What’s Emerging

President’s Message

The Climbers Run Project is due to start on July 26th and last ten days. We have had donations from Exelon Power, PPL Corp. and Constellation Energy, totaling $20,000 towards the Climbers Run Project. The rest of the funding will be from Donegal TU with help from PA Fish & Boat, who pay for materials.

The Fishing Creek Project was completed in 2½ days and had been estimated to take up to 4 days. This Fall we still plan some streamside planting at the Fishing Creek Project. The Herb Weaver farm on the Conowingo is scheduled for August. The funds for that project are Federal ‘319’ funds already approved through the EPA so we have no chapter financial commitment. We have applied for additional funds for 4 more landowners on the Conowingo and should hear shortly from PA DEP, upon approval by the EPA. Two of those properties will involve the PA Fish & Boat Commission along with Wild Resources and DTU.

Our new website is up and running thanks to Mark McMaster’s diligent and creative labors. The new site will have many new features and will be easier to use. Please take the time to look through the many slide show pictures of our activities. Wayne Boggs and Mark were able to solve problems which were present with the old site which made it difficult to manage and use. So we have taken over the site management ourselves and will save a consultant’s fees from now on.

I received a call from Bob Bachman last Saturday July 17th and learned that there was a fish kill on the Lititz Run. Fish & Boat are investigating at this time. There were trout, carp and suckers seen floating from Clay Road downstream. We have no known cause of this kill right now.

The Millport Conservancy is now designated fly-fishing-only. This is due to reports of trespassing and poaching. Also we expect that the lower Lititz Run will also follow with the same rules soon. The extremely hot summer so far really should be a reason not to fish and further stress these trout which can’t handle the much higher stream temperatures. So please consider waiting for cooler days.

Ted Downs

August Meeting
August 18
Summer Picnic
Bob Bachman’s 6 PM

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Nominating Committee Report

The Slate of Donegal Trout Unlimited Officers and Board Members for 2011 is as follows.

President – Wayne Boggs
Vice President – Tom Hall
Secretary – Gary Roulston
Treasurer – Tim Suloff
New Board Member – Glen Nephin (previous Immediate Past President)
New Board Member – Kevin Hirst

As is customary we will elect the entire Slate in one vote at our September Chapter Meeting. Please plan on attending the September meeting and participating in our election process.
**Committee Report**

**Programs**

**August 18**

Our second picnic of the Summer will be at 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 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 15**

September’s meeting will return to Lancaster Farm & Home Center and our speaker will be Don Baylor. His topic will be “Pocono Streams - Past, Present & Future”. Don has been fishing the streams of the Poconos since he was 10. Now 64, he knows and loves all the well-known as well as many “secret” streams of these watersheds. Join us for this highly-recommended speaker.

**October 20**

Our speaker for the Octoberfest meeting, held at Four Seasons Banquet Facility in Landisville, will be Boyd Pfeiffer. Boyd is an award-winning outdoor journalist widely known for his expertise in fresh and salt water fishing, tackle, fly tying, fly fishing and outdoor photography. He has fished extensively since a youth and contributed to the outdoor press for the past 45 years. In doing so, Pfeiffer has written thousands of articles and columns for over 70 magazines, and authored 26 books. He has fished throughout the world, including much of the United States, and parts of Canada, Brazil, Australia, Panama, Belize, Venezuela, Columbia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Guatemala, and elsewhere, so you’ll want to attend to discover his topic for the evening, “My Favorite Fish”. Bar opens at 5:30, dinner at 6:30.

**Newsletter**

Almost everyone is aware of and has personally experienced the inevitable worldwide trend to all-electronic communication. Many times this has been done to improve speed and for personal convenience. Many other times this has been done as a matter of necessity, in order to keep expenses under control.

Donegal TU prides itself on the quality of and the publication of our newsletter “The Mayflyer”. Over the years we have received much recognition and we have won numerous awards for our newsletter. Historically, The Mayflyer was published monthly and only in a hard-copy format. Several years ago the cost of publishing hard-copy versions of The Mayflyer forced us to move to publishing it every other month. That wasn’t something that we wanted to do, but it was something that we had to do.

At the same time we began to offer an electronic version of The Mayflyer. Voluntary adoption of this electronic version has been steadily improving since then. The electronic version of The Mayflyer is available through www.donegaltu.org/mayflyer up to two weeks sooner than the hard-copy version. Plus, unlike the hard-copy version, the electronic Mayflyer is available in full and beautiful color.

Today we find ourselves in the unenviable position of no longer being able to afford to print and mail hard-copy versions of the Mayflyer even every other month. Constantly escalating postage rates and recently increased scrutiny of our advertising (which helps to pay for publication costs) by the US Postal Service further jeopardize our position.

Our Chapter membership has grown considerably over the last several years (we are now approaching 600 members) and printing and postage costs have continued to escalate from that alone. None of the annual dues you pay to Trout Unlimited go to the chapter, so newsletter expenses impact our general fund. We currently spend over $6,000 per year printing and mailing hard copy versions of the Mayflyer. We would much rather put that money into permanent stream restorations than into temporary paper documents that end up in a land fill.

Fortunately for all of us, the worldwide trend to all-electronic communication has had another, positive, effect; almost everyone now has a computer or a mobile device with access to the Internet and to electronic documents.

