What’s Emerging

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

We can’t say we did not know it was coming. Winter comes every time this year. And while the snow scenes and the warm fires are welcomed, the icy roads and the snow shoveling are not.

This year the weather played havoc with several of our planned events. On January 21 Past President Tom Hall, Board Member Derek Eberly, and I were planning to testify at the PA Fish & Boat Commission’s hearing on stocking “Class A” trout streams. We did not attend because of the road conditions but I did send our comments which are included in this newsletter. We also canceled our January Membership Meeting because our speaker, Bill Anderson, would have had to travel on some difficult road conditions and then return home late that evening. We will reschedule Bill’s presentation on the Little J as it was highly anticipated.

Joy McMaster, Vice President, was able to hold our first Casual Fly Tying Event on Saturday January 24. Eleven fly tyers from expert to novice participated. Joy reported that everyone seemed to have a good time meeting other tyers and learning new techniques. She has scheduled similar events in February and March. They are open to everyone.

While the weather hasn’t always cooperated, it hasn’t stopped our Chapter from planning future activities. Dan Brandt and his Banquet Committee are actively planning and organizing our annual banquet which will be held on Saturday March 28 at the Host Resort in Lancaster. Last year Dan raised close to $30,000 for our Chapter. A very significant accomplishment! Faye Haering, Women’s Initiative Coordinator, is developing plans for our 4th Annual Ladies Cold Water Breakfast which will be held at the Millport Conservancy on April 25. She has volunteers and instructors lined up but is still accepting applications from interested Ladies, Daughters and Granddaughters. In addition, Greg Wilson, Co-Chairman of the Conservation Committee, is planning our annual Lititz Run cleanup and tree planting; Garry Longenecker, Nursery Manager, is developing plans to relocate and reopen the Chapter’s nursery; Derek

Corner

Badges for fishing Millport Conservancy in 2015 are now available for chapter members and members of the Conservancy. Pricing remains $20 in person, $22.50 to cover mailing expenses. You must include your telephone # and membership info. Contact Faye Haering (fayethefly@comcast.net) if interested.

Volunteers will be needed to man DTU’s booth at the Lancaster Fly Fishing Show, Feb. 28 & March 1. Contact Paul Zegley (pequeapaul@gmail.com) if you can help.

Volunteers will be needed March 14 to help set up the DTU Nursery for this Spring. Contact Garry Longenecker (garrylongenecker@gmail.com) if you can help.

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Two new members attended the December 17, 2014 Donegal Trout Unlimited Membership Meeting at the Farm and Home Center.

Matt Peters is on the left and Mark Coons is on the right. Fran McElhinney, Member Chairman, is pictured in the center.

Jim Wellendorf

Images of mayflies in this publication are based on photographs from Jason Neuswanger (www.troutnut.com), whose rights, contribution to our knowledge of streamlife, and photographic skills are gratefully acknowledged.


**PROGRAMES**

**FEBRUARY**

On February 18, Patrick Campbell will regale us with information about fly fishing for steelhead in the region of Erie, PA. Patrick is a guide on “Steelhead Alley,” from Ohio into northwest PA. He has been fly fishing for 34 years and chasing steelhead for much of that time. He’ll tell us about not just the Fall-run steelhead, but also the Spring runs, brown trout runs and the less-well-known smallmouth runs. Join us at the Farm & Home Center for a respite from the bleak days of winter.

**MARCH**

No information provided.

**APRIL**

The Gunpowder is a terrific tailwater trout stream just a few miles down I-83 across the Maryland border, where it offers over 7 miles of catch-and-release water flowing through a gorgeous wooded canyon. It’s filled with wild browns, rainbows and even some wild brookies that make their way down from its trib. But it’s not an easy stream to fish successfully. Fortunately our own John McLain knows it well, and on April 15th he’ll share some, but probably not all, of its secrets. Join us for what is sure to be an entertaining and educational evening.

**FLY TYING**

Odds are good you’ve still got some gaping holes in your fly boxes, or you just haven’t gotten around to tying some of the new patterns you read about last year.

