Greetings all!

I would like all of you to welcome our new board members. Joy McMaster and Dan VanBuskirk as Members-At-Large. Gary Roulston is stepping down as Member At Large. Bill Henry is our new Secretary, replacing Ted Downs, who did a wonderful job. Garry Longenecker is stepping in for Tom Royer as Nursery chair. Fran McElhinny is taking over as Membership chair from Kevin Fausey. Paul Zegley, who joined us mid-year is our new Program chair. To our retiring members, Gary Roulston, Kevin Fausey, Ted Downs and Tom Royer, we all extend our tremendous appreciation for their many years of service along with a hearty “Well done”!

For those of you who could not attend our October-Fest, you missed a very fine presentation by Eric Stroup on fly fishing central PA. His insights on Penn’s Creek, The Little J, Spring Creek and others, was very entertaining and we all learned something new that we can certainly put to use. The December 17th meeting is our 2nd annual Dave Shenk Fly Fishing Clinic. There will be several very skilled DTU fly tiers demonstrating the latest techniques in creating their favorite flies. It’s a very popular and informative event, so don’t miss it!

On behalf of Donegal TU, the board approved a $1000 donation to the Millport Conservancy through the Extraordinary Give. The money is to be used to construct a new bridge over Lititz Run at the lower end of the property. The bridge will enhance the safety of all of those who come to do research, recreational activities or just to enjoy this very valuable resource. We have a long term relationship with Millport and over the years they have been very accommodating for our chapter. We use the property for board meetings, our tree nursery and any number of special events throughout the year. Lynn and Logan Myers are always willing to help and have always been very gracious to us. They are profoundly grateful. I think this gesture is of immeasurable importance going forward for our relationship with Millport, as well as the surrounding community for many years to come.

Faye Haering is busy planning some new events for 2014. Look for the possibility of an intermediate fly fishing clinic on Lititz Run, maybe in early summer. Also, possibly in September, a fly fishing day for kids on Hugh Wenger’s pond. Stay tuned.

Again, I want to thank all of you for your continuing support in the growth and success of our chapter.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all!

TOM

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February 2013: S. Eric Stroup; Mayflyer: S. Eric Stroup; Tree Nursery: Bob Ackerman; October: S. Eric Stroup; December 2013: Ed Pivarnik

Volunteer

Badges for fishing Millport Conservancy in 2014 are now available for chapter members and members of the Conservancy. Pricing remains the same as last year: $20 in person, $22.50 to cover mailing expenses. Include your telephone # and membership info.

Volunteers will be needed to man our booth at the Fly Fishing Show on March 1 & 2. Admit it, you’re going anyway, why not spend an hour or two helping out at the booth.

The Banquet on March 29 will need numerous volunteers to set up beforehand, sell tickets, run some of the events, act as runners during the auction and many other things. New volunteers to help solicit donations, prizes and advertising would also be very welcome.

Contact Faye Haering at fayeonthefly@comcast.net or 285-2572.
Welcome New Member

Carl Hosier
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Pot Scrubber Nymph

MATERIALS

Hook: Size 10 or 12 down-eye wet fly hook.
Thread: Brown.
Tail: Three or more brown cock hackle fibres.
Ribbing: 4 or 5 turns of flat copper strip, the original pattern calls for a strip obtained from a copper pot scrubber.

Abdomen: The abdomen occupies about two thirds of the hook shank. It is dubbed with a blend of dark chocolate wool cut up with the individual fibres teased out before equally blending with dark brown seal’s fur. The ratio is about 1 wool : 2 seals fur. (Ed: or sub SLF or SimiSeal)

Thorax: The same dubbing mix as the abdomen. It is made using figure ‘8’ binding and it is about twice as thick as the abdomen.

Legs: Some of the thorax dubbing is picked out with a dubbing needle to give the appearance of legs.

Wing-case: The original fly has no wing-case.

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Wind brown thread down shank to bend. The tail fibres are also locked in during this operation.
2. Tie in flat copper strip or if available a strip obtained from a copper pot scrubber.
3. Evenly blend dark brown seal’s fur with dark chocolate wool 2 : 1 ratio.
4. Dub two thirds of the hook shank.
5. Wind 4 or 5 turns of ribbing and tie off. Cut off excess if no weight is required (if a weighted fly is required wind excess wire to form base of thorax).
6. Make the thorax about twice as thick as the abdomen by dubbing using figure ‘8’ binding.
7. Make a well-formed head, finished with black head cement.
8. Pick out some of the fine hairs of the dubbed thorax to give the appearance of legs, also do the same to the abdomen to give the fluttering look of gills.

