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Meeting

February 20,
@ 7:00 PM
Quality Inn
& Suites

“Flyfishing
Smorgasbörd”

Bob Clouser

Upcoming
Chapter
Activities

29th Annual

Spring
Fundraising
Banquet

April 5, 2008

Lancaster
Host Resort

What's Emerging !

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are in that time of year where the winter doldrums can set in. But it can be a good time to look at our gear, making any repairs we need. There are enough catalogs coming to help us with a wish list of replacement or new gear.

It's an ideal time to tie some flies to replenish the ones we lost last year.

Weather permitting, fishing can be fun this time of year. Crowds are down, sometimes the fish are too. Chuck Elmer and I fished the Little Lehigh the 7th of January. It was 64 degrees that day. We thought we'd see hatches all day. Not so. We saw three fish rise in five and a half hours. While we did catch a few, we certainly did not have the type of day we thought we would. The fish had other ideas.

BANQUET

More elsewhere in this issue about our April 5th banquet. We have a lot of planning activities going. We are soliciting businesses for donations to insure that we have quality products for our tables and auction.

Last year we had a record turnout of almost 250 people. We cleared a record \$30,000 that we will use for cold water stream enhancement.

This is our major fundraiser for the year. It is the only time we come to our members for financial support.

It is a two way street. There are lots of great prizes, the food is great and the price is right.

Bring a spouse, son or daughter, significant other, friends, and neighbors. You'll have a great time and support a worthy cause.

ONE-FLY CONTEST

DTU is being asked to provide assistance at this year's One-Fly contest on Lititz Run. This event

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watersheds of
Lancaster County

benefits the Lancaster County Career and Technology Center. It will be held May 14th and 15th at the Millport Conservancy.

Last year we provided casting and fly tying instructions. We also served as stream monitors ensuring that any fish caught were measured and returned quickly to the stream.

We will be looking for volunteers to help out again.

GLEN

DTU Banquet News

Once again it's time to think Spring. Mark your calendars for April 5th. This year we celebrate our 29th Annual Spring Fund Raising Banquet, held once again at the Lancaster Host Resort. Next to receiving a state grant, this is our largest fundraiser of the year. Last year, with the help of our banquet donors we raised over \$30,000 dollars in that one night for DTU. This money is well spent on our local streams, along with educational support in our area schools. Doors open at 4:30 pm and dinner is approximately at 6:30 pm. Dinner this year will be a large buffet with fresh bread, your choice of 3 salads, 3 meats, 3 sides, dessert, coffee, tea and drink. WOW!, and all for the same price as we had last year: \$30.00 each or Gold tables for \$40.00.

This year again we will have the general raffle table. This worked very well last year, with more people winning items from the table. For those of you that don't know how it works, the short version: You buy tickets the same as you did before, we call the number and you quickly come

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Donegal FCA Spring Sportsman's Show

The Donegal Fish and Conservation Association in cooperation with the Donegal Experiential Education Program will be holding its 42nd annual Spring Sportsman's Show and Pork BBQ on Saturday March 1st, 2008 from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Donegal High School gymnasium located on Rt. 772, Mount Joy. Club member Harvey Schademan, will again be cooking up the BBQ. Advance tickets are being sold for the BBQ, but a limited supply of meals and individual sandwiches will be available at the show.

The show will feature exhibits from area sporting goods stores, fly tiers, rod and tackle makers, conservation groups, the Pennsylvania Fish Commission and the Cortland Line professionals who will be giving fly casting demonstrations.

This year's featured speaker will be Loren Williams. Loren is an accomplished commercial, demonstrative, and creative fly dresser with over 3-decades of angling and tying experience. His tying skills earned him a selection as the first-ever Fly-Fishing Team USA official fly tyer in 2005. That experience spawned Loren's addiction to competitive fly-fishing. Some of Loren's competitive fly fishing medals include a 2007 team bronze medal, Oceania Championship; 2007 gold medal, Fly Fishing Team USA Midwest Regional; 2007 Professional Division winner, Ausable 2-Fly Challenge; 2007 gold medal, Fly Fishing Team USA Southeast Regional; and a 2007 bronze medal, Fly Fishing Team USA National Championships. Additionally, Loren is the 2007 Fly Fishing USA Youth Team number two head coach and a member of the 2007-2008 Fly Fishing Team USA. Joining Loren will be Peter Sheetz of Mount Joy who was on the Fly Fishing USA Youth Team. Loren's slide presentation on Team U.S.A. Competition Fly Fishing will be at 7:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria adjacent to the gymnasium.

