PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

SUMMER EVENTS

There was a recent article in the Intelligencer Journal on what made people happy. One of the things cited was community involvement. No argument there. Given that, Donegal Trout Unlimited must indeed have some very happy members considering our involvement in the community over the past several months.

In the past two months we have hosted the Big Brother Big Sister Fishing Derby, participated in the Lancaster County Youth Field Day, and helped out at the Special Olympics Fishing Day. Faye Haering and Russ Guthrie did an outstanding job in coordinating the Special Olympics.

A thank you goes to DTU member Dr. Hugh Wenger for the generous use of his property. Additionally, Ted Downs and Kevin Fausey hosted participants from the Millersville University at Millport Conservancy.

A sincere thank you to the many people who helped at all these events. In helping at these events we get the chance to introduce others, particularly the youth of our county to the pleasures of fishing and conservation, share our knowledge with them, and see the results right away. The reward is gratifying personally and it happens instantly.

JUNE MEETING

We had 75 people attend the June meeting and swap meet. We welcomed folks from Millport Conservancy. We were pleased that 12 members from the Doc Fritchey Chapter came, and took the opportunity to walk Lititz Run with them and show the results of many years of work on the stream.

ONE FLY CONTEST

This was held back in mid May and was a fund raiser for the Lancaster County Career and Technology Center. $28,000 was raised for scholarship money for the Center. It gave us the chance to showcase what had been done on Lititz Run.

It also introduced people to Donegal Trout Unlimited. We had 14 volunteers at this event. Our members put on fly tying and casting demonstrations and instructions. We also provided help along the stream to the participants in casting, landing and releasing the fish which were caught.

We have the reputation of being a very active organization. As you can see we have had a lot of activity this summer. Again, many thanks to all those who have volunteered in all these events.

We will continue to post upcoming events in the Mayflyer and on our Website. Come join us for upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Several years ago terms limits were instituted to ensure that we had fresh members on the Board. In October we will have three openings for new members. If you are interested in serving on the Board please give me or Ted Downs a call.

The commitment is for two years. We meet the second Wednesday of every month at Millport Conservancy. It is an opportunity to work with a great group of people in setting the direction for one of the best conservation organizations in the county and the state.

REAP

The Resource Enhancement and Protection Act of Pennsylvania just passed. This measure supports essential pollution reduction projects on Pennsylvania farms. It will provide state tax credits to farmers and businesses that finance forested stream buffers, barnyard improvements, erosion controls and other established conservation practices.

Donegal Trout Unlimited, along with other TU chapters and other groups, has supported this legislation. It is our hope that these tax credits will act as an incentive to landowners to engage in Best Management Practices which will result in cleaner streams throughout Lancaster County and the rest of Pennsylvania.
Special Olympics Report

It was a “Really Big Show” at our Special Olympics Fishing Derby, Saturday July 14th, at Dr. Hugh & Mrs. Wenger’s Pond in Elizabethtown. The event was kicked off at 9:00 AM by PA Fish & Boat Commission members, Mike Skurecki and Bob Lyons, specializing in the educational aspects of handling the fish, and water safety issues. The Wenger’s one-acre pond is loaded with a variety of fish, including Large and Small-Mouth Bass, Catfish, Blue Gills and Sunfish. There were 25 athletes from the Special Olympics of Lancaster County, hosted by Family Coordinators, Ray & Sharon Meyers.

We were fortunate to have 25 Donegal TU members that volunteered to help as “fishing buddies”, with the casting competition, and with transportation. The “athletes” were the stars of the day with their hopes to catch “the really big one”, the “most” and sometimes the “smallest”.

They also had a chance to get further awards during the Casting Competition.

Some of the results are as follows:

- Catfish - Brett Clemmer - 22 ½ inches, Alejo Bair - 22 inches, John Lentz - 17 inches
- Largest Bass - Patrick Lentz - 17 ½ inches
- Largest Sunfish - Jeff Meyers - 9 ½ inches
- Most Fish Caught - Brooks Trimble - 35

These awards were just a few. Many prizes were given for other efforts.

