What’s Emerging

President’s Message

In June I spent half a day on a tour of southern Lancaster County with Bob Kutz. He wanted to check on several streams and make some contacts. As you all know we have a conservation project underway and soon to be completed on the Conowingo Creek. When that’s completed this Fall it is really just the beginning of a stream restoration for this creek. There is the possibility of another even larger project there so we are hoping that develops soon. After meeting with Mark Metzler of Rettew Associates, Bob took me south past the city of Lancaster, sometimes I think forgetting I had spent years in southern Lancaster County when I was with the PSP. He had us on roads I haven’t traveled in 40 or more years but regardless, I was impressed with his knowledge of many remote roads in areas known by name only by the locals.

We stopped at an Amish farm and met with the Fishers who live along Climbers Run. They have a major erosion problem there and are badly in need of help. They are 100% behind TU coming in there to do the job so Bob was going to try to expedite having PFBC get there to work on a plan. It was interesting, when we met father and son in the barn, Bob greeted them in Pennsylvania Dutch. They loved that and wanted to know where he had learned their language (Bob always seems to amaze me also). While there we also visited two more neighbors of the Fishers who also, from initial contact appear willing to sign on.

We visited the Conowingo Project fully underway with Flyway Construction and also met with the landowner of that first site who was ecstatic over the work being done. He had a major problem and Flyway was doing a beautiful job and all he could do was shake our hands and thank us. Next we visited the Valley Lea Horse property on Fishing Creek and a section of the Lancaster Conservancy property on a tributary which also needs restoration work. Russ Guthrie is going to handle the Valley Lea project having first made contact with “The Friends of Fishing Creek” to get that started. I could go on and on about these projects but then I’d be doing a duplication of Bob Kutz’ report and that’s not what this is really about. After checking an online source I’ve found that Lancaster County has over 120 named and documented streams and runs with many small tribbs never making that list. This tour with Bob showed me that stream restoration here in Lancaster County is so badly needed it will take millions of dollars and years to make a serious impact on the problem. We spent our chapter money and worked by hand on the Lititz Run and the success finally came in recognition from the state after 19 years of work that Lititz Run was restored.

Our video about Lititz Run produced about 8 years ago is called “One Stream at a Time”. Well, we are right now doing more than one stream at a time because we have perhaps found a way to accelerate our conservation process through a combination of partnering with watersheds, partnering with the PFBC and their help with design and construction costs and with having professional help from companies like Rettew Associates for major projects. Unfortunately some of these major projects are absolutely not going to happen unless we are able to get grants because the restoration costs are astronomical. The other part of this is getting more Donegal Chapter members involved in these projects. In the past we did a ton of manual labor throwing rocks and doing stream plantings but now that isn’t always representative of the work required. We need more Conservation Committee people to attend meetings, work with watersheds and assist in the projects we will take on. Landowners need to be contacted and while knocking on doors with Bob Kutz that June day we were unable to find anyone at home on a property along Climbers Run. Bob got on his cell phone knowing only a last name and in minutes was able to locate the landowner who he thought he knew through his business. In minutes he had setup a luncheon meeting with that man for the following week. Was I impressed? You bet I was!!!

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So if this hasn’t impressed anyone with what’s going on with Donegal TU then you should spend some time with a guy named Bob Kutz. Go out and see what’s really happening because we need more leaders like him to show us the way. Now I know Bob doesn’t need accolades to keep motivated because he is driven by a passion and his reward is when the job is finished. Thanks Bob for your years of dedicated service to this chapter.

I hope many of you saw the short piece about Lititz Run that aired on WGAL-TV on July 9th. Bob Kutz and Greg Wilson along with Matt Kofroth were shown on the stream where we volunteers have spent so many hours together over many years working toward a stream restored to the way it was in the past. It seems the news media is very interested now in our work and a reporter from the Philadelphia Inquirer is presently writing a story about Lititz Run. Well, Lititz Run is a great success story and an example of what can be accomplished, but our job now is to start digging into that list of over 120 streams here in Lancaster County just waiting for someone to restore them.

