



# Muddy Matters

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*The Newsletter of the Muddy Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited*

September 2004

Next Meeting October 20, 2004; 7 p.m. at the Collinsville Fish & Game Club

## Upcoming Chapter Events

**September 25, 2004**

**Watershed Weekend Tour**

**Riparian Buffer Planting at the Muddy Creek Forks - 1PM - 4PM.**

**September 28, 2004**

**Deadline for Action Alert on YWC RB**

**See article inside, Write today!**

**October 6, 2004 (Wednesday)**

**PF&BC stocking of DHFFO Area**

**Help needed! See details inside.**

**October 20, 2004**

**General Meeting - 7:00PM at**

**Collinsville Fish & Game Club**

**November 17, 2004**

**General Meeting - 7:00PM at**

**Collinsville Fish & Game Club**

### Editor's Note:

It has been a few months since **Muddy Matters** arrived at your mailbox. We apologize for "taking the Summer off." I can assure you we have been very busy with chapter activities as you will see inside this issue.

During the Mothers Day thunderstorm, Not only did the North Branch Flood but my computers hard drive crashed, (along with my modem, network adapter, etc.) due to a lightning strike.

It took a little while to clean up the North Branch and to rebuild my computer. The resulting design changes to this newsletter are long overdue. I hope you like what you see here.

Please notify the Chapter or myself if you have anything to add to make this newsletter the best it can be!

*Maurice Chioda*  
Newsletter Editor

## President's Message

As the summer season slowly comes to a close and children prepare to go back to school, I hope you and your families had a wonderful summer and your travels were safe and enjoyable. With fall approaching we look forward to cooler temperatures and the splendid color change of our landscape, it is also a time for MCTU to get things in order before the winter season. The fall season is a great time to be outdoors participating in MCTU activities.

MCTU has more reparations to make before winter due to the flooding events this year. The membership in the past has come through when needed. We hope you can give some of your time to help in this very special time of need.

### Items that need our immediate attention:

1. DHFFO area cables need to be replaced and hung.
2. Co op Nursery- Flood damage repaired and new building installed.
3. Tyson Road- Stone placed on road for access to stream for fall stocking.
4. Incubator systems repaired and installed.

MCTU needs as much help as possible from its members to successfully get these projects completed by winter. September is the time to order eggs for the incubators. Can we get the incubator systems up and running in time for eggs? If we can't the program will most likely be history. This is the only program of this type in Pennsylvania and only one of two east of the Mississippi. It would be a shame to lose this program due to Mother Nature's wrath. The wild trout that we marvel will rebound and carry out their lifes journey. If the wild trout can rebound so can we! ARE YOU IN?

Think of the joy Mother Nature has given to all of us, and look at the damage she can cause. Our chapter can get through this time of despair, but it will take a chapter effort to get it done. I am Muddy Proud to be associated with this great group of conservationists, we have worked too hard and invested so much to get where we are today. Mother Nature has played her hand and now it is time for MCTU members to play ours. It will take a major effort from our membership to successfully correct the damages from these floods. Some has been completed already but there is much more to do. The membership must rally behind these efforts because it is the membership that makes this chapter successful. Please try to find time to volunteer for one of the projects listed above.

Ronald Heuston - President

## Welcome New Members

John Gross  
Thomas Stine  
James B. Norton  
Chip Crumrine  
Brent Ryer

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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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.*

**Report Water Pollution**

PA Department of Environmental Protection

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**Report Fishing Regulation Violations**

PF&BC Waterways Conservation Officer  
SC Regional Office (717) 486-7087

***Watershed Stewardship Award***

August 10, 2004 Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited President Ron Heuston accepted the Watershed Stewardship Award on behalf of our membership from the York County Conservation District. Gary Peacock Watershed Specialist of YCCD presented the award at their annual picnic..