Join others who are in the same boat on Saturday, February 21 at the Farm & Home Center (Room 113) from 9 AM until 1 PM. Fur & feathers will be flying, fishing stories, jokes, and more than a few outrageous lies will probably fill the air. There are worse ways to pass a winter day. The final session has been rescheduled for March 14, to avoid conflicts with Lititz Run Cleanup & DFCA show.

Participants may come and go as they please, attend one, two or all three sessions. Bring your own vice, tools and supplies to tie whatever patterns you want. Limited lessons on tying basics will be available with advance notice.

There is no charge, you need not be a DTU member, and there’s no registration requirement, but this is a winter event, so weather may well be a factor. If at all possible send an email to this address (flytyers@donegaltu.org) with your telephone # and email address so we have an idea of how many to expect and can contact you if needed.

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**CONSERVATION**

There is a lot to report this month. We received a request to participate in another Mitigation Project. Aqua Terra, an environmental engineering firm located in Reading, called concerning the possibility of building a ½ acre wetland within the Donegal Springs watershed. Their customer, Forino Co., plans to build a new exit off I-283 at the Rheams exit. They will be destroying a ¼ acre wetland and need to build a ½ acre somewhere else.

One of my new committee members, Derek Eberly, volunteered to be a permanent liaison between DTU and the Donegal Fish & Conservation Association. Derek will contact the new leadership to see if they are comfortable managing this kind of work. In the meantime, I met with the engineer and toured a property to see if there is an appropriate site to construct the wetland. If this site is not acceptable, we will visit 23 other sites that Mark Metzler told me about. I emphasized to Aqua-Terra that we are interested in helping if we can also incorporate a stream improvement project into the plan. I also told him about the numbers that we are working with concerning our Lloyd project. I wanted to let them know about the numbers and not be shocked when we begin to talk to them. I plan to meet with Aqua-Terra to visit the other sites.

**CLIMBERS RUN**

Efforts are underway to help Lydia Martin, Lancaster County Conservancy, to clear and mark invasive trees and bushes along a 9 acre corridor along Climbers Run. This will aid Adam Smith & crew in removing the trees. We are set up to help Lydia on Jan. 24th with a rain date on Jan. 31. Also, Adam Smith plans to start the invasive removal next month. When finished, he plans to move the equipment to the Millport Conservancy to start our invasive plant removal project there.

Cost breakdowns for the Climbers Run Preserve Project now include invasives removal as follows:
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.

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Fly Patterns

Several members have asked for the patterns of the flies tied at the December Meeting. Here are most of them.

Todd Peters tied a Sulfur Soft Hackle:
- Hook: Daiichi 1130
- Thread: Lemon Yellow Silk
- Hackle: Medium Blue Dun
- Tail: Pheasant Tail
- Abdomen: Pheasant Tail
- Rib: Gold Wire
- Thorax & Head: Lemon Yellow Silk

John McLain tied a Horsehair Caddis:
- Hook: Daiichi 1130, #14 or #16
- Silk: Straw
- Hackle: Tan Hen Back
- Body: Light Tan Horsehair
- Thorax: Brown Hare’s Ear

Mark McMaster tied a variation of Oscar’s Rockworm
- Hook: #10 Daiichi 1130 or similar (I used an English Barbless Competition Hook)
- Bead: 7/64” Black Tungsten
- Thread: Brown 14/0 Griffiths
- Rib: Chartreuse Vinyl D-Rib or Larva Lace
- Dubbing: Hand-mixed Light Olive & Dark Olive Orvis Nymph
- Hackle: Partridge Outer Wing Covert
- Head/Thorax: Arizona Simi-Seal, Brown
Once again it’s time to think Spring. Mark your calendars for March 28. This year we celebrate our 36th Annual Spring Fund Raising Banquet, held again this year at the Lancaster Host Resort. Next to receiving a state grant, this is our largest fund-raiser of the year. Last year, with the help of our banquet donors, we raised over $25,000 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 is approximately 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. Dollar draft beer!

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 evening. There will be many items on the table and lots of chances for everyone to win.

Buckets: This year we have decided to do 15 buckets. You buy the tickets in strips and disperse them in any bucket you would like to win. The more tickets you buy and throw in a bucket you’d like, the better your chances. So buy those tickets.

