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Next
Monthly
Meeting

BACKCASTS

Chapter Meeting Recap 4/16/03:

by Bob Wyble

Wednesday
May 21st
7:00 PM

Quality Inn
2363 Oregon Pike
Lancaster, PA

Program:
"Fly Fishing
Steelhead Alley"
by
Karl
Weixlmann

Upcoming
Chapter
Activities

**Lancaster
County Youth
Field Day**

Saturday 6/7
8:00 AM

**Southern
Lancaster
County
Sportsmen**

**See Page 3
for details**

Thirty-one members attended the April meeting at the Quality Inn and Suites on the Oregon Pike in Lancaster. Bob Wyble opened the meeting at 7 PM and announced that 210 people had attended the Spring Banquet. Many people commented that the food at the banquet was excellent, but the service was slow. One of the items to work on for next year is to speed up the food service. Bob asked members to contact **Dan Brandt** (664-2332 or dnkbrandt@dejazzed.com) if they have comments to improve the banquet for next year. Wayne Boggs reported that we took in a profit of ~\$25,000 at this year's banquet.

Bob Wyble announced that DTU had contributed \$1,000 to the Coldwater Conservation Fund (CCF) set up by TU National in 1993. TU National is hoping to raise 10 million dollars to set up a permanent CCF fund. If you have fished Kettle Creek in Northern PA you have seen some of the benefits of the CCF program.

An announcement was made requesting volunteers to help children with the Big Brother/Big Sister Fishing Derby at the Spring Trout Fish Farm south of New Holland on May 2nd. **Dave Chalfant's** Education Committee is in charge of this fishing derby. An announcement was also made requesting volunteers to help with the Youth Field Day program on June 7th. Check the web site for more volunteer information on these and other programs this summer.

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Todd Geltmacher passed around a copy of a Lancaster Newspaper, which included an Ad from DTU supporting Earth Week for 2003. **Greg Wilson** reported that trees would be planted along Bachman Run on April 19th in support of Earth Week. Volunteers should report to Millport Conservancy on April 26th for another tree planting project. DTU will also support Warwick Watershed Day on May 12th for children in the Warwick School District by organizing a tree planting activity in Linear Park. **Kevin Fausey** reported that Boy Scouts potted ~2000 tree seedlings on Saturday, April 12th.

Ted Downs then introduced **Ed Kraft** who provided the program for the evening. Ed is a professional fly tier who always has a few tricks up his sleeve to help improve everyone's fly tying skills. Ed tied four flies, which were then placed on the table for the evening raffle. For the Grey Ghost Ed uses the traditional pattern by tying peacock herl on the bottom of the fly. The modern method is to tie the peacock herl on top of the fly. For the Sandbar Smelt Ed likes to use sunrise yellow deer hair for the wing. Always looking for a new twist Ed uses dyed polar bear hair for the Mickey Finn. Ed likes red unifloss for tying the Royal Coachman.

All of Ed Kraft's flies were really too pretty to actually use for fishing. I'm sure these flies will end up in a frame to be hung on a wall. Thanks Ed for a wonderful evening, and for sharing your fly tying talents with us.



WHAT'S EMERGING!

President's Report:

by **Bob Wyble**.

I want to thank **Dan Brandt** for organizing an excellent banquet this year. This was Dan's first year to be completely in charge of the banquet and hopefully Dan will continue to chair the banquet for more years to come. It is very encouraging to see new people take on significant roles in the Donegal Chapter. Well done Dan! And thanks to you **Bob Kutz** for providing support to assist Dan with the banquet.

I also want to thank **Dave Chalfant** for organizing the registration. Dave made many, many telephone calls to pull everything together. Thanks Dave for a smooth registration. Also a special thank you to **Ted Downs** for making all those phone calls to solicit items for the auction etc. Thank you **Jim Stephens** and **Henry Bazella** for organizing events. We simply could not have our banquet without all the help of everyone who came out Saturday morning to set up and all those people who helped sell tickets and run various games at the banquet Saturday evening. And thank you to **Wayne Boggs** and **Joe Besecker** for your help at check out. Another successful banquet has raised \$25,000 to restore coldwater streams in Lancaster County.

In committee news the tree nursery committee is hard at work this spring potting new seedlings and the conservation committee is planting trees that are ready to be moved out of the nursery. This has become a very successful program for DTU.

