



# Muddy Matters

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*The Newsletter of the Muddy Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited*

**Winter/Spring 2011**

**Next Meeting March 16, 2011; 7:00 p.m. at the Collinsville Fish & Game Club.**

## **Upcoming Chapter Events**

### **March 9, 2011 - Sanctuaries in the Sea**

7:00 P.M at Red Lion High School.

Presentation by Dr. Jack Grove.

*Sponsored by the Barshinger Watershed Renaissance Initiative and Project NATURE.*

### **March 13th, 2011- Special Meeting Presentation at Gander Mountain.**

**The Impact of Marcellus Shale on the Environment in Pennsylvania .  
2:00PM in the Hunting Lodge.**

### **March 16th, 2011 - General Meeting**

7:00pm Collinsville F&G Club

### **March 19th, 2011 - Spring Workday**

Meet at the Nursery at 9:00am.

Clean up of Handicapped Area and Tree Tube Removal / Live Stake harvest

### **April 2nd, 2011 - Trout Opener**

Season begins at 8:00am

Volunteer to work at a food stand!

### **April 20th, 2011 - General Meeting**

7:00pm Cooperative Nursery

### **May 18th, 2011 - General Meeting**

7:00pm Cooperative Nursery

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

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**Approved Trout Waters are closed to  
fishing From March 1 - Opening Day.**

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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**

Winter is winding down (I hope) and Spring is around the corner. It was evident after a 50 degree day and the first stocking of the C&RFFO area. In high and stained water seven dedicated volunteers floated 800 brown and rainbow trout the length of the fly area. These fish provided by the PF&BC ranged from 10"-14" and should provide some fine fishing this spring. Thanks to Fred Wilt for organizing the float stocking that we all appreciate. Being my first time in chest waders this season I realized I had a leak in them...the big one at the top where the suspenders are. That's right, I fell in!

Not much happened with the chapter over the winter beyond the typical business of raising trout at the nursery. They are coming along nicely, See the article by Fred Hess inside about our "lighthouse browns". And lets not forget the fantastic volunteer effort each year of the streamside incubator program.

With bigger fish in the nursery we have a greater expense toward their rearing them, prices for feed went up and well, they eat more. So we have been scrambling for alternative ways to raise money and along comes our Lancaster Connection (Glenn Grimes, Jere Saxinger, John Kuhrman, Ric Horst and Barry Reinhart)with the donation of 7 Hand Crafted Fly Tying Storage boxes, they will make great auction items. Glenn Grimes also made us a couple more Shadow Boxes with hand tied flies in them. These items are real works of art. Consider purchasing them this spring to help with our fundraising efforts.

We are ramping up our spring time docket with some exciting events. Beginning with a clean up of the Handicapped Fishing Area, a North Branch tree tube removal and live stake harvest, and the Opening Day Food Stand sales. All of these will require your help to be successful. Consider volunteering for any or all of these events.

A Special Meeting event on Sunday March 13th at Gander Mountain at 2:00 pm where we will have David Sewak from TU National talking about the impacts of the Marcellus Shale Gas Extraction Industry in Pennsylvania we have all heard so much about lately. This is a presentation you don't want to miss. The SCPA region although not directly impacted will have downstream concerns over water quality. And of course we all know how important the Pennsylvania Wilds are to our recreational fishing interests. At the meeting we will have a special door prize drawing for a small donation.

Also around the corner either this spring or late summer we should be starting construction on the Pine Run stream restoration project. This 1,700 foot project will involve channel reconstruction, cross stream structures to provide some grade control, bank grading and rock toe, toe wood and many other fish habitat structures. It is an exciting design that in conjunction with the livestock fencing and riparian buffers will provide all the right qualities to improve downstream temperatures and habitat necessary to promote a wild fishery. MCTU has committed nearly \$10,000.00 worth of plant material and volunteer labor for the riparian buffers. We are extremely grateful to the Watershed Alliance of York whose generosity to sponsor this grant for MCTU has made this restoration possible. But make no mistake, this IS MCTU's project and our commitment to the watershed through a dedicated volunteer effort will be necessary again soon.

That should be enough variety for anyone interested in helping MCTU to find an event or project that peaks your interest and volunteer.

Yours in Conservation,

Maurice

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**MARCH MEETING  
PRESENTATION at GANDER  
MOUNTAIN**

Join us on March 13th at 2:00pm at Gander Mountain in east York for a presentation by TU Nationals' David Sewak. David is the Marcellus Shale Field Organizer for Pennsylvania. He spends much of his time researching the effects of Marcellus Shale gas drilling in Pennsylvania. He had offered to share his findings with our chapter. We thought it fitting to open this up to the general public by holding this presentation at a central location like Gander Mountain. in West York

You may wonder how Marcellus shale gas drilling can impact our region when there are no wells here. Or you may be interested in the impacts this industry is having on our forests and state lands. All these issues are addressed during the presentation.

**OPENING DAY FOOD STAND  
VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Opening day food stands have proven to be a very profitable fundraiser for the club over the years, and we would like to continue that tradition. We will be running our usual stands at High Rock and Woodbine. Our utility and trout feed costs continue to rise each year and the success of the food stands is imperative to enable us to continue to promote our activities.

Help is needed to operate the stands, prepare food items and sell patches, hats, buttons, etc. You don't have to be there all day; volunteering for 2-3 hour intervals is usually all that is necessary. Help will be needed from 6:30 am until 2 pm. Contact Bob Shaffer no later than March 31 at 246-4512 or [bshaffer412@yahoo.com](mailto:bshaffer412@yahoo.com) if you can volunteer for a few hours.

