



Muddy Matters

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The Newsletter of the Muddy Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

October 2004

Next Meeting November 17, 2004; 7 p.m. at the Collinsville Fish & Game Club

Upcoming Chapter Events

October 20, 2004

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

October 24, 2004

**Work Day - Nursery Winterization,
Tree planting at the Forks and Incuba-
tor Preparation.** - 9:00am until Mid
Afternoon. Meeting at the Co-op Nursery.

October 25, 2004

Red Lion Halloween Parade - 7:00PM
along Main Street (route 24) in Red Lion
MCTU will be there - Look for us!

*Look for a workday in November
to finish up the necessary work be-
fore winter. Contact Ron Heuston if
November better suites you!*

November 17, 2004

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

December 15, 2004

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

Trick or Trout!

Muddy Creek TU will be participating in the Red Lion Halloween Parade this year. This idea came to us from Billy Boyd who will be "running the show" during our glide down main street in the "Trout Mobile". A few members and their kids have volunteered to help shower the crowd with candy during the parade. Bring the kids in their Halloween Costumes for fun. Contact Billy Boyd if you would like to join the parade with MCTU.

President's Message

The record setting amounts of rainfall this year has created many changes throughout the Muddy Creek Watershed. Some holes have been lost and new pools created by these events. Plenty of damage has occurred during these flooding events, which has created extra work for landowners as well as our chapter. However, on the plus side, the trout have fared well in the watershed, much better than during the drought years. Reports of good angling opportunities existed all season throughout the watershed.

The fall stocking has been completed with some nice size brown trout being stocked throughout the watershed from our co-op nursery. The anglers who enjoy the fishing opportunities on the Muddy Creek Watershed need to be reminded that MCTU is responsible for stocking the Muddy Creek watershed, not just the trout from the Co-op nursery, but the PF&BC stockings as well. Without the dedication of many individuals, from the nursery staff to the stocking committee, the fishing we enjoy on Muddy Creek would not be possible.

It is easy to spend a day on the stream and not think about the work that is involved in stocking fish throughout the watershed. The work done by these volunteers is pretty much a thankless job. These volunteers truly deserve a great round of applause for the dedication and superb work. The dedication of these folks come from the fact they care and want to have the best fishing opportunities possible for the anglers of Muddy Creek. The stockings are work, but are very enjoyable - the camaraderie is excellent. I invite all anglers who enjoy the fishing on Muddy Creek to get involved in at least one stocking a year. You'll be glad you did.

To the volunteers at the nursery and the stocking committee,

Thanks for another successful year!

Ronald Heuston - President

Welcome New Members

Philip Hamme
Eric Melby
Scott Arentz
Toren Shirk
Sue Green

Opportunities to assist with stocking and working at chapter sponsored events are always available. Contact an Officer or Director for details related to the many projects mentioned in this newsletter.
Help MCTU accomplish our goals!

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PF&BC Waterways Conservation Officer
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**Anglers Beware!
Hunting Season is Underway!**

It may be in the best interest for anglers at this time of year to wear an item of safety orange clothing (Hat) while fishing. Hunters will be using the entire watershed, not just the game lands that border the DHFFO area. Also many of the gracious landowners that have their properties open to fishing may be hunting in tree stands located along the watershed. Please do not encroach on these stand sites. Please give them their space. There is plenty of water to fish.

The watershed is a multi use area throughout the year and by using some common sense, conflicts can be avoided. Enjoy the fall season and the great fishing that Muddy Creek has to offer while respecting the hunters and landowners as well.

Fall Trout Stocking

We have completed the stocking of our holdover trout from the chapter Co-op Nursery. Nearly 550 brown trout have been stocked in Muddy Creek from below the MC Forks to nearly two miles below Woodbine. These holdovers ranged from 12"-17" in length and were very heavy. Strangely enough, angler reports in these areas after stocking did not include catching any of these brutes. but more recent experiences have proven they are beginning to feed.

