

MUDDY MATTERS

The Newsletter of the Muddy Creek Chapter #575 of Trout Unlimited

TO CONSERVE PROTECT AND RESTORE THE MUDDY CREEK WATERSHED.



Fall/Winter 2012 Issue

From the President's Desk



Since our last newsletter Chapter Members have been very active in the following: Opening day of trout food stands, Tee shirt sales, A fishing day for children and their families from "For Sight and Vision", Spring Fling event, potting 500 plants for our native plant nursery, building an additional native plant nursery, two new stream projects have been planned and permitted, attended the Red Lion Street fair. There are also numerous activities that members, directors and officers

do behind the scenes, so to speak. In this newsletter you can read the details of some of our past and planned events. This is what we do and have been doing for, from what I know, a long time. Which is why I was surprised two years ago when we were referred to as a "struggling chapter" at the Annual State Council membership meeting.

However, their definition of "struggling" is a number rather than in terms of what we accomplish. Recalling what Maurice wrote in his last Chapter newsletter as President. His quote was "Last year at the Annual State Council membership meeting our chapter was ranked at 47 of 51 in the state for membership retention. Considered a "struggling chapter", we are asking you to offer ideas and support to help change that status."

I am very pleased to report that since then many of you have worked to reverse this trend. Our Chapter membership has grown from 95 to 137 over the last two years. Membership meeting attendance has increased. These are positive trends. This is very important as new members bring new ideas and we welcome that. We need that. If you are willing, help to keep us moving in this direction by inviting a friend to a meeting or workday, pick up a TU application at a meeting to give someone streamside, hand out a copy of our newsletter or direct a prospective member to our website. There are many ways to get more people involved in what we do.

Reading the newspaper last week a report stated that our weather for York County was very close to normal. Following what Maurice did during a hot spell a couple years ago I sampled water temperatures in the watershed during a hot spell in July. Water temperatures were taken in the North and South Branches and some of their tributaries. Temperatures in the Branches were running 78F. Their tribs were at 70F. About 100 yds below those tribs I measured 76F. Then back up to 78F until the next trib would lower another 2 degrees and so on. Which brings us to the "how did the trout hold up" question. Here we are at the end of September and the water temperatures are down in the high 50s, low 60s all depending what time of day and where you are fishing. Reports are that there have been catches of wild trout showing up in the main stem as well as the branches. This seems to be a trend since I have been back fishing this watershed. We are very encouraged by this and our hopes are that the wild trout are being conserved for fishing enjoyment and any natural reproduction that may be taking place. If you have been fishing and have a report you would like to share, we'd like to hear from you.

Make sure to make note of our winter meeting schedule elsewhere in this newsletter. Also please take note of past and planned activities. There is a bit of something in this chapter that should be of interest to all of you who believe in enjoying, conserving and preserving the Muddy Creek watershed.

All the best,
Fred

Upcoming Events

October 17 - General Meeting
Collinsville F&G Club - 7pm

Nov. 14 - General Meeting
Collinsville F&G Club - 7pm
(Date moved from the 21st)

Dec. 19 - General Meeting
Collinsville F&G Club - 7pm

Jan. 16 - General Meeting
Gander Mountain, York - 7pm
PRESENTATION: Rick Nyles
from Skyblue Outfitters will
discuss fishing in Central PA
Streams; Penns, Spring, Yellow
Breeches.

Feb. 20 - General Meeting
Lions Pride Restaurant - 7pm
Dinner at 6 pm.

You can be notified of
upcoming events via email by
joining our mailing list. Just
email our website at
muddycreektu@comcast.net

**C&R FFO AREA OF MUDDY
CREEK IS STOCKED OCT. 10.**

**REMEMBER: FROM LABOR
DAY TO MARCH 1 THE
EXTENDED SEASON RULES
APPLY TO HARVEST ON
APPROVED TROUT WATERS.**

**STREAMS NOT ON THE
STATE STOCKING LIST ARE
SUBJECT TO NO HARVEST
DURING THIS PERIOD.**

**REMEMBER ALSO WHEN
FISHING IN THE FALL THAT
YOU ARE SHARING THE
WOODS WITH HUNTERS. BE
SAFE BY WEARING ORANGE
CLOTHING OR HAT.**



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717-705-4741

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**Report Fishing Regulation
Violations**

PF&BC Waterways Conservation Officer
SC Regional Office (717) 486-7087

Fall and Winter Prove to be a Busy Time for MCTU

by Ron Heuston

Owad Road Project

Large Stone Deflector Muddy Creek

PF&BC has provided the design and permit. And will supply \$3,000.00 toward stone to correct a severe erosion problem on Muddy Creek. We have a three year permit and hope to find funding for construction or find equipment available for use.

