**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

In spite of an April that seemed like an extension of March, we are mostly through Spring looking Summer right in the face. As usual we have a lot of activity behind us and more in front of us. We are participating in the Lancaster County Youth Sportsmen Youth Field Day on June 9, 2007. The 2007 Fish and Golf Tournament is being held on June 14, 2007. Our June 20, 2007 picnic at Millport once again will host the swap meet.

The Special Olympics Fishing Derby will be held again on July 20, 2007.

We will participate in the One Fly Tournament.

As you can see we have a lot of activities that get us involved in the community. If you haven’t participated in one of these, try to make the upcoming ones. In addition to our mission to protect and conserve cold water streams, these activities give us a chance to get together on a more social basis. They offer opportunities to meet people with similar interests and make some new acquaintances and friends.

**BOB BACHMAN APPOINTMENT**

We are pleased to announce that Bob Bachman has been appointed Fish Commissioner for District 6. This includes Lancaster, Dauphin, Lebanon and York Counties.

Bob is a member of Donegal Trout Unlimited and heads the Cocalico Watershed Association.

Bob is a retired US Navy submarine navigator. Following that he was awarded a PhD in Ecology from Penn State University.

For 13 years he served as Maryland’s Chief of Fresh Water Fisheries, Director of Fish and Wildlife, and last as Director, Fishing Services.

If you have suggestions or comments you would like him to hear, his email is bachman@ptd.net; his phone is 336-1029.

We believe this is a significant appointment for our area.

We wish Bob the best in this new position.

**BIG BROTHER BIG SISTER ANNUAL OUTING**

We had a nice evening with 10 kids and sponsors from the Big Brother and Big Sister organization. We met at Martin Trout Pond in New Holland, and caught some fish for the kids to take home. For most it was the first time they had ever fished. So it was a lot of fun both seeing them catch the fish and watching the reactions. We finished the night with hot dogs, chips, cookies and drinks.

**LITITZ RUN WATERSHED DAY**

Each year we participate in the Lititz Run Watershed Day. This is an event in which the Warwick Township School District 5th graders learn about the importance of the watershed. Our role is hosting them at the nursery. We tell them about the important part trees play in the watershed.

Then they get directly involved in potting the bare root trees we buy in the spring. This year they potted over 500 trees. Every one wins on this. They have a great time and we get the help we need to pot many trees.

**BOARD PROCEDURES**

The board has approved two changes, one to the bylaws and one to the position descriptions.

The change to the bylaws is “From time to time, the board shall conduct business electronically. The results of any electronic business shall be communicated to the secretary for inclusion in minutes of the regular monthly meeting.”

This allows the board to respond more quickly to situations and requests which come up well prior to the monthly meeting.

The second approval deals with combining the position of Business Affairs Committee with that of the Treasurer. It eliminates a board position. It does maintain the integrity of functions while streamlining the process.

*GLEN NEPHIN*
Perfect weather, perfect river, perfect company...oh yeah, perfect fishing too! Are you thinking that we have just described a beautiful spring or fall day on your favorite trout stream here in Central PA? Nope. We were lucky enough to be the successful bidders on the trip to Montana's Big Horn River at last year’s Trout Unlimited banquet. We would like to take a moment to express our gratitude to the Chapter for organizing such a fabulous vacation, as well as share a few details of our experience during the first week of July.

We arrived at the Camp 6x Lodge in Ft. Smith Montana, and to our great pleasure were greeted by Grover and Mark Keening (The Keening Brothers). Both Grover and Mark are members of the group that built Camp 6x, and both were very accommodating and helped us get a leg up on the history of the camp, the river and the fishing. We were also joined by Wes Smith and his son Alex. Although we did not see a whole lot of each other during the day (we were all fishing different areas of the river) the whole group certainly made up for it during the evenings when we shared many fish stories and got to know each other better. What a great group.

We spent the entire week fishing. Up early in the morning, back late in the evening. We had to; not because we were determined to land that finicky fish, but because the Big Horn is just an awesome fishery that allowed us to catch fish from morning ‘til evening! Collectively, we’ve fished the Madison, Henry’s Fork, the South Fork of the Snake, Yellowstone, Firehole, Big Hole, and a few other well-known trout streams out west, but there is no doubt in our minds that the Big Horn River beats them all. There is a type of fishing for everyone at the Big Horn – wading, boat fishing, and my favorite – stalking 20” browns in 6 inches of water – only accomplished through the help of our knowledgeable guides that were provided as part of the trip! I still can’t believe how the guides spot them so easily.

