President’s Message

“Summertime and the living is easy” – unless you’re a trout in a hot stream. It’s raining as I write this today. That will sustain our streams and all that live in and around them. It should also reveal how well our past conservation projects are holding up and how much more work there is to do in the county.

If you haven’t heard, DTU had a fantastic Spring Fundraiser on April 1st. We made a larger profit than in recent years with @240 patrons in attendance. Patric Nephin and his committee brought new ideas and procedures to the event. Patric held a post event meeting where we discussed what was good about the evening and what could be improved. Plans are already underway for next year’s fundraiser. Stay tuned for future updates.

CVTU will be hosting their 23rd Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing Camp, June 18 - 23, at Messiah College. We received applications from six young men. All of our students were accepted and will be sponsored by our chapter. They will have the opportunity to focus on conservation while learning or improving their fly fishing skills and making new friends. They will be reporting back to us about their experiences at our December Chapter meeting.

Our Veterans Program has taken to the streams. Bill Nolan has a report in this issue about their activities. I am happy to announce that Bill was selected to take part in TU’s “Train the Trainer” event this Fall in Sun Valley, Idaho. Bill will be provided with instruction on how to successfully and effectively work with disabled veterans, teach the therapeutic adaptive sports techniques of fly fishing, and how to run an effective veterans program. This training is made possible by a VA Adaptive Sports Grant, TU VSP and Higher Ground Sun Valley. Way to go Bill! (And don’t anyone offer to carry Bill’s bags just to visit Idaho.)

And finally, I want to talk about our Membership Contact Campaign. If you’ve received a phone call from an unknown number, it just might be one of your board members. We’re trying to reach all members who have given us their phone numbers. We’d

Corner

Volunteers will be needed to help at the Intro To Fly Fishing event on Saturday, June 24 at Millport Conservancy. Contact Derek Eberley (keystoneflyguides@gmail.com) if you can help. (See article page 17 for more.)

TU members have been asked to help collect water quality data in the Pine Creek watershed on June 24. Numerous sites will be visited. Meet at Tomb Flats Campground @ 9:30 am. Picnic to follow @ 4:30 pm. Contact Jake Lemon by June 12 at jlemon@tu.org if you can help.

Members are encouraged to check the Volunteers page (www.donegaltu.org/volunteers.html) on our website for up-to-the-minute announcements.
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**PROGRAMS**

**JUNE**

We’ll begin our Summer meetings with one of our two picnics of the year. The site has yet to be determined, but as always it will be an evening of conversation and good food. Be reminded that these picnics begin at 6 pm, 1 hour earlier than our normal meeting time.

**JULY**

There is traditionally no meeting in July. Enjoy the Summer.

**AUGUST**

DTU’s Summer comes to an end with another picnic. Site still to be announced.

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**CONSERVATION**

The Drumore Township Park project is winding down. Lancaster Conservation District has paid $71,250 to USF&W and Drumore Twp is sending in $5000 and invoicing for the $5000 that is still being held. We had a successful tree planting day, where over 30 volunteers, from DTU, LCC, Friends of Fishing Creek, 5 Cub Scouts and their parents and the Millersville 5Rivers club all helped out. We have more areas to add trees as we get more varieties and plants grown out in the nursery. The higher stream flows are flushing out the sediment, and I am anxious to see it since recent high water events.

Bob and I met with the many partners at the Hammer Creek/Walnut Run location. The partners will be PAF&B, PAGC, USF&W, American Rivers, DEP, LCD and DTU. DEP has been monitoring the site since the earlier dam removal. After looking at the site it was determined to remove more of the old dam on Hammer Creek, thus lowering the channel, and scouring the silt above. Allowing this to settle out as phase 1, then we will return, remove the dam on Walnut Run, and possibly remove legacy sediment and some old walls allowing better floodplain reconnection. Furthermore we will add structures in the previously impounded area. When the dam is removed on Walnut Run, the concern is with the existing road culvert, so that may also be addressed as to not allow head cutting. Matt Koffroth suggested we engage Elizabeth Township and secure some gravel road funding to work on the culvert. I think this will be a good project. Bob and I also thought this may be our best opportunity to secure the Embrace-a-Stream Grant since it has a wild Brook Trout component.

