What’s Emerging

President’s Message

The year 2012 is beginning to come together very nicely for DTU. We have five stream projects to tackle this year. Three are in the Conowingo watershed. We anticipate receiving another $200,000 to $300,000 in federal grant money to complete the construction on these projects by Fall, weather permitting. The design work and permitting is already done and paid for with Federal 319 grant money. The three projects together will take about 6 weeks to finish. The streamwork will be completed by Flyway Construction so DTU volunteers will not be needed.

The other two projects, Charles Run, a tributary of Donegal Springs Creek, and Fishing Creek will be coordinated by DTU and PA Fish & Boat. PA Fish and Boat will draw up the structure designs and the money for the projects will come from local donations solicited by DTU members. Volunteers will be needed to help with construction, tree planting and seeding. Watch our website for volunteer requests.

One of the major responsibilities for DTU regarding the Conowingo projects is keeping track of income and expenses. Since the money is federal the paperwork is immense. So far that work has been done by Dee Lehman. Dee has done a terrific job of managing the paperwork but she would like someone else to have the pleasure. Fortunately we have a member who can handle the job. DTU member Art Thorn will be joining the conservation team and taking over for Dee. Many thanks to Dee for her hard work, long hours and diligence. We will miss her expertise. And thanks to Art for accepting this major responsibility.

It seems like I have been talking about the three Conowingo projects for months and I have. It’s a long slow process beginning with talking to the land owners, requesting funding, arranging for the designs to be done, acquiring the permits, obtaining construction companies and materials and scheduling companies, deliveries and manpower. Of course, throughout the entire process is the paperwork.

We are excited about a new endeavor we will be trying on this year. We will be sponsoring a ladies day in the Spring. We are anxious to introduce the ladies in Lancaster County to cold water conservation and stream restoration techniques. After a free breakfast, prepared by our chef Bob Albright, participants will see firsthand what DTU is about. Fly-casting and fly-tying demos will conclude the morning. More information in this newsletter and on the website.

The banquet committee has met twice and donations are already coming in.

Wayne

“Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach him how to fish and you can get rid of him for the weekend.” Jenna Schaffer

(Editor’s Note: the Board has modified the Chapter’s By-Laws and they now need to be approved by the membership. Although that was done at the January meeting, those same By-Laws call for a period of public review before such a vote may take place. The new By-Laws have been posted to the website, where they may be reviewed by interested parties and a re-vote may be called for at the February meeting.)

Volunteer Corner

Badges for fishing Millport Conservancy in 2012 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.

Volunteers will be needed for the Banquet on Saturday, March 31. Workers will be needed to help set up the event, as well as during the event.

Volunteers will be needed for Youth Field Day, Saturday, June 2.
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PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY

On February 15th at 7 pm, Kurt Enck will speak to us on Backpacking & Fly Fishing in the Shenandoah National Park.

MARCH

On March 21st Bob Bachman will regale us with tales of “the trip of his life” chasing Golden Dorado in Bolivia.

APRIL

On April 21st Gary Roulston will also take us to South America, only this time relating his adventures flyfishing for trout in Patagonia.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

On January 5th, Tyler Neimond, from the PA Fish & Boat Commission - Habitat Division, visited our 2 streams that we will be working on this summer. They are Fishing Creek in Drumore Township and Charles Run in Mount Joy Township. We assessed the needs, measured the eroded banks and did a preliminary design to fix the problems while we were on site. We, now, are in the process of gathering costs for the bill of materials as well as the construction. Scheduling should be finished within a few weeks.

Art Thorn & I had a meeting with Mark Metzler, of Rettew Associates, to review record keeping for our grants to work on the Conowingo Creek. Art will be taking over that job previously accomplished by Dee Lehman. Dee was instrumental in setting up our paperwork system which included progress reports as well as quarterly reports that have to be sent to D.E.P. in Harrisburg. I want to take this opportunity to thank Dee for all the volunteer hours she gave to DTU.

Also, Mark reports that all 3 Conowingo Creek projects are ready for construction. The designs are finished & permitting is in place. All 3 projects should be finished this summer if our construction grant is approved by D.E.P. We should be notified within a few weeks.

MAYFLYER

Since we were forced for financial reasons to stop printing the Mayflyer and move to a digital format, available on the website, we have heard many members state that they don’t like reading the newsletter on their monitor screen. It is certainly true that the brightness and glare from a monitor can make extended reading uncomfortable, and printing your own copy, even in Black & White isn’t always a solution. However the past year or so has seen a tremendous increase in the sale of Kindles, Nooks, Kobos and other eReaders, not to mention iPads and other notepads with reading capability. Thanks to an upgrade to the software I use to create the Mayflyer, we now have the capability to produce a version of our newsletter in eBook formats.