The education committee has set up another Big Brother/Big Sister Fishing Derby which will be completed by the time you receive this newsletter. The Lancaster County Youth Field Day program is scheduled for June 7th.

I am also pleased that DTU has agreed to support TU National by contributing \$1,000 to their Coldwater Conservation

Fund. This is an excellent program, which has resulted in stream restoration such as Kettle Creek in Potter County, PA. I encourage you to read more details about the CCF in the spring issue of *TROUT Magazine*

A number of DTU chapter members have notified me to take their names off the list for receiving the Mayflyer through the mail. If you agree to read the Mayflyer on our website, www.donegaltu.org, I will put your name on an e-mail list to be notified when the Mayflyer is posted each month. This will be a reminder for you to read the Mayflyer each month and check out what volunteers are needed for projects. This will also keep you posted on future chapter meetings. Send me an email (wyble@ptd.net) if you would like to stop receiving a hard copy of the Mayflyer. Finally, get out there and have some fun this spring. The hatches are coming.

Fly Fishing EXPO

by **Ted Downs**

A Fly Fishing EXPO is planned to be held on Wednesday August 20th at the Hopeland Farms near Brickerville, PA. The Fly Fishing Expo will start at 3 PM and last until 9 PM. We expect a number of fly fishing shops to participate with casting clinics and you'll have a chance to demo various fly rods. The participating fly shops will have supplies available for sale as well. This EXPO will coincide with our August Picnic Chapter Meeting, so there will be a free cookout picnic in the evening provided by the chapter. In addition, this meeting will also be our annual joint chapter meeting with the Doc Fritchey Chapter from Lebanon/Dauphin County. This is shaping up to be an outstanding event that you won't want to miss. So mark your calendars now, and make your plans to attend. Watch for more details in future Mayflyer issues.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS



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Chairman: Ted Downs

For the May Chapter Meeting, **Karl Weixmann** will present a slide show on *“Fly Fishing Steelhead Alley.”* Karl is a fishing guide from Erie, PA. He is the past President of the PA Steelhead Association currently serving on the Board of Directors for them. Karl was instrumental with stopping the sale of steelhead eggs in Pennsylvania. His tenure as President also kept many private properties open for public



Karl and DTU Member Gary Roulston with a 31” Steelhead

steelhead fishing. He was instrumental in many projects of stream enhancement on Walnut and Crooked Creek. He also serves on the steering committee for the Lake Erie Region Conservancy. Karl’s program will be informative, educational and will include fly patterns and selections that are successful for steelhead. Some of the slides shown will be of the work by Jack Hanrahan whose work appears in Fly Fisherman Magazine and Grays Sporting Journal. This is a program that will undoubtedly get the juices flowing towards that Erie steelhead trip of a lifetime. Please feel free to invite a friend to attend this excellent upcoming program.

Fund Raising Committee

Chairman: Dan Brandt

Members: Glenn Nephin

Another Spring Banquet has passed with great success, thanks to all the people that helped and contributed. I would like to thank everyone who helped me through my first year. We did well, even though we had about 40 fewer attendees this year. The last numbers I received from Wayne look very good. It looks like we will net ~\$25,000 after all the bills are paid. Hopefully everyone had a good time. The Fund Raising Committee is already looking into bigger and better things for next year. Look for our next fundraiser to come out around June or July. Thanks again!

Education Committee

Chairman: Dave Chalfant

Members: Tyler Hudock; Faye Haering

Donegal Trout Unlimited will again participate in the Lancaster County Youth Field Day (LCYFD). This year LCYFD will be held at Southern Lancaster County Farmers and Sportsmen’s Association Club grounds near Quarryville on Saturday June 7, 2003. The program is open to pre-registered boys and girls between the ages of 10 thru 15. There is no charge, and all kids participating receive a Youth Field Day T-shirt and lunch. Also all equipment needed for the day will be available with one on one instruction. Registration requests must be sent to Youth Field Day, P.O. Box 44, Elizabethtown, PA 17022. Donegal TU will participate in LCYFD by providing fly casting instruction, fly tying instruction (much thanks again to Ed Kraft), and some environmental/conservation instruction. Many thanks to Kevin Fausey and Tyler Hudock for organizing DTU’s involvement in this year’s event. This is a very rewarding and enjoyable day working with young people and a chance to help make a positive difference in their lives. Volunteers are still needed for the fly casting instruction! Additional information will be available at the May monthly meeting or by contacting Kevin Fausey.