COMMENTS:

The main thing about this fly once wet is the fluttering movement all over the body, which is achieved by mixing seals fur and wool. Today a small amount of fiery brown seal’s fur is put in the blend. The pot scrubber rib pushes the dubbed body down giving a segmented look. When the fur is teased out it should quiver as nymph-like gills. Although not in the original Pot Scrubber Nymph, a dark brown to blackish wing-case (shown here) is sometimes added on weighted nymphs for fishing deep. As an emerging nymph, the copper rib is replaced with imitation copper wire for less weight and cock hackle is wound at the head and trimmed flat underneath. ~ Alan Shepherd. Original fly design: Dick Wigram circa 1935.
PROGRAMS

DECEMBER

This year’s Dave Shenk Fly Tying Expo will once again feature several of our own members demonstrating how they tie a variety of favorite flies. The evening will begin with a video of Dave Shenk tying a few of his favorites, then new members John McLain and Todd Peters will be tying the Bonnie & Clyde Tummel-style Soft Hackle and an Antron Soft Hackle Caddis Pupa respectively. Nancy Suloff will tie a Hot-Shot Pheasant Tail Emerger and Mark McMaster will tie a Wet Fly called the Cock Up. Join us on December 18 at the Farm & Home Center for a fun evening.

JANUARY

Join us on January 15, when Lancaster Conservation District’s Watershed Specialist, Matt Kofroth will give us some ideas for ways we can personally do things around our own homes to improve the water quality in Lancaster County.

FEBRUARY

We’ve all seen the slobber-inducing ads in the magazines and catalogues for trips fishing for various salmonids in the Kamchatka Peninsula of Russia. Well, our own Bob Bachman will regale us with tales and photos of his recent trip to that very place on February 19th. If you can’t go yourself, this may be the next best thing, so don’t miss it.

MARCH

If you’re starting to get the itch to go fly fishing again after a long winter staring at the walls, you won’t want to miss the March Meeting on March 19th. Chapter members John McLain and Todd Peters, otherwise known as Soft Hackle Specialties will tell you all you need to know to fish soft hackles and wet flies in our region’s streams. The presentation will cover some of the locations, tactics, flies, and strategies they have found successful over their 70 combined years of fishing. The tackle overview will cover the rods, leaders, weight, and hook care that makes soft hackle and wet fly fishing more effective.

PUBLISHED BY:

Bob Kutz
CONSERVATION CHAIRMAN

NURSERY COMMITTEE

In 2013 Tom Royer oversaw the planting and care of over 1,200 trees at the DTU nursery. By Thanksgiving, 600 trees were still remaining. With winter approaching I and others networked with various people and organizations to see if any of them were interested in taking some of the trees for planting this year. The following is a list of those that did:

Bob Kutz - Climbers Run 65
Friends of Fishing Creek 60
Warwick Township 100
Mark Johnson RGS  6
Greg Wilson - Banta Farm 35
Lancaster Clean Water Consortium 45

The DTU Board recommended that we keep the remaining trees and protect them for the winter. So on the November 23, Kevin Fausey guided Tom Hall, Jim Wellendorf, and Mark Ebner through the winterization process. All the trees are now bundled up for the winter. See the before and after photos on page 6.

This inventory will be a big boost for stream projects in 2014.

A BIG THANKS to Kevin for his guidance and support. I should also thank the Conservancy, Warwick Township, and Manheim Township for their support in offering to winterize the tree stock. And to Lubia Irwin, Warwick Township, who had a load of mulched leaves promptly delivered to our site, which were used to winterize trees at the nursery.

To date 500 plants have been ordered and donated to the nursery for 2014.

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MAYFLYER ADS

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.
Fly Tying Class?

Member John McLain has approached the Board asking if there is any interest in the chapter in hosting an informal fly tying class this coming winter.

