



Muddy Matters

**TROUT
UNLIMITED**

The Newsletter of the Muddy Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Winter 2010

Next Meeting March 17, 2010; 7:00 p.m. at the Collinsville Fish & Game Club.

Upcoming Chapter Events

March 17th, 2010 - General Meeting
7:00pm Collinsville F&G Club
Cabin Fever Fly Tying and Gear Swap.

March 20 & 27, 2010 - NBMC Planting.
Meeting Place Felton Post Office 9am

**April 3rd, 2010 - Trout Opener for
Southeast Region.**
Opening Day Food Stands - Volunteer!

April 10, 17th, 2010 - NBMC Planting.
Meeting Place Felton Post Office 9am

April 21st, 2010 - General Meeting
7:00pm Collinsville F&G Club
DVD night - Select Trout DVD's

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***Get the 2010 Collector Patch
featuring Orson Run***

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***Approved Trout Waters are open to
fishing with a three trout limit until
March 1, 2010.***

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***What would you like to see
the Chapter do in the future?***

***You can be a part of the decision
making process by volunteering
some of your time and skills in
a leadership role. Or volunteer
for one of the many committees
that remain open. This is your
chapter, be an active member in
our success.***

***Come to the meeting March 17th
and throw your hat in the ring.***

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

I would like to extend a 2010 New Years greeting to all our members and friends. Thats right, I am back as your "acting" president until we can find someone to fill the position. All of the executive leadership retained their positions during the election of officers in October. So here we go again! We were fortunate to have Fred Hess and Trent Bentzel step up as directors and they have already executed a couple very important decisions for the chapter. MCTU is very eager to expand our BOD and groom interested individuals to hold leadership roles. Please consider making a pledge to become more involved in the chapter leadership and perhaps extend some personal time toward a leadership role.

The Summer through Fall and Winter were a busy six months for MCTU. In addition to a couple instream tree removals, volunteers worked on a bank grading project at Spencer run, planted some plants, maintained the chapters plant nursery, covered the hoophouse for winter, stocked over 500 Chapter trout and another 300 from the PF&BC and planted over 100,000 brown trout eggs in the streamside incubators. We also received our 2010 crop of brown trout through the Co-operative Nursery Unit of the PF&BC. This year we ordered 8,000 brown trout and we've already stocked 1,000 of them. By the time you receive this there should be newly stocked trout in the streams for winter fishing. We have been busy alright, and thanks to several dedicated volunteers we were able to continue these staple programs for our members.

We also have been very busy behind the scenes with administrative duties including the filing of the Financial Reports and the negotiations and execution of contracts with the Watershed Alliance of York (WAY) for the Pine Run Growing Greener II grant. This project should begin in early 2010 and MCTU has pledged over \$10,000.00 in plant material and volunteer labor for the riparian buffer. In addition to this project, we have come to learn that the Felton Boro reach of the North Branch Growing Greener project is underway. Here too, we have a substantial commitment toward planting and plant material pledged in this grant. This project has a deadline of June 2010 so we will be busy this winter and spring. We also have a few projects in the hopper that must be completed this spring around the nursery; the jack dam replacement and help with a fencing project upstream on Toms run.

These conservation projects are vital to the mission of our chapter. We also have over 7,000 more fish to stock this season so you can see we have our work cut out for us.

There will be plenty of opportunities to lend a hand. Are you up for it? We will be requesting volunteer support through email, on the website and over the phone if you wish to communicate this way. If you enjoy fishing or just enjoy the beauty of Muddy Creek, I urge you to become an active steward to help Conserve, Protect and Restore the Muddy Creek watershed.

Yours in Conservation,

Maurice

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(1) Gary Mink
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(2) Fred Hess 650-6556

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(Vacant) Volunteer!

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(Vacant) Volunteer!

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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
717-705-4741 After Hours: 877-333-1904

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

**CABIN FEVER MEETING
March 17th.**

In March MCTU will hold another Cabin Fever gear swap and tying session to shake off the cobwebs. Bring your tying vice and materials and learn a few tricks from the gang or show off a few of your own. This is always a well received and enjoyable event. The Chapter will have our merchandise on display for sale including; fishing caps, trout fund buttons, Back the Brookie license plates, and our fly selection for those interested in preparing for the spring trout season.

Come out and enjoy the camaraderie and support the chapters fundraising efforts.

