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BACKCASTS

Chapter Meeting Recap 7/12/04:
by Scott Trefny

The July Chapter meeting was the second of our summer picnic meetings. It was held at the residence of Dr. Bob Bachman near Blue Lake in northern Lancaster County. Twenty-six members and guests were present to enjoy good food and camaraderie and to listen to Bob discuss the Cocalico Creek Watershed Association and their work. DTU donated \$500.00 to their worthy cause.

After enjoying our meal, we assembled beside the creek and had a short business meeting. Bob Wyble gave a report on the HOBO temperature readings from Lititz Run. Temperature spikes occurred in June and July occurred following thunderstorms, where readings went into the low 70's. The trout should be able to tolerate these spikes, since they dissipated quickly. We're hopeful that the low temperatures will remain throughout the summer.

Dee Lehman is setting up another Fishing Buddies form. Members who want to have a fishing partner should fill out the form and send to Bob Wyble.

Bob Wyble also spoke about the Fly Fishing Expo to be held on Saturday September 11th. It will be an all-day affair with lots of activities.

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Bob Bachman then gave a presentation on the Cocalico Creek Watershed Association. The organization is now 1 year old. They meet at the Cocalico Creek Sportsmen's Club on the 1st Monday of each month. Membership is \$10 a year. Bob then gave us a short lecture on the protection of wild trout. We must protect this great resource by eliminating bait fishing and not stocking trout in streams that have wild fish populations. This is a difficult theme to push in a state that believes so much in the hatchery system. Only by writing to our representatives and by training our youth can we change these paradigms for future PA trout anglers.

Thank you, Bob Bachman, for your hospitality and your inspiration. See you all at **6:00 PM** on **August 18th** at the **Millport Conservancy** for next month's picnic Chapter meeting.

Attention Donegal Trout Unlimited Members

Tim Yager of Yager's Outfitter's (www.yagersflies.com) has been a generous supporter of DTU and wants to offer a special discount for the remainder of the year to DTU members. This special discount is for DTU members only and can be applied to all internet orders using a special code (TU25).

Wednesday
August 18th
6 PM

**Millport
Conservancy**

Program
**Picnic
Meeting**

Upcoming
Chapter
Activities

Fly Fishing
Expo

Saturday
September 11th
9 AM - 4 PM

**Ned Bushong
Farm**

**See Insert for
more
information**



WHAT'S EMERGING!

President's Report:

by Bob Wyble

One would suspect that rain water running over a parking lot into a creek on a hot summer day would result in an increase in the water temperature of the creek. We now have data from one of our HOBO temperature probes to show that this is true. On June 15th the temperature reading at Site 2 in Lititz Run was 61.5 degrees F at 2:00 PM. At 6:00 PM the temperature at the same site was 74.1 degrees F, a difference of 12.6 degrees.

Weather data from WGAL TV indicates that on June 15th the air temperature was 87 degrees F. At 5:19 PM the wind speed was 38 mph indicating that a thunderstorm had passed through. Rainfall data for Lititz shows that 0.5 inches of rain fell in Lititz on June 15th. The HOBO probe at site 2 is located in Lititz Run adjacent to a parking lot. Therefore one may conclude that the temperature spike of 12.6 degrees F was caused by rain water running over a warm parking lot. See the chart below.