Newsletter Committee

Chairman: Matt Kofroth

Members: Garland Gingerich

The Newsletter Committee is looking for some “fishing stories” for upcoming Mayflyer issues. Each year DTU members fish some great locations and have a lot of great stories in the process. If you or someone you know has a great fishing story please pass it on to us so we can share it with other members. Part of the appeal in fly fishing is the camaraderie between fishing friends and if the Mayflyer can help promote this bond, so be it. Don’t worry if you are not the best story teller in the world, we will help you get the message out to others. So if you have a story please feel free to e-mail it to me in either Word or WordPerfect format so we can include it in a future issue. You never know, you might be helping other DTU members in the process.

National/PA Trout Liaison Committee

Chairman: Gary Roulston

Members: Gayle Keck

We continue to identify advocacy issues that are consistent with DTU’s Mission and make our chapter members aware of those issues for appropriate response. See page 7 for a summary of the latest *“Trout Action!”* issues. Also, look for more in depth articles on TU related subjects in future Mayflyer issues.

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Ken Reinard, our catalog manager, has spent months turning one room in our shop into a fly tying room that is sure to please discriminating fly tiers. It's filled to the brim with fly tying materials and we have even more on the way for spring of 2003. In addition to the tying materials, Ken has decorated the room with his personal collection of capes and pelts—it's almost like walking into a museum. The room is brilliantly lit by full-spectrum bulbs that allow you to study the tying materials under light that is nearly as bright as sunlight. To best preserve the vivid colors of the materials, we have a dim light system that is used at all times except when we have clients in the shop. In addition to the new tying room, we have a classic tackle room that features a number of new and used cane rods, reels, and vintage rod hardware. As always, we inventory the largest supply of rodmaking tools and components in the region. We cordially invite you to visit our shop. We're open by appointment, Monday-Thursday, 8-4. Beginning in February, we're starting Open Shop Fridays...just walk in 8-4 each Friday. Ken is confident that you'll discover that the effort you put into locating our hidden shop will be well rewarded. Just drive down the 1560/1570 Driveway, located on Kleinfeltersville Road, about a half-mile prior to entering the Middle Creek Refuge (Project 70). The shop is the first building on the right.

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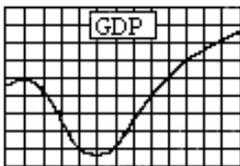
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Fly Tying

A Fly Fishing Story by Don Shaw (DTU Member)

I suspect most beginning fly tiers kind of slide into tying based on need. Initial efforts are often limited to whatever fly or flies the tier intends to use on his or her next fishing trip, and early efforts are usually restricted to the least complicated flies (no size 28 parachutes). At least, that's the way it happened with me.

A group of us, more years ago than I want to remember, began what was to become an annual pilgrimage to Maine in late May to fish the Penobscot River for Brook Trout and Landlocked Salmon. The hot fly back then, and it's still pretty hot, was the Grey Ghost streamer, because it imitated a smelt and smelt serve as the main course for Landlocks right after ice out. Brook Trout also find them quite tasty.

During the first few years, most of us bought our flies during a stop at L.L. Bean's on the trip from Pennsylvania to our campsite on the Penobscot. In the course of a week's fishing, the River Gods would call for the sacrifice of quite a few flies, and all of us had limited, quite limited, resources. Back in those days, total expense per individual for the entire trip, including gas and oil charges, groceries, liquid refreshments, camping fees, plus the cost of an out-of-state Maine fishing license, rarely exceeded a hundred bucks. The same trip now runs us about four hundred per person and the fish don't seem as big. Actually an audit of our expenses, by an anal member of the group, pointed to "liquid refreshments" as the most costly item in the budget!

Anyway, you can see where the loss of a number of flies, at what I remember to be a buck apiece, would be statistically significant and could put any of us in financial distress. So, we all began tying flies. Tying the Ghost didn't take much finesse, but it did take quite a bit of time, because of all the different materials in the fly.

Eventually we got pretty good at tying Ghosts and began tying our own variations. Flash-a-bou showed up in the wing. The peacock herl moved from under the hook to the top of the wing, because someone said "Fish are darker on top, than they are on the bottom." The more daring among us even began varying body color and the shape of the ribbing.

