January 16, 2008  
February 20, 2008  
March 19, 2008  
April 16, 2008  
May 21, 2008