Loren will also present an on-stream demonstration of competitive fly fishing skills on the Donegal Creek on March 1, 2008 from 12 noon to 3:00 pm. Local fly fishers are welcome to bring their gear and receive one-

on-one coaching from Loren. Four other members of the Youth Fly Fishing Team USA will be on hand as well to discuss the aspect of competitive fly fishing. The presentation will take place on Donegal Creek Rd. in East Donegal Township. Signs will be posted from Rt. 772 to the site. For more information on the Youth Fly Fishing Team USA, please go to their website www.usyouthflyfishingteam.com or to the Adult Team USA at www.flyfishingteamusa.com.

All proceeds from the show will go towards continuing restoration work on the Donegal Creek, supporting the club's cooperative nursery and the annual kid's fishing derby held later in the spring.

Any questions concerning the show, or for information on setting up a display, call Kurt Enck at (717) 492-1928, or e-mail: fishmagic@comcast.net. You can also visit us on the World Wide Web at donegalfish.com. Also, feel free to call if you would like to purchase BBQ tickets.

KURT ENCK

PRESIDENT, DONEGAL FISH AND CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION

Corner

Volunteer

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING PROJECTS:

Lititz Watershed Clean-up Day
March 15

DTU Banquet
April 5

One-Fly Contest
May 14 & 15

Youth Field Day
June 7

Special Olympics
July 12

Check the DTU [website](#) for more information or contact [Faye Haering](#) 717-285-2572.

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Committee Reports



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Button! Button! Who's got the button? Why, Faye Haering has the Button! They are going fast, so call and reserve one at 717-285-2572, or email at fayeonthefly@comcast.net. While you're at it, consider volunteering.

Get out and get acquainted with your fellow DTU members. Make a difference in your community and in your chapter. Help make a good home for a family of trout in need of a better environment.

Come out and make a difference, as a fishing buddy for a Special Olympics Athlete, at the Fishing Derby on July 12th, or at the Big Brothers/Sisters Fishing event/picnic, to be scheduled. There are a number of young people that will be at the Lancaster County Youth Field Day Exercises that would love to have you on board to help teach them to cast, fish, or tie a fly. These are usually in June, so keep an eye out.

There are a number of streamside projects that could use your help to keep our trout alive and well. Sign up for one now.

Make a commitment. Make a difference. The rewards are endless — A sense of purpose.

By the way, the one event that funds and supports a great many of our projects & programs is our Annual Banquet which is on April 5, 2008. Information to follow. This is surely our biggest and most worthwhile need for manpower and volunteers. Come on down! Good food & drink, a good band and an opportunity to win a trip, maybe a new rod and gear, and numerous other prizes. Mostly though, you're in for just a really good time. Come on down!

FAYE HAERING - VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY MEETING

Feb. 20, 2008 at 7:00 PM (Quality Inn, 2363 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, PA)

Topic: "The Fly Fishing Smorgasbörd"

Presenter: Bob Clouser, Clouser Flyfishing in Middletown, PA - Home of the ORIGINAL Clouser Minnow.



"The Fly Fishing Smorgasbörd" is about catching around 60 different species with the fly rod. There are trips all over the world catching various species and a lot of information about fishing in the US.

Bob Clouser is creator of the famed Clouser Minnow fly pattern. The Clouser Minnow fly pattern is known

world-wide and has caught more varieties of fish than any other fly.

Bob's full-service, fresh and saltwater, family-run fly shop is located in Middletown, PA.

You can learn about his work at his web site: <http://www.clouserflyfishing.com/index.html>

MARCH MEETING

March 19, 2008 at 7:00 PM (Quality Inn, 2363 Oregon Pike, Lancaster, PA)

Topic: "Yellowstone's Volunteer Fly Fishing Program"

Presenter: Bill Voigt, Penn State University Professor

Here is a great opportunity to see Yellowstone.

In 2001 John Varley, Deputy Director of Yellowstone Center for Resources (YCR) and a former biologist in the park, proposed to Tim Bywater, a past naturalist in the park and avid fly fisherman, that a volunteer angler program be set up to help the Aquatics Section gather data. Anglers fly fish streams and lakes on which the park biologists have projects to collect data from the fish they catch. This data is then turned over to the biologists.

