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Donegal Trout Unlimited

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What’s Emerging

President’s Message

What a rewarding morning! On September 22nd, DTU organized and hosted a fishing outing for twelve Special Olympics athletes on DTU member Hugh Wenger’s pond near Elizabethtown. The athletes were paired with 1 or 2 DTU fishing guides, to catch catfish, largemouth bass and huge blue gills. The expressions on the athletes’ faces as they intently waited for the next bite were inspiring. I often think that as volunteers we get as much out of the event as the athletes do. Everyone caught fish and a few new records were set. Prizes were given for numerous categories. Check our Photo Section on the DTU website for pictures and witness the exciting atmosphere of the morning. The Lancaster Special Olympics group provided a lunch and PA Fish and Boat Commission made a presentation on good fishing etiquette. Thanks to the DTU volunteers who gave up their Saturday morning to help.

The September chapter meeting at Hardy and Greys was very well received. More than 40 participants had an opportunity to cast the new Hardy & Greys rod and reel combos and enjoy the tasty sausages from the grill. John Shaner, Hardy historian and guide, gave a very detailed presentation on the history of spider flies and how to tie and fish them. Steve Krewson, director of operations and Jim Murphy, president were superb hosts and we are very appreciative for the continuing support we receive from Hardy and Greys.

You don’t want to miss the internationally-recognized duo of Cathy & Barry Beck at our OctoberFest on October 17 at the Four Seasons Resort. They will be sharing some of their dry fly fishing strategies during the evening presentation. They will have their books for sale and have donated several books for the raffle. This year’s raffle will be incredible and the buffet will be outstanding as usual. Plan to bring a friend or two.

For more details and to register go to our website at donegalTU.org. A registration form is in the Printable Forms section.

It’s election time again. The following are Board nominations for 2013:

Ted Downs - Secretary - second term, Bob Albright - Treasurer, Tom Hall - President, Jim Wellendorf - Vice President, Mark Ebner - Board member at-large. The election will take place at the October chapter meeting after which the new officers will assume their new roles.

This will be my last President’s notes as my term expires October 1. I look forward to supporting our new President Tom Hall. It has been a very fast two years that I have served as President and as I look back over those two years the many accomplishments the chapter has achieved are impressive. We have brought several new people onto the Board and they have already become valuable assets with their new ideas and out-of-the-box thinking. We have one of the most active chapters in PA and perhaps the country and I am proud to be a part of it. I want to thank those who served on the Board and everyone who has contributed to the chapter’s successes. Thanks for your help and support.

Wayne

“"There is certainly something in fly fishing that tends to produce a serenity of the mind." Washington Irving

Corner

Volunteer

Badges for fishing Millport Conservancy in 2012 are still available. Purchase them at a meeting for $20 or contact me for mailing instructions, at a cost of $22.50 including postage. Check or money order only. Current members of Donegal TU or Millport Conservancy only. Contact Faye Haering at fayeonthefly@comcast.net or 285-2572.
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Fishing Lititz Run on the Millport Conservancy & Downstream

Anyone who fishes on the Millport Conservancy section of Lititz Run must be either a member of Donegal TU or the Millport Conservancy AND purchase a $20 badge. All fishing is fly fishing only with barbless hooks and is catch and release, all year. Complete regulations are posted along the stream. The fee and the rules for fishing this section have been implemented by the Conservancy and in return they permit TU and Conservancy members to fish on this private section of Lititz Run. The money collected for the badges is only used to pay for fish stocking and stream maintenance on the Conservancy section.

A badge can be acquired from Faye Haering, DTU volunteer coordinator, by emailing her at fayeonthefly@comcast.net. If the badge is picked up at our chapter meetings the cost is $20. If purchased through the mail the cost with postage is $22.50.

DTU, over the last 20 years, has also restored the three farm properties of Lititz Run above the Reflections Restaurant. These land owners have permitted any person with a PA fishing license to fish on their private waters as long as they follow the posted regulations. DTU has been fortunate to negotiate this privilege and we work hard to maintain a positive relationship with the land owners. All fly fishers are welcome to fish these waters and are encouraged to volunteer some of their time to help DTU improve other streams in the county. For info about our chapter meetings and volunteer opportunities go to our web site at Donegal Trout Unlimited.

We hope that you enjoy fishing this first class trout water which we have restored from its warm, shallow, cow-inhabited and troutless past. If you have an opportunity, please thank the land owners for their support.