In broad outline the group would meet on a Saturday in January or possibly in February. Attendees would bring their own vises, tools & materials. Chapter members of all skill levels would be needed. The class would be advertised to and open to the public as well as chapter members who wish to learn or expand their skills. Anyone seeking instruction could ask for help from those more experienced chapter members present and everyone could spend a few hours filling those gaping holes in their fly boxes instead of grousing to their families about the miserable weather keeping them penned up indoors instead of on a trout stream where they belong.

A place and time are obviously dependent on whether there is interest among chapter members in the first place.

If interested please send an email to John at johnmclain547@yahoo.com, talk to him at the December meeting or tell a board member.

Committee Reports, continued

Our plan is to plant 1200 trees this coming year.

Thanks to everyone for their many contributions to help DTU’s Nursery have another successful year.

Volunteers

Donegal Trout Unlimited needs you!

Coming this Spring we will be having several projects that will require your help.

Stream cleanups
Fish stocking
Stream restoration projects
Tree plantings
Spring Banquet at the Host, March 29th
Please help!

Check our Volunteer Corner in the Mayflyer and see what we are working on that could use your area of expertise and help. We do good work, but we do better with you than without you. Make a difference and make it count.

Contact Faye Haering at 285-2572 or fayeonthefly@comcast.net

Thanks to all the volunteers that have come out and shared their time and efforts. We couldn’t do it without you.

Everything we do with you makes a difference in our community and our cold water conservation efforts.

More to come!

The meeting was called to order by Tom Hall @ 7:00 PM at the Millport Conservancy.

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the previous DTU Board Meeting were approved by motion as distributed via e-mail and taken by Ted Downs.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Bob Albright reported the regular account has $81,943.91 and the Conowingo Account has $1305.01 for a grand total of $83,248.92. A motion was made and approved the treasurer’s report.

**Conservation**


Charles Run and Fishing Creek work is completed. A group of DTU members Tom Hall, Ted Downs, Greg Wilson, Paul Zegley and Bob Kutz met with John Levitski of PPL along with Mike Burcin of the Lancaster County Conservancy on Oct 3rd at Camp Snyder. The meeting was to explain the plan for future work at Camp Snyder to be done in 2014 by Donegal TU along with the Conservancy. PPL has donated $1500 last week as an initial contribution toward that work. PPL has also supported the prior year’s Climber’s Run work financially. Exelon also donated $5000 toward that project last week. Kevin Anderson of National TU will be making grant applications for this project also. We will apply in the next round of the Susquehanna River mini-grant for additional funds as well as other grants when due. Rettew Associates is surveying the Blackwell Rd. property for inclusion in the Conowingo Creek work for 2014. We have received over 60 stream books for distribution to landowners we contact for projects.

The farmer at the Thompson farm found the fly fishing signs which had been taken down by unknown parties. They will be erected again. We need to talk to the Wenricks regarding their displeasure with the way the Fly On The Run people came on to their property. This was not DTU members who caused the misunderstanding.

There will be a tree planting on Climber’s Run at the Menno Stoltzfus farm on Oct. 19th starting at 9:30 AM?

**Membership**

Kevin Fausey reported 654 members & 8 youth.

**Banquet**

Dan Brandt not present, no report.

**Communication**

Jim Wellendorf has sent the calendar by email. He will be making a special effort to get attendance up for the Octoberfest. He said that there was mention in the Merchandizer so far.

**Nursery**

Tom Royer was present with Garry Longenecker who will be taking over the nursery duties. The board thanked Tom for his service the past years. Tom will be helping Garry with ordering plants for next year.

**Education**

Ned Bushong reported that Ephrata lost their chiller. We will be paying for repairs of about $120. Lancaster Mennonite also had to replace their chiller. The fish eggs will arrive on the 1st of November. We now have 8 schools in the TIC program. TU National sends the newsletter /magazine to all the schools in the program.

**Volunteers**

Faye reported that the Ladies’ Cold Water Conservation Breakfast will be in April next year and it would be nice to invite daughters and granddaughters to the breakfast. The Wild Sheep Foundation again has requested fly tyers for their event at the Convention Center on Feb 15th. She is working on a youth fishing event/contest to be held at Hugh Wenger’s farm.

**Newsletter & Website**

Mark McMaster said there were 245 hits in August on our website. He is working on a friendlier upgrade for mobile users with updates on maps also. The board minutes are now printed in the Mayflyer.