Two years ago Bill Voigt volunteered for the program and last year he helped coordinate the volunteers. He will return again this year as a program assistant and you are invited also.

Here is Bill's letter of invitation:

Dear Angler,

The Yellowstone National Park Fly-fishing Volunteer Program is up and running for its eighth year. My name is Bill Voigt and I am coordinating the activities this summer along with Tim Bywater. You can reach me by phone at (814) 692-7449, or by email at wfv100@psu.edu. This summer promises to be another exciting season with projects that involve fishing streams and lakes throughout the Park.



For those of you who haven't participated before, consider volunteering some fishing time with the Program. The Yellowstone Fly-fishing Volunteer Program provides anglers with opportunities to contribute valuable information to the Yellowstone CR Aquatics database, while enjoying one of America's unique ecosystems.

Again this summer we will have a free campsite and two beds in the fisheries dorm for our use. I can also get you a free pass into the park if needed.

I look forward to fishing with you,

Bill Voigt

We thank Bill for the invitation.

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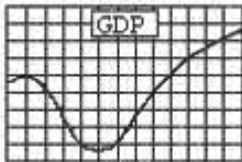
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What's New At:

LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT?

In an effort to better plan your Spring activities we have compiled a list of upcoming watershed events to either participate in, educate yourself on, or take advantage of. So many great projects and not enough time! Make 2008 the year you take a more active role in protecting our water resources throughout the county.

KEYSTONE COLDWATER CONFERENCE

Friday and Saturday, February 22nd and 23rd at the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center State College, PA. This conference is sponsored by PA Trout and other Sportsman Associations concerned about water resources in Pennsylvania. For more information on this year's conference check out: www.coldwaterheritage.org/coldwaterconference.htm

DONEGAL FISH & CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION SPRING SPORTS SHOW

Saturday, March 1st from 4-9 PM at Donegal High School. This annual event is free of charge and always has something interesting to offer participants. From fly casting, conservation groups, art work, great BBQ, and raffles. All proceeds from the show benefit the restoration efforts of the Donegal Creek. For more information check out: www.donegalfish.com

LITITZ RUN WATERSHED ALLIANCE SPRING WATERSHED CLEAN-UP EVENT

Saturday, March 15th from 8-11 AM at locations throughout the Lititz Run Watershed. Volunteers are needed to assist with this annual event and help clean-up the beautiful Lititz Run Watershed. Participants are asked to register with Warwick Township and are then assigned to a location for clean-up duties. Site supervisors are on hand to direct volunteers in their efforts. For more information check out: www.warwicktownship.org

LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT TREE SEEDLING SALE

Thursday and Friday April 10th & 11th at the Farm & Home Center, Lancaster. This annual event is a fundraiser for the Conservation District and used to protect the natural resources of Lancaster County. Evergreen and hardwood tree seedlings are sold on a pre-order basis. In addition, numerous potted perennials and other hard-to-find native species are offered at great low prices. To find out more and/or to get order forms check out: www.lancasterconservation.org before March 14th, the deadline to order.

DONEGAL FISH & CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION KIDS FISHING DERBY

Saturday, April 12th from 8 - Noon at the Donegal Presbyterian Church, Donegal Springs Rd. Children of all ages are invited to this annual event at the headwaters of the Donegal Creek. Kids must bring their own gear and bait but the fish will be ready. Light refreshment are also sold to those that get tired. All proceeds from the derby benefit the restoration efforts on the Donegal Creek. For more information check out: www.donegalfish.com.

OCTORARO WATERSHED ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER

Wednesday, April 23rd from 6 PM-?? at Black Rock Retreat. The annual meeting for the Octoraro Watershed Association is a chance for volunteers to get together, share stories, recognize others for sound watershed conservation measures, and highlight to members the year's accomplishments. There is a small cost for the dinner and you do need to register. For more information check out: www.theowa.org

GREAT GREEN AMERICA FESTIVAL

Friday through Sunday, May 2 - 4 at the Mount Hope Estate & Winery, Route 72. This will be the 2nd year for this event in which participants can learn how they can green their daily lives and make a difference in protecting the environment. Educational activities run all three days, along with musical acts, vendor displays, food, and other green items. There is a cost for the event but discounted tickets can be bought ahead of time. For more information check out: www.greatgreenamericafest.com/

MATT KOFROTH

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up to the table and pick any one item from the table. Yes, you can win many times so hold on to that ticket number!

