



Muddy Matters

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The Newsletter of the Muddy Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

February 2005

Next Meeting March 16, 2004; 7 p.m. at the Collinsville Fish & Game Club

Upcoming Chapter Events

February 16, 2005

General Meeting CANCELLED in lieu of a YOD show Meeting on Feb 8th.

February 23-27, 2005

York Outdoor Show - York Fairgrounds

See below for dates and times.

March 9, 2005

Muddy Creek Trout Stocking

Meet at Muddy Creek Forks at 11:30am

Volunteers Needed! - See inside page 2

March 16, 2005

General Meeting - 7:00pm at the
Collinsville Fish & Game Club

April 16, 2005 - Opening Day

of Trout Season in Pennsylvania

April 20, 2005

General Meeting - 7:00pm at the
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.

Get Your 2005 Patch at the Show!

President's Message

As we move into 2005 I look back at what MCTU has accomplished over the years and the many partnerships we have gathered along the way. We are blessed to have the good partners to help us with our mission on the Muddy Creek Watershed. Our partners have made MCTU successful in many ways. From providing materials for projects, funding, support for grant applications, and helping to guide us through the network for proper permits and meeting the regulations and requirements for each project.

Our partnership starts with our membership who has joined in the efforts to make the Muddy Creek Watershed a better place for all to enjoy. Many gracious landowners have partnered with us to make a difference not only on their properties but on neighboring properties as well. We have partnered with several townships where we can work together to make some needed corrections on flood control issues and future restoration work.

Modern Landfill has been a great supporter of our mission since 1993 when we were selected for an Earth Day Project (Spencer Run Project). York County Conservation District has been instrumental in helping with our mission. Watershed Alliance of York has been supporting our efforts as well. Agencies we have worked with are the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission, Pennsylvania Game Commission, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited and National Trout Unlimited.

All these partnerships have grown over the years due to our mission to enhance the Muddy Creek Watershed. I am looking forward to 2005 with the support of the membership and our partners the projects we have scheduled will be completed and will be successful.

MCTU has a plate full of activities for 2005. Construction of a new building at the nursery is scheduled for the spring. Springtime riparian buffer plantings will be on going for several weeks. Construction of the North Branch Phase 1 Project 3200 feet of restoration work will begin this spring. Stream Bank stabilization work to be done at the nursery. Along with annual spring time duties, stocking both state & nursery fish, clean up at handicapped area, work on parking areas at the DHFFO area, and opening day food stands.

As you can see it is going to be a very busy year for MCTU. We are blessed to have a membership with various talents, so take a look at the scheduled events and find where your talents can be best put to use. Volunteers will be needed to complete the projects scheduled for the coming year. It is volunteer work for a worthy cause and we have a lot of fun along the way.

Muddy Proud!
Ronald Heuston

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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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Report Fishing Regulation Violations
PF&BC Waterways Conservation Officer
SC Regional Office (717) 486-7087

York Outdoor Show

We will be at the York Outdoor Show to spread the word about MCTU and the value of chapter efforts in the Muddy Creek watershed. We also have a new patch featuring a scene of the train at Muddy Creek Forks preparing to stock fish in the North Branch (see back page). We will also have our popular fishing caps, flies and Trout Fund buttons along with last years 15 year commemorative patch.

Stop by our display to pick up your patch and learn a little about Muddy Creek TU's activities. Sign up to help with stocking, tree planting or just browse around. We have a great bunch of guys on hand during each shift of the show to help with any questions or merchandise selections.

Nursery Report

The Co-op Nursery is doing fine this winter thanks to a dedicated staff of volunteers. Mortality has been tapering off steadily and up to now we are within normal ranges. The fish are averaging 7 pounds of food pellets per day. We should be stocking somewhere in the neighborhood of 5,000 brown trout this year. We will begin stocking in late March and early April to allow maximum growth of these brown trout.

As you know, the Co-op Nursery operates entirely through the effort of volunteer labor and donations from our members and friends. We have been very fortunate to be able to fund this endeavor over the past 11 seasons and even more fortunate to have the volunteer support from regular feeders and those helping to perform maintenance duties integral to its success. We are proud of the fish we raise at the MCTU co-op nursery and grateful to those that make it possible. So if you have donated money, helped to feed, or attended a workday where the MCTU brown trout benefitted, we thank you!

Stocking Help Needed March 9th

The annual preseason stocking of the Delayed Harvest FFO area will occur on March 9th. Each year we rally over a dozen volunteers to help get these fish over the hill in Bruce to the stream where we float stock them to Bridgeton. The effort requires at least this many people to safely and successfully "bucket brigade" the 1,000 fish to the floats. Also being stocked this day will be the rest of Muddy Creek main stem from the Muddy Creek Forks to the power line below Woodbine. Over 4,000 fish total. Keep in mind that only about 900 of these fish are taken from truck to stream. The balance are transported via train, tractor, pick up trucks, float boxes, etc. Yes, volunteers put the trout in the places you fish along Muddy Creek.

