



Muddy Matters

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The Newsletter of the Muddy Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

December 2004

Next Meeting December 15, 2004; 7 p.m. at the Collinsville Fish & Game Club

Upcoming Chapter Events

***Incubator Egg Planting Week of
December 13th. Volunteer!***

December 15, 2004

**General Meeting - 7:00PM at
Collinsville Fish & Game Club**

January 19, 2005

**General Meeting - 7:00PM at
Collinsville Fish & Game Club**

February 16, 2005

**General Meeting - 7:00PM at
Collinsville Fish & Game Club**

York Outdoor Show Dates and Times

Help Needed - Sign up for your shift early

Wednesday Feb 23, 2005 6:00-9:30 PM

Thursday Feb 24, 2005 6:00-9:30 PM

Friday Feb 25, 2005 Noon-9:30 PM

Saturday Feb 26, 2005 10AM-9:30 PM

Sunday Feb 27, 2005 10AM 5:00 PM

A nondenominational service will be held
at 9:00 am Sunday. Attendees will have free
admission to Sunday's show.

WAY Representative Needed

The Muddy Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited would like to have a member of our chapter represent us in the Watershed Alliance of York County. This position involves attending about 6 meetings per year with the WAY, sharing chapter activities and best interests with the WAY. Anyone interested in becoming more involved with MCTU's presence in the York Watershed Community, please contact Maurice for more details.

President's Message

During the up and coming Holiday Season we all will be spending time with family and friends. I encourage the membership to visit with your friends and extended family here at Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited. Every MCTU & Co-Op member has something to offer toward our mission in coldwater conservation. Come join us and bring a family member or friend and find what role you can play in the success of MCTU

For fifteen years MCTU has been the innovative leaders in coldwater conservation for the Muddy Creek Watershed. Along the way we have created some great partnerships and have taken many avenues necessary to continue to be successful with our mission. With each success comes a need to achieve more on this great adventure to enhance the Muddy Creek Watershed.

MCTU is making a difference; we have become the major player in any events that may occur within the Muddy Creek Watershed. MCTU has become the contact for many state and county agencies, local organizations and clubs when questions or events arise concerning the Muddy Creek Watershed. MCTU has been asked to sponsor several state programs dealing with the Muddy Creek Watershed. Our involvement in these programs enables MCTU to keep achieving our goals with the added guidance and support of these agencies.

The future for MCTU is very bright! I would like nothing more than to have additional members involved with our success story. With each passing month someone contacts MCTU about some issue or to partner in a project or event which would benefit the Muddy Creek Watershed. WHY? YOU ASK! Because we ***get 'er done!***

It is very easy to give lip service to conservation issues, but it takes more effort to get 'er done. We will continue to get 'er done, but we could get so much more done with more membership participation. Bring your smile and join in the success story of MCTU.

Ronald Heuston - President

Welcome New Members

Robert Marcinko
Richard Eicher
Robert Stewart
Mac Prejean
Stephen Crumbling

Do you have some free time this winter to help feed the fish at the Chapter Co-op Nursery? We could use a few more folks to lessen the pressure from the regular feeders. Contact Jan Pickel or Maurice if you would like to give it a try.

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or by emailing our website.

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Members may also contribute chapter related stories or articles to this newsletter by submitting them to the above addresses. This is your newsletter, help make it the best it can be. *Thank you.*

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Stink-U-Bator Site

By Billy Boyd

October 24 turned out to be a misty and overcast day, not a good one for a workday. The club had planned to do some nursery winterization, tree planting, hanging new cables at the fly area and repairing the incubator sites that were damaged from the heavy rains this past summer.

Dustin and I got to the nursery about 8:30am with plans to pick up debris and mow the grass before we joined the others for the planned workday. We picked up some limbs and debris and proceeded to gas up the mower. That's when we noticed one of the rear tires was flat. "So much for mowing the grass".

Shortly after 9:00am Ron and Maurice arrived and by that time the overcast morning turned into an intermittent mist. We decided to measure and re-stake the area for the new building while we waited to see if anyone else would show up.

About half an hour passed with no sign of anyone. So we packed up and headed over to the North Branch incubator site. With a shovel, rake, pruners and some other tools we made our way through the brush to the site. We found that the refrigerator had been washed about 30 feet from the spring head where it was originally placed.

