Emerging

Well, it happened again. Our March chapter meeting was canceled because of snow. I’ve learned from living in Pennsylvania never to trust the third month of the year. We will definitely try to reschedule Eric Richard for a future meeting.

The melting snow should test our recently completed project on Fishing Creek at Camp Andrews. Work started in the middle of January. From the pictures Greg Wilson has shared, the area looks nothing like it did on our first trip there. Bob & Greg have a planting day set for April 28. We are receiving @ 400 trees and shelters from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. This is part of their initiative to plant 10 million trees around the state by 2025. DTU is more than happy to help with this endeavor. Because of the large number of plants, we have several groups joining us that day. More DTU members with shovels are always welcome. Be sure to let Greg know if you will be there.

May brings the Fly On The Run at Millport Conservancy. This is the big fundraiser for the Lancaster Career and Technology Center. DTU members volunteer to assist the novice fly fishers and be sure the trout are handled gently. It’s a fun day with good food and beverage as payment. The event is May 10 with stocking done on the 8th. Contact Tom Hall if you would like to help.

On June 2 from 2 – 5 PM, DTU will be part of the Lancaster County Conservancy’s Water Week. We will be one of several organizations highlighting the Lititz Run Watershed. Stationed at Millport Conservancy, DTU will offer instruction in fly tying and casting. The Nursery will be open to the public so we can show the variety of native plants we use streamside and how they improve the local environment. If you would like to lend a hand, please contact Barry Witmer. At the very least, stop by for a visit and tour the whole watershed. The various locations should be announced soon.

The birds at my feeders promise that true Spring will be here soon. When that happens, get out and enjoy our beautiful world.

Volunteer

Volunteers will be needed to help at our Spring Fundraiser on April 7. Please contact Patric Nephin if you can help. Benefits too numerous to mention.

Our Veterans Service Program will hold its Spring Kickoff on Saturday, April 14 at Millport. Volunteers to help teach the basics of fly fishing are needed. Contact Bill Nolan for more info.

We will be potting up trees at the Nursery on April 21, 28 & May 5. Hours and contact people vary, so please refer to the website www.donegaltu.org/volunteers.html for details & updates.

We plan to plant 400 trees on the newly-completed Camp Andrews Project Saturday, April 28 beginning at 8 am. Bring gloves, sturdy shoes and a shovel if you’d like to help. Please contact Greg Wilson if possible so Bob can bring enough gourmet hot dogs.

LCCTC’s Fly On The Run will be May 10. Volunteers are needed as Stream Guides & for stocking on the 8th. Contact Tom Hall if you can help.
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Committee Reports

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APRIL

Author Dave Rothrock was partially drowned out by a band downstairs at our OctoberFest. The Farm & Home Center on April 18 is certain to be a more hospitable environment. If you didn’t make OctoberFest or were too far back to appreciate his presentation on north central PA trout streams, please join us and learn more about some of PA’s best freestone trout streams.

MAY

Author Henry Ramsey made a big hit at our meeting last year right after his book was released, so we’ve invited him back for our May meeting. His topic hasn’t been decided yet, but it will doubtless be about trout fishing and what else are we all thinking about as the season and hatches really get going.

JUNE

June begins the summer season for DTU, which means it’s picnic time.

DEBRA EBERLY
PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

CONSERVATION

The Camp Andrews project was completed in early March. It is an amazing transformation. It’s hard to walk it and remember how badly it was eroding. We are anxious for some warmer days to green it up. We have a couple of days planned to plant in April. April 25th will be with students from Thaddeus Stevens. Saturday, April 28th will be a big planting day. We have a couple of scout troops, but would love to have some DTU volunteers. Bob will fire up some gourmet hot dogs so don’t miss out. We will be using some of the remaining trees and shrubs from the nursery and also planting the 400 donated by Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Also anxious to see the riparian buffer mix we added grow; it should be very showy. The project well exceeded the expectations of the staff at Camp Andrews. We need to be better at self-promoting the DTU efforts. Drumore Twp just assumed this was installed by the Conservation District. We have some downstream issues that we are trying to get the township to help us address, and we want to build a positive relationship.

Bob and I attended the Keystone Coldwater Conference in State College. It was well attended, providing some good educational seminars as well as networking.

Then I attended the required CBF 1-day conference for the tree giveaway. It was held at Bald Eagle State Park in the beautiful Nature Inn. It was good to spend time talking with so many conservationists. The CBF program intends to plant 10 million trees in PA in the next 8 years in an effort to help PA meet the Bay requirements. This will be a great program, but it seems challenging to find willing landowners.

The next 2 days I attended a DCNR riparian buffer conference in State College. It was also well attended, over 250 active conservationists all trying to help figure out the issues, from planting, funding and maintenance. Garry and I have been attending meetings for the DCNR buffer initiative. There will be funds from a few sources to help get buffers planted.

