PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

As we move into the spring it’s sometimes hard to believe that we’ve made it if you watch the daily temperature gyrations. For those of you who missed our annual spring banquet you missed perhaps the best one ever. Dan Brandt and the banquet committee strives to make it better every year and we had many positive comments this year to indicate it was a great success. We also wish to thank the vendors who generously stepped up and donated product again during this difficult economic time.

Bob Kutz and the Conservation Committee has met with the PFBC which could result in three stream conservation projects this year. One is already in the planning stage and that one is a stretch of 675 feet on the Lititz Run.

Our membership is now approaching 600 members according to Kevin Fausey our Membership Chair. This will be a milestone when that number is breached. It’s great to have more support in numbers but what is greater is I’m now seeing new volunteers and new faces coming out to get involved. Kevin also reports he could use help at the annual Youth Field Day scheduled for June 6th at the Southern Lancaster County Sportsman’s Club.

As I write this we will be helping the Lancaster Career and Technology Center this week with their annual fund raising “Fly On The Run” event at Lititz Run. Stocking of 800 fish will take place on May 20th with the event following on May 21st.

I would also like to mention the 7th Annual PA Fly Fishing Museum Heritage Day at Allenberry Resort, Boiling Springs will be held Saturday June 20th from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Fly casting and tying demonstrations along with vendors will be involved so to get more info go to http://www.paflyfishing.org/heritage_09.html

Our June picnic at Millport is scheduled for Wednesday June 17th at 6 PM. This year chef Bob Albright is planning to cook a special treat for attendees. This picnic dinner will also be attended by Millport Conservancy and Doc Fritchey Chapter members as well so come early.

Finally I’d like to again mention the Marcellus Shale exploration for gas and oil here in Pennsylvania. If you think this isn’t a hot topic then go to this site: http://seekingalpha.com/article/68716-investing-in-the-marcellus-shale

Commodities expert Matt Badiali says Pennsylvania will be the center of America’s next great energy boom. You can read his article at : http://seekingalpha.com/article/84730-pennsylvania-s-marcellus-shale-welcome-to-america-s-next-great-energy-boom

So with this potential gas boom I only hope we consider the environment and still protect our natural resources. Even though we recognize the importance of this new energy resource we must remain good stewards of our land and water.

TED DOWNS

June Meeting
Summer Picnic

Golf & Fish Tourney
June 11
Fox Chase Golf Course

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Corner

Some dates for your calendar: Youth Field Day will be held June 6 at Southern Lancaster Sportsman’s. Anyone interested in showing youth how to tie flies or flycast is encouraged to lend a hand. The Special Olympics Fishing Derby will be held on the Wenger Farm on July 18.

More information on the website or contact Faye if interested in helping out.
**Welcome New Members**

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

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**JUNE**

- 10th: 7 pm  Board Meeting  Millport Conservancy  Picnic
- 17th: 6 pm  Chapter Meeting  Millport Conservancy  Picnic

**JULY**

- 8th: 7 pm  Board Meeting  Millport Conservancy
- 15th:  No Chapter Meeting

**AUGUST**

- 12th: 7 pm  Board Meeting  Millport Conservancy  Picnic
- 19th: 6 pm  Chapter Meeting  Bachman Residence  Picnic
**Programs**

**June Meeting**
DTU June Chapter Meeting & Cook-Out
Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the DTU meeting & cook-out on June 17 @ 6:00 PM. We’ll be grilling home-made sausages and burgers on the banks of Lititz Run at the Millport Conservancy. We’ve invited members of the Doc Fritchey chapter to be our guests. Come and enjoy what’s sure to be a great meal, and a fun night with friends. See you there!

There will be no July Meeting.

The August Meeting will be our second Summer picnic, perhaps at Bob Bachman’s. More details to follow.

**Bob Albright**

**Conservation Committee**
Bob Kutz, Conservation Committee Chairman, reports that D.T.U. will have several “Shovel Ready” projects to complete this Summer & Fall. In all, there will be 5 projects on the Conowingo Creek, 1 on Fishing Creek & 1 on Lititz Run. Both the Conowingo & Fishing Creek are high value, cold water, wild trout streams & need our help.

The Conowingo projects will be completed by Rettew Associates by November. There will be opportunities for D.T.U. to help with seeding & planting of native shrubs & trees once the main work is completed by Rettew. We will let the membership know about the planting dates well in advance. Russ Guthrie volunteered to be our project manager & will be our liaison between the volunteer groups & the state.

Both the Fishing Creek & Lititz Run projects will be designed by the PA Fish & Boat Commission. The designs should be completed by July & permitting completed by August.

**Cooperative Efforts**
D.T.U. will partner with “Friends of Fishing Creek”, a watershed association that Committee member Dee Lehman helped get started; “Valley Lee Horse Center” & Matt Kofroth of the Lancaster County Conservation District. We will also partner with the Lititz Watershed Association, Millport Conservancy, F&M College & the Fish & Boat Commission on the Lititz Run project. The timelines for the design & permitting are the same as the Fishing Creek project. The Lititz Run project will be just upstream from the wooden footbridge along Warwick Road on the Millport Conservancy property.