**RIPARIAN BUFFER PLANTINGS
ON TAP FOR SPRING 2010**

MCTU has several committed projects this spring mostly involving the planting of riparian buffers on two Growing Greener projects, one on the North Branch and the other on Pine Run. The North Branch GG Phase II project extends from the upper project along Rippling Run Road to the lower bridge at the Felton Boro line. This project is scheduled to be completed by June 2010. We expect the planting to occur in late March and April. See the schedule on page 1 for dates. We have pledged over 200 hours of in-kind match toward planting so we will need all hands on deck. Stay tuned for details of the Pine Run project via email blasts announcing work days.

Contact Maurice via the Website or by phone if you would like to help with the planting efforts.

**C&R FFO AREA STOCKING
REPORT**

The PA F&BC delivered the preseason allocation of trout for the Muddy Creek Catch and Release Fly Fishing Only Area on February 16th. As you can imagine the task was a daunting one. Temperature in the 20's with windchill in the teens. Two feet of snow on the ground with drifting causing many roads to close in SE York County. These conditions didn't stop the 10 hearty souls who shoveled snow, carried buckets and float stocked the 800 trout in the C&R FFO area that day.

Actually it was an enjoyable task once we had the logistics set up and began moving fish to the creek. A warm thank you goes out to the gang that responded on short notice to stock the Fly Area.

**OPENING DAY FOOD STAND
VOLUNTEERS**

Opening day food stands have proven to be a very profitable fundraiser for the club over the years, and we would like to continue that tradition. We will be running our usual stands at High Rock and Woodbine

Help is needed to operate the stands, prepare food items and sell patches, hats, buttons, etc. You don't have to be there all day; volunteering for 2-3 hour intervals is usually all that is necessary.

Give MCTU a hand on this special event if you don't want the on-stream hassle of opening day! Help will be needed from 6:30 am until 2 pm. Contact Bob Shaffer no later than March 31 at 246-4512 or bshaffer412@yahoo.com if you can volunteer for a few hours.

WORKDAYS REPORT

MCTU volunteers were busy this past summer and fall with several projects including; plant nursery maintenance, bank grading and planting at Spencer run and putting the plastic on the hoop house. We also had an emergency project thrown at us when a large maple tree split and restricted the flow of Toms Run near the Nursery.

In January several volunteers assisted Ron with the North Branch post construction monitoring. Our task was to find the landmark pins to do the cross sections required in the grant agreement. We found all but two using a metal detector. Once the snow melts, we will have to do the cross sections. Contact Ron Heuston if you would like to help with this. effort.

BACK THE BROOKIE

License plates to help protect the Native Brook Trout can be purchased for \$20.00 plus shipping from our chapter. MCTU makes \$5.00 per plate if bought from us. Contact Bob Shaffer for details. Help support MCTU and our state fish. **Back the Brookie!**



DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT STUFF

MCTU is eager to find volunteers to fill vacant committee chairs. Some of our leaders wear multiple hats and would like to see some relief in their responsibilities. If you have an interest in conservation or have a talent or skill regarding; financial matters, editing, gardening, publishing or just want to help feed or stock fish, we have a position for you. We enjoy sharing our responsibilities and your efforts will always be thanked and appreciated. Contact any director or leader if you would like to volunteer.

RED LION STREET FAIR REPORT

On August 8th, 2009 MCTU tended a booth at the Red Lion Street Fair. Ten new members were added to the roster through the efforts of the volunteers. Thanks to the folks who volunteered their time to present MCTU to the public as well as make a few bucks for our conservation efforts. Over \$100 was brought in from selling bottled water, hats, flies and patches.

CO-OP NURSERY REPORT

In September 2009 MCTU received 8,000 brown trout fingerlings. Thanks to the mild fall weather and our dedicated volunteers who tend to these trout, mortality has been extremely low. In fact, we had to stock 1,000 of them in January to make room for their growth. The stocking occurred January 16th with 500 trout going into the North Branch from High Rock to the Forks and 500 in the South Branch Between Alum Rock and the white bridge. We expect to stock once again preseason in March. Look for an email notification or contact Maurice if you are interested in helping. No dates for the inseason stockings of 2010 have been set at this time.

In September MCTU stocked 550 holdover trout in both the fly area and open waters. MCTU volunteers also helped with the State Stocking of the fly area in October. and again just a few weeks ago in February.

