



Tully Talk by Bill Eggleston

Good Day,

I just returned from a Trout in the Classroom (TIC) training seminar in Bellefonte, PA. The folks out there running this program are doing a great job in explaining the ins and outs of how to setup and use the equipment. They even boosted the teacher's morale by telling them that if your Brook Trout Fingerling survival rate is very low, it is not a bad thing. This program is all about teaching young people about what these fingerlings need to survive. If these fingerlings can't survive in a controlled environment, then what chance do they have in the wild?

We currently have TIC programs in Oley Valley H.S., Hamburg H.S. and Robeson Elementary School, so we are spread out across the county. Our new school this year will be a Conrad Wiser Middle School, so we will also be spreading this program across grade levels.

For those that don't know, the TIC program is set up as a partnership between the PA Fish and Boat Commission, the PA Department of Education, PA Trout Unlimited and a local Trout Unlimited Chapter. Together we supply a classroom with all the equipment, education materials, fish eggs and other supplies to raise fingerlings, which will be released into local Berks County streams.

The TIC program is one of three youth education programs that our chapter supports. The other programs are the Don Hartman Conservation Leadership School and the PA Rivers Conservation & Fly Fishing School. Both these schools are one week long, with hands on activities held in June. Our support for these schools, plus other chapter projects, comes out of our chapter's funds. Our primary source of income to replenish the chapter fund comes from donations or contributions from you, our membership.

As membership chairman I see everyone who renews their membership and those who donate to TU National's projects. That's great; these projects are great causes. But at the local level our chapter sees very little, if any, of your membership dues. And nothing from projects that TU National is supporting. I'm in no way asking anyone to stop supporting TU National projects; I'm just mentioning that your local chapter needs your support also.

Some of the other chapter events and projects that we have in the queue, where we need 'Hands On' help include:

- Teach a Kid to Fish event involving children from the Reading Opportunity House
- Setting up TCTU members to be Stream Monitors on local streams to develop baseline Information
- Two possibly Stream Restorations in the spring of 2013

So please join us for a Breakfast on the Tully event, or Italian Night, or one of our other fundraising events. Or simply stop by for a membership meeting. Soon we will be sending out tickets for our Annual Raffle. Please buy or sell what you can; that is all we are asking.

Conserve & Protect **Bill**



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Upcoming Events

August 11 • Breakfast on the Tully - 8:30 AM

Come Join Us at the Tully House!

August 15 • TCTU Board Meeting - 7:30 PM

All members are welcome– Church

August 22 • TCTU Chapter Meeting - 7:30 PM

All members are welcome– Church

September 8 • Breakfast on the Tully—8:30 AM

Come Join Us at the Tully House!

