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Fall 2016 Issue

From the President's Vest

Greetings fellow MCTU Members!

Once again fall is here and the winter looms ahead in the distance. We have been busy this summer and fall hosting annual events; participating in the Red Lion Street Fair, stocking streams, and looking at the future of our chapter. I encourage you to read about these various events in our newsletter and to also take a look at some of the changes you can expect to see.

For me, as chapter president, I would like to see more of our members; men, women, youth and even families with young children attend our monthly meetings. We plan to make some changes to our monthly meetings in an effort to have a more engaged chapter! More information about this change can be found inside the newsletter.



Our annual For-Sight fishing event was another success this past May; this event never ceases to amaze us as we watch these students and their families fish with assistance from our chapter's volunteers. We are also thrilled to share that we are sponsoring a Trout in the Classroom in one of Dallastown's third grade classrooms. These students and their parents came to a marshmallow and wiener roast at our September meeting and the enthusiasm from these kiddos was phenomenal; a much more detailed article can be found inside the newsletter. As we look to the spring, we anticipate having a third food stand site on the opening day of fishing; we were able to up-date our equipment and expand our resources. These food stands generate funds for our organization but more importantly it allows us to interact with fellow anglers on the Muddy Creek Watershed.

The nursery has welcomed another fingerling shipment; we received approximately 8,000 Brown Trout fingerlings the end of September and they're doing well. Our faithful group of folks who stock the streams were able to get our holdovers into the water; we are very appreciative of this group-it's not an easy job but fishing in the Muddy Creek Watershed wouldn't be the experience that is without their dedication.

We are still working and involved with the Bonham Animal and Wildlife Sanctuary on a project entitled "Trout in the Bonham". We were able to work with a group of students who helped plant new vegetation throughout the project. Our Fall Fest fundraiser was held on the Bonham property and many of our guests commented on the beauty of the land. We are very excited to be a part of this project.

I hope the winter is kind to us; as we look forward to seeing you over the winter months at our monthly meetings. Please note these meetings will be held at Mediterraneo Pizza. Please join us for dinner at 6pm, and our chapter meeting will commence at 7pm. Feel free to bring a friend, spouse or prospective member.

Warmly,
Beth

Upcoming Events

Nov 16 - General Meeting
Mediterraneo Pizza in Felton.
Dinner at 6pm Meeting 7pm

Dec 21 - General Meeting
Mediterraneo Pizza in Felton.
Dinner at 6pm Meeting 7pm

Jan 18 - General Meeting
Mediterraneo Pizza in Felton.
Dinner at 6pm Meeting 7pm

Feb 22 - General Meeting
Mediterraneo Pizza in Felton.
Dinner at 6pm Meeting 7pm

March 15 - General Meeting
Mediterraneo Pizza in Felton.
Dinner at 6pm Meeting 7pm

April 1 - Regional Opening Day of Trout Season.
Volunteer at a Food Stand!

April 19 - General Meeting
Cooperative Nursery 7pm

FISHING NEWS

C&R FFO AREA OF MUDDY CREEK WAS FLOAT STOCKED IN OCTOBER AND IS OPEN TO FISHING YEAR ROUND

REMEMBER: THE MUDDY CREEK WATERSHED HAS OVER 9 MILES OF STREAM UNDER THE STOCKED TROUT WATERS PROGRAM WITH THE PAF&BC. MUCH OF THIS WATER WAS FALL STOCKED WITH MCTU HOLDOVER TROUT.

ALL OF THIS WATER IS OPEN BY THE GRACE OF GENEROUS LANDOWNERS. PLEASE RESPECT THEIR PROPERTY BY NOT LITTERING AND PICKING UP ANY TRASH YOU MAY FIND ALONG THE STREAM.

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Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited Merchandise

We still have our black 25th Anniversary t-shirts for sale (in limited sizes) and our original design on the tan long sleeve shirts available. We have reduced the pricing to \$10 for both shirt styles. We also have some 25th Anniversary hats left as well as the traditional cap and the new trucker style; these remain at \$15 per hat. Please contact Maurice via phone at (717)747-5613 or email muddycreektu@comcast.net.

These items can be shipped for additional fee if local pick up cannot be arranged. Thanks for your continued support to our chapter.



2016 Collector Patch - Bald Eagle Creek

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited is committed to continuing the collectable patch fund raiser. Our 2016 Patch boasts a Streamscape of Bald Eagle Creek with a handsome Bald Eagle perched in a tree on a light blue ring with gold trim.

These can be purchased for \$7.00 at Chapter meetings, and on our website.

Visit our web site to see the 2016 Collector Patch in color or to place an order at www.muddycreektu.org.





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FALL/WINTER MEETING LOCATION

Please Note that our monthly meetings over the fall will be held at the Mediterranean Pizza located 76 Red Lion Ave. Felton, PA. Please feel free to join us for dinner at 6pm. Our meetings will continue to start at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

RECOGNITION ROLE CALL

I would like to take a moment to recognize a few individuals who have gone above and beyond over the summer months:

Fred Hess - Your time and dedication to the Trout in the Classroom has paid off; we are excited as a chapter to be part of this experience! We are also grateful for the time you put into planning and executing the Fall Fest.

Bob S.- Thank you for the many hours of planning the Fall Fest; drafting letters for donations; and coordinating food for the day. This event would not have been successful without your diligence.

Fred W.- Your commitment to the nursery and Landowner Relations never ceases to amaze us; thank you for coordinating with the state on delaying the delivery of our fingerlings due to the high water temperatures. Your proactive attitude is greatly appreciated. As well, we all thank you for your tireless efforts toward preserving fishing access in the area below Woodbine. We appreciate your teams efforts in cleaning up illegal camping and working with landowners to keep the stream corridor open to fishing.

