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BACKCASTS

December Chapter Meeting

by Dee Lehman

This is my last article for a while and it has been my pleasure serving as your Secretary for the last 2 years...my how time flies! Speaking of flies, at our December Chapter Meeting, appropriately the tinsel came out and our own expert tier Bob Geibe treated us to some of his finest workmanship. Unfortunately, Ed Kraft was under the weather but we hope he recovered in time to enjoy his Holiday!

Bob is a master tier and goes so far as to collect his materials through hunting and also dyes much of his materials to the perfect hue used to imitate any manner of crustaceans, small fish and other offerings. Here are some of his recipes: First, to cure buck tail:

Take 3 pounds of Aluminum sulfate (Alum), 3 pounds of Kosher salt, 3 cups of Borax (not the soap) and fill a bucket half full with water and those ingredients. Wash, and then rinse, hang to dry.

Bob tied the Black and White Geibe special streamer/deceiver. The recipe is as follows: size 3/0 Mustad 3366 hook, white chicken hen feathers, white deer hair on top of that, silver flashabou on top of that and gold flashabou on top of that, then brown deer hair on top of that. (The brown is from #10 Rit dye). Add white marabou on the bottom for the throat and peacock herl on top of the brown deer hair. Add wood duck hen feathers for cheeks on each side to which you have affixed a punched out eye from yellow and black vinyl tape. He notes that to line up the white hen feathers, it helps to wet them first and then lay them together.

Bob had some very interesting anecdotes. My favorite involved his gathering of squirrel tails. Perched on a certain piece of porcelain in his house, he would take a .22 caliber rifle with a

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scope and shoot them from his bathroom window (I guess I would not be able to do that within the Lancaster City limits, but I'd like to).

Wednesday
February 21st
7 PM

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Program
"Silver Bullets"

by

Darby Hittle

Upcoming
Chapter
Activities

28th Annual
Spring
Banquet &
Auction

Saturday
March 10th
2007

Lancaster Host
Resort

4:30 PM Check In
6:00 PM Dinner

Food, Fun, &
Fundraising!

February Program

Chairman - Russ Guthrie

The program for the February Chapter Meeting will be "Silver Bullets" by Darby Hittle. Originally from Benton, Pennsylvania, Darby is a geologist, a fly fisherman, and a fly tier who currently lives in Clinton, Connecticut. He grew up fishing for Brook Trout and Brown Trout on the small creeks of Columbia County, PA. While earning a Bachelor's Degree in Geology from Bloomsburg University, he worked as a production fly tier and stream guide for Fishing Creek Outfitters of Benton, PA. He is the current Vice President of the Hammonasset Chapter of Trout Unlimited. His Steelhead presentation, "Silver Bullets", chronicles the past fifteen years that he spent in pursuit of the monster Steelhead found in the eastern Lake Ontario tributaries and rivers, primarily in and around the Pulaski, New York area. His Steelhead photos have been featured in the marketing literature for Elk Horn Fly Rods, Fishing Creek Outfitters, as well as on many of the Pulaski area fly shop web-sites.



WHAT'S EMERGING!

President's Message:

by **Glen Nephin**

2007 promises to be an exciting year for Donegal TU.

DTU Board Members

First we have a new slate of officers and several new board members. For the first time in my relatively new association with DTU we do not have a "Bob" as President. Officers are: **President: Glen Nephin; Vice President: Ted Downs; Secretary: Wayne Boggs; Treasurer: Tim Suloff Bob Albright, Russ Guthrie, and Doug Mann** join us on the Board for the first time. **Bob Kutz** continues as immediate past President. **Bob Wyble** was elected to the Board for his first term after having previously served as President and immediate past President. **Bill Billett** and **Dee Lehman** were elected to their second terms.

Because of term limits **Kevin Fausey** and **Gary Roulston** are retiring from the board. We thank Kevin for all his time, expertise, and plain hard work on our nursery. Gary has been the editor for The Mayflyer for what seems like forever. He has done an outstanding job. We thank him for all his time, patience, and perseverance.