We also took a trip to the Tongue River in the high altitude of the Big Horn Mountains just a short drive away in northern Wyoming. The scenery is refreshing, awe-inspiring and really helped us appreciate the time we were able to spend there. It certainly does not make it easy to come back home! This was truly a trip that we will cherish for a long time, and we hope to be back out to Camp 6x soon. If you are thinking about bidding on the trip next year, please don’t, we want it all for ourselves again!!!

Special thanks to the following donors for their contributions of guided float trips: The Bighorn Angler, The Bighorn Trout Shop, and Roger from Cottonwood Camp. The guides were courteous and as good as you can get. Also, thank you to all those who contributed their time to organize the trip.

Nate and Audrey Scott
Committee Reports

MEMBERSHIP
Welcome to all of our newest members! For the month of March these include:
Brandon Schreiber from Manheim.
Kyle Andes, Thomas Wanner, and Bob Kutz all from Lancaster.
From Lititz we have Dave Smith and Fred Hopper.
From Brownstown we have Brian Dugan.
From Christiana, John Dyer.
Welcome one and all to the best TU chapter in all of Lancaster County. Some might say we’re the best chapter in the entire state, or for that matter, the entire country. That’s all up for debate, but we’re working on it, and with your help we can make it so.
We’re into the heart of fishing season, and the pastime we love so much. Make sure that during those conversations with your friends on or off the stream, in the cabin, or at the local watering hole, you invite them to come join us and see what Trout Unlimited is all about – what it has to offer them, as well as what they can offer TU.
This year, we’d like to reach a goal of 600 members in DTU. See what you can do to help us reach that goal.
One other thing to remember, size 16 Sulphurs during the Green Drake hatch – right before dark, especially at the head of the pool.
BILL BILLET

BANQUET NEWS
The 2007 Banquet is complete, and I am happy to report, it was the best year so far. Our total profit this year was $30,000. A big THANK YOU to all that helped out in any way – especially all our sponsors and donors. You made all this possible with all your generous donations. I would ask all of you to please support all these generous businesses.

Some highlights of the evening: The Baskets, which were new this year, went over very well. Our total proceeds from them were $900. The basket winners got a great deal. I know some of them had well over $200 worth of items included. They will be back again next year.
Also new was the entertainment. I don’t know about you, but I thought those two guys on the guitars were great!
Good money was raised for ‘Casting for Recovery’ once again. We thank all who supported such a great cause.
The big money winner for the evening was DTU member Doug Mann. Doug was the winner of the Fishing/Vacation ticket we sold. The ticket turned to a 50/50 because we didn’t sell enough tickets to give away the trip. Doug graciously took his $2400, along with another 50/50 for the evening, and the $500 cash give away for the night. Doug did well!! Also doing well was Bob Albright, winning the $1000 gift certificate from TCO fly shops.
Our turnout this year was the best ever, with 230 people attending. We would like to build on that number for next year. As the numbers build, so will the prizes and the give-away items. The Lancaster Host, our new banquet site, was well received by all attendees. The food was great and the facility was huge. There is always room for improvement, and the committee has gone over some of the details for next year already. The whole banquet went very well for a new place and new layout. Now I get to fill the place up with even more good stuff for next year! Speaking of next year, the banquet date is set for April 5, 2008 at the Lancaster Host. Hope to see even more of you there next year.