Cooperative Nursery

Eight Structures on Toms Run

PF&BC completed the design and permitting. They will also supply \$3,000.00 for stone. Also a three year permit to install: 1- Modified Mud-sill, 1-Stone Deflector, 2 Cross Rock Vanes (Log or Stone), 4- Single Vanes (Log or Stone) along the nursery on Toms Run.

Incubator Program 2012

Ordered 100,000 eyed brown trout eggs from Huntsdale Fish Hatchery September 9, 2012.

Typically eggs are ready for pickup the third or fourth week in November.

Volunteers will be needed to visit the sites and address any issues with the incubators and make repairs. And to fill the Whitlock-Vibert boxes with gravel, disinfect incubators, assemble incubators if necessary, and set up water flows prior to egg placement. Once the eggs are scheduled for pick-up volunteers will be needed to place the eggs at the incubator sites.

Workdays were held at the trout nursery in August. One morning was spent spreading stone around the raceway to create better footing for the feeders and replenish the stone that had been washed away over the years by flooding. The remaining stone was spread on the driveway and parking area for the stocking trucks and trailer. The second workday was

North Branch Muddy Creek Phase-1

Maintenance and repairs on 3,200 feet of stream.

Some minor repairs are necessary to the project on the North Branch completed in 2005. DEP has permitted these repairs. The permit is good for one year, MCTU sent a letter to authorize construction to ARRC, with a recommendation to do the repairs this fall to allow the riparian buffer plants the best chance for survival.

Aquatic Resource Restoration Company do these repairs at no cost. MCTU volunteers will be needed for riparian buffer planting, seeding and monitoring. To meet our requirements, MCTU will need to complete one more monitoring on this project after the repairs are made.

Fall Planting

Fall is a great time of year to cut willow stakes and place into the ground. There are areas through out the watershed that could use some plantings. Two areas that MCTU can plant this fall is the Handicapped Area on Tom's Run and the confluence of Spencer Run at the lower end of the Catch & Release Fly Fishing Only Area.

Coop Nursery Report

by Fred Hess

held to complete the final grading of raceway stone, final flushing and cleaning of the raceway to prepare for the fingerlings. new rope installation on the hoop house shade cloth, power washing the shed and replacing broken hardware on the intake and raceway lids. New air diffusers for oxygenating the raceway were also installed. The fingerlings were delivered by the

Pine Run Project

Restoration on 1,700 feet of stream.

The DEP has approved the administrative review of the permit. It is now in the Technical Review process where the Army Corps of Engineers will review. If all the requirements of the Technical Review are met, the permit will be issued. Permit Applications may also be subject to publish in the Pennsylvania Bulletin which could generate a public meeting or hearing.

Hopefully, we can get through the application process in a timely fashion and have ARRC begin construction by November.

MCTU has committed to provide plants and install the riparian buffer, seed and straw the length of this project as well as post construction monitoring as required by contract.

The landowners Scott & Brita Runkle are applying to CREP- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program.

Contact Ron Heuston with your interest in one of these volunteer opportunities.

PA Fish and Boat Commission on September 5. Many thanks to all those who volunteered their time for helping with the nursery grounds and also for the fingerling delivery. A good number who showed up on very short notice is worthy of a hearty thank you. Special thanks also to Gary Wolford for moving the 20 tons of stone and raking out the grounds with his equipment.

MCTU T-Shirts Now Available For Sale

by Fred Hess

MCTU is proud to announce these fine T-shirts embellished with our new logo



front and back. The new two color (black and green) logo designed by Jason Deller is silkscreened on both the front and back of fine quality T-shirts in grey or tan. The shirts are available for \$12 dollars and can be purchased by contacting the chapter via email or Fred Hess at 717-650-6556. These would make a fine gift for a birthday or Christmas present for a friend or family

member. Support your Chapter by ordering one today!