All of a sudden, we had become artists and creators. However, we still only tied enough Ghosts for the Maine trip, and we tied them right before the trip. Then, one year, weather changed the course of history. It warmed up early; so the ice went out early; and the primary smelt run was over by the time we hit Maine in late May. Oh, the fish were still eating Grey Ghosts (because they had good memories) but they were also feeding on something else too; flies on top of the water.

What kind of flies? Well at that time none us were entomologists, so we just called them big GD yellow-bodied flies. We knew right away (so did the fish) that these flies didn't look like Grey Ghosts. We talked to the local citizenry about those flies. They said "Oh yeah, that's right, those flies are here every year." We asked them what kind of flies they were? They said "Just flies, big GD yellow-bodied flies". (By the way, I've had some of my best fishing in those places where the locals can describe the flies, but can't tell you the proper name.)

During postmortem meetings, after we returned home, we poured over fly tying books to find out what those big GD yellow-bodied flies were. Finally we hit on it, they looked just like a size ten Grizzly Wulff.

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They were big GD yellow-bodied Wulffs, and that's what we call them, even today - big GD yellow-bodied Wulffs. We still don't know the proper entomological name, but "big GD yellow-bodied Wulff" seems to work fine.

So through a whim of nature, I was placed in a position where I had to tie two different flies for the Maine trip; the Grey Ghost and the big GD yellow-bodied Wulff. Now, whereas the Ghost didn't call for much finesse or expertise, the big GD yellow-bodied Wulff sure did. The pattern not only specified upright wings, but also called for hair wings; plus Wulff flies need hackle - big bushy hackle - so they can float. Making something float, now that calls for big-time finesse. That's something (according to my wife) that God didn't give me. If something calls for finesse, I hit it with a left, instead of a straight right; so you know that my early tries at tying the big GD yellow-bodied Wulff were amusing.

I didn't have a lot of trouble with the tail or body, but the hair wings and the hackle gave me fits. Keeping the hair on top of the hook when I tightened the thread presented me with one problem, then getting the wings to stand upright was another. Tying in the hackle was a new experience, and my size relationships between the body, tail, and wing were interesting. The wings on my number ten Wulffs would have been just fine on a number four dry fly. But by Maine time the following year, the old standby supply of Ghosts was accompanied by a handful of big GD yellow-bodied Wulffs. I was not particularly proud of them, and none of my buddies said "tie a few for me." But I had them!

The major portion of that year's trip demonstrated that great fly-fishing axiom - the quickest way to eliminate a hatch is to tie a number of flies that match it. No big GD yellow-bodied flies came off. Then, on our final day, as we were driving away from our campsite and crossing the bridge at Matagamon, the Fish Gods smiled on us. Actually, they laughed like hell. Suddenly the air was filled with flies, big GD yellow-bodied flies, and the water boiled with rises. You could close your eyes and cast to a feeding fish. All four doors on the Suburban were thrown open, and waders, boots, rods, reels, and vests flew out. Two hours of packing came undone in two minutes.

Five of us hit the river at the same time. I took out my box of big GD yellow-bodied Wulffs and tied one on. My hands were shaking so much I had trouble getting the tag end of the tippet through the second loop in the double clinch knot. Finally, the fly was on. I got about forty feet of line in the air in record time and laid the big GD yellow-bodied Wulff on the water about ten feet above a feeding fish. Just then, a voice from the bridge above me shouted; "What the hell kind of fly is that?" One of the locals had been attracted by all the activity. "It's a Grizzly Wulff," I answered. With that, he replied; "GD thing looks like a sea gull. It'll show up on radar." Just about that time, a Trout swallowed the fly, and I said - "Then this must be a sea gull hatch." The fish turned out to be a fifteen-inch Brookie.

Now the flies I tie today sure look a lot better than those big GD yellow-bodied Wulffs, and some of them are a hell of a lot smaller; but they don't work any better than the "sea gull" did that day. The moral of the story is that flies don't have to look good to people, only to fish; and while some fish are very, very selective, others, especially Brook Trout, are gastronomic hogs.



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The fly below was obtained from the
Fly Archive @ www.flyfisherman.com
"Ivan's Sulfur (PMD) CDC Emerger/Cripple"
Submitted by: Ivan Wittel (DTU Member)

Description:

This fly represents the emerger or crippled phase of the Sulfur. The pheasant tail abdomen, wound with the yellow tying thread, in combination with the yellow thorax, gives the impression of the body leaving, or trapped in, the nymphal skin. The CDC wing/wingcase imitates those parts, emerging from the body and provides flotation. This is a simple, effective pattern tied with readily available materials. It's best fished in the film, but if pulled under, the humped CDC wingcase can trap a bit of air, thus increasing the illusion of the emerging insect.



