What’s Emerging

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I hope it’s Spring!

What a winter! February was warm with crocus blooming. March was cold with snow covering the daffodils. The snow is melting and will help our local streams, but that storm caused us to cancel our March chapter meeting. It also caused scheduling changes to our outdoor projects. Please check the website to stay up to date with our volunteer opportunities.

We had a good time at the Lancaster Fly Fishing Show. We talked to a lot of people and signed up a few new members. Two out-of-state teachers asked about the TIC program. I’m sure Mike Burcin’s map of the county with school districts outlined and our TIC schools listed helped to start those conversations. By the way, thanks to Ned Bushong, we should be adding three more classrooms next Fall for a grand total of 17 in our TIC program. While at the show, Dan VanBuskirk and I also purchased a few goodies for our meeting raffle table. Remember, you have to attend and play to win.

As for the future, we are submitting six applications to the Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Youth Camp operated by CVTU. Hopefully, all of our young men will be accepted and enjoy what has been described as a life changing experience. If you remember, one of our graduates returned to speak to us at the February Chapter meeting. He is now a Construction Project Manager for Skelly & Loy.

All through the month of April, Garry Longenecker has scheduled potting days at the nursery. If you aren’t out fishing stop by and have fun getting your hands dirty. On April 8th, Bill Nolan will be holding this year’s Veterans Kickoff event at Millport Conservancy. The Veterans Mobile Outreach Van will be there. Bill has also arranged for a Fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse on May 3 from 3 – 10 PM. If you present a flyer, the Roadhouse will donate 10% of your bill to our Veterans Program. Email or talk to any board member and we can send you the flyer.

Two big events are planned for May, DTU will be assisting Lydia Martin, DTU member and Director of Education for Lancaster County Conservancy.

Volunteers will be needed to plant seedlings at our Nursery @ Millport Conservancy on April 15, 22 & 29 from 9 am ’til Noon. Contact Garry Longenecker (garrylongenecker@gmail.com) if you’d like to help.

Volunteers will be needed for work days at the Climbers Run Nature Preserve (226 Frogtown Rd, Pequea) to prepare for the PALTA event (see article within) on April 26 - 29. Contact Greg Wilson (gregsfish@gmail.com) if you can help.

Members are encouraged to check the Volunteers page (www.donegaltu.org/volunteers.html) on our website for up-to-the-minute announcements.

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Committee Reports

PROGRAMS

APRIL

Tom Gilmore, author of several books on fly fishing in the northeast, will speak to us about his newly-released book “Fly Fisher’s Guide to Pennsylvania” at the Farm & Home Center on the 19th. With the season finally open all of us will be looking for tips on new and favorite streams, so join us and get some ideas on new waters to explore.

MAY

Henry Ramsay is a well-regarded author, guide, instructor and fly tyer. His contributions to the newly released “Keystone Fly Fishing” helped make that a truly impressive book. His presentation on May 17 at the Farm & Home Center will concentrate on the key hatches in PA and the best streams to find them on. Join us for what is certain to be an entertaining and informative evening.

JUNE

We’ll begin our Summer meetings with one of our two picnics of the year. The site has yet to be determined, but as always it will be an evening of conversation and good food. Be reminded that these picnics begin at 6 pm, 1 hour earlier than our normal meeting time.

CONServation

Some exciting news, the Conservation Fund will donate $20,000 toward the Camp Andrews Project. At present we are about $5000 short of being fully funded for Camp Andrews.

We will need some of the remaining funds for Drumore Park to rework the Kiosk. Lydia Martin has been working on poster to display the project. Also on Fishing Creek, we received a design and budget for the Herr farm. This project adjoins the lower end of Drumore Park and is probably about a mile long. The site is enrolled in CREP but has ongoing erosion issues the landowner would like to address. The potential of this project is exciting, as when we electro-fished it I was surprised at the number of wild fish, considering the lack of habitat. The budget is about $191,000, the landowner pledged some funds to get it started, but we have a long way to go on this one.

There was a recent meeting with farmers in the 3 sub-watersheds of Fishing Creek. They discussed the AG BMP grant, and are hoping for 100% livestock exclusion and potentially other conservation BMPs on the Fishing Creek Tribs. WQVC continues with the monthly water testing at 16 locations. Bob and I took Linda and Craig Ferrich to look at other trib that we feel would be worth monitoring.