2017 COLLECTOR PATCH

The 2017 Collector Patch is being designed at this time. Look for this patch to go online around the holidays.

LANDOWNER APPRECIATION PICNIC/FALL FEST

The chapter recognized watershed landowners, chapter members and their families as well as local businesses that have contributed to the success of our activities this past year. More than 30 attendees met at the Bonham Wake Robin Nature Preserve on Spencer Road near Airville, PA on Saturday, September 20, 2016. The event was held in conjunction with the Watershed Alliance of Yorks' Watershed Weekend and the Conservation Society of York County.

The fest included picnic lunch, raffles, and a presentation by Allan Miller regarding the history and current activities of the Conservation Society at Bonham, as well as, Indian Steps Museum.

The Chapter realized a fundraising profit of nearly \$1,000 to be used toward conservation, Trout in the Classroom Project, and other chapter activities. Several businesses contributed raffle items. If you visit any of the following in the upcoming months, please extend your appreciation for their support of our activities:

Allegro Vineyard
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PA Fish & Boat Commission
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Specialty Industries
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Wolfgang Candies
Woodhall Wine Cellars

CHAPTER MEETING CHANGES

We are excited to announce that we are going to be changing the structure of our monthly chapter meeting. We will be removing the business and big decisions from our monthly meetings and handling these things behind the scenes at a Board of Director and Officer meeting held prior to the regular chapter meeting. We will have brief up-dates about up-coming events, projects and decisions at our monthly meetings; however, we want to make the chapter meetings fun, fresh and interactive. Please contact Beth Boyd, ycpnurse@gmail.com, if you have suggestions of topics you would like to learn more about; speakers you would like us to have; activities that you would like to see at meetings. We want our monthly meetings to be something that ALL of our chapter members can look forward to!!

CO-OP SPONSORSHIP CHANGES

Beginning in 2017, we will be "sprucing up" our Co-Op Sponsorship letter in an effort to keep our members more informed about the Co-Operative Nursery. We will also be adjusting our mailing date next year; at this time, we are anticipating sending these letters late August to early September.

CHILD ABUSE CHECKS

MCTU Volunteers are complying with both state and TU National guidelines in regard to volunteer participation at events involving youth. If you are interested in volunteering at events that involve youth, such as the ForSight Vision fishing day, please contact Beth Boyd at ycpnurse@gmail.com or 717-404-7642 for information on how to obtain the proper clearances FREE of charge to you!

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Fundraising Help Needed

Don Jones has been in charge of selling patches for the club since the beginning of this fundraising effort in 2004 and has helped raise thousands of dollars through this effort. We are searching for someone to assist Don and eventually take the lead in this fundraising activity. Don maintains a list of businesses that have sold patches for us in the past, as well as over 275 individuals who have purchased from him in the past. We also maintain an email list of collectors who have purchased through our website. Our customer lists will be available to assist you in this effort.

Coop Nursery Report

In early September of 2015 we received 8,000 trout fingerlings that averaged about 7 inches in size. Because of the mild winter we were able to feed them almost daily. By early March the trout had reached an average size of 10 inches with a few over 11 inches. With no weather problems to inhibit the stocking of our trout, everything went smoothly from March thru May.

Holdover trout were kept to be stocked in September. For those not familiar with the term "holdover", it means not all trout are stocked by mid-May. Instead we keep some of the trout, which are fed through the summer, and then stocked in September. Average sizes of the trout

when stocked are 13 to 15 inches with a couple trout at 16 plus inches. This fall over 900 trout were stocked in late September. All sections of the Muddy Creek watershed were stocked.

Two things stand out for the 2015-2016 trout year. First, because of the mild winter we were able to feed the trout almost daily. That extra feed was \$500 over budget. Second, because of the extreme heat, salt was put in the raceway on a daily basis from mid-July until mid-Sept. Again, the cost of salt was \$600 over budget. Our budget is stable and we were able to cover the additional expenses.

Your sponsorship is absolutely

Trout in the Classroom

Earlier this year the Chapter was approached by Mrs. Alicia Good a third grade teacher at Ore Valley Elementary School asking if we would partner with them for a "Trout In The Classroom" project We gladly accepted the partnership. Pennsylvania Trout In the Classroom (TIC) is an interdisciplinary program in which students in grades 3-12 learn about cold water conservation while raising brook trout from eggs to fingerlings in a classroom aquarium.

Alicia has her curriculum tailored to offer her class an

exciting and educational experience. TIC has applications in environment and ecology, science, mathematics, social studies, and language. Alicia had her aquarium set up and running a good month prior to the November 3 arrival of the brook trout eggs from the PA Fish and Boat Commission.

Her diligence paid off. As of Nov. 7 several fry have already hatched successfully. We are planning a "release day" with her students this spring where the raised brook trout fry will be released into our watershed.

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by Fred Wilt

NEW TRAVEL MUGS

In an effort to continue our fundraising efforts, we are excited to announce that we have insulated travel mugs for sale. These quality insulated mugs are blue with white lettering and sport the TU National Logo. The travel mugs are priced at \$10 each.

Please contact Maurice via phone (717)747-5613 or muddycreektu@comcast.net if you are interested in purchasing a mug!

Fall/Winter Meeting Location Change

Please Note that our monthly meetings over the Fall/Winter are held at the Mediterranean Pizza Shop in Felton Pa.

Feel free to join us for Dinner at 6Pm We look forward to seeing you there!

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