August 19 - TCTU Board Meeting—7:30 pm

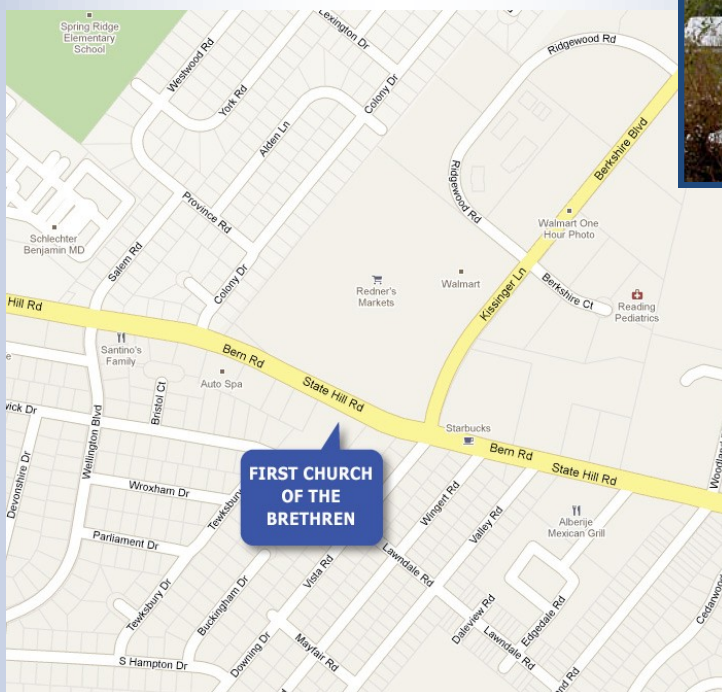
All Members are welcome– Church

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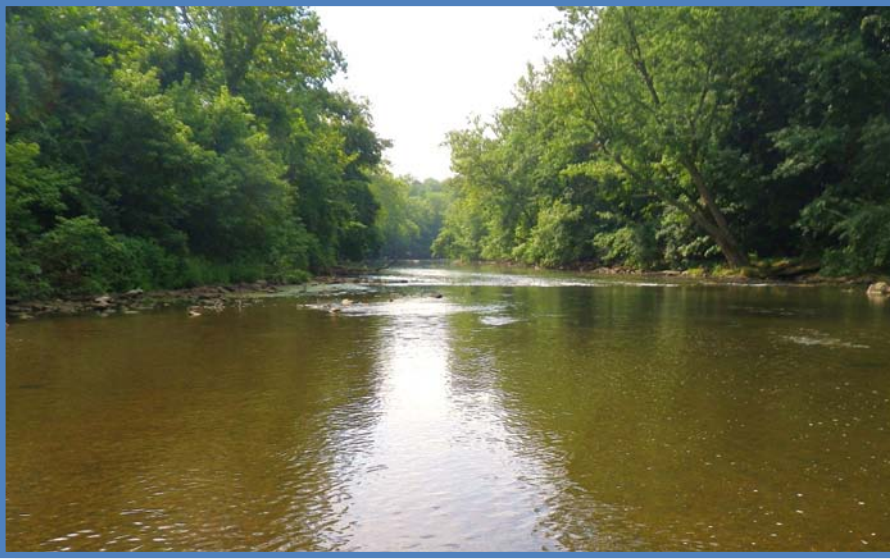
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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN**

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DIRECTIONS TO THE TULLY HOUSE:

Take the Bypass (Route 422/222) going West from Reading. Exit on Broadcasting Road. Go North on Broadcasting Road (follow the signs to Penn State, Berks Campus). At the bottom of the hill turn right onto Tulpehocken Road. Turn left to enter Grings Mill Recreation Area (across the street from Penn State). Make the first right toward the tennis courts. Go to the end of the parking lot and down the gravel road to the house. If the park is closed, enter at the secondary gate, just South of the main entrance. Please be prompt. The gate will be open 15 minutes prior to and 5 minutes after the



Gloria's Korner Kitchen -By Gloria Barnett

I have a really tasty recipe to prepare. If you like cheese and trout, this is a mouth watering combination.

Enjoy! -Gloria

Gloria's Cheese Baked Trout

Ingredients:

2 1/2 lbs trout filets
1/4 tsp. dried thyme
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1 cup + shredded Swiss cheese
1/4 tsp. salt
1/4 cup dry bread crumbs (I make fresh - in the blender)
1/8 tsp. pepper
1/4 cup melted butter

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Lightly grease a large, shallow baking dish. Wipe trout fillets clean with a damp cloth and arrange in baking dish. Pour the lemon juice over the fish. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and thyme. Dot with a bit of butter.

Bake uncovered for 15 to 20 minutes. While casserole is baking, combine the cheese and bread crumbs and melt the butter. Remove the fish from the oven after baking the suggested time and cover with the cheese mixture and drizzle the melted butter over the top.

Bake another 7 to 10 minutes (uncovered) until the topping is melted and bubbly .

This recipe should serve 5 to 6 people.

I hope you enjoy this recipe as much as Elliott and I do!

(Print and Cut on the Lines above to place in your Recipe box)

Welcoming our new Members & Renewals

Richard Baer– Birdsboro, PA

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Mark Dykema- Lancaster, PA

Kerry Eckert- Blandon, PA

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Pier Ignozzi-Shaffer- Reading, PA

Zachary Swope- Sinking Spring, PA

Edward Taschner- Douglassville, PA

Nick Tomanelli- Robeson, PA

Christopher Wertz- Wernersville, PA

Matt Williams- Douglassville, PA

HELP PROTECT YOUR STREAMS!

Unfortunately not everyone respects the regulations and rules of our waterways. The Tully in particular has special harvest regulations along with bait restrictions that aim to protect and enhance this fishery, the effectiveness of which are directly correlated to how many fisherman abide these rules. If you witness poaching, pollution, or other problems on the stream, do not confront the violators. Please call the SE Region of PFBC non-emergency dispatch at (717)626-0228. Enter this number into your cell phone so you have it when you need it.

Redner's Save-A-Tape

Redner's is committed to the communities that they are part of. They have committed to help out the non-profit organizations whose members shop in their stores.

How it works:

Each member must stop at the store office or Customer Service Area to get a Save-a-Tape card. By using this card each time you purchase merchandise at Redner's your receipt will be designated as a Save-a-tape customer receipt. Forward those tapes to support your Tulpehocken Chapter Trout Unlimited. The organization will receive 1% of the total of the total of all the Save-a-tape totals on the receipts. Proceeds from these funds will be used to help protect our streams, education and other conservation projects.

An Example of how you can help:

Let's say 50 of our 300 plus members spend an average of \$75.99 per week in supermarket expenditures. If it was all spent on the save a tape program and submitted to us. The organization would receive \$1,950.00. There is no time limit and no limit. Please start saving tapes today and support the efforts of our chapter.