**Programs**

Wayne Boggs said the count for the OctoberFest was over 40 and his final count has to be called in to Four Seasons on Monday. The doors open at 5:30 PM and the dinner is served at 6:15 PM. Our new shirts will be sold at the meeting along with hats.

November meeting will have presenter Don Bastian and December will have fly tying. Next OctoberFest will have Jack Hubley. Wayne said he was now turning the program chair over to Paul Zegley.

**Facebook**

Mark Ebner posted pictures of salmon caught at the Salmon River, Pulaski, New York on Facebook. He questioned whether he should keep possession of the new projector rather than store it in the storage facility. He will be keeping the projector as members thought that would work better.

**Round Table Discussion**

Tom Hall said the nominations are completed and published for officers and new board members and election will be held at the meeting next week.
In the season of “trick or treat”, the members and guests of Donegal Trout Unlimited enjoyed a real “treat” on the evening of Wednesday October 16, 2013, the night of the Chapter’s Annual OctoberFest membership meeting. The meeting which was held at the Four Season Golf Course near Landisville, PA began at 5:30 PM with a social hour to meet new friends and renew old friendships. The social hour was followed by a buffet dinner of pork and sauerkraut, of course, stuffed chicken breast, corn, fresh vegetables and topped off with fresh-made pie.

After dinner, Tom Hall, Chapter President, recognized the past year’s outstanding volunteers. From right to left in the photograph are Tom Hall, Wayne Boggs – Past President and Events Chairperson, Mark McMaster - Web Site Manager and Newsletter Editor, Faye Hearing – Volunteer Coordinator, Bob Albright – Treasurer, and Jim Wellendorf – Vice President and Communications Chairperson.

Tom also recognized several Board members who are retiring with over 40 years of combined service. In the photograph from right to left are: Tom Hall, Ted Downs (12) – former President and Secretary, Kevin Fausey (7) – Membership Chairperson and Tom Royer (7) – Nursery Manager. Not pictured was Gary Roulston (12) – former Vice President.

Tom then conducted a brief business meeting.

The remainder of the evening was spent listening to Eric Stroup speak about “Fishing in Central Pennsylvania”. He described with words and pictures how to, when to and where to fish Spruce Creek, Fishing Creek, Spring Creek, several mountain streams and his “home water”, the Little Juniata River. The audience was not only informed and educated but also entertained with his lively presentation.

Before leaving, the members and guests participated in several drawings. One lucky member won a Hardy’s fly fishing rod. What great way to end to a perfect evening!
Minutes - November Board Meeting

Present: Jim Wellendorf, Wayne Boggs, Bob Albright, Bob Kutz, Mark McMaster, Faye Haering, Art Thorn, Ned Bushong, Dan Brandt, Joy McMaster, Fran McElhinny, Garry Longenecker, Mark Ebner, Dan VanBuskirk, Paul Zegley

The Meeting was brought to order at 7:00 by Vice President Jim Wellendorf at the Millport Conservancy.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the Oct. 9, 2013 Board Meeting was passed unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Bob Albright noted that we have $87,935 in our checking account and $17,989.30 in the Conowingo grant account for a total of $105,924.30. His full report is attached to the minutes. Motion to accept the treasurer’s report was approved unanimously. Bob stated that he had submitted our annual report to national TU.

CONSERVATION

We have completed a $10,000 Embrace-a-Stream grant proposal. Kevin Anderson, our regional rep from TU, was instrumental in the preparation and he will submit the application to national TU.

We are looking into submitting a grant proposal to the Cora L Brooks Foundation. That grant has a $20,000 maximum.

Bob Kutz indicated that we will need volunteers to plant 50-60 trees from our nursery on Climbers Run. Bob will send an email to the Board indicating the time and meeting place.

COMMUNICATION

Jim Wellendorf announced that there were no changes to the Communications Contact List. Jim also said he sent out a reminder to the members and the Communications Contacts about the November membership meeting on November 7, 2013. Jim then reviewed the November Draft Calendar of Events. He will make the appropriate changes and send the approved Calendar to the members and Communications Contacts on Friday November 15, 2013.

MEMBERSHIP

No report

NURSERY

Garry Longenecker, newly appointed nursery chair, said that he has winterized all of our equipment and that we still have 700 trees in pots. Bob Kutz will need 50-60. The rest of the trees will be buried in shredded leaves for the winter.

