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Monthly
Meeting

BACKCASTS

Chapter Meeting Recap 10/20/04: by Scott Trefny

The October Meeting was held at the Four Seasons Golf Club clubhouse with 40 members and guests present. At this October Fest, we had a great meal, presented our yearly awards and enjoyed an interesting and informative presentation by salt water fishing expert Ed Jaworowski.

This year, **Gary Roulston** received the **Mayflyer Award**, **Glen Nephin**, the **Ray Rudy Conservation Award** and **Dan Brandt** and **Kevin Fausey**, the **President's Award**. Great job, guys, for all of your dedication!

The speaker for the evening was **Ed Jaworowski**, a professor of Classical Studies at Villanova University. Ed is a member of the Outdoor Writers' Association and the PA Outdoor Writers' Association. Lefty Kreh calls Ed one of the best teachers of long distance flycasting. That is quite a compliment.

The presentation dealt with fly fishing for the **East Coast "Big Four"** species: bluefish, weakfish, striped bass, and false albacore. In the past, the image of salt water fly fishing was to have a guide poling a flats boat in the Florida Keys or the Bahamas fishing for tarpon and bonefish. But on the east coast, fly fishing entails bigger flies, bigger fly rods, heavier lines, large arbor fly reels, sinking lines and 20 pound tippets. Fishermen and women need boga grips, stripping baskets and "Corkers" for standing on rock

jetties. Ed discussed the importance of good strong knots, loop to loop connectors coated with epoxy and the use of wire leaders for bluefish.

He discussed the need for the backhand cast, the two-handed strip and the study of tide charts to predict the best time to intercept feeding fish.

Ed showed some great slides of oil slicks produced from baitfish and the effectiveness of chumming. He also showed a sampling of his famous flies including: bay anchovies; surf candy; silversides; sand eels; menhaden; mullet; shrimp; crabs; and squid. He then took us on a tour of the East Coast and its best fly fishing waters. Ed began with Cape Ann and its rock piles, the surf of Cape Cod, the beaches of Chatham and Martha's Vineyard, then on to Rhode Island for false albacore and weakfish. Montauk has great fishing for all species. New York Harbor has great boat fishing for stripers. In September and October, Barnaget Inlet is great for weakfish, using grass shrimp patterns and grass shrimp for chum. He finished the slide show with shots of Havre de Grace and Harkers Island North Carolina fishing for false albacore.

Thank you, Ted Downs, for booking our programs and to Ed for an interesting presentation.

See you next month.

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Program
"Not Just
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by
Ozie Ozefovich

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WHAT'S EMERGING!

President's Report:

by **Bob Wyble**

By the time you receive this newsletter the stream relocation project on the Banta farm will have been completed. Approximately 2000 feet of the stream channel has been moved away from a steep embankment on the west side of the flood plane. A sod wad to the water line has been placed on both sides of the stream bank and root wads have been strategically placed to prevent bank break down and erosion.



A special thank you to all the volunteers who showed up on Saturday, October 9 to help seed grass and put down straw on the disturbed area of the flood plain on the Banta farm. A very special thank you to **Joe Besecker** for making phone calls and getting 20 people to come out and help. Great job Joe.



As you can see in the previous photos a very large area of flood plane was seeded and covered. Due to the large number of volunteers work was completed in two hours. We did have a little drama at the end of the morning. The area that was seeded was very muddy and soft. As Doc Besecker was crossing a wet spot he sank in up to his knees and got stuck. I mean really stuck. The clay on this flood plane was very sticky and Doc could not get his feet out. With the help of a plank he was able to remove one foot but the other foot would not budge. After a half hour of digging with a shovel and **Dan Zimmerman** down on his knees digging with his hands, Doc was finally able to pull his foot free. Our volunteer coordinator Doc Besecker paid the price and took one for the team.



