What’s Emerging

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

CONSERVATION:

In 2015 we completed two major projects:

Climbers Run Nature Preserve - where we worked in partnership with the Lancaster County Conservancy. This project demonstrated what can be accomplished when working with a strong, competent partner. The completed project has become a showcase for cold water conservation and environmental education.

Lloyd Farm – This was the first time we have worked with Mitigation Funds. In retrospect we learned a lot and completed most of the project. We still have a few remaining items (mostly tree plantings) which we will complete in the early summer of 2016.

We have an ambitious conservation plan for 2016. Our five shovel-ready projects are:

- Climbers Run at Pennsy Road - start date will be January 20th
- Drumore Township Park - start date after June 15th
- Metzler Property on Fishing Creek - start date after June 15th
- Lapp Farm - start date after June 15th
- Stoltzfus Farm - start after June 15th

The projects will be funded by money from approved grants or funds built into the Chapter’s 2016 budget.

In 2015 our nursery planted, nourished and distributed over 2,400 trees to conservation projects throughout the County. Garry Longenecker, Nursery Manager, and his volunteers did an outstanding job.

COMMUNICATIONS:

In an effort to get a better handle on our email communications, Mark McMaster, Webmaster and Mayflyer Editor, implemented MailChimp for Non-Profits. That software’s interface allows us to collaborate on our mailings, as well as easily comply with the Can-Spam Act. Just as important are the reports MailChimp provides on our mailing success, which among other things shows how many recipients open our email and what embedded links they find interesting.

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PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY

John Arway, Executive Director of the PA Fish & Boat Commission will speak to us on February 17 about the “State of the PA Fish & Boat Commission.” If you’ve been wondering what steps the F&BC has been taking to restore the Susquehanna’s once-renowned Smallmouth Bass fishery, what impact flathead catfish are having on the River, or whether more of PA’s trout streams will be regulated for Catch & Release rather than Put & Take, you may find out at this meeting.

MARCH

In March, Adam Nidoh, a guide for A&G Outfitters in northeast PA, will speak to us about the efforts to restore the Lackawanna River. Once in dire shape because of acid mine drainage, it is now well on its way to becoming a destination trout stream. Join us on March 16 to learn what’s been done, what’s being done and maybe pick up a tip or two about fishing this stream.

APRIL

In April, guide Nick Raftas from Sky Blue Outfitters will speak to us about “Fly Fishing the Lehigh River.” This tailwater that flows through Allentown offers miles of fishing for wild and stocked trout. Join us on April 20 and learn some tips and tricks for fishing this nearby river.

CONSERVATION

We have 5 projects currently on the board. One of them, on Climbers Run upstream of the Climbers Preserve, is scheduled to begin late in January, weather permitting. This is a $42,000 project, with California University of PA donating $12,000 toward the work. DTU will spend just over $30,000 for this project behind 3 properties on Pennsy Road.

We have another 2 projects scheduled for Fishing Creek. The first, the Metzler Project, will run $52,000 and involves relocating the stream to its original bed. We have a $40,000 grant from the Williams Conservation Fund to cover the costs of this project, and US Fish & Wildlife is donating $12,000. The second is at Drumore Township Park, just downstream from our original Valley Lea Project. This $103,000 project has been completely funded by grants from Drumore Township (a Susquehanna Riverlands Grant), CalU, US Fish & Wildlife and the Lancaster County Conservation District. DTU will contribute $2,000 in labor and trees. Both of these are scheduled to begin work in mid-June of this year.

Finally we have 2 more projects on the Conowingo. The first is further downstream than we have yet worked. The Lapp Project involves relocating the stream to its original bed. A grant from the Williams Conservation fund will fully cover the $450,000 cost of this extensive project, beginning in mid June. Further upstream we have a project on the Stoltzfus farm, which will run $80,000 to be funded by our 2015 DEP 319 grants.

Additionally we have applied for an amendment to our previous 319 Grant to cover repairing damage due to flooding on the Weaver & Smucker Projects from 2014. Another project along the Conowingo, the Woe property, is being designed and permitted. This extensive project will cost approximately $500,000, and we are applying for several grants to cover the costs.

WINTER FLY TYING

We had a good turnout for our session in January, with a dozen members and non-members gathering in the meeting room at the Stauffers of Kissel Hill grocery store south of Lititz. Nymphs, dry flies, wet flies and some “creations” were tied. Tom Royer gave some instruction to a beginner at the art. Lies, outright lies and fishing stories were told with abandon.

The store is located at 1050 Lititz Pike (that’s Rte 501 North, at the intersection with Millport Road). We will be meeting again on Feb. 13, and March 12 from 9 AM until 1 PM. When you enter the store,
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.