Keeping dry flies on the surface film

Generally dry flies do not float, but rest on the surface film. The only flies that do float are those that have less density than water. These include those constructed of cork, foam deer hair or other materials that are lighter than water. The film at the surface comes about because of one of the large numbers of properties of water that result from what is called hydrogen bonding. Water molecules consist of one oxygen and two hydrogen atoms connected by very strong chemical bonds.

The water molecule is flat but the parts are not arranged in a line. Instead the hydrogen atoms form an angle of 104.45 degrees. This results in a boomerang shape with an angle on the outside of 255.55 degrees. The hydrogen's retain slight positive electrical charges and each oxygen a negative one. This results in a tendency for a hydrogen from one molecule to be attracted to the oxygen of an adjacent one. The fact that the molecule is not arranged in a straight line makes the oxygen stick out somewhat and become a little bit more available for bonding.

As long as the molecules are below the water surface, the attractions occur in all directions. But as soon as a water molecule approaches the surface its binding options become fewer. A molecule at the surface has no neighbors above it. It therefore has to attract other water molecules at or near the surface as well as those below. The result is that water forms a film of molecules at its surface that behaves as a membrane. This membrane is where you expect a dry fly to sit. It is also a barrier to flies attempting to pass from the water into the air and vice versa. As a matter of fact a significant number of attempted emergences actually fail providing trout with a supply of easy pickings; flies that are never able to escape the surface film.

If the component materials of an artificial fly contain charged charges (hydrogen and oxygen atoms, for example) the water molecules near it will just as readily bond with the fly parts as with another water molecule. The result is that the fly becomes wet and sinks. The way to prevent this is to coat the fly with materials that do not provide oxygen, hydrogen or any other electrically charged atoms. These substances are known as non-polar ones. Polar molecules have electrical charges on their surfaces; non-polar ones do not. Ever since before the Second World War people have been devising methods to keep dry flies from getting water

logged and sinking below the water surface. The first method I can recall was to dissolve a little paraffin in gasoline and soak the fly in the solution. The gasoline was allowed to evaporate leaving a thin film of paraffin on the fly. Since that early technique, dozens of proprietary blends of natural and synthetic materials have come and gone.

The earliest of these was probably a natural product called Gink™. The original Gink was likely a fat with a high molecular weight and great viscosity. In other words very thick and greasy. Liquid silicone products soon became available at fly shops. These were usually supplied in small spray bottles allowing easy application of the product.

All of these products do a moderately serviceable job with typically hackled flies because they coat the hackle and body with a waterproof layer of stuff. On the other hand they are useless on flies constructed with CDC. The CDC feathers become matted together when you apply them. Several suppliers eventually produced what they called CDC oil. If it really was CDC oil it would have been a natural liquid fat harvested from the preen glands of a lot of ducks. I suspect that it wasn't. The oil produced by the preen gland seems to be a simple low molecular weight fat and therefore liquid. As a result almost any similar animal fat would work as well. The most reasonable way to apply this to a fly is to take a toothpick or similar object with a small amount of fat and brush it onto the CDC, thereby roughly simulating the process that the duck uses.

But for flies made with CDC, there is a far more efficient way of getting them waterproof. I have recently been using ScotchGard™ in the version designed for light weight fabric. This can be found in craft and fabric stores. There is also a form designed for heavier fabric and outdoor upholstery. While it waterproofs, the solvent employed is very slow to evaporate. Both contain silicone oils dissolved in solvent. When I use either one I lightly spray the fly and let it dry and then re-spray as many as three times allowing the solvent to completely evaporate between applications. This results in a nearly permanently waterproof fly.

Of course CDC is supposed to contain the natural oil, so it shouldn't be necessary to add waterproofing. Don't count on it, especially if the feather has been dyed. The dying process has likely removed the oil. In any case there is nothing

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Flyspecks - By Rick Bell (Continued)

to be lost by applying the silicone in Scotchgard.

Some of you have seen me demonstrate the dust or touch dubbing technique. The original method uses a waxed thread to which the tier applies soft tying wax after which he touches dubbing material cut in very short lengths (1/8 in. or shorter). On occasion when I want to make the fly body thoroughly waterproof, I use Silicone High Vacuum grease on the tying thread and apply the fine dubbing. The result is that the waterproofing agent gets built into the fly body. Gink would probably work just as well. I apply it to the tying thread with a toothpick because it is very hard to get off fingers, which makes a real mess when you are handling feathers.

Someday I might discuss the reason Fumed Silica Gel is able to dry a fly and make it waterproof. It can do both. This is in spite of the ability of silica gel to attract and bind to water molecules. Fumed silica gel of which Frog's Fanny™ is an example is used for many industrial purposes including as a component of ink jet papers and the ink used with such papers. It is also used to make plastics translucent and for many other applications. It should come as no surprise that the material wasn't actually originally invented to be a fly floatant.