The loudest screams seem to have come when Brett Clemmer caught a 22 ½ inch catfish with Bob Kutz as his fishing buddy. I seem to remember a similar situation happening last year with Bob.

After a lovely lunch in a nice shady area, awards & prizes were presented by our own Scott Trefny for the fishing and the casting competition, as well as by Ray Meyers and Mike Skurecki. Russ Guthrie stepped up to the plate with his video camera, taking numerous pictures at every opportunity. Just when you think it can’t get any better than this …it does!

Thanks to all who made this very special event possible! The list includes, but is not limited to:

- Dr. Hugh & Mrs. Wenger, The hard work and efforts of the Olympic Committee, The PA Fish and Boat Commission, Ranck United Methodist Church members
- The Athletes
- Our own Donegal Trout Unlimited member volunteers:
  - Glen Nephin, Ted Downs, Bob Kutz, Bob Wyble, Scott Trefny, Dave Chalfant, Wayne Boggs, Dr. Joe Besecker, Chuck Elmer, Russ Guthrie, Mark Celebuski, Ed Kraft, Dr. John Bowman, Liz Kleinmann, Bob Bolinger, Bruce & Renee Billow, Dan Helm, Michael Riggi, Tony Nuzzi, Karen Delle Donne, A.J. Trefny, Christopher Bolinger, Anthony Riggi

Scott Trefny & Bob Kutz w/ Special Olympian & Catfish

Thanks to all for your superb efforts.

Faye Haering

DTU Special Olympics Coordinator

AND BEST GRIP

Faye Haering
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Summer seems to be slipping away and we have not got any projects going. I had hoped to work on Segloch/Furnace Run, and a few things on Lititz Run. Time seems to slip away. Bob Kutz is working with Donegal Fish and Conservation on a project in the meadow below the Donegal Springs Church. He is getting Karl Lutz from PFBC, to visit the site to help with the design and permitting.

DEP has done an In-stream Comprehensive Evaluation (ICE), on Lititz Run, this past April. The survey was intended to document the existing aquatic life use attainment status on portions of the basin listed as non-attained in a 2006 assessment report. The good news is that it should be listed as a coldwater fishery. The bad news is that after a lot of hard work and a lot of money, the overall water quality is still pretty poor. High loadings of Nitrates, Phosphorus and sediment will continue to keep it on the impaired list. Legacy sediments, ongoing stream bank erosion and land use activities are still causing habitat impairments. The PFBC did observe several holdover trout in the stream but did not believe that any reproduction was taking place. So, I guess back to the drawing board.

PROGRAMS
August 15, 2007 at 6:00 PM
We will be at Bob Bachman’s home at Blue Lake in Rheamstown, PA.
Bob has again graciously invited DTU to picnic on his lawn by the lake. Bring your fishing outfit and fish the lake for some fat sunfish and bass. Come join us for food and drinks. Meet new and old friends for a great night at this beautiful location. Directions will be on the website and see below.
By the way, Bob has been confirmed by the PA Senate as a PFBC Commissioner
Directions to Bob’s place are as follows:
From Lancaster take US 222 North to the PA Turnpike exit. Turn left on Spur Road and then right on PA Rt. 272 (North) to PA 897. Turn left onto PA 897 and take it (North) through Reinholds to Blue Lake Road at the Mennonite Meeting House. Turn left onto Blue Lake Road and go to the end at the intersection with Peartown Road. Turn left and you’re there!
Sept. 19, 2007 at 6:00 PM (Home of Russ Guthrie)
1101 Central Manor Road
Lancaster, PA 17603
Directions:
3 miles out of Millersville on 999 West, turn left at “The Mart” onto Central Manor Road, towards Safe Harbor. Go one mile and home is on the left at 1101 mail box #. Just after Bender Mill Road turn offs! Signs for parking will be at this location.
A meal will be provided!
Topic - Live Casting Lessons
Presenters - Phil Gay, Trout & About, Monkton, MD
Bring your fly rod outfit and Phil will work with us one on one! WOW...what an offer from Phil. A special thanks to member Faye Haering for talking Phil into this great idea. We will be on the banks of the West Branch of the Little Conestoga (stocked waters) in Russ’s front yard, 3 1/2 acres of mowed grass!
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http://www.troutandabout.com/

