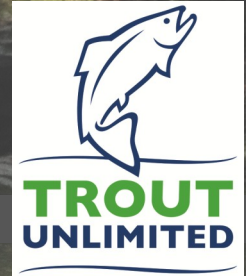


MUDDY MATTERS

The Newsletter of the Muddy Creek Chapter #575 of Trout Unlimited

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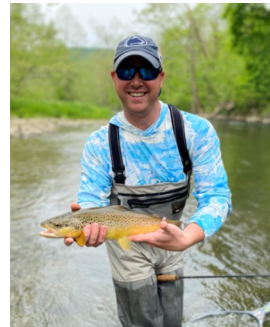


Summer 2021 Issue

From the President's Vest

Greetings Muddy Creek TU –

We waded into the spring of 2021 as if the waters were high and pushing grass - with caution. We held our monthly meetings remotely and were able to connect with exciting and inspiring guests as we hosted; Dom Swentosky of Troutbitten, Author and Guide - Henry Ramsay, WCO Rachael Thurner-Diaz, and Addie Dees from Wyoming's Ugly Bug Fly Shop. Further caution was observed as we elected to forego our annual Opening Day food stand fundraiser, TIC release days, and other in-person activities.



Yet as the waters recede, we're running into the summer months with big plans for the fall, and it's exciting to see the energy returning to the chapter. There's nothing quite like the magic created by a group of volunteers putting a shovel in the ground in the name of conservation. And as the calendar turns to July with stream temps boiling in the low 80's and flows at half of their historical average, our mission is more important than ever.

Looking ahead to the back half of the year, there are numerous opportunities to get involved. In September, Jim Keirn is championing our first Women's Intro to Fly Fishing Clinic – a great opportunity to increase our diversity in the chapter and on the water. In early October, we'll bring back a heartwarming MCTU tradition to host vision impaired children and their families streamside. We'll follow that up with our annual Fall Fest and Landowner Appreciation Event, and finish the year strong with another large riparian buffer zone planting along Leibs Creek. Keep an eye on our website for event updates and specifics.

Together, we have some exciting days ahead of us – and all of it possible because of volunteers like YOU! It's important work that we're doing, and I look forward to seeing you out there!

Tight Lines,

Jimmy

Upcoming Events

August 14 - Red Lion Street Fair
9am-4pm volunteer or stop by and say hello.

August 18 - General Meeting
Cooperative Nursery
Meet at 7:00pm

Sept. 15 - General Meeting
Chapter Elections
Cooperative Nursery
Meeting 7pm

September 18 - Womens Fly Fishing Clinic
See inside for details.

October 9th - VisionCorps Fishing Day

October 16th - Fall Fest and Landowner Appreciation Day

Oct. 20th - General Meeting

FISHING NEWS

PLEASE CONSIDER WATER TEMPS IN THE WATERSHED BEFORE TARGETING TROUT IN THE SUMMER. DON'T TARGET TROUT IN WATER OVER 70 DEGREES.

REMEMBER: THE MUDDY CREEK WATERSHED HAS OVER 9 MILES OF STREAM UNDER THE STOCKED TROUT WATERS PROGRAM WITH THE PAF&BC.

ALL OF THIS WATER IS OPEN BY THE GRACE OF GENEROUS LANDOWNERS. PLEASE RESPECT THEIR PROPERTY BY NOT LITTERING AND PICKING UP ANY TRASH YOU MAY FIND ALONG THE STREAM.

WOMEN'S INTRO TO FLY FISHING

SEPTEMBER 18TH

9:00AM – 2:00PM

698 BRIDGETON RD, FAWN GROVE PA



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Summer 2021

RED LION STREET FAIR

MCTU #575 will participate in the Red Lion Street Fair in 2021. This year's event will be held Saturday, August 14. Our booth will be at the same location on East Broadway across from Dale Realty, hours will be 9 am – 4 pm.

The main purpose of our participation is to promote our conservation activities in the Muddy Creek Watershed by providing an educational opportunity to the public, as well as generate some funds for the club from sale of patches, hats, pins and shirts. We will have available the new T-Shirts and hats in several colors and multiple sizes. Price is still just \$12 for shirts and \$15 for hats.