-Rick

LIKE FISHING & WRITING?

We are looking for enthusiastic writers and photographers to submit images and pieces for use in our monthly on-line newsletter to members. Because we will be accepting articles we must point out that the views in the TCTU On-Line newsletter do not reflect the views of TCTU but rather the views of the writer.



"CAUGHT AND RELEASED"

We like to include photos of fish caught by our members in the newsletter. Please forward any current picture with your name and a short statement of where, when, and how the catch was made, along with confirmation that the fish was released unharmed. Thank you, looking

Coldwater Monitoring— Dan Shaffer

Trout Unlimited has started a program to monitor water quality in Pennsylvania, which is named the Coldwater Conservation Corps (CCC). Mitch Blake is in charge of this effort and can be reached at the following email: mblake@tu.org.

Locally, Dan Shaffer and Pier Ignozzi-Shaffer are chairing the CCC effort and have taken a certification course. Bill Eggleston and Tom Ham have also completed this day-long course. A number of other local members have expressed interest in helping our chapter monitor local streams for water quality. To date we have identified eight streams for monitoring. They include: Northkill Creek, Mill Creek, Upper Tulpehocken Creek, Maiden Creek (and a couple of feeder streams), Little Schuylkill River, Manatawny River and Hay Creek.

Monitoring local streams is in reaction to the Marcellus Shale gas drilling occurring in the central northern and western areas of Pennsylvania. Although Marcellus Shale is not present in Berks county, there are plans to build infrastructure (i.e. pipelines) within Berks county to bring the gas to market. Building out this infrastructure will potentially cause silt or other pollution to our coldwater streams. Furthermore, below the Marcellus Shale resides Utica Shale. The Utica Shale region expands into the northern part of Berks County and most of Schuylkill County. We are therefore potentially living downstream from future drilling projects.

Having good baseline data on our local streams will help. Should we have a pollution event, it should be picked up in the monitoring and then reported to the proper authorities.

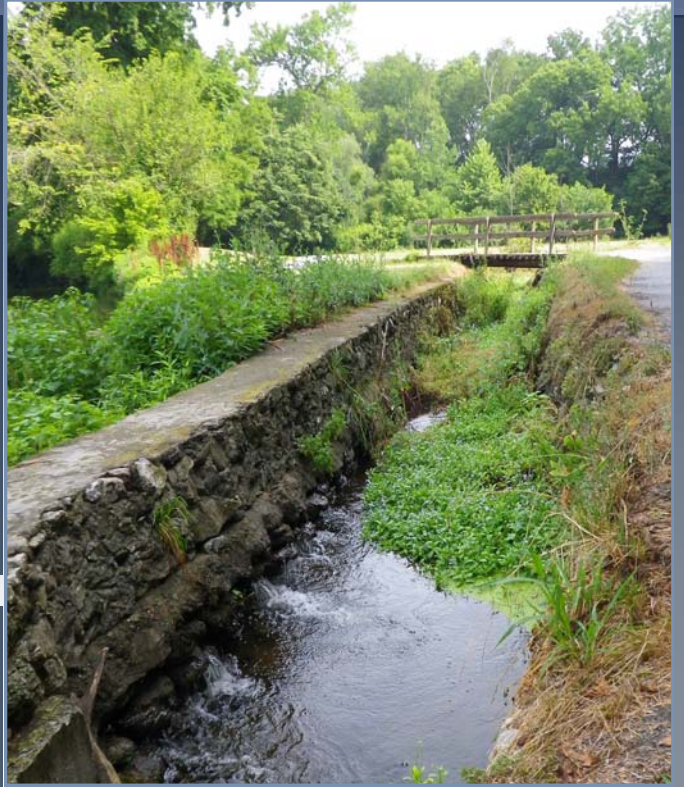


Woolly Buggers, I love em'! I tie them as big and obnoxious as I can, this pattern has been a hit for me all summer!