Theme Baskets: Extra large baskets filled full of items that have to do with the theme on the basket. This will be a silent bid the same way you do the silent auction. You will use your bid # to bid on the basket or baskets you would like to have and write in the amount you are willing to pay for that basket. The same as the silent auction, the starting bid will be established with reasonable increments.

Here is a short list of some of the items we have so far.

- Bid on baskets with over $200 worth of items in each one.
- CFR rod & reel.
- Vocal auction items such as Eagles tickets, fishing trips to Montana, Alaska, Tuna trips, Vacation condo packages to OC, MD & Myrtle Beach, gas grills, smokers, ladies’ jewelry, dinners & shows, furniture, rods & reels like Hardy & Greys, Temple Fork, Winston, & Orvis.
- Over 100 Silent Auction items such as hand-tied flies, prints, dishes, books, life vests, more jewelry, rods, reels, Steigel glass, clothing, guided trips, waders & boots.
- Buckets
- Pluck a knife from a turkey - you keep the knife and we call the winning # at the end to win a Bennelli shotgun.
- Pull a numbered floatant holder from a fish to win a $500 TCO gift card.
- Penny Bingo to win a crossbow, arrows, and case.
- All numbers drawn at end of evening.
- Door prizes all evening long.

We will be drawing the winners for the $1000 TCO Gift Card, $500 Bass Pro card, $200 Visa card & TFO rod at the end of the evening. These are the tickets you will receive with your Registration Form. If you would like more, please call or email me and I will send out more (cell: 341.1581 or email flyguy66@ptd.net).

All your info, tickets & Registration Form will be in the mail soon, or you can download the Registration Form from our website. Remember to save the date and bring a friend for an evening of fun.

Hope to see you there

DAN BRANDT
BANQUET CHAIRMAN

Volunteers, continued

Volunteers will be needed for Lititz Run Cleanup Day, March 21. Contact Greg Wilson (gregfish@gmail.com) if interested.

Volunteers will be needed to help set up for the Banquet at Host Resort on March 28. Contact Dan Brandt (flyguy66@ptd.net) if interested.

Volunteers will be needed to serve as Stream Guides for Fly On The Run on May 14. Contact Derek Eberly (keystoneflyguides@gmail.com) if you’d like to help (includes a light breakfast, lunch, and yes, beer).
January 17 was a typical winter day. The sun was shining and it was cold. A great day for tying flies. Eleven like-minded gentlemen gathered at the Farm & Home Center to prepare their trout tempters for Spring fishing. Green weenies, iridescent beetles, parachutes, and several wet flies were created. Tips and tricks were shared. Stories of past trips, old friends and of course a joke or two were exchanged. If you would like to join this merry group of tyers, be in Classroom 113 at the Farm & Home Center on February 21 and March 14 (new date) from 9 AM until 1 PM.
The Donegal Chapter was asked to attend the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commissioner’s hearing on stocking “Class A” trout streams at 2 PM Wednesday January 21 in Harrisburg, PA. Due to the weather conditions we were unable to attend. I sent Bob Bachman, our district’s PA Fish & Boat Commissioner, the following position letter and asked him to present it to the Commissioners.

The Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited was founded in 1967 by a group of 13 conservation minded sportsmen who wanted to fly fish on the Donegal Creek. By working together they were able to restore a section of Donegal Creek which is now classified as fly fishing, catch and release only. But they did not stop there.

Over the next 48 years the Chapter grew from its modest beginning until it now numbers 684 members. The Chapter restored many streams throughout Lancaster County, involving counting thousands of volunteer hours.

The Chapter’s signature stream restoration is Lititz Run. The project to restore Lititz Run has been documented in an award-winning video called “One Stream At Time”. The video clearly shows what can happen when a group of dedicated volunteers work in concert to achieve a common goal. As proof of what is possible, Lititz Run is only the second stream in Pennsylvania to be reclassified from a warm water stream to a cold water stream. People from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, the United States and even the World have come to see how the Lititz Run has been transformed.

As proud as our Chapter is of what we have accomplished on Lititz Run, we were even prouder of something that happened last December when we were planting 135 trees on a section of Climbers Run that we restored over the past several years. While there, we noticed a native brook trout swimming in the now cold, clear water. One member said, “Now that is why we do all this work!”