DAN BRANDT

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE
Spring arrived a little late, and seems to be flying by. So much to do, and so little time to fish. Since our March 17th clean-up day was SNOWED out, we were struggling trying to get some projects done along Lititz Run. We had a class from E’town College come out for some stream education, and also volunteered for the morning. We were all very happy with the results. We got a lot done in the tree nursery, and several hundred cuttings and bare root seedlings planted. Warwick Watershed Day was on May 8. The students kept Chuck and Bill stepping, but by the end of the day most of the trees had happy homes. Matt Kofroth will be out soon to do some electro-shocking work to see how the fingerlings are doing. We would like to do some additional log and rock fish habitat structures this summer.
We will be hosting a meeting June 5th at Tanglewood golf course to hopefully rally the troops into forming a watershed group. We are anxiously waiting to see if we are awarded the grant for the pilot projects. At various meetings I’ve attended, it often comes up what a slow, drawn-out struggle it is to move these projects ahead. We are trying to figure out who we can speak to about speeding up the process. Hurry up and wait!!
Our chapter will be assisting the Furnace Run/Segloch Run on some bank stabilization/fish habitat structures this summer. This can be your chance to come out and ROLL SOME ROCKS. We will keep you posted on the dates.

GREG WILSON

PROGRAMS
June 20, 2007 at 6:00 PM (watch the time change here), we will have the 2nd Annual Donegal Trout Unlimited Swap meet, held in conjunction with the annual DTU Summer Picnic at Millport Conservancy. Don’t miss this fun event on the banks of Lititz Run. Food and drink will be provided!
This year the Doc Fritchie chapter from Dauphin and Lebanon Counties will be joining us.
No meeting in July, come to the Special Olympics Fishing Derby on July 14 instead.
We will be at Bob Bachman’s home at Blue Lake in Rheamstown, PA on August 15, again at 6 p.m.
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 in the August Mayflyer.

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With Earth Day behind us this is a great time to recount some of the various conservation projects that took place over this extended weekend. From watershed cleanup events, to tree plantings, to even a fishing derby, everyone could find something to take part in. Hopefully you had a chance to get out and help “Mother Earth.” Below is just a short recap of some of the activities that took place around the county.

**CHIQUES CREEK WATERSHED ALLIANCE**
The Chiques Creek Watershed Alliance held an Earth Day Event with help from local volunteers. Volunteers assisted the watershed group by cleaning up a recent stream restoration project and two local parks, Mummau Park and Logan Park, just outside Manheim Borough. Volunteers planted a variety of trees and shrubs donated to them from the Donegal Trout Unlimited native plant nursery. Great job!

**FRIENDS OF FISHING CREEK**
For volunteers in the Friends of Fishing Creek watershed group, their Earth Day event was one of their first public events. Volunteers from throughout the watershed cleaned up roads and roadside ditches across the Fishing Creek Watershed. As usual a variety of “junk” was removed from this very pristine watershed. Drumore Township assisted with the event as well as local sportsmen. For their first event the group was very pleased with the overall result from the day. Future public events for the group include a “creek stomp”, bird walk, and a local fair display. Check out the Friends of Fishing Creek group and get involved.

**LITTLE CONESTOGA WATERSHED ALLIANCE**
Once again the Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance held their traditional Earth Day tree planting event. This year the group worked with volunteers and local school children on a small park in East Hempfield Township that borders “Jacobs Creek.” This streamside park was in need of riparian buffer. The 300 plus plantings, which can be seen from Rohrerstown Rd. & Route 30, were planted, watered, and even staked with tree tubes for added protection. In a few years with continued maintenance and oversight the project will be a great recreational resource and learning area in a fairly suburban environment.

**COLUMBIA BOROUGH WATERSHED ASSOCIATION**
In conjunction with Columbia Pride Day the Columbia Borough Watershed Association held a streamside cleanup event with area volunteers. The stream cleanup took place at the Borough’s Riverfront Park along the Susquehanna River. A storm water outfall pipe and surrounding area were spruced up by local boy scouts and dedicated volunteers. Other members of the group, along with borough workers, beautified the park with mulch, flowers, and trash pickup. A small educational program was even taught to the local boy scouts assisting in the project. For the group’s first project I think all were very pleased with the outcome of the day. Best of luck in future activities.

