



Muddy Matters

**TROUT
UNLIMITED**

The Newsletter of the Muddy Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Summer/Fall 2011

Next Meeting August 17, 2011; 7:00 p.m. at the Cooperative Nursery.

Upcoming Chapter Events

Aug. 13th, 2011 - Red Lion Street Fair
Help needed from 2-4pm

August 17th, 2011 - General Meeting
7:00pm Cooperative Nursery

September 10th, 2011 - Workday
9:00am Cooperative Nursery

September 17th, 2011 - Open House
Landowner Appreciation and
MCTU Education Showcase>
11a - 4p at Co-op Grounds

Sept. 21st, 2011 - General Meeting
7:00pm Cooperative Nursery
**Nominations for Officers and
Directors**

October 19th, 2011 - Annual Meeting
7:00pm Collinsville F&G Club
**Election of Officers and
Directors**

Nov. 16th, 2011 - General Meeting
7:00pm Collinsville F&G Club

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***Get the 2011 Collector Patch
featuring Bridgeton***

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***Approved Trout Waters have a reduced
Creel Limit of three trout beginning on
Labor Day. Harvest of trout is closed
on waters not on the ATW List.***

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Do You Have What It Takes?

***You can be a part of the decision making
process by volunteering some of your
time and skills in a leadership role. Or
volunteer for one of the many committees
that remain open. This is your chapter, be
an active member in our success.***

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Is it hot enough for you? As we enter our third heat wave for 2011 (a heat wave is considered when three consecutive days reach 90 degrees or higher), our minds wander from trout and toward vacations, the beach, pool or better yet air conditioning. Well, so to do the trout. They are searching the watershed for a thermal refuge. While I have not had the time to monitor temperatures in the watershed this summer I would imagine they are higher than last year. This is a tough time for trout. But it does give me time to reflect on the past season of fishing and our members volunteer efforts.

Over the last spring our volunteers cared for and stocked over 6,000 trout, harvested willow live stakes for the native plant nursery, planted live stakes, operated food stands on opening day, held a public forum discussing the impacts of the Marcellus Shale play in Pennsylvania, renovated the Handicapped Area, put on a Handicapped fishing event, and planned for the Open House coming up in September. We have a small yet dedicated group who seem to be at every meeting. But for some reason our attendance never seems to eclipse 10 people total. We hope to improve that over the coming months. We would appreciate your help by attending and perhaps adding to our small group of go-getters.

One of the immediate tasks of this group involved the revision of our Chapter by-laws. As mandated by TU National every chapter in the country has to become compliant with the general framework provided in a "model by-laws". As it turns out, our original by-laws are not far from this model and one evening in July a committee of four (Ron, Fred and Bob and myself) sat down and hammered out the differences, line by line. So we are now able to comply and keep MCTU chartered with TU National once we file the document in September. It is policy that the Chapter membership at large be given notice to review and comment on these changes. So if you have an interest in reviewing the new MCTU by-laws, check our website or contact one of our leaders for a copy.

As you try to stay cool for the balance of the summer, consider the opportunities that lie ahead for MCTU. We have the Red Lion Street Fair in August, The Open House in September, and the incubator program that will begin to ramp up in September. These are all important efforts for our Chapter. All of these efforts require volunteer support. But more importantly in the coming months we have Chapter leadership nominations and elections. We certainly could use a few more hands to spread out the burdens of running this chapter. My tenure as President is expiring soon. Our interest is to add some new life and ideas to the annual business the chapter does. We cannot do that with the same seven or eight folks trading titles. We need you to help make this happen.

In September we will have nominations for the Executive staff and up to four Directors; for Three, Two and One year terms. Leadership roles must be held by Trout Unlimited members in good standing. Directors are required by the by-laws to participate in at least six (6) meetings per year. These can be round table or email votes. Its not a tremendous responsibility but one that is vital toward our success and diversity. Often times an organization becomes stagnant and loses potency when the leadership remains the same for a number of years. We are looking for that new blood to revitalize our chapter.

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.