-Tom

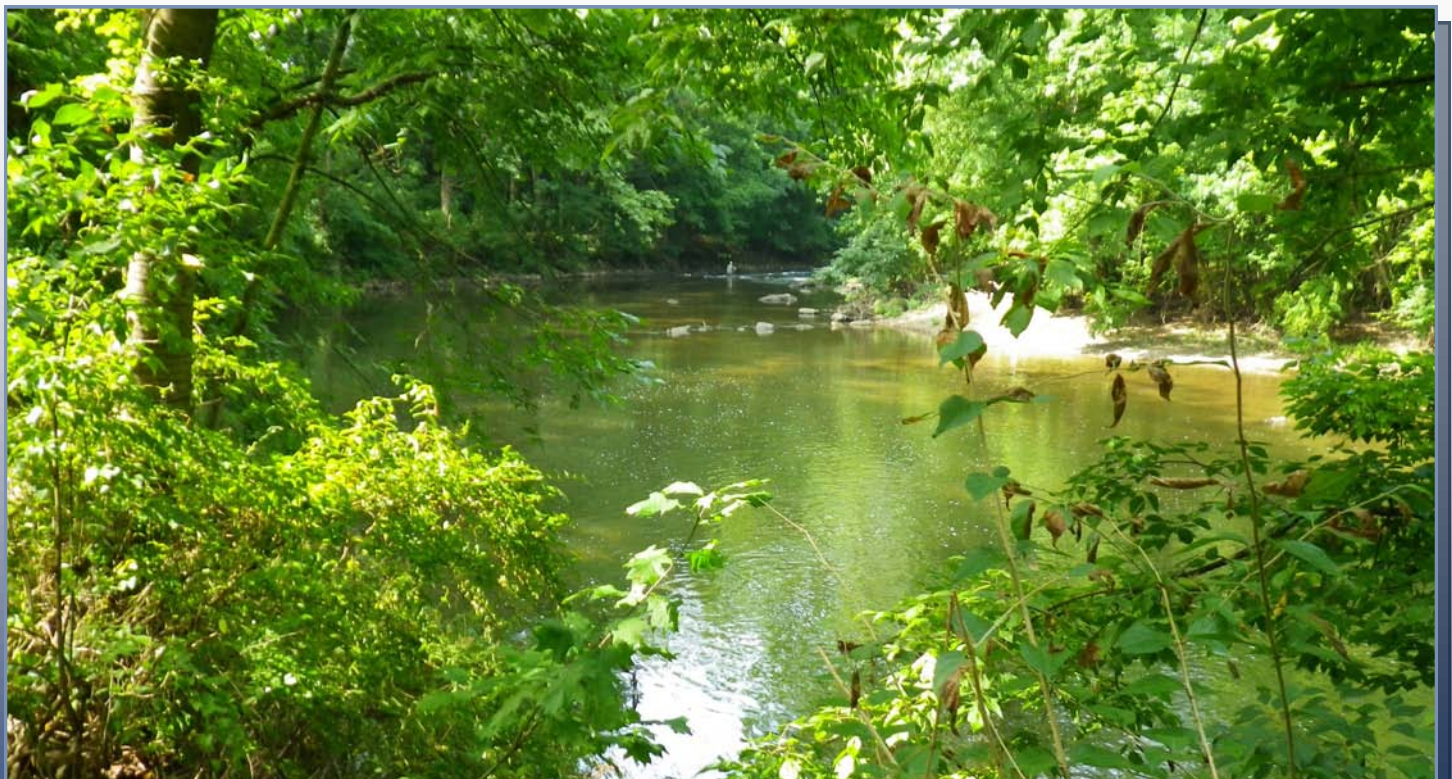
Visions From the Tully

-(Photos by) Tom Ham



**It's not hard to find picturesque stops
along the Tully!**

-Tom



Carp on the Fly *-Joe McGinley*

As we all know, opportunities to trout fish during the dog days of summer are sometimes few and far between. With daytime highs touching 100-degrees and water temperatures tipping the 70-degree mark, we should really give the trout a break. But, that doesn't mean we still can't spend time on our beloved Tully. There is one highly under-rated species swimming the stream, and it just so happens they love the warm water of July and August. CARP! I know, you're probably all thinking, "why the heck would I want to catch one of those big, slimy, ugly looking fish." True be told, they are excellent sport on the fly and extremely difficult to catch. It's also a nice break from size 24 trico spinners and 8x tippet

Gear

Carp fishing does require some heavier tackle, however, many a carp have been accidentally caught while trout fishing, so that's not to say they can't be landed with a 5 weight rod and 5x tippet. The recommended rod/line/reel combo is a 6 weight rod, WF-6-F line and a large arbor reel with a solid drag system. Many of you may already have this set up for summer time bass fishing. As for leader and tippet, a 9' 4x leader tapered down to 4x or 5x fluorocarbon tippet is a must. Carp were blessed with five lateral lines, which makes them very leader shy and highly sensitive to any surface disturbance. They weren't nicknamed the "Golden Bonefish" for nothing.

Flies

Many of your trout nymphs can double for carp flies as well. Fill your box with an assortment of pheasant tails, prince nymphs, lightning bugs, zebra midges (that's right, they love em), small wooly buggers, and small crayfish patterns in sizes 8-18. Sight nymphing through skinny riffles or shallow flats will provide the most success.