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Fly Drive Update

The DTU Fly Drive is well under way. We received flies from the tiers at our December meeting and from one of our winter tying gatherings. We also have a pledge from a member who claims his flies never fail to catch trout.

In case you are unaware of the purpose of this drive, allow me to explain. When Bill Nolan, Veterans Initiative Chairman, takes a group of Veterans to the stream for the first time he presents them with a starter kit courtesy of DTU. This kit includes a leader, some tippet, and a fly box containing 10 – 12 flies. The flies are appropriate for our local streams. Bill thought it would be even nicer if he could tell the veterans that the flies were made by DTU members just for them. So as you wile away the cold and snowy days of winter tying flies for those long awaited days of Spring, please tie an extra fly or two for our Veterans.

You may bring your donations to any upcoming general meeting or to the Fly Tying Gatherings on February 13 or March 12. You will be giving an unexpected gift to someone who wants and needs to experience the pleasure of fly fishing. It doesn’t take much to say “Thank You.”

Joy McMaster

Fly Fishing Show

The Lancaster Fly Fishing Show will be at the Convention Center downtown on Saturday, March 5 and Sunday, March 6. DTU will once again have a booth to introduce ourselves and our activities to the show attendees. Volunteers to man the booth are needed. If you can help, please contact Wayne Boggs at troutwisperr@gmail.com. Hours for the show, and therefore our booth are Saturday 9 am - 5:30 pm and Sunday 9 am - 4:30 pm. If you’d like more information about the show, visit flyfishingshow.com/lancaster-pa. The International Fly Fishing Film Festival will also be there on Saturday evening at 6 pm.

Joy McMaster

Millport Badges

Just a reminder that you need to be a member of either DTU or the Millport Conservancy to purchase a badge to fish Lititz Run on the Conservancy. Badges are $20 at a meeting or DTU function, $22.50 if they need to be mailed. Contact Faye Haering at fayeonthefly@comcast.net or 717.285.2572 to request a badge.

Mark McMaster
testing. Using this information will enable us to fine-tune our communication processes.

ENGAGEMENT:

12 of our 13 Trout in the Classroom (TIC) tanks made it through the Holiday season. Ned Bushong, our TIC Coordinator, has spoken to several schools interested in joining the program in the Fall of 2016. Currently we have TIC programs in 14 classrooms in 8 different schools – a real tribute to Ned’s dedication and perseverance.

In 2014 we had 19 opportunities for volunteers to help on a variety of projects. Non-Board member volunteers donated 71 hours which were 53% of the total hours required. In 2015 we had 32 projects. Non-Board member volunteers donated 143 hours or 60% of the total hours required. That is a year to year 13% increase in the percentage of hours donated by Non-Board Members. We can’t thank all of you enough for your dedication and hard work!

As you will read throughout this newsletter we will sponsor a variety of opportunities for you to become involved in our Chapter’s Events in 2106. I hope you will take advantage of them and continue to help us work towards our goal of cold water conservation.

FUNDING:

Our Banquet committee has chosen the Nook Sports Complex just outside of Landisville, PA to hold our Annual Banquet on Saturday April 9, 2016. This new location should be an excellent venue for our main fund raising event of the year. Dan Brandt, Chairman, and his committee are meeting to develop plans. They are looking for volunteers to help them at this labor intensive event. If you can help, please contact him.

We have approved grants and funding for our five projects in 2016 as mentioned above in Conservation. However we are still waiting for funds that were approved by PA DEP in the 2015 Conowingo Grant for projects we completed in 2015. Recently we had TU National’s Legal Department and our Accountants review the latest requirement from PA DEP. Hopefully that will be the last barrier and we will receive funds to pay our contractors.

CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT:

Our total membership increased 5.7% in 2015 to 721. While we are very proud of this accomplishment, we are extremely proud that our female membership increased by 52 or 67.7%! This is due to the hard work of our Women’s Initiatives Coordinator, Faye Haering, her Committee and the entire Board.

Our Process and Procedures Committee decided our top priority was to develop an Annual Plan and Budget. At our January meeting the Board reviewed all the Board Members’ suggested plans and budgets for 2016.

The Process and Procedure Committee began the process of reviewing, and amending where appropriate, our Mission Statement, Strategic Plan and Tactical Plan. The Mission Statement and Strategic Plan are complete and have been sent to the Board members for their review. The Committee will now begin to define the Tactical Plans that help the Chapter achieve the goals as outlined by its Mission Statement and Strategic Plan.

Thanks for your continuing support of Donegal Trout Unlimited. You make what we do possible.