Buckets are back! This year we have decided to do ten buckets alongside the general raffle. The same ticket will apply to the buckets as to the general items. You buy the tickets and disburse them in any bucket you would like to win.

Back from last year is our Theme Baskets: extra large baskets filled full of items that have to do with the theme on the basket. This will be a silent bid. You will use your bid number to bid on the basket or baskets you would like to have and write in the amount you would be willing to pay for that basket. The winner will be determined by the highest bidder so if you write in that you would pay \$75.00 for a basket and someone else writes in \$75.25, you lose, so be creative in your bidding process. Good Luck!

The rest of the evening will be filled with plenty of entertainment. This year we again are bringing in two gentlemen playing acoustical guitars throughout the evening with music from the 60's to the 90's. Along with all the vocal action, silent auction and the many raffles throughout the room, we will be drawing the winners for the \$1000.00 Super Fund. ticket at the end of the evening. These are the tickets you will receive with your letter. If you would like more, please call or e-mail me and I will send them out to you.

Phone: 664-2332 home or 341-1581 cell. E-mail: flyguy66@ptd.net

All your info and registration form will be in the mail soon. Remember to save the date and bring a friend for a night of fun.

Hope to see you there,

DAN BRANDT, BANQUET CHAIRMAN

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Month	Event	Date & Time	Place	Subject
February	Board Meeting	Wed. 2/13-7 PM	Millport Conservancy	Normal Meeting
	Chapter Meeting	Wed. 2/20-7 PM	Quality Inn & Suites	Bob Clouser "Flyfishing Smorgasbörd"
March	Board Meeting	Wed. 3/12-7 PM	Millport Conservancy	Normal Meeting
	Chapter Meeting	Wed. 3/19 -7 PM	Quality Inn & Suites	"Yellowstone Volunteer Program"
April	Board Meeting	Wed. 4/9-7 PM	Millport Conservancy	Normal Meeting
	Chapter Meeting	Wed. 4/16 -7 PM	Quality Inn & Suites	"Habitat Improvement for Trout Streams"

Rivers Camp

The Donegal TU Chapter will again sponsor two youths between the ages of 14 - 17 to the Rivers Camp held at the Allenberry Resort, Boiling Springs, Pa. this year, Sunday through Friday June 15-20.

The Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited is again offering its award winning Rivers Conservation and fly Fishing Youth Camp in June 2008. The camp is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Council and hosted by the Cumberland Valley Chapter. In its eighth season the camp was bestowed the honor of Coldwater Volunteer Conservationist of the Year by National Trout Unlimited at its meeting in August of 2001.

The purpose of the camp is to educate students in the importance of coldwater conservation. The selection of the thirty-two students is a rigorous process. In addition to the application form, each candidate must submit a written essay on why they wish to attend and submit the name, address and phone number of a guidance counselor or science teacher as a reference. By selecting the leaders in high school today, it is felt that they will be the leaders of the communities in years to come. It is important for them to recognize the importance of clean water and how it relates to everyday living. The curriculum has been structured to provide the necessary foundation for that education.

The classes are college level classes that have been distilled to provide the students with a background in fundamental science and how it will apply to daily life. Classes include Principles of Ecology, Hydrogeology, Aquatic Vertebrate and Invertebrate Sampling, Hydrology, Trout Behavior, Trout Stream Entomology, The Biology of Pollution, Acid Deposition and The Politics of Conservation and The Effects of Humans on the Chesapeake Bay.

This year the camp will be providing an opportunity for students who are Boy Scouts to complete their Merit Badges in Fly Fishing and Fishing. Students who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity must contact the camp after they have been accepted for further details.

While this is a learning experience of a lifetime, it is not all work. There are structured classes in fly tying, fly casting, streamside ethics, angling literature, the evolution of angler wading safety and survival and streamside botany. These classes are designed to provide a balance to the textbook classes.

Additional information is available at www.riverscamp.com

Interested applicants should contact Ted Downs at 393-6645 or email [tdowns30@comcast.net](mailto:t downs30@comcast.net)

Applicants must apply before March 15th, 2008

TED DOWNS