Dave Wise from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation met with the board to review work that needs to be completed on Segloch Run and Furnace run. The next project this fall will involve planting trees along one of these two streams. Look for information on the web site <http://www.donegaltu.org/home.asp> for time and location.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS



November Program

Chairman: Ted Downs

The program for November will be “**Not Just Trout**” by **Ozzie Ozefovich**. The fourth in his series of underwater videos answers the question "Why do we love to fish?" It includes the most picturesque and unique clips of Trout in their liquid environment together with other creatures, flora and fauna - both above and below the surface - that were encountered during six years of filming the underwater world of trout. Also included are the transformations that wild Brook Trout go through from their color change in early autumn to the actual spawning sequence.

Born in Eastern PA, Wendell “Ozzie” Ozefovich grew up fishing the streams of the coal-mining region. His passion for Trout and their world began at age six, when a Brook Trout fell prey to a garden worm. That passion continues unabated for the Salmon and Trout he now pursues with fly and rod.

Since retiring Ozzie has spent considerable time volunteering with the Central Jersey Trout Unlimited chapter where he serves on the Board of Directors. He also works with the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife involved with kids education programs, stream restoration projects and stream surveys.

Six years ago Ozzie combined his love of Trout with a lifelong interest in amateur movie making. His series of underwater videos explore how trout feed, spawn, and behave. His narrated video presentations that chronicle wild and hatchery trout in their natural environs have opened the eyes of thousands of anglers in the Northeast.

Membership Committee

Chairman: Bill Billett

Thanks to one and all who became new members for the 2003/2004 membership drive. For your efforts and patronage Donegal TU earned the PA Trout award for most new members for that year. Now the bad news with the 78 new members we are still at 507 members for the year. This is due to the number of active members who became inactive during the same time. So when that membership comes due don't put it off till tomorrow, or misplace it on the desk in the things to do pile. Take care of it when it gets there. Our goal is to reach 600 active members who are willing to keep Donegal TU the number one chapter in the state. Keep up the good work and keep beating the bushes/streams for those new members.

Now, welcome to the new members for this month to Donegal TU. They are: **Keith Smith** from E-town; **Ray McKeeby** of Marrietta; **Lawrence Clement** of Lancaster; and **Ed Miller** from Mountville. Welcome aboard gentlemen. Now get hooked on what this chapter has to offer you. Then show the chapter what you have to offer to make the chapter the best it can be. It only happens when each of us contributes to the chapter to make it whole.

President's Report

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PA Trout has developed a list Guiding Principles to provide direction for individual chapters in planning for next year. In Pennsylvania we have 11,000 members in 55 chapters. I would like to call attention to two of the guidelines. First, “We are an organization which places its emphasis on the fostering and restoration of wild trout populations wherever feasible.” Second, “We are not opposed to the raising and stocking of hatchery trout, but we do not think that hatchery trout have a place in trout waters which will support decent numbers of wild trout. We believe that hatchery trout should be stocked only in marginal waters where a respectable wild fishery would be difficult to sustain.”

There is evidence from fish caught this summer that we have at least a few wild trout in Lititz Run. Work we have done on Lititz Run since 1996 is beginning to pay off. Prior to 1996 we could not have dreamed that trout would reproduce in Lititz Run. Now, because of the vision of Greg Wilson and others, reproduction of trout in Lititz is beginning to happen right in front of our eyes. Wow! That does bring a warm feeling to the heart. Our work on Lititz Run is in line with the guidelines of PA Trout. It will be very interesting to see what happens to the trout population in the next several years.

It's time for re-election of officers for the DTU board of directors. See report from Bob Kutz in this issue for the slate of nominees.

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Fly Of The Month

“Blood Dot”

Submitted by Jeff Blood



Description

I designed this fly to better imitate the translucency and size of a real egg than the conventional Glo Bug most Steelhead fisherman use. I tie egg yarn loosely to the hook shank in a vague egg shape--similar to the technique for tying sucker-spawn patterns. When this fly is wet, it looks like the real thing.

