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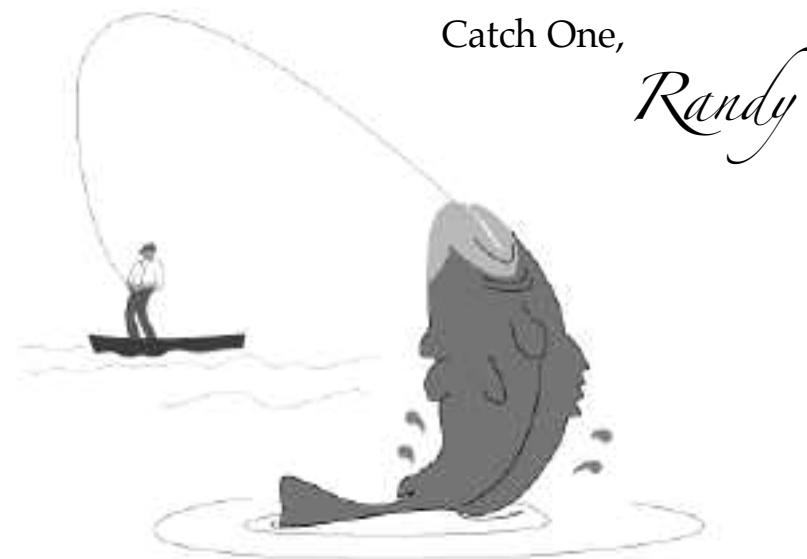
From Randy's Desk . . .

Spring is always a busy time at Mountain Laurel Chapter. First of all, we just held a very successful fund-raising banquet on March 19th. Almost 150 people attended to support the work we do in the area of cold-water conservation. I would like to thank all of the members who attended or helped out in some way. Once again you have demonstrated why we are Pennsylvania's number one chapter.

Now comes the time when we begin to put the funds raised to good use. We will be doing cleanups on Yellow Creek and Shade Creek. We will be helping out with Trout in the Classroom trout releases. We will be having work days on Bens Creek and the Little Conemaugh. We will be helping out with the Yellow Creek Coalition Pig Roast. Come out and join us in our work. This is also a good time to bring a good friend and introduce him or her to Trout Unlimited.

While you're engaged in all of these things, take some time to fish for trout, or bass or pan fish, whatever you enjoy. Don't forget to take a few minutes to enjoy the magnificence of nature around you. And Please do me a favor! Don't litter. What you take with you full, bring home empty. Stop and pick up any garbage you see. Lets make

Our world a cleaner, more enjoyable place.



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Mountain Laurel Chapter, Trout Unlimited meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Gander Mountain Store in the old Wal-Mart store building beside the Galleria Mall at 7:00 PM unless otherwise noted in this newsletter. Board meetings are held on the Thursday before the regular meeting date at the Gander Mountain Store at 7:00 PM.

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If you are already a member of the chapter, you will receive a renewal notice in the mail. You may renew by check, credit card, or online at www.tu.org. If you are not a member, Go to www.tu.org to apply. We will not have application forms any more. New memberships will be handled at the national website.

Regular Membership\$35

Family Membership\$50

All other types of memberships will be listed on the TU website.



Fly fishing is a big sport in our area. We have many fine waters to tempt the fly angler.

Though many of us do travel to the American West once a year, mainly we fish area waters. Why is it then that most of the fishing books and even the fly tying books are about the west or are written by western Anglers? Oh sure, there are a few books dealing with eastern hatches, but there are almost no books about eastern fishing itself. Perhaps this is because so many of our famous eastern anglers have passed on. Still it would be nice to have more books and magazines about our area.

With so many great waters to fish, we can only hope that this will remain so. Marcellus Shale Drilling poses a serious threat to many of our waters. Our state seems ill prepared to deal with the drilling. Waste water, though treated somewhat, may be released into Pennsylvania streams and rivers. There is a question about what this fracking water will do to underground water sources. Do we have enough inspectors and regulations to cover all of the drilling sites and problems which may arise? What is going to happen to our roads? There will be no money to pay for repairs to the roads for damage caused by trucks because we do not have any tax on the gas being removed. I hope that we eastern anglers will not be forced to depend on the west for our trout fishing.

Gary Cooper

State News and Notes

In revising local by-laws to conform with state by-laws, Each chapter must include that it is a 501-C-3 entity.

The 2012 meeting of National TU will be held tentatively in State College, Pa.

Pa Trout is looking for somebody to serve on the awards committee.

State council will also need people to run for the office of President due to the recent resignation of Dave Rothrock.

State council is looking to hire an executive director who would work about 20 hours per week.

The Trout in the Classroom raffle will be slightly different this year. Each chapter will be asked to purchase \$100.00 worth of tickets. For every dollar over \$100.00 sold by a chapter, there will be a 50/50 split between the chapter and state council.