Tactics

A stealthy approach and pinpoint casts are the name of the game when it comes to chasing carp. Approaching the fish from a downstream angle is a must, this will allow you to get as close as possible without entering their field of vision. Try to slip parallel or just upstream of the fish before presenting your fly. Casting upstream to carp will end in defeat. An across or down and across presentation, allowing the fish to see your fly first will increase your odds and allow the fish to

sink to the appropriate depth. Also, try to find carp that are mudding (these fish are digging their noses in the bottom to stir up nymphs and crayfish). A tall tale sign is the mud cloud which forms just downstream of feeding carp. These are the easiest targets to get to eat your offering and the hardest to spook, being they are preoccupied on feeding. Cruising carp are very difficult to hook and very easy to spook. Casting a fly for carp is not only a blast, it's a great way to hone your skills for the wary trout of late season Tully fishing.

So this summer, leave the waders at home, grab your 6 weight and a box of nymphs and hit the stream. You may be surprised at how addicting carp fishing can really be.

We're also pleased to announce TCO Fly Shop will be hosting it's first movie night of 2012 on August 21st, starting at 8:00pm. All are welcome to come out and enjoy a night full of fly fishing. We will be projecting the movie on the outside of the shop, so feel free to bring a lawn chair. There will be food and beverages, as Stoudts Brewing Co. was gracious enough to co-sponsor the event. They will be present for beer sampling. Along with the movie night, TCO Fly Shop will be raffling off some fly fishing goodies, all proceeds will go to the Fall Fingerling stocking for the Tulpehocken Creek. Any questions? Please feel free to stop by the shop or give us a call 610-678-1899. We hope to see you all there!

-Joe

Joe McGinley is the Web Manager for TCO Fly Shop in West Lawn, PA. He grew up fishing the Tully and hopes we can see more consistent and healthier fish in the Tully.



Large Blooms of Didymo Discovered in the Delaware River

(from NPS, May 2012)

Superintendent Sean McGuinness announced today that an aquatic biologist with the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) found extensive mats of the aquatic alga *Didymosphenia geminata* (also known as Didymo or "Rock Snot"), an invasive species, in the Delaware River. "Didymo is not a threat to human health," commented McGuinness, "but it is a threat to the health of our river. We need fishermen and boaters to be vigilant in cleaning equipment and clothing to help prevent the spread of this invasive species."

Dr. Erik Silldorff, on April 18, 2012, discovered large Didymo blooms in the Delaware River over a 40-mile stretch extending from the area near the confluence with the Lackawaxen River (river mile 279) downstream to the vicinity of Dingmans Ferry Bridge (river mile 239). This section of river includes portions of two National Park units: the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River and the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

"We knew Didymo occurred in the river," Dr. Silldorff said, "but the spatial extent and intensity of this bloom is alarming given its potentially detrimental effect on ecosystems and the ease in which it can be spread to nearby tributaries."

Didymo covers rock surfaces in cold, moderate to fast flowing water. Since 2007, Didymo has been found at low concentrations during the summer months from around Hancock, N.Y., downstream to the area around Dingmans Ferry, Pa., with high-density patches frequently observed in the cold-water zones of the East and West branches of the Delaware River, as well as in the colder zones of the upper main stem river.

Following the recent discovery, scientists with the National Park Service and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection over this past week independently documented Didymo blooms extending north of the area discovered by Silldorff to Callicoon, N.Y. (river mile 303) as well as from Long Eddy, N.Y. (river mile 315) upstream into the East and West branches of the Delaware River (upstream of river mile 330). Each biologist noted that the intensity was variable, with some areas having dense coverage, while other sites or locations only having relatively small patches.

Regardless, these findings indicate that the blooms of Didymo now extend across more than 100 miles of river.

While Didymo is not a public health hazard, there is great ecological concern with discovering the invasive alga to this extent and in these concentrations. Thick mats of Didymo can crowd out aquatic insects or smother more biologically valuable algae growing on the riverbed, thereby significantly altering the physical and biological conditions within a stream.

Additionally, Didymo can easily attach to any fishing equipment, especially felt-soled boots, and the chance of it hitchhiking its way into nearby streams or rivers that currently lack this unwanted invader is cause for alarm. The risk is compounded by the bloom's timing with the beginning of trout season, when anglers flock to the river in large numbers. This spring's warm weather and low flows are bringing out even more fishing enthusiasts, further amplifying the concern for spread.

Inspect, clean and dry: Didymo can survive outside of the water for over a month in cool, dark and damp conditions. All boats, paddles, propellers, tackle, clothing, and any other gear used within the Delaware River corridor should be cleaned using a detergent and/or bleach solution. After cleaning, items should be dried thoroughly for at least 48 hours before using in another body of water. Felt-soled fishing waders are extremely difficult to thoroughly disinfect as microscopic spores can become imbedded in the felt soles. They are banned in several New England and Mid-Atlantic states impacted by Didymo. The National Park Service highly discourages use of felt-soled waders.