Recipe:

- HOOK:** Daiichi 1110 #16-18
- THREAD:** Primrose 8/0 or 12/0
- TAIL:** 3 Center pheasant tail fibers
- ABDOMEN:** 3 pheasant tail fibers wound with tying thread
- THORAX:** Yellow Hare/Antron blend
- WINGCASE:** Med. Dun miniature tuft of CDC
- HACKLE:** Lt.- Med. Dun soft hackle
- WING:** Med. Dun miniature tuft of CDC
- HEAD:** Tying thread

Tying Instructions

1. Attach thread mid-shank, wind to rear of hook.
2. Tie in 3 Pheasant tail fibers 1/2 - 3/4 body length. Do not clip excess.
3. Wind Pheasant tail fibers and tying thread together and then wrap forward to mid-shank. Tie off Pheasant fibers. Clip excess.
4. Tie in miniature CDC tuft. It should not extend past end of body. Do not clip excess. Rather, wrap forward with tying thread 2-3 turns to anchor CDC in thorax area. Bend CDC tuft back to base of wing and bind it down so it faces rear of hook. This will become the wing case.
5. Dub Hare/Antron blend onto thread and wind forward to create thorax. Allow enough room for soft hackle and head.
6. Tie in prepared soft hackle by tip. Wind 1-2 turns and tie off. Distribute fibers evenly to sides and bottom of fly and secure with a few thread wraps.
7. Take CDC tuft and twist it slightly. Bring it forward as wing case. Do not tie it down flat, but rather let it be slightly humped. Clip excess.
8. Form neat head and whip finish.



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Lancaster County

Conservation District:

by Matthew Kofroth, Watershed Specialist

Spring is in bloom and the fishing action is heating up. Is there a better time of year to be an outdoor enthusiast! With warmer weather approaching keep an eye out for increased stream restoration work throughout the county as well. A number of projects are slated for this year and all should reaffirm Lancaster County as one of the leaders in stream restoration work. Watch for future projects along Lititz Run, Cocalico Creek, Rife Run, Eshleman Run, Hammer Creek, and Stewart's Run.

Little Chiques Creek Watershed Association

The third and final installment of new watershed group information relates to the Little Chiques Creek Watershed Association. This new group in the Little Chiques Watershed is unique in that a municipality is initiating the volunteer watershed group movement. Mt. Joy Borough is in the process of looking for residents, business, local officials, students, and others that are interested in protecting the Little Chiques Watershed. Just like most of the streams in Lancaster County, the Little Chiques Creek has been degraded through the years due to sediment and nutrient pollution. This new group of volunteers is striving to "fix" some of these problems so that the Little Chiques can once again be enjoyed by local residents. The group is just starting out on this watershed journey and they are looking for new blood. The group plans a cleanup and a possible educational event in the near future to make people aware of the group. So if you are interested, please join their cause for a better Little Chiques Creek.

PA Fish Commission

Online Fishing Licenses by Gary Roulston

Did you know that you can now purchase your PA Fishing License and your Trout Stamp online? It's very easy to do and very convenient. I just used the service myself. On the PA Fish & Boat Commission home page, click the link on the right side of the page titled "Get Your Fishing License Here!". That will take you to "The Outdoor Shop", where in addition to licenses you can also purchase any of the merchandise sold by the Fish & Boat Commission. Click on the "License" link (top or bottom left hand side), and fill

in all the required information on the form, same as if you were buying your license in a store. After that, enter your credit card information, and then simply print out your license and Trout stamp on your printer, and you're ready to go. What could be easier!

Donegal Trout Unlimited

June Picnic Dinner Chapter Meeting

Our upcoming June Chapter Meeting on 6/18 will feature WGAL's Doug Allen and his Backyard Weather show live from the Millport Conservancy, beginning at 6 PM. So, in addition to our usual **Free Food**, you could also end up being a TV star! Mark your calendar now, so you don't miss this gala event, and bring a friend.

