President’s Message

First of all, our annual banquet held at the Host Resort was a record setter in attendance and dollars raised. This was a great accomplishment in today’s environment. One of the most rewarding aspects is the fact that everyone had a great time and very positive feedback indicates we are doing the right things which should insure people returning the following year with more friends as well. Banquet in 2011 is April 2nd so put it in your datebook now.

Recently Bob Kutz and I went to Washington D.C. as requested by Keith Curley from National TU. Keith is one of our TU lobbyists and National is supporting an environmental bill proposed by Senator Cardin of Maryland. We, along with Fred Bohls representing TU & FFF and Devin DeMario representing the Federated Sportsmen of PA, made the rounds of PA Representatives and Senators to show TU’s support for the Chesapeake Clean Water & Ecosystem Restoration Act as proposed. You may Google that act and see the details which would serve to help us here in Pennsylvania but particularly here in Lancaster County.

For those of you who fish Lititz Run there is a policy change. First of all let me tell you what has been happening there. Our members and landowners have found increased signs of fishermen not abiding by the rules. In particular there is increased poaching with bait fishing fairly common since empty worm cartons and lost packets of eagle claw hooks have been found by our members. Spin fishermen have been seen in Millport without badges as required. So Donegal TU and Millport have made a decision to change the rules to Fly Fishing ONLY in Millport. During the stocking for the Fly on the Run contest I had occasion to speak to John Thompson who owns the old Ed Hess farm. John has had similar problems recently, catching a guy with 3 fish on a stringer. John is in favor of changing the rules for the open water below Millport so we will look into that change as well.

We have received information from Exelon Power that they will be donating $15,000 towards our Climbers Run Project. Bob Kutz and Greg Wilson have been ordering materials for that project which is hopefully in the final days of obtaining the permits to begin the restoration work.

Fishing Creek restoration work is scheduled for June 21-24 and the Fish & Boat Commission would appreciate anyone able to swing a sledge hammer to assist with the heavy work there. Kevin Hirst will be conducting a new Donegal TU Youth Fly Fishing/Casting program at Millport on June 19th. Any youths between the age of 12 and 15 yrs. may apply. It’s free and will last about 3 hours that Saturday morning so

Corner

Special Olympics Fishing Derby will be needing volunteers on Saturday, July 24. Please see notice within for further details.

Lancaster County Field Days will be needing volunteers to work with youths on Saturday, June 5 at Northern Lancaster County Sportsman Club in Denver, PA.

A limited number of Millport buttons are still available. Note that the Conservancy waters are now Fly-Fishing ONLY. Purchasers must be members of DTU or Millport Conservancy. Cost is $22 incl postage. Faye Haering at fayehonthefly@comcast.net or 285-2572.

Faye E. Haering, DTU Volunteer Coordinator
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President’s Message, continued

contact Kevin. His email is kevinhirst@comcast.net.

We are in the process of applying through DEP for additional “319” grant monies to start work on 4 new sites on Conowingo Creek. These projects will be scheduled for completion in 2011 and will cost an estimated $295,800.

As I write this there is a plan to shock the Lititz Run next week in the area where our clipped fin trout fry stocking was made last year so we can get an idea of the success of that project. News should be forthcoming in the next newsletter.

TED DOWNS

Banta Update

Matt Kofroth, with the assistance of some DTU members, shocked the Banta property on Lititz Run on May 24 to survey the survival rate of our fin-clipped trout stocked there last year. Results were “very positive” with numerous trout in the 10-11” range.

More detail will have to wait until the next Mayflyer, but watch this space.
PROGRAMS

JUNE 16, 2010

June will be our first picnic of the Summer, at Millport Conservancy. There will be a used equipment sale at the picnic. We will be selling some slightly used items which have been donated to DTU. This will include rods/reels waders, bags and flies to name a few. Details are still being worked out, so watch the website.

JULY - NO MEETING

AUGUST 18, 2010

Our second picnic of the Summer will be at Bob Bachman’s home on Blue Lake near Reinholds. More details in the August Mayflyer.

