

MUDDY MATTERS

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

TO CONSERVE PROTECT AND RESTORE THE MUDDY CREEK WATERSHED.



Summer 2013 Issue

From the President's Desk



What is a Chapter Membership Meeting Like? We get these questions from time to time so for those that have never had the experience, I will try to explain. We do have a meeting agenda that is printed and handed out. The agenda normally has the following reports : Minutes read from the previous meeting by the Chapter Secretary. Treasurer's Report read by the Chapter Treasurer. This report is also printed and handed out. A membership status report. Community Outreach and

Fundraising past and future events. Conservation Activities, past and future. A nursery status report. Any other business that may arise or any concerns, questions a member might have. The meetings are meant to be formal so as to keep chapter business and activities headed in the right direction and well documented. But not so formal as we don't have a bit of fun. Motions are made, some spirited discussions may take place and votes are taken. We make an effort to complete the meetings in an hour's time. The last two winters we had a meeting at a local restaurant and now one of our summer meetings is held at the local winery. We also had a meeting a Gander Mountain where a PA fly fishing guide made a presentation. If there is interest we include fly casting or fly tying demos at some meetings. These kinds of things offer us a change of pace. So if you have never been to a meeting, please consider coming. Suggestions for additional agenda items of merit or having a guest presenter are always welcome.

Our chapter had a series of very successful spring events that kept us busy. You can read about some of these events elsewhere in this newsletter. The Pine Run Project was completed, replacement trees for the Felton Borough project were planted, we held a fishing day for families from ForSight Vision, had our "Spring Fling 2" which is a day to recognize our Landowners and invite the public to highlight our conservation activities, manned two food stands on the opening day of trout season and had a Marcellus Shale presentation at a monthly meeting by Mitch Blake from TU National. . Thanks to all who volunteered their time and effort to these projects and events. These are the kinds of things that keep our chapter viable into the foreseeable future.

Kind Regards,

Fred

Chapter Leadership Elections Announcement

by Fred Hess

Chapter elections for officers and directors will be held at our monthly membership meeting October 16, 2013. This meeting will be held at the Collinsville Fish and Game Clubhouse at 7:00PM.

The following positions are up for election: President, Vice

President, Secretary, Treasurer. All of these officers will be elected to a two year term. One Director will be elected for a three year term.

Nominations for all these positions will open at our membership meeting on September 18. Nominations

will remain open through our meeting on October 16.

If you are interested in serving in any of these positions, contact any of the officers or directors. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to run for any of these positions.

Upcoming Events

Aug 10 - Red Lion Street Fair
Volunteer to represent our chapter at this fun event.

August 17 - Owad Road Project - 8am

August 21 - General Meeting
On the Allegro Winery Deck!
7pm - 9pm

Sept 4 - Fingerlings Arrive

Sept 24—Watershed Alliance of York - Watershed Weekend.
MCTU event at the Pine Run Project from 9am - noon.

Sept. 18 - General Meeting
Cooperative Nursery - 7pm.

October 16 - General Meeting
Collinsville Fish & Game Club
7pm

Nov 20 - General Meeting
Collinsville Fish & Game Club
7pm

Dec 18 - General Meeting
Collinsville Fish & Game Club
7pm

C&R FFO AREA OF MUDDY CREEK WILL BE STOCKED THIS FALL BY THE PF&BC AS WELL AS MCTU.

REMEMBER: FROM LABOR DAY THRU MARCH 1 HARVEST IS RESTRICTED TO 3 TROUT PER DAY ON APPROVED TROUT WATERS ONLY. THERE IS NO HARVEST ALLOWED ON NON-APPROVED TROUT WATERS AND WILD TROUT STREAMS.