JM
Our December Meeting was our traditional Dave Shenk Memorial Fly Tying Clinic, but the evening began with two students the chapter has sent to cold water conservation camps telling us about their experiences. Dalton Boll began by relating his experiences during his week at the 2015 Rivers Camp at Allenberry. He was followed by Kayla Woolman, a graduate of the 2014 Rivers Camp, whom the chapter had sponsored to attend the TU Teen Summit in North Carolina this year. Kayla’s presentation was in the form of an informative video of all the activities the students had undertaken in the 5 days of the Summit. Both told engaging stories. Every student we have sponsored at one of these events has come back and told us what a difference the experience has made in their lives and very likely, their futures. Our chapter can be proud that we make such an effort to sponsor these youths every year.

The meeting then broke up so the attendees could watch the several fly tyers stationed around the room demonstrate their craft. As ever, each of the tyers had the rapt attention of their audience.
Fifth Ladies Cold Water Breakfast

We will be holding our Fifth Ladies Cold Water Breakfast on April 23rd at Millport Conservancy, Lititz, Pa.

This event will include a free breakfast provided by Lancaster Career & Technology Center for attendees and an introduction to what DTU is doing to preserve, protect and restore the cold water streams in Lancaster County.

Following the breakfast we will hold casting lessons with the ladies, as well as demonstrations of fly tying. TCO Fly Shop from Reading, PA will have a booth there with Jake Villwock, who will have a selection of fly fishing gear and equipment for women available to examine.

The morning will end with a tour of Lititz Run, led by Lynn Myers, Executive Director of Millport Conservancy.

Stay tuned for more information concerning this event which will be limited to 25 participants. This is a very popular event and interested women should register for this event early on.

January Meeting

Last January we had to cancel our Membership Meeting because of a snowstorm. This year, we dodged a bullet so to speak.

On Wednesday January 20, Matt Supinski, owner of and guide at the Gray Drake Lodge in Michigan spoke to a packed house of over 50 members about why trout, salmon and steelhead are selective in their feeding patterns at times. He said that those species feed based on a “Life Survival Strategy” that is based on habitat, food availability, seasons, water conditions, water type and climate. Matt said that fish like to maximize their caloric intake in the shortest amount of time with the least amount of effort.

He explained the three Phases of “Selectivity” as:

- Aggressive/Active
- Selective/Reflective
- Passive/ Dorman

He said that the fish can go through the Phases quickly and explained that by understanding the Phases we can improve our chances to catch fish.

Matt’s presentation gave everyone a lot to think about and to use to catch the “big one” that just won’t take our fly.

Matt is also an author and has written several books including his latest, Selectivity. He has received very good reviews from MidCurrent Magazine and others.

At the end of the meeting, Matt praised Trout Unlimited for its work in cold water conservation. He also announced that he had donated a fly fishing trip for two persons at his Lodge in Michigan to be auctioned off at our Annual Banquet in April.
April 9, 2016 will be the Banquet date this year but more importantly we will be changing our venue. This year we will have the banquet at Spooky Nook Sports Complex. The banquet committee is looking forward to this venue change as we prepare for a great night of fun, games, raffles, auction items and socializing, all in our 2016 Fundraising event for cold water conservation.

The room this year is large but we are trying to fill it up with silent auction items and other things to raffle off. We need your help to fill the room up with people. Please tell your friends and family to attend this year and help us raise money for our cause. You, as members will receive your registration form in the mail in February along with directions for the Nook and parking. Much better parking and easier to get to, along with new great food from the Nook’s Restaurant.

We still do not use tickets but you need to follow the instructions on the registration form carefully. We need as much info on you and the people you bring that night as possible. New this year on the registration form, you will see our tables only accommodate 8 people to a table. Please keep that in mind as you fill out the form. Seats this year will be priced at $45 for regular, $55 for Gold.

Things we are working on: We have been busy trying to make the night move along and have fun as well as raise money. This sometimes can be difficult, so we are looking into acquiring the services of Keller Auctions to help with our vocal items and other things that night throughout the room. Also we have ideas of bringing in some vendors like Orvis and other rod companies along with possibly some of our supporting shops. This is still a work in progress. Keep an eye on the website for updates as plans progress.

We have some great items donated already: A large tree planted on your property (I mean Big), Montana Fishing Trip, Vacation Week in Myrtle Beach, Guided Fishing Trip for 2 with Matt Supinski in Michigan’s Great Lakes Region, Weekend Getaway in the Pine Creek area biking or tubing. Many more things like this still to come.

If you or anyone you know would like to donate anything at all, please contact me via email at flyguy66@ptd.net. We are a 501(c)3 organization and donations are tax deductible.

Don’t forget to look for your registration form in the mail soon, buy all the Super Fundraiser tickets we send you and get your form returned with Super Fund ticket money as soon as possible. We are looking to have a great time this year, so come and join us!