Printed copies of the newsletter can be obtained by local chapters for use at events, etc.

Simply contact Samantha Kutskel. skutskel @state. Pa.us

Yellow Creek Coalition Pig Roast

Saturday June 18, 2011 will mark the fourth annual Yellow Creek Coalition Pig Roast.

This year's event will be held at Ron Lundquist's picnic grounds on Jack's Corner Road beginning at 1:00 p.m. Food will be served from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Barry Moldovan, prize chairman, has reported that a nice selection of prizes will be raffled off at the affair. There will be at least six rods reels and many other things. A silent auction will be held.

It is important to support the coalition. Currently the coalition is working on conservation easements in the fly project. This will allow the project to remain open for many years. Your support will allow us to move forward in our efforts.

Tickets cost \$20.00 each and may be obtained from Gary Cooper (266-4763), Randy Buchanan (467-4034), or Fred Sherlock (814-766-3176. I hope to see many of you there.

2011 Banquet - A Great Evening

Saturday Evening, March 19, 2011 was a great evening for cold-water conservation in our area. This was the evening of Mountain Laurel's annual fund-raising banquet held at the Holiday Inn in downtown Johnstown. Approximately 146 chapter members and other people attended to support the Mountain Laurel Chapter. They were very generous with their money, and the chapter was able to raise a very nice amount to continue its work on local streams.

The chapter awards ceremony followed dinner, which was served at 6:30 pm. Chapter Secretary Dave Maher presented the Order of the Mug award to chapter member Dave Wright. The award is presented to the chapter member who has done the most to further the chapter's goals during the past year. Dave Wright serves on the chapter's Board of Directors, helps with fly tying courses, attends chapter work days, is a super ticket seller for our Twelve Days of Christmas tickets in the fall, and serves on the banquet committee. He is highly deserving of the award. Chapter President Randy Buchanan presented two President's Awards this year. One went to Donald Anderson, who just finished a term as a Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Commissioner in 2010.

Don was honored for his lifetime of dedication to cold-water conservation. The Somerset Conservation District was presented its award for maintaining a dedication to its goals and for foresight in preparing to meet future environmental threats such as Marcellus Shale drilling. The Chairman of the Board of the Conservancy, Jack Tressler, accepted the award.

Members and guests were delighted by the varied assortment of prizes for anglers, the nice assortment of prizes for ladies, and even prizes for kids. Special rods and reels were chanced off during the evening as well. Many people donated various items to the banquet, enabling us to increase our profits. We greatly appreciate the generosity of these donors. Though the raffles ran a bit too long, the crowd seemed to have a wonderful time.

All in all, Mountain Laurel couldn't have asked for anything more.

Upcoming Chapter Events

Regular Chapter Meetings

Tuesday, April 12, 2011
Tuesday, May 10, 2011
Tuesday, June 14, 2011
Tuesday, July 12, 2011
Tuesday, August 9, 2011

Regular meetings are held at the Gander Mountain Store at 7:00 p.m. The **Board of Directors** meets at 6:30 p.m. on the day of the regular meeting, also at Gander Mountain. The public is welcome at both meetings.

Furimsky to Speak

Noted angler and promoter Chuck Furimsky will speak at our regular meeting on April 12, 2011. His slide show will be entitled "From the Bighorn to Bavaria."

Yellow Creek Coalition Pig Roast

This year's Pig Roast will take place on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at Ron Lundquist's picnic ground on Jack's Corner Road from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$20.00 each and may be obtained from Gary Cooper (266-4763), Randy Buchanan (467-4034), or Fred Sherlock (814-766-3176).

Dates to Note and Plan For

Friday, April 9, 2011Kiski-Conemaugh Stream Team Cleanup along Berwick Road. Volunteers should meet at 8:30 a.m. on Berwick Road

Saturday, April 15, 2011.....Quemahoning Creek Stocking. Volunteers should meet at the Burger King on Rte. 30 at 7:45 a.m.

Saturday, April 30, 2011.....Yellow Creek Cleanup. Volunteers should meet at the New Frontier Restaurant at 8:00 a.m. if they wish to have breakfast. Volunteers will meet at the fly area parking lot at 9:00 to begin work.

Tuesday, May 10, 2011St. Benedict's Trout in the Classroom trout release on Bens Creek. Meet at the Sports Complex (Old Ideal Park).

Friday, May 20, 2011Conemaugh Township Trout in the Class-room trout release on Bens Creek. Meet at Sports Complex (Old Ideal Park).

Saturday, June 25, 2011.....Quemahoning. Classic call Missy Reckner for Details.

Monday, August 29, 2011Work day for bank restoration on the Little Conemaugh River. Volunteers should meet at water company at Loydale at 8:00 a.m.

Bens Creek work days will be announced at future meetings of the chapter.