BOB ALBRIGHT
Program Chairman

CONSERVATION

Well members, our construction on Climbers Run will soon begin. On May 10th, we received the permit to install a Cattle Crossing on the Levi Esh farm. Materials and a construction vendor were selected. Completion of the crossing should take place in late May. Art Thorn, committee member in charge of writing the Joint Permit for our Climbers Run project, sent his completed application to D.E.P. for final approval on May 10th. I had no idea as to the amount of labor that went into filling out a permit of this size. Art has over 175 man hours invested in the permitting process. D.T.U. is lucky to have a member that would dedicate that kind of time to a volunteer organization. Give Art a pat on the back when you see him. The permitting process is now in the hands of D.E.P. It is hoped that they will be issuing the permit in time for our anticipated start date on July 26th. We currently have both the Fish & Boat Commission and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Agency lined up to help us with the project.

Here is more news on our Conowingo Creek project. The Conowingo Creek has 128 impaired sites within the watershed. These sites were divided into three groups. Forty of the sites need major engineering and construction that require Rettew Associates to handle as they are too large for us to tackle. Forty-nine sites were designated as sites that would be completed by a partnership between DTU and the Fish & Boat Commission. The remaining thirty-nine sites were designated as sites for the Conservation District to handle as they contained barnyard and farming practices that were effecting the watershed. DTU has already contacted farmers on their list and should have selected a few to start with within a few months.

A recent meeting with PA D.E.P. yielded information as to how DTU could access the “319” funds (Federal Funds) to aid with the costs associated with the 49 sites that we were supposed to finish. This is great news as we previously assumed we only had access to money required to be used on the 40 large sites that required Rettew Associates to complete. We were also told that we can help the other thirty-nine sites on the District’s side of the list. Future meetings with both the District and PA D.E.P. will reveal how we can form partnerships with all the local, state and federal agencies to accomplish the watershed cleanup. I will keep you posted in future newsletters.

Our Fishing Creek project is scheduled for a starting date in June 2010. Russ Guthrey, project manager, tells us that the materials have been ordered and are on site at the Valley Lea Riding Club. This is a joint project with The Friends of Fishing Creek Watershed Association, DTU and the Fish & Boat Commission. Everything is ready to go but Russ could use some help. The Fish & Boat people asked Russ to find people who could help drill holes in the logs and also swing a sledgehammer to drive the pins into the drilled holes. The contractor will do all the heavy work with his machines. Please call Russ to schedule a time for your assistance. Russ can be reached at 413-8780.

Lobbyists we are, I tell you. Can you believe it? From Conservationist to Lobbyist. On May 4th, Ted Downs & I were in Washington D.C. to talk to both House & Senate aides about our work on Lancaster County Streams. We were there to support legislation being introduced in both Houses to aid with Chesapeake Bay clean-up. National T.U. asked for a delegation of PA conservationist & sportsmen to tell the aides that we support the legislation and how the bill would help support the organizations that are putting the improvements in the ground. It was an exciting day for me as I was never in the “Halls of Congress” before. We only had 40 minutes to talk to the aides but I think we got our point across. National T.U.’s Government Liaison man, Keith Curley, said we did a good job. Only time will tell.

BOB KUTZ
Conservation Chairman

Data Loggers

Fishermen on the Millport Conservancy need to be aware that F&M College has positioned 3 data loggers on Lititz Run in that section. The map below will give you an idea of their relative positions.
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Location: Dr. & Mrs. Hugh Wenger’s Pond at 403 Trail Rd. North, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022-8439
All equipment & bait provided. Lunch is served in the picnic area from 12:00 - 1:00 for the volunteers and athletes. Award Ceremony Follows.
Please bring forceps, lawn chair or blanket, water and sun hat and a smile.
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Please check the website at www.donegaltu.org for further information.
Directions:
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Arrive at 403 Trail Rd. Elizabethtown, on right.
Please contact Faye Haering at 285-2572 or at fayeonthefly@comcast.net to volunteer or for information.

E-Town Environmental Choices

A class of 11 from an environmental choices course at Elizabethtown College had their field day at the Millport Conservancy April 24th. Logan Myers from Millport and Ted Downs, Wayne Boggs, Scott Trefny and Tom Royer of DTU conducted the class. After a class session where they learned about the Conservancy and Trout Unlimited they worked at the nursery and also cleaned out some invasive plants along the stream.
Stocking Lititz Run

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Lititz Run Watershed Days

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