Wayne Boggs, President
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October
10th: 7 pm
Board Meeting
OctoberFest
Millport Conservancy
Four Seasons
Cathy & Barry Beck

November
14th: 7 pm
Board Meeting
Millport Conservancy
Chapter Meeting
Farm & Home Center
Fly Fishing the Tully

December
12th: 7 pm
Board Meeting
Millport Conservancy
Chapter Meeting
Farm & Home Center
Fly Tying Demos
PROGRAMS

OCTOBER

Our annual Octoberfest will be held starting at 5:30 pm on October 17th at the Four Seasons Banquet facility off Stony Battery Road in Landisville. Internationally-recognized photographers Cathy & Barry Beck will be the special speakers this year and given their photographic reputation the program should be stunning. Their topic will be “Dry Fly Fishing for Trout”. Join us for dinner, drinks and special raffles, as well as a chance to buy autographed copies of their books.

The cost is $30. Please confirm your reservation by October 12th with
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NOVEMBER

On November 21st, Jake Villwock & Joe McGinley from TCO Flyshop in Reading will address us on “Fly Fishing the Tully & Tactics”. This meeting will mark our return for the winter to the Farm & Home Center and our regular meeting time of 7 pm.

DECEMBER

The meeting on December 19 will be our now-traditional fly tying demonstration featuring a number of our own members tying their favorite patterns for regional fishing. Up-close, personal and proven patterns. Featured tyers will be listed on the website.

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

We are pleased to report that we are working on 4 new projects on the Conowingo Creek Watershed, one on the Fishing Creek Watershed & one on Charles Run, the main tributary to the Donegal Spring Creek.

1. Conowingo Creek: Mark Metzler tells us that he has finished the designs for the three locations on the Conowingo Watershed, that being the Smucker Farm, the project on Tanglewood Golf Course and the Melvin Myers farm which is just down stream from the completed Herb Weaver Farm. Mark is in the process of obtaining all the necessary permits in order to start construction on these projects next year. One of the other benefits the farm owners receive from DTU will be that their Nutrient Management and Conservation Plans will be updated to meet EPA Standards. The fourth farm, owned by Abner Lapp, is in line for Team Ag to help design a new barnyard improvement. These improvements will be scheduled for a 2012 completion date. Also, we have 2 new farm owners that are anxious to have us start stream improvements on their farms. It is comforting to know that we now have farms anxiously awaiting us to start on their properties.

2. Fishing Creek: On July 12th, DTU, with the help of the Lancaster County Conservancy, Friends of Fishing Creek Watershed Association, Drumore Township and the PA Fish & Boat Commission, finished two sites on Fishing Creek along Scalpy Hollow Road. These sites had terrible erosion problems. We put in 8 devices to help correct the erosion problems. They also provided great fish habitat at the same time. While we were working on the stream, a downstream landowner approached us to see if we can help him with his stream problems. To quote a famous line from a great baseball movie “Build It & They Will Come”...
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Please contact Glen Nephin at gnephin@ptd.net or 271-9208.
What started out as a dark, even ominous looking day, turned into a beautiful first day of Fall, perfect for Donegal Trout Unlimited’s 13th Annual Special Olympics Fishing Derby.

At 9 AM on September 22, 2012, 13 Special Olympic athletes, 3 members of the PA Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC), representatives from Lancaster Special Olympics and 18 Trout Unlimited volunteers met at Dr. and Mrs Hugh Wenger’s beautiful one acre pond to fish for bluegills, bass, catfish and carp. The day started with a welcome and safety instructions from Bob Lyons and Mike Skurecki and then a special welcome from Glade Squires, PFBC Commissioner for the South Central Region.

After the welcomes and instructions, the athletes went to their initial spots with their Trout Unlimited coaches and fished for 30 minutes. After 30 minutes the athletes rotated around the pond to the next spot. The athletes continued fishing in this manner until noon. All of the athletes caught fish. One athlete caught 28 fish, one caught a 23 inch albino catfish and one caught a 24 inch catfish. It is safe to say from the looks on their faces and the sound of their voices that every athlete had a fun time.

After the Derby the athletes and volunteers enjoyed a picnic of grilled hotdogs, chips, cupcakes and drinks. Following the picnic, prizes were awarded in various categories including the most, the biggest and the smallest fish of each species.

The Derby ended around 2 PM with everyone, athletes and volunteers alike, satisfied that they had spent a wonderful morning together in a beautiful setting catching fish and enjoying each other company.

There were many volunteers who helped make the Fishing Derby such a great success.