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PF&BC Waterways Conservation Officer
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Chapter Project Reports Around the Watershed

by Ron Heuston

Stream Projects Pine Run

The Pine Run Project located at the intersection of Blouse Road & Brownton Road is now complete. This project was funded through the DEP Growing Greener II Grant for \$242,096.00. along with a donation from Modern Landfill and In-Kind match from Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited and the contractor Aquatic Resource Restoration Co. (ARRCo)

This project was possible through the partnership of Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited and the Watershed Alliance of York who administered the grant process.

Bank erosion documented with bank pin surveys revealed 1 to 3 feet of bank was being eroded each year or 560 tons of soil per year.

The project site contained the main stem of Pine Run and two tributaries, totaling 14 acres. ARRCo. used the Natural Channel Design approach with various in stream structures, bank grading, live stock fencing and restoring riparian buffer. Thousands of bales of straw were used on disturbed soils during construction for erosion control. One wetland was constructed on site to complement existing wetlands.

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited volunteers provided 304 hours, 200 shrubs and 120 trees. The success of this project would not be possible without the support of our partners, contractor, and all agencies involved. This restoration project has a lengthy history, but now we can see the results of many years of effort by everyone involved.

A special thanks to all the landowners who participated with this restoration effort toward cold water conservation.

Also to Watershed Alliance of York for the many hours contributing to the success of this project. And lastly a great job by ARRCo for another excellent restoration project completed in the Muddy Creek Watershed.

Owad Road Project

A tentative start date of August 17th has been set for construction of a rock and log deflector along the stretch of Muddy Creek on Owad Road.

North Branch Muddy Creek Phase-1

MCTU fulfilled its duty by seeding and stabilizing the repair sites along the NBP-1 project in Felton. This included seed and straw and the installation of live stakes and branch packs of willow cuttings. This project has certainly fulfilled its goal of providing a stable stream corridor through a fenced meadow with livestock. The thick, lush vegetated buffer provide the shade necessary to help keep this section of the North Branch cool. We still have one stream monitoring to complete this fall/winter.

North Branch Muddy Creek Phase-2

The NBP-2 project that was sponsored by the Felton Boro extends the Phase 1 project nearly one mile beyond the Felton Post Office. Felton Boro contacted MCTU with their requirement to supplement the riparian buffer requirements in the DEP contract. In May 2013 five volunteers from MCTU planted 85 red maple, white oak and green ash trees. In addition, willow live stakes and branch packs were placed along the banks in the deficient areas. One of our volunteers was not a member and found out about the project through a cold call to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. He was looking

for a way to help with a conservation project in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. How is that for networking.

Stream Side Incubators

The Incubator program is entering its 14th year this fall and once again will require the volunteer support of our members to prepare the incubators for planting. This includes the cleaning and disinfecting, replacement of deteriorated refrigerators and planting of eggs. In addition we will need volunteers to transport the eggs from the PF&BC Huntsdale Hatchery to our incubator sites,. These tasks will occur during the early fall and plantings usually occur around Thanksgiving. If you are interested in helping with this successful and worthwhile program please contact Ron Heuston at 244-1851.

ForSight Vision Fishing Event

For the third consecutive year we held a fishing day for the vision impaired children and their families of ForSight Vision. The fishing was good and so was the food. We enjoy spending time with these families. William Rhinesmith, President of ForSight Vision submitted a letter to the paper and to quote a part of that letter "While many of us take for granted things like going fishing, many of our children would not otherwise get to fish without a group like Muddy Creek TU chapter. The members of the club have an extraordinary ability to interact and relate to children. who are blind or vision impaired. It is groups like this that enrich York County with their volunteer efforts".

Thank you Bill for the kind words!

HELP SUPPORT THE MCTU CO-OPERATIVE TROUT NURSERY

Red Lion Street Fair - 2013

by Bob Shaffer

As we have for the past several years, MCCTU #575 will participate in the Red Lion Street Fair in 2013. This year's event is Saturday, August 10. Our booth will be on East Broadway across from Golden Crust Pizza, hours will be 9 am – 4 pm.