If you are able to donate some time to help at the booth, it would be greatly appreciated. We could use assistance between the hours of 11 am and 4 pm, as well as helping with cleanup at 4 pm. Please contact Bob Shaffer, 717.668-1490 or bshaffer412@yahoo.com, if you are able to assist.

WOMENS FLY FISHING CLINIC

Join Muddy Creek TU and the PA Fish Commission on Saturday, September 18th from 9am to 2pm for our first Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing Clinic. The event will be held on Muddy Creek at 698 Bridgeton Road. Topics covered will be fly tying, basics of fly fishing equipment, casting instruction and much more. After the clinic you can try out your newly learned skills and fish for trout on Muddy Creek with one of our instructors. During this event a fishing license will not be required! There is no cost for the clinic and all equipment will be provided. All participants MUST be 18 or over and waivers Must be signed by everyone attending. Registration will be limited to 30 participants. For more information and to register visit our web page at muddycreektu.org.

VISION CORPS FISHING DAY

Fish On! For vision impaired children, the other four senses are that much bigger. So when a trout hits that lure, the line begins to dance, and the rod starts to flex, it's a big deal. Dating back many years, MCTU has a tradition of hosting the vision impaired community of York County, streamside. It's a day of anticipation and laughter – good food and great people. And it's a tradition that was interrupted in August of 2018 when an incredible flood destroyed the handicapped fishing area on Tom's Run. Yet thanks to the efforts of Fred Wilt, Pat Stoltz, a gracious landowner, and many others – the section has been rehabbed and rededicated, ready to host our guests for what promises to be another incredible day. A day only possible because of MCTU volunteers – come join us on the morning of **Saturday, October 9th** as we host the children and their families of VisionCorps-York. Keep an eye on our website for updates and more information.

INCUBATOR PROGRAM CONTNUUES

We have plans again this year to plant eyed brown trout eggs in our incubator boxes throughout the Muddy Creek Watershed. Chapter volunteers spend over 100 man hours prepping incubator boxes by cleaning and setting up water flows, cleaning and disinfecting the egg hatching boxes, planting the eggs and monitor the sites after the eggs are planted. Work at the sites will begin in September. The eyed eggs are planted usually about the third week of November with egg hatching box removal after most of the fry are out and into the runs which normally takes place in December. We continue to experience and hear of good catches of wild brown trout in our watershed and while there is no actual scientific proof we believe that a good number of these trout originate from this project.

MCTU PLANT NURSERY UPDATE

by Dan Dellinger

At Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited we want to do more than stock amazing brown trout for anglers. We want to help landowners within our watershed and community restore tributaries and stream sections so the trout we stock and those wild brown trout our waters hold can thrive instead of just survive. While this has always been a part of our passion and mission as a TU Chapter we lost our entire plant nursery stock and equipment in the major flooding event of 2018. Over the past three years we've been rebuilding our nursery, rededicating our efforts, and rethinking our approach as a chapter. It is through this process that we've made significant progress on restoration of a section of tributary to the South Branch of Muddy Creek thanks to the partnership of the landowner, and the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay. It is also through this process that we've decided to replenish our own plant nursery at the Co-Op for use on smaller restoration projects.



Most recently I've been able to acquire some Silky Dogwood seedlings. This species is native to our region and form multistemmed shrubs approximately 6 to 8 feet in height and similar width. The Silky Dogwood is great for stream restoration as it not only can provide bank stabilization, but also shade over the stream banks and habitat for large trout. In addition, the species has many

benefits to other wildlife with flowers for honey bees and butterflies starting to show in June. These pollinated flowers then generate many clusters of small berries of a bluish hue in September and October. The berries produced by the Silky Dogwood are high in fat content and are treasured by many species including birds, chipmunks, squirrels, and deer. According to Maryland DCNR, 45 different species of songbirds have been documented feeding on the berries of Silky Dogwoods. It is our hope that we can continue to increase the size and variety of our small plant nursery as we find ways to purchase more plants and materials.

These silky dogwoods and hopefully other species will be used on future restoration projects within the watershed over the coming years so be on the lookout and if interested in helping in a restoration project please reach out to us through the information in the newsletter or find us on Facebook! Lastly, if you or someone you know is looking to spruce up their landscaping please consider the silky dogwood or other native plants to our area as they have far greater benefits than their imported or cultivar counterparts. There are several great native plant nurseries around the area that would love your business and I know the bees, birds, and other wildlife including trout would also greatly appreciate it!



