What's Emerging

President's Message

Fall fishing weather is here and right now it is perfect. I hope you all have been able to get out and enjoy it. For those of you who could not attend our September membership meeting, you missed one of the best presentations in recent memory. Gary Edwards from “Vacations On The Fly” gave a very detailed insight into the lifecycle of salmon, steelhead, and brown trout on New York’s Salmon River. It included when and where to fish, as well as the dynamic relationships between the species at all times of the year. Whether you’re an old pro on the Salmon, or want to get started, it was very enlightening. I feel certain we will have him back again, so next time, please don’t miss it.

We have our annual OctoberFest coming up on Wednesday October 16th at 5:30 PM at Four Seasons. The evening will include great food and fellowship as well as a chance to win some great raffle items. The speaker this year will be Eric Stroup of the Spruce Creek Fly Shop who will talk about fly fishing in central PA. I am sure this is a topic we can all relate to and has the makings to be a terrific event. Check the website for the registration info. You won’t want to miss this one.

On behalf of Donegal TU, I have submitted a letter of recommendation to the Lancaster County Planning Commission for the Landis Homes Floodplain Restoration Project. This endorsement is for the 2013 Envision Lancaster County Leadership Awards Program. The project involved Kurtz Run, a tributary to the Conestoga River at Oregon. It created 6.5 acres of wetlands and increased filtration of stormwater runoff resulting in water quality benefits both on-site and downstream. Nutrient and sediment load reductions will further improve the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay, thus increasing the overall natural habitat for native fishes and plant life. This is something that should be important to all of us and worthy of consideration for this award.

Work is ongoing on the Conowingo watershed as we work our way steadily toward the Maryland line. Funding is in place for design and engineering for 5 new sites. Things are also moving along on Lancaster County Conservancy’s Camp Snyder project on Climbers Run. On August 21st, Matt Kofroth from the Lancaster County Conservation District, along with Tom Stahl from the Conservancy, and members from DTU conducted an electro-shocking on several sections of Climbers Run. The results were about what we expected. Fair numbers of native brook trout were found and we are all encouraged for the future of this watershed. Funding and grants have been applied for and we expect to get started on restoration sometime next year.

Several projects have been completed in September. Work on the Bob Landis farm on Fishing Creek in southern Lancaster County was wrapped up by PA Fish & Boat, in coordination with Flyway construction. They also completed a project on a short stretch of Charles Run, a tributary of Donegal Creek, just outside of Mt Joy. I think the Charles Run project will significantly reduce the sediment load going into Donegal Creek, and produce a viable floodplain.

On September 21st, I attended the annual meeting of PA Trout Unlimited. It was held at Shavers Creek, just outside Huntingdon. About 80 members from... Continued, page 2

October Meeting
October 16
OctoberFest
Four Seasons Banquet Facility
Eric Stroup Fly Fishing Central PA
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A few badges for fishing Millport Conservancy in 2013 are still available.

Volunteers to help setting things up at the OctoberFest would be appreciated.

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Welcome New Members

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President, continued

across the state attended and I came away with some very useful information. It is very encouraging to find out that the PA membership has increased by about 30% to 13,000 members statewide. More and more people are appreciating the importance of cold water conservation and want to get involved. I want to thank each and every member of Donegal TU for your passion and continuing support for our chapter. The attendance at membership meetings has doubled and the enthusiasm is tremendous. What we do in cold water conservation and education is of vital importance and cannot continue and move forward without the support of all of you.

Thank you again for all you do!

Be well!

TOM

Images of mayflies in this publication are based on photographs from Jason Neuswanger (www.troutnut.com), whose rights, contribution to our knowledge of streamlife, and photographic skills are gratefully acknowledged.
Brown Trout in this area of the stream. We then
moved our focus to rebuild the original 150-foot
Mud Sill that was built last year. Several high water
events caused erosion behind the original structure.
The mud sill held but we decided to line the exposed
bank with an additional 40 tons of shot rocks. Bob
Landis, owner, is very pleased with our work and
additionally, wild fish were present to watch our
efforts.

Our third project, Charles Run, was completed
on September 11th. Again, Flyway Excavation placed
15 hemlock logs as well as 40 tons of stone to create
Log Deflectors and Mud Sills on this Run. The
landowner, Lester Nolt, was very pleased with our
efforts. A special thanks goes out to all the volunteers
who helped on these projects.

I am also happy to report that DTU has affirmed
that we will be soon be receiving our new $216,000
grant to design and permit 4 new sites within the
Conowingo Creek Watershed. Rettew Associates has
completed the surveying on the Daniel Lapp farm
along Black Barren Road. And, surveying will com-
mence on first week of October on the Russel Lloyd
farm on Maxwell Drive. Once the surveying reports
are finished, the design portion will immediately
start. We estimate that all 4 sites will have the designs
completed by Spring and permitting will follow
shortly after.

