

DFTU NEWS ARCHIVE – 2016

October 11: DFTU volunteers assist with PFBC stocking of the Quittie

On a beautiful fall day, about 10 chapter volunteers showed up to float stock the Artificial Lures Only section of Quittapahilla Creek, beginning at Spruce Street and extending down to Rt. 934 in Annville. This section of the Quittie includes the recently completed Phase II Stream Restoration Project which together with the Phase I work has greatly enhanced nearly a mile of this popular Lebanon County stream. If you haven't seen it, you should take your rod along, and you might just be lucky enough to entice one or more of the nice rainbows that were stocked that day. [Click here](#) to see pics of this activity.

August 27: Plan to attend our Annual Membership Meeting on September 27

Our monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 27, will feature a presentation by Tom Gilmore who has just authored "Flyfisher's Guide to Pennsylvania," the first new guidebook to PA streams to be published in 20 years. We will also be electing officers and directors to serve for our new fiscal year which begins October 1. The following names have been placed in nomination, and other nominations will be taken from the floor.

Officers:

President - Russ Collins
Vice Pres. - Steve Vegoe
Secretary - Bob Pennell
Treasurer - Francis O'Gorman
Past Pres. - Ed O'Gorman

Directors:

Steve Long
Steve Funck
Joseph Connor
Rick LaTournous
Rob Konowitch

Cyndi Camp
RoseAnn Viozzi
Rich DiStanislaio
Chuck Swanderski

August 24: Quittie Phase Two restoration project is underway

Earlier this month work began on the second phase of a stream restoration project on Quittapahilla Creek which when finished will extend the previously completed section from the Quittie Nature Park downstream to Rt. 943 in Annville. This work is being done by Aquatic Resource Restoration Co. with grant money obtained by the Quittapahilla Watershed Association. [Click here](#) to see a few pics of the early stages of this project.

July 9: DFTU volunteers teach fly tying to kids at DCAC Youth Field Day

As part of the Dauphin County Anglers and Conservationists' (DCAC) Youth Field Day, 10 DFTU volunteers were on hand to teach fly tying to the 40 or so kids who attended. Each child tied one or more Green Weenies under the supervision of our volunteers and each was also presented with one of Rick LaTournous's masterfully crafted woolly buggers. The event also included a number of other volunteers who taught fly casting, spin casting, fishing techniques, macroinvertebrate, fish and mammal identification. The kids also had an opportunity to try their newfound fishing skills on the 750 trout that had been freshly stocked in Clarks Creek from DCAC's hatchery. [Click here](#) to see pics of this event.

June 11: Another great day on the water with our disabled veterans!

For the seventh consecutive year, we welcomed disabled veterans from the Harrisburg Veterans Center to spend a day at Ed and Nichole O'Gorman's beautiful property along Clarks Creek. This year, 22 vets participated and 22 chapter members volunteered as guides for a day of fishing, good food, and just chilling out. For those who felt more comfortable fishing still water, the O'Gomans' pond provided plenty of action on bass and bluegills, and the catch of the day...a 20+ pound snapping turtle! Our thanks go out to Applebee's who donated a catered lunch, R & K Subs who donated subs for dinner, and a whole host of companies who donated various items for each vet's goodie bag...and a special thanks to RoseAnn Viozz1 who once again made it all come together! [Click here](#) to see what this fun day was all about

June 6: 2016 Viozzi Scholarship awarded to Palmyra High School senior

The fourth annual Dr. Francis J. Viozzi Memorial Educational Scholarship for Environmental Studies has been presented to Brenna Hogue, a graduating senior at Palmyra High School. Brenna will be attending Temple University in Philadelphia and will major in Environmental Science. This scholarship is awarded each year to a deserving high school senior in honor of Frank Viozzi who served as president of the Doc Fritchey Chapter for many years before his untimely passing in 2011.

May 7: DFTU partners with CRW on Adopt-a-Highway cleanup of SR325

Five DFTU volunteers turned out on a rainy morning for the annual Adopt-a-Highway cleanup on Clarks Valley Road (SR325) paralleling the 1.9 mile Fly Fishing Only stretch of Clarks Creek. After completing our cleanup, the volunteers reconvened at the DeHart Dam where Capital Region Water treated us to lunch and a tour of the dam and surrounding property. The dam forms a 4.5 mile long, 90 foot deep pristine lake and provides a year-round bottom release to ensure that the downstream waters of Clarks Creek support a sustainable wild trout population. [Click here](#) for pics of this event.

