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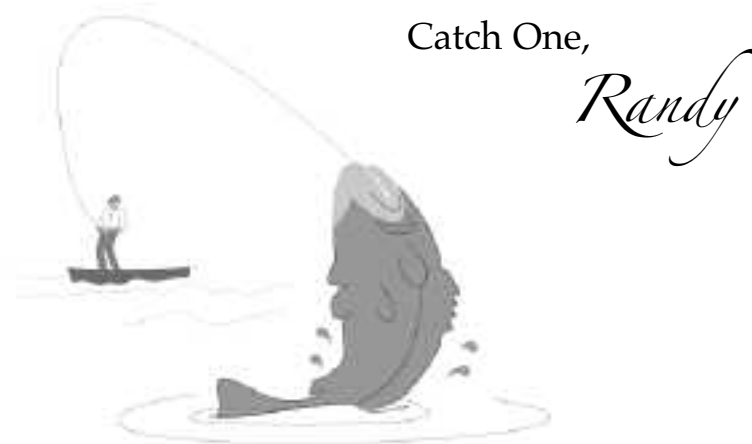
From Randy's Desk . . .

Greetings! I hope you have been fishing on many occasions. First, I want to explain why we did not send out a spring newsletter. By the time we got the newsletter back from the printer, it was almost a month late. Many of the spring events had already taken place, so we decided not to send out dated material. I apologize for any inconvenience.

Now here's what's going on. The chapter has been busy with stockings, road and creek clean ups, and TIC releases. Of course we also held our spring banquet in March. Many people volunteered at these events, and I would like to thank all of them for their help.

Our banquet was the second most successful in chapter history. Thanks to those who attended for their financial support. The Yellow Creek Coalition, though not associated with Mountain Laurel, held its annual pig roast, which many of our members attended.

Now it is summer and we have much to do. Nominations for officers and board members open at our July meeting. Please consider getting involved and running for an office. Nominations remain open in August and September with the elections taking place as the first item of new business in September. Most of our work projects are on hold until dates are scheduled by participating entities. These include the Rock Tunnel project and work on the Ben's Creek and the North Fork of Bens Creek. When we know these dates, we will report them at chapter meetings. George Mostoller and John Gindlesperger have been doing regular water sampling at their regular sites. Twelve Days of Christmas tickets will be ordered and available in mid-summer. We always are busy. We could use your help. Don't just be a paper member. Get involved! Come to a meeting at Gander Mountain, and find out what you can do. Have a great summer and tight lines.



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Mark Lee	Jassim Hassan
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Butch Kerchenske	Andy Fresch

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 of Directors meetings are held at 6:30 PM on the same day as the regular meeting at the Gander Mountain Store.

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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 . . .

Thoughts at Green Drake Time flood our memories. Central Pennsylvania has many wonderful creeks and streams where Green Drake hatches flourish. Memories of huge female drakes struggling to get off the water float vividly in our brains. Swarms of black and white Coffin Flies surging upstream crawl on our faces and shirts and boots. Hundreds of trout may be seen rising in any direction. These are the visions which bring us back to this wonderful hatch year after year.

Of course along with the Drakes come hordes of fishermen. Some nights there seems to be one every fifteen feet. But on some days and nights, whether due to whimsy or weather, we have the stream mostly to ourselves. Sometimes, if the Red Gods smile upon us, we are in solitude. The fish may feed greedily upon the emerging nymphs, whose skeletal nymphal skins drift past us in bunches. Use a stout leader, as these fish are neither shy nor careful. You never know when a big one will take the fly. At other times, the water is covered with newly emerged duns trying to get off the water. The trout slash at the duns like there will never be another meal to eat. I remember one day in the middle of a thunder storm when the raindrops and the duns were about equal in number. What an orgy of feeding fish! And then there is the magic of a true Green Drake spinner fall. The Coffin flies come in waves, ebbing and flowing as the evening deepens into dark. Is that a big trout feeding on the surface? Can I make a good cast? Will he notice my fly among the hundreds of naturals?

