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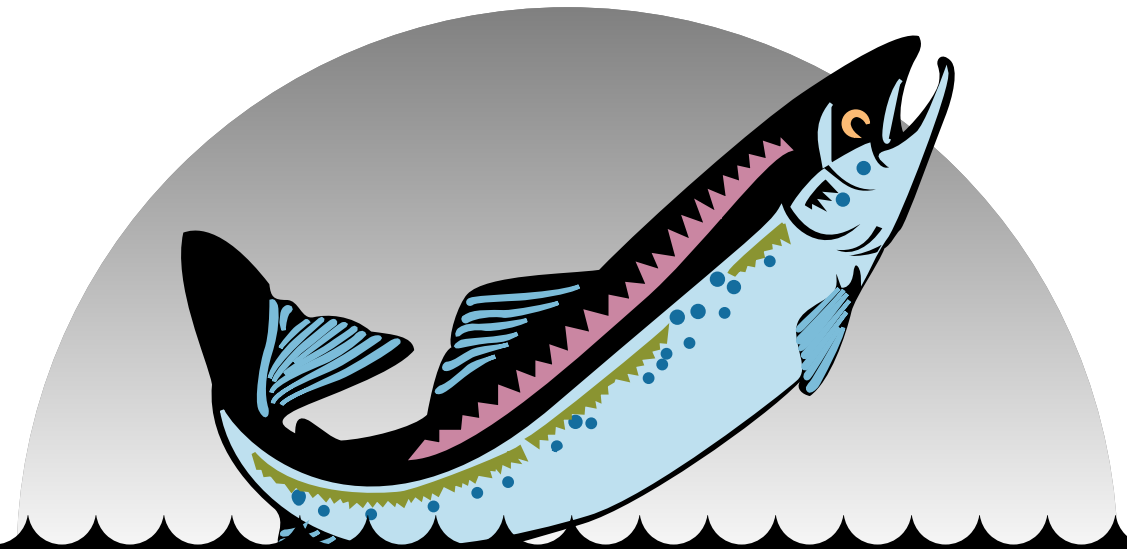
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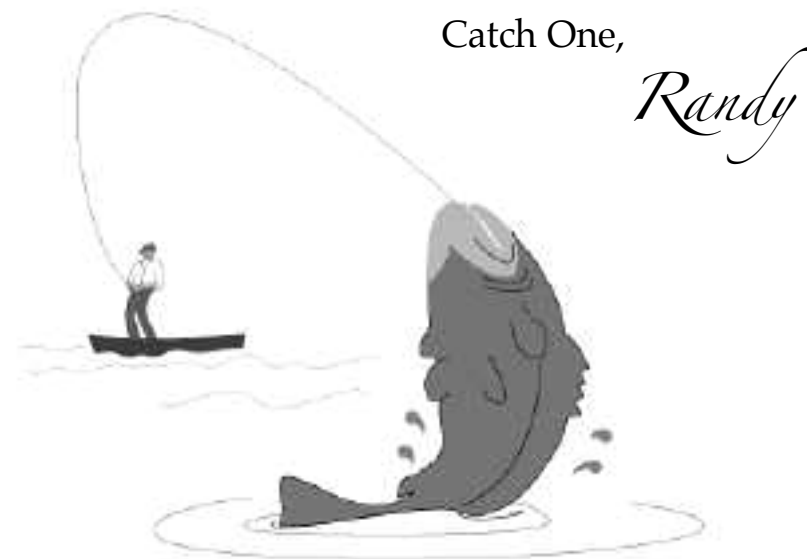
From Randy's Desk . . .

Old Man Winter gave us a pretty darn good working over this year. Just when we were looking forward to those nice days of spring and some pleasant days along the stream, Mother Nature threw us another curve with one of the wettest springs on record. Streams were high and muddy, and the spring fishing was a bust in many cases. Oh well, That is just one of life's little lessons: What can go wrong, will go wrong. Better days are ahead.

Mountain Laurel has been busy. After a highly successful banquet in March, we are now looking forward to completing some stream work this summer. Hopefully we will get a permit for two properties on Potter Creek this summer. We will also be working

On the Little Conemaugh in August. So we should have a productive year. We just completed the Yellow Creek Coalition Pig Roast, and we will have some work days on the project. Also, we will be pursuing conservation easements for the project this summer. Check the "Upcoming Chapter Events" page for times and dates. Also we will be E-Mailing other dates not included to our members. You can also attend chapter meetings to get the scoops. (Second Tuesday of each moth at Gander Mountain)

I hope to see many of you on stream at work days. Good Fishing!



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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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Membership Application and Renewals

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.



Natural Thoughts . . .



