What’s Emerging

“It’s Autumn in PA”

I know that’s not the way the song starts but it is a true statement for us. I hope everyone survived the humidity and extra rain we received these past months. Greg Wilson relates that there was a little damage to two of our projects on Fishing Creek. We’ll see if we can’t get them fixed. Autumn also starts a new TU year and a busy schedule for our Chapter.

On the Conowingo Creek, work is finished at the Woy and Lloyd Projects. Greg & Bob have scheduled several planting days this month. Bob promises to serve his gourmet, grilled hot dogs to all who come out and plant trees. I’m sure Garry Longenecker will need some help soon putting the Nursery to bed for the winter. Please check the website for dates, times, and locations. Let Greg know if you can help so you don’t miss out on those tasty dogs.

We’re trying to get our name and mission recognized around the county. Bob Kurtz and Mark McMaster created signs for our projects at Camp Andrews and the Woy site. The signs have our name and logo at the top and the companies and organizations that partnered with us listed below. We plan to continue to place these signs at our future completed projects.

On that same topic, we will be at the Southern Lancaster County Farmers & Sportsmen’s Association Fall Show. This will be at the Solanco Fairgrounds in Quarryville on Oct. 20 and 21. We’re hoping to tell our story, attract new members, or at least make our presence better known to the community. Please contact Derek Eberly if you would like to help either day.

My next reminder is for our Octoberfest meeting. On October 17, between 5 and 6 PM, please join me at the Four Seasons Golf Course. The buffet dinner costs $30. A cash bar opens at 5 with dinner served @ 6. Our speaker for the evening is Eric Richard.

And lest you forget, November 16th is the EXTRA GIVE! Tell your friends, your family, anyone who will listen, that Donegal TU is on the list to receive donations. Since it is all done by credit card, the minimum donation is $25. But if you’d like to donate $26, or $106 you can. The amount is your choice and I thank you in advance for participating on that day.

Finally, this is my last missive to you as your President. Thank you for allowing me to have that title for the last two years. I’ve learned a lot about conservation, filling out reports, meeting and greeting people in various situations. I thank our two past presidents – Tom and Jim – for their support and for sharing their knowledge. I thank each person on the Board for doing their job to advance our Chapter. When I took office at Octoberfest 2016, I made a promise to try to do no harm to the Chapter. I hope you feel that I have kept that promise. See you at future Chapter meeting.

Octoberfest

October 17

6:00 PM

(5 PM Open Bar)

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Corner

Joy

Tree plantings are scheduled for Oct. 6 at Camp Andrews (1226 Silver Springs Rd, Holtwood); Oct 13 at Tanglewood Golf Course (653 Scotland Rd, Quarryville); and Oct 27 at Drumore Park (1675 Furniss Rd, Drumore). All run from 8:30 - Noon, with gourmet hot dogs from grillmaster Bob Kurtz. Bring a spade or shovel, gloves, sturdy shoes & appropriate clothing.

More plantings will be scheduled soon. Watch the website & our Facebook page for updates.
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PROGRAMS

OCTOBER

For OctoberFest, we’ll return to the Four Seasons Banquet Facility in Landisville. Eric Richard, who had to cancel an earlier presentation, will address the “Behavior of Wild Brown Trout”. Dinner, drinks, and conversation will highlight the meeting, along with the installation of newly-elected Board & Officers. The menu will include turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, veg, salad, & dessert. An open bar will begin at 5 with dinner at 6. There will also be a raffle.

Tickets are $30 each. Reserve your seat by October 10 with Dan Van Buskirk.

NOVEMBER

Anita Salter-Coulton will speak about Nymphing. Anita is a guide with Cross Current Guides on the Delaware, with more than 20 years experience. She has fished with several competitive teams and earned several team and individual awards. Join us at the Farm & Home Center to hear this very interesting lady.

DECEMBER

December will be our traditional Fly Tying Event. We’re working on an interesting mix of tyers. Whether you tie yourself, or not, these are always very interesting evenings. Join us at the Farm & Home Center on December 19.

