What’s Emerging

President’s Message

The keyword in America today is change. To the members of DTU, you too can help change conservation efforts by getting involved actively in your TU chapter.

First of all, we started off this year trying to sign up as many members as possible to receive their newsletter by email. Those of you who have agreed to do this are helping DTU by reducing one of our larger fixed costs. Printing & mailing newsletters takes away monies targeted for stream conservation. So far this email effort has been successful with over 175 members helping out but we still need more of you to sign up because the cheapest, fastest and best way to communicate with members is through our website.

Now we are settling in at our new meeting location in the Lancaster Farm and Home Center and we hope this more centralized newly-renovated building is a more convenient meeting place for all. It was just reported in the news that the Quality Inn at Landis Valley (our old location) is due to be razed for a small shopping center, so this move we made was timed perfectly. In the days when we met at the Stauffer Mansion we enjoyed a snack and a cup of hot coffee at our meetings. Well, now we can do that again without being charged a fee because of a motel policy and Faye has graciously agreed to handle those chores as well.

Another change we are pleased to announce is that Gary Roulston is actively back in DTU, taking over as chapter Secretary by filling the slot left open when Bob Albright took over as Programs Chairman.

Dan Brandt and the banquet committee will be making numerous changes for the upcoming banquet on March 28th at the Host Resort. The dinner cost will not change but many banquet attendees will be going home with a prize without being the luckiest winner. It’s a bigger than ever door prize giveaway. So far the prizes secured are eye popping as well. Guided fishing trips and hunts are already new prizes which have been secured. I have been working on this committee for 12 years and have never seen so many big prizes and generous donations received over two months prior to the event. We also are expanding our banquet activities with more games, so we will need additional workers to pitch in and make this event a success. Please consider getting involved this year.

Last night’s TU meeting was attended by close to 50 who viewed the film “Drift”. There were a number of new members there as well as some Donegal Fish & Conservation Association members. It was probably one of the busiest meetings we have had in some time. Bob Albright is lining up interesting programs, so we expect to see many new faces attending these meetings. Those of you wanting to get involved, please contact one of the board members or officers to maximize your membership.

Banquet
March 28
Lancaster Host Resort

Volunteer

Donegal TU is looking for volunteers to help with securing donations for the annual banquet on March 28th. Also needed are members able to help setup the day of the banquet. Please contact Faye Haering for information on helping the Banquet Committee for this event.

Millport Conservancy buttons are still available from Faye. You may purchase them at any DTU meeting, or by phone at 285-2572. Cost remains $20. If you want them mailed to you, the cost will be $22 to cover postage. Buttons are available only to DTU or Millport Conservancy members.

Corner

February Meeting
“Comeback of Bamboo”
Jonas Price

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Welcome New Members

We’d like to welcome the following new members to Donegal TU:

Jeff Aston
461 Thrush Dr., Manheim, PA 17545

William Belden - Sponsor
395 Cartermoir Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601

K. Thomas Buchen
89 Highland Drive, Lancaster, PA 17602

Noah Daggett
4285 Fairview Road Columbia, PA 17512

Don Dearolf
1608 Wiker Ave., Lancaster, PA 17602

Mr. and Mrs Thomas Hall - Conservator
2649 Spring Valley Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601

Luke Mosch - Family Membership
1090 Chapel Forge Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601

Timothy Roehm
328 Harvest Dr., Lititz, PA 17543

Kevin St. Cyr
371 Mill Pond Drive, Lititz, PA 17543

Ray Zink
31 N. Mulberry, Lancaster, PA 17603

Committee Reports, continued

DTU will be working with the Lititz Run Watershed Association to improve the upper meadow of Millport Conservancy’s property. This is the meadow immediately downstream from the bridge on Rte. 772. The Fish Commission will be designing some fish enhancement structures using logs left over from the Riparian Park project on Lititz Run.

BOB KUTZ, CONSERVATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

BANQUET COMMITTEE

The Banquet Committee would like to give you a sneak preview of just two of the many new items that will be featured this year at the Spring Fundraiser Banquet on March 28.

Rick Groff, a DTU member, has graciously agreed to donate and host a 3-day 3-night all-inclusive spring turkey hunt in rural northcentral Pennsylvania for two.

In addition, Bob Wyble has been very generous by donating a one-day saltwater fly fishing trip for two on his boat. Bob will be your host and guide on the waters of Raritan Bay near Sandy Hook New Jersey for Bluefish.

The banquet committee would like to thank Rick and Bob for their generosity. There will be more new trips and tons of new merchandise to bid on at the banquet this year, so plan to join us for an exciting evening!

If you’re interested in helping the chapter by donating a trip or merchandise for auction or raffle at the banquet, please contact Bob Albright @717-468-4215.