Gary applauded MCTU's mission to conserve, protect and restore the Muddy Creek watershed for future generations. He gave testimony on the MCTU's programs in southeastern York County; From sponsoring our PF&BC Co-op nursery that raises 7,000 trout per year to our involvement with the DEP Growing Greener program. with the completed assessment of the North Branch and grants awarded for projects on the main stem and the north branch of Muddy Creek. Gary also mentioned our efforts to promote the YCCD's Dirt & Gravel Road program encouraging cooperation with local landowners and Municipal officials throughout the watershed. In addition MCTU sponsors educational programs for youth, a handicapped fishing access area, local fundraisers, stream cleanups, watershed tours, and more.

Following the May 9<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup> storm events MCTU stepped forward and answered the call for volunteers to assist in clean-up efforts covering nearly 10-miles of the North Branch. MCTU made vital landowner contacts, identified stream access points, and encouraged interest and help with the cleanup. A total of 5.75 tons of debris were removed from 7-miles of Muddy Creek and its floodplains between June 9 and June 19, 2004.

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited is committed to being innovative leaders, assisting and educating its members and the public to make the best choices for conserving and protecting our natural resources. These values are consistent with the spirit of the YCCD's mission.

***Co-op Nursery Report***

The 7,000 brown trout fingerlings arrived September 9<sup>th</sup> in good condition. We still have over 500 holdover trout which we plan to stock this fall to provide some fall and winter fishing. Contact Maurice if you can help on weekdays with stocking or tending to and feeding the fish.

***Riparian Buffer Planting***

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited is participating again this year in the Watershed Alliance of York's Watershed Weekend on September 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be 15 venues offered throughout York County and surrounding communities. This event is designed to allow you to "get to know your watershed".

Muddy Creek TU's participation this year will involve a riparian buffer planting along the property of the Muddy Creek Forks General Store. As you know, the North Branch was devastated by the May 8<sup>th</sup> flood resulting in a huge tree being discarded in the middle of the North Branch about 500 yards from the confluence with the South Branch.

Local landowner concerns prompted an inspection of the site by the YCCD's Gary Peacock who contacted MCTU requesting our support and partnership to mitigate the damage this tree continues to do to the stream bank. We are thrilled to be a part of this project which is scheduled to begin the week of September 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a very interesting project because we were able to design the project to incorporate the tree as a deflector that will provide bank stabilization as well as improved habitat for the streams residents.

Our contribution involves the planting of native vegetation along the project area. We plan to do this during Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> between 1PM and 4PM.

Join us during our WAY Watershed Weekend venue and learn more about Muddy Creek TU and the work we do along the banks of your treasured stream.

***Delayed Harvest FFO Stocking***

October 6<sup>th</sup> is the date the DHFFO area is stocked with fish by the PF&BC. This is only partly true...it is our chapter who actually stocks them. Because the fly area is so remote with access at either end, the only way to spread out the fish is to float stock them. This means carrying them over the hill from Bruce Road some 300 yards. This is a task requiring at least a dozen volunteers to carry buckets and floating 5 float boxes nearly 2 miles. And to boot, this stocking is on a Tuesday!

Contact Maurice if you have free time to volunteer for this important stocking. It is a very enjoyable time during a crisp fall day. We will be meeting the stocking truck 12:30PM at Muddy Creek Forks. *See you there!*

## Growing Greener North Branch Muddy Creek Phase-1

The Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Plan for the North Branch Phase-1 was submitted to the York County Conservation District on May 6, 2004. The design and permit are ready to go once we get the letter of approval form YCCD.

The YCCD is requesting that our contractor Aquatic Resource Restoration Company consider other Best Management Practices to reduce the temporary impacts of muddy water such as pumping the water around the work sites. This would greatly affect the construction budget. The temporary disturbance of sediment during construction of several days is nothing compared to the disturbance of sediment with each rain event. Once the construction is completed a reach of stream is restored, erosion and sediment loads will no longer occur during each rain event. It is a small price to pay to restore the stream banks, thereby stopping erosion.

On September 13<sup>th</sup> ARRC, YCCD, DEP, PF&BC and members of the Keystone Stream Team will meet to try to find a solution to this issue of muddy water during stream restoration construction. As the issue of muddy water is being played out, the rains of Hurricane Frances and Ivan will move through York County, erode more of the project area, pushing sediment loads throughout the watershed and beyond causing MUDDY WATER!