INCUBATOR REPORT

Once again volunteers from MCTU have successfully planted over 100,000 eyed brown trout eggs in three tributary locations in the Muddy Creek watershed. This years hatch was one of the best ever with more than a 90% overall hatch rate.

We have refined this program through careful analysis of the process and coordination with the Fish and Boat Commission to get the eggs at just the right time to ensure a successful hatch. Year after year these dedicated volunteers make the necessary repairs to the incubators, clean and disinfect them, travel to Huntsdale to pick up the eggs and deliver them to the three sites where another team plants them in the Whitlock Vibert boxes. Within a week or two the sac fry are hatched and on their way to becoming residents of the stream. MCTU is very proud of the efforts of these volunteers who make this program the success it is. Check out our website for more on the incubator program.

TIC REPORT

MCTU sponsored a Trout in the Classroom Program in the Fall of 2009 at the Central High School. MCTU along with Dave Mueller applied for and were awarded this matching funds grant through the PA Council of Trout Unlimited and The Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission's Sportfishing and Aquatic Resource Education Grant.

Our latest report from is that the Brook Trout are doing fine and are expected to be released into the North Branch sometime in March. Check our website for more details about this exciting program.

Kudos Korner

Special thanks to these members who Volunteered during recent projects and to the regular Nursery Feeders

Maurice, Ed Keener, Bob Shaffer, Mike Hilliar, Richard McCarter Jan Pickel, Fred Wilt
Please consider helping to feed the fish at the Nursery by contacting Maurice.

Tree Removal on North Branch Muddy Creek
Ron Heuston
Maurice
James Cooper

August 23rd - Tree Removal at the Nursery
Maurice
Gary Mink
Stephen Mink
Jonathon Mink
Harold Grim

Incubator Planting Prep and Clean up
Rich McCarter
Fred Bridge
Dale
Jake Romig
Fred Hess
Maurice
Bob Shaffer

Jan 31st - North Branch Survey
Ron Heuston
Phil Hamm
Maurice
Steve Francis

October Fly Area Stocking
Jan Pickel
Jim Bucher
Fred Hess
Skip Missimer
Harold Grim
Jeff Stoudt
Tim Glatfelter
Rick Glatfelter

September 5th Holdover Stocking

Maurice
Bob Shaffer
Jan Pickel
Jim Bucher
Rich McCarter
Bob Miller
Dylan Miller
Ed Keener
Harold Grimm
Terry Grove

January 16th Stocking North and South Branches

Maurice
Fred Hess
Jan Pickel
Bob Shaffer
Rich McCarter
Ray Reuse
Fred Wilt
Harold Grim
Steve Francis

February Fly Area Stocking

Jan Pickel
Fred Wilt
Rich McCarter
Dennis Leight
Jere Saxinger
Mike Saxinger
Glenn Grimes
Steve Francis
Mike McWilliams
Maurice

August 8th Red Lion Street Fair
Ron Heuston
Billy Boyd
Laura Smith
Eric Smith
Trent Bentzel
Bob Shaffer

MCTU Collector Patch Sales
Don Jones

Snow Removal
Gary Wolford
Fred Wilt

Co-op Nursery Salt Donation
Wes Corey

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Dustin Boyd

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Thank You Volunteers!



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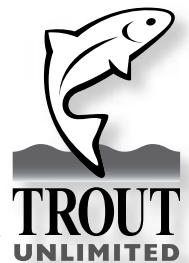
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***“Conserve,
 Protect,
 Restore”***

MCTU Volunteer Opportunities

Make a difference by taking a full role or assisting with any of these current openings:

- *Newsletter Editor - Quarterly publication.*
- *Fundraising - Coordinate our fundraising efforts.*
- *Riparian Buffers - Help with planning, planting and Nursery.*
- *Stocking Coordinator - Co-op and/or State stocking.*
- *Entertainment Chair - organize meeting entertainment.*
- *Financial Reports - IRS & TU National reportings.*

MCTU 2009 Collectors Patch

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited is committed to continuing the collectable patch fund raiser. Our 2010 Patch boasts a scene of an angler fishing the Orson Run trestle area on a red background for \$6.00 at Chapter meetings, and on our web site. We are nearly sold out of all other Patches. Visit our web site to see the 2010 20th Anniversary patch in color or to place an order.
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