The beauty of the natural world which God created is stunning. It is peaceful and allows us pause to contemplate all of these wonders. Why is it then that when I am driving along on my way to some lovely destination, I am jarred back to reality by garbage tossed out of car windows along the road side. Every year countless cleanups are held to pick up all of this roadside trash. Yet by the next year, The litter reappears. Why are Americans such pigs? In Europe, one can practically eat off the sidewalks. Here in America, litter is everywhere. I do not understand how someone can carry a full bottle of something onto the woods and not carry the empty bottle out. Much of this garbage is plastic, which does not degrade. Come on, people! Get your act together! Clean up America or we will all be buried in our own trash.

Gary Cooper

Chapter News and Notes:

Trout in the Classroom has completed another successful year. All of the schools released trout into area streams successfully. Mountain Laurel volunteers helped out with some of these releases. They also tied flies for some of the students and gave casting demonstrations. We have seven schools currently. This is great environmental education for the kids.

The Quemahoning aquatic survey was cancelled due to high water. Len Lichvar said that it will be rescheduled later. The date will be announced.

This year's Quemahoning Classic was cancelled due to lack of participation.

Len Licvar has been keeping a close eye on The Sherpa Mining Company's permit application to surface mine the headwaters of the Stonycreek River.

Senator Scarnotti has a bill pending in the PA senate to place some sort of fees on

Marcellus Shale Extraction in the Commonwealth. It includes money for conservation districts. Please follow the progress of this bill, and contact your local legislators if necessary to support the bill.

Board members will meet soon to complete revision of our by-laws as per the new state mandate.



Yellow Creek Coalition Pig Roast

On Saturday, June 18, 2011, volunteers from Mountain Laurel Chapter and Blair County Chapter of Trout Unlimited put in a lot of work to hold the Yellow Creek Coalition Pig Roast at the picnic grounds owned by Ronnie Lundquist on Jack's Corner Road. We want to thank Ronnie for allowing us to use his facility. A crowd of about 130 was on hand to help raise funds for the Yellow Creek Coalition. The meals were provided by Holland Brothers in Altoona and served by a fine crew from Blair County Chapter.

Barry Moldovan, Tom Swope, and Joe Hrivnak did a great job of coming up with prizes for the affair. The crew from Mountain Laurel sold tickets, helped clean up and tear down, parked cars, collected tickets, and enjoyed themselves along with everybody else.

Fish and Boat Commission Executive Director John Arway attended and offered brief remarks. Landowners in the project were recognized for their generosity in allowing the public to fish. Most of those landowners attended. There was a general raffle, rod raffles, silent auctions, fifty/fifty tickets, reel raffles, and tee shirt sales. It was a highly successful event that raised money to support the work of the Coalition.

I would like to thank the following people who did so much to make this event possible: Fred Sherlock, Randy Buchanan, Gary Cooper, Barry Moldovan, Tom Swope, Joe Hrivnak, Charlie and Cynthia Whitman, Don Buchanan, Rick Buchanan, Dave Maher, Bruce Tomaselli, Jan Pickeral, Bill Conlin, Terry Strait, Len Lichvar, Bob Reeder,

Joe Nypauver, Bob George, Dick Biemiller, Wayne Sherlock, Colin Sherlock, Cam Sherlock, Ian Sherlock, and, of course, Tom Murray. If I forgot anyone else please forgive me and accept my humble thanks for your help. The Yellow Creek Coalition will continue to fight for access on Yellow Creek thanks to all those mentioned and to all of those people who attended to support our cause.

Upcoming Chapter Events

Regular Chapter Meetings

Tuesday, July 12, 2011	Regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Gander Mountain Store near the Galleria at 7:00 p.m. Board of Director's meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the same day as the regular meeting at the Gander Mountain Store.
Tuesday, August 9, 2011	
Tuesday, September 23, 2011	
Tuesday, October 11, 2011	

Annual Chapter Elections:

The annual elections for the chapter officers and one year board members will be held with the opening of nominations as the first item of new business at the August regular meeting. Nominations will continue with the first item of old business at the September and October meetings. The Election will be held as the first item of new business in October.

Known Chapter Work Days:

Tuesday, June 28, 2011	Becca House work days on Bens Creek. Meet at the Becca
Tuesday, June 28, 2011	House (Casa Nova) at 9:00 a.m.
Monday, August 29, 2011	Work days on the Little Conemaugh River
Tuesday, August 30, 2011	Meet at the water company at Loydale at 8:00 a.m.

There may be work days on Potter Creek, pending reception of the permit. These dates will be announced.

Yellow Creek Coalition workdays will be announced as they are scheduled.

Yellow Creek Coalition Meeting:

Sunday, July 17, 2011	2:00 p.m. at Carl's Pavilion
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