



HATCHES

Newsletter of the Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited
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"Dedicated to the conservation, protection and restoration of the coldwater resources of Dauphin & Lebanon Counties"



From Your President:

In this issue of *Hatches*, I want to talk about how we can become an advocate for what affects and matters most to the chapter and Trout Unlimited. The conventional thought is to promote who and

what we are to the younger generation and the community at large. Certainly, that remains an important part of who we are.

Nationally, TU does a good job of promoting issues that impact the goals of conserving, protecting, and restoring North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. However, what I am suggesting is to bring our story to entities that most impact the work we do toward our mission as a Trout Unlimited chapter.

The entities I am referring to are the legislators here in the State Senate, House of Representatives and local politicians. Why you ask? Because they are the ones who have a direct impact on what we do here in Central Pennsylvania. They are making decisions that affect the streams we fish, the places we hunt, and the agencies that look out for what we value most.

Here are some examples of what I mean. Local municipalities have a big say in what developments are planned in ecologically sensitive areas. They regulate storm water that flows into our fisheries. While the Fish & Boat and Game Commissions make rules that impact the way we practice our sports of fishing and hunting, State Legislators are always trying to make changes that negatively impact the good work the agencies do.

A couple of things you can do to further our mission with these entities would be to get to know your local municipal leaders. Attend township, borough, and zoning meetings to gain an awareness of happenings in your community that impact our work. The same is true for State Legislators. If there is an issue that comes up, visit their offices in Harrisburg. Take them out to a project our chapter may be working on, so that they get a perspective on what important work we do.

Over the past year, I have made it my mission to become actively involved in this method of promoting what is in our best interest. I urge you to join me in learning how much impact you as a constituent can accomplish.

Russ Collins, President
Doc Fritchey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

February Chapter Meeting



Our first meeting in 2018 (**Tuesday, February 27, 2018**) will feature a presentation by Henry Ramsay on *Matching Major Eastern Hatches*, based on his book of the same name

published in 2011. Henry is a professional, custom fly-tyer, and a fly fishing and fly-tying instructor. In addition to his hatch-matching book, Henry Ramsay is also a co-author of the *Keystone Fly Fishing Guide* published in 2017 (a must-own book if you fly fish in Pennsylvania). His February 27, 2018 DFTU presentation will deal with several of his favorite fly patterns and the relationship between his patterns and the naturals they imitate. For more information on Henry, please see www.ramsayflies.com

About Henry's book - "Most fly fishermen, whether a fly tier or a fly purchaser, end up with a collection of flies, many that never see the light of day let alone get wet. It's time to eliminate those patterns and replace them with new patterns that instill confidence that will translate into success. A newly released book, *Matching Major Eastern Hatches* by Henry Ramsay, can help you do just that. This book will help anglers transition from on-stream spectators to participants enjoying the fun of catching fish." Mike O'Brien - O'Brien Outdoors

DFTU Chapter Meetings

At their organizational meeting in November, the board of directors of Doc Fritchey Trout Unlimited decided to separate their board meetings from our chapter meetings. As any of you who have attended DFTU chapter meetings during the past few years have noticed, trying to hold a board meeting before the chapter meeting just wasn't working; important discussions - board-wise - were not taking place because of time limitations - and chapter members and our presenters were eager for the program to begin, etc.

So, effective in January 2018, the board will meet on the fourth Thursday of odd numbered months, January, March, etc. and regular chapter meetings will be held on the even numbered months (on the fourth Tuesday of the month), February, April, etc. Chapter meetings will typically be held at Giant Foods on Linglestown Road (in the second-floor community center) starting at 7:00 PM, ending about 8:30.

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Strategic Planning Meeting

The board of directors of DFTU have scheduled a strategic planning meeting for late January of 2018.

Two Additional Signs on the Quittie



In our last newsletter, we mentioned DFTU paid for Special Regulations signs for Quittie Creek Nature Park in Annville. Well, the signs have certainly been noticed. That's because two of the signs were "modestly" vandalized. Two sign posts were

forcibly removed from the ground and the signs and posts were hidden in the weeds, but neither sign was defaced, so, with the help of Annville Township's public works department, those signs are back in place.

At the same time, the "old guys" that helped stock the Quittie in October commented that a couple more, strategically-placed signs were needed, so DFTU's board of directors funded two additional signs to help explain the Special Regulations that apply to Quittie Creek Nature Park. Those signs were installed, again with the help of Annville Township's public works department, during the third week of December.

As you'll read in this newsletter, the Quittie has been added to the PFBC Keystone Select Stocked Trout Program, which will, we expect, bring additional fishing pressure to Quittie Creek Nature Park, which can be good thing; exposing fly fishermen from outside our neighborhood to the "glory that is the Quittie" brings lots of benefits, but may also add to the already-observed "problems" – thus the need for better information about the special regulations in the park.

DFTU Chapter Meetings

Beginning in January 2018 DFTU will hold its general membership meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the months of February, April, June, September and October. Board meetings will be conducted on the fourth Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November. There will be no meetings in December. Meetings start at 7:00 PM.

Beginner Fly Tying Classes – 8 weeks starting February 1, 2018

DFTU is blessed with a large number of outstanding fly tiers, men and women who are as good at this unique art as anyone, anywhere, and they are eager to share what they have learned over the years. So, if you want to get started – no matter what your age – here's your opportunity to learn from some of the best fly tiers in America.



DFTU's Beginner Fly Tying course will be taught at the Wildwood Park Nature Center starting on Thursday evening, February 1st, and

continuing each Thursday night through March 22nd. These beginner classes will be held from 6 PM to 8 PM with various Doc Fritchey TU members serving as instructors/mentors. DFTU provides everything for the course for all students; no need to bring anything. The course is provided at no charge. Enrollment is limited, so please register ASAP. Please contact Rick LaTournous (at ralatour@comcast.net) or Jane Webster at (jwebster@dauphininc.org) to register.

Tyler Frantz on Trout in the Classroom

Doc Fritchey Chapter member Tyler Frantz, a science teacher at Pine Street Elementary School in Palmyra, who also writes fishing, hunting, and conservation articles under the banner of *Natural Pursuits Outdoors*, has prepared a half-hour, YouTube video on how he teaches his students about Trout in the Classroom (TIC). You can find Tyler's video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ye8vNwEyBqM&sns=em>

Advertising in This Quarterly Newsletter

We have been publishing a print newsletter now for a year, with good results, it seems - if our 2017 award from the PA Council of Trout Unlimited is a way to measure. Obviously, it costs DFTU to print and distribute each issue. For sure, we can defray most (or all) of that cost with a few well-paced ads. So, starting with the April 2018 issue of *Hatches*, we will accept quarter-page, half-page, and full-page advertising from DFTU members and businesses that want to reach our dedicated readers – about 450 members of Trout Unlimited. If this looks like an idea you want to pursue, please contact Bob Pennell at (717) 236-1360 or rpennell37@comcast.net for rate information. We'll need a commitment and camera-ready copy no later than April 6, 2018.

Get Your Own Doc Fritchey Fishing Shirt

The PA Council of Trout Unlimited is now offering short and long sleeve fishing shirts in a 100% micro-polyester UPF-40 rated fabric in a variety of colors, including an embroidered logo with the Doc Fritchey Chapter name added to the PATU logo. Short sleeve shirts are offered in 11 colors, with prices ranging from \$50.95 to \$55.95, depending on size. Long sleeve shirts are available in 7 colors and range from \$51.95 to \$56.95. To take advantage of this special pricing, our chapter must order a minimum of 10 shirts at a time in any combination of styles, sizes and colors; if