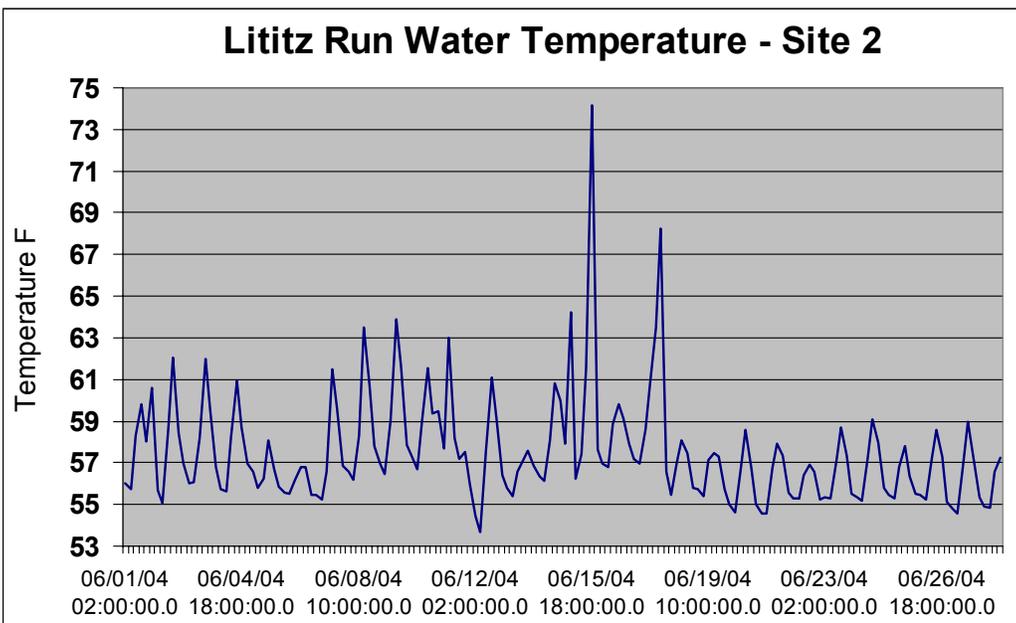
Why is this significant? One temperature spike at one location on a stream may not cause a problem for trout living in a

stream. The HOBO probe at Site 3 about 0.5 miles down stream showed a reading of 65.6 degrees F at 6:00 PM so the temperature in Lititz Run recovered rather quickly.

However if there are multiple areas of paved parking lots, roofs on houses and industrial buildings along a stream there could be a cumulative affect and thermal pollution could be a problem for trout and other organisms in a stream. Warm water does not hold as much oxygen as cold water.

The bottom line is that our monitoring program of water temperature in Lititz Run has made a positive contribution to support the fact that thermal pollution does occur from rain water running over large paved surface areas.

The good news is that aside from the temperature spike on June 15th, water temperature in Lititz Run only exceeded 70 degrees F on two other days in June. That's very good for trout. Stay tuned and we will see what happens in July and August.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS



August Program

by Gary Roulston

The program for the August Chapter Meeting will be our final Picnic Meeting of the year. The place will be the **Millport Conservancy** and the time will be **6:00 PM**. In addition to our usual extraordinary cuisine and camaraderie, we'll also have a special dedication ceremony in memory of Chapter member Todd Symthe who passed away unexpectedly earlier this year. The ceremony will involve dedication of a memorial plaque and the planting of a tree in Todd's memory. These memorials items were made possible through donations by numerous individuals to a special DTU memorial fund, set up at the request of Todd's parents. Please plan on joining us, after dinner and a brief business meeting, for the short trip up to **Riparian Park** on Lititz Run at Clay Road for the dedication ceremony.

Membership Committee

Chairman: Bill Billett

For the month of July we have 507 members in the chapter. Of those 507, there are 11 new members: **Stephen Spinello** of Landisville; **Wes Mendez** of New Providence; the **Crain crew** from E-town - that would be **Derrick, James, & Spencer Crain**; **Derrick Diffenderfer** of Manheim; **Nathan Witford** of Ephrata; **Russel Gilmore** of Quarryville; **Marvin Espenshade** of E-town; **Robert Weaver & Larry Zimmerman** of Lititz. Welcome to all of you for joining a great chapter in the Trout Unlimited family of chapters. Make sure you get to one of the remaining Picnics this year to see us in action and get involved with some of the work that this chapter has to offer to those who get out and partake in the activities.

Just a word to all those who have their yearly dues coming due or that are past due; if we could get all of you to rejoin right now our membership would be very close to the 600 members we have as a goal for membership this year. So get the checkbook out and send off that check to TU National before you forget.