The DHFFO Area was also stocked with 400 fish from the PF&BC on October 6th. Thank you are in order the folks who volunteered their time and effort to the chapter to help with these stockings. Special thanks the landowners who allow access to fish these reaches and to Rich Englar, Dave Pickel and Jan Pickel for allowing the use of their pick-ups to move fish and equipment to and from the stockings. Without these volunteers and dedicated individuals, trout fishing in Muddy Creek would be limited to a few spots along the road where fish can be stocked directly from PF&BC truck.

If you plan to go after these fish...please take notice to the warning above about fishing during Hunting Season. Or, go fishing on Sunday. Either way, be safe and enjoy the fishing along Muddy Creek.

Y W C Proposal Update

Last month we urged you to respond to a public comment period offered by the PF&BC regarding the Classification change of the Right Hand Branch of Yonug Womans Creek in Clinton County. Since then the Commission has had their Fall meeting and have come to the following resolution.

Young Womans Creek (RB), formerly designated a Class A Wild Trout stream under Selective Harvest Regulations has been changed to Catch & Release regulations. It has also lost its status as a Class A stream because of the two most recent surveys which indicated it's drop from Class A to Class B biomass of wild brown trout.

Beginning January 1st, 2005 the new C&R regulation will allow for "light stockings" of trout from the F&BC as well as the Western Clinton County Sportsmans Association from their Co-op Nursery located on a tributary along the C&R section. The good news is there will be no harvest allowed from this beautiful Wild Trout Stream. The bad news is, the stocked trout will compete with the wild trout for survival while providing an "enhanced angler experience" for the visitors to this area. This "compromise" is seen by the F&BC as trying to please both constituencies of their license base. Unfortunately, the potential loser in all of this are the wild trout of RB YMC.

Wild trout enthusiast are hopeful that the wild trout will dominate these stocked trout for forage and feeding lies and increase their population back up to Class A status.

Workday Planned for October 24th.

MCTU is planning a workday on Sunday October 24th from 9:00am until mid to late afternoon. We would like to take care of some tasks such as; finishing the planting at the MC Forks, the cables at the DHFFO area, the Incubator Preparation, Nursery Winterization.

We selected a Sunday because we know some of our members hunt on Saturdays and even extended it into the afternoon to allow a greater opportunity for members to volunteer. These tasks need to get done before winter so please try to attend. The more volunteers, the greater the chance we accomplish our goals. Stop by the Nursery between 9:00am and 1:00pm to get on a crew. Help make a difference along Muddy Creek. ***See you there!***

Nursery Building Update!

On October 11, 2004 Chanceford Township approved the design for excavation and construction of the building plan at the Co op nursery. MCTU is requesting quotes from several manufacturers. The new building dimensions are 14'X34' with 7' walls with barn style roof, vinyl siding, a garage door, one standard door, door and window locks, windows and vents. We are also requesting quotations on the masonry work. The construction site will need to be filled and graded for final measurements and stakes placed for the cement slab placement. Several trees need to be removed before excavation work can begin. Once excavation work is completed the masonry work can begin.

Growing Greener

The Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Plan for the North Branch Muddy Creek Phase-1 project has been approved by the York County Conservation District. On Monday October 18th Aquatic Resource Restoration Company hand delivered the Joint Permit Application to the Department Of Environmental Protection office in Harrisburg, Pa. Along with the one time Permit Application fee of \$200.00.

The permit application, design, and construction plans will be in review at the DEP for minimum of 100 days. Construction of the North Branch Muddy Creek Phase-1 project is scheduled for the spring of 2005.

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.

<i>Watershed Weekend Tree Planting</i>	<i>DHALO Area Stocking Oct 6, 2004</i>	<i>Co Op Stockings of Holdovers</i>
Dave Pickel	Rich Englar	Jan Pickel
Jim Keirn & Family	Dave Pickel	Harry Martin
Bob Shaffer	Ed Keener	Lynn Stone
Skip Missimer	Lynn Stone	Ed Keener
Gary Peacock	Rick Snyder	Rick Snyder
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	Maurice	
	Bob Shaffer	

Streamside Incubators

40,000 eyed brown trout eggs have been order from the PF&BC for the streamside incubator program. We had lost 60% of our hatching boxes during the flooding events. Repairs need to be made on the remaining incubators and put back into working order. Eggs will be available for pick up in November from the Huntsdale Fish Culture Station in Carlise, Pa.