**Plain Sect Connection**
The Conservation Committee will be meeting with Dennis Eby, Plain Sect Outreach person, from the Lancaster County Conservation District. We will be looking at 3 or 4 Plain Sect farms where there are possible future stream improvement projects. More information to follow.

**Bob Kutz**

Some photographs from this year’s Fly On The Run, held by Lancaster County Career & Technology Center on Lititz Run, May 20 & 21. Unsubstantiated rumor has it that the team from the Doc Fritchey Chapter won for the third straight year.

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Tick Removal

Spring will be here soon and the ticks will soon be showing their heads. Here is a good way to get them off you, your children, or your pets. Give it a try.

Please forward to anyone with children ... or hunters or dogs, or anyone who even steps outside in summer!!

A School Nurse has written the info below -- good enough to share -- AND it really works!!

I had a pediatrician tell me what she believes is the best way to remove a tick. This is great, because it works in those places where it's sometimes difficult to get to with tweezers: between toes, in the middle of a head full of dark hair, etc.

Apply a glob of liquid soap to a cotton ball. Cover the tick with the soap-soaked cotton ball and swab it for a few seconds (15-20), the tick will come out on its own and be stuck to the cotton ball when you lift it away. This technique has worked every time I've used it (and that was frequently), and it's much less traumatic for the patient and easier for me. Unless someone is allergic to soap, I can't see that this would be damaging in any way. I even had my doctor's wife call me for advice because she had one stuck to her back and she couldn't reach it with tweezers. She used this method and immediately called me back to say, "It worked!"

Please pass on. Everyone needs this helpful hint.

When To Fish

The age old question --- "When is the best time to fish?"

See what the Old Farmer's Almanac has to say about it at http://www.almanac.com/astronomy/moon/index.php

They say that the Best Days for Fishing are when the moon is between new and full. The best times to fish are when the fish are naturally most active. The Sun, Moon, tides, and weather all influence fish activity. For example, fish tend to feed more at sunrise and sunset. During a full Moon, tides are higher than average and fish tend to feed more. However, most of us go fishing when we can get the time off, not because it is the best time. But there are best times, according to fishing lore:

Best Times for Fishing

- One hour before and one hour after high tides, and one hour before and one hour after low tides. Inland, the times for high tides correspond with the times when the Moon is due south. Low tides are halfway between high tides.
- During the "morning rise" (after sunup for a spell) and the "evening rise" (just before sundown and the hour or so after).
- When the barometer is steady or on the rise. (But even during stormy periods, the fish aren't going to give up feeding. The smart fisherman will find just the right bait.)
- When there is a hatch of flies -- caddis flies or mayflies, commonly. (The fisherman will have to match his fly with the hatching flies or go fishless.)
- When the breeze is from a westerly quarter rather than from the north or east.
- When the water is still or rippled, rather than during a wind.

My final answer is ---- "Fish whenever you CAN!"

Fly of the Month

Roman Moser’s Balloon Caddis

Virtual Flybox
Tied by Aaron Hirschhorn

http://www.virtualflybox.com

Description

Once you get going, this fly takes only a few minutes to tie. Roman Moser believes that this fly, with its oversized thorax, represents the caddisfly as it leaves its pupal shuck and begins to spread its wings. His words, “In nature the caddis moves and shivers as it floats downstream. The fish take the buoyant imitation with a splashy rise. In the evening, when just-hatched caddisflies swim across the water heading for the bank or looking for a place to lay eggs, I gently pull the fly against the current to create a noticeable wake that attracts fish. Sparingly dressed in smaller sizes and in a cream color, this pattern imitates a hatching mayfly. Emerging mayflies, midges and caddisflies look the same to the fish, their wings just opening and their thoraxes appearing as large, shiny balls.” Works in the daytime also.

Wing: Deer or elk hair - natural for tan, dun for olive, brown for peacock
Hook: Dry fly of choice #14-20
Thorax: Same as body
Body: Tan, olive, peacock dubbing to match species (preferably something ‘spiky’ such as hare’s ear or seal-fur subs)
Thread: To match
Balloon (Emerging Wing): Yellow Polycelon (closed cell) foam

Tying Instructions

Place hook in vise.
Attach thread at eye and about 1/4” down shank. Run thread back to eye.
Attach a piece of foam about 3’ long by 1/4’ wide at the eye and extending out over the eye. This is enough for 2 flies. You can do more or less. Bind down the foam and run thread to just into the bend.
Dub on the body material about half way up the shank or just past that point.
Stack the hair and attach the wing so that it extends just past the bend. Wing should be relatively sparse. Run thread to eye (the point where you first attached the foam).
Dub the thorax material onto the thread and wrap back to the wing tie in point.
Fold foam back over thorax, tie off and whip finish.
Clip foam off right behind whip finish and go fishing.
A preliminary meeting of Millport Conservancy, PA Fish & Boat Commission, Donegal TU, Warwick Township, and Lititz Watershed members met on May 6 to discuss a stream project for Lititz Run. The stream restoration is being designed by the PA Fish & Boat Commission and the plan will be finalized shortly to restore some of the area located above where the old dam was removed almost 10 years ago.