Summer/Fall Meeting Locations

Our Summer and Fall Meetings Beginning in August 2021 will be held at the at the Chapters Cooperative Nursery. We feel we can get together outside and socially distance to protect those attending.

The July Meeting is cancelled.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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RIPARIAN PROJECTS CONTINUE FOR 2021

By Adam Miller

When it comes to making lasting improvements to the resiliency of a watershed and the quality of the water flowing through it, few approaches rival the efficiency and effectiveness of planting riparian forest buffers. As young trees grow, they stabilize the stream bank, create shade for the creek, regulate water flow to the creek during rain storms, and provide habitat for the insects that trout eat. That's why we partnered with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay last fall to plant 500 trees along a tributary to the South Branch of Muddy Creek. Roughly 40 volunteers joined us to plant the 2.6-acre riparian buffer in just 2 hours!



Building on the success of last year's planting, our team immediately began planning a second buffer along a neighboring stretch of creek. We're happy to report that on October 30th, we will be covering another 5.84 acres with 1400 trees! The trees will consist of various species ranging from persimmon, serviceberry, spicebush, and pawpaw in the drier areas to sycamore, black willow, hackberry, swamp white oak, river birch, elderberry, and red-osier dogwood in the wet areas near the creek.

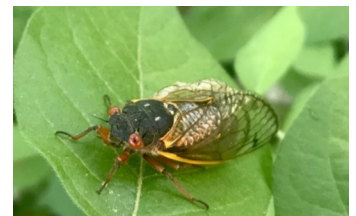
Much like the planting last fall, we're relying on the power of the Muddy Creek community to get these trees in the ground. Watch a video from our previous planting, learn more about our riparian forest efforts, and sign up for the event by visiting treesfortrout.com

MUDDY CREEK FISHING REPORT

The spring 2021 trout season was awesome on Muddy Creek. With normal to above normal flows most of the season we experienced productive fishing early in the season with nymphs and streamers. Little Black Stoneflies made their annual appearance and while I missed the main hatch, reports of good catches in early March were well received. Of course the tan and olive caddis produced with some phenomenal days with double digit catch rates of both browns and rainbows with some wild brown trout mixed in. May rounded out the season with some excellent sulphur hatches. Trout were very active on wet sulphurs swung through riffles.



But the real story was the Brood X 17-year Cicadas. These behemoth bugs came to play at the stream just as the waters began to warm but the weather relented just enough to make for some exciting top water action. Once the fish keyed on them the blowups were in the dozens. Catching was another story though. LOL.





FALL FEST and LANDOWNER APPRECIATION 2021

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 16th. What has been described by many in the valley as the most anticipated event of the year, our annual Fall Fest and Landowner Appreciation Event returns in 2021! And this year, we're going even bigger. The events of the day start and end at our cooperative trout nursery on Ted Wallace Rd, in Brogue. We'll kick it off early in the morning with a One Fly Tournament – a friendly competition on Muddy Creek to crown the first ever MCTU One Fly Champion. Start thinking about which pattern you're going to tie on. For Fred Hess, or Fritz as many know him, you can bet that it'll be a Green Weenie. Afterwards, we'll celebrate the year and our incredible community of landowners with plenty of food, raffles, and fun; a well-deserved #SoYoCo party. In the meantime, mark your calendar, sharpen those hooks, and crunch those barbs. Check our website for updates – we'll see you soon!

Muddy Creek Trout Unlimited Merchandise

We have just received the new T-shirt design in Blue, Olive and Grey, in addition to our classic design (shown left) All T-Shirts are sized from small to XXL and priced at \$12 or \$20 if shipping is required. In addition we've added a new hat logo design donated by Nathan Frohm. Call or email for size and style availability.



Also don't forget about the Travel mugs and wooly bugger earrings \$10/pair. They would make a great gift along with the other items mentioned above.

Please contact Maurice at 717-747-5613 or BOD4@muddycreektu.org

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MCTU COLLECTIBLE PATCHES New for 2021 THE HEMLOCKS

The 2021 MCTU Collectible Patch is in! It features a fly fisherman in the peaceful setting of the Hemlocks. A popular pool at the lower end of the C&R FFO area of Muddy Creek The Hemlocks always seems to have rising fish.

Please help support MCTU and all its programs by purchasing some of our merchandise at one of our events.

