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## Donegal Trout Unlimited

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## What's Emerging

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**A**NOTHER VERY SUCCESSFUL BANQUET/FUNDRAISER! THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED.

On Saturday April 2 at the Host Resort we again had the good fortune of earning a near-record profit from our fundraiser and banquet. As we began to prepare for the fundraiser we were very skeptical for many reasons but especially because of the struggling economy. But donors were very generous this year and the evening went very well. Dan Brandt, organizer supreme, did an outstanding job of maintaining a smooth flow throughout the evening. The crowd eagerly engaged in the activities and opened their pocket-books.

On Saturday morning of the banquet thirty-one volunteers worked diligently to prepare the convention center for our fundraiser. Unreal! It is because of the help of these volunteers and the dedicated volunteers who canvassed the county and beyond to acquire the multitude of items, gift cards, trips, vacation spots, etc that we had a successful fundraiser. I have calculated that more than 1000 volunteer hours went into this fundraiser. What a fantastic organization to be a part of. I specifically want to thank the fundraiser committee of Ted Downs, Kevin Fausey, Jim Stephens, Bob Albright, Glen Mattox, Glen Nephin, Mark McMaster, Bob Kutz, Faye Haering, Tom Hall and Dan Brandt for their dedication. Please take time to thank them.

DTU has finally broken the 600 member goal reaching 601 last month. We look forward to seeing the new members at our chapter meetings and look forward to working with them at our events and on the stream.

On the conservation front, design work continues to progress on four sites in the Conowingo Watershed.

The design work for two of the sites, Smucker and Tanglewood Golf Course, is nearly completed. Team Ag is working with the other two property owners, Lapp and Myer, to complete their conservation plans.

Two additional property owners have expressed interest in having DTU organize stream renovation work on their properties. It is possible that money may be available this spring for that design work.

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### APRIL MEETING

APRIL 20

MEMBER SWAP MEET

FARM & HOME CENTER  
ARCADIA ROAD  
7:00 PM

## Volunteer Corner

Buttons are now available for fishing Millport Conservancy in 2011. Purchase them at a meeting for \$20 or contact me for mailing instructions. Check or money order only. Current members of Donegal TU or Millport Conservancy only. Contact Faye Haering at [fayeonthefly@comcast.net](mailto:fayeonthefly@comcast.net) or 285-2572.

To clarify the rules for Millport fishing: Children 14 and older need a button. Under 16 we would like them to have an adult with them. Kids may not bring in friends without a button.

Fly-On-The-Run, a Fly-Fishing Tournament to benefit Lancaster County Career & Technology School is scheduled for Wednesday & Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at Millport Conservancy. Streamguides are needed to assist the teams of fly fishermen on the beats, on that Thursday. We will also need people to help stock the fish prior to the event. Date to be announced.

Save the date: Lancaster County Sportsmen for Youth Field Day on Saturday, June 4, 2011. More details next issue.

FAYE E. HAERING,  
DTU VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

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### APRIL

13<sup>th</sup>: 7 pm  
20<sup>th</sup>: 7 pm

Board Meeting  
Chapter Meeting

Millport Conservancy  
Farm & Home Center

Member Swap Meet &  
Sale

### MAY

11<sup>th</sup>: 7 pm  
18<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm

Board Meeting  
Chapter Meeting

Millport Conservancy  
Tanglewood Pavilion

Project Review

### JUNE

8<sup>th</sup>: 7 pm  
15<sup>th</sup>: 6 pm

Board Meeting  
Chapter Meeting

Millport Conservancy  
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Summer Picnic

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# Committee Reports

## PROGRAMS

### APRIL 20

At the April DTU chapter meeting, we will be featuring a Swap Meet & Sale.

Here's your chance to clean out any unwanted fishing tackle & gear for cash or trade. Attendees will be able to buy, sell & trade both new & used fishing tackle and gear among themselves immediately following the business portion of the meeting.

Everything for sale or trade will be brought by individuals on the night of the meeting.

The Swap Meet & Sale is designed to provide a forum for chapter members to buy, sell & trade THEIR OWN unwanted tackle & gear. The success of this event will require everyone to gather together your unwanted items and bring them with you to the meeting. The meeting room will have plenty of tables for everyone to display their items. PLEASE BE SURE TO IDENTIFY ITEMS WITH YOUR NAME AND ASKING PRICE.

Start gathering your stuff and get ready for a fun night of bartering & negotiating!!

Contact Bob Albright with any questions @ 717-468-4215

### MAY 18

6:00 PM @ Tanglewood Manor Golf Course Pavillion - Tour of Stream Improvement Site: We will begin with a picnic meal catered by Gallery Grill @ Tanglewood's pavillion which is adjacent to the clubhouse at 653 Scotland Road in Quarryville, PA. After our short business meeting, Bob Kutz from the Conservation Committee will take us just a short distance away to tour our recently completed stream project nearby. Come out to see a portion of what DTU is doing in the southern part of Lancaster County.

### JUNE 15

Annual Chapter Picnic at Millport Conservancy

BOB ALBRIGHT  
PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

## BANQUET

Well the 2011 Banquet is over and I believe a good time was had by all. Not all the final numbers are in yet, we still need to pay a few bills, but from what we can tell it was another great year. About \$22,000 dollars will be the total profit from this year and that I think is good for the way the economy is going.