EDUCATION

Ned told the Board that the trout eggs for all 7 schools will be delivered by November 14. The chiller at the Ephrata High School needed repaired and DTU paid to have it fixed.

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

Volunteer chair, Faye Haering, indicated that DTU will have a Ladies & Daughters & Granddaughters Cold Water Conservation Breakfast on April 26th at the Millport Conservancy. A proposal is attached to the minutes.

We also plan to have a youth fly fishing clinic at Hugh Wenger’s property in September. Date will be picked later. This will be run similar to the Special Olympics Derby, but with fly rods and flies. We will provide lunch, beverages, rods/reels, leaders/flies and instruction. We will need volunteers for this event.

The Fly On The Run will be mid May and the LCCTC will stock for fish for this event.

FACEBOOK

Mark Ebner, Facebook chair, has posted pictures from the Camp Snyder tour and he has fed the fish

PROGRAM

Paul Zegley, newly appointed program chair, said that he has several promising contacts for February through May’s chapter meetings but is waiting for confirmation.

BANQUET

Banquet chair, Dan Brandt, reminded the Board that the 2014 Banquet will be on Saturday, March 29 at the Host Resort on Route 30 east. This year we will be in the ballroom, which will be a nicer venue than the convention center. He plans to schedule a committee kick-off meeting before Christmas. He will send an email with the date, time and place.

NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE

Mayflyer: Downloads of the October Mayflyer are inexplicably down, with only 150 or so compared to the usual 250+. Deadline for submissions for the December issue is Wednesday, November 27.

Website: Usage remains about the same with 350 individual users since the last report. The newly-released Internet Explorer 11 still fails to correctly render the graphics used on our Menu. All other major browsers have been rendering it properly for years, as well as many lesser-known ones. In other words, Microsoft still doesn’t adhere to internet standards. Safari has slipped from the #2 browser on our site, replaced by Chrome and even behind Firefox. Mark is continuing work on making the site more mobile-friendly and expects to have some sample pages for the board to review in the next week or so. Mobile usage is down slightly since summer, but that might be normal variation.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

VP Jim Wellendorf told the Board that the DTU Board Christmas party will be December 21 at the Bent Creek facility.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Bob Kutz will be making a DTU presentation to the Mt. Joy Rotary.

There was discussion regarding providing a boot cleaning station at Millport for the FOTr event. Jim will discuss the idea with Tom Hall and Tony Gillespie, Lanc. Career and Tech Center rep.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully Submitted
Wayne Boggs, Acting Secretary for Bill Henry
Ladies’ Cold Water Breakfast that will include daughters/granddaughters ages 12 and up.

This will be our third breakfast, held at Millport Conservancy on April 26th, 2014.

We will again have a free breakfast provided by Lancaster Career & Technology School. DTU President Tom Hall and Vice President James Wellendorf will present a film and talk on cold water conservation. We will have fly tyers Paul Zegley and John McLain and Todd Peters. TCO Fly Shop’s Guide/Instructor Jake Villwock from Reading will again have a fly shop set up for participants to see what’s available for fly fishing instruction and guiding.

Bill Billet will again give casting instruction on the lawn and rods will be available for students. John McLain and Todd Peters will also be giving a program on the elements of fly fishing & casting demo. This is new!

We will stagger the events so that all can participate. Following the classes, Lynn Myers, Director of Millport will give a tour of the Conservancy and the trout in the stream.

Appropriate clothing will be necessary including hats, proper foot wear and sunglasses and anti-insect products.

This program will require pre registration with telephone numbers and email addresses.

We feel that this will be a good introduction for adults and youth for cold water conservation programs in Lancaster County with the anticipation of them becoming more active in our Chapter and perhaps the art of fly fishing.

The program will start at 8:30 – 12:30 P.M. at Millport Conservancy 737 E. Millport Road, Lititz, Pa

Contact Faye E. Haering, Volunteer Coordinator at 717-285-2572 for more information.

Fly On The Run will be held again at the Conservancy in mid May. Dates and particulars will follow. Stay tuned for that.

Remember that the Fly Fishing Show will be held at Lancaster Convention Center on March 1st and 2nd. Our Chapter will have a booth there and need volunteers. You don’t want to miss this show!