October 17, 2007 at 6:00 PM
(Oktoberfest...Four Seasons Golf Club in Landisville)
Topic - “Reflections”...50 Years of Fly Fishing!
Presenter - Frank Plucinsky, Retired Physician
“Reflections” is a old fly fisherman reflecting on 50+ years of trout fishing. It starts in the Herter’s BC (before Cabela’s) age and moves up to the internet age. It is an often humorous trip with good photos centering around fly fishing for trout.

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One of the hottest topics this year is the concept of ‘Going Green’. You see this term everywhere you go. Environmentally friendly products, practices, and a general concern for Mother Earth is the “in-thing” right now. With this in mind this month’s article is all about water and watershed related facts and trivia. Water is truly the lifeblood of every living thing on earth. The facts and figures only touch the tip of the iceberg of how water affects our daily lives. Hopefully after reading these facts you will gain a better appreciation for this liquid gold and do everything you can to protect its quality for future generations.

Water & Watershed Related Facts
- Did you know that bathroom sink faucets account for more than 15% of indoor household water use?
- Water makes up about 66% of our body, 75% of our brain, 25% of our bones, and 83% of our blood.
- It takes about 4,000 gallons of water to grow a bushel of corn and about 11,000 gallons for a bushel of wheat.
- Over 50% of the water used for irrigating lawns and gardens is wasted due to over watering and evaporation.
- The average family of four uses approximately 400 gallons of water per day. (100 gallons/day/person or roughly 1600 glasses of water)
- You can save 2 gallons of water per day by turning off the tap while brushing your teeth.
- There is the same amount of water on earth as when the earth was formed. The water that came from your faucet could contain molecules that Neanderthals drank.
- In a 100-year period, a water molecule spends 98 years in the ocean, 20 months as ice, about 2 weeks in lakes and rivers, and less than a week in the atmosphere.
- Groundwater can take a human lifetime just to traverse a mile.
- 80% of the earth's water is surface water. The other 20% is either groundwater or atmospheric water vapor.
- Over 90% of the world's supply of freshwater is located in Antarctica frozen in icecaps.
- Less than 1% of the water supply on earth can be used as drinking water.
- 75% of a chicken is water, 80% of a pineapple is water, 95% of a tomato is water, and 70% of an elephant is water.
- A single tree will give off 70 gallons of water/day in evaporation.
- Americans use five times the amount of water that Europeans use.
- Two thirds of the water used in a home is used in the bathroom.
- 1 gallon of gasoline can contaminate approximately 750,000 gallons of water.
- It takes 120 gallons to produce one egg.
- About 6,800 gallons of water is required to grow a day's food for a family of four.
- It takes 1,850 gallons of water to refine one barrel of crude oil.
- It takes 62,000 gallons of water to produce one ton of steel.
- To manufacture new cars 39,000 gallons of water are used per car.
- The United States uses about 346,000 gallons of freshwater every day.
- Lancaster County has 1,365 miles of stream, of which 514 miles (38%) is degraded or polluted.
- The number one pollutant in Lancaster County streams is sediment followed closely by nutrients.
- The Susquehanna River watershed supplies roughly 50% of the freshwater to the Chesapeake Bay.
- Pennsylvania has over 83,000 miles of streams and rivers.