Recipe:

Hook: #12-20 heavy-wire scud; **Thread:** Fluorescent orange 8/0 UTC; **Egg Yolk:** Apricot Supreme or Chartreuse Glo Bug egg-yarn; **Egg:** Egg colored Glo Bug egg yarn.



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WHAT'S NEW AT:

Lancaster County Conservation District: by Matthew Kofroth

Here at the Conservation District we are often asked many questions when it comes to riparian buffer areas, we will try and answer some of these questions below.

What is a riparian buffer? Riparian buffers are defined as “an area of vegetation that is maintained along the shore of a water body to protect stream water quality and stabilize stream channels and banks.” In essence a riparian buffer is a forested area next to your stream, river, creek, lake, pond, or wetland.

Why should I create this type of forested area next to my stream, what's in it for me? The benefits of riparian buffers are numerous;

- Riparian buffers filter runoff during and after storm events. During this filtering process sediment, pesticides, and nutrients are filtered into the forested area and remain out of our streams. Infiltration rates in forested areas are 15% higher than grass turf areas and almost 40% higher than plowed crop fields.
- These forested buffers provide shade to streams which is significant because cooler water has more oxygen in it and thus more wildlife as well.
- With riparian buffers in place more trees overhang the stream and this results in more leaf litter into the creek. Leaf litter is an important component in stream ecosystem food chains. These leaves provide food and habitat for the aquatic life of the stream.
- Streamside forests also provide migration corridors for wildlife. With more open area being over taken with sprawl, these riparian buffers provide passages for wildlife to get from one area to the other.
- Property owners really benefit from forest buffers because of their flood protection capabilities. With more trees in the floodway the infiltration and sponge effects of such a buffer are enhanced greatly. The landowner also gets the added benefit of more groundwater recharge from storm water which in turn replenishes the aquifer.
- Riparian buffers are cheap for landowners. Because the whole idea of the forested area is to let it grow naturally, the cost of lawn care on your property is reduced due to less maintenance needed.
- Finally, streamside plantings can provide windbreak areas around the property, shade, and a visual buffer. All of which can be important aspects to property owners.

So what is the ideal width for a riparian buffer area? The best answer is ‘the wider the better.’ Obviously property lines and other obstructions dictate how much area you can plant around a water body but the wider you make it the more

benefit you will receive from it.

What type of trees should I plant in my buffer area? Some native trees and shrubs that work well in Lancaster County riparian buffers are: Ashes (green & white); Dogwoods (red-osier, silky, & white); Hickories (shagbark & shellbark); Maples (red & silver); Oaks (pin & red); White Pine; Sycamore; and Willows.

Good Luck!

TU National:

by Gary Roulston

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has proposed a policy to count salmon raised in hatcheries as equivalent to wild salmon in deciding what species should be protected as endangered. If this policy is implemented, it will effectively eliminate protections for wild salmon currently considered endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Please urge NOAA to abandon this policy and continue protecting wild salmon and steelhead. Let them know that protecting wild, native salmon and the rivers on which they rely is important.

NOAA has proposed two very harmful actions that will undermine decades of efforts to protect wild salmon and steelhead and their vital habitat. First, they proposed a policy that considers hatchery and wild fish as the same species and resident rainbow trout the same as ocean-going steelhead under the Endangered Species Act. Then they proposed to apply this misguided hatchery policy to 27 protected salmon and steelhead runs, which could effectively strip federal protections from wild salmon and steelhead.

Pacific wild salmon are an important keystone species, providing food for hundreds of animals and plants and serving as an economic engine for rural fishing communities. But today those legendary fish are in danger of extinction.

Now is our only chance to stop the harmful hatchery policy before it is adopted. Write NOAA and tell them that hatchery fish and wild fish are not the same and that the Endangered Species Act is intended to protect wild salmon and steelhead and their natural habitat.

How Can You Help? - Become an “activist”!

- Contact NOAA directly to express your opinion.
- Contact your congressmen to express your opinion.
- Contact President Bush to express your opinion.
- Utilize automated letter writing functions available through www.tu.org.