National Park Service employees and DRBC staff are coordinating with scientists from Pennsylvania, New York, and New Jersey to quickly alert the public and identify appropriate next steps. Samples already collected were sent to the laboratory at The Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia where Academy scientists confirmed the identification of Didymo. Follow-up surveys to determine the actual downstream extent of the bloom are planned once river conditions improve after the weekend's rains.

For more details, including additional information on Didymo and how to prevent its spread by properly cleaning equipment before entering another stream or river, please call Don Hamilton, Chief of Natural Resources, at;

(570) 729-7842 or visit

<http://www.fishandboat.com/cleanyourgear.htm> or

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/50267.html>

Alaskan Adventure

Pictures from guide Jake Villwock



TCO guide Jake Villwock headed up to Alaska to wet his line in the waterways of 'The Last Frontier,' and it looks like it was a great trip!

Thanks for sharing...I think what amazes us more is that you actually came back!!!



Photo-Tom Ham

A beautiful morning back Swiftwater Lane



Photo-Tom Ham

Trico's in a web...hmmm, what to tie on?

We Need Your Help!

Anyone who can, please reach out to us about volunteering with our Italian Dinner night on 9/29, We have many reservations already and could use a hand!

Great Job Zach!!!

Dear Trout Unlimited,

My name is Zach Germer, and I am a school student from the Exeter Township area. From the week of June 26th to June 30th; I, along with 17 other high school-aged kids spent a week at the Alvernia Campus and dedicated our time to learning about Pennsylvania wildlife and completing an annual project to help out a natural habitat in Berks County. The Don Hartman Conservation Leadership School is a wonderful place for any child of high school age who is interested in the topic of conservation to attend. First; however, I really wanted to thank Trout Unlimited for offering me a sponsorship to the camp. Throughout the one-week program, I learned a lot about invasive species and plants, native animals, and important creatures that affect the PA ecosystems, all in an interactive way. With the hands-on activities and speeches made by many notable Pennsylvania instructors, I had a general understanding of the many topics included by the end of the week. This week alone taught me much more about the aquatic environments in many parts of the state, and especially the marshes surrounding Angelica Creek than I ever knew before. It was a fantastic time, and I would love to go back again next year! I'm very grateful that I was able to experience the nature in a way I never really knew existed. Thanks again, and I hope to learn more about the topic of conservation in further detail as I progress through my future years.

Zach Germer

Sponsors and donations needed-

Our Trout Unlimited organization is a 100% volunteer organization and 100% of all funds raised go to support our environmental, educational and social events. We thank our present sponsors and ask that the membership help us in obtaining new sponsors and donations that can be used in our fund raising efforts.

Rick Nyles- SkyBlue Outfitters, & Dave Frees,-

Radical Restorations each have sponsored a breakfast at the Tullyhouse. We hold a breakfast each month on the second Saturday of the month during the summer season that is open to the public. Join us and participate in the fishing stories.

To sponsor a breakfast send us a check in the amount of \$150.00 payable to "Tulpehocken Chapter Trout Unlimited Inc". That amount of money will cover the cost of our food, our profit would then be the donations received at the breakfast.

One of the larger expenses that we have in our Budget is for education. We send three students to conservation schools each year. This year the cost was \$730.00 in total. You or your company could sponsor a student, we send two students to one school at a cost of \$190.00 per student, we send one student to the second school at a cost of \$350.00. The feedback from the students each year is worth the money spent.

In addition one of Trout Unlimited's most successful program is "Trout in the Classroom". This is a program that allows the kids in our schools to raise Brook Trout and release them in an approved stream. This is a joint program with Pa. Fish and Game. The total cost for the program is approximately \$1300.00 per school each year. The Fish Commission provides a grant for approximately one half of that cost along with the Brook Trout eggs. Your Chapters cost runs about \$600 per school to purchase all of the equipment necessary for the project.

We now have more schools wanting to get into the program then we can financially support.

If anyone knows a corporate sponsor that would be willing to support a school we would appreciate it. Please contact any of our Board members listed on our website. Thank you for your support. Please do what you can to help us raise the necessary funds that will allow us to continue with our excellent programs. Visit our website www.tullytu.org for more information.

Ron Weidner, Treas.

Opportunity House Kids “Goin Fishing” - Trout Unlimited Members Show the Way

Fishing is one of those basic “kid” things to do. Sometimes children don’t have the people to assist or the access to equipment or a water body to do this fundamental activity. However on Tuesday, July 11, the children at the Second Street Learning Center had a blast “fishin”.

The idea came about when Dan Shaffer and Pier Ignozzi-Shaffer were discussing donations for an Opportunity House fundraiser. Due to the tough financial times, they thought donations of time and people could benefit the children of the Opportunity House’s, Second Street Learning Center.