Bob and I were invited to a luncheon that Shirley Madison provided for the USF&W crew and others involved with getting her project installed. It was so refreshing to have someone so excited and thankful for the project. So often we install these huge projects with no acknowledgement from the landowners. She is so excited and is also installing a CREP buffer, excited for the native plants to thrive. The unfortunate part is USF&W had to do extensive repairs 3 times from flooding before the grass could get established, so unfortunately they exhausted the budget and are short of completing the project. Bob Kutz quickly responded and is shaking every tree to find some additional funding for this and some of our other repairs.

We have scheduled 3 dates and may add more to plant trees. We are planning for Oct 6th at Camp Andrews from 8:30 till noon. Bob has assured us he will make the Famous Gourmet Hot Dogs, Also on October 13th at Tanglewood Golf Course same hours. This is a project installed several years ago, but it was never planted so Bob has been working with the new owners to get some stream side buffers along the upper Conowingo section. We also will replace and add trees and shrubs at Drumore Park and Peters Creek on October 27th meeting at Drumore Park at 8:30. Depending on the number of volunteers we may be able to also do the work at Peters Creek.

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Committee Reports

DEPRECATED PROGRAM CHAIRMAN

After being out of town for over a month, I was welcomed back with continued hot and humid weather, ugh. But this past week we went to look at some of the stream projects to see how they were holding up. We incurred some damage at the Metzler sisters, and Drumore Park. Camp Andrews survived well. We went to look at Peters Creek last Saturday but the water was high again so we were unable to get a good idea of the situation, we saw some tree shelters were leaning or gone.

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This year’s VSP events have been somewhat of a challenge. I’m not sure if any of you have noticed, but we’ve gotten quite a bit of rain, and I know that if I need a drift boat to go down Lititz Run, then it’s probably best to cancel an event. That being said, we’ve been able to get our Veterans out on quite a few great trips this season. Our kickoff event took place at the Millport Conservancy, it was the most people we’ve had yet. A van from the Veterans Affairs was there for the second year in a row. They have all kinds of information for programs available to Veterans. We also have Mission BBQ show up in a Deuce and a half with a smoker on the back. They donated the delicious food, and we thank them for that. In addition to meeting everyone there and just the general vibe of the day the highlight was definitely watching Casey Clugston haul in a huge rainbow trout with the help of Tom Herr, who was gracious enough to help us out that day. If you haven’t seen Tom’s flies, you really are missing something spectacular.

Our next big event saw us visit our friends from Total Outdoors on Penn’s Creek. Bruce Fisher owns Penn’s Creek Angler, and along with Karen Delraso and a many other volunteers, hosts our VSP at Bruce’s place on Penn’s. We’ve been there 3 times now, soon going on our fourth. It’s just great to be around amazing people and see the friendships that develop. Oh, and the fishing is pretty darned good.

Next up, the Spring Creek VSP hosted us at Fisherman’s Paradise in Bellefonte. Jim Lanning runs their VSP, I consider him a mentor and he’s always been there for me to help or answer any questions. Now let me tell you about our day. We showed up early, and boy were they ready. They had chairs set up in a circle and we talked about fishing and what the day would entail. We started out with a lesson on casting from none other than Joe Humphreys. He taught us the reach cast, and another highlight was watching him do the bow and arrow cast, I could watch that all day. Next our group separated with half staying at Paradise and the other half going out to private property, forgive me, I forget the Doctor’s name that owns it. This property only allows Veterans groups on there to fish and wow, there were some slabs out there. Guy Murray, a professional Guide, and just all around great person worked with our Vets on the water and how to fish these big boys. Spring Creek VSP provided catered lunch for our group, and all in all it was another amazing day. This chapter is near and dear to my heart as they are the gold standard. They do it from the heart and they do it well. It’s just a lot of fun to be around them.

As some of you may know, last year, I attended a VSP training in Ketchum, Idaho. I met a lot of amazing people out there and have kept in touch with quite a few of them, one of them is Dan Laffin. Dan runs the north east chapter of Rivers of Recovery. Dan invited our Vets to come join them on an amazing adventure. Six Vets from our chapter met them at Dream Catcher Lodge in Deposit, NY on Sept 20 for Dinner and a meet and greet. We were housed in absolutely beautiful cabins right on the river. On Friday and Saturday, they floated the West Branch of the Delaware on their drift boats. On our down time, we tied flies, told lies, sat by the fire, and ate some delicious cooking done by none other than Erin Chiappetta. Paul and Erin Chiappetta help run the show, Casey Breeds took some beautiful pictures of the trip, Bert Ouellette and Greg Lethbridge, in addition to Dan, were the drift boat captains helping to put everybody on the fish. In addition to the trip, each Vet received a lanyard stock with tippet and all the necessities, a Rivers of Recovery bag with a hat, coffee mug, and some other goodies, and a brand new fly rod.

