

Junior Corner

Frogs and Tadpoles and Toads, OH MY!

What is the difference between and frog and a toad? They are both Amphibians which means they can live on land or in water. They both start out as tadpoles in water. The tadpoles develop into either a frog or a toad during a period which lasts from a few weeks to three years. As the tadpoles develop they lose their tails. When they grow into a toad, they become rough skinned with lumps and bumps. There are over three hundred types of toads around the world. They have short legs which is why they hop. Toads vary in size from one to ten inches. Toads live in burrows during the winter. Their eyes do not bulge like those of a frog.

Frogs have a smooth, moist skin and longer legs and webbed feet for leaping and swimming. Some frogs are able to “Fly” as much as forty to fifty feet at a time. Most frogs are aquatic so they live in streams, ponds, and lakes. However, some like the Wood Frog live on land. Some frogs can be smaller than a toad. Frogs range from less than half an inch to twelve inches with their legs drawn in to a sitting position. Check the pictures below. See color pictures on our website.



Tadpole



Toad-



Frog



Wood Frogs

A Morning on the Stream Soothes the Soul

Recently I’ve been considering the question, “Why do we fish?”. The answer is different for everyone everywhere. Before grocery stores or even general stores, we fished to eat. No fish, no food! Somewhere in history, a necessity became a sport. While some anglers still enjoy crafting their own rods, most prefer going to a store. An entire industry has grown up around something that once was “fish or starve”. Now we have choices of length, weight, salt or fresh water equipment; spinning, bait casting or fly rods and reels. We have different rods for different fish and different conditions, back-up rods and back-ups for the back-ups for the back-ups. There is always something new that isn’t needed but is a “can’t live without” that gets minimal use and goes on the rack with the other rods, reels, waders, boots, packs, vests and gadgets. How many fly tying vises are enough or too many? It’s all in the eye of the angler.

When we actually get to the stream that is when the anxiety starts. Gee, I hope I brought the right flies or lures, or live bait. What if I’m the only one who doesn’t catch anything. What if my favorite fly or lure gets stuck in a tree and my line breaks and I lose it? What will everyone else think of my fishing skills? The answer is simple. Unless you are starving don’t worry about it. Fishing is supposed to be fun.

I have fished with friends who are terrific fishermen. I am not. A few years ago I was on the Yellow Breeches with a good friend who was kind enough to put up with my very basic skills as a fly fisherman. He was showing me holes where some nice fish hung out and I worked on my casting. We paused to watch a mother duck and ducklings swim by, listen to the stream, and the quiet. Neither one of us got so much as a nibble, but it was a great morning. No one fell in. The worst thing that happened was that I lost my clip-on polarized glasses. The point for me is that fishing is supposed to help you get the tangles out of your line, not put more in it. My take away from that day and others since is that a morning on the stream soothes the soul and helps bring the rest of life into focus. Everything in life doesn’t need to be a contest or perfect. Sometimes we just need to enjoy the moment and remember why we went fishing to begin with.

The Philosophical Angler

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NEWSLETTER

Third Quarter 2024

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SAVE THE DATE!
YBAC Open House
and
Member Appreciation Day

On Saturday, September 7, YBAC will hold a Fall Open House and member appreciation day in conjunction with our third annual gun raffle. The gates will open at 10:00 AM. The day will include games of chance, gun raffle ticket sales and drawing, seminars, demonstrations, YBAC merchandise, music, and family oriented games and activities. Food and water provided at no charge. **Menu** items include chicken quarters from the Cold Springs Inn, pulled pork, hot dogs, hot and sweet sausages, chips and snacks, potato salad, coleslaw and baked beans. This event is BYOB.

Gun Raffle winner drawings will begin at 2:00 PM. Small games of chance will be available from 10:00 AM until close at 4:00 PM.

Seminars will begin at 10:30 with a presentation on Steel Head fishing by Tony Dranzo, The Addicted Angler.

At 11:45 the Pennsylvania Game Commission will talk about Chronic Wasting Disease in deer. Find out what you need to know with hunting seasons approaching.

The final seminar of the day will be presented by the Fish and Boat Commission at 1:00 PM, speaking about the co-operative nursery program. All seminars will be held in the YBAC club house.