TED DOWNS

USA Youth FF Team

The USA Youth Fly Fishing Team held a successful National tryout and clinic on Fishing Creek at the Sieg Conference Center in Lamar, PA, on May 8 through the 10th with 33 kids in attendance from across the United States.

The members of the traveling team are:
Weston Reynolds, Harrisonburg, VA
Danny Marino, West Cornwall, CT
Matt Rose, Largo, FL
Zach Bearden, Gore, OK
Spenser Miller, Lewistown, PA
Will Travis, Dana Pt., CA
Noah Thompson, Austin, TX
Stephen Salwocki, Danville, PA

The Rest of the Team are:
Robbie Wirth, Moraga, CA
Cody Burgdoff, Lafayette, CO
Peter Sheetz, Mt. Joy, PA
Owen Welch, Lewistown, PA
Kyle Winey, Mifflintown, PA
Nick Denardo, McMurray, PA
Austen Randecker, Mill Hall, PA

Team USA Announces August Tryouts in Montana for the 2010 Team.

The USA Youth Flyfishing Team, Inc will hold the second tryout on the Stillwater River in Montana, August 7, 8, and 9. This will be the first of two tryouts for the 2010 team.
10th Annual Special Olympics Derby

SPECIAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
When: Saturday, July 18th, 2009
Rain Date: July 25th, 2009
Time: Fishing Competition from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.
Volunteers needed by 8:00 A.M.
Location: Dr. & Mrs. Hugh Wenger’s Pond
At 403 Trail Road North, Elizabethtown, PA 1022
All equipment and bait provided. Lunch is served from 12:00 - 1:00 for the volunteers and athletes, award ceremony follows.
Please bring forceps, a lawn chair or picnic blanket, sun block, water and sun hat, and a smile.
Please be prepared to help out after the event has finished.
Check website at www.donegaltu.org for directions and further information.
Please Contact Faye Haering at 285-2572 to volunteer or at fayeonthefly@comcast.net

Directions:
Take PA-283 West to the RHEEMS/ELIZABETHTOWN exit - go 0.2 mile
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Continue on GREENTREE ROAD - go 0.6 mile
Turn Right on RIDGE ROAD - go 1 mile
Turn Left on MILTON GROVE ROAD - go 0.1 mile
Continue on TRAIL ROAD - go 1.6 miles
Arrive at 403 TRAIL ROAD, MOUNT JOY TOWNSHIP, on the Right

Ed Kraft

Edward C. Kraft, Jr., 72, of Lancaster, died Thursday, May 14, 2009 at Lancaster General Hospital as a result of an injury sustained from a fall while fishing in one of his favorite trout streams in Mifflin County, PA.

He was married 50 years to Shirley Mayer Kraft. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Edward C., Sr. and Anna McMillen Kraft.

Mr. Kraft retired from the United States Air Force as a Lt. Colonel in 1984 after 26 years or service. Following his retirement he worked as the Business Manager of the Lancaster County Prison for 11 years. He was a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and received his master’s degree from the University of Southern California.

He was a member of the First Reformed Church U.C.C. in Lancaster. Ed was also and member and past president of the Kiwanis Club, a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, the Elks and the Air Force Association. He was an avid lifetime fly fisherman and a fly tier who won many local and national fly tying competitions.

Surviving besides his wife are two daughters, Jill Kraft Petersen wife of Alan Petersen of Miami, FL, Jean Elizabeth Kraft of Lancaster; a son Edward C. Kraft III husband of Cristina Kraft of Smithfield, VA; six grandchildren, Jessica Sweeney, Danielle Davis, Charles Davis III, Zachary Davis, Mitchell Kraft and David Kraft; a great granddaughter Cheyenne Davis; two brothers, Charles A. Kraft of Lewistown, and Gordon A. Kraft husband of Yvonne Legget Kraft of Lancaster; two sisters, Susan K. wife of Curtis C. Huston of Norristown and Christine K. wife of Robert E. Diehl of Conestoga. He was preceded in death by sisters Mary Ann Williams and Karen L. Kraft.

A Funeral Service will be held on Monday, May 18, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. at the First Reformed Church U.C.C., 40 E. Orange St., Lancaster, PA with the Rev. Robert D. Sherfy officiating. Friends may call at the church on Monday from 9:00 A.M. until the time of the service. Interment will follow in Conestoga Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mr. Kraft’s memory may be made to the First Reformed Church U.C.C., 40 E. Orange St., Lancaster, PA 17602.
Lititz Watershed Day

These are pictures of the Donegal TU nursery on Lititz Watershed Day, May 12th. Fifth graders from Lititz Elementary School are shown helping TU members Scott Trefny, Jim Stephens, Larry Zimmerman and Chuck Elmer. Almost 500 native plants and trees were potted when 6 groups of 15 children each from Lititz area schools participated.

TED DOWNS