



Muddy Matters

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The Newsletter of the Muddy Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

September 2006

Next Meeting September 20, 2006; 7 p.m. at the COOP (Co-op Nursery Building)

Upcoming Chapter Events

August 31, 2006 - Special WORKDAY

3pm til dark at the COOP (Co-op Nursery)
Prep-ing the raceway for the fingerlings!

Sept. 5, 2006 - Special WORKDAY

3pm til dark at the COOP (Co-op Nursery)
Prep-ing the raceway for the fingerlings!

Sept. 7, 2006 - Fingerlings Arrive

Noon at the Co-op Nursery
Come lend a hand.
You gotta see how this is done!

Sept. 20, 2006 - General Meeting

7:00pm at the Co-op Nursery

Sept. 23-24 - Watershed Weekend

Watershed Alliance of York

MCTU Riparian Buffer Planting
Sept 24 Meet at the Nursery 9am-3pm

October 6, 2006 - C&RFFO Stocking

Noon at Muddy Creek Forks
Lots of help needed for this stocking.

October 18, 2006 - General Meeting

7:00pm at the Co-op Nursery

November 15, 2006 - General Meeting

7:00pm at the Co-op Nursery

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 have lots to do this Fall to prepare the plants for winter. We also have a planting on September 24 during the WAY Watershed Weekend. Lend a hand.

Presidents Message

The Muddy Creek chapter has had a very busy and successful year. In April we completed construction on the North Branch Phase-1 project. Last week we completed construction on the Woodbine project. Aquatic Resource Restoration Company will be starting construction on two other projects for the chapter. One is at the lower end of the Catch & Release Fly- Fishing Only Area, and the other at the cooperative nursery. The stream restoration work constructed by ARRC is absolutely awesome! We are fortunate to be working with this outstanding group of people. Their professionalism is top quality. We are MUDDY PROUD of ARRC, for a job well done!

Once the construction is completed at the cooperative nursery we will be starting the construction on our native plant nursery. And the loading dock and cement work will be installed at the COOP. The major part of the interior construction is completed. The new building will be more volunteer friendly and make operations more efficient. New lids have been made for the raceway and will be installed before the fingerlings arrive in September. Anyone who is involved with the stocking and/or feeding operations is encouraged to participate in arranging the furnishings inside the COOP to make operating procedures more effective.

By late fall the construction at the cooperative nursery grounds will be completed and we will have a much better working environment. The floods of 2004 have affected the chapters progress in many ways but this year we have successfully completed one half million dollars worth of stream restoration and got the cooperative nursery into great operating condition. To successfully achieve these goals took a lot of time and volunteers. I am Muddy Proud of all the volunteers who helped make it all happen.

On the back page of this newsletter there are several items listed that we are in need of. If anyone can be of any assistance in obtaining these items please contact MCTU.

With the busy schedule we had this summer MCTU decided not to have a Pig Roast; however we are looking forward to having an open house in the spring at the cooperative nursery. We will provide instruction on fly tying, fly casting, educational tours of the nursery, and project sites with food, beverage and raffles to boot.

I would like to invite the two students whom we sponsored at the Rivers Conservation Camp held at the Allenberry Resort to attend one of our winter meetings and give a report on the Rivers Conservation Camp.

Enjoy the beauty of the fall season. Come join us at one of our scheduled events or work days. We are the leaders in coldwater conservation in Southern York County! Volunteering can make a difference!

MUDDY PROUD!
Ronald Heuston

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Woodbine Growing Greener Project

The Woodbine Growing Greener Project construction began on August 3, 2006. The project involved the restoration of 2,400 feet of Muddy Creek below the Woodbine Bridge, (S.R. 425). The primary goals were to reduce the non-point source pollution (soil loss from bank erosion), improve aquatic habitat, and establish riparian buffers.

Construction consisted of; the removal of a small mid-channel bar, reconstruction of a large point bar, installation of 5 J-hook rock vane structures and several bank structures constructed of logs. At least 900 foot of toe rock was placed with extensive bank grading and an established riparian buffer with over 400 trees and shrubs.

Aquatic Resource Restoration Company did a superb job of documenting the land boundaries, redesigning and constructing the project. A job well done and it is absolutely awesome.

To complete the project, MCTU has the opportunity to selectively place live stakes on this project site to enhance the riparian buffer, aquatic habitat and to help stabilize the banks. Look for winter workdays, around February and March, and volunteer for the live staking of willows and silky dogwoods.

We would like to thank the landowners for their patience with this project. 🌱

**WAY Watershed Weekend
September 23-24, 2006**

The Watershed Alliance of York is sponsoring the 4th annual Watershed Weekend. This two-day event allows watershed groups and municipalities to showcase their conservation efforts, conduct workdays to accomplish buffer plantings and stream clean ups or just have an enjoyable day on the water.

The event objective is to get the counties citizenry involved in watershed conservation and show folks what is involved in protecting one of our most valuable natural resource.

Take a look at the WAY website at www.watershedsyork.org calendar page for details of the participating organizations. There are usually around 15 venues to visit over the two day event.

MCTU plans a riparian buffer planting as our event on Sunday September 24th. Beginning from 9am until 3pm at our chapters Co-op Nursery we will meet and plant native trees and shrubs on a local tributary. We may also get some of our nursery stock ready for winter.

Stop by and lend a hand with the planting, check out our new nursery building "The COOP", or see this years fingerling brown trout. Bring gloves and boots for the planting. All ages are welcome. Join in on the fun! 🌱

PATU Fall Meeting

The state council will host the annual fall meeting at Lock Haven University's Sieg Conference Center on Fishing Creek near Lamar, Pa October 7 and 8. On Saturday morning national TU representatives will conduct a Chapter Relations Workshop. This workshop will give valuable insight on chapter management. Saturday afternoon, PF&BC representatives will conduct a Habitat Improvement Workshop designed to assist chapter volunteers in visualizing habitat improvement projects, learning construction techniques, obtaining permits and identifying fund raising sources.

Saturday evening will feature a Pig Roast, followed by guest speaker, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Howell Raines. Sunday morning the annual membership meeting will be held along with election of state council officers, awards luncheon, and prize raffles. Between sessions you can take advantage of the fall fishing on Fishing Creek. Contact Ron Heuston if you are interested in attending.

COOP Construction Project Whats it take to raise a barn?

Well, so far its taken hundreds of hours of volunteer service from about a dozen members, Just as many hours of planning and coordination from project coordinator Ron Heuston, and lots of patience.

We didn't actually "raise a barn" we bought it, a 14' x 34' shed, actually. Had it delivered, set on stone, that we had delivered and placed on fill that we had designed to put the building above the flood plain. Oh, and we had to remove over a dozen trees to begin the effort...after numerous meetings over where to place the building.

From placement until present (4 mos) we've installed two walls and two doors, office walls, built in shelving, numerous tool and wader hangers. And have fully wired it for lighting and electrical outlets. We also had the old trailer removed and trash disposed of through a roll-off donation from Modern Landfill.

The result is a volunteer friendly facility that replaced a safty hazard. Stop by and have a look, come to a meeting or workday and see it first hand.

Kudos Korner

Special thanks to these members who Volunteered during recent projects.

And to the regular Nursery Feeders:

Please confirm your committment to feeding at the Nursery by contacting Maurice by September 7, 2006. If you are not already a regular feeder, Volunteer, we are always looking for help.

May Meeting Coop Constuction

Ron Heuston
Bob Shaffer
Billy Boyd
Dustin Boyd
Maurice
Vinnie Chioda
Bob Miller

August Meeting-Nursery workday

Ron Heuston
Billy Boyd
Bob Shaffer
Maurice
Bob Miller
Dylan Miller
Andy Obin
Steve Knopp
Ed Keener

June Meeting Coop Constuction

Jim Bucher
Ron Heuston
Billy Boyd
Dustin Boyd
Bob Shaffer
Maurice
Bob Miller
Dylan Miller

See your name here by helping at a project this Fall and Winter Volunteer!



MCTU would like to set up the Nursery trout feeding schedule for the coming Fall thru Spring. If you would like to help at the nursery, caring for and feeding the fish, please give Maurice a call.

Rivers Conservation Camp

MCTU sponsored two youth, Jimmy Kiern and Jesse Bohanan, at the Rivers Conservation Camp held at the Allenberry Resort on the Yellow Breeches in Boiling Springs June 18-23, 2006.

The purpose of the camp is to educate students in the importance of coldwater conservation. Candidates were required to submit an essay on why he or she wished to attend the camp. The classes included 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.

Even though this is a learning experience of a lifetime, it is not all work. There are structured classes in fly tying, fly casting, streamside ethics, angling literature, the evolution of an angler, wading safety and survival, and streamside botany. These classes are designed to provide balance to the textbook classes.

The faculty of the camp is a list of leaders in their respective fields. Including Dr. Robert Behnke considered the foremost trout biologist in the world from Colorado State University. Also leading experts from the fly fishing community volunteer their time & talent.

We would like to sponsor more students in 2007. Look for an announcement in the spring. This is a great way to get the youth of our area involved in coldwater conservatoin.

Fingerling Trout On The Way!

MCTU is preparing the Nursery for the arrival of the fingerling brown trout scheduled to arrive September 7th, 2006.

As part of our effort to get the nursery in shape we've had to flush out the system of silt, remove and clean the airstones, and go over all the screens to check for needed repairs. Late in the season last year it was evident that the raceway screened doors needed repaired or replaced. They were falling apart and the screening was beginning to come apart from the doors.

During the July Meeting, the leadership decided to purchase the materials necessary to rebuild the doors and replace the screen. We utilized the woodworking skills of director, Tom Dube, who volunteered to build them. Bob Shaffer helped out with the assembly. Billy Boyd acquired the wood and had it delivered and Bob Miller picked up some of the necessary hardware. During the August meeting the old doors were taken off and the hardware salvaged. Maurice picked up the screen and Andy Obin began rebuilding the hopper supports. This is a perfect example of a teamwork coming together to perform a task in a short order.



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September 2006 - Muddy Matters Fingerling Trout and Trees. "Fall is for Planting"

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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.

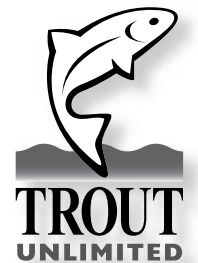
- Cement blocks for loading dock walls at COOP.
- Non-working chest type freezers for feed storage.
- Non-working upright freezers for incubators.
- A working refrigerator for the coop to hold cold drinks.

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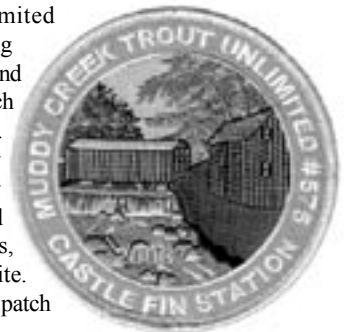
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 Restore"**

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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