A few big winners from the evening: The \$1000 TCO gift card winner was Eric Morton of Manheim, The \$500 Bass Pro card winner was Pete Smith of Columbia, the Scott Rod and Reel went to Gerry Beaton, and the Orvis Rod and Reel went to Roy Crawford of Lancaster.

Next year's Banquet is set for March 31, 2012 at the Host Resort again, mark your calendar for another fundraising evening.

I would like to thank all that attended and donated to this year's banquet, we would not have had the great success without your generous donations. Also to all that put the effort in helping to gather items, pick items up, and beg for all they could get. My banquet committee is the best.

As most of you all have seen the Banquet brochure, this thing is amazing. I would like to thank Mark McMaster for the outstanding job he does putting all the info I send him and working on all the ads that we solicit in the past few months. This brochure gets larger every year and this year I think is the best.

I look forward to seeing everyone again next year as we help raise money for stream improvement projects throughout Lancaster County.

Tight Lines to all,

DAN BRANDT, BANQUET CHAIRMAN

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*President, continued*

DEP representatives are working on design plans for two sites on Fishing Creek and a small tributary of Donegal Springs Creek. Hopefully work will be completed by fall.

The restoration work done last year on the Herb Weaver farm and Climber's Run have held up well over the winter. More planting and seeding is scheduled to be done later this spring.

I hope you are able to get some time for fishing this spring. Somehow spring has a way of disappearing and all of a sudden it's summer. Watch our web site for progress on the streams and upcoming events and enjoy the spring.

WAYNE BOGGS

*If people concentrated on the really important things in life, there'd be a shortage of fishing rods. By Doug Larson*

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# ... The Hendrickson

The Mayflies are essential to trout fly fishing. There are still ultra purists who consider casting dry mayfly patterns upstream to rising trout the ONLY form of fly fishing. I wasn't brought up that way and find that way of thinking too limiting. For one thing it would severely limit my time on the water, and would force me to get rid of about three-fourths of my beloved fly fishing gear. However, I must admit, there is a certain timeless quality to casting classic dry flies upstream to rising trout. And if that were available to me year round, well I might move closer to ultra purist status.

One of the classic mayfly species is commonly called the Hendrickson. But its Latin name is *Ephemerella subvaria*, and then there is the Light Hendrickson and its Latin name *Ephemerella invaria*. But it doesn't stop there, there are several species that entomologists have identified. But we as fly fisher's have simplified that and lumped all these into Light Hendrickson and Dark Hendrickson.

How the Hendrickson mayfly received its common name is a bit of fly fishing lore. As told by Roy Steenrod of Liberty, New York: "One day in 1916, while we were fishing the Beaverkill below the junction pool at Roscoe, a hatch of flies came on. We had never seen the fish rise so freely for any fly as they did for this hatch. I caught one of the flies and put it into my fly box, and after lunch that day at Ferdon's I tied some patterns of the fly as nearly as I could. We took fish with (that) fly day in and day out, and for years it proved to be a killer and is so today. One day, while sitting on the bank of the stream perhaps two years after I had tied the first patterns, the matter was brought up as to which I would call or name the fly. Looking at A.E., the best friend a person could ever wish to have, I said, 'the fly is the Hendrickson.' I saw at once that A.E. was pleased." The Dark Hendrickson or the *Ephemerella subvaria* is one of, if not the first substantial hatch on many rivers every spring.

When water temperature hits 50 degrees the fish begin seeing and keying on this mayfly. The males and females look very different, while the Dark Hendrickson pattern is a great imitation of the male, the Light Hendrickson is probably closer to the female. However, the classic pattern described above is the Dark Hendrickson, that worked so well all those years ago. And still does today.

The Light Hendrickson pattern is commonly used for two other mayfly hatches. The *Ephemerella invaria* can also be called Pale Evening Dun or Sulphur and is commonly mistaken with the *Ephemerella dorothea*. But the *invaria* hatches first, often right after the *subvaria* or Dark Hendrickson. It is more robust than the later Pale Evening Dun or Sulphur patterns. For most fly anglers however, it is enough to remember Dark Hendrickson first then Light Hendrickson second.

Once in a great while anglers will not have any luck on rising trout hitting the Dark Hendrickson, even though it is only the *subvaria* that is out. Perhaps the trout are keying only on females; for whatever reason switching to the Light Hendrickson seems to do the trick. One other thing about the Light and Dark Hendrickson fly patterns is that they make great general all-purpose mayfly attractor patterns. Renowned fly fishing author Skip Morris, has proposed that only two mayfly patterns are required in one's arsenal a dark and light pattern.

While most anglers wouldn't be comfortable with such a limited offering, these two patterns would complement each other just fine. The Dark Hendrickson is second only to the Adams as the most used all purpose mayfly attractor. Let's also not forget the sub-surface version of these great trout mayflies.

The common three patterns that cover the whole Hendrickson family of mayflies are as follows. Of course there is the Hendrickson Nymph, which is a

## One Essential Mayfly

close cousin of the all-time great mayfly nymph the Pheasant Tail. The Hendricksons, whichever mayfly is on the water, are a versatile combination to have in your possession. They can be traced back to when affluent fly fishers had their own tiers, and they are still used today. Classics never go out of style.

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