TU National

Federal Judge Rules Columbia-Snake Salmon Recovery Plan Inadequate and Illegal

(May 7, 2003, PORTLAND, OR) - Trout Unlimited, one of several plaintiffs in a lawsuit filed in May of 2001 charging the inadequacy of the federal plan to recover imperiled salmon and steelhead in the Columbia and Snake river basins, today commended U.S. District Court Judge James A. Redden for finding the plan fell well short of Endangered Species Act requirements. In his opinion issued today, Judge Redden found that the 2000 Federal Plan - known formally as the Biological Opinion for the Federal Columbia River Power System - relies improperly on speculative recovery actions which were not reasonably certain to occur. The biological opinion was thrown out due to unreliable and vague salmon recovery measures intended to offset damage done by Federal dams

"While it is a shame that it took litigation to force the government to take a realistic look at the types of decisions and actions required for recovery of these fish, we are pleased that we appear to be at last headed down that road," said Jeff Curtis of Trout Unlimited's Portland, OR office. "Thankfully the Court has recognized that this plan dodged the difficult decisions that must be faced head-on if we're ever going to see real recovery of wild salmon and steelhead in the region," Curtis said. "Now we can get on with the real work of making our salmon economies, communities and natural heritage whole again while there's still time to do so."

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<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject</u>
May	Big Brothers Big Sisters Fishing Derby	Fri. 5/2-6:00 PM	Spring Trout Farm New Holland	Youth Trout Fishing Derby
	Board Meeting	Wed. 5/14-7:00 PM	Millport Conservancy	Normal Meeting
	Chapter Meeting	Wed. 21-7:00 PM	Quality Inn Oregon Pike	Karl Weixlmann "Fly Fishing Steelhead Alley"
June	Lancaster County Youth Field Day	Sat. 6/7-8 AM	Southern Lancaster County Sportsmen	Annual Youth Field Day Activities
	Board Meeting	Wed. 6/11-7:00 PM	Millport Conservancy	Normal meeting
	Chapter Meeting	Wed. 6/18-6:00 PM	Lititz Run Millport Conservancy	Picnic Dinner Meeting plus WGAL's Doug Allen and his Backyard Weather show!
July	Board Meeting	Wed. 7/9-7:00 PM	Golden Witch Stevens, PA	Normal Meeting
	Chapter Meeting	Wed. 6/18-6:00 PM	Hammer Creek Snavely's Mill	Picnic Dinner Meeting!

Membership Committee Report

Chairman: Jim Stephens

Members: Herb Weston

This has been a "banner" month for membership, with the addition of 12 new members. Total membership now stands at **483!** Welcome to the following new members: **Aaron Boomer**, **John Ridings** and **Dave Boomer** from Lancaster; **Matthew Connors** and **Jack Hamby** from Quarryville; **Bruce Jones** and **Dale Blouch** from Mount Joy; **Lee Manifold** from East Petersburg, **Fred Wiegand** from Denver, **Jeff Bollinger** from Ephrata, **Michael Morris** from Lititz and **Doug Bertin** Manheim.

TU Action Alerts!

These are pending Action Alerts from TU National. To find out more about these issues and what you can do to help, go to www.tu.org, click on the "Campaigns" link at the top of the page, and click on "Trout Action!" in the left margin.

- **Urgent:** Ask Congress to Oppose "Forest Health" Bill HR 1904
- Defend Trout and Salmon from Harmful Hydro Provisions in the Senate Energy Bill
- Help make the Roadless Rule a Law!
- Legislation to protect wild Snake River salmon and steelhead introduced in Congress with bi-partisan support.



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Trout Stocking – Millport Conservancy by: Ted Downs

The rain held off enough on Saturday, April 5th for a group of volunteers to stock over 325 rainbow and brown trout in the Lititz Run waters of the Millport Conservancy. The



Zack Downs stocking trout

trout arrived from the Limestone Springs Hatchery in Myerstown shortly before 11 AM and were promptly stocked in the stream by many eager volunteers. Greg Wilson had enlisted a group of Cub Scouts from the Lititz area and of course many members of DTU and Millport Conservancy were there as well. Many of the brown trout

appeared to be in the 15 inch class, which should make for interesting fishing by badge holders as the season progresses. Prior to the stocking, a group of volunteers did a planting in the area where the old dam had been. Any members of Millport Conservancy or DTU who are interested in fishing the waters within the private land of the Millport Conservancy, please contact



Unloading trout from the hatchery truck

Ted Downs to obtain a badge. The badge donations provide funding for projects such as this stocking and the 3,000 trout stocking planned for later this fall.