First, Modesto Fuime, Opportunity House President, approved the fishing idea in January. Second, one of the TCO Fly Shop employees visited the Second Street Learning Center for an education session on fly fishing and the environment. Finally, the Shaffer’s recruited fellow members of Trout Unlimited PA (TU) – Tulpehocken Chapter, www.patROUT.org/Chapters.aspx

The TU mission is “To conserve, protect, restore and sustain Pennsylvania’s coldwater fisheries and their watersheds, especially our wild trout resources” We restore streams through habitat improvement projects, conduct seminars on water quality and fisheries management, and work to educate the next generation about the importance of clean water and wild trout.

Local TU members embraced the opportunity of fun and education by sharing the sport with children. The Trout Unlimited member’s volunteered their time to show over 20 children a great time at French Creek. The children fished Hopewell Lake and in most of the cases, this was their first time fishing. All of the children had a chance to cast a line into the lake. Late morning fishing brought the best results as by midafternoon the fish were as exhausted as the instructors. Everyone walked away happy campers and one of the Learning Center’s instructors stated this was one of the best experiences the children have had this summer. Due to the overall enthusiasm of all parties, TU is hoping to host another event in a few weeks.

Second Street Learning Center is a program of Opportunity House and is a non-profit organization licensed by the state of Pennsylvania. Enrollment in the center is

available to children ages 6 weeks to 13 years old. The Learning Center’s goals are to promote healthy growth and development of physical, social, emotional and cognitive skills in the children enrolled in the program. www.opphouse.org

Pier Ignozzi-Shaffer is also a fundraising coordinator for MAREA. (Mid Atlantic Energy Association), MAREA is currently seeking funds to provide Opportunity House with a solar hot water system on their main building. www.themarea.org/solaropportunity/.

For more information about the TU Tulpehocken Chapter: general meetings - fourth Wednesday, social meetings – second Saturday’s at the Tully House www.patROUT.org/Chapters.aspx

http://www.bctv.org/fun/trout-fishing-fans-take-children-from-reading-center-fishing-most/article_354e6a44-cdef-11e1-b357-001a4bcf887a.html



A Special thanks to Pier for this great report on a special event! We certainly hope for more opportunities like this. Please follow this link as well!

<http://readingeagle.com/article.aspx?id=406255>



From the Editor

-By Thomas Ham

Hello TU community...and Happy Summer!

So...is it hot enough for you? Sorry, couldn't resist throwing that one out there...

Personally I am not one for the heat, it is most uncomfortable, trout don't like it, and my ancestors come from places in Europe where sun is a foreign concept...so I burn. I can only imagine many of you share my sentiment, especially those anglers who live for spring and fall seasons.

Fortunately the Tully, being fed from the bottom of the lake, has been running cool, making for a few more productive mornings than one would expect during such a hot summer. Still though, in my opinion we should be mindful of rising water temps and the handling of our catch. As a general rule in the summer I crimp or clip my barbs for a quick release, keep them in the water as much as possible (forgoing many photo ops), and of course when you do hook in, get down to business and keep the fight short. As most of us know an over exerted trout and warmer water temps is not a good combination. On that note, in the latest issue of 'Trout' magazine was a great article with illustrations explaining how to read a trout's health when caught. By judging their pupils, movements, mouth and breathing, you'll better know its condition and stand a better chance to successfully revive it prior to release. Aside from that, if slower, more delicate trout fishing isn't your speed, I know a few bass in the Schuylkill who are more than happy to take a fly and get you through until fall!

I guess we saw it coming, with such a mild winter, we knew summer was going to be nasty. It seems spring went into action early, along with it most of the hatches. It definitely forced some of us out of our comfort zone and reminded us to read the water and bugs, and not to rely on convention.

I hope you all enjoy the newsletter, as always, some good info! Among other things, Bill started us off with an important message about advocating your local chapter. You'll also see our events such as breakfasts and Italian night are in full swing. We'd love to see you, so come on out and show your support!

Remember, the greatest impact of conservation is not only in the doing, but in teaching future generations to continue the effort!

-Tom



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4 Course Italian Dinner

SATURDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

Join us for Italian Night on the Tulpehocken Creek!

At the Tully House - At Grings Mill Park & Recreation Area (Follow Signs)

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| • Wedding Soup | • Garlic Bread |
| • Mixed Green Salad with Dressing | • Various Deserts |
| • Spaghetti with Sausage and Meatballs | • Coffee, Iced Tea and Lemonade |
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Three seatings - 4:15, 5:30 and 7:00

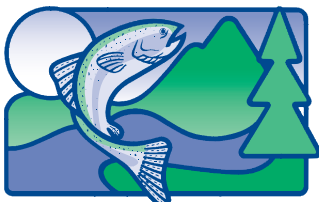
Porch seating overlooking the beautiful flow of "The Tully" upon request.

Reservations Required

Adults - \$12.00

Children 5 to 11 - \$6.00

Children under 5 - Free



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