



Muddy Matters

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The Newsletter of the Muddy Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

November 2006

Next Meeting November 15, 2006; 7 p.m. at the COOP (Co-op Nursery Building)

Upcoming Chapter Events

November 15, 2006 - General Meeting

7:00pm at the Co-op Nursery

Incubator Program Volunteers Needed during November and early December. Dates to be announced, let us know when you can volunteer.

December 20, 2006 - General Meeting

7:00pm at the Co-op Nursery

January 17, 2006 - General Meeting

7:00pm at the Co-op Nursery

February 21, 2006 - General Meeting

7:00pm at the Co-op Nursery

Feb. 23-25 2007 - York Outdoor Show

Stay tuned for Details to come in future newsletters and on our Website.

The Riparian Buffer committee is looking for committed individuals to lend a hand with planning, planting and maintaining the buffers we plant. If you have an interest in plants or a background you feel may be useful toward our goals, step up and volunteer for this exciting program.

We are in the process of improving our plant nursery capabilities by constructing a self-watering plant nursery as an Eagle Scout project. Volunteer to help the Riparian Committee

**Get the 2006 Patch
Featuring Castle Fin Station
or a set of three collector
patches for the fisherman on
your Holiday gift list.**

Presidents Message

At this time of the year fisherman are reminded that hunting season is underway in the Muddy Creek watershed so take precautions when on the stream. I would recommend wearing an orange hat while fishing this time of year. Also be considerate to others in the field or along the stream.

Construction is still underway at the COOP. The masonry work is scheduled for November. Interior construction is on-going, with complete organization of building to be completed over the winter months.

As the winter season fast approaches our conservation efforts will continue. 100,000 eyed brown trout eggs have been ordered and will be placed in the streamside incubators to produce this year's class of fingerling brown trout for the watershed.

Each and every day one of the volunteer feeders attends to the trout at the cooperative nursery to assure we have healthy fish for the spring stocking season. These volunteers do more than just feed fish. During & after rain events, debris jams need to be removed, screens need to be kept clean to keep the system operating. During the winter season they must deal with snow and ice as well. I can't thank these guys enough for the outstanding job they are doing. Just remember these volunteers when you land a trout as these guys made your fishing experience possible by volunteering many hours to assure we have a healthy population of trout to stock.

2006 has been a busy year for MCTU with the nursery upgrades, the two major stream restoration projects and riparian buffer projects. If you notice any maintenance issues such as tree tubes down, please contact MCTU so we can correct the situation. In early spring MCTU will finish the riparian buffer planting at the Woodbine project by live staking Willows and branch packing at strategic locations along the stream bank. Look for dates for these plantings in future newsletters or our webmaster will be sending a mass mailing to members with dates and times.

MCTU Treasurer Bob Shaffer is busy this time of year preparing our annual financial reports and the Chapter Efficiency Index. Bob does an excellent job handling our finances and having our money work for us. My hats off to the officers & directors who use their leadership skills to keep this organization operating effectively and moving in the right direction. It takes all of your support to make MCTU what it is today.

In July 2007 MCTU will be in need of several individuals to move into leadership positions. We have members whom definitely have leadership qualities, and care about our coldwater resources. By being involved and active now, it will make for a smooth transition in 2007. It is time to build new leaders to ensure a bright future for our coldwater resources in southern York County.

Ronald Heuston

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PATU Fall Meeting

The Pennsylvania State council of Trout Unlimited hosted the annual fall meeting on October 7 and 8, 2006 at the Lock Haven University's Sieg Center on Fishing Creek near Lamar, Pa.

Saturday October 7th National Trout Unlimited representatives conducted chapter relation's workshops. The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commissions Adopt-A-Stream personnel conducted Habitat Improvement Workshops.

Saturday evening featured a pig-roast provided by Nationwide Insurance. Guest speaker Dwight Landis gave a presentation on Trout Stream Habitat.

Sunday October 8th at the awards luncheon Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited was recognized with two awards from the Pennsylvania State Council of Trout Unlimited. Bob Shaffer accepted the Dr. Jack Beck Award for Outstanding Youth Outreach. This was awarded to MCTU for having our youth involved in the chapter's activities and providing instruction for the Boy Scout's Flyfishing Merit Badge. Along with the fact that Dustin Boyd, MCTU Outstanding Youth award winner, is currently serving as a Director.