**BACK THE BROOKIE**

License plates to help protect the Native Brook Trout \$20.00 plus shipping. Contact Bob Shaffer.



**MCTU OPEN HOUSE REPORT**

*by Fred Hess*

Our "MCTU Open House" and Landowner Appreciation Day on Sept 25, 2010 was an overwhelming success. Everyone put forth a super effort toward the team goal. From planning to site preparation prior to the event, to the pre-event set up everything went without a hitch. The turn out was above average with 28 visitors and 13 MCTU members. We had people travel from as far as Chester County to attend.

The visitors were impressed with the presentations made by our volunteers. All that helped deserve a big pat on the back for creating this warm, friendly environment of education through presentation. We displayed a well rounded, dynamic snapshot of our Chapter. We covered every need for our guests including restroom facilities (which was a first).

Demonstrations/presentations included: fly tying, aquatic insects from Tom's Run (one of the mayflies emerged from its shuck just for the show), Ron Heuston's display (all kinds of bugs you ever thought of seeing), a trout tank complete with forage fish, a wild brown trout and trout from the nursery (a great comparison for visitors to view), Trout In The Classroom display, Our trout Incubator system demo, a tour of the new Cross Rock vane at the Nursery, tours of the Trout Nursery with two age classes of fish, the Plant Nursery and even a short fly casting clinic for the kids. This variety all tied together to demonstrate our mission and rationale for our passion. All this while providing food and comfort for our guests. We put on a fabulous show. We even made a few hundred dollars profit to boot.

All things said, as a group the members of MCTU possess a great deal of knowledge and skills for promoting our mission to educate the public which was well demonstrated on this day. We plan to have another Open House this year. If anyone has any ideas or would like to serve on the committee please contact Fred Hess

Thanks to the following MCTU members for making the day a success: Dave Mueller, Ron Heuston, Bob Shaffer, Maurice, Scott Runkle, Brita Raubenstein, Billy Boyd, Harold Grim, Fred Wilt, Earl March, Gary Mink, Glenn Dasher, Fred Hess.

## CO-OP NURSERY REPORT

by Fred Hess

Late last summer we received our annual allotment of brown trout from the PA. Fish & Boat Commission. The fish received were what the PFBC refers to as "Lighthouse Browns". These trout are from a brood stock that are (by controlling the amount of light they receive) spawned approximately six months earlier than normal. We were pleased to get fish that were legal-sized limit and as a result, we stocked about 1,000 trout to the watershed last fall which provided the public with some fine fishing.

Unfortunately, the nursery flooded late last September when a tropical storm came up the coast. We lost approximately 250 holdover trout and 800 of the new trout. The remaining holdover trout have since been stocked in the main branch of Muddy Creek. Had it not been for members who came on site to restore flow, we would have lost thousands more. Thanks to all who helped with the restoration and clean-up efforts. As a side note, the new intake and cross rock vane worked well but the floodwaters completely covered the nursery and blocked the intake and raceway screens with debris.

### SUPPORT the Co-op NURSERY

MCTU relies entirely on donations through the Co-op sponsorship programs to feed over 6,000 trout per year that are stocked in Muddy Creek by our Chapter. Please contribute in 2011. Contact the Co-op Sponsor Chairman, Steve Francis for an application or download one from our Website.

The nursery currently has about 6,000 trout residing there with low mortality rates. Some of these trout are approximating 11" long and will provide some exciting fishing in the watershed this year.

The Nursery's aeration blower is approaching its "end of life" and a decision has been made to purchase a new one. A new shade screen for the hoop house will be needed in the next year or two along with new protective plastic sheeting for the winter. Feed costs continue to rise. With nursery costs on the increase please do whatever you can to support funding efforts.

Thanks to all who regularly feed, stock and maintain the nursery. Your efforts are appreciated very much.

## FLY TYING STORAGE BOX FUNDRAISER

Our friends from Lancaster County have been very generous to MCTU with a donation of several Handcrafted Fly Tying Storage Boxes. They have shown their skills in woodworking and expertise in flytying by designing a box that is compact and portable with the ability to hold lots of materials, hooks, threads, etc. It comes with a stand up tool caddy and even converts to a portable desk for tying either at home or on trips. There is even a place to attach a table vice. MCTU is very grateful for this donation. We are hoping to present these at future fundraisers as an auction item to raise funds for the chapter. For a limited time we are setting the price for purchase at \$75.00. + shipping. Contact Maurice if you would like to purchase one of these fine works of art to help the Chapter with our fundraising needs.



(\*\*materials not included)

## STREAM SIDE INCUBATORS REPORT

The streamside Incubators were a success once again this year. We received 100,000 eyed brown trout eggs in November 2010. Volunteers placed the eggs in Whitlock Vibert boxes at three locations in the watershed. It is estimated that nearly 90% of the lot hatched into alvine or egg sack fry. Two weeks after hatching swim up fry were observed at two locations. One location with colder water seemed to be behind the curve but this normal.

Special thanks to those who resounded to the request for help with the Incubator plantings. We had plenty of help this year from site preparation to picking up the egg, planting them and removing the WV boxes. Its always a pleasure meeting new members and old friends on these exciting projects. Maybe next year we will meet you!

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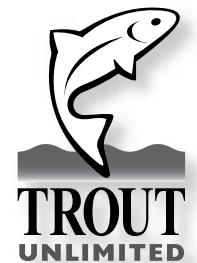
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***Come to our  
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 March 13th, 2011***



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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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