

MUDDY MATTERS

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

TO CONSERVE PROTECT AND RESTORE THE MUDDY CREEK WATERSHED.



Winter/Spring 2015 Issue

From the President's Vest

In addition to all the other Chapter activities elsewhere in this newsletter please take note of the Chapter elections to be conducted at our September Membership Meeting. If you have a desire to become more involved in this organization, this is your opportunity. New volunteers in these positions are strongly encouraged and welcomed. What better way to find out more about what this Chapter is all about? Every organization needs new ideas, fresh faces and new leadership from time to time. During the course of some meetings of the PA Trout Unlimited I've attended I've been introduced to some local Chapter Presidents that have been serving in that position for ten, twenty and more than twenty five continuous years. While I applaud their dedication and service I have to ask the question. "Could a volunteer organization be healthier with a change in leadership more often?" Changes in leadership give more volunteers experience. As someone else moves into a leadership position there is more experience then to support them from someone that moves out. The organization keeps building and does not remain stagnant. From my own experience I am most fortunate to have Past Presidents, Officers and Directors that have stayed involved and are a resource for me to learn and talk to. So please consider this opportunity to help the Chapter. Your level of experience to run for any office can range from just starting to become involved right now to a Past President.



We will once again be present in the watershed on the day of the trout opener with two food stands. As well as selling food and chapter merchandise this is always an excellent venue to promote our Chapter and educate people about conserving and protecting our streams. We will also host a fishing day for children, adults and families from ForSight Vision. If you have never helped on this day please consider it. You will come away feeling that these are very special people who appreciate their time spent with us. The Red Lion Street Fair is on tap for August, and an event is in the planning stages this fall.

Another great opportunity has presented itself as the York County Conservation Society has approached us to partner with them in a grant to improve the Bonham Wildlife Sanctuary. The Sanctuary is in our watershed as "Spencer Run" passes through it. Spencer Run is a tributary to Muddy Creek that enters the main stem at the lower end of the FFO area. Some ideas that are floating around are trout egg incubators, Habitat improvement projects, riparian buffer plantings, self-guided sign tours and other educational programs. We are very excited that YCCS has asked us to partner and we are looking forward to having a good relationship with them for years to come.

During my short years of involvement I've found that this organization is very well respected by our local Communities. This came as a result of a lot of hard work by those who came before me. My thanks goes to all those who have and are supporting Muddy Creek TU in any way. Let's continue to support this Chapter in any way we can with whatever time we can spare.

Kind Regards,

Fred

Upcoming Events

March 18 - General Meeting
Lions Pride Restaurant
Dinner at 6pm Meeting at 7pm

March 21 - Cabin Fever Event
Collinsville Fish & Game Club
10am - 3pm. Fly Tying, Gear Swap, Casting Lessons, etc.

March 28 - Mentored Youth Program Fishing Day
8:00pm - 7:30pm on
Approved Trout Waters
(See page 4 for Details)

April 4 - Opening Day of Trout Season - Volunteer at a Food Stand!

April 15 - General Meeting
Lions Pride Restaurant
Dinner at 6pm Meeting at 7pm
Speaker from Elk Springs Resort in West Virginia

May 20 - General Meeting
Co-op Nursery 7pm

June 17 - General Meeting
Co-op Nursery 7pm

FISHING NEWS

C&R FFO AREA OF MUDDY CREEK WAS FLOAT STOCKED PRESEASON AND IS OPEN TO FISHING

REMEMBER: FISHING IS PROHIBITED FROM MARCH 1 THRU OPENING DAY ON APPROVED TROUT WATERS UNDER GENERAL REGULATIONS.

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



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Events and Volunteer Opportunities Around the Watershed

Cabin Fever Saturday March 21st

Join us Saturday March 21st for a much needed day of camaraderie after this long cold winter. MCTU members and guests will get together at the Collinsville Fish and Game Club from 10am - 3pm. You can bring your fishing gear and shake off the cobwebs, organize your fly boxes, tie some flies or learn some new techniques from experienced members.

Weather permitting we will also be doing some lawn casting to sharpen our skills for the upcoming season. So this is a great opportunity to pick up a few pointers from some experienced fly fishers..