We plan to submit a Susquehanna Riverland grant, applying for $15,000 to assist Drumore Township with stream and road repairs along Scalpy Hollow Road. The stream has 9 locations where it is potentially going to undermine the roadway.

We had Larry Baranaka, engineer with USF&W take a look, and he plans to come back with a design, where in lieu of standard riprap off the edge of the road, we would like to do something that would help the stream long term and also provide better habitat.

I have made contact and have verbal approval to work on Hammer Creek at Pumping Station Road. I have been in touch with PA F&BC, and they may have a source of funding for the dam removal at the bottom of Walnut Run. We may also be able to use part of this funding to work on Hammer Creek in the area of the old dam, installing some structure in the area of the old legacy sediment upstream of the old dam. I also may have an opportunity with American Rivers for some funding for this project. Bob and I toured the upper Hammer Creek area, where there is a great deal of potential. It looks as though some of the springs are limestone, then flow into the area of sandstone.

The wetland basin on the Santa Domingo, in Linear Park in Lititz, has been re-graded and a new valve has been installed. The basin was originally installed to divert and settle sediment out of Santa Domingo prior to Rock Lititz’s new basin. It will be planted with wetland plants this spring with volunteers and Boy Scouts on April 22nd. The previous outfall structure was not allowing adjustment in flow, thus creating a big goose pond. Now it will be allowed to regulate flows to accommodate the plantings.

USF&W was working on the design and installation of the Stoltzfus bridge. We had a meeting with 2 precast suppliers, but that option may not fit the budget. They are investigating options, perhaps using galvanized metal. One problem is the time of completion as the dairy farm needs to get their milk picked up every few of days.

We have had 3 volunteer work days at Climbers Preserve this Spring. Most efforts have been on cutting back the multiflora roses, since we need to keep them at bay until we can get them sprayed.

GREG WILSON
CONSERVATION CO-CHAIRMAN
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The Chapter was recently asked to help Fish & Boat float stock trout on the FF section of the West Branch of the Octorora. As many of you know, that stretch flows through State Game Lands and the only road access is at the very top and bottom.

Several members responded to the appeal, including VSP members Eric Fisher, Bill Nolan and their friend Brian Herr.

Bill and VSP member Ed Andrews went on to help float stock Donegal Springs Creek as well.

Now they know where a few especially massive rainbows call home.
Just a reminder that our Veterans Initiative will hold a Kickoff event for their 2017 activities on Saturday, April 8 from 8 am ‘til Noon at Millport Conservancy.

This event is free and open to all veterans and their families. Those signing up for the program will get a free 1-year membership to Trout Unlimited. This program will include an introduction to all the aspects of fly fishing, including: the proper fly fishing equipment and setup, flies and hatches on local trout streams, hands-on fly rod casting instruction, and techniques for catching trout in our local streams.

A Veterans Mobile Outreach van will be at the Kickoff event.

If interested, please register by contacting Bill Nolan at wnolandtu@gmail.com, or 717-875-7426.

Bill has scheduled a Fundraising Night at the Texas Roadhouse on Lincoln Highway East on Wednesday May 3. Print & clip the coupon on this page and our VIP program will receive 10% of your food purchases that night.

MARK McMASTEr

DTU will again be assisting at Fly on the Run for Lancaster County Career & Technology. This will be on May 11 at Millport Conservancy. We are there all day as stream guides. It is a fun time with great food and, as Tony Gillespie likes to say, adult beverages. If you have the time, sign up with Tom Hall for this good cause for some great students.

Well, that’s all for this issue. Let’s hope the fishing will be good this Spring. If you’re along a stream we have worked on, check for wildflowers, trees, birds and let us know how the projects are doing. Thank you for being a part of the DTU community and be safe on the water.

President, continued
DTU members joined Friends of Fishing Creek, several cub scouts, LCC volunteers and a contingent from our budding 5 Rivers Club at Millersville University on Saturday, March 25 to plant trees and shrubs at the newly-restored segment of Fishing Creek in Drumore Township Park.

Altogether there were over 30 volunteers, and with that many willing hands some 200 trees, shrubs and cuttings were planted in a little over 2 hours.

