



SCWA Newsletter

SUMMER EDITION

JUNE 2012

**Sewickley
Creek
Watershed
Association**

*Working Together
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Environment*

Foundation for PA Watersheds Grant Awarded

The SCWA was recently awarded a \$15,000 grant to replace existing PVC pipes with open flow troughs at the Lowber Abandoned Mine Drainage (AMD) site maintained by the Association.

The pipes were initially installed to facilitate the movement of heavy equipment around the site when sludge recover occurred. However, the pipes have become a major maintenance issue because of the accumulation of iron within the pipes.

Iron Oxide Recovery, Inc., who designed the system, has tried to keep the pipes open with a "pigging" method, but as the system aged, this has become less effective. Replacing the pipes with open flow troughs will eliminate the flow restrictions and greatly simplify routine maintenance of the system

Grant funding for this project was



A view from the wetlands at the Lowber site.

made possible through the Pennsylvania Watersheds (FPW) and is intended to support SCWA's work in advancing the quality of our environment. FPW is a nonprofit, grant making organization supporting water quality needs throughout Pennsylvania.

A Trout Named "Steve" By Lewis Stout



Alex Sarver was told if she would help represent SCWA at the experimental trout stocking of the Sewickley Creek on April 28, she could name one of the fish—and she did! She would call one of the first trout, "Steve".

A split second after her father, Jeff Sarver, handed Alex her trout, the fish exploded into pinwheels and summersaults of excitement before belly-flopping into the creek. I guess he liked his name!

SCWA partnered with the West Newton Sportsmen Association (WNSA) by helping to sell raffle tickets and participating in the stocking event. In all, more than 550 Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Rainbow Trout and Paliminos were released in the Sewickley Creek between Apples Mill Bridge and Lowber.

The water quality of the creek has improved enough over the past several years to warrant this experimental stocking, and is a tribute to the work done by organizations like WNSA, SCWA and other conservation organizations to improve the health of this waterway.

As a result of this successful first stocking, a second event is currently being planned. To purchase raffle tickets or participate in the stocking, contact the WNSA at (724) 872-5401.

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**Thomas W. Keller,
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Save The Date!

Thank you to all who supported SCWA's Annual Banquet recently held at Giannilli's II in Greensburg. It was a great success, and provided vital financial support to maintain the organization's operation needs.

Mark your calendars for next year's Annual Banquet, planned for Saturday, March 9, 2013, again at Giannilli's II. SCWA is seeking volunteers to help plan and organize all aspects of the banquet. If you are interested in being an integral part of this event, contact Larry Myers at (724) 836-8764 or myersld@comcast.net.

We hope to see you there in 2013!

Membership Renewal

If you haven't remembered to renew your membership in SCWA, please do so! Your membership in SCWA directly supports our projects and programs. Please contact our office at (724) 925-3621, or visit our Website at www.sewickleycreek.com.

Thank you for your support!

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**Join Us At Our Next Monthly
Meeting!**

Every Third Thursday at 7:00 pm
Midtown Plaza, Office 201
450 South Main Street
Greensburg, PA 15601

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