You are also encouraged to bring your unused/unwanted gear for a gear swap or donation to the Chapter for upcoming raffles. Rods, reels, vest, packs, flyboxes, etc. Maybe you will find something you are interested in from someone's selection.

We will have our fishing caps, shirts, patches buttons, flies and other fundraising merchandise available for purchase to help fund future chapter activities.

We also ask that you bring a snack or your favorite hot dish like wings, chili or soup for a snack for a "Pot Luck" lunch while we enjoy the day. Call Maurice at 717-747-5613 with questions. Hope to see you there

Opening Day Food Stand Volunteers Needed

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. Note it is a week later this year, April 4. Hopefully it will be warmer than what we have experienced in recent years

Our presence on opening day not only provides some additional revenue to help cover the costs of feeding and raising 8,000 fish, it also helps us educate anglers and landowners on our mission in the Muddy Creek watershed.

Help is needed to operate the stands, prepare food items and sell patches, hats, t-shirts, buttons, etc. You don't have to be there all day; volunteering for 2-3 hour intervals is usually all that is necessary. In the past we have had donations of chili, cookies and soft drinks which helped reduce our costs, anything you are able to contribute is always appreciated.

These have proven to be very profitable ventures for the club, especially for those who don't want the on-stream hassle of opening day!

Help will be needed throughout the day from 6:30 am until 2 pm. Contact Bob Shaffer at 717-817-9746 or bshaffer412@yahoo.com to volunteer for a few hours.

ForSight Vision Fishing Event May 2nd

On May 2, 2015 MCTU will once again host the folks from ForSight Vision for a fishing event at the Tom's Run Handicapped Fishing Area on Kennedy Road.

Our guests will arrive at 9am. and the day usually lasts into the early afternoon. Volunteers are needed to help with the fishing and grilling.

Those wishing to help with the fishing can bring rods, reels and tackle to supply our guest anglers. MCTU will supply food, beverages and bait for the event. A rain date May 9, 2015 should the weather not cooperate. You won't regret volunteering for this fun and rewarding event.

York Revolution/MCTU Fundraising Opportunity

With the budget issues facing the Chapter we have come up with some creative avenues for fundraising. Did you know that the chapter can make up to \$200 per evening for simply volunteering 6 members at the York Revolution playground area during a weekend ballgame? That's right! So come out and spend an evening with chapter members on June 5th, July 10th or August 7th as we make a few bucks to fill chapter coffers and support MCTU. If you don't have one, we will give you a free T-shirt for volunteering. Contact Brita Runkle for more details @ 7117-244-075

MCTU to Partner With YCCS and YCST in Project

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited has agreed to partner with the York County Conservation Society, (of Indian Steps) along with the York County School of Technology in a funding grant to install several Educational

and Conservation related upgrades to Bonham Wildlife Sanctuary on Spencer Run.

The Grant is awarded by the Lancaster Conservancy in the amount of \$22,000 of which

the project sponsors are responsible for a 50% match in Funds and Volunteer Labor and services. The Project will last through 2017. Stay tuned for more details as they develop.

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited 25TH Anniversary T-Shirt Sale

In 2014 MCTU celebrated our 25th Anniversary and to commemorate this milestone we have had a special t-shirt designed. We still have plenty left. This would make a great gift for you or the fisherman in your life to help spread the



word about MCTU whether on stream or at the mall. Here are the details: Gildan brand DryBlend (50/50 cotton, polyester) black short sleeved t-shirt with the design in silver. The cost is \$12; if you need the shirt shipped it's \$5.95 (we only charge what it costs us to mail them). We also have some long sleeve tan t-shirts (\$14) and grey short sleeved t-shirts (\$12) in select sizes with our non anniversary design that are still available for purchase! If you have questions or would like to make a purchase please

contact Beth Boyd at ycpnurse@gmail.com.

We also have fishing caps with and without the 25th Anniversary on them. As a ways we appreciate your support and are excited to celebrate this milestone with you!