Mark Metzler contacted us as there are some funds left in the account for the Weaver repair. He is no longer going to be doing his side business and recommended that we contact Land Studies about replanting Weaver’s. We met at the site with Mark and Matt from Land Studies. Matt is submitting a proposal to plant 275 trees, install tree shelters, mow, and spray the site this year and another application next year, using up the remaining balance, approximately $12,000.

Adam Smith of USF&W said they plan to do the project at Peters Creek probably in June. We are trying to get the Camp Andrews Project on the schedule, but they are extremely busy, so it may not happen until next year. We are also waiting to hear the dates for Metzler, Fishing Creek and the Stolzfus bridge replacement on Climbers Run.

I attended a meeting for the Fishing Creek AG BMP grant last week. It is moving forward, but have not heard of any actual implementation getting scheduled. I spoke with Chris Sigmond from Team Ag to keep us posted as projects arise, so we can look at the streams before the fencing is installed. I inquired about funding for tree shelters and they said that we can invoice for those, so that is good news as we committed to supply trees and labor.

Jenna is working on figuring out which grant to apply for to try to get the funds for the Herr Project, the cost estimate is about $190,000. I really appreciate her help on the grants, she has a very busy work schedule.

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Donegal Trout Unlimited Veterans Service Program was invited by Total Outdoors, a non-profit organization based in Weikart, PA to attend a day fishing Penn’s Creek. Our group rented a van to transport 9 members to Bruce Fisher’s house in Weikart, which sits pretty much on Penn’s Creek. For those unfamiliar with Bruce Fisher, he owns Penn’s Creek Angler, is a proud supporter of Veterans, and he along with Karen Delraso, the Executive Director of Total Outdoors, provide weekend fishing opportunities for Veterans.

Our group arrived on May 13 at approximately 1 pm at Bruce’s house. We were immediately met by Total Outdoor volunteers. In addition to the DTU VSP, there was also a contingent of fly fishermen from the Spring Creek Chapter Veterans Service Program. After unloading and some good getting-to-know-you conversation, fishing commenced. There was plenty of room to fish along the stream, and one could walk up or downstream seemingly as far as one wanted. There were several hatches going off, which added to the level of excitement. Guys moved up and downstream at will, and some of the new fly fishermen were paired with a Total Outdoors volunteer to guide them on the stream.

Almost everyone caught at least one trout, and several were able to catch a few smallmouth bass. One veteran took an unplanned swim, but who amongst us hasn’t been there? Ha! As the day wound down around 7 pm, almost everyone headed back to camp to get some food, warm up by the fire, and enjoy some conversation. As we headed back on the 2 hour drive to Lancaster, it was great to sit and listen to all of the laughter and stories from the day. It was a trip well worth the journey. On behalf of Donegal Trout Unlimited, thank you to Bruce and Karen, for inviting and taking care of our veterans. We will surely see you next time.

Keep up to date with the VSP’s activities via their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/Dtuvsp/
On May 20, our VSP members visited the Tully in Reading. Looks like they had another good day.

They plan to get out every other week. Visit our website for their schedule or if you’d like to help out.
On April 1st, members, friends & supporters of Donegal TU gathered at Spooky Nook in Manheim for our Spring Fundraising Banquet. Patric Nephin and his committee brought several changes to the format of our event, including the services of Keller Auctioneers, signing up sponsors and a tightened up timeline.

With an attendance of over 240, we were able to raise some $24,000 for our work on Lancaster County’s cold water streams.

The lively auction, food, drink and camaraderie were great, the facility much less so. The committee is already seeking a new site for next year’s event.

The board & fundraising committee would like to thank all of you for your support.

MARK McMaster

I hope all of you enjoy the summer that will be here soon. Remember to join me at our picnic on June 14, 6 PM, at Millport Conservancy. Our resident chef, Stan Shenk, has another delicious menu planned. Don’t forget that there is no chapter meeting in July. That gives you an extra evening to fish for that big one that always gets away. Thanks to all of you for being a part of the DTU community.
A day fishing is a day well spent even if the weather is not that great and the forecast is a little ominous. As it was on Saturday April 22, when eight students from the Millersville University 5Rivers Club gathered at a beautiful pond north of Elizabethtown to fly fish for bass, bluegills and catfish. The club members were the guests of Dr. Hugh Wenger, a DTU chapter member. They were accompanied by Dr. Mike Gumpper, University faculty advisor for the Club, his wife, Bridget, and their three dogs.