**Ted Downs**

*Before & After Photographs of the Silimperi Property on the Conowingo. Photos courtesy Rettew Associates*

**Welcome New Members**

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**Chapter Planner**

**AUGUST**
- 12th: 7 pm Board Meeting Millport Conservancy Picnic
- 19th: 6 pm Chapter Meeting Bachman Residence Picnic

**SEPTEMBER**
- 9th: 7 pm Board Meeting Millport Conservancy Rick Nyes - Tying
- 16th: 7 pm Chapter Meeting Farm & Home Center

**OCTOBER**
- 14th: 7 pm Board Meeting Millport Conservancy Four Seasons Banquet Octoberfest
- 21st: 7 pm Chapter Meeting Millport Conservancy
Committee Reports

PROGRAMS

AUGUST

Wednesday August 19th @ 6:00PM - Bob Bachman’s home on Blue Lake near Reinholds

Join other TU members for a great evening by the stream. Bring your fly rod and fish for bluegills and bass in Blue Lake. Bob Bachman has again graciously offered his place for our picnic meeting. Great food and beverages will be available courtesy of Donegal TU.

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.

Hope to see you there!

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday September 16th @ 7:00 PM - Farm & Home Center
Presenter- Rick Nyles from Sky Blue Outfitters PA, MT & NY
Presentation - Fishing Videos & Photos
Rick will show us some of his CDC Patterns & his own “Flying Nymph”.

Patterns will be tied in front of a video camera & projected onto a screen. Read more about Rick & Sky Blue Outfitters at http://www.skyblueoutfitters.com.

OCTOBER

Wednesday October 21st @ 5:30 PM - Four Seasons Banquet Facility - OCTOFEST!
Presenter - Gary Edwards
Presentation - “Fly Fishing the Americas”

DTU’s Octoberfest is always a terrific evening. The buffet is outstanding and the “best deal in town”. This year we will have a special DTU Raffle Ticket Drawing for five outstanding prizes. Tickets will be on sale soon. Socializing begins at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6:30.

BOB ALBRIGHT

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Work is presently being accomplished on the 5 Conowingo Creek projects by Flyway Construction Co. They provided the heavy equipment to construct the projects that were designed by Rettew Associates last year. It feels good to get some projects “In the ground”. You can see some “before & after” photos of the first project completed in this newsletter.

FISHING CREEK

Russ Guthrey, Fishing Creek Project coordinator, reports that he has received the PA Fish & Boat Commission’s design for the Valley Lea project. This is the project where DTU will partner with “The friends of Fishing Creek Watershed Association” & the “Valley Lea Horse Center” to rebuild their entire stream frontage. Russ is currently gathering bids on the materials & labor to finish the project. Final costs and time schedules will be submitted to the board for action.

CLIMBERS RUN

DTU is currently talking to 5 land owners along Climbers Run just south of Marticville. Agreement forms will need to be signed & mailed to the PA Fish & Boat Commission. The completed forms will trigger the commission to visit the stream & begin to design of the structures that will help stop erosion & improve fish habitat. To date, we have 3 of the 5 landowners agreements in hand. The 2 largest parcels are Amish farms owned by the Fisher & Stoltzfus families.

Lititz Run

This project will be accomplished with the cooperation of DTU, The Lititz Watershed Association & The Millport Conservancy. The Fish & Boat Commission has finished the design & work is expected to start this Fall. There will be 18 devices that will be installed just upstream from the footbridge on the Conservancy’s property. Look for photos as the project begins to develop.

Bob Kutz

MEMBERSHIP

This year, as TU celebrates 50 years of coldwater conservation, I thought it would be the appropriate time to look back at Donegal TU’s 40 years of history (established as the 7th PA Chapter April 5, 1969) and, as membership chairman, recognize those long-standing members.

