



## Stonycreek-Conemaugh River Improvement Project Make Use of Our Rivers

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### Calendar:

**Stream Team Annual Picnic** Blairsville, Sept 17.  
For more info, call 814-444-2669.

**Natural Biodiversity Habitat Stewards Training** REI Distribution Center, Bedford, Sept 19, 9am-2pm.

**Ohio River Watershed Celebration** Pittsburgh, Oct 1 (NOT Sept 24, as originally planned).

**Reitz #1 AMD Treatment System Native Planting** Central City, Oct 3.

**Stream Team Fall Sampling Round** Oct 14-28.

**Natural Biodiversity Haunted Open House** Windber Coal Heritage Center, Oct 22, 5pm.

**SCRIP Meeting** Greenhouse Park, Oct 23, 9am.

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## SCRIP Holds 4th Annual Que Classic

SCRIP held the fourth annual Quemahoning Classic Fishing Tournament on Saturday, June 20 from 7 AM until Noon at the Public

the larger of the two pike of the tournament. It was 20". In the youth category, Hunter Kish of Colver caught two largemouth bass totaling 25.5."



### Quemahoning Classic

### Fishing Tournament

Recreation Area. Thirty-four men and ten youth battled a variety of weather conditions as they sought to claim top prize in the categories of carp, largemouth bass, musky, smallmouth bass, pike, trout, and walleye.

The winners were Robert Eisenhuth of Johnstown, who caught five smallmouth bass for a total of 68.25"; Ted Polawowski Jr. of West Mifflin, who caught four largemouth bass totaling 48.75"; Ken Fetterman of South Fork, who was the only angler to catch walleye (He caught two for a total of 32"); and Ben Pastorek who caught

While several fishermen caught two species of fish, it was Gary Eisenhuth of Johnstown who won the Cameron Rozier Memorial Best Angler Award and the grand prize of a trolling motor. The winner was determined among those who caught two species (the most by the anglers this year) by the most inches in the two species combined.

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**William Rozier prepares to present the Cameron Rozier Memorial Best Angler Award to Gary Eisenhuth**



## Que Classic (continued)

Gary caught three smallmouths and one largemouth bass for a combined total of 57.25.”

Surprisingly, no women participated in this year’s event and only four people took advantage of the shore fishing.



### Corey McCombie (right) helps Len Lichvar draw door prize winners

Everyone enjoyed the catered lunch and had a chance to win some great door prizes.

SCRIP extends its appreciation to those who participated in the Que Classic and especially those who served as judges or volunteered in another capacity. Thanks also to our sponsors, including: American Eagle Screen Print & Embroidery, Gander Mountain, Jenner Rod and Gun Club, Musser Engineering, Inc., Somerset Trust Company, Benscreek Canoe Club, Kabler Thomas Financial, Stu Horner / Lambert's Falls, Summer's Best Two Weeks, Earthtech, Inc., Mountain Laurel Trout Unlimited, Somerset Conservation District, Somerset County Conservancy, Somerset County Sportsmen's League, Inc., Cambria County Conservation District, Cambria Somerset Authority, S&S Custom Interiors, Stonycreek Quemahoning Initiative, REI, Greater Johnstown Watershed Association, Nardecchia Spay Neuter Fund, Somerset Daily American, Wells Creek Watershed Association, and Ebensburg Hunting and Fishing.

## AMD Treatment System Snapshot

A partnership effort has been organized to conduct two water quality snapshots of all publicly-funded passive treatment systems located within Pennsylvania. This snapshot will entail sampling of raw untreated AMD, the final effluent of the passive system, and the influent and effluent of every alkalinity-generating component feasible.

The first snapshot was scheduled for August and September 2009. The second is planned for late winter/early spring (March, April, May 2010). A team consisting of individuals from PA DEP’s Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation (BAMR), Kiski-Conemaugh Stream Team, PA Senior Environmental Corps, Mill Creek Coalition, Babbs Creek Watershed Association, Broadtop Township, and Stream Restoration Inc. will conduct the monitoring. Funding for the snapshot is provided by a PA DEP Growing Greener Grant obtained by the Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation (WPCAMR).

Data from the snapshot will be made publicly available via Datashed, [datashed.org](http://datashed.org), which is a free, web-based database designed to assist in the management of data related to passive treatment systems and stream monitoring for watershed groups, nonprofits, academia, government agencies and anyone else interested in passive treatment. In addition to the water monitoring data, other information regarding these passive systems, collected by PA DEP BAMR over the last year, will be uploaded to Datashed. An account is not necessary to view data; however, if you would like to be able to upload your own data, you can easily create an account by contacting Cliff Denholm or Shaun Busler at Stream Restoration Inc. at 724-776-0161.

### Natural Biodiversity has Moved

Natural Biodiversity has moved its offices to where the program began, the Windber Coal Heritage Center. Our new contact info is:

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## Statewide Conference Highlights Region

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Abandoned Mine Reclamation and Coal Mining Heritage Conference was held July 13-16 at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown's Living Learning Center. This year's theme, "Challenges and Opportunities in Interesting Times," focused on renewing the collective energy of our state-wide patch town heritage and culture to become the new green communities of the future, as well as, looking into alternative renewable energy sources that can potentially be derived from abandoned mine lands and underground mine water pools. Over 160 people from at least three states and Nova Scotia attended the conference!

This region was well represented as the event kicked off with a tour of significant projects and places in the Stonycreek River Watershed, including White Water Park, Oven Run treatment systems, Flight 93, and the Windber Coal Heritage Center. Throughout the conference, local leaders gave presentations on topics such as the economic impact of watershed restoration on the Johnstown region, the potential to use the Incline Plane discharge for geothermal heating and cooling, and the economic costs and benefits of a fully restored Stonycreek River.

Presentations will be posted at [treatminewater.com](http://treatminewater.com). For information on next year's conference, visit [PghMiningReclamationConf.com](http://PghMiningReclamationConf.com).



**Eric Robertson (left), PA Association of Conservation Districts Conservation Engineer, explains the Oven Run site D treatment system to Jim Eckenrode, SCRIP Board Member**

## Dates of Outdoor Heritage 2010 Announced

April 2010 will once again be Outdoor Heritage Month in PA's Allegheny Mountains. The planning committee met in June to discuss programming ideas and brainstorm outreach activities. In previous years, Outdoor Adventures, the school field trip, has been held toward the end of April, serving as one of the primary culminating



events of Outdoor Heritage Month. In 2010, Outdoor Adventures will be held May 6-7 due to extensive PSSA testing occurring throughout April in area schools. Still part of our Outdoor Heritage celebrations, the change in date only means a better chance for warmer weather during the event!



In 2009, over 1,100 students from area schools benefited from Outdoor Adventures programming. New in 2010, businesses who donate to Outdoor Adventures are eligible for PA tax credits. Special thanks to Community Foundation for the Alleghenies and PA Department of Community and Economic Development for making this opportunity available. Contact Kristin Sewak at Natural Biodiversity for details: [ksewak@naturalbiodiversity.org](mailto:ksewak@naturalbiodiversity.org).

Stay tuned to [ohmonth.com](http://ohmonth.com) as 2010 details develop.



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