This event is open to the public, members and their families, and gun raffle ticket holders. **Gun Raffle winner** drawings will begin at 2:00 PM after the last seminar. Gun Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance by contracting Chris Kuba by email: chriskuba1965@gmail.com, and will be available at the event.

YBAC will provide shade in the form of our canopies with seating for 112. Should you wish to bring your own canopy and seating, there will be plenty of space.

Set-up will begin at 8:00 AM. Anyone who can help will be welcome. We also need volunteers to work the event, primarily with the food service line. Contact Craig Sunday at ybacwm@yahoo.com or text 7177131161 to sign-up.

Important News from YBAC
Members, please read and respond

YBAC is in the process of converting to a digital, online version of the quarterly newsletter. This means that instead of receiving a newsletter by mail, it will be delivered to your email in-box. The cost to print and mail 1500+ newsletters every quarter is in the region of four thousand dollars annually. Throw in the undependability of paper supplies these days which sometimes causes delays in getting out critical information in a timely manner. For these reasons, the Board of Directors has tentatively approved a plan to send group emails and newsletters through Constant Contact at a savings annually of over three thousand dollars. Digital delivery has the advantage of getting information to our membership on a timelier basis without waiting for printing schedules, etc., and allowing for smaller, more frequent newsletters and communications .

We realize that there are loyal members who do not have an email address or access to read a newsletter on our website. Those members will still receive a printed copy which we will print in-house. No member will be excluded from receiving a newsletter.

As we move toward the transition from print to digital, several things need to be accomplished and the club needs your help to make this happen as smoothly as possible. If you have received recent emails regarding stockings and you do not need to update your email, do nothing at this time. If you have not received any recent emails or want to update, please do so at this time. To update, please email your name to ybacmembership@yahoo.com so we can make the necessary changes to our database. If you have any questions, you can call Doug Alichwer (717) 440-2987 or use the email address above. As we are approaching the Fall period for membership renewal (beginning Sept. 1 for 2025), when you renew your membership, please remember to include your email address. Please print legibly. The change to a digital newsletter for members with email will begin with the first quarter of the 2025 member year.

This is Why YBAC Doesn’t Get Brook
Trout Anymore

YBAC hasn’t received any Brook trout fingerlings for several years now. Nursery Manager Randy Raudabaugh and President Andy Madison have both pressed the issue aggressively and we finally have received a credible answer. The club recently received an explanation from Brian McHail, Leader of the PFBC Cooperative Unit. In a nutshell, here is the essence of the letter.

The Yellow Breeches Creek is a fifty-seven mile long stream system that changes from a cold water stream to a much larger warm water stream downstream from Boiling Springs. The warmer water downstream, designated section 02, makes the area unsuitable for Brook trout as the wild Brown trout outcompete them for resources. Brooks migrate upstream to the colder water or to some of the tributaries which remain cooler during the Summer months. The PFBC itself has not stocked Brook trout in the Yellow Breeches since 2007 for the reasons stated above. The section known as section 01 from the headwaters to State Route 233 supports low density populations of wild Brook and Brown Trout, and is NOT stocked by the PFBC. We are assured that YBAC will continue to receive 18,000 Brown, 18,000 Rainbows, and over 200 Palomino species for our stocking program for the foreseeable future.



Membership Report
July 21, 2024

Adult - 1,320
Life - 28
Junior—81
New- 293
Total membership for 2024 - 1401

YBAC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE PRINT PLAINLY

Name _____ New member _____ Renew _____ Adult _____ Junior _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____ (If you don't have an email address, please write NONE)

2025 Limited Edition Lapel Pins and Patches are available.

A membership card will be mailed to you for the cost of membership: \$20 adult \$3 Jr. (under 16). If you want the club membership button or lapel pin mailed to you there is a \$3.50 s/h fee. Multiple items can be sent for a single \$3.50 charge. Memberships, buttons, patches, and lapel pins can be obtained at club functions without additional postage fees. All donations, whatever amount, are gratefully accepted. Our original "Feed the Fish for a Day" program has become quite expensive, almost \$100. A bag of feed is about \$40 so let those figures guide your giving and thank you very much for any donation you may afford.