First, our thanks to Dr Wenger for allowing us to use his pond. The beauty of his property is only exceeded by his generosity and hospitality.

Thanks to Russ Guthrie with his Gator Aide Tractor and Ken Dietz of Deer Country for donating the use of one of their Gators. Harold and Joan Sechrist for driving the Gators. They made the difficult logistics much easier.

All the volunteers and staff of Lancaster Special Olympics especially the Family Coordinators Ray and Sharon Myers.

Members of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission: Commissioner Glade Squires, Bob Lyons and Mike Skurecki.


Jim Wellendorf

Many more photos can be seen in the slideshow on our website: www.donegaltu.org/spec_olympics.html
Photos courtesy Russ Guthrie, Jim Wellendorf
On Wednesday evening September 19, 2012, 50 members and guests of Donegal Trout Unlimited met at Hardy & Greys’ North American Corporate Center for a Chapter Meeting and picnic. Before the meeting began members and guests were invited to tour the Corporate Offices and cast a selection of fly rods on the lawn in front of the office. At 6:00 PM Wayne Boggs, Donegal Trout Unlimited’s President, led the Chapter meeting and introduced our host, Jim Murphy, President of Hardy and Greys, North America. Jim welcomed everyone and extended an invitation to Donegal Trout Unlimited members to shop at the Corporate Office.

At 6:30 PM the members and guests were treated to a picnic hosted by Hardy & Greys and Donegal Trout Unlimited. After the picnic, John Shaner, Hardy Historian and Tackle Expert, spoke on “Wet Fly Fishing”. John covered the history of wingless wet fly fishing from its origin in the eighteenth century in Northern England to the present day. He described wet fly tying material and techniques, wet fly fishing tactics and various productive wet fishing locations.

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More Photos of Fishing Creek Work

Photos courtesy Jim Wellendorf

Photos courtesy Bob Landis
I spent a week last year at the Penland school for craft, teaching a class on bamboo rod making. I was having dinner in the dining hall one evening with ten or so folks I’d never met. Eating with new folks every night is a sort of tradition at Penland and it’s a lot of fun. Everyone was curious about fly fishing so I was answering questions and generally being the ambassador for all things fish related. It came up that I practice pretty strict catch and release. A woman at the table stated, more than asked, “what is it with you fly fishermen? If I’m going to go to all the trouble to catch a fish, I’m gonna eat it! What’s wrong with you?”

I am often honest to a fault and with out thinking I answered, “fish are, I think, the most beautiful creatures that live. Every one is unique. I think that’s the real reason I fish. Just to hold them and look at them. If I didn’t fish I’d never get to do that. I like to eat fish but I guess I just don’t have it in me to kill something that beautiful. ” When I stopped talking the table was silent and everyone was looking at the woman. It was uncomfortable at best. “Oh fine”, she exclaimed, “I feel just great now” and left the table. I didn’t mean to come down hard on her. It was a sincere answer and she did ask. Frankly it kind of shocked me that everyone else didn’t see it the same way.

Last year I had the pleasure of teaching my oldest friend to fly fish. He was so excited when he caught his first fish, a beautiful little brook trout. I taught him to wet his hands before touching it and showed him how to hold the fish and revive it. Then I told him, “pay close attention, this is my favorite part. Relax your grip but don’t move your hand and for just a few seconds he will sit there, in your hand, of his own free will.” When the fish swam away he looked at me in true astonishment. So many fishermen miss that moment. A wild animal sitting, by choice, in your hand. Imagine doing that with a bird, for example. I loved sharing it.

On a recent trip to Wyoming’s Green River I had a day to myself and I did something I very seldom get the chance to do. I left the camera behind and just went fishing. After about a half hour of fishing I was working a hopper along a seam when a big olive head came up and gulped it. A few minutes later I was holding a beautiful wild brown, a little over twenty inches. I brought him into an eddy behind a rock to revive him. He was in good shape so I loosened my grip and waited. But he didn’t swim off. It was odd. He was clearly ok but he just sat there. I took my hands away all together. He sat upright, perfectly happy finning in the eddy. I reached down and ran my fingers along his lateral line. He stayed. I stroked the top of his head. He stayed. His scales were soft and smooth as glass. I could feel the bones in his fins. I sat and petted the big brown like a cat for a minute or more before he glided back into the seem. It was surreal and wonderful. I’ve released thousands of fish and I’ve never seen anything like it. That would have to be one pretty tasty fish!

LOUIS CAHILL
GINK & GASOLINE
AUGUST 12, 2012

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