



Muddy Matters

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The Newsletter of the Muddy Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

April 2005

Next Meeting April 20, 2005; 7 p.m. at the Collinsville Fish & Game Club

Upcoming Chapter Events

April 10, 2005 - Preseason Stocking
from our Co-op Nursery. Meet at the
Nursery at 9:00am.

April 12, 2005 - Preseason Stocking
from our Co-op Nursery. Meet at the
Nursery at 9:00am.

April 16, 2005 - Opening Day
of Trout Season in Pennsylvania

April 20, 2005 - General Meeting
7:00pm at the Collinsville Fish &
Game Club

May 18, 2005 - General Meeting
7:00pm at the Collinsville Fish &
Game Club

June 15, 2005 - General Meeting
7:00pm at the Collinsville Fish &
Game Club

Opening Day Food Stand Sale

Help Needed - volunteer for a few hours.
See the article inside for details.

Saturday April 16th
at Woodbine and High Rock

Contact Bob Shaffer to schedule your
shift at one of the stands!

**Get Your 2005 Patch
on Opening Day!**

President's Message

The spring season has officially arrived and this is a very busy time for MCTU. MCTU started the year with a great outing at the York Outdoor Show. I thank the membership for doing an excellent job of promoting the chapter and our mission. Stocking has gotten underway and I thank everyone who had the opportunity to help stock the PF&BC fish on March 9th. Both of these events were successful because of the membership participation.

MCTU has a plate full of events scheduled for this year. I am looking forward to the chapter having a very successful year and accomplishing many goals. With the participation of the membership we will achieve our goals. At the present time we are stocking fish, planting trees & shrubs, and applying for permits for restoration projects. Soon we'll start construction of a new building at the nursery, remove the old trailer and organize the new building to be more efficient and volunteer friendly.

In Mid June construction will begin on the North Branch Phase-1 Growing Greener project. MCTU & Aquatic Resource Restoration Company will be working at the project site for several weeks. **You need to be involved with this project! This will be an incredible restoration project!**

MCTU also has some potential projects lined up with several landowners in the Muddy Creek Watershed. Some restoration work, flood damage clean up, riparian buffer plantings, install parking access for fishing, and other related projects.

During the floods last year we lost 60% of our streamside incubators, but recently acquired three freezers to get the incubator program back on track. These will need to be assembled and installed at hatching locations.

Maintenance on stocking and nursery equipment is always part of doing business. As these projects are done, there will be other projects slated for the future. MCTU has a real opportunity to make a major impact in the watershed this year and the membership participation will make it happen.

This is our mission; to Conserve, Protect and Restore the Muddy Creek Watershed. We are the "Leaders in cold water conservation in Southeastern York County."

Hope to see you soon!

Roanld Heuston- President

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Meeting with PF&BC

MCTU has scheduled a meeting with Karl Lutz from the PF&BC's Adopt A Stream program for Tuesday April 19, 2005. Meeting at the Brogue Post Office at 10:00am. The new criteria for the Adopt-A-Stream program is for projects to be done on waterways that have potential for wild trout production. However areas with established projects with the Adopt-A-Stream program are still eligible to continued projects.

Because both Collinsville Fish & Game and MCTU have established sites, Karl will be looking at possible projects for both organizations while he is in the area. First we'll be going to Tom's Run on Frosty Hill Road at the Leiphart property to address some projects for Collinsville Fish & Game.

Then we will be meeting up with the Lower Chanceford Township Public Works at Steve Knopp's property. We plan to partner with the township to correct some of the flood related problems, and address the possible stream restoration work needed on this reach of Muddy Creek.

Karl will be able to do the design work, layout the plans, and permits for the restoration work for both organizations. Time permitting we may also look at Bob Cooper's property and Scarborough's property at High Rock to get some feed back form Karl on other future projects.

Are you in tune with all of the changes to the fishing regulations proposed for 2007? Look for details and how to comment in the next issue of Muddy Matters.

**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 stand at High Rock, and we will try to operate stands at Woodbine and Muddy Creek Forks if we have enough volunteers.

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. These can 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 from 6:30 am until 2 pm. Contact Bob Shaffer no later than April 10th at 246-4512 or bshaffer412@yahoo.com if you can volunteer for a few hours.

Join Trout Unlimited National for only \$17.50 with an introductory membership. MCTU receives a full rebate for each new member we sign up.

Kudos Korner

Special thanks to these members who Volunteered during recent projects.

And to the regular Nursery Feeders:
 Dave Pickel, Jay Dietz, Maurice, Dean Snyder, Ed Keener, Bob Shaffer, Jan Pickel.