Banquet

Dan Brandt has more to say on the banquet. I do want to mention it here because it is so important to us. It is our largest gathering of the year. It is an evening of fun and fellowship with members who have much in common. It is our primary fundraiser. It is the only time, other than the meeting raffles, that we ask our members for financial support through raffles, auctions and games. The funds that we raise go to support mission of Donegal TU which is to conserve, protect, and restore coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. We do a real good job at this and there is plenty more for us to do. So please join us Saturday March 10 at the Lancaster Host. Bring your spouse, friends

and neighbors and enjoy a fun evening.

Website

Our chapter won the Best Website Award at the annual PA Trout meeting. Wayne Boggs has done a terrific job in reorganizing the site. Check us out at www.donegaltu.org. Any questions to me or any of the board members can be sent easily by using the Contact Us Section.

Upcoming Events

This year we hope to continue our tradition of reaching out by sponsoring the Big Brothers and Sisters Fishing Day and the Special Olympics. These are fun events for kids who may not otherwise ever touch a fishing pole much less a fish. It is amazing how rewarding a smile can be. Two new events took place last year and we look forward to continuing them. The golf outing was a huge success. An upside was that we received good publicity for it in the Lancaster newspaper. The swap meet was a lot of fun and we picked up some bargains and got a chance to clean out our supplies a little. Trout in the Classroom continues with Ephrata and Lancaster Mennonite joining Conestoga Valley and Warwick in having this program for sophomores. We hope to add ten more schools this year. We sent two students to the Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp this past year. If you have a son or daughter who is interested in attending this camp at the Allenberry Resort on the Yellow Breeches, contacts Ted Downs for an application.

Conservation

Lititz Run continues to need improvement as does the Segloch Run watershed. The Conewingo is a major project that will take years to complete. 126 sites have been identified as being impaired. These things happen one step at a time, one landowner at a time, and getting past barriers one at a time.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS



Fundraising Committee

Chairman - Dan Brandt

The New Year is here and Spring will be coming soon. That also means the Annual Donegal TU banquet is coming soon. Remember that this year we have moved the banquet to **The Host Resort in Lancaster**. The date is **March 10th 2007**. Doors open at **4:30 PM**.

A reminder card is being mailed to all Chapter Members. Please post this card on your fridge. There are many changes this year, so don't be left out in the dark. If you need more info, please contact me or any Board Member so that we can answer any questions you may have. The biggest change has been the location, but we will also be changing the dinner reservation. You will be receiving your dinner reservation in the mail shortly after the reminder card arrives along with your Super Fundraiser Tickets. Please send them in with your money as soon as possible.

All the details will be laid out in the letter you will receive with your tickets and reservation form. Don't miss this fun night. We have many games of lots of things to give away. This year we will have live entertainment along with **great food**. In years past I have listened to everyone with ideas, both positive and negative. I can say that my committee has worked hard every year to bring everyone the best banquet we possibly can and to raise as much money for our stream improvement efforts as possible. We have been able to do this every year but only through your help. Please come out and have fun while supporting your local streams on March 10th. Hope to see you all there.

Future Programs

Chairman - Russ Guthrie

March - "Pike Fishing in the Canadian Rockies" by **Russ Guthrie**. Join me at the March Chapter Meeting as I present a slide show on a Pike Fishing trip that I took in the Canadian Rockies last September. We went into Vancouver, BC; then on to Victoria Island; then took a float plane trip back to Vancouver (what a ride). Then we took a train to Jasper National Park. We went fly fishing there in a 20 foot by 4 foot wooden canoe. Then it was on to Banff for a float trip on the Bow River; then on to Lake Louise; and then into Calgary. It was a trip of a lifetime and what pictures I got! I didn't realize the true beauty of the place; until I put the slide show together and saw the pictures again three months after being there. It made it look even better!