ADULT MEMBERSHIP (\$20) \$ _____

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OF 2025 LAPEL PIN(S) @ \$6.50 EA. _____=\$ _____

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SUSTAINING MEMBER DONATION \$ _____

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TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Sustaining Member Club Donations

_____ Rainbow(\$25-\$49) _____ Brook(\$50-\$99)

_____ Brown(\$100 +)

Amount donated \$ _____

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Presidents Message

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On Friday May 17th, Randy Raudabaugh, Chris Kuba and myself had a meeting with members of the Pa Fish Commission. This meeting was about the stocking of the Yellow Breeches for 2025.

The PA Fish Commission proposal was to stop the stocking of Brown Trout in Section 2 of the Yellow Breeches. Section 2 starts at the Boiling Springs swimming pool up to Barnitz Church. Their reasoning is they wanted Wild Brown Trout only in this area.

This did not go well with Randy. Chris and Myself. We as a group proposed that we would not stock Brown Trout from Route 34 bridge upstream to Barnitz Church.

After a long discussion, the meeting ended and PA Fish Commission would get back to us after they had a discussion on our proposal.

Later, that day the PA Fish Commission got back to us and agreed to our proposal. They also stated that we would get our normal amount of Rainbow 18,000, Brown 18,000 and Palomino 327 fingerlings for 2025.

They also stated that this proposal will probably stay in effect for the next 5 years.

Andy Madison
President, YBAC

YBAC Stocking Report

It's hard to believe that I'm writing this article, and it is nearly the end of July. Our spring stockings went well this year, as they usually do. I would like to thank all our dedicated members that helped to ensure a smooth stocking process.

The PA Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC), who supply our nursery with the fingerlings that we raise, has asked our club to no longer stock brown trout upstream from Rt. 34, near Mt. Holly Springs. Just trying to keep all our members up to date with the wishes of the PFBC. This will mean that three of our upper stops will miss out on brown trout, Barnitz Church, Stewart Park, and Burnthouse Rd. Bridge.

Our next stocking, fall stocking, is scheduled for September 2024. Our winter stocking for 2024 is set for December (weather permitting). We will begin to load the stocking truck at 7:00am for both stockings. This will be all the stockings for 2024. Be sure to renew your membership, either in September (at our open house/gun raffle or at stocking) or the winter stocking in December. This will ensure that you stay up to date with the latest news from the club.

Reminder e mails will be sent out the week of stockings. If you do not receive an e mail prior to stocking make sure you have a good e mail address on file with our membership secretary, Doug Alichwer. You can communicate with Doug by e-mail at ybacmembership@yahoo.com. Please only reach out to Doug with e mail concerns IF you do not receive an e mail prior to stocking. Any stocking questions or concerns should be directed to me NOT to Doug.

Thanks & BE SAFE!
Rick Fetchko
Stocking Manager YBAC

Sustaining Members since the Second Quarter 2024 issue

Rainbow

Rick Holmes
Alex McAneny

Brook

Richard Barshinger
Blake Diehl
Larry Cicero

Brown

Jack Myers
Charles Kayser
Richard Sauder

Show Us Your Fish

For over half a century this 65-70lb Tarpon has been cruising the back waters of my mind. In 2023 I finally managed to scratch it off my hit list. I hooked and landed it on Turneffe Atol 30 miles off the coast of Belize. 9ft 11wt rod & a Perglusi EP Peanut Butter #3 hook.

Dennis Covert



Send us pictures and stories of your fishing adventures.
Email ybacwm@yahoo.com

Nursery Report

We received our fingerlings on July 12. They are doing fine but, are a little smaller then last year, so the process starts again to grow them as big as we can for stocking next spring. I want to thank the members that helped pressure wash and paint the raceways. I want to especially thank Gary Ocker for his time and all the help he has given me and the club. Hope everyone has a great rest of the summer hope to see you at our September stocking.

Your Nursery Manager,
Randy Raudabaugh

SAVE THE DATE

The 2025 YBAC Fishing and Outdoor Show has had a
BIG DATE CHANGE from March 16 to March 1st.

Due to scheduling issues, the Lancaster Fly fishing show moved their date to the third Saturday in March.

To avoid direct competition for attendees and loss of some valued vendors, YBAC has moved our show from the third Saturday to the first Saturday in March for 2025. We expect to return to the third Saturday in 2026.

END OF SUMMER
CELEBRATION EVENT
AUGUST 24TH — 9am-4pm

Our annual summer event is just around the corner. We have a fantastic lineup of presentations and tying demos. Come meet the manufacturer reps from many of best brands in the industry with their latest gear.



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