IN AN EFFORT TO REDUCE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PAPER NEWSLETTER MCTU WILL PRINT AND SEND ONLY TWO (2) NEWSLETTERS PER YEAR.

FOR MORE FREQUENT UPDATES CHECK OUR WEBSITE OR PROVIDE US WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS FOR UPDATES ON CHAPTER EVENTS AND PROJECTS. SIMPLY SEND AN EMAIL TO MUDDYCREEKTU@COMCAST.NET

My Healthy Stream Books Available

The chapter has purchased 40 "My Healthy Stream" books that were written and published by National Trout Unlimited and the Aldo Leopold Foundation. Chapters in the book contain information including: trout needs; keeping an eye on stream

conditions; bugs, frogs and water quality; riparian areas; planning for stream health and stream restoration techniques. While these books are targeted toward landowners, we found them to be a good reference and educational tool for all. The books

are free of charge for all interested landowners and \$5 TU members. Email the chapter at muddycreektu@comcast.net or call one of the officers to get your copy. Copies will also be available at the monthly membership meetings.

Red Lion Street Fair Report

by Bob Shaffer

As we have for the past several years, MCCTU #575 continued to support the Red Lion Street Fair in 2012. This year's event was held Saturday, August 11.

The main purpose of our participation is to promote the activities of our organization in the Muddy Creek Watershed by providing an educational opportunity to the public, as well as generate

some funds for the club from sale of beverages and merchandise. With the addition of T-Shirt sales, this year's event proved more profitable than usual. T-shirts are now available in gray as well as tan for just \$12. Ordering information can be found elsewhere in the newsletter, as well as on our website.

The weather was more

cooperative than last year, and as a result, we benefitted from strong interest in our booth. We were able to distribute dozens of flyers and maps designed to promote and inform the public of our efforts to improve, protect, and preserve the Muddy Creek Watershed.

Thanks to the volunteers and visitors who helped make this year's event another success.

Winter Meeting Schedule

by Fred Hess

Please note that our winter meetings will be held at the Collinsville Fish and Game beginning October 17 with the following exceptions:

For our January 16 meeting we will have a presentation on flyfishing some of PAs well known streams such as Penns Creek, Spring Creek and the Yellow

Breeches. Rick Nyles owner of "Skyblue Outfitters" will give this presentation. Rick does this free of charge for TU Chapters. The meeting will be held at Gander Mountain beginning at 7:00P. For anyone that is interested we will meet Rick for supper at a restaurant to be determined near the Gander Mountain store about an hour before the meeting. An

email reminder with the name of the restaurant will be sent in early January. You can visit Rick's website at www.skyblueoutfitters.com.

Our February 20 meeting will be held at the Lion's Pride Restaurant in Red Lion at 7:00P. For anyone interested we will meet for dinner there at 6:00P. The Chapter will provide appetizers.

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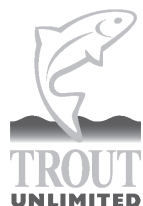
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On May 19, 2012, Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited hosted its very 1st Annual Spring Fling. The event lasted four hours and brought in approximately 65 people comprising of fishermen, conservationists, landowners, and TU members. The event included a Pig Roast with many sides, raffles, an aquatic life

exhibit, a trout egg incubator exhibit, fly tying demonstrations, fly casting demonstrations, and a tour of our trout and native plant nursery. From this event alone, Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited was able to raise \$636.00 to be used for future restoration projects, education, and outreach related to the Muddy Creek Watershed.

MCTU would like to personally thank everyone who helped make this event a success!

We already started to plan for 2013 and hope to see you at our 2nd Annual Spring Fling. Attend one of our monthly meetings or check out our website for upcoming details.

2012 Collector Patch South Branch Muddy Creek

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited is committed to continuing the collectable patch fund raiser. Our 2012 Patch boasts a scene of the South Branch of Muddy Creek white bridge with a gold trim. These can be purchased for \$6.00 at

Chapter meetings, and on our website.

Visit our web site to see the 2012 South Branch of Muddy Creek patch in color or to place an order.

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