Yours in Conservation,

Maurice

**MCTU Chapter 575
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President: Maurice Chioda 747-5613
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Secretary: Ron Heuston 244-1851
Treasurer: Bob Shaffer 246-4512

Directors:
(1) Trent Bentzel 244-4898
(1) Fred Hess 650-6556
(1) Dustin Boyd

Two positions open.

COMMITTEES

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Ron Heuston 244-1851

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PF&BC Waterways Conservation Officer
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MCTU OPEN HOUSE

Muddy Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited is once again inviting the public and Landowners to attend an Open House For the second year in a row. The date is Saturday, September 17 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please come out to the Chapter's Co-operative nursery grounds where we raise 8,000 brown trout that are stocked for the public in the Muddy Creek Watershed.

You can take part in activities which will include:

- Nursery tours
- Aquatic life exhibits
- Trout egg incubator exhibit
- Fly tying demonstrations
- Fly casting demonstrations
- Stream improvement project tours.

Food will be available for purchase including hamburgers, hot dogs, brauts and soft drinks. Chapter merchandise will also be available for purchase with a fly fishing rod raffle leading the fundraising effort along with some bucket raffles. The Chapter's main objective fro this event is to educate and stir interest in the community for all that we do for the Muddy Creek Watershed. Committee members for this project are Brita Raubenstein, Scott Runkle, Earl March, Bob Shaffer, Ron Heuston, Mike Cavanaugh, and Glen Dasher. Last year we had a great turnout of volunteers for this project and we hope to repeat that level of interest this year. We will start to set up at 9:00am the morning of the 17th. Please come out and give your support for whatever time you can offer that day. For more information on how you can help contact one of the Committee members or just show up anytime on September 17th.

**TIC RAFFLE TICKETS
AVAILABLE**

The State Council of Trout Unlimited is offering a raffle to help fund the Trout in the Classroom program. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the drawing will be held at the State Council Annual Membership Meeting at the PF&BC Stackouse Center at Fishermans Paradise in State College in the Beginning of October. Last year the Chapter won a Guided trip for two with Dave Rothrock. Contact Bob Shaffer if you would like to purchase tickets.

As you know MCTU sponsors a TIC program at Central High School in York. This raffle helps to fund that program.

NURSERY WORKDAY

A Nursery workday is needed prior to the September 17 Open House. As a minimum we need to:

- Mow grass and weed whack.
- Clean debris from the flood
- Clean out the coop (shed)
- Weed the plants in the plant nursery
- A general cleanup of the grounds.

The workday is scheduled for Saturday September 10th at 9:00AM Rain date of Sunday September 11 at 1:00PM.

Please come out and help to support your chapter. If enough help shows we should be able to get the grounds looking really good in several hours.

**MUDDY CREEK CHAPTER AT
RED LION STREET FAIR**

On Saturday, August 13, 2011, MCTU will once again participate in the annual Red Lion Street Fair. This will be the fourth year we have provided a booth to educate the community about our mission to Conserve, Protect and Restore our watershed. The event will be held from 9 am – 4 pm and our booth will be in the vicinity of Subway & Riddle's Appliances on East Broadway.

We will have displays of stream improvements, trout stocking maps and Ron Heuston's insect collection. Once again, we will again offer free introductory memberships to TU National.

In addition to promotion of our activities we will also offer water & soda, hats, patches, license plates and pins for sale to help with our fundraising efforts to support our mission. We will also extend invitations to our Open House on September 17.

Several members have volunteered to help with the event, but we are still in need of help from 2 pm – 4:30 pm. Please contact Bob Shaffer at 246-4512 if you can assist for a few hours in the morning or afternoon.

HANDICAP FISHING AREA EVENT A SUCCESS

Our Handicap Fishing Area on the Sueck property on Tom's Run was renovated this spring. The chapter purchased over \$600 in stone to level the concrete walkway and refurbish the parking area and to reduce erosion from high water events underneath and around the parking lot and walkway. Elmer Sueck did the work to level the concrete and spread the stone. A volunteer workday provided labor for general clean up of the area as well.