April - "Fishing The Film" by **Rod Rohrbach**. Stop settling for hatchery trout! Learn the secrets to fishing the film and fool the Little Lehigh's persnickety, stream bred trout. This PowerPoint presentation will provide participants with a clear understanding of tackle, tactics and fly selection necessary to catch surface feeders during hatch and non hatch periods. Rod has fished, tyed and learned from renowned fly fishing personalities such as Gary Borger, Lefty Kreh, Gary LaFontaine, Ernest Schwiebert, Charlie Meck, Barry & Cathy Beck, Ed Jaworowski, Ed Schenk, Oliver Edwards, Bob Clouser, Jack Gartside, A.K. Best and Larry Duckwall. For more information about Rod and the Little Lehigh Fly Shop click on the "About us" tab on our homepage. (www.littlelehighflyshop.com)

Membership Committee

Chairman - Bill Billett

We currently have **525 members** on our Chapter roster. We have four new members. Two hail from New Holland; **Mike Hurst** and **John Rhoads**. **Harry Spencer** is from Willow Street and **Ray Drinkwater** is from Lititz. Welcome to all.

We also have word from TU National that 26 DTU members renewed their membership during the past month. Great job! There are also 33 members in their first month of suspension and an additional 17 who are in their first month of being in the "archives" (this means they have not renewed their TU membership in the last seven months). So to all you DTU members who find yourself lost out there in the archives, log onto TU National's web site (www.tu.org) and renew that membership online.

Ultimate Vacation Raffle

This is truly the best DTU raffle ever! The prize is a Fishing Vacation, of your choice, to anywhere in the world up, to **\$4500 in value**. If fishing is not your thing then you can select a vacation of your choice, to anywhere in the world, up to **\$4500 in value**. Or even if vacationing isn't your thing, then you can select **\$3500 in cash**. Each ticket will contain four 3-digit numbers and the winning number will be the evening daily 3-digit number from the PA Lottery on the night of the Spring Banquet. Only 250 tickets will be sold. That means you have a 1 in 250 chance of winning. The tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased from any DTU Board member. Get your tickets now!

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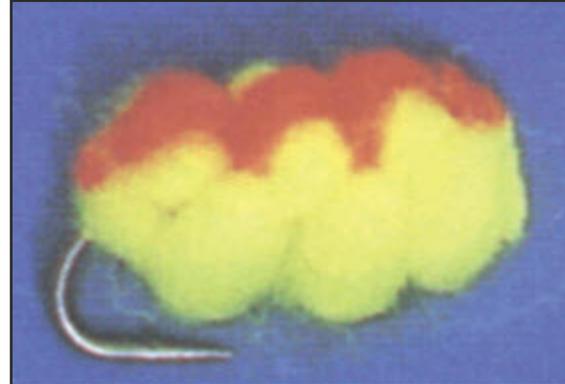
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Fly Of The Month

**“Scrambled Eggs”
from Steelhead Guide, by John Nagy**



Description

This fly was originated by John Miller of New York State. It is especially effective in high, stained-colored water and can be tied in a number of color combinations in addition to chartreuse/flame, such as deep dark red/steelhead orange, flame/baby pink and flame/egg (all Glo Bug Yarn colors). The addition of the flame Glo Bug Micro-Yarn to this fly creates an appealing blood-line effect. Adding a gold brass bead to the fly (prior to tying) helps to sink fly quicker in faster flows and allows for less split shot usage.

Recipe:

HOOK: Daiichi 1530; Sizes 8 - 14.

THREAD: Danville, fluorescent red, 6/0

BODY: Glo Bug Yarn and Glo Bug Micro-Yarn.

Tying Instructions

- 1) Secure a piece of chartreuse Glo Bug Yarn and a piece of flame Glo Bug Micro-Yarn together just behind the hook eye, with the flame micro-yarn positioned on top. The exact thickness of the chartreuse Glo Bug Yarn piece used will vary according to the hook size (less for a smaller fly, more for a larger fly). For a size 10 hook, each piece is about 2 inches long. Leave about ¼ inch of yarn in front of the hook eye to form a head later.
- 2) Working backward, starting just behind the hook eye, make three segments out of the yarn with the thread finishing at the bend. Secure the thread at the bend, behind the last segment, by making multiple wraps around the hook shank.
- 3) Next, take the thread and work forward, wrapping diagonally over each segment once (creating the scrambled eggs effect), and whip finish at the eye.
- 4) Trim the surplus yarn at the hook eye and bend to form a small “head” and “tail”.