The day started with Derek Eberly, a DTU board member, describing the various aspects of fly fishing and demonstrating the correct methods to cast a fly. For the rest of the morning the students fished the pond, mentored by Derek, Dr. Wenger and Dr. Gumpper.

In the beginning, many of the students caught fish using a white woolly bugger. Later in the day, Derek recommended they switch to a mop fly which proved to be irresistible to the fish. Everyone caught at least one fish and in total the group caught 25 fish. Joe Barnhart, pictured below caught the biggest fish, a nice largemouth bass.

At the end of the morning, because of the impending storm, the students returned to the University for a cookout. In addition to enjoying the tasty food, the students experienced what most fisherman know – the fishing isn’t over until the stories are told.

Jacquie Law
Millersville University
5Rivers Club President

Intro to Fly Fishing

DTU is happy to host an Introduction to Fly Fishing, on Saturday, June 24 at Millport Conservancy beginning at 8 am.

Indoor lessons will cover equipment, knots, hatches and fly selection. Outdoor lessons on casting a fly rod, will be followed by fishing on Lititz Run until 2 pm.

No PA fishing license is needed to participate.

The event is open to the public, with no charge, but participants are limited to 20, 13 years of age or older. Families are welcome. To register contact Derek Eberly at keystoneflyguides@gmail.com.

Learn to Fly-Fish

May 13th 8am until 2pm
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Learn:
- How to cast a fly-rod
- Read the water and locate fish
- Identify insects and fly patterns
- Tie fishing knots
- Fishing safety and regulations
- About our local cold water conservation efforts in Lancaster

Participants will end the day fishing on their own with the watchful eye and help of our volunteers.

Donegal Trout Unlimited is proud to host a learn to fly fish event open to the public. We welcome all individuals as well as families to join us. This course is designed for anyone new to the sport, beginners, as well as intermediate anglers. This event is free but seats are limited to 20 students.

For more information or to register email Program Director, Derek Eberly: keystoneflyguides@gmail.com
Nursery Chairman Garry Longenecker scheduled 4 work days at the Nursery, potting up our 2017 crop of trees and shrubs for watershed projects. With help from DTU volunteers, Cargill & 5th Graders from Warwick, we were able to pot up some 2000 trees that will be used in streamside buffers and provide shade & food for future trout.
Volunteers from DTU, the Doc Fritchey Chapter & students from LCTC stocked Lititz Run prior to Fly On The Run.

Rumors say that older men aren’t as young as they used to be and need to be careful when streamside.
Members of DTU joined our partners at Lancaster Conservancy & Water Quality Volunteer Coalition at the recent conference hosted by the PA Land Trust Association.

Our presentation focused on the restoration work at the Climbers Run Preserve. Lydia Martin & Joy McMaster gave an overview of the challenges and restoration work, while Linda Feriech & Heather Smith addressed water quality and macroinvertebrate life in the stream.

Greg Wilson & Bob Kutz took the participants on a tour of the Run and the devices we’d placed there to provide habitat for the native brook trout.

As always, the survey of “bug life” turned up in the kicknet sampling proved to be a highlight of the day.

Everyone had a great time and we got very positive feedback on the event.
Tom Gilmore is an accomplished environmentalist and an avid fly fisherman who has fly fished all over for everything from trout to bonefish, permit, tarpon, billfish and tuna. He is also an author who has written several books about fly fishing including “Flyfisher’s Guide to Eastern Trophy Tailwaters” and “Flyfisher’s Guide to the Big Apple.” A presentation by Tom about any of his adventures or his books would be informative and entertaining. That being said, over 50 Chapter members attended our Wednesday, April 19 Membership Meeting to hear Tom talk specifically about his latest book, “Flyfisher’s Guide to Pennsylvania.”