Bob and Mark Metzler went to visit our rep at DEP, to discuss various projects for the Conowingo, and also potential funding sources for the Herr Project. Bob had received a call about a new potential project on the Conowingo. We visited the site and it will be a major project. It was maybe a half mile or more of extremely high eroding stream banks. Bob is waiting to take Mark down to visit the site and start generating a budget for the design. Flyway will begin work on the Woy Project after June 15th. This is just below Goshen Mill Road.

We received the approval for phase 1 of the dam removal on Hammer Creek at Pumping Station Road. Hopefully USF&W will be able to work it in to remove the remaining impoundment. The plan is to allow this to flush out for while, then return for phase 2, which will involve adding structures upstream, along with removing the dam on Walnut Run and a new road culvert under Pumping Station Rd. A member of Doc Fritchey is very excited about this project and is working hard to help on the Lebanon County side. He has got a map with landowner information and wants to see how we can make improvements upstream. This is very important, a lot of sediment coming downstream from storm events starts in Lebanon County. Sadly, Heidelberg Twp, has no interest in supporting this effort, since they are not required by the MS4 requirements.

Bob is trying to secure funds for the Herr Project. We have a contribution from PAF&B, to work on the Beiler Project. We would like to incorporate this with the upper half of the Beiler /Herr Fishing Creek Project, which would address a long stretch of the tributary that comes through Beiler’s farm and also Fishing Creek. We want to work on the tributary before the fencing is installed as part of the Ag BMP grant. They have over 24 of the 37 farms signed up for stream bank fencing, so there will be a lot of fencing being installed.

We are also moving ahead with the Bowery Run Project. We need a few more landowner conversations, but they seem to be on board with the project. This will be funded through a grant from Alliance for The Bay, it will be just under $200,000.

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US Fish & Wildlife did a fantastic job on our project at Camp Andrews on Fishing Creek. Here are some photos of the site before, during and after their work over the Winter.

Photos courtesy
Greg Wilson
Seventy-four members and guests gathered at the Farm and Home Center on February 21st to hear Domenick Swentosky present “Fifty Tips in Sixty Minutes”. We all know it’s important to “learn the water”. This can be a continual education if we often fish the same streams. We learn the best spots to fish. But do we know that there are prime spots within the best spot? The prime spot should hold the big one. And don’t forget to fish both sides of a stream. Domenick covered line, leader, tippet, shot, flies, the Mono Rig, and more. He emphasized that we should all be willing to learn new tactics to enhance our fishing skills. For more information, go to Troutbitten.com. There are many topics of interest there and if you go to the Presentation section you can view Domenick’s slide show.

Committee Reports, continued

It will include stream bank stabilization, cattle crossings and fencing. I am trying to persuade them to enroll in CREP as well. Our thanks to Jenna, to help make this one happen.

VSP Fly Tying

Our VSP winter fly tying concluded on March 22 with the aid of several chapter members. The vets’ skills have improved considerably, and they soon be casting soe of those flies when we begin our fishing outings in April.
Foxchase/Donegal TU
Fish & Golf Tournament

June 7, 2018

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:
Lowest gross score per team of 2 players
Lowest net score per team of 2 players (reduce strokes per number of fish landed by team of 2 players)
Closest to the pin on par 3 holes
Longest drive on hole # 7

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Member Spotlight

Name: Joy McMaster

Member of TU since: 2012

Why did you join DTU? I was looking for something to be a part of when I retired. I learned, from watching others that had retired, how important it was to have some sort of social life. I was learning to fly fish with my husband. Mark was involved with DTU. After attending a few meetings and the Women’s Breakfast, I decided to join.

Favorite Stream: Green Spring and of course Spring Creek

Go-to fly: Whatever Mark says will work in the current situation.

Favorite thing about TU: The dedication to conservation. Wanting to save our environment so future generations can have the same outdoor experiences we have.

Something you’d like to see in DTU: More members under the age of 40 attending chapter meetings and events.

What might (someone) be surprised to know about you? I attempt to recreate dishes at home that we’ve especially enjoyed at restaurants. Several of my go to recipes have stories of where they started and how difficult they were to reproduce. Taking a dish apart by taste, consistency, appearance is like solving a good mystery story before you reach the end.

Do you volunteer with the club? Yes. I’ve been a gardener for most of my life. I get a great deal of pleasure planting trees and shrubs along our restored streams.

Favorite fish tale: In 2008 we took a road trip to Yellowstone National Park. I didn’t have a lot of experience with fly fishing at that time but I did catch some fish. This day we were on the Madison at 9-mile hole. I usually don’t fish dry flies, but Mark tied one on the end of my line. I decided to have a rest before tempting the trout in my area. As I rose and waded back out into the stream, I let the fly drift behind me. I was surprised when a trout took the fly. I did successfully bring it to hand. I believe that is the only fish I have “caught” with a dry fly.

Bill Nolan
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