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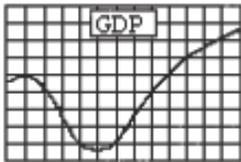
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WHAT'S NEW AT:

Lancaster County Conservation District

by Matthew W. Kofroth, Watershed Specialist

Last month the state released the latest Growing Greener Grant award recipients. These grants are for environmental protection and/or enhancement projects throughout the Commonwealth. Once again Lancaster County made out very well. Below is a list of projects that were either funded through the state's Growing Greener I Program, Growing Greener II Program, or EPA's/DEP's Section 319 Non-Point Source Pollution Prevention Program. Congratulations to all the recipients.

Little Conestoga Creek Restoration (Manor II)

Sponsored by the Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance (LCWA). LCWA is looking to implement a stream restoration project for 3,700 ft of the Little Conestoga Creek that flows through the Conestoga Country Club. The project involves installing stream restoration structures to reduce sediment and nutrient loads entering the stream. The project would also involve working with the Country Club to establish a riparian buffer adjacent to the stream that would provide buffer benefits but would also work for the club and golfing aspects.

AWARDED \$169,000

Watershed Restoration Plan for the Cocalico Creek Watershed

Sponsored by the Cocalico Creek Watershed Association. The Cocalico Creek group is looking to create a blueprint of the watershed to use in the future for restoration activities. The plan will address fish and wildlife habitat improvements, sediment and nutrient load reductions, ecological impacts of legacy sediments, aquifer recharge, storm water management and floodplain restoration, nutrient trading and market based incentives for restoration, and open space and greenway corridor enhancements. Several municipalities and the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation have committed financial support for the project as well.

AWARDED \$14,000

Hershey Meadows Stream restoration Project (Phase I)

Sponsored by the Tri-County Conewago Creek

Association (TCCCA). TCCCA is proposing a 97 acre stream restoration and wildlife enhancement project on property owned by the Hershey Trust. The project would entail stream bank stabilization work (2,705 ft), restoration of 20 acres of floodplain, restoration/relocation of a small tributary stream, wildlife improvements, and an observation deck overlooking the project from the nearby Conewago Trail. Funding for the project would only be used for design and permitting at this point. Next year the group will apply for implementation funds. **AWARDED \$34,000**

Municipal Campus Storm Water BMP Showcase

Sponsored by Warwick Township for the Lititz Run Watershed Alliance. The Township is expanding its existing municipal campus and is looking to showcase innovative storm water Best Management Practices (BMP's). The project will implement a sediment fore bay, a large bio-swale, a regional retention basin with clay-lined wetland pockets, a small rain garden, rain barrels, porous pavement & concrete, and a bio-retention island in a newly created parking lot. Other amenities will be included in the expansion but will not be funded through this proposal. **AWARDED \$65,539**

Conoy Creek Floodplain Restoration

Sponsored by Masonic Village. The Village is currently working on a feasibility study of the stream corridor on their property. While conducting this study the Village realized 3,200 ft of stream corridor was affected by legacy sediments in some fashion. The proposal Masonic Village is submitting is requesting funds to carry out floodplain restoration work, habitat enhancements, water quality monitoring, and groundwater studies on the property. The project will also involve continuing the feasibility watershed study to other areas in the watershed. **AWARDED \$413,000**

New DTU Member Message

Contact - Tom Goddard

I've decided to take up fly tying and I'm wondering if any DTU members are about to or may have recently given up fly tying? If you are getting out of fly tying or if you have excess fly tying materials, I'm looking to purchase some. You can contact me (Tom Goddard) at 569-0338 or tommargie@verizon.net