Matthew Kofroth

Whirling Disease Is Here

Whirling disease poses a major threat to trout across Maryland. Here are a few easy steps you can take to prevent the spread of this disease:
1. Do not move fish from one stream to another
2. Do not discard trout carcasses in streams, or on stream banks
3. Please be sure to clean mud from boots and equipment before moving from one stream to another
4. Clean all boats and kayaks and do not transport water from one area to another

Whirling disease is caused by a parasite and once it establishes itself in a stream or a host fish population it cannot be eradicated. While it poses no known danger to humans, it damages cartilage, especially in young fish, making it impossible for them to swim normally to seek food and escape predators. It is always fatal.

This disease can completely decimate a trout population and ruin your favorite stream. Already this year the state Department of Natural Resources (MD DNR) has had to destroy 156,000 infected fish.

In Maryland, the organism is known to exist in the North Branch of the Potomac River.
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### Camp Susquehanna

DTU was asked to help with the June 23rd program for campers at Camp Susquehanna. Kevin Fausey and I spent time with a group of kids from Camp Susquehanna teaching them about DTU’s conservation work on the Lititz Run. We then toured the Millport Conservancy and had the kids feed the trout. Camp Susquehanna got its start about 14 years ago when friends and family of Elvin Byler, a local attorney who died from burns he suffered in a plane crash, started a foundation in his name. This year about 30 kids spent a long weekend in Lancaster County staying at Millersville University. The kids who have suffered horrific burns get to meet other burn survivors with the same problems and they don’t have to worry about being different. They do get to do fun things over the weekend and the camp is free. Kids attending were from all over Pennsylvania and this year two attended from Israel. Many of the kids were in wheelchairs, and although physically unable to walk, they traveled the paths along Lititz Run in the Conservancy and they were able to toss some pellets to the trout. Many of these kids are from cities, and had never been on a nature trail, or fed trout in a stream. Although we take these simple things for granted, these kids really were excited to spend some time in the country, but Kevin and I were probably more grateful and rewarded to have spent some time with the kids from Camp Susquehanna.

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### Whirling, continued

Sand Run, and Bear Creek. So anglers should pay particular attention when moving from those streams to other areas. It may be present in other parts of the state as well. But the good news is that by taking the precautions listed above, you can help end this outbreak.

Whirling Disease in the United States: A Summary of Progress in Research and Management

Given that whirling disease is now present in half of all states in the US, the advice on prevention in Maryland is also applicable to anglers everywhere—so tell your friends across the country about how to stop the spread.

A brochure put out by Montana State University is full of information concerning the disease as well as a fact sheet that you can keep in your wallet for future reference. Both are available on our website.

Thank you for doing all you can to stop this deadly disease.

Wishing you good fishing.

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### Ted Downs

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### Joseph McGurrin

**Trout Unlimited**
The 2007 Fish & Golf Tournament was held June 14 at the Fox Chase Golf Course. We had a dozen teams competing in our 2nd annual golf/fish outing. More fish were caught this year even though no one caught one of the prized striped bass. Some very nice largemouth bass, smallmouth bass and catfish were caught. The largest fish caught was P. J. Reilly’s 21 ½” catfish, although Mike's 21 ¼” large-mouth bass was a close second. The prize for the most fish caught went to the team of Dan and Kevin with 9 fish caught.

On the golf side, the low net score went to Tim Suloff and Dave Canada and the low gross score went to Dan Brandt and Kevin Fausey.

A special thanks to Fox Chase Golf Club and Chip Kappes, head pro at the club, for his help in organizing running the tournament. Also, a special thanks to two volunteers, Faye Haering and Russ Guthrie, for being there at 5:30 AM and helping with the fishing tournament. Also, a special thanks to TCO Fly Shop for their $50 gift certificate which was first prize for the largest fish caught. Finally, a special thanks to Bill and Bob for their help in organizing and running the tournament. We plan to hold the tournament again next year and will try to announce the date as early as possible so you can make plans to participate and bring some friends.

Thank you everyone for your participation,

Dave Chalfant, Tournament Chairman