Fly Tying Help Always Appreciated

As you are probably aware, the club sells flies at shows, Red Lion Street Fair, on our website, on opening day and at chapter meetings. As the result of these efforts, a few of our bins can always use some re-fills. When you are tying any of the following (or other patterns you prefer), consider tying a few more to donate to the club. You don't

have to be an expert, as Charlie Meck says; even an imperfectly tied fly will sometimes catch trout since not all flies in nature are perfect.

You can bring them to a chapter meeting, mail them to: MCCTU # 525, PO Box 211, Dallastown, PA 17313, or drop them off at 321 Wise Ave., Red Lion, PA 17356

Popular patterns we can always use include the following, both with & w/o bead heads:

- Green Weenie
- Red Hots
- Wooly Buggers
- Egg patterns
- Honey Bugs (asst'd colors)
- Sucker Spawn
- Pheasant Tail nymphs
- GR Hares Ear nymphs

Coop Nursery Report

by Fred Wilt

Can we say, "Enough is enough"! Snow and ice have been the February and early March news. The PF&BC has already postponed three trout stockings in our area and we have postponed two thus far.

Fortunately the trout in the nursery have done very well even though we had two weeks of an ice covered raceway. Right now, stocking our club preseason trout will be dependent on Mother Nature providing some warmer temperatures.

Unfortunately, the nursery is facing a financial problem. Our budget indicates that we could be \$1000 in the red this year. At our January board meeting, the decision was made to reduce the amount of feed fed to our trout by 25%, effective immediately. And there is concern that we will not be able to have holdovers for the fall. Also, we receive approximately 8,000 fish in the fall for our spring stockings. That number will be reduced to 6,000 fish this coming year.

Working together to help resolve the red ink will take some effort on our part. Getting more individuals to sponsor our nursery, donations of any amount, supporting fund raising efforts by MCTU, and corporate sponsorship are just a few possibilities. Give us a hand if you can!

Finally, we are scheduled to stock trout, beginning in March and ending in mid-May. If you would like to help, give me a call at 717-309-8098.

Speaker to present at the April Meeting at Lions Pride

The April 15th General Membership Meeting will be held at the Lions Pride Restaurant in Red Lion. We have planned to have a guest speaker from the Elk Creek Resort in West Virginia to give a presentation showcasing some of the great trout fishing in their area. Join us for dinner at 6pm before the 7pm meeting and this interesting presentation.

HELP SUPPORT THE MCTU CO-OPERATIVE TROUT NURSERY

Look in the mail for your opportunity to help support the Cooperative Trout Nursery by becoming a sponsor. 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. If you didn't receive or misplaced your mailings please contact an Officer or Beth Boyd to help with funding.

WOODBINE ACCESS UPDATE

The Property below Woodbine currently Closed to fishing will be Open for the 2015 trout season to **Fishermen Only** on a trial basis. Please keep your activity there close to the stream and railbed. Lets show the property owner how respectful anglers can be as we welcome them to our community. Please be respectful of their wishes and of all landowners who open their property to fishing access.

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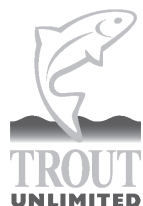
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Mentored Youth Trout Day in PA

Take part in the Commission's Mentored Youth Trout Days. Youth under the age of 16 can join a mentor (adult) angler who has a current fishing license and trout permit to fish on March 28 on Approved Trout Waters within the 18 southeastern regional counties for regional trout season.

ADULTS – To participate in the Mentored Youth Fishing Day, anglers 16 years of age or older (adult anglers) must possess a valid Pennsylvania Fishing License and trout/salmon permit and be accompanied by a youth (less than 16 years of age) who has obtained a Mentored Youth Fishing Permit or Voluntary Youth Fishing License from the Commission.

YOUTHS – Youth anglers must obtain a Mentored Youth Fishing Permit or Voluntary Youth Fishing License from the Commission and be accompanied by an adult licensed angler in order to participate. See <http://fishandboat.com/MentoredYouth.htm> for more details.

2015 Collector Patch - FELTON

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited is committed to continuing the collectable patch fund raiser. Our 2015 Patch boasts a Streamscape from Felton on the North Branch with a dark blue ring and gold trim. These can be

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

Visit our web site to see the 2015 Collector Patch in color or to place an order. www.muddycreektu.org