Given these realities the Donegal TU Board of Directors has decided to keep pace with this trend to all-electronic communication. Effective October 1, 2010 “The Mayflyer” will be offered to our Chapter members only in electronic format. This change is consistent with our current By-Laws.

That said, in order to provide assistance with this transition, we will (temporarily) make hard-copy versions of the Mayflyer available to those Chapter members who absolutely must have one. This will be done only by specific written request to our newsletter editor Mark McMaster. Hopefully there will be few of these requests.

Thank you for your understanding and your cooperation as the Donegal Chapter makes this inevitable change for the better.

**Website**

The new website is up and running at last. Please check it out at www.donegaltu.org. Since the structure and technology is completely different from the old site, any “Bookmarks” or “Favorites” links you have will need to be updated. While I have tried to provide “redirects” which will catch & correct such errors for you, an old link may still generate an error message. Simply visit the new site, find the page you want to bookmark and add or edit a new link.

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I don’t know how many people understand the work that goes into making this event a success. First, in January we pick an agreeable date with Dr. Wenger, and the Special Olympics Family Coordinators Ray & Sharon Meyers and Donegal Trout Unlimited board. Then we get it on the calendar with a Rain Date selected. Closer to the event itself we coordinate contacting all the people and groups that provide the variety of services. Announcements go out to the Special Olympic Committee for the athletes to sign up. Then transportation needs are included, food and drink purchased, as well as arrangements for portapotties, tents, rods and bait. The PFBC members are contacted as well as Mars Foods who provide us with the candy bars. Now this is just to get it off the ground, but then the real work begins to get the people signed up to help make it happen.

This year we had 37 athletes signed up, an all-time high and were able to get 29 DTU volunteers signed up, also, an all time high. What’s also noteworthy here is that we had four youths on that list. They chose to come and help with this event to make a difference in the lives of these athletes and the other persons involved. Now you just have to love that in this day and age. Their names are Tyler Groff & Josh Croff and Tony Riggi and Grayson Hirst. I’m really proud of their willingness to help.

A great many of the volunteers are repeats and set aside a day in July to help us out and we had several new people as well. I’m going to make a new policy and list the names of the volunteers, because without them we just couldn’t do this job. Jim Wellendorf, Gary Longenecker, Dave Boomer, Bob Weis Ed & Barb Beakley, Russ Guthrie, Dennis & Susan Dougherty, Davis Mattox, Scott Trefny, Tom Hall, Wayne Boggs, Dr. John Bowman, Tagge & Sandy Forrest, Robert Eichelberger, Ken Dietz, Joan & Harold Sechrist, Chuck Elmer, Kevin Hirst, Kevin Fausey, Michael Riggi and Doug Mann (who helps us get the chocolate bars from Mars). Hopefully I didn’t forget anybody. And then there are the PFBC members, Michael Skurecki and Bob Lyons who come every year and provide education, rods and support.

We are presently working to get this event rescheduled and hopefully we will be able to rely on some or most of these people to help pull this off. Watch the banner on our website www.donegaltu.org and your e-mail for the new date, same place at Dr. & Mrs. Wenger’s pond, for without them we wouldn’t have such a marvelous “Fishing Hole” that provides these beautiful, huge fish for all to catch. Thanks to all for your offer to help. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

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DTU VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

On Saturday, June 19, Donegal TU held its first ever Kid’s Fly Fishing Clinic. Kevin and Grayson Hirst organized and managed the event. By all indications, it was a huge success. Fourteen kids attended from all different areas of Lancaster County. The age range was from 11 to 14 years old. All equipment was provided by Donegal TU. Thank you to Ted Downs for securing 10 brand-new Temple Fork Fly Rods and Reels for the kids to utilize. TCO Fly Shop also chipped in to load the reels with line that was donated by Cortland.

The curriculum was broken into 4 different stations. Kevin began with an introduction to fly-fishing that included some brief history of the sport, and moved on to identify all the equipment involved. Each participant got to assemble their own rod and reel and learn the basics of getting rigged up to fish.

Second, the candidates were set up to tie their first flies. Jim Hovan did an excellent job as instructor and the kids all tied a San Juan Worm pattern. Thank you to Kurt Enck for getting us hooked up with all the fly tying equipment.

Next, Bob Albright took over as casting instructor, and moved the kids outside to practice beginning casting techniques. Lines were flying everywhere!

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Matt Kofroth, with the assistance of Lancaster Co. Conservation District workers and some DTU members, shocked the Banta property on Lititz Run on May 24 to survey the survival rate of our fin-clipped trout stocked there last year. Results were “very positive” with numerous trout in the 10-11” range, as well as giant carp.
We then moved streamside for an Entomology study conducted by Scott Trefny. The kids were amazed to see what trout eat. We seined the creek bottom and discovered scuds and leeches.

The morning concluded with a walk up the stream to feed some big hungry browns.

I would like to thank all the committed volunteers from Donegal TU that showed up to help. I think we discovered a need for this program, and without their help it couldn’t have come off so well. Also, I would like to thank Grayson Hirst and Tyler Groff for being youth mentors. Lynn and Logan Myers from The Millport Conservancy have been so good to us at TU, and there couldn’t have been a finer location for our first try at this event.

We need more youth involved in our organization and this program provides a great platform for us to do just that. I am looking forward to next year’s Kids Clinic. If you ever find your excitement for our sport waning just come out and see how excited these kids get about fly-fishing. It will jump start your enthusiasm all over again.