Education Committee

Chairman: Dave Chalfant

On Saturday, August 7th we participated, along with the PA Fish Commission, in a free fishing day for members of the Lancaster County Special Olympics. We had a beautiful day for the event. The fishing activities lasted from 9 AM until about noon with a lunch provided by the Special Olympics Committee. The 26 athletes that

participated were divided into two groups. One group fished with a TU volunteer helping each participant. A record was kept of the size and number of fish caught by each athlete (all fish were returned to the water). The other group, under the supervision of TU member Faye Haering, practiced casting and participated in a casting accuracy contest. Halfway through the morning the groups switched places. Just before lunch, prizes were awarded for several different achievements. Everyone had a great time, both the athletes and the volunteers. A very special thanks to the dozen or so TU volunteers that helped to make this event a success: Dave Chalfant; Faye Haering; Wayne Boggs; Liz Kleinmann; Scott Trephany; Jim Stephens; Joe Besecker; Kevin Fausey; George Myers; June Myers; Traci Guynup; Chuck Elmer; Bob Kutz; Tim Bennett (photographer, along with his daughter); and Bob Geib, who demonstrated fly tying. The athletes and the Special Olympics Committee of Lancaster County appreciate your time and effort to help make a difference in our community.

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scary looking teeth. John thought we should keep it for supper so we did and it fed the lodge guests the next evening...a very delicious, delicate white meat superbly prepared with a garlic crust. We fed the carcass to the croc...quite exciting, those snapping jaws!

After catching the 'Cuda, we went in search of bones... John had only half filleted the fish, but saw a boat coming so in order not to lose his spot in a nice shallow lagoon, we beat it for the lagoon where we found incredibly "skinny" water, but it was suitably "nervous". The Bones were cruising for the most part. When they were tailing, we were able to get a cast off without spooking them. MJ got a nice one and it was my turn...I got into a fish, and it ran quickly as usual but this time, made a right turn right around a mangrove or two. The fish didn't feel tugging and stopped, but my line was hopelessly trapped in vegetation. Actually, it was MJ's line, since I was using her rod because the fly she was using was working. John decided he could jump in the water and free up the line, even though he sank in the mud up to his knees (not something I would have done for a measly Bonefish). We got the fish in and it was a nice Bone...and kept on trying for more Bonefish but they were really just too skittish. We headed home and fished for, but didn't catch, Snook on the way. Tomorrow would be another day.

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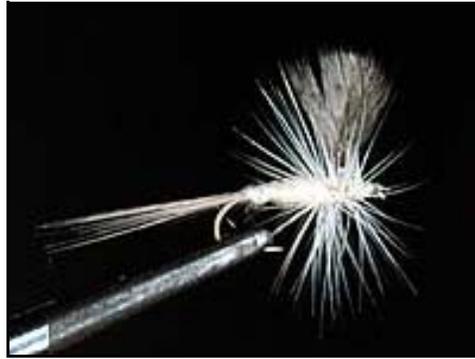
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Fly Of The Month



“White Fly Dun”

Submitted by Charles Meck

Description

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Recipe:

HOOK: #12-#14 Mustad 3906B or 94840.
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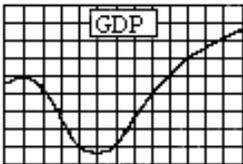
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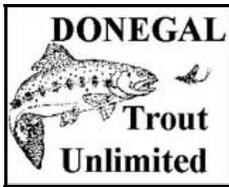
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Registration

There is no Registration Cost for the Expo. A Donation to cover the cost of the Pig Roast would be appreciated.

There is a registration cost for the Fly Casting Class as follows:

Introduction to Fly Casting 9:00 – 12:00 (Maximum 6 students) \$20.00

Advanced Fly Casting 1:00 – 4:00 (Maximum 6 students) \$20.00

Pre-registration for Fly Casting Class is required. Please contact Bob Wyble at 733-4939 or email Wyble@ptd.net to register.

Directions to Bushong Farm

Route 501 North from Lititz; Right Newport Rd (at Sheetz); Continue on Newport Rd 2-3 miles; Left on Clay Rd; Go up hill and see pond on left going down hill; Left at pond to Bushong Farm

Be a Mentor!

As part of our service to all members, but especially new ones, Donegal TU has decided to establish a new program within the Chapter to bring you and your fellow members together. Many new members join Donegal TU not only because they care about cold water conservation but because they want to fish nearby waters that they may not know about, need help getting started in fly or other types of fishing, or want to expand their group of fishing buddies.