It was a beautiful Spring day, and we spotted a number of trout taking full advantage of some of the new mudsills to find refuge from a few families participating in Fish & Boat’s Mentored Youth Trout Day. Although none of the fishermen were fly fishing, there was a nice hatch of Early Brown Stoneflies coming off, and I’m sure the trout were aware of them.

As always, the event was an opportunity to chat with like-minded conservationists, forge new bonds and strengthen existing ones. The morning was capped off by hot dogs fresh from the grill overseen by Greg & Vickie Wilson & Garry Longenecker.

MARK MCMASTER

Photos courtesy Greg Wilson, Lydia Martin & Mark McMaster
MU 5Rivers Club Update

Our Chapter has been working with Millersville University for the past 6 months to help establish a TU 5Rivers Club. I have met numerous times with Dr. Mike Gumpper, faculty advisor, to discuss various ideas and develop plans. Last Fall Tom Hall and I participated in an open forum to make students aware of the Club, TU and Donegal Trout Unlimited and to sign up members.

Recently the club decided to have a fly casting demonstration in the Student Union building to teach fly casting fundamentals and to attract new members. Mike Burcin and Derek Eberly from our Chapter participated in the event. Mike manned our information booth and explained what TU and DTU do and how our Chapter would partner with the Club. Derek taught fly casting and, as he always does, impressed the students and the Faculty. According to Jacque Law, Club President, everyone “had a fun time and we greatly benefited from Derek’s instruction on casting techniques.” Even Dr. Gumpper, who is a Chapter member, said he “got a couple of tips”.

Jacquie sent the Chapter a note in which she thanked the Chapter for coming to the 5Rivers casting event. She said it was great to have DTU’s presence to show support for the Club. She asked the Chapter to keep the Club informed about upcoming DTU events so they can get involved and participate. I am confident the Chapter will do so and will look forward to working with the students. As I write this article, we are in the beginning stages of planning a fishing event.

Jim Wellendorf

DTU will be joining the Lancaster Conservancy and other conservation partners at Water Week June 3 - 10.

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When: Thursday: June 15, 2017  
Where: Foxchase Golf Course  
Time: 5:30-7:30 AM fishing in ponds on Golf Course  
Tee off (Shotgun Start) to Follow Fishing  
Cost: $120.00 for team of 2 to fish & golf  
(includes greens fee, cart, picnic lunch and prizes)  

Maximum 72 golfers  
This tournament will begin with fishing in 2 ponds located on Foxchase Golf Course. Ponds contain stripers, small mouth and large mouth bass and catfish. Golfers will fish forty five minutes in each pond. Tackle may be fly rods or spin cast rods with artificial lures only. Barbs on hooks must be pinched and all fish must be released. Each team of 2 players may deduct ½ stroke per fish caught by the team (pan fish do not count).  

At 7:30 AM all golfers will tee off in a shotgun start. This will be a 2-person scramble.  

Golf Rules for team of 2 players:  
Play ball from the best lie on the fairway and on the green  
If 2 balls are in the rough; ball may not be moved to fairway  
If 2 balls are in a sand trap; ball may not be moved out of a sand trap  
All balls must be putted into the cup; Balls may not be dragged to the cup  
Record gross score for team of 2 players  
Record net score for team of 2 players  

Calculation of net score:  
Each team may deduct ½ stroke for each fish landed by the team of 2 players. For example if a team of 2 players landed a total of 3 fish the team may deduct 1 ½ strokes from the gross score. NOTE: Pan fish will not count towards the team’s golf handicap.  

Fish Prizes:  
Most fish landed per team  
Biggest fish landed (length) (Please bring a tape to measure your fish)  

Golf Prizes:  
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New Members

Two new members attended the chapter meeting on February 15, at the Farm and Home Center. Pictured here left to right are: Norm Faus and Kevin Shimp.

Millport Badges

Badges to fish Lititz Run on the Conservancy in 2017 are now available to members of DTU or Millport Conservancy. Badges are priced @$20 at a meeting or DTU function, $22.50 if they need to be mailed. Contact Tom Hall (phallcat@comcast.net) or Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Attn: Millport Button Sales, PO Box 8001, Lancaster, PA 17604 to request a badge. Please provide proof of your membership.