We are planning a work day on October 24th to get the sites ready. We will also need some assistance picking up the eggs and placing them in the boxes. If you would like to be a part of the Incubator team, contact Ron Heuston to become a volunteer for this fun and rewarding program.

Watershed Weekend Report

On Saturday September 25th MCTU members and volunteers participated in the WAY's Weekend Watershed Tour by conducting a tree planting at the Muddy Creek Forks.

Twelve enthusiastic volunteers planted 50 White Pine seedlings along the flood plain on both sides of the stream to provide shading for the stream and a riparian area for future bank stabilizing plants. These trees should grow upwards of 75'-100' in only a few decades. Look for more riparian buffer plantings next spring when willow staking is a more practical technique for vegetating stream banks. Contact Maurice if you are interested in joining the Riparian Buffer Committee. It very fun work and rewarding rewarding too.

Muddy Creek Forks Project Complete, Ready For Shrubs

The MC Forks project is complete! The tree has been removed and the bank stabilized. Now it is time for planting shrubs and trees on the bank and flood plain. We are getting some 250 trees and shrubs from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation for planting this fall before the October 25th Workday.

Come help plant them with us. If we do not get them all in that day, we will be doing it again in the next few weeks before the winter freeze. Let us know if you would like to join the riparian planting team.

Co-op Nursery Update

As stated above the Holdovers have been stocked from the Nursery. We decided to not hold any large trout over winter because of the space necessary to keep them. This was further illustrated to us with a recent high water event where we lost over 1,700 fingerlings because of the high water. This year has certainly been one for the books. It has been a tremendous challenge to keep the water flow consistant and the discharge free of gravel deposits which back up the system. We are learning and making changes to prevent future losses but we need more volunteers to monitor the fish on a daily basis so we can react more quickly to urgent conditions. Contact Jan Pickel or Maurice if you would like to help with feeding the trout this winter.

MCTU Agenda and Skills

Needed from Our Volunteers

New Nursery Building -

Carpentry and Masonry skills.

CO-OP Nursery - General Cleanup of the property, plus;

1. Walls removed at intake and stone placement. Stone placement at the Jack Dam. (GP3 Permit). Cut the tress that have fallen during the floods. 2. Install drain and stone driveway. 3. Prepare building site to pour cement slab.

DHFFO Area-

Cables need replaced. *Handicapped Area -* Cement barriers need anchored down.

Streamside Incubators -

Multiple site restorations. (Truck to pick up freezer.)

Lower DHFFO area -

Flood control rehabilitation.

1) Remove and replant trees.

2) Banks stabilization & Habitat.

3) Repair and restore parking areas.

4) Remove RR trestle and grade.

Please Contact any of the officers listed on page 2 if you have skills to offer or would just like to volunteer to help us fulfill our agenda. Project dates and priorities will be scheduled based on the level of membership support we receive.

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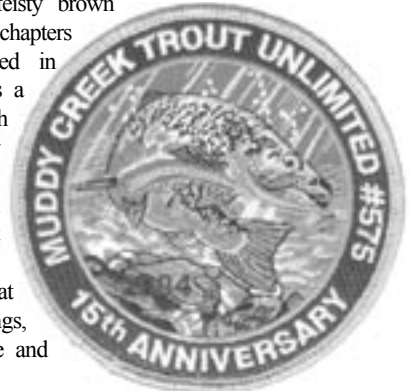
Short Notice on Two Big Events

Fall Work Day October 24th - Meeting at the Nursery at 9:00 am for winterization of the Nursery, Incubator Preparation and Streamside Planting at the Forks.

Halloween Parade October 25th - Join us to help show our colors at the Red Lion Halloween Parade. Bring the kids in their costumes.

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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