We ask all current members who wish to help new or existing members with fishing or just wish to find out who is looking for fishing partners to fill out the form below. We will make this list available by mail to those who sign up, at meetings and in future newsletters.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone numbers

Day _____ Evenings _____

Email _____

I'm interested in the following (check all that apply) :

_____ I'm new to the Chapter and would like to learn more about local waters

_____ I'm new to the sport and would like someone to help me learn more

_____ I am willing to mentor new fly fishers

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WHAT'S NEW AT:

Lancaster County Conservation District:

by **Matthew Kofroth**

With a wild and wet July behind us we move into the dog days of August. Usually this means stream restoration and watershed educational activities throughout the county and this summer is no different. If you are out and about this summer look for these projects near you

Hammer Creek Watershed Association

The Hammer Creek guys are at it again improving yet another section of the famous Hammer Cr. The work this group has done with the small amount of manpower they have is just extraordinary. This time the Hammer guys will be looking to conduct stream restoration work from Carpenter Rd. upstream and above Lincoln Rd. as well. The length of the project is roughly a mile and will join another section the guys have completed down below Carpenter Rd. The work will involved some stream relocation but mostly bank stabilization and habitat improvements. Along with this will be improved riparian buffer areas and increased flood storage areas. Once again the Hammer guys are hammering out another great project that many anglers and outdoor lovers will benefit from.

Lititz Run Watershed Alliance(LRWA)

The Lititz Run group has a similar project to the Hammer Cr. project but with more complications. LRWA is looking to relocate several hundred feet of Lititz Run upstream of Route 772 and improve wetland habitats around the site. What makes the project difficult is the wetness of the site and having to work in this type of condition. Hopefully with a dry August the project will be able to be completed by this fall thus improving water quality and flooding issues along Lititz Run. Once complete the project will join other successful projects the group has completed since the early 1990's and will continue to improve the cold water fishery of Lititz Run.

Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance(LCWA)

LCWA members have found residents in their watershed with a major problem, flooding. Residents along Millers Run in East Hempfield Township have seen flooding issues since the development was created in the mid 1980's. Part of the problem is that the entire watershed of Millers Run was developed with very little area for floodplain development. This resulted in a raging river in the back of many houses and has caused

substantial damage. Thankfully, LCWA has agreed to assist residents and this summer they are working toward a solution to some of the issues. The group is looking to reduce the flooding effects by a number of measures. When this project is complete all involved will deserve a well done for a tough project.

Little Chiques Creek Watershed Association

The Little Chiques group has been very active this summer with a number of stream cleanups and is now ready to take a larger step in the watershed wide approach. On September 18th they are holding a "Shock the Creek" day at Little Chiques Park, formerly Sico Park. This event will involved watershed models demonstrating pollution causes and solutions, looking at the aquatic insects living in the creek, and electro-shocking the creek to see the fish community of the Little Chiques. This event is meant to educate local residents and children on watershed facts and critters. All are welcome to this rain or shine event.

Donegal TU

by **Bob Wyle**

DTU Member Wins Tournament

DTU member **Jim Bushong** recently took first place in the Weakfish division of the New Jersey Angler Classic surf tournament. Jim caught the Weakie on a lure he manufactures and markets as "Newton Spoons"TM. They are available in a wide variety of colors and sizes for catching Stripers, Weakfish, Bluefish, Red Drum, Speckled Trout, Croaker, Smallmouth Bass, and Shad. Jim also makes a full line of buzz baits for Bass and Northern Pike. If you fish for any of these species, give Jim a call at (717) 380-5179. In addition to competitive prices, he'll provide free advice on the best techniques for the species and type of water you fish.



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<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject</u>
August	Board Meeting	Wed. 8/11 - 7:00 PM	Millport Conservancy	Normal Meeting
	Chapter Meeting	Wed. 8/18-6:00 PM	Millport Conservancy	Picnic Chapter Meting
September	Board Meeting	Wed. 9/8 - 7:00 PM	Millport Conservancy	Normal Meeting
	Fly Fishing Expo	Sat. 9/11-9:00 AM to 6:00 PM	Ned Bushong Farm	Fly Fishing Expo
	Chapter Meeting	Wed. 9/15 - 7:00 PM	Quality Inn & Suites	“Restoring Shad to the Susquehanna River Basin” by Gil Hirschel
October	Board Meeting	Wed. 10/13 -7:00 PM	Millport Conservancy	Normal Meeting
	October Fest Chapter Meeting	Wed. 10/20-6:00 PM	Four Season’s Golf Course Clubhouse	“The East Coast Big Four” by Ed Jaworowski

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of the boat, rod in hand. I was ok, but I think of more concern to John was whether my rod was ok. It was...the Snook were long gone but we had a good laugh!