Dustin and I moved the refrigerator back up the to the spring. Ron went to get some hand tools and hip boots while Maurice started cleaning out the spring head to make room for the pipe to feed water to the refrigerator. As Dustin and I started dragging the refrigerator, we noticed that there was a skunk smell and it seemed to be getting stronger as we dragged the refrigerator. When we finally got the refrigerator to its original location, Dustin said, "look dad." There about 10 feet in front of Maurice were two skunks rolling around and well, you know what they do during mating season. Maurice was busy digging out the spring and didn't even notice them other than the smell. Even though they had other things on their mind we told Maurice he had better get back since the tails were going every which way.

After a short time they split up and one went up the creek and one went down the creek. About that time Ron showed up and we told him what was going on. Knowing Ron's take on this type of subject I know how disappointed he was that he missed

the action. (What hatch pattern would you call that?) We started to work on the refrigerator again cleaning out all of the dirt and getting the spot level where it would sit. About that time I looked up and here comes another skunk heading up the creek. And it wasn't the one that just went down a few minutes ago. I decided that I would try and get a picture of it with the camera in my phone. I went to the spring head and waited with my camera ready. When the skunk finally got to me my camera went into power save and had shut off. Buy that time the skunk was only about 3 feet away and I knew it was time to get out of there.

I figured that I had got skunked and would give it another try by heading up the creek for another chance. I worked my way through the brush until I heard some noises coming from a hole in the bushes. It wasn't long before one came out and not long before another one when in. I couldn't get a picture through the brush and I sure wasn't going in after one so I called it quits and went back to help the guys. As we were finishing up the site we could smell the strong odor every now and then from a passing skunk and renamed the site "The Stink-u-bator Site".

Holiday Gift Opportunities

MCTU continues to provide quality merchandise for those who wish to support our conservation efforts through the purchase of fishing hats, collector patches, cigar tubes and fishing flies. Stop by the December meeting to purchase these items in time for the holidays. Or contact Bob Shaffer if you cannot make it out to the meeting. All items can also be viewed on our website and ordered by email. We will also have all these items and more at the York Outdoor Show in February. Get your family and friends some great gifts while supporting the conservation efforts of MCTU. Happy Holidays!

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.

Tree Planting	Halloween	Halloween
MC Forks	Parade	Parade(cont.)
Fred Bridge	Billy Boyd	Ashley Chioda
Bob Shaffer	Cindy Boyd	Samantha Chioda
Gary Peacock	Dustin Boyd	Maurice Chioda
Ron Heuston	Ron Heuston	
Maurice	Barb Heuston	North Branch
	Christian White	Tree Planting
October 24th	Diana White	Dave Pickel
Workday	Alaina White	Maurice
Billy Boyd	Tyler White	Michael Helfrich
Dustin Boyd	Tim Flaharty	and friend.
Maurice	Emma Flaharty	
Ron Heuston		

Fall Buffer Plantings Complete

MCTU has been busy this fall with riparian buffer plantings on five occasions. During the WAY weekend watershed tour, MCTU planted 50 white pines prior to the construction of the bank stabilization project scheduled for October. We also broad cast a five gallon bucket of acorns over a one acre area with the hopes of establishing an oak tree shaded area along the lower North Branch.

Once the bank restoration project was completed MCTU, with the help of Gary Peacock planted over 100 shrubs along the 300 foot section of the NBMC along the MC Forks property. Willows, elderberry, silky dogwood, swamp rose, paw paws and magnolia rounded out the plants purchased through the grant that we planted on the banks and buffer area of the project.

MCTU also took advantage of some free plants offered by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. We were able to acquire 250 trees and shrubs to be planted streamside this fall. Black and red chokeberry, pin oak, swamp white oak, green ash and silver maples were planted along more than 1,000 linear feet of stream bank. Project sites include an unnamed tributary on the North Branch, the North Branch near Brogueville and Muddy Creek at the lower end of the DHFFO area.

Special thanks to the three landowners who allowed the plantings along their land, and to the volunteers who helped plant the trees. Especially Dave Pickel who picked up the

plants in Lancaster and delivered them to the Nursery in October. Thanks Dave!

We intend to make this a regular activity through the spring and fall seasons. If you have some time during these planting seasons and would like to help with re-establishing the streamside buffers so critical to the habitat for trout in Muddy Creek, volunteer with the Streamside Buffer Committee. We have a lot of fun and accomplish a great deal in just a few hours each planting.