For a list of future watershed events & meetings check out [www.lancasterwatersheds.org](http://www.lancasterwatersheds.org)

**MATTHEW KOFROTH**

**ENVIRONMENTAL CHOICES**
Donegal TU hosted an “Environmental Choices” class on April 28th at Millport Conservancy. The group of 15 students came from Elizabethtown College with their instructor David Radcliff. The students learned about Trout Unlimited conservation projects, viewed our DVD “One Stream at a Time” and had a question and answer session. Matt Kofroth, Greg Wilson and David Wise of the CBF were present along with Lynn Myers of the Millport Conservancy. They spent part of the morning working in the nursery and doing some streamside planting with Greg Wilson. Some of the group helped with a stream cleanup along Lititz Run and got to see Kevin Fausey do a trout feeding. The students were very impressed with DTU’s previous work, upcoming projects and several local students took membership applications along home. This class got a firsthand demonstration of conservation work they never knew existed. DTU was well represented at the nursery with Doc Besecker, Kevin, Harold and Scott Trefny. Thanks to everyone including the always generous support of Millport’s Lynn and Logan Myers.

**TED DOWNS**
3 Month Chapter Planner

Month | Event | Date & Time | Place | Subject
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June | Board Meeting | Wed. 6/13-7 PM | Millport Conservancy | Normal Meeting
 | Chapter Meeting | Wed. 6/20-6 PM | Millport Conservancy | Summer Picnic & Swap Meet
July | Board Meeting | Wed. 7/11-7 PM | Millport Conservancy | Chapter Meeting No Meeting
 | No Meeting | | Bob Bachmann’s Rheamstown Picnic
August | Board Meeting | Wed. 8/8-7 PM | Millport Conservancy | Normal Meeting
 | Chapter Meeting | Wed. 8/15-6 PM | Bob Bachmann’s Rheamstown | Picnic

DTU 2007 Strategic Plan

Overview: This strategic plan is designed to serve as a guide to provide continuity for future activities. It recognizes that growth and change are inevitable. It will be reviewed and updated to provide us with short and long term goals and to provide current and future committee chairs with goals that are consistent with Donegal Trout Unlimited’s mission and vision.

This section contains only the goals which were selected. There is an appendix outlining other possible goals and tasks. That is available on our website, donegaltu.org.

The board has agreed on a two year strategic plan.

Mission Statement: To conserve, protect and restore cold water fisheries and their watersheds.

Vision Statement: To be the pre-eminent cold water conservation organization in Lancaster County. Acting as a leader, and partnering with both public and private organizations, DTU encourages coldwater resource education, conservation, and restoration projects.

Goals: Goals should be realistic, attainable and measurable. We have selected four key areas, Membership, Fundraising, Conservation, and Education.

Membership
Goal: Increase membership to 600.
Cost: $1,000 Date: 9/08

Fundraising
Goal: Create a DTU presentation to solicit partnerships.
Cost: $5000 Date: 1/08

Conservation
Goal 01: Appoint project managers for: Conowingo Donegal Creek Lititz Run Segloch Run
Cost: 0 Date: 11/08
Goal 02: Start five pilot projects on the Conowingo.
Cost: $147,000 Date: 10/08
Goal 03: Pursue public easements on select streams.
Cost: 0 Date: 1/08

Education
Goal 01: Expand Trout in the Classroom by two new schools.
Cost: $3000 Date: 12/08
Goal 02: Extend invitation to Clinton County TIC to understand their success.
Cost: 0 Date: 11/07

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CALLING ALL DTU VOLUNTEERS!

It’s the Special Olympics Fishing Derby time again on Saturday July 14th, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. Lunch included. If you have never volunteered for this event before, you are in for the surprise of your life. Come out and share the experience and make a difference in someone’s life as well as your own. Help teach one of the Athletes to fish and share in the pleasure when your Fishing Buddy is reeling them in, alongside numerous other Athletes and volunteers.

This will be a team effort between Special Olympics Coordinators, Ray and Sharon Meyers, Dr. Hugh and Kathy Wenger, Hosts, & PA Fish and Boat Commission members and a host of volunteers, as well. The event is open to 30 Athletes. We try to have a one-on-one participation.

In addition to the fishing, there will be a casting competition for the Athletes. Last year there were some really sizeable fish caught in this pond. Maybe your Athlete will be the winner along with you this year.

Come and watch our own Russ Guthrie, Program Chairman, going zoom, zoom, zoom around the grounds with his John Deere Gator-Aide and be a part of his collection of Kodak moments.

Call Faye Haering at 717-285-2572 and reserve your place in this event, or e-mail at fayonthefly@comcast.net

Information and directions are also on the web site...www.donegaltu.org

FAYE HAERING

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