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7 p.m.  
Quality Inn  
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Program:

“Fishing  
the Film”

By

Rob Rohrbach

Upcoming  
Chapter  
Activities

2007  
Fish & Golf  
Tournament

Thursday, June  
14

Fox Chase Golf  
Club

## What's Emerging !

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sadly, we regret the passing of Marie Kutz, Bob Kutz's wife. Marie was a wonderful friend to Donegal Trout Unlimited. She touched many of us as a friend and we remember her fondly. We send our condolences to Bob and his family.

We also send our condolences to the family of Greg Wilson whose mother also passed away.

### THE MAYFLYER

We have the good fortune to welcome Mark McMaster as the new editor of the Mayflyer. We were searching for a new editor and Mark has stepped up to the keyboard. Mark has been publishing an award-winning newsletter for the Susquehanna Orchid Society. We are delighted that he brings that experience to our organization.

For the first time in over twelve years Gary Roulston is not associated with the publishing of our newsletter. We want to thank Gary for his dedication and professionalism over the past years.

We also welcome Bob Albright. Bob has taken on the board position of responsibility for the Mayflyer.

Our newsletter is essential to our organization. It is required by our bylaws. Moreover it is the primary way that we communicate with our members. It is the way that we get our message out about our mission of conserving, protecting and restoring cold water streams in Lancaster County. Along the way we also share information about projects, trips and tips, and chapter events.

You may have noticed that your Mayflyer no longer has a stick-on label. We have made

arrangements for our printer to print your address on the mailing page. They will also sort by zip code and do the mailing. In the past Gary Roulston, Dave Chalfont, Scott Trefny and Garland Gingrich have at one time or another done this chore. It was very time consuming and we want to thank them for their efforts and dedication.

### WEBSITE

We have received a number of inquiries through the Contact Us feature of the website. If you have any questions for us, that is a quick and easy way to get it to us. We will respond promptly.

### ADVERTISING

We welcome new advertisers. If you'd like to place an ad in the Mayflyer the cost is \$150 per year for a business card size ad.

### CONOWINGO

This will be our most ambitious project yet. 126 sites have been identified as impaired. Our early work has been to identify landowners who have

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### APRIL MEETING

Stop settling for hatchery trout! Learn the secrets to fishing the film and fool the Little Lehigh's persnickety, stream bred trout. Rob Rohrbach of the Little Lehigh Fly Shop

<http://www.littlelehighflyshop.com>

will give a Power Point presentation to provide participants with a clear understanding of tackle, tactics and fly selection which are necessary to catch surface feeders during hatch and non-hatch periods.

## LANCASTER COUNTY SPORTSMEN FOR YOUTH

For those of our 500 Donegal T.U. members that are unaware, let me introduce you to an organization called Lancaster County Sportsmen for Youth. The organization is composed of individuals who share a deep concern for Pennsylvania's rich outdoor heritage, and are willing to get involved in passing on these traditions to our future generations.

It is our young people who will be the persons responsible for conserving and protecting our natural environment and also be the ones to carry on our outdoor traditions. Today many youngsters never get the opportunity to experience the outdoors. It is the goal of Lancaster County Sportsmen for Youth to introduce these young people to outdoor activities.

They attempt to accomplish this goal by conducting a program called Youth Field Day. The approach is simple; provide hands-on experiences in a variety of outdoor activities in a single day. Events such as firearms shooting, archery, trapping, boating, outdoor safety and of course fly fishing. The idea is not to attempt intense instruction, but provide them with one-on-one overview of the many activities and experiences available in our fields, forests and waterways.

Every year since 1996 the Youth Field Day program has been a fantastic success. And the success is due to the help received from many dedicated volunteers who donate time and knowledge of the outdoors in an effort to educate our children.

Donegal T. U. has participated with Youth Field Day since its inception and feels very strongly about their efforts and goals. Our involvement consists of one-on-one fly casting instruction, fly tying demonstration and a brief discussion of D. T. U.'s cold water conservation mission and its rewards to the environment. We also supply a tree/shrub seedling from our nursery to every participating youth.

To continue our past efforts, Donegal T. U. is in need of dedicated volunteers on the day of the event. Thanks to Ed Kraft for his full nine hour day of fly tying instruction over the last ten years. But even with Ed's drive

and passion to his craft, he needs relieved from time to time, as do our one-on-one fly casting instructors and other volunteers.