Ron Heuston accepted the Best Chapter Project Award for the North Branch Phase-1 Project. The awards committee was most impressed with the size of this project and the quantity of materials used to complete construction. Also, how well the project was designed and planned, and with the number of participating parties involved from the funding process through construction and riparian buffer plantings.

The Pennsylvania State Council consists of many chapter leaders who now make up one of the finest state councils in the country. The council does an excellent job of keeping each of the chapters leadership up to date with all issues concerning our cold-water resources in Pennsylvania and with any National Trout Unlimited procedures that currently need to be addressed by the chapters. The state council meeting is the gathering and camaraderie of great people who truly care about our cold water resources. Good people, good food, good fishing, it don't get any better than that

**WAY Watershed Weekend
Report**

On September 24th Muddy Creek TU sponsored a venue during the Watershed Alliance of York's 4th Annual Watershed Weekend. Our project consisted of the planting of over 170 trees and shrubs on a tributary near the COOP on Gary Wolford's property. Plant species included; river birch, green ash, swamp white oak, black oak, pin oak, smooth alder and willow stakes. The site plan involved over 400 ft. of stream planted on both sides with a total buffer of between 30 and 80 feet. Once planted the trees were protected by tree tubes and stakes which will remain in place for several years until the trees become established.

We coordinated the planting with the landowner who was more than happy to allow us to buffer this stream which will reduce and eventually eliminate his mowing activities in the immediate area. As well, this planting will benefit the stream by shading it and providing stabilization to the banks.

A dozen volunteers included 3 scouts from BSA Troop #47 in Dallastown and two of their assistant Scoutmasters as well as a handful of regular volunteers who always seem to find time to lend a hand.

It all came together in a timely fashion from planning to placing the tubes. Ron Heuston even welded a couple of container spades that we discussed at the meeting only four days before the event. These spades will be utilized in future plantings.

Kudos Korner

Special thanks to these members who Volunteered during recent projects and to the regular Nursery Feeders Please consider helping to feed the fish at the Nursery by contacting Maurice. Volunteer, we are always looking for help.

Fingerling Arrival	Watershed Weekend
Maurice	Planting
Fred Wilt	Maurice
Ed Keener	Skip Missimer
Fall PF&BC Stocking	Ron Heuston
Michael Helfrich	Bob Shaffer
Ed Keener	Bob Miller
Cement Block Pick-up	Dustin Miller
Fred Wilt	Bill Gaffney
Ed Keener	Mike Gaffney
Dean Snyder	Nick Price
Jim and Jimmy Kiern	Phillip Rearich
Bob Shaffer	Andrew Zankl
Billy and Dustin Boyd	Andy Obin
See your name here Volunteer!	

MCTU Collectibles

The chapter has several items that over the years have become collectible to the angling community. In 1994 a MCTU Trout Button was established to help generate funds to purchase feed for the trout at the cooperative trout nursery. The anglers along the Muddy Creek Watershed who initially purchased these buttons to help feed the trout at the cooperative nursery now not only help feed the fish but also add to their personal collection.

In 1995 the MCTU Trout Fund Decal was established to raise funds to help cover all the cooperative trout nursery's operating expenses at. The Trout Fund Decal proceeds are used for all aspects of the nursery operations, from raising trout, stocking trout and maintaining the nursery grounds. The Trout Fund Decal has made it possible for the purchase of a new facility to make operating the nursery more efficient and volunteer friendly .

Both the MCTU Button & the MCTU Trout Fund Decal have become collectible items for anglers who visit the Muddy Creek Watershed. MCTU has a limited supply of previous years Buttons & Decals available for those wishing to collect these items.

The MCTU Collectible Patch was established in 2004 to celebrate the chapter's 15th year anniversary and also to generate an annual funding source. The MCTU collectible patch for 2007 is in the designing stage and we are open to suggestions for new designs.

Member Don Jones has been instrumental in starting the collectible patch program for MCTU and has been the major seller of our collectible patches. Don is an avid patch collector with a tremendous collection of patches created by many organizations and agencies. Years of involvement in patch collecting has provided Don with many contacts with other collectors to promote the MCTU collectible patches.