May 5: Math/Science students release TIC fingerlings at Ned Smith Center

Fifth and sixth graders from the Marshall School Math/Science Academy in Harrisburg spent a good portion of the day at the Ned Smith Center for Nature and Art on May 5, releasing the fingerlings raised in their Trout in the Classroom program in Wiconisco Creek while gaining insight into the importance of the coldwater environment where trout live. Volunteers from our chapter joined Ned Smith staff and volunteers in teaching the kids about the macroinvertebrates that trout depend on for their survival. [Click here](#) to see pics of this event.

April 13: DFTU Annual Banquet was another huge success

If you weren't able to attend our Annual Banquet on April 9, you missed out on a great opportunity to enjoy the evening with friends and a chance to win some really great prizes. The banquet was attended by about 100 members and guests who participated in raising a substantial amount of funds to help our chapter meet its conservation goals in Dauphin and Lebanon counties. Our sincere thanks go out to all of our sponsors and donors, and the chapter volunteers who contributed their time and efforts to make this banquet a huge success. [Click here](#) to see pics of this event.

April 12: Two Dauphin County students are selected for TU Rivers Camp

Every year, our chapter budgets funds to support as many as 4 teenagers who are selected to attend the TU Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp at the Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs. We are pleased to announce that this year 2 applicants were accepted from Dauphin County; Gillian Price from Hummelstown and Jayden Shadle from Halifax. In return for our sponsorship, these students will attend a chapter meeting in the fall to tell us about their experiences and what they learned during their week at camp.

March 16: DFTU beginners fly tying class wraps up another successful session

For the second year in a row, under the tutorship of expert fly tyer Rick LaTournous, our chapter conducted an 8-week beginners fly tying class at the Wildwood Nature Center. Ten chapter volunteers served as mentors for the 15 students, most of whom had no previous experience in tying flies. As a bonus for this free course, students got to keep not only the flies they created, but also the tools the chapter donated for their use. [Click here](#) to see pics of the class.

March 4: Two Special Regulation stream sections stocked by DFTU this week

Chapter volunteers turned out on two mornings this week to assist with the PFBC's stocking efforts in the DHALO sections of Quittapahilla and Manada creeks. On March 1, high water conditions in the Quittie allowed for bucket stocking only, but on March 3, Manada's waters had receded to the point that float stocking was possible. [Click here](#) to see pics of the Manada stocking.

February 19: Outstanding Volunteer Award nominations are due by March 15

Each year at our Annual Banquet we present the Gerald L. Miller Outstanding Volunteer Award to an individual who has performed outstanding volunteer work for the Doc Fritchey Chapter. Your nomination needs to be submitted by March 15 for this year's award that will be presented at our Annual Banquet on April 9. [Click here](#) to download the nomination form. Should you run out of space on the form, feel free to continue on a separate page. Questions should be directed to Rick LaTournous at ralatour@comcast.net, and your nomination form can either be emailed to Rick or mailed to him at 2500 Magnolia Terrace, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

February 19: 2016 Members Only Raffle tickets are now available

If you're a Doc Fritchey Chapter member, along with an invitation to our Annual Banquet you should have received four tickets in the mail for a special raffle available to current members only. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are good for a chance to win either a [Model LS1.5 Lamson Litespeed Series IV Fly Reel or a Sci. Anglers Sharkskin line of your choice](#). The drawing will take place at our banquet on April 9, and additional tickets are available by sending a check payable to Doc Fritchey TU, 2319 Valley Road, Harrisburg, PA 17104.

February 18: Reservations are being accepted now for April 9 Annual Banquet

It's time to get your reservations made for this year's Annual Banquet to be held at the Holiday Inn of Grantville on April 9. There are plenty of prizes to be won, including a GoPro camera as a door prize raffle item and lots of great wildlife art, guided fishing trips, tackle, and a host of other items that should appeal to both men and women who are not necessarily into angling. Your reservation buys you a wonderful buffet dinner, and free beer will be provided courtesy of Wilsbach Distributors and the Snitz Creek Brewery.

You can [click here](#) to download a reservation form, and if you have questions, please feel free to contact Ed O'Gorman at edogorman@comcast.net or 717-580-3186. Reservations must be received no later than April 1.

January 30: DFTU seeking students to sponsor for TU Youth Camp

The Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited is holding the 22nd annual Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp June 19-24, 2016, at the Allenberry Resort in Boiling Springs, PA. Students are instructed in ecology, aquatic biology, geology, hydrogeology, erosion and sedimentation control, ichthyology, riparian corridor protection, watershed management, entomology, and much more. Students also participate in a hands-on stream habitat improvement project and participate in 10 fishing sessions and fly tying instruction. Admission is limited to 32 selected qualified students, ages 14 to 17.

The Doc Fritchey Chapter has budgeted for the support of four students from either Dauphin or Lebanon County at a cost of \$400 per student. For additional details and application information, [click here](#).