If you have any interest in volunteering with Donegal T. U. on the day of this event, please contact me, Kevin Fausey. H - 626.4003 or [kevin40@ptd.net](mailto:kevin40@ptd.net) I'll be more than happy to give you additional details of the Youth Field Days events and our involvement.

If you have interest in supporting Lancaster County Sportsmen for Youth or would like to pre-register a boy or girl 10 thru 15 years of age for the Youth Field Day event, they can be reached via mail at Youth Field Day, P.O. Box 44, Elizabethtown, PA 17022.

This years' Youth Field Day event will be held at Northern Lancaster County Fish and Game Protective Association in West Cocalico Township. (just north of Rt. 897) on June 9, 2007. The first group of children arrive promptly at 8 am and continue 'til 5 pm.

Please get involved in 'SHARING THE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE'

**KEVIN FAUSEY**

### 2007 FISH AND GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Donegal Chapter of Trout Unlimited is pleased to announce the time and date for its Second Annual Fish & Golf Tournament. The date is: Thursday, June 14, 2007 at the Fox Chase Golf Club in Stevens, Pa (Located just off of Rte. 272 between Ephrata and Denver - see the Fox Chase Golf Club web site: [www.foxchasegolf.com](http://www.foxchasegolf.com) or call their phone number: 717-336-3673 for detailed directions). Check-in will begin at 5:45 AM. The tournament will begin at 6:00 AM with 1 ½ hours of fishing at the course's 3 ponds (½ hr at each pond) and then 18 holes of golf on the beautiful Fox Chase Golf Course beginning at approximately 7:30.

The ponds contain a variety of fish including striped bass, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, catfish and various pan fish (pan fish will not count towards the team's golf handicap). ¼ point for each fish caught by a team will be deducted from the team's gross score. All fishing will be catch and release with either fly rods or spinning rods with artificial lures only.

The golf tournament will be a 2 person scramble format. Each team of two players may deduct ¼ stroke per fish caught by the team.

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# Committee Reports



## MEMBERSHIP

The latest news on membership is that for the month of February we have a total of 550 members. This includes the 14 new members added to our list. The fourteen are made up of four from Lancaster, and they are: James Bounds, Daniel Boyer, Stephen Miller, and Bob Miller. From Lititz we have three new members, and they are: Matt Yunginger, Bruce Billow, and Derrick Diffendiffer. The rest of the newcomers are from different areas of the county, and they are: Jon Fletcher from Paradise, Duane Eggleston from Akron, Dave Stephon from Columbia, Nevin Cooky from Manheim, from Gordonville we have Leslie Sorenson, from Leola, David Gehman, and from New Providence we have Floyd Atkins. A great start to the year for adding new members to the chapter's roster. This could go a long way towards reaching our goal of 600 members by the end of the year.

**BILL BILLETT**

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS FISHING DERBY

It's that time again!

Donegal Trout Unlimited along with Education Chairman, Scott Trefny and Faye Haering, will be hosting the annual Special Olympics Fishing Derby, to be held on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the pond of Dr. Hugh & Kathy Wenger, at 403 Trail Rd North, Elizabethtown, PA. 17022.

The fishing derby will be a combined effort with DTU, and the family coordinators, Ray & Sharon Meyers, with assistance and guidelines provided by the PA Fish & Boat Commission officers, and PFBC volunteer, Mike Skurecki, who will be joining us again this year. In addition to our own Russ Guthrie who was such a tremendous help last year with his John Deere gator-aide

We anticipate again having volunteers from the Ranck United Methodist Church.

The derby is open to 30 athletes, with the hope to have an equal number of DTU volunteers for a one-on-one participation.

Lunch and beverages will be provided, as well as equipment and bait. Please bring forceps, water, chair or blanket, hat, & sunscreen. A smile will be painted on.

Information and directions will be posted on our web site at [www.donegaltu.org](http://www.donegaltu.org)

Your time and efforts will be greatly rewarded as you experience the pleasure received by the athletes when they catch a number of sizeable fish in addition to receiving awards for numerous categories.

We hope to have a casting contest again this year as well as the fishing. Last year, they were catching so many fish, that there wasn't time.

Please contact Faye Haering at 717-285-2572 to volunteer or e-mail me at [fayeonthefly@comcast.net](mailto:fayeonthefly@comcast.net)

**FAYE HAERING**

## CONSERVATION REPORT

We hosted a small meeting with some landowners for doing pilot projects on the Conowingo. Mark Metzler from Rettew reviewed each of the landowner's projects with them and explained how the process will work. He received signed waivers from all of them. He will now put together a Growing Greener application to get funding for the installation. We may want to fund one of the smaller ones with DTU monies just to start getting some exposure.