MCTU has a very limited supplies of the past years patches available. Once the patches are sold out by MCTU the only possible way to get these patches for your collection is through a collector who may have extra patches and are willing to sell. Like any collectible item that is no longer available the value increases, so purchasing items to full collections will come at a price.

Fall and winter fishing on Muddy Creek can be productive. Many wild browns are reported being caught this fall all over the watershed. Probably a result of our incubator system. These small fish 7-11" are extremely colorful with brilliant red spots and translucent amber fins with a red tipped adipose fin and are exciting to catch regardless of their origin.

Remember they've grown from fry and are likely to reproduce on their own providing increased angling opportunities. Practice CPR - Catch, Photograph and Release. These gems deserve it.

MCTU Collectibles cont.

Don has created many ways in which to display collectibles and is willing to share his knowledge and ideas on this subject. If you are looking for collectible patches to fill a collection contact Don Jones at 717-244-2070

NOTE: MCTU is updating our patch collector's list. So we can notify collectors first when the annual patch is available. Please contact MCTU to update our patch list or E-mail the website with the Topic Patches. Name - address - phone number. Contact information on side bar of page 2 in this newsletter.

Incubator Site Preparation Volunteers Wanted

Well it is getting colder outside and that means it is incubator site preparation time. We need to get to each site before the eggs arrive and make minor repairs and restore flows to the incubators. We are looking for a few volunteers interested in helping with this exciting program.

Eyed brown trout eggs have been ordered and will need placed in late November or early December. This usually occurs during the week at a moments notice. We will need to pick the eggs up at one of the State fish hatcheries and will need about 4 volunteers to assist with the planting of the eggs in the incubators, which takes about half the day.

Give Ron or Maurice a call, or E-mail the website if you would like to lend a hand during the week or on a weekend, preparing the incubators or planting the eggs.

Co-op Nursery Feeders Wanted

MCTU trout nursery volunteers are the life blood of our Co-op nursery program. As Ron stated in the Presidents message we cannot thank them enough for what they do day-in and day-out to produce the quality fish MCTU stocks each trout season. Over the past few years we have been fortunate enough to have a solid team of feeders who have volunteered.

It is time to give some of these folks a break from the routine. Two reliable volunteers have expressed an interest in stepping down and would like for us to find replacements for their weekly effort. They've been kind enough to keep feeding until we find a replacement.

If you have some extra time during the day to volunteer, preferably early to mid-day, contact Maurice to get on the Co-op Nursery Feeding schedule.

A typical day involves an overall system check for clogged screens, removing dead fish, putting feed in the hoppers and recording some standard data. It only takes about 20 minutes. We have an opening during the week and one on the weekend and can even make your routine bi-weekly if that suits.

It is important for the co-op nursery to have adequate volunteers so we do not over-tax the folks who donate their time and effort each and ever day. Many hands make light work. Please consider volunteering as a nursery feeder for MCTU.

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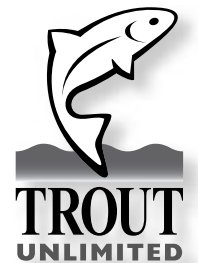
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*The 2004 15th Anniversary
 MCTU Patch "Joe Muddy"*
 Now \$10.00*

Buy the complete set or continue your collection with the 2005 patch featuring...
"The Forks"

...and for 2006,
"Castle Fin Station"
 (shown below)
 Get all three for \$20.00
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**"Conserve,
 Protect,
 Restore"**

Wanted - Wanted - Wanted - Wanted - Wanted
 This a list of some items the chapter is in need of for this fall. If you have something you'd like to donate, give an officer or director a call. We appreciate your support.

- Cement blocks for leading edge walls at COOP. **Completed**
- Non-working chest type freezers for feed storage. **Completed**
- A working refrigerator for the COOP to hold cold drinks.
- Non-working upright freezers for incubators.



MCTU 2006 Collectors Patch

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited has committed to continuing the collectable patch fund raiser. This years patch features "Castle Fin Station". Get your 2006 patch for \$6.00 at the York Outdoor Show, Opening Day Food Stands, Chapter meetings, and on our web site. Visit our web site to see the patch in color or to place an order.

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