BOB ALBRIGHT
Rod and Reel. Buy tickets and put them in the Bucket you would like to win. Vocal Auction Items such as Canoes and Kayaks, Gas Grills, Ladies’ Jewelry, Dinners and Shows, Furniture, Rods and Reels. Over 100 Silent Auction items such as Hand-tied flies, Prints, Dishes, Books, Life vests, Jewelry, Rods, Reels and more. Door Prizes all night long. Again this year we will feature “Acoustic Nostalgia” with Jack & Todd playing acoustical guitars throughout the evening with music from the 60’s to the present.

Seating prices have stayed the same: $30 regular and $40 for a Gold Table.

Gold Table contributors will receive a chance at $100 cash giveaway and tickets in their seating packet for various raffles through the evening. Bring friends and family.

You will receive your Registration forms along with Super Fundraiser tickets in the mail soon. You may also download our Registration form on the DTU web site.

For more information or Tickets please e-mail Dan Brandt flyguy66@ptd.net or call 341-1581 (cell).

**MEMBERSHIP**

Donegal TU does not maintain a separate version of our roster, depending instead on information supplied by TU National. It is important therefore that everyone insure that your personal information in their database is correct. We are finding that email addresses in particular are often lacking or outdated. If you have an email address, please correct it at http://www.tu.org/site/c.kkLRJ7MSKtH/b.3305821/k.92AF/Member_Center/apps/kb/home/login.asp or email Kevin Fausey kevin40@ptd.net with your current email address.

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

Conowingo Stream Report: Rettew Associates reports that the designs of all 5 projects will be finished in a few weeks & permit applications will be sought thereafter. Construction should start in June with a completion date of September 2009 for all 5 projects.

Our committee met with representatives from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation on 1/21/09 to discuss possible partnership action to complete stream improvement projects on Amish farms within the county. CBF thinks they can help enhance our projects by providing their tree planting programs to the land owner. More information to follow.

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**BANQUET NEWS**

Hoping everyone had a great Holiday Season. Now it’s time to think Spring and our Annual Fundraising Banquet. For 30 years now we have had an annual Spring Banquet to raise money for stream projects around the county. Each year roughly $25,000 dollars are raised in this one event and this is only possible with your help and business owners support. Come out March 28th. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Host Resort, for a great dinner, live entertainment and lots of Games, Prizes and Raffles.

Here are just some highlights of what we have so far: An Orvis Zero Gravity 9ft. 6wt. Custom made Rod by Chuck Elmer; Hosted Fishing trips by: Bob Wyble (Blue fishing on his boat), Bob Albright (Fishing on Kettle Creek), George Daniels (a guided day with instruction), Phil Gay (Fishing on the Gunpowder), Graysystone Preserves (Fishing on private waters in the Poconos). Hunting trip by Rick Groff (All inclusive Trophy Turkey Hunt for Two, 3 days and 3 nights). Bid on Baskets with over $200 worth of items in each one. Buy a chance on a Casting For Recovery Rod and Reel. Buy tickets and put them in the Bucket you would like to win. Vocal Auction Items such as Canoes and Kayaks, Gas Grills, Ladies’ Jewelry, Dinners and Shows, Furniture, Rods and Reels. Over 100 Silent Auction items such as Hand-tied flies, Prints, Dishes, Books, Life vests, Jewelry, Rods, Reels and more. Door Prizes all night long. Again this year we will feature “Acoustic Nostalgia” with Jack & Todd playing acoustical guitars throughout the evening with music from the 60’s to the present.

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**MARCH**

March 18, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Topic: “Off We Go to New Zealand”

Presenter: Fred Bridge

As we get ready to get all the gear out for the start of this 2009 fishing season, come join us for a ride to New Zealand. Fred has previously presented slide shows to DTU on fly fishing Alaska, Montana, and Salmon River, NY. He has fly fished in 26 states, Canada and New Zealand.

He tied professionally for some years but now ties only for friends and family. He spends much time woodworking, including making landing nets and fly boxes, and is a Fire Police Lieutenant in Manchester Twp, York County.

Check out this New Zealand pool.