Donegal TU is participating with the Lititz Run clean-up day on March the 17<sup>th</sup>. We will be picking up litter and planting trees. The recent floods scoured through, and I'm sure we will find some interesting household debris. It's always amazing and rather scary when you find all the antifreeze, motor oil and various other household goodies that wash in. We will also stock 400 trout between The Millport Conservancy and the lower farms.

DEP will be doing some stream sampling at the end of March to determine if the stream classification should be changed. A minimum of taking it from warm water to cold water fishery is in order. If you all recall Joe Armstrong's book, that was his objective for identifying coldwater and also limestone spring creeks. Hopefully the stream classification upgrades will lead to another level of protection. It is questionable if any stretches will be removed from the impaired list, but according to Matt Kofroth's years of sampling we are headed in the right direction.

We will also be assisting with projects along the Segloch and Furnace Run this spring. We will use funds from PA Fish and Boat along with some TU funds on these projects. They will include creating mud sills, deflectors and log structures, so keep an eye on the schedule or contact us if you would like to participate.

**GREG WILSON**

## BANQUET REPORT

Another banquet year is done and I am proud to say we did the best ever. Most of the final numbers are in, and it looks like we should clear about \$30,000 this year. A good time was had by all who attended – some more than others depending on your evening's winnings. People left with shotguns, trips, rods and cash. In addition, everyone benefited by helping to improve the quality of our streams and the environment. The big winner of the evening was definitely Doug Mann, who won the Vacation/Fishing ticket. It turned out to be a fifty/fifty, since we didn't sell enough tickets to give away the trip. I will give more details on the banquet in the next newsletter, as I will have more time in the next issue.

I would like to take this time, though, to thank all who attended and all the people that made this the best year ever. A special thanks to Lisa Ackerman, who through a difficult time in her life, gave us the time to assemble the banquet brochure and make the evening a great success. Please remember to support all of our donors, businesses and shops that helped us throughout the year. On behalf of everyone at Donegal TU, we thank you for your generous contributions and time.

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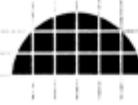
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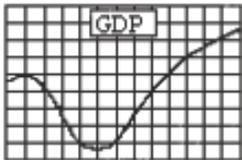
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# What's New At:

## LANCASTER COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT?

Finally spring has arrived! We are all anxiously waiting to wet our lines and see what Mother Nature has done to our favorite fishing hole. Local watershed organizations are also chomping at the bit to get out and conduct projects throughout the County. Here's what's happening.

### PARADISE SPORTSMEN ASSOCIATION

The Paradise Sportsmen Association recently completed a large scale stream restoration project on part of the upper Pequea Creek in Salisbury Twp. The project in between Cambridge Rd. and Wanner Rd. had experienced severe soil erosion over the years and had little to no fish habitat. The Association, working with Rettew Associates and Flyway Excavating, completed the project this past winter. The nearly mile-long section of stream now has floodplain areas for excess storm-water runoff, in-stream fish habitat, and will soon be planted with native trees and shrubs by PSA volunteers. Come summer this section of stream should really be an improvement to the overall water quality of the Pequea Creek watershed. Great project, guys!

### FRIENDS OF FISHING CREEK

For those of you in the southern end of Lancaster County I would encourage you to check out an up and coming new watershed association in the area, the Friends of Fishing Creek group. This organization is really making a name for themselves and have several events and projects lined up for the coming year. The group meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at the Valley Lea Riding Club Facility off of Furniss Rd. All are invited. This April will mark the one year anniversary for this young group and they are looking for new volunteers and projects throughout the Fishing Creek Watershed. Check them out.

### TRI-COUNTY CONEWAGO CREEK ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to the Tri-County Conewago Creek Association for being awarded the 2006 Watershed Excellence Award from the Lancaster County Conservation District. The awarded was given to the group at the District's annual Banquet March 15<sup>th</sup>. The Conewago group has been an excellent example of what a small group of committed individuals can accomplish with drive

and desire. The mostly rural Conewago Watershed has seen its share of challenges over the years and the Tri-County Conewago Creek Association has been working with watershed residents to educate them on the importance of watershed protection. The organization has a strong volunteer base and looks forward to several future projects throughout the watershed this year.

### UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- March 17<sup>th</sup> Lititz Run Watershed Alliance Annual Watershed Wide Cleanup Event (8-11am)
- March 24<sup>th</sup> Conoy Creek Watershed Association Susquehanna River Cleanup Event
- March 24<sup>th</sup> Furnace Run/Segloch Run Watershed Alliance Spring Cleanup Event (9-Noon)
- April 19<sup>th</sup> Octoraro Watershed Association 40th Annual Meeting Event
- April 21<sup>st</sup> Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance Earth Day Event
- April 21<sup>st</sup> Friends of Fishing Creek Earth Day Cleanup Event
- April 21<sup>st</sup> Tri-County Conewago Creek Association Spring Watershed Snapshot Event

For a list of all future meetings and events check out [www.lancasterwatersheds.org](http://www.lancasterwatersheds.org)

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### MATTHEW KORROTH

Donegal TU has been invited to get involved in the One Fly Fishing Tournament called "Fly on the Run" to benefit the Lancaster County Career and Technology Center. This event is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, kicking off at the Millport Conservancy with a banquet dinner.



Donegal TU has been asked to speak at the dinner and provide expert assistance in a number of areas. There will be a trout stocking before the event and volunteers are needed. There will be need for volunteers to introduce fly tying and give lessons at a morning and afternoon class. There will be a need for volunteers to be on the stream providing help and assistance to the contestants. There is need for 8-12 volunteers for that part of the event. Any volunteers during the day of the event will be invited to the breakfast and lunch.

Donegal Trout Unlimited has a chance to show what we are all about. There will be news coverage and there will be a chance to create interest in joining our organization. Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile cause. Interested members should contact Glen Neph-in or me.

**TED DOWNS**

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Month	Event	Date & Time	Place	Subject
April	Board Meeting	Wed. 4/11-7 PM	Millport Conservancy	Normal Meeting
	Chapter Meeting	Wed. 4/18-7 PM	Quality Inn & Suites	"Fishing the Film" by Rob Rohrbach
May	Board Meeting	Wed. 5/9-7 PM	Millport Conservancy	Normal Meeting
	Chapter Meeting	Wed. 5/16-7 PM	Quality Inn & Suites	"2006 Special Olympics Fishing Derby Video"
June	Board Meeting	Wed. 6/13-7 PM	Millport Conservancy	Normal Meeting
	Chapter Meeting	Wed. 6/20-6 PM	Millport Conservancy	Summer Picnic & Swap Meet

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**BOB ALBRIGHT**

### Tournament, continued

Team prizes will be given for the lowest gross score, the lowest net score and the most fish landed per team. Individual prizes will be given for closest to the pin on par 3 holes, longest drive on hole #7 and biggest fish landed (length).

Players are invited to a picnic lunch after the tournament.

The cost is \$100 per team of two players, which includes fishing, greens fees and cart, picnic lunch and prizes.

Last year we had about 20 teams and from all reports everyone had a great time, and we were able to raise about \$400 for our stream and education projects.

See the Foxchase / Donegal TU Fish & Golf Tournament insert for more details and registration form. Contact Dave Chalfant at: 859-2906

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### Mayflyer

sites in need of repair and are willing to work with us. Next steps will be to apply for grants and get permits to start on the work. We have four landowners who will cooperate. Our goal is use these as models to show the rest of the community what can be done.

### ONE FLY CONTEST

This is The Lancaster County Career and Technology Foundation's "Fly on the Run" fundraiser. It is being held May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> along Lititz Run. The registration fee is \$200 per person or \$800 per four person team. For more information visit [www.lcctc.org](http://www.lcctc.org) or call 717-464-7061.

Donegal TU is providing planning support and will have a presence at this event.

### BANQUET

This message is being written prior to the banquet. Many of our members were involved in soliciting donations, planning the event, setting up the tables and the room, and tearing down after the event. I'm afraid if I start listing names I'll forget someone. So to all who helped, a

sincere thank you. To all who came and enjoyed the evening thank you sincerely also. We have numerous projects coming up this year and our banquet is an important source of funding for these.

### BOARD

The board implemented term limits several years ago. The reason was to bring in fresh faces and new ideas. The challenge is to maintain the momentum that we have as an organization. We will have several more rotating off the board in October. If you have an interest in serving on the board, we would love to hear from you.

We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at Millport Conservancy. The meeting is open to all.

### GENERAL

We've survived winter, such as it is. Many of us have tied flies, gone to shows, found new equipment, new flies and lures. Somehow we seem to revert to the old favorites including our favorite streams. Catching fish is always the goal. Perhaps the biggest bang is fishing with family and friends.

I wish you a successful season and hope you will join us at our meetings.

**GLEN NEPHIN**