Red Lion Halloween Parade

Monday October 25 MCTU officers, directors and family members represented the chapter in the Red Lion Halloween Parade. Billy Boyd, Cindy Boyd, Dustin Boyd and Ron Heuston constructed a float touting the chapter message to the parade route. Billy and his wife solicited treats to pass out along the route to spread the word of MCTU and our efforts. We had help passing out the treats, our kids dressed in costumes making it a very festive event. Thanks to Christian and his kids, Alaina and Tyler, Tim and Emma Flaharty, Maurice, Ashley and Samantha Chioda

It's Incubator Time Again

40,000 Brown Trout eggs are available for pick up at the Huntsdale Fish Culture Station the week of December 13th. Hatching date December 24th. Anyone interested in picking up the eggs, and or placing eggs in incubators contact Ron Heuston-244-1851 ASAP. This is a great opportunity to see our exciting Incubator program first hand. *Volunteer!*

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.

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Fly Tying Classes

Jan. 18 and Jan. 20 6:30-8:30pm Streamers
Jan. 25 and Jan. 27 6:30-8:30 pm Nymphs
Feb. 1 and Feb. 4 6:30 - 8:30 pm Emergers
Feb. 8 and Feb. 10 6:30 - 8:30 pm Wet Flies
Feb. 15 and Feb. 17 6:30 - 8:30 pm Dry Flies

The class size is limited to six people. The cost of the class will be \$45.00 for four hours. We supply all the materials for the class (if you have your own tying tool please bring them).

Please call or e-mail to reserve your dates.
Private lessons are available at the same price.

Applications Being Accepted For Youth Camp

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited's
Award-Winning Youth Fishing Camp

BOILING SPRINGS: Applications are now being accepted for the 10th annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp being held June 19-24, 2005 at the Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs, Cumberland County, according to Camp Chairman Rod Cross. The purpose of the camp is to educate students in the importance of coldwater conservation.

"By selecting leaders in high school today, it is believed that they will be the leaders of communities for years to come," Board Member Rob Murdoch said. "It is important for them to recognize the value of clean water and how it relates to every day life. The curriculum has been structured to provide the necessary foundation for that education."

The college-level classes include: principles of ecology, hydrogeology, aquatic vertebrate and invertebrate sampling, hydrology, trout behavior, trout stream entomology, the biology of pollution, acid deposition, and the politics of conservation and the effects of humans on the Chesapeake Bay.

In addition, the camp provides hands-on classes such as fly tying, fly casting, streamside ethics, angling literature, the evolution of an angler, wader safety and survival, and streamside botany. The students will also participate in a watershed project to repair habitat in a stream.

The camp faculty includes people from various environmental fields and state agencies such as the PF&BC, the DEP and the DCNR.

The camp is limited to 32 selected, qualified students, aged 14 to 17. Applicants born between June 24, 1987 and June 19, 1991 will qualify. The camp selection committee will choose students based upon each candidate's qualifications and their desire to attend as stated in the required essay.

For more information or to receive an application, contact Mike Klimkos at (717) 243-3056, or via email at Klimkos@epix.net Rod Cross at (717) 263-0365; or visit the camp website at www.riverscamp.com.

MCTU will sponsor up to two students for this years camp. Contact Ron Heuston for details.

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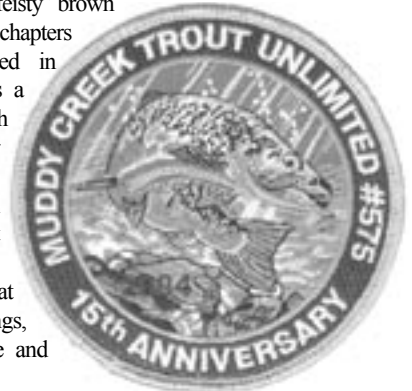


Help Needed for the York Outdoor Show

We need volunteers to help man the Muddy Creek TU booth at the York Outdoor Show. This is our chapter's greatest opportunity to share the value of MCTU with York county sportspersons and to raise funds for chapter projects. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the chapter and fishing opportunities on Muddy Creek from fellow members. We always have a difficult time getting enough people to cover all shifts. Show your support for the chapter by volunteering. You get free admission and the satisfaction of helping to promote the success of MCTU. See page one for YOS dates and times. Contact Maurice or Ron Heuston to schedule your date and shift.

MCTU 15th Anniversary Patch

In recognition of our 15th anniversary as a Trout Unlimited chapter, Muddy Creek TU is selling a collectable patch as a fund raiser. This "feisty" brown trout with our chapters name is bordered in gold thread. It is a very nice patch to begin our collector series. We will sell them for \$6.00 the first year and they'll be available at Chapter meetings, the Brogue Store and on our web site.



Get yours before they're gone!

Visit our web site to see the patch in color and place an order.

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