York Outdoor Show	York Outdoor Show (cont.)	March 25-26 Workdays
Dave Pickel	Pat Masterson	Ron Heuston
Fred Bridge	Bob Koch	Fred Bridge
Billy Boyd	Mike Grim	Bob Shaffer
Dustin Boyd	Skip Missimer	Billy Boyd
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Rob Davis	Mike Kiester	Skip Missimer
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Jef Gross		Maurice

March Workdays Report

During our March Meeting we made a decision to knock off a couple of tasks from our busy agenda. We planned work days for March 25 (Good Friday) and Saturday March 26th. These were sort of at the spur of the moment and there was no time opportunity to put it in the newsletter. So we sent out a mass email to our e-mail friends and took our chances. The turn out was so so but we accomplished alot.

On Friday, Ron, Bob and Fred cleared the path at the top end of the DHFFO area all the way to the Big Bend. That is a task in and of itself.

On Saturday, a larger group Ron, Maurice, Billy Boyd, Dustin Boyd, Jim Kiern and Skip Missimer tackled the clean-up of the Handicapped Area. In the afternoon, we counted and sorted the fish in the nursery. Tom Dube came in the afternoon to help count fish and also delivered a pizza for the hungry fish counters.

Co-op Nursery Report

The co-op trout nursery is doing well thanks to the volunteers who tend to the fish every day. We made some adjustments since the Hurricane Ivan flood and the results have been positive. Mortality has been limited to about 200 in addition to the loss during Ivan. All in all things are looking good.

During the workday on March 26th we sorted and counted fish separating the dinks to let them grow in a pen of their own without competition from the larger fish. We have a little over 4,700 fish and plan to reduce the stockings overall by about 25%. We also plan to eliminate a couple preseason stockings to allow the browns to grow a little larger for inseason stockings.

Try Green Weenies, Red Hots, Wooly Buggers and San Juan Worms on the newly stocked trout on Opening Day and soon after.

Stockings Planned April 10th & 12th

The Co-op Nursery will be stocking trout on Muddy Creek below Woodbine and on the South Branch on Sunday April 10th. We'll use Bob Coopers tractor to stock 450 trout below Woodbine and We'll do a float stocking of 338 trout on the South Branch around the white bridge on Muddy Creek Road.

On Tuesday April 12th We will do some more stocking at the Handicapped Area on Toms Run and either on the North Branch or along Muddy Creek between Bridgeton and Woodbine.

We could also use the help someone with a pick up truck to allow us to double our efforts by taking fish to multiple locations.

York Outdoor Show Report

The York Outdoor Show was a tremendous success this year grossing \$880. This is the best showing we've had in over 5 years. Among the hot sellers were 90 patches, and 14 hats with over \$145 in fly sales.

A special thank you goes out to all who helped make this years show a huge success.

Membership Gift Opportunities

Do you know someone who fishes Muddy Creek and its tribs but is not a TU member? Or maybe a relative from outside the area interested in trout fishing? Here is an opportunity that can help you, them and MCTU. Sign them up for a TU introductory membership through MCTU and it will cost you nothing. That's right, We will pick up the tab. TU National is offering new members a reduced rate which is returned to the chapter who signs them up. But, you MUST sign them up through MCTU to have us pick up the tab. This is a great limited time opportunity for you or your friends and relatives to try out the TU National membership for the first time. Contact Ron Heuston or Maurice for a special application.

Pig Roast to Recognize Volunteers Planned for June 11th.

Mark your calendar! June 11, 2005 MCCTU #575 will hold a pig roast at Collinsville Fish & Game to honor the founders, members and volunteers who have provided endless hours contributing to the success of the chapter. Ticket prices will be well below that of the traditional banquet format but will still feature great food, fellowship, raffles, silent and live auction of quality fishing outfits and gear.

Details will be forthcoming to members in a special mailing and posted on our website, but mark your calendar now. The festivities will begin at 4 pm, dinner at 5 pm followed by the auctions. In addition to rods, reels, flies, lines, lures, prints, etc., items such as guided trips, rod holders, wood working projects, use of a cabin or mountain retreat have been very popular donations in the past.

If members have items they would like to contribute, volunteer to ask local merchants to contribute or help with the roast, contact Bob Shaffer, 246-4512 or bshaffer412@yahoo.com.

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Spring Volunteer Opportunities - Sign up Now!

- *MCTU Co-op stockings beginning April 10th & 12th.*
- *Opening Day Food Stands - April 16th.*
- *Riparian Buffer Plantings (during the week and weekends - TBA)*
- *MCTU Pig Roast June 11th.*

Contact an officer, director or committee chair if you'd like to help.

*The 2004 15th Anniversary Patch
 Now \$8.00.*



Buy the set or
 continue your
 collection
 with the 2005
 "Forks" patch.
 Shown below!



MCTU 2005 Collectors Patch

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited has committed to continuing the collectable patch fund raiser. This years patch features one of the most popular areas along our stream, Muddy Creek Forks. "The Forks", as it is known by

local anglers is a public access area and where the Railroad society volunteers load up the train cars with trout to stock for nearly two miles along the North Branch and Muddy Creek.

Get your 2005 patch for \$6.00 at the Opening Day Food Stands, Chapter meetings, and on our web site.

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