It is why we work so hard to restore our streams to a condition where native brook trout, our State Fish, can live and thrive. And it is the primary reason we do not want to see this stream or any Class A stream stocked. If their environment is right, the fish will flourish on their own. Give them that opportunity.

JAMES WELLENDORF
President
DONEGAL TROUT UNLIMITED

President’s Message, continued

Eberly, Board Member, is working with the Lancaster County Career and Technology Center to develop plans for their annual Fly On The Run contest and Mark Ebner, Youth Initiatives Coordinator is developing plans for our first-ever Youth Fly Tying event.

So while winter has stopped or slowed down some of our activities, many are moving forward with much hard work and enthusiasm. Check our website, www.donegaltu.org, for more details.

In December Bob Kutz, Conservation Chairperson, and I participated in a Lancaster County Environmental Stewardship Meeting at Millersville University. We submitted six projects for consideration. Four were subsequently selected and Bob has submitted additional information to be reviewed. We should know sometime in early spring whether our projects have been selected for funding. All of our projects are “shovel ready.” In addition Bob and his Conservation Committee met and developed plans for 2015. Bob is anticipating 2015 will be a year of significant conservation construction activity.

As you can tell, we are enthusiastically looking forward to 2015. We have good ideas, detailed plans and dedicated Board members. What makes the difference is the volunteers who support us. We could not do it without you. Thanks for your continuing support. I look forward to thanking each of you in person at our events.
On Saturday January 16, Lynn Myers, Executive Director of the Millport Conservancy, and Logan Myers invited Tom Hall, Chapter Past President, and Jim Wellendorf, President, to join them to talk about the Millport Conservancy and Lititz Run to a class of eight Continuing Education students and two professors from the Environmental Education Department of Elizabethtown College.

Lynn, Logan and their Corgi, Casey, greeted the students and welcomed them to the Conservancy. After everyone introduced themselves, Lynn and Logan told the history of the Conservancy and showed a video about it. Then they introduced Tom and Jim and played the video, “One Stream at a Time,” which documents Donegal Trout Unlimited’s restoration of Lititz Run.

Afterward there was a question and answer period which was followed by a tour of the Conservancy and Lititz Run. During the tour Lynn and Logan described all the work that has been done including the newly constructed bridge across Lititz Run and identified all the positive results that have been achieved. Tom fed the trout in the Run and the students were amazed to see the size of some of the trout.

Throughout the discussions and tour, Lynn, Logan, Tom and Jim emphasized that the restoration was made possible by Millport Conservancy, Donegal Trout Unlimited and other conservation-minded organizations working as partners to achieve success. By working together they achieved much more than they could have done alone. As a result of their hard work, Lititz Run is only the second stream in Pennsylvania to be reclassified from a warm water stream to a cold water stream—a very significant accomplishment. In addition people from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, the United States and from around the world have come to see this restoration.
On Wednesday December 17, the Donegal Chapter held its third annual Dave Shenk Fly Tying Clinic at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center. The clinic is named after a deceased Chapter Board Member who was a world class fly tier. Wayne Boggs was the master of ceremonies for this year’s Clinic. He divided the audience into five groups. Each group spent 15 minutes at every station watching expert fly tyers demonstrate how to tie a specific fly. The tyers and the flies they tied were:

Chapter Members, John McLain (Horse Hair Caddis), Todd Peters (Sulfur Soft Hackle), Mark McMaster (Oscar’s Green Rockworm); Guests, Tom Barton (Tom’s Knotty Egg), Randy Buchanan (The Heathen). Randy is President of the Mountain Laurel Chapter of Trout Unlimited in southwestern PA.

A large audience crowded around each station and watched intently. Many took notes. At the end of the evening the tyers donated their flies to the monthly raffle and generated a lot of interest. Everyone agreed that the clinic was another success. There were several suggestions that it would be easier for the members to see the tyers if more room were available. In addition one member suggested that recipe cards for each fly be handed out.