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<u>Month</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Subject</u>
November	Board Meeting	Wed. 11/10-7:00 PM	Millport Conservancy	Normal Meeting
	Chapter Meeting	Wed. 11/17-7:00 PM	Quality Inn & Suites	“Not Just Trout” by Ozzie Ozefovich
December	Board Meeting	Wed. 12/8-7:00 PM	Millport Conservancy	Normal Meeting
	Chapter Meeting & Officer Elections	Wed. 12/15-7:00 PM	Quality Inn & Suites	“Fly Tying” by Ed Kraft
January	Board Meeting	Wed. 12/8-7:00 PM	Millport Conservancy	Normal Meeting
	Chapter Meeting	Wed. 12/15-7:00 PM	Quality Inn & Suites	Dr. Douglas Austen Exec. Director PA Fish Comm.

Derby Fever (Part 2)

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from the Bluefish. I had to ask assistance from a guy who had pliers, and he asked me if I was going to do anything with the fish. Feeling like I owed him a favor, I gave it to him. Coop later told me I was nuts...the guy I gave the fish to could have been a derby entrant, but I figured he was there with his family and just wanted something good for dinner. And anyway, it wasn't huge. But later, I discovered that none of the shore caught blues were huge...plus anyone who weighs in a fish is eligible for the mystery prize and they have special prizes for women. Live and learn.

Betsy's Bonito certainly excitement for us in this, think the best part about you meet...the locals (they sleep deprived), the the veterans. All are fun to luck and are happy for nice fish. We even ran into with the big bass in the ferry back to Wood's Hole we were old friends. I this sport and Martha's there is the serendipity of it



Betsy and her prize winning Bonito

provided added our first Derby. But I the derby is the people are the ones that look visitors, the rookies and talk to, always wish you anyone who catches a Jim Creedon (the guy weigh-in line) on the and talked to him as if guess that is why I love Vineyard. And then all. That's Derby fever.

Postscript: I've since learned that Betsy did finish the Derby with the biggest shore caught Bonito. She attended the awards ceremony and had a chance to pick the boat keys but didn't win it. However she did come away with lots of great prizes and great memories.



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Derby Fever (Part 2)

By Deirdre "Fishingmaniac" Lehman

The fish was put on ice at around noon, but the suspense would have to last until 8 pm at the evening weigh in at derby headquarters. The weigh in is quite a happening. We wanted to make sure to get there early so that we would get all of the fish weight we could on the scales. We arrived at 7:30 pm at Derby headquarters and met Jim Creedon, a local builder, as the first person in line, sitting on a large cooler. He had a monster bass in there. We didn't want to let on as to what we had in our cooler, but when a guy showed up with a nice bonito, we had to ask him if he caught it from a boat...he did. Whew! We slid our cooler into position and sat and jawed with fishermen as they took their place in line. Coop drove up and said, "I thought I told you not to take the cooler into the line!" He had instructed us to just carry the fish in by the tail (the macho technique) but others told us we would be smart to leave it in the cooler to preserve the precious weight. Betsy's fish weighed in at 8.75 pounds...we were dismayed that the fish lost so much weight or the Boga was wrong, but Betsy was the new

leader! We snapped pictures of Betsy with her fish, of the leader board with her name on it, etc. Betsy was now quite famous. She was even interviewed by a derby official, since she had the leading fish. He asked her about how and where she caught her fish, we were provided as witnesses, and we got just slightly nervous as he asked her if any laws were broken in pursuit of the fish. Thankfully, breaking into your rental house isn't a concern to them.

Betsy had to leave the next day to attend a wedding, but we picked up her daily cash prize and pin. And as I write this, we know she won the weekly shore Bonito prize and women's weekly prize. Now we wait and hope that no one else can match her catch for the rest of the Derby. Donna and I fished the next day in a nice calm morning and caught some fish. None were weighed in. I did have a possible blue fish to weigh in the same day Betsy caught her Bonito, but I was far down the beach and it took forever for me to remove the three treble hooks

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