The Camp Snyder project is in limbo right now,
as we will be applying for some grants to cover the
improvements. If the grants come through, I would expect to
start construction in late Summer of 2013.

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Unlimited met at 9:00 am on Thursday, September
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They recommend the Candidates listed below be
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At those meetings the following individuals would be appointed as Committee Chairpersons or Members-at-Large for the 2013-2014 term:

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:
TOM HALL
JIM WELLENDORF
PAUL ZEGLEY

MAYFLYER

Those of you who prefer to print a copy of the Mayflyer rather than read it on your computer screen will be glad to know we realize printer ink or toner is expensive. Thanks to improvements in the software I use to produce the newsletter, beginning with this issue, all of the “eye candy” you see in the pdf, from the background images to the bars that are used to highlight different sections of a page, will no longer print. Printing a page will now only print the text and photos, and of course if you print in black & white rather than color, doing so will be even kinder to your wallet.

Further, at a member’s request, we’ll try to include maps when we refer to various project sites. But remember, maps to all of our project sites are always available online at our website:

www.donegaltu.org/maps.html

MARK McMASTER
EDITOR
Minutes - September Board Meeting


The meeting was called to order by Tom Hall @ 7:00 PM at the Millport Conservancy.

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes from the previous DTU Board Meeting were approved by motion as distributed via email and taken by Ted Downs.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer Bob Albright issued the treasurer’s report by email. The regular account has $97,702.84 and the Conowingo Account has $1305.01 for a grand total of $97,802.84. A motion was made and approved the Treasurer’s Report. Since the last meeting, contact was made with our accountant regarding payment to L & B Fencing for $5104.35 for work on the Smucker farm. This work is under the Conowingo project grant which has been slow in reimbursement. The accountant has advised us regarding payment from our regular account and how to document that payment. So a motion was made and passed to pay that invoice to L&B Fencing from our regular account with documentation to be available to the accountant at year’s end. Communication with Mark Metzler will hopefully avoid a similar situation in the future.

Conservation: Bob Kutz not present. Information from Tom Hall. Charles Run and Fishing Creek work is completed. Tim Elder helped on the Charles Run project and he is not a DTU member but had heard about it. Fish & Boat has a new 10-year landowner agreement which, when approved by a landowner is then attached to his deed. Discussion on that seemed to suggest that most if not all landowners will not be interested in doing that.

Membership: Kevin Fausey reported 667 members & 8 youths.

Banquet: Dan Brandt not present, no report.

Communication: Jim Wellendorf has sent the calendar by email. PA Council of Trout Unlimited was added to the calendar of events.

Nursery: Tom Royer reported that the fungus problem was due to the rain, Garry Longenecker will start next month and Tom will go over everything with him.

Education: Ned Bushong reported that Big Brother Big Sister was held Aug. 24th at his farm with hotdogs and drinks and fishing from 10 AM to 12 Noon. Eight kids attended and had a good time. The trout eggs for the TIC program will be available Nov. 1st and he was going to see if the schools needed anything prior to that. Pequea Valley was added this year. Kissel Hill Elementary took their fish to a tributary by school bus. Ephrata lost their chiller so immediately took their fish to Indian Run. Penn Manor took theirs to a trib and CV lost all their fish.

Volunteers: Faye reported that the Ladies Cold Water Conservation Breakfast will be in April next year. Also suggested we should explore a youth fly fishing course again. Also she would like to plan for an Intermediate Fly Fishing Clinic to more advanced fly fishers.

Newsletter: Mark McMaster said the deadline for the Mayflyer is Sept 28th. There were 200 Mayflyer downloads this month, 34 membership downloads and 90 banquet booklet downloads.

Programs: Wayne Boggs not present. Paul Zegley reported Gary Edwards would be the guest presenter next week. Paul was also going to do an inventory at the locker with a clipboard of the inventory in the locker. He mentioned he was going to put in shelving and the easels need to be stored there. A notice to board members will advise when he will be working in the locker and those available to help could meet there.

Facebook: Mark Ebner will be purchasing a projector next Monday for the upcoming meeting.

Round Table Discussion: Discussion regarding Fly Fishing signs being removed on the lower Lititz Run Farms. They will be replaced and Tom was checking as to whether there were any left from the last time we had them made. An email was sent on the endorsement of John Leonard to the S. Central Council of PA Trout by DTU. There was discussion regarding the Bylaws and terms etc. so Tom Hall, Paul Zegley and Jim Wellendorf were to form a Nominating Committee to have that ready for next week.