As you review the list of living members with a minimum of 30 years of service, think about these ‘founders’ of DTU and please take the time to personally thank them for their years of dedication to our cause.

Mr. Kenneth Depoe, Mount Joy joined Feb. 1968
Mr. Craig K. Depoe, Mount Joy joined Sept. 1968
Mr. John E. Kraft, Lancaster joined Sept. 1971
Dr. Paul Geschwend III and Family, Lancaster joined Nov. 1971
Mr. Carl B. Bear, Willow Street joined July 1972
Dr. Leigh S. Shuman, Lancaster joined Sept. 1972 LIFE MEMBER
Dr. Donald M. Good, DDS. Lancaster joined Oct. 1973
Mr. William R. Gamber, Lancaster joined Jan. 1974 LIFE MEMBER
Mr. Bill Nester and Family, Manheim joined March 1975
Mr. John D. Sweigart, Elizabethtown joined Nov. 1975 LIFE MEMBER
Mr. Alfred Drayovitch, Jr., Quarryville joined Aug. 1976 LIFE MEMBER
Mr. David G. Chalfant, Akron joined April 1979
Mr. Martin J. Heisey, Lancaster joined May 1979

I’ll leave you with this:

In December 1959, to a crowd of 250 gathered at TU’s first general membership meeting, George Griffith opened the meeting paraphrasing the opening stanza of Reinhold Niebuhr’s Serenity Prayer:

“God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can, and wisdom to know the difference.”

Kevin Fausey 3
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The chapter is ready to start another stream improvement project with the PFBC. It will be a 12 device project over 1,500 feet at the Valley Lee Riding Club on Fishing Creek. This is just below the Buck in lower Lancaster County. The project partners are Donegal TU, Friends of Fishing Creek, the Valley Lee Riding Club and the PA Fish & Boat Commission.

Bids are in and the total project cost will be in the $12,000 range. We have cheaper bids if we do it in the Wintertime. We are thinking that over. The project will use 41 logs, 19 at 25’, 9 at 20’, 8 at 15’ and 8 at 8’ all will be 12” to 14” round. Additionally, 235 tons of R7 stone will be needed. That stone is in the 12” to 30” size range. Four 8 hour days will be required to put it all in place. I will be the Project Manager working under the guidance of Bob Kutz, Conservation Committee Chairman.

Below is a picture of a 5” native brown trout Tyler Groff caught the day we did the inspection with the PFBC. It was caught near the future placement of the second device of the 12 devices we will build. That was an exciting time when Tyler netted this fish. In 3 years that guy might be like the 27” brown trout Joel Shipe (friend of mine) took out of Lititz Run on July 11, 2009 at the Hess Farm.

Also, see below the PFBC design sheets for the project. You can also take 1 min and 47 seconds out of your life to watch the inspection video of the Valley Lee project on You Tube.

Use this address - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZogAD57zhFo
The Tenth Annual Special Olympics Derby was held July 18, 2009 at Dr. Hugh & Kathy Wenger’s One Acre Pond in E-town.

Bravo! A job well done! Firstly, we have to give credit where credit is due: to our volunteers, all 23 of them for their countless hours and energy to make this event happen and of course Dr. & Mrs. Hugh Wenger.

A hearty thanks to the following volunteers from DTU: Scott Trenfy, Russ Guthrie, Kevin Fausey, Glen Nephin, Glen Mattox, Wayne Boggs, Tom Hall, Ed Beakley, Barb Beakley, Jim Wellendorf, Garry Longenecker, Roy Crawford, Bob Bolinger, Chris Bolinger, Matt Paulatos, Bob Weiss, Michael Riggi, Tony Riggi, Kelly Weiss, Karen DelleDonne, Tyler Groff, Josh Croff, and Cassidy Kurtz.

DTU provided the golf carts that, along with Russ Guthrie’s Gator Aide made numerous trips transporting people, coolers, gear and equipment to and fro.

It was hard sometimes to tell who was having more fun, the athlete or the fishing buddy when they caught a fish.