We meet the PF&BC truck at Muddy Creek Forks at 11:15 am. The bulk of the labor is needed from 12:30 pm until 1:30 pm, bucketing the fish over the hill. We can use any and all levels of volunteer support. If you would like to help with the stocking on March 9th. Contact Maurice at 747-5613.

14-17 Year Old Youths Wanted

MCTU is eager to sponsor up to two teenagers between the ages of 14-17 years old for the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp being held June 19-24, 2005 at the Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs, Cumberland County. This is a \$275 value and a great opportunity. For complete details see the side bar article to the right on Page 3.

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.

**Incubator
Egg Planting**
Jake Romig
Dave Pickel
Fred Bridge
Bill Stanley
Maurice

**See your name listed
here by volunteering for
a chapter event.**

*Join Trout Unlimited
National at the show
Free!
MCTU will pick up
the tab for any new
members who sign up
through the chapter.*

Incubator Report

This years incubator program was the poorest result since the program began 5 years ago. Only two sites (two refrigerators) were used for planting due to the floods over spring and summer. This reduced the egg count by 60% over previous years. We also received fewer good eggs, resulting in fewer fry into the streams. The good news is, we have a pretty good team of volunteers with the know-how and determination to pick up, deliver and plant the eggs. Thanks to these guys for their dedication.

Opening Day Food Stands

With spring comes longer days, warmer temps and the opening day of trout season. This is a very special day for the chapter. Not as anglers, but as spokespersons for the chapter and the benefits of belonging to and supporting MCTU's efforts. As usual, we will have stands at High Rock and Woodbine. We sell hamburgers and hot dogs, cold and hot beverages and sweets to fill the bellies of the opening day anglers. We also have our hats, patches and flies for sale to help with MCTU's fund raising effort. We are always looking for individuals to help with the sales and set up of the food stands. It is a lot of fun and only takes a few hours. Volunteers enjoy meeting and listening to the stories of the excited anglers as they enjoy their lunch. Be a part of MCTU's opening day tradition. 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.

Look for a feature article about the Muddy Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited in the Spring issue of Pennsylvania Trout.

Nursery Building Update

Plans are underway for the purchase and installation of a new building at the MCTU Co-op Nursery. The old trailer has seen better days. We have settled on a few vendors and styles. The final decision should occur this spring. Permits and permissions have been acquired so all we need to do is clear the area and prep the land. Look for a workday this spring once the final delivery date of the building is determined.

Riparian Buffer Committee

Muddy Creek TU's riparian buffer committee is eager to begin work this spring planning and executing the planting of trees and shrubs that keep the streams cool in summer and provide habitat and reduce bank erosion and siltation.

David Pickel has been a huge help with our effort so far. His experience as a Master Gardener has proved very valuable to the effort. He has acquired literature and initiated a mailing that will be instrumental in kicking off this program. We expect to inform the landowners of the need for good riparian areas in late winter and hopefully we can acquire the plants and necessary permissions to begin planting this spring.

Contact Maurice or Dave Pickel if you would like to be a part of this exciting new program designed to help the streams, the trout and landowners alike.

2005 Co-op Nursery Stocking

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with stocking the trout from the co-op nursery. Currently we expect to do much of the stocking during week days beginning the end of March. We would like to be able to have some stocking on weekends for more member participation but would need a full size pick up truck or utility trailer. Please contact Maurice if you are willing to offer your services or the use of your truck or trailer. Thank You.

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. Contact Ron Heuston for details.

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Spring Volunteer Opportunities - Sign up Now!

- *York Outdoor Show - Help at the Booth or Set-up/Tear-down.*
- *March 9th DHFFO area stocking - 11:30 am at the Forks*
- *Opening Day Food Stands - April 16th.*
- *Riparian Buffer Plantings (during the week and weekends - TBA)*
- *MCTU Co-op stockings beginning in late March/April.*

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

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

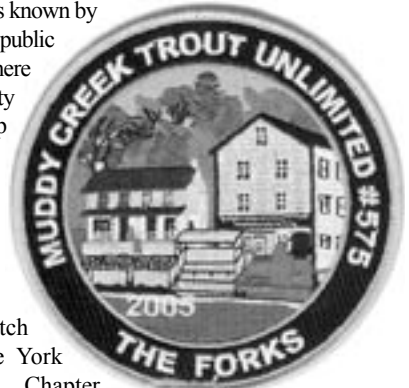


Buy the set or continue your collection with the 2005 "Forks" patch. Shown below!



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 York Outdoor Show, Chapter meetings, the Brogue Store and on our web site. Visit our web site to see the patch in color or place an order.

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