We are drawn to this hatch. We are drawn with many old friends whom we see at this time, and we remember those who are fishing Stygian streams now and cannot be with us.

Remember, When the black locusts are blooming, There will be Green Drakes.

Banquet Was Highly Successful

Just so you know, you missed a wonderful evening if you did not attend Mountain Laurel's spring banquet on Saturday, March 22, 2014. Besides the many great prizes for the guests, a fine meal was served. During a short program after dinner, Tom Qualters, Jr. of the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission received the president's award for his work with the fisheries of our area. Dave Maher received the chapter's highest honor, The Order of the Mug for his work with the chapter. Andy Fresch was voted the chapter's Sportsman of the Year. Randy Buchanan presented trout pins to Dave Wright, Len Lichvar, and Andy Fresch for their contributions to the chapter.

Brian Adams capped the evening when he won Bill Conlin's trout rod. A vote of thanks must go to the members of the banquet committee and to many volunteers who went to great lengths to ensure that the banquet would be a great success. It was! Thanks to all who attended and gave financial support to the chapter. Next year's banquet is tentatively set for March 21, 2015. If you didn't make it this year, please mark this date down, and plan to be there next year.

Gary Cooper

Banquet Chairman

Summer Flies

Have you looked at any fly fishing catalogues lately? Can You find a fur ant imitation or a good old Crowe Beetle? I don't think so! Well I'm here to tell you that the Crowe Beetle is one of my all time favorite flies. Why you may ask. One, its easy and quick to tie, requiring only black thread and beer body or belly hair. Two, it plops. Foam beetles do not. Three, the more beat up it becomes, the better it is. Sure I know that this tie is not really very sturdy, but it floats like a cork. So the next time you want to fish a beetle, choose the Crowe Beetle.

I never saw a brown trout that didn't like one.

The Fisherperson and the Stream

Do you want to know what you, Personally can do to protect our streams? There are many things. First of all, when you travel about to different streams, do you clean your boots and equipment when you get home? There are so many invasive and diseases out there, that cleaning boots with bleach or by freezing them is almost mandatory. Are you a responsible fisherman? Do you litter? If you carry a full can of something in, you can carry an empty can out. Don't throw paper and bottles on the ground. Respect other peoples property. How about monofilament. Do you have a container for the clipped parts of old leaders, or do you just throw them on the ground? Plastic, in any form does not disintegrate. Learn to be a better steward of the streams you fish, and you will be protecting our streams



Upcoming Chapter Events

Monthly Chapter Meetings

Tuesday, July 8, 2014
Tuesday, August 12, 2014
Tuesday, September 9, 2014
Tuesday, July 8, 2014
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Monthly meetings are held at the Gander mountain Lodge inside the Gander Mountain Store at 7:00 pm

Board of Director's Meetings

Tuesday, July 8, 2014
Tuesday, August 12, 2014
Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Board of Directors Meetings are held in the Gander Lodge inside the Gander Mountain Store at 6:30 p.m.

Nomination of Officers

Nominations for chapter officers and selected board members will open as the first order of business under New Business on July 8, 2014. Nominations will remain open during the August and September meetings as the first order of business under Old Business. Nominations will then close. The election will be the first order of business under New Business.

Chapter Fundraising Banquet

Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the Holiday Inn in downtown Johnstown.

Activities for Chapter Members

Quemahoning Dam Habitat Improvement work 5:00August 13, 2014
Lake Fest - Somerset Lake 11 am to 5 pmAugust 13, 2014
KC Stream Team Fundraiser at Ligonier BeachAugust 15, 2014
Outdoor Expo at People's Natural Gas ParkOctober 3-4-5, 2014
State Council Fall Meeting -Shaver's Creek Fireman's ClubSeptember 12-13-14, 2014