A memory making moment for sure.

Bring on the Eleventh Derby, we’re ready, willing and able.

There were 26 Athletes participating, under the guidance of Ray and Sharon Meyers, Family Coordinators, and Special Olympics Lancaster County.

PFBC Members Bob Lyons and Mike Skurecki gave a presentation to jump-start the event with water safety and respectful manners.

Tom Grobingeiser received a trophy with a Bass, from Mike Skurecki for his 24” Catfish and Mark Preston with a 23½” Catfish received the blue ribbon. Brook Trimble received an award for the most fish caught.

There were numerous other awards received for a variety of categories.

Following the tournament, a water float retrieval demonstration was given by Tom Hindman and his black lab Kota, assisted by Dan Vastyan, both from Mossy Oak Pro Staff.

Everyone then retreated to a nice shady grove for a picnic lunch, provided by the Special Olympics Committee, along with a photo op. A good time was had by all.

Awards provided by Donegal Trout Unlimited.

Faye E. Haering
DTU Volunteer Coordinator

Photos courtesy Kevin Fausey & James Wellendorf
Our new fiscal year begins on October 1, 2009. Each year we must elect a new slate of Officers and Board Members, even though many members of the Board are continuing from the prior year. A 3-member Nominating Committee composed of 3 current DTU Board members has presented the Board with a slate of nominees for approval. This year those 3 members are Bob Wyble, Glen Nephin and Gary Roulston.

The Board has approved publication of the following slate for election at the September 16 Chapter Meeting.

Nominations for Donegal TU Officers and Board starting Oct.1st, 2009

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Wayne Boggs  Vice-President
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Glen Nephin
Kevin Fausey
Scott Trefny
Bob Albright
Bob Wyble
Greg Wilson
Tom Hall

GARY Roulston
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**Photos courtesy Kevin Fausey**
Tournament at Foxchase Best-Ever

How can you not have a good day if you go fishing and play golf on the same course on the same day? Donegal TU hosted the first golf/fishing tournament at Foxchase Golf Course in 2006 with 42 golfers. This year, thanks to an article in the Lancaster Newspaper by P.J. Reilly, 64 people signed up for the tournament.

Teams of two loaded fishing rods and their favorite bass lures into golf carts at 5:30 AM and drove to one of two ponds on the course to try their luck at catching fish in hopes of reducing their golf score in the round of golf to follow. Players could deduct one half of a stroke from their golf score for each fish they caught. Doug Foulitz caught 9 fish so he and his partner could deduct 4½ strokes from their golf score.

At 7:30 AM a metamorphosis occurred and the fishermen turned into golfers. Fishing rods were exchanged for golf bags and 16 golfing teams teed off in a shotgun start to compete for prizes at the end of the tournament.

Doug Foulitz caught the most fish (9) and Mike Adams caught the largest fish, which was a cat fish that measured 22½ inches. Josey Zellman and Chad Wenger each caught a small mouth bass that measured 17½ inches. Results from the golf tournament were as follows:

Gross Score:
First Place Team: Craig Zercher and Jim Englert (score 67) Second Place Team: Mike Adams and Gene Hilton (score 70)
Net Score: (Strokes for fish caught reduced from gross score)
First Place: Tom Refi and Tim Refi (score 67½) Second Place: Brandon Pierce and Barry Halterman (score 72)

The rain on Thursday morning ended at daybreak and held off until the end of the round of golf at noon, so it turned out to be a great day! If you missed the tournament this year mark your calendar to look for an announcement about the tournament next year. Chip Kappesser, golf pro at Foxchase announced that the tournament will be held next year and asked people to list their email address on a sheet of paper so we can notify them next year by email. If you would like your name added to the email list please send your email address to Bob Wyble wyble@ptd.net.

A special thank you to Dave Chalfant and Tim Suloff for helping to organize the tournament this year.
OCTOBERFEST SWEEPSTAKES

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