During the meeting, Joy McMaster, Chapter Vice President, announced that the Chapter would be holding an informal fly tying event from 9 AM until 1 PM on the third Saturday of January, February and March, (The March event has since been changed to March 14, to avoid conflict with other activities) at the Farm and Home Center. She invited tyers and non-tyers to attend. See our website for more details. (www.donegaltu.org).
One of the Donegal Trout Unlimited’s initiatives is to involve youths in cold water conservation. One of the ways we accomplish this is to sponsor students at the Annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp at Allenberry, PA. The Camp is run by the Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

In 2014 the Chapter sponsored two students. The only requirement was that they attend one of our Membership Meetings and make a report about their experiences.

On Wednesday December 17 one of the students, Kayla Woolman, made a PowerPoint presentation about her time at the Camp. She described the courses she took, which included conservation, fly tying, fly fishing, insect identification and environmental law. She talked about fly fishing for trout on the Yellow Breeches Creek and about completing a conservation project on the Creek. She told the members what she liked and what she didn’t. She said it was a wonderful experience and she would recommend it to any youth interested in cold water conservation, and/or fly fishing. Her presentation was very informative and highly entertaining.

Jim Wellendorf

Committee Reports, continued

Construction & Invasive Removal for 2 acres $87,920
Invasive Removal 14.75 acres $11,800
Total $99,700
Less Donations to Date $67,500
Potential Cash Out from DTU $32,200
Expected construction to start in July 2015.

Also on Climbers Run, we recently got landowner permission to construct devices along 2 more properties along Pensey Rd. That will now total 3 adjoining properties that Adam Smith will design and permit. Adam is to send total construction costs soon but I estimate the total to be about $35,000. Adam said he might be able to donate some in-kind costs to decrease the total. Also, DTU will be applying for a Susquehanna Riverlands Grant this month. We would need to use matching funds on this grant.

Fishing Creek

Matt Kofroth will design and permit this project. We might be able to use Adam Smith’s people to construct this project which will reduce the cost. I estimate this to be a $25,000 cost. Again, I will apply for a Susquehanna Riverlands Grant where we need to use matching funds.

Exelon will make $100,000 available to York and Lancaster Counties. No specifics on breakdown at this time.

Stoltzfus Bridge

Greg & I noticed that there is an extreme fish passage as well as a blockage problem with this bridge. The blockage causes the stream to run over the road bridge causing extensive erosion. Adam Smith is to send a culvert expert to make recommendations. We are searching for possible funding at this point. No funding sources are evident at the moment.

Finally, we found 3 more streams that have a documented wild trout population.

Bob Kutz
Conservation Chairman
Donegal Trout Unlimited is proud to announce our 4th Ladies, Daughters, Granddaughters Breakfast on April 25th at Millport Conservancy, 737 E. Millport Road, Lititz, PA.

The program will include Fly Fishing Instruction with casting instruction this year provided by Instructor John McLain assisted by Joy McMaster. Additionally we will have FFF-certified Instructor Derek Eberly. Mary Kuss, Guide/Instructor from the Delaware Valley Women’s Fly Fishing Association will be doing a unique Trunk Show presentation.

We will have a tying booth that will include Jan Shenk, Bud Glassmoyer and Paul Zegley who will be exhibiting the craft of tying flies to entice trout.

Jake Villwock will again be there with a booth from TCO Fly Shop in Reading, PA. Jake is a Guide/Instructor with the fly shop and will have women’s gear/rods etc available for the participants to examine and ask questions about.

There will be a film presentation of the work done on Lititz Run by our chapter members, “One Stream At A Time,” and a video “Women in Trout Unlimited”.

A free breakfast will be provided following the registration for the event, by the Lancaster Center for Career & Technology in Mt. Joy.

We will organize into groups which will rotate through the demos at the tying benches and the fly shop, the trunk show and the casting clinics. Participants who have their own rod are welcome to bring it, but the chapter will also have rods available. Following the demos and casting instruction, Lynn Myers, Executive Director of Millport Conservancy will take the group on a tour of Lititz Run where they will have an opportunity to observe the beautiful, sizeable trout doing their acrobatics while feeding.

There is no charge for this workshop, but please register in advance no later than Friday, April 17th as class sizes are limited. Please contact Faye Haering, at 717-285-2572 or at Fayeonthefly@comcast.net. Classes are limited to ages 12 and above. This program is designed to be an introduction to fly fishing and also cold water conservation practices and bring more women and girls into both.