Each year, as our program grows, and we reach more Vets, it’s important to recognize the people we meet along the way, who give from the heart, who do things for the right reasons. Fly fishing and VSP has already given so much to me in such a short time, I can’t wait to see what the future holds. As Jim Lanning says “Everything is good in the neighborhood”. As I move forward with our chapter as Vice President, I look forward to being able to help bring some exciting things for our members and the community. For those of you wanting to volunteer but just haven’t made the leap yet, just do it, it’s a whole lot of fun, and you’ll get to meet a bunch of great people.

-BILL NOLAN
Volunteers from the Chapter coached Special Olympians as they fished Hugh Wenger’s pond with assistance from PA Fish & Boat & Lancaster Special Olympics. The weather was cloudy, but the fishing was terrific and both athletes and coaches had a great morning.

Photos courtesy various photographers, collage courtesy Gerry Rife
Alliance for the Bay for arranging the grant funding for this project. It is budgeted at at $190k. This will be a very good project including cattle exclusion and plantings.

The Alliance for the Bay will be presenting Matt Koffroth with an award at Taste of the Bay, so congratulations Matt.

The stream project tour in July was very successful on many fronts (Thanks Fran), one of the great outcomes was that Barry has recruited Becky Whitson and Lydia Martin to join the conservation committee. They will bring many talents and energy to help us expand our reach. We have so many avenues to pursue, we are excited for the additional help.

Garry arranged a work day with Quality Bike Parts, so they sent 4 volunteers in addition to 5 DTU-ers. We got the nursery weeded and sorted out. The new pump has survived the flooding with some minor medical care. The nursery had over 1600 viable plants. Garry is working on taking orders for distribution. It seems demand may be up as wholesalers are running out of stock. This is good news if we want to meet the buffer goals.

Bob and Mark created some signs for Camp Andrews and Woy Projects. We installed the one at Camp Andrews last Saturday. They look great, hopefully we will get more customers.

Working with the Alliance for the Bay, we have come up with several buffer planting locations. One that is exciting to me is, working with Fulton Twp, along Robert Fulton Highway, we will be regrading a small stream, planting a nice mixed buffer and a meadow area as a demonstration area. So look around if you know of potential planting sites and let me know.

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**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The following were elected to the 2018-2019 term.

- Dan Zimmerman - Board

**WINTER FLY TYING**

I know we’re just starting to enjoy Fall weather and it’s too soon to think of cold and snow. But like Winter, the DTU Winter Fly Tying Sessions “will be back”. Thanks to Stan Shenk, we will again be meeting at the Staffers of Kissel Hill grocery store at 1050 Lititz Pike. The meeting room at the back of the store, behind the brown door between refrigerator cases, is comfortable and large enough for tyers and observers. We will gather there from 9 AM – 1 PM on Jan. 12, Feb. 9, and March 9 (that’s the second Saturday of each month). There is a central core of dedicated tiers that show up each month. They will welcome anyone who wants to learn to tie or improve their skills. They usually teach each other new tricks each month. There will not be pre-registration this year. If it snows or is icy, stay home. So old friends and new, mark those dates on your calendar. Wile away a few cold hours, make new friends, or reunite with old friends. Have those new flies, that you tied, in your box to tempt the first trout of Spring.

Joy McMaster
The July Picnic was held at Climbers Run Nature Preserve. Chef Stan outdid himself with fresh corn, hot dogs, fixin’s & side dishes. The rain held off for one day at least.
How I Spent My Summer Vacation

Bill Nolan pursued trout in the mountains of Spain, while Tom & Pam Hall chased cutties near Glacier. And while Greg & son Brad, were scouring most of Montana in pursuit of cutties, they left poor Bob Kutz to put up our new project signage all on his own.

Meanwhile our VSP participants got to hang out with Joe Humphries.

The rest of us got to watch it rain, and rain, and rain.

Ohh, the injustice of it all.