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3 Month Chapter Planner

<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject</u>
February	Board Meeting	Wed. 2/14-7:00 PM	Millport Conservancy	Normal Meeting
	Chapter Meeting	Wed. 2/21-7:00 PM	Quality Inn & Suites	“Silver Bullets” by Darby Hittle
March	Spring Banquet	Sat. 3/10-4:30 PM	Lancaster Host Resort	Fun, Food & Fundraising
	Board Meeting	Wed. 3/14-7:00 PM	Millport Conservancy	Normal Meeting
	Chapter Meeting	Wed. 3/21-7:00 PM	Quality Inn & Suites	“Pike Fishing” by Russ Guthrie
April	Board Meeting	Wed. 4/11-7:00 PM	Millport Conservancy	Normal Meeting
	Chapter Meeting	Wed. 4/18-7:00 PM	Quality Inn & Suites	“Fishing The Film” by Rob Rohrbach

President’s Message

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Lititz Run Badges

The badges are available at meetings or by contacting Faye Haering at 285-2572. We did run out last year. This year we have an additional 50 badges. All money from the sale of badges is held separately for fish food and for Millport Conservancy maintenance on Lititz Run.

Members

We do want to thank all our members for their support. We see some of you at the monthly meetings and at the Spring Banquet. We know that there are many demands on your time that prevent many of you from joining us on a regular basis. If you can make the meeting or events, that’s terrific. Either way we need and appreciate your support.

One Fly Contest

The Lancaster Career and Development Center is holding a One Fly Contest on Lititz Run on May 14th and 15th. This is a fundraising benefit for the Center. Permission from Millport Conservancy and the landowners along Creek Road has been obtained. They have asked for our help and support. More to come on this in the April Mayflyer.

Eastern Water

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road culverts that restrict stream flow were counted, the number of dewatered or flow-impaired waterways would run into the thousands.

Trout Unlimited’s Eastern Water Project is modeled on our successful water advocacy efforts in the Western states. We are working with communities throughout the region to address a host of water management issues including dry streambeds, water shortages and habitat degradation. Our volunteers spend thousands of hours annually engaging in these issues – from working on the ground to restore streams to advocating for modernized water regulations in state legislatures. Our experience shows that existing regional water policy cannot protect our water resources today. We will continue to work with policy makers in the New England states to modernize laws and policies to assure sustainable water management and healthy in-stream flows.



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Eastern Water from www.tu.org

The New England states historically have been blessed with plentiful rainfall and free-flowing rivers. However, over the past century, changing demographic patterns and antiquated laws and policies have combined to strain the region's water resources. The result is an increasing number of rivers with so little water that they no longer support aquatic life. Some literally run dry during the hot summer months.

New England's water management system was established the mid-1800s, when water supplies were plentiful and industrial users in urban centers such as Boston, Providence and New Haven largely monopolized water demand. Since that time, water use in the region has largely remained constant. The pattern of that use, however, has changed dramatically.

Over the past century, the region's population rapidly expanded into the suburbs and other previously rural areas. In response, domestic water use has surpassed industrial use as the largest consumer of water in the region. New England has experienced a spider web pattern of regional population growth and development away from the places that the region's water supply system originally was designed to serve.

This has led to the application of "quick-fix" solutions that cause groundwater depletion and the de-watering of small streams. These small headwater streams typically provide the cleanest and coldest water and support most of the region's native trout populations.

This demand by widespread residential users throughout the region is compounded by localized water needs. Ski resorts – particularly in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont – use significant amounts of water for snowmaking during the winter months. Bottled water operations withdraw spring water throughout the year. Golf courses and cranberry, blueberry and potato farms increase their water use during the summer months when natural flows are at their lowest.

The result is too many dry river-beds and too much impaired habitat. Connecticut identified over 60 rivers and streams that suffered from "flow impairment" in 2004. Massachusetts lists over 160 rivers in its low-flow inventory. Vermont classifies over 50 rivers as altered by flow reduction; Rhode Island names over 35. These figures likely are conservative. If unused dams that slow and heat rivers and poorly designed

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