Matt Kofroth reported that he has a new fish shocker with a better battery. Also mentioned that the Lancaster Lebanon Watershed Conference will be Oct 26th at Acorn Farms. Also there will be a tree planting on Sept. 28th at Flory Park in East Lampeter Township and they will be using some of the DTU nursery trees left over this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM by Tom Hall

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
TED DOWNS SECRETARY DTU
Evaluating Camp Snyder

Photos courtesy Jim Wellendorf, Mark McMaster & Bob Kutz
People who fish will readily tell you how much they enjoy the sport. People who take a kid fishing will tell you it is even better.

On Saturday August 24, 2013, members of our Chapter found out first hand just how much fun it can be. They took several boys and girls from the Lancaster Chapter of Big Brothers/Big Sisters and their sponsors fishing on Ned Bushong’s pond. Ned is the Chapter’s Education Chairperson. The kids fished for two hours and caught lots of bass, bluegills and sunfish. One boy caught a 15 inch largemouth bass!

After fishing, Ned and his wife hosted a picnic of hot dogs, chip, cookies and soda. The kids’ smiles were almost as big as when they were catching fish. Ned also had a special treat – Bob Garbutt from the Atlantic City Sand Pipers playing the bagpipes.

The volunteers included Brian Cunningham and Chapter members Ned Bushing, Tom Hall, Tom Royer, Scott Trefny, Garry Longenecker and Jim Wellendorf.

It was hard to tell who had the most fun – the kids or the volunteers!
August Picnic

Some people think that no amount of planning replaces dumb luck. Whether or not it was planning or luck, the Chapter had another enjoyable picnic the evening of Wednesday August 21, 2013. As in past years, Bob Bachman, District Commissioner for the PA Fish and Boat Commission, was our host. His home, on the shores of Blue Lake, is an ideal place for our members and friends to gather. Before the picnic several members fished for bass and carp on the Lake. Bob Bachman told them to use his secret fly, the “corn fly”. He said it is “the closest thing to real corn you can fish with!”

Wayne Boggs, Program Chairperson, catered the picnic with subs, chips, pretzels, cookies and drinks. After the dinner, Tom Hall, Chapter President, conducted a brief business meeting with reports from the committee chairpersons. Tom then introduced Bob Bachman and thanked him for his hospitality. Bob gave the attendees an informative and thought-provoking update on his District’s streams and rivers. He emphasized why the work Trout Unlimited does is so important to cold water conservation and to the health of the plants and animals that depend on clean water.

As if to prove the importance of good planning, a severe storm hit the area shortly after the picnic ended. Now that is good planning!

IM WELLENDORF

Photos courtesy Jim Wellendorf
PFBC Chairman Bob Bachman, who lives in Reinholds, PA, hosts our DTU Picnic annually at his property which is across from Blue Lake. This lake is filled with some large Carp and Bass and Panfish. There is also a stream which adjoins his property where some of our members were remarking about the large Bass in there.

He has invited members to come and bring their rods and fish prior to the picnic or afterwards. Such a deal. Somewhere along the way Bob asked myself and Moirajeanne FitzGerald to come up early and try and catch some of those big Carp in his lake. Last year I went up early with my Winston 5 wt. rod, which was not a match for those size carp and made it difficult to land the fish. So, he brought out the canned corn and proceeded to put approximately 4 kernels on the teeny hook and roll cast it out there. After his instruction on what to do and what seemed like forever, the line moved and zzzzzzzzzoooom off went this enormous carp at the speed of sound. Who would have thought that they could move that fast. So, now the real work began and I was struggling trying to bring this lunker in on this size rod. I had broken off about 3 before and was trying hard not to repeat that. Eventually, with great difficulty, I managed to bring this huge carp up onto the bank. Whew! What a task that was. Bob said it was somewhere around 10 -12 lb. Felt like more to me.

So, this year Moirajeanne joined me in the heat of the day on this pond that is so clear that you can see them cruising back and forth. There was little interest in our offering and it was like watching paint dry and I was getting tired of waiting for some action. Finally, I saw the line move and saw it take the cornfly and am in position to react accordingly with my 6 wt. Sage with a Wide Arbor Reel, which was better suited for this size fish. I had paid attention to his instructions from previous tries and followed his commands to the letter (almost). After what seemed like forever, I finally landed this carp and felt so good about my efforts and success with his coaching both myself and Moirajeanne to assist in bringing in one of those carp. Bob thought that this one was around 8 – 10 lb. Not too shabby! MJ was reeling one in most successfully, when I was heading back to the picnic. No easy task to catch and land one of them, but they are a thrill when you do.

So glad that we had this opportunity to do this again, and look forward to the next time. Our chapter is so fortunate to have Dr. Bachman as a member and sharing his pond/stream and great location for this picnic.

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