What's Emerging

President's Message

As I assume the position of president, I want to thank Wayne for his service over the last two years. Under his leadership we have had many accomplishments, not the least of which is being voted best TU Chapter in Pa. Many thanks from all of us.

This year’s OctoberFest was a rousing success. For those of you who couldn’t attend, you missed a great evening and a wonderful presentation by Barry and Cathy Beck. I’m sure we’ll have them back again. The November meeting was a very informative presentation on fishing the Tully. It was a very interesting overview of the different sections, seasons, and hatches. Please make a note for the December meeting. Dave Shenk has put together and excellent program on fly tying. Please plan to be there on Dec. 19th.

Work is ongoing on Climbers Run. Adam Smith and his crew with US Fish and Wildlife will be working into December to repair some damage from storms this year as well as some restoration upstream from our current project. There has also been some damage on the Smucker farm on Conowingo Creek that will be addressed. Earlier this year the Lancaster County Conservancy, in cooperation with National TU, acquired a property on Climbers Run upstream about a mile from the route 324 bridge. The property was formerly known as Camp Snyder. Earlier this fall a group which included members of the Conservancy, DTU, and Kevin Anderson from National TU, did a walk-through of the property to evaluate its potential. Climbers Run, where it cuts through the ridge, could be any trout stream in the northern part of the state. With its gradient, waterfalls, and pools, it is not what you might expect in southern Lancaster County. As an added bonus, wild Brook trout were discovered. The number of wild trout in the watersheds in the southern end of Lancaster County is astonishing. Even with all the distressed areas which need attention, and it is a daunting task, these wild trout still exist on pristine streams, farmers meadows, and golf courses. The health of the Chesapeake Bay is at stake and hopefully DTU can continue for many years to come to restore and maintain these distressed areas.

It has been observed that there seems to be a noticeable drop in the numbers of trout in certain areas of Lititz Run-Millport especially in the upper meadow and the pool below the falls at the lower footbridge. We are not sure why, but we suspect some poaching. As a Millport badge holder, if you see anything suspicious, don’t be afraid to question them or let Logan know. Earlier in November we stocked about 300 fingerlings 7-8” in Millport and another 400 in the lower meadows including the Thompson and Hess farms. These fish were equally split between browns and rainbows. We hope they can get established.

Well, that time is here again. It’s time to start preparations for our Spring Banquet. It’s our biggest and most important fund raiser of the year. Mark your calendars-April 6. Dan Brandt is starting to get things organized and looking for volunteers. It’s a great event. Don’t miss it.

I look forward to the next two years and with all your help, I’m sure we can have continuing success.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year to all!

Tom

Corner

Volunteer

Badges for fishing Millport Conservancy in 2013 are now available. Purchase them at a meeting for $20 or contact me for mailing instructions, at a cost of $22.50 including postage. Check or money order only. Current members of Donegal TU or Millport Conservancy only. Contact Faye Haering at fayeonthefly@comcast.net or 285-2572.
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Also, there are several other potential projects that your committee is presently evaluating and considering. I will keep you abreast of any future funding announcements.

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

Good news to report on 2 projects: The Daniel Smucker farm project will be completed by the end of October. There might be some last-minute items to complete, such as fencing, but the major construction will be completed. Flyway Excavating did a marvelous job with their equipment & operators. Please feel free to visit the site, The address is Conowingo Road. You will have to drive through a long gravel road to get to the farm. Just tell Daniel that you are from TU & you would like to see the stream project.

The next project will be on the Tanglewood Golf Course. We expect to complete that work by the end of the year. Again, Flyway Excavating will be the contractor. This site is easy to find. As you drive south on Rt. 272 through Buck, look for the Tanglewood Golf Course sign on your left. Turn left and drive past the Club House. In 500 yards, you will drive over the Conowingo Creek. Look for the construction equipment on your right in November.

Also, there is more good news to report on our Fishing Creek Project. As of Saturday, October 13th, that project was officially completed. Land owner, Bob Landis, & I planted 50 trees along the stream to help solidify the bank & eliminate the erosion problem. The grass is already 6” in height. After completion of the planting, we watched Wild Brown Trout feeding along the newly erected 200 foot Mud Sill. Talk about “Build It And They Will Come”, there they were. Fishing Creek is one of two “High Quality Cold Water Fishery” streams in the county, the other one being the Furnace Run/Seglock Creek Watershed.

The only negative item to report is the fact that the weather did not cooperate with us on this year’s last project, that being the project on Charles Run along Musser Road in Mt. Joy Township. We expect to complete that project in May, 2013.

Future Projects. We have 5 new projects that we are looking at within the Conowingo Creek Watershed. DTU is working with Rettew Associates and has submitted estimated costs to DEP to cover the design and permitting portion of these projects. I will keep you abreast of any future funding announcements. Also, there are several other potential projects that your committee is presently looking at.