On May 21st our Chapter hosted an event for vision impaired children and their families from "For Sight Vision". A thank you letter from William Rhinesmith was published in the York Newspaper. The letter is quoted as follows:

"On May 21, the Muddy Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited hosted For Sight Vision and its children's program for a day of fishing, food and fellowship. One of the goals of our children's program is to provide children who are blind with the same experiences as any other child. Thanks to the Muddy Creek Chapter of TU, we provided our children who are blind along with their siblings and parents with a chance to go trout fishing and enjoy the beautiful day outdoors.

The volunteers were patient and helpful and it was a wonderful outing. We thank Scott Runkle, Ron Heuston, Jan Pickel, Glen Dasher, Fred Hess, Brita Raubenstine and Earl March for their help and guidance. Special thanks to Elmer and Pat Sueck for generosity allowing us to access their property."

That pretty much says it all. Thanks to all who helped and to Ron Heuston for chairing this event. Our special thanks also to Elmer and Pat Sueck for making these events possible allowing access to their property.

We have some future plans for more events. Anyone who has a special interest in the Handicap Area and planning for future events and maintaining the area, contact the chapter.

STREAM SIDE INCUBATORS

As the heat of summer slowly moves into the fall season it is time once again to begin work on the 2011 incubator program. We have one new incubator assembled and ready for placement, along with four incubators that need to be assembled for 2011. These more efficient units will replace current deteriorating units.

We will need volunteers to help assemble the four new systems. Lexan will need to be cut to size and installed, holes drilled and piping cut and fit to each unit. Most of the materials have been gathered. A saw is needed to cut the Lexan and a hole saw for drilling to install pipe.

The incubator sites will need to be visited to make any necessary modifications to the spring sources to secure proper flow of water into the incubator systems and vegetation removed for easy access during egg placement. Gravel will need to be placed in the bottom chamber of the Whitlock-Vibert Boxes.

New assembled incubators will be transported to the sites hooked up and placed in working order. All the incubator systems will be disinfected before egg placement occurs.

Eggs shall be ordered in September with a tentative pick up date in late November. Volunteers will be needed during the process from assembling to egg placement.

Fall is a great time to be outdoors and what better place to be than along a stream doing cold water conservation. Interested Volunteers please contact Ronald Heuston 244-1851 or email heuy1955@aol.com.

CO-OP NURSERY REPORT

The 2011 Co-operative Nursery season proved to be a resounding success. The larger than typical "lighthouse browns" averaged nearly 12" during our spring inspection. Original plans were to stock all 7,000 remaining trout before Summer. However, approximately 900 brown trout still reside in the Trout Nursery.

There is a downside and an upside to these unanticipated holdovers. The downside is the extra feed and electricity costs to carry these trout through the summer. The upside is that these are nice sized trout that will yield some very good fishing this fall. These are heavy fish. The trout are holding up well to the hot summer and warmer temperatures of the run. There was one high water event this summer in which the run overflowed its banks and completely covered the nursery. Jan restored water flow through the nursery in time to keep fish mortality nil. Volunteers followed up his effort by keeping debris cleaned off the screens until the water subsided. When the water temperatures come down to reasonable levels in the watershed trout stockings will take place. New fish from the PA Fish and Boat Commission should arrive sometime in September. Thanks to all nursery feeders for your continued dedicatio toward the Co-op.

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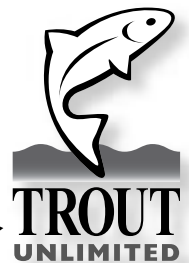
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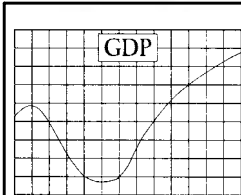
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MCTU 2011 Collectors Patch

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited is committed to continuing the collectable patch fund raiser. Our 2011 Patch boasts a scene of Muddy Creek upstream of the Bridgeton Bridge with a lime green trim. These can be purchased for \$6.00 at Chapter meetings, and on our web site. Visit our web site to see the 2011 Bridgeton patch in color or to place an order.
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