It was soon lunchtime so we agreed to head for the Permit/Bonefish flats and eat lunch on the fly. It was about a 45-minute boat ride. The rain was done and the sun came out. We got to the Permit flats: a hard rock bottom with turtle grass and some spots of white sand. But we were unable to find any Permit. Toward the mangroves at Long Middle Caye, John spotted from tailing Bonefish. He asked if I wanted to wade, and I said “sure”, so he anchored the boat and we softly waded to within casting distance of the Bones. They seemed very preoccupied with feeding...much easier to catch them in this state rather than when they are cruising. I fired a cast with a pink Crazy Charlie in their direction...before I knew it I was hooked up and my backing was showing up. Wow...my first Bone while wading, I thought. It was a real runner. As I quickly reeled in, he went on another run. When I finally got him in, it was a chunky 4 or 5 pounds. John snapped my picture as I struggled to hold the fish, sliming my pants with what seemed like fish glue. I returned to the boat and we resumed our Bonefish quest but had a hard time finding fish. We did a little Snook fishing on the way back too, but were unable to turn anything up. We returned to the lodge at about 6 pm very tired but happy.

The next day, MJ and I went out with John. We were out in Permit water not far from the reef, and didn’t find any. So we decided to rig up MJ’s spinning rod with a Yozuri plug and on my rod, we rigged a sinking tip and wire leader with a needlefish imitation fly and went trolling. We made a few passes and I thought I felt a couple of whacks on the fly...or was it the bottom? We turned and I felt a really big “whack”. I told John I had a fish and he stopped the motor as my line zipped out from the reel at high speed. Once the initial run was over, I felt a heavy fish and reeled as hard as I could on my 10 wt. As the fish got closer, I realized I had a slim-profiled fish on the other end...a ‘Cuda...a nice one. John gaffed it and it was about 40 inches long...with very, very

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An “UnBelizeable” Adventure (Part 2)

By Deirdre “Fishingmaniac” Lehman

Sufficiently recovered from my two and a half hour tarpon adventure, the next day, I went solo with John as my guide so that MJ could fish with Nick. I say sufficiently, because fully recovered would mean that I had full feeling back in my left hand...that still hasn't happened yet. I asked John to go a bit easy on me since I was still a little sore, and I knew I'd be doing a lot of casting since I was by myself. John and I started the morning searching for Snook in the mangroves and near the old rusty submerged barge. Although Snook are smaller than tarpon, they too have abrasive gill plates, so I used my trusty orange grizzly Seaducer on a 60 pound shock tippet. Still a bit rainy off and on, I put my foul weather gear on and chucked the fly under the mangroves. March and April are supposed to be the dry season, but short rain spurts continued and would thankfully come and go quickly. Snook fishing is not unlike bass fishing in heavy cover, skipping flies under overhangs. They like structure but I was a bit concerned that with the weather, they would be hiding deep in the

mangroves out of reach.

I flipped my fly under a mangrove but it curled around a branch. As I worked to free it, it plopped into the water. “Smash!” A Snook hammered the fly before I could make a cast. Snook like to ambush, apparently. It was an average Snook, but I think they are so beautiful, with the swooping Nike-like stripe along their side. John said it was a little too small to keep for the table (it is the best eating fish, they say), so Mr. Snook returned to the water. A few minutes later, I cast my line near the barge and had another Snook grab my fly...this one was a little smaller, but still lovely. Some Snook can get quite large...40 inches is possible.

As we poled along the mangroves, John alerted me, “Three Snook, three Snook!” and pointed to their position toward the rear of the boat...I saw them and with my rod ready, walked toward them, forgetting that I was standing on the raised casting deck at the bow. I walked right off the platform, crashing into the bottom

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