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**Dave Shenk**

The Chapter is sad to note the sudden tragic death of board member Dave Shenk on Saturday, November 24. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

FROM LANCASTERONLINE:

David R. Shenk, 67, of Lancaster, at his residence, unexpectedly went home to be with the Lord, on Saturday, November 24, 2012. Born in Atlantic City, NJ, he is the son of Grace H. Rock Shenk, Lititz and the late Paul D. Shenk. He was married to Jan Cutaiar Shenk. Surviving in addition to his wife and mother are his children, Christopher (Amy Allison) Shenk, Pottsville, PA, Bryan Shenk, Lititz, Adrienne (Francesco) Caporusso, Lititz; stepchildren, James (Jenifer Cole) Stewart, Fredericksburg, VA, Robert (Wendy Fralich) Stewart, Landisville, Jacques Decaire, Ft. Walton Beach, FL; 8 grandchildren, Daniel, Rebecca, Caleb, Gia, Catherine (Belle), Alex, Julia, Sylvia; a brother, Dale P. (Pennelope) Shenk, Albuquerque, NM and a sister, Mary Grace (Ronald P.) Youtz, Palmyra.

David was a graduate of Ephrata High School and Alvernia College with a degree in business management. He was a veteran of the Viet Nam War serving in the Air Force. He was a postal clerk with the US Postal Service, retiring in 2009 and a substitute teacher for I.U. 13. Dave was an avid outdoorsman. He loved hunting, but his passion was fly-fishing. He designed and tied flies for fishing, demonstrating them in the U.S., Canada and Italy. His innovative flies won him a master’s award in England. He was passionate about sharing and teaching the sport of fly tying and fishing.

Another passion was art. Dave was a talented painter and helped many others in that field. He enjoyed gardening and was skilled at raising flowers. Dave was an excellent chef and everyone wanted his secret recipe for cakes he made. He was a member of Trout Unlimited, Canada, Trout Unlimited, Donegal Chapter, where he was a board member, the AMVETS, American Legion, and an associate member of the Canadian Royal Legion. Dave attended Grace Baptist Church of Lancaster.

Dave’s Life Celebration Service will be held at Grace Baptist Church of Lancaster, 1899 Marietta Ave., Lancaster on Monday, Dec. 3rd at 11:30 a.m. Interment in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, E. Hanover Twp., PA. Friends may call at the church on Monday from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Please omit flowers. Memorials may be sent to Trout Unlimited Donegal Chapter, P.O. Box 8001, Lancaster, PA 17604.

Spacht Funeral Home, Lititz, has been entrusted with the arrangements. To share your fondest memories of David visit:

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If you are a business owner and would like to reach over 560 members with a common interest, please consider running your ad in the Mayflyer. There are 6 issues each year. Cost of the ads are $150 for a business card size and $300 for a half page ad.

Please contact Glen Nephin at gnephin@ptd.net or 271-9208.
There must be a direct correlation between bad weather and stocking Lititz Run. It seems every time the Chapter decides to stock the Run the weather turns ugly. The last two times it was rain and high water. This Fall was no exception to what has become the rule. The weather on Wednesday November 7, 2012 was cold and overcast with a predication of rain and snow to start around noon. Fortunately for the Chapter volunteers the rain and snow held off until after the stocking was completed. The volunteers – Joe Scholly, Paul Lydon, Wayne Boggs, Tom Hall, Greg Wilson and his Golden Retriever, Nellie, Garry Longenecker and Jim Wellendorf stocked 700 trout, an equal number rainbow and brown trout. The brown trout were between 7-8 inches and the rainbow trout slightly larger at 9 -10 inches. The trout were purchased from Cedar Springs Hatchery. 300 trout were stocked at two locations in the Millport Conservancy and 400 trout at several locations on the Hess and the Thomson farms. Hopefully when Spring comes we will see many of them feeding in the Run.

JIM WELLENDORF
Four members of DTU were given Certificates of Appreciation by outgoing President Wayne Boggs for their outstanding service to our chapter in the year 2012. Bob Kutz, Faye Haering and Mark McMaster are shown below. Bob Albright was unable to attend for family reasons.

Outgoing President Wayne Boggs, newly-elected President Tom Hall & our speakers Cathy & Barry Beck

Photos courtesy Jim Wellendorf
**WOMEN’S WORKSHOP**

Our first Women in Lancaster Cold Water Conservation Breakfast went over very well, and we’re now in the early planning stages for another one this coming Spring. Tentative date and location are April 13th at Millport Conservancy. If you, your wife, significant other or daughter are interested in participating, please contact me (fayethefly@comcast.net or 717.285.2572) so I can keep you updated.

We are also still trying to stage a Women’s Fly Fishing Clinic. Initial plans for this last summer were abandoned because of the heat, and rescheduling for last Fall never quite worked out. We think Spring is a much better time for an event like this and are just trying to work it into everyone’s busy schedule. Again, if you or someone you know would be interested, please contact me so I can get information to you as quickly as possible.

_Faye Harring_