Tom started his presentation by saying “if you fish the streams in my book you will not want to go to Montana.” In his book, he writes about 160 different streams including driving directions to and a comprehensive hatch chart for each stream. He ranks each of the streams based on the following five criteria: Public Access, Year-round Trout Holding, Fishable Populations of Trout, Scenic Beauty, & Overall Fishing Experience.

Tom explained that for his presentation he selected the top 60 streams and group them into three different categories – spring creeks, tailwaters and freestone streams. He then went on to describe the top streams in each category as follows:

Spring Creeks:

- Spring Creek
- Penn’s Creek
- Big Fishing Creek
- Letort
- Big Springs
- Falling Springs
- Yellow Breeches

Tailwaters:

- Upper Delaware River
- Main Branch
- West Branch
- Lehigh River

Freestone Streams:

- East Branch of the Clarion River
- Pine Creek
- Slate Run
- Cedar Run
- Sinnemahoning
- Rock Run
- Lycoming Creek
- Brodhead
- Big Bushkill
- Lackawanna River

The members asked several questions at the end of Tom’s presentation. The key question for everyone was “What is your favorite stream to fish?” Tom’s answer was “Spring Creek.”

Tom did an excellent job educating and entertaining the members. He stayed after the meeting was over to talk to the members and to autograph his books. In addition, he generously donated one of his “Flyfisher’s Guide to Pennsylvania” books to the Chapter which was raffled off to help raise money for our events and conservation projects.

Photos courtesy
Jim Wellendorf
New Members

Three new members attended our Wednesday, April 19 Membership meeting at the Farm and Home Center. Pictured here, left to right, are: Membership Chairman Fran McElhinney, Kevin Lapp, Brian Zodet and Bob Talarczyk.

Two new members attended our Wednesday, May 17 Membership meeting at the Farm and Home Center. Pictured here, left to right, are: Erick Kershner, Cordell Yoder and Membership Chairman Fran McElhinney.

At the meeting, Fran reported that as of the May Board meeting the Chapter had 695 men, 37 women and 7 male youth members for a total of 739 members. During the past month, 18 new members joined the Chapter.

JIM WELLENDORF

Photos courtesy Jim Wellendorf
May Chapter Meeting

Henry Ramsay returned to speak at our May Membership Meeting and once again captivated our members with his knowledge and experience. Last May Henry talked about “Fishing with Terrestrials.” This year he talked about the numerous insects that hatch throughout the Keystone State, describing them in the order of their hatch. For each insect, he described and showed their life cycle stages, what he carries in his fly box to match the life cycle stage and where and when to fish using the pattern he ties for each stage. He covered each of the following insects:

- Blue Winged Olives
- Quill Gordons
- Hendricksons
- Early Blue Quills
- March Browns
- Cahills
- Sulphurs
- Slate Drakes
- Green Drakes
- Brown Drakes
- Yellow Sallies
- Caddis

For detailed information about each insect, read Henry’s book, “Matching Major Eastern Hatches” or check out his website www.ramsayflies.com.

Henry described Pennsylvania as “blessed with a variety and diversity of places to fish.” As he did last year, Henry shared his extensive knowledge with our members on where to fish and how to fish those places. It is safe to say by the number of members who asked questions, took notes and bought Henry’s books that everyone came away better informed on how to catch more trout.

Jim Wellendorf

Image courtesy
Jim Wellendorf

Millport Badges

Badges to fish Lititz Run on the Conservancy in 2017 are still available to members of DTU or Millport Conservancy. Badges are priced @ $20 at a meeting or DTU function, $22.50 if they need to be mailed. Contact Tom Hall (phallcat@comcast.net) or Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Attn: Millport Button Sales, PO Box 8001, Lancaster, PA 17604 to request a badge. Please provide proof of your membership.
Once again this year, DTU volunteers worked as stream guides for Lancaster Career & Technology Center’s Fly On The Run fundraiser. A dozen of us gave advice to the anglers (many fly fishing for the first time), made sure the fish were handled properly and the stream treated with respect.

It was an interesting day, with some anglers catching a lot of fish and others blanking. As usual, variations on the wooly bugger seemed to take the most fish.

Whatever the outcome, everyone seemed to enjoy spending a day fishing instead of working indoors.