In January I posted an experimental version of the December Mayflyer on the website and asked those on the Board with eReaders to try it out. Most reported success and were happy with the result. Beginning with this February issue I will launch a longer-term experiment to learn how much interest there is among the members in this format and how much more work is involved in providing multiple formats.

Reading (and producing) an eBook is much different than the newsletter I’ve been providing. That is more similar to a magazine, with deliberately-placed color photos, multiple columns and eye-catching graphics and text. The Mayflyer in eBook format is much more like a plain book, and for most only in Black & White. It is however much easier to read, and an eReader is certainly more portable than your PC monitor. Obviously there are too many eReaders out there for me to instruct you on how to load these into your reader, so you may have to dig out the instructions on how to load content not provided by Amazon, Apple or Barnes & Noble. I’m sure it’s there somewhere.

If you’re curious what we’re talking about and haven’t invested in an eReader, there are free versions which will run on your PC, Mac or Linux. Links are on the Mayflyer page of the website.

The PDF version of the Mayflyer isn’t going away, as that continues for the foreseeable future to be the most universally-accessible format, but DTU strives to continue to use the most current technology to keep our members and the public informed of our work to preserve and restore the coldwater streams of Lancaster County.

WOMEN’S WORKSHOP

We are excited to be hosting our first “Ladies in Lancaster County Cold water Conservation Breakfast” on Saturday, April 28 at Millport Conservancy. This event will introduce participants to our activities in cold water conservation and local stream restoration, as well as the work of Millport Conser-
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Please contact Glen Nephin at gnephin@ptd.net or 271-9208.

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Featured Carver Dennis Thornton
Theme: God Bless America

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Millport Conservancy

Regulations for fishing Millport Conservancy water on Lititz Run:

- Buttons are available for the Millport Conservancy section of Lititz Run.
- Only members of Donegal Trout Unlimited or the Millport Conservancy are eligible for buttons.
- All members 14 and older must purchase a button.
- Members under the age of 14 may fish without a button only when accompanied by an adult who has purchased a button for themselves.
- All water in the Conservancy is catch & release, fly fishing only.
- Members fishing on the Conservancy may not be in possession of any type of bait (live or dead) or artificial lures other than hand-tied flies.
- All hook barbs must be pinched down.
- All fish should be returned gently to the water as quickly as possible.
- During extreme heat in the summer the stream may be closed for fishing.

Committee Reports, continued

Once again it’s time to think Spring. Mark your calendars for March 31st. This year we celebrate our 33rd Annual Spring Fund Raising Banquet, held this year again at the Lancaster Host Resort. Next to receiving a state grant, this is our largest fundraiser of the year. Last year, with the help of our banquet donors, we raised over $25,000 dollars in that one night for DTU. This money is well spent on our local streams, along with educational support in our area schools. Doors open at 4:30 PM and dinner approximately at 6:30 PM. Dinner this year will be a large buffet with fresh bread, your choice of 3 salads, 3 meats, 3 sides, dessert, coffee, tea and drink. WOW! all for the same price as we had last year, $30 each or you can purchase a Gold Table seat for $40 each which will get you front row seating, extra goodies and tickets in your gift bag and a chance to win $100 cash. 

The door prizes went over so well last year, we thought we would do it again this year. The ticket for the door prize table will be in your seating packet as you come in and register. Tickets will be pulled throughout the night. There will be many items on the table and lots of chances to win for everyone.

Buckets: This year we have decided to do 15 buckets. You buy the tickets in strips and disburse them in any bucket you would like to win. Vocal Auction Items such as Eagles tickets, Fishing Trips to Montana and tuna trips, Vacation Condo Packages to O.C., Maryland and Myrtle Beach, Gas Grills, Ladies Jewelry, Dinners and Shows, Furniture, Rods & Reels like Hardy and Greys, Temple Fork, Winston and Orvis. Over 100 Silent Auction items such as Hand-tied flies, Prints, Dishes, Books, Life vests, more Jewelry, Rods, Reels. Bingo cards to win a Benelli shotgun. Door Prizes all night long.

The rest of the evening will be filled with plenty of entertainment. This year again we brought in two gentlemen playing acoustic guitars throughout the evening with music from the 60’s to the 90’s. Along with all the vocal action, silent action and the many raffles throughout the room, we will be drawing the winners for the $1000 Super Fund ticket at the end of the evening. These are the tickets you will have received with your registration form. If you would like more, please call or e-mail me and I will send them out to you.

Phone: 664-2332 home or 341-1581 cell. E-mail: flyguy66@ptd.net

All your info and registration form will be in the mail soon, or you can download your registration form on our website. Remember to save the date and bring a friend for a night of fun.

Hope to see you there,

Dan Brandt
Banquet Chairman

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