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, patches, hats, pins and shirts.

some time to help at the booth, it would be greatly appreciated. We could use some assistance between the hours of 11 am and 4 pm as well as helping with cleanup at 4 pm.

Please contact Bob Shaffer, 717.817-9746 if you are able to assist.

The main purpose of our If you are able to donate

If you have not returned your sponsorship donation this year please consider doing so. Costs have been increasing and contributions have been decreasing.

Lets try to reverse this trend and keep the Co-op Nursery running. Also consider an additional donation through the Trout Fund Letter. Contact an Officer or Steve Francis to help with funding.

Watershed Weekend Open House

by Brita Runkle

On September 28, 2013 Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited will be hosting an Open House from 9 am to 12 pm to celebrate and share to the general public our newly completed stream restoration

project on Pine Run. The morning will include an informational booth, stream tours, and a meet and greet with all involved who made this a successful project. For more details about the event

or to volunteer, please contact Brita Runkle, (717) 586-4271. This event is one of many offered by the Watershed Alliance of York's (WAY) Watershed Weekend.

Coop Nursery Report

by Fred Hess

Approximately 7,000 brown trout were successfully distributed throughout the watershed by the first week of May. We did vote to have holdovers this year so there are 370 very nice looking browns residing in the raceway now, to be stocked when things cool down. Plans are to get them stocked by mid September. The trout are holding up well even as I write this as we are just finishing up a week's heat wave. With daytime temperatures in the 90's and lows in the 70's the water in the run does not have much of a chance to cool down.

interrupt power but it did necessitate quick removal of the limb. Many thanks to Todd from the Brogue General Store, Ronnie Eaton and Fred Wilt who helped remove the tree limb.

mowers, we have an offer from someone for a mower but it needs a mower deck. If you have a 40" plus deck to offer contact Billy Boyd.

Keep tuned for a nursery work day to weed the native plant nursery general cleanup of the grounds.

The PAF&BC brown trout fingerlings are scheduled to arrive on September 4.

Our nursery income and expenses are pretty much balanced this year. Thanks to all who are Coop Sponsors and for all who responded to the Trout Fund letter with donations. We have started to look for an additional way of raising revenue. We need to start looking at covering rising costs and the inevitable "big ticket items" like air blowers, shade covers and a new or good used lawn mower. Speaking of lawn

A storm brought a tree limb down on the power line that feeds the nursery air blower. It didn't

Spring Meeting Schedule

by Fred Hess

First, my apologies for the mix up in June 19 meeting place. Don't know how that happened but it did.

covered deck for our meeting. Snacks will be provided by the Chapter. The winery will be open for tasting and purchase. Please do not bring your own alcoholic beverage as requested by the owner. Allegro Winery is located at 3475 Sechrist Road, Brogue, PA 17309 which is just up the road from our Nursery.

September 18 meeting will be held at the Nursery.

The October 16, November 20, December 18 meetings will all be held at the Collinsville Fish and Game Clubhouse.

All meetings will start at 7:00P.

Our August 21 Meeting will be held at Allegro Winery. The meeting will start at 7:00P and we are requested to be out by 9:00P. We were again invited to use the

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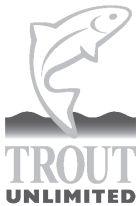
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MCTU 2013 Spring Fling Report

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited hosted their 2nd Annual Spring Fling on May 18, 2013. This year the location of the event was held at Allegro Winery. There was food, demonstrations, informational booths, and silent bid auction items. Our event was a success and

details are being planned for 2014. Stay tuned for upcoming information. To help plan the event, contact Brita Runkle, (717) 586-4271.

2013 Collector Patch - The Bruce

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited is committed to continuing the collectable patch fund raiser. Our 2013 Patch boasts a scene of the The Bruce area of Muddy Creek on orange with gold trim. These can be purchased for \$6.00 at Chapter meetings, and on our website. Visit our web site to see the 2013 Collector Patch featuring The Bruce in color or to place an order.