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**NEW ZEALAND POOL**

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**FEVERVARY**

February 18, 2009 at 7:00 PM (Farm and Home Center, Lancaster, PA)

Topic: “The Comeback of Bamboo Rods”


Don’t miss the “Bamboo Revolution”! It’s back to the future time. The bamboo rods are coming back and Jonas will be telling us all about the future by telling us about the past. History does repeat itself. If you have any “old” bamboo rods, it’s time to get them back out. Check out his website: http://thefeatheredhook.com/
Fly of the Month
Little Black Stonefly Nymph

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Abdomen: Black brassie (BR) ultra wire
Wing Case: Black swiss straw
Thorax: Black dubbing
Legs: Black deer hair or dyed black pheasant tail
Antenna: Divided turkey/goose biot
Who: Trout Unlimited Members and Friends
When: Thursday, June 11, 2009
Where: Foxchase Golf Course
Time: 5:45-7:30 AM Fishing in ponds on Golf Course
Tee Off (Shotgun Start) to Follow Fishing
Cost: $100 for team of 2 to fish & golf
(Includes greens fee, cart, picnic lunch and prizes)

Maximum 72 golfers
This tournament will begin with fishing in 3 ponds located on Foxchase Golf Course. Ponds contain stripers, small mouth and large mouth bass. Golfers will fish one half hour in each pond. Tackle may be fly rods or spin cast rods with artificial lures only. Barbs on hooks must be pinched and all fish must be released. Each golfer will receive 1 handicap stroke for each fish landed.

At 8:00 AM all golfers will tee off in a shotgun start. This will be a 2-person scramble.

Golf Rules for team of 2 players:
Play ball from the best lie on the fairway and on the green
If 2 balls are in the rough; ball may not be moved to fairway
If 2 balls are in a sand trap; ball may not be moved out of a sand trap
All balls must be putted into the cup; Balls may not be dragged to the cup
Record gross score for team of 2 players
Record net score for team of 2 players

Calculation of net score:
Each team may deduct $\frac{1}{2}$ stroke for each fish landed by the team of 2 players. For example if a team of 2 players landed a total of 3 fish the team may deduct 1½ strokes from the gross score. NOTE: Panfish will not count towards the team’s golf handicap.

Fish Prizes:
Most fish landed per team
Biggest fish landed (length) (Please bring a tape to measure your fish)

Golf Prizes:
Lowest gross score per team of 2 players
Lowest net score per team of 2 players (reduce strokes per number of fish landed by team of 2 players)
Closest to the pin on par 3 holes
Name (print): _______________________________
e-mail address (print)______________________________

Home Tel. #: _______________ Cell Tel #: _______________
TU Chapter (print) ________________

Name of team partner for fishing/golf (print)________________________________________________

Return to:
Tim Suloff
859 Salisbury Court
Lancaster, PA 17601
With check for $100 by June 1
Make checks payable to Donegal Trout Unlimited

Click on Foxchase web site for directions http://www.foxchasegolf.com/course/coursemain.htm

**POST TOURNAMENT OPTIONAL CONTEST**

**50/50 PUTTING CONTEST**

Register for Contest at Lunch

Longest Putting Contest - Registration Fee $5.00

5 foot putt - Putt 3 balls; one or more balls in the cup advance to next level
10 foot putt - Putt 3 balls; one or more balls in the cup advance to next level
   (If no balls in cup closest to cup wins 50/50)
20 foot putt - Putt 3 balls; ball in cup or closest to cup wins 50/50
   (If 2 or more balls in cup; play off 30 foot putt to win 50/50)
The Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited is pleased to announce the time and date for its FOURTH ANNUAL FISH AND GOLF TOURNAMENT. The date is: Thursday, June 11, 2009 at the Fox Chase Golf Club in Stevens, PA (Located just off of RT. 272 between Ephrata and Denver - see the Fox Chase Golf Club web site: www.foxchasegolf.com or call their phone number: 717-336-3673 for detailed directions). Check-in will begin at 5:45 A.M.. The tournament will begin at 6:00 A.M. with 1½ hours of fishing at the courses’ 3 ponds (½ hr at each pond) and then 18 holes of golf on the beautiful Fox Chase Golf Course beginning at approximately 7:30.

The ponds contain a variety of fish, including striped bass, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, catfish and various panfish (panfish will not count towards the team’s golf handicap). All fishing will be catch and release with either fly rods or spinning rods with artificial lures only.

The golf tournament will be a 2 person scramble format. Each team of two players may deduct ½ stroke per fish caught by the team. Team prizes will be given for the lowest gross score, the lowest net score and the most fish landed per team. Individual prizes will be given for closest to the pin on par 3 holes, longest drive on hole #7 and biggest fish landed (length).

Players are invited to a picnic lunch after the tournament. The cost is $100 per team of two players, which includes fishing, greens fees and cart, picnic lunch and prizes.

Last year we had about a dozen teams and from all reports everyone had a great time, and we were able to raise about $400 for our stream and education projects.

See the Foxchase/Donegal TU Fish & Golf Tournament insert for more details and registration form. Contact Dave Chalfant at: 859-2906; chalfant@dejazzd.com or Bob Wyble at: 733-4939; wyble@ptd.net if you have questions.