Once the issue of muddy water is resolved, the E&S Plan can be sent with the design & permit application to DEP for review. Because of these delays, MCTU has requested and received an extension for the completion of North Branch Phase-1 until June 31, 2005.

### Kudos Korner

Special thanks to these members who  
Volunteered during recent projects.

**Handicapped Area Clean-up**   **Nursery Prep & Signs for DHFFO area**   **MC Forks Tree Removal**

Ed Keener	Ike Lycett	Billy Boyd
Elmer Seuck	Ron Huston	Dustin Boyd
Tom Dubé	Jim Bucher	Brett Ryer
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Maurice	Bob Shaffer	

## Action Alert! Young Womans Creek

The Right Branch of Young Woman's Creek in Clinton County is considered by many to be one of the best freestone wild trout streams in PA. A trout population survey conducted by PFBC in 1979 had determined that Young Woman's Creek RB met the biomass criteria for Class A Mixed Wild Brook and Brown Trout fishery.

The Selective Harvest regulations, which extends 5.7 miles on Young Woman's Creek RB, are being eliminated and the streams re-classified under other existing regulations. In recent years, YWC RB has declined from Class A to a Class B biomass and is being considered for stocking and reclassification as DHALO. The Western Clinton County Sportsmen's Association favors DHALO. They feel it will bring more anglers to the area to fish a stream which they believe is "under-used".

Ken Undercoffer of PATU, spoke at a special meeting on August 26 in opposition to DHALO. He contends that re-designating the stream DHALO will do little to entice more anglers from outside the Renovo area to consider YWC RB as a "destination" stream. Ken voiced state council's opinion that a non-stocking Catch and Release classification will attract far more anglers from across the state who are looking for a quality wild trout angling experience. Ken further stated that PATU's official position is that no stream with a decent wild trout population (Class A or B) should receive hatchery-stocked fish. He pointed out that the PFBC's own Trout Management guidelines suggest that hatchery supplements in DHALO waters should be used only where the biomass falls into Class C or D categories.

Ken stated that contributing factors to the lower biomass are; several back-to-back drought years, and the fact that brown trout especially take longer to re-establish their stocks due to their longer reproductive cycle. He also pointed out that TU is not opposed to the use of hatchery trout to enhance fishing opportunities, but that introduction of hatchery trout has been shown by PFBC's own data to adversely impact a healthy wild trout population.

While this situation presently affects just the Young Woman's Creek RB, PATU is concerned that a precedent could be set to change the classifications of other significant PA wild trout streams which are found by PFBC to harbor anything less than a Class A biomass.

## Action Alert! YWC RB (continued)

If you agree that this represents a potential loss of treasured water, we encourage you to participate in the Public Comment Period provided by the PF&BC for this proposal. Write your opinions prior to **September 28, deadline** to;

Dr. Douglas Austen, Executive Director  
PFBC, P.O. Box 67000

Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000

or email comments to;

[ra-pfbcregs@state.pa.us](mailto:ra-pfbcregs@state.pa.us) Be sure to include the topic in the subject line.

### MCTU Agenda and Skills Needed from Our Volunteer Membership

#### 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.

#### Tyson Road Project- Complete stocking access road. (Loader and or backhoe)

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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### ***Heavy Equipment Operator Needed***

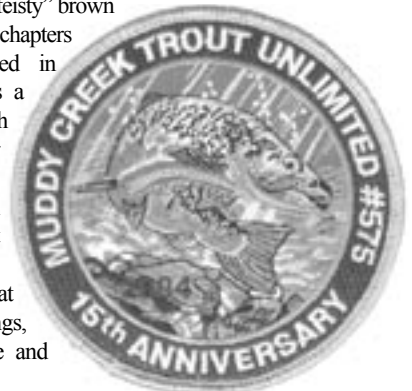
MCTU is requesting the services of a backhoe and operator for several projects on our agenda.

- 1.) Tyson Road project. (One half to a full day) ASAP!
- 2.) MCTU Co-op Nursery project. (about a day)
- 3.) Lower DHFFO area.

If you, or anyone you know has the skills and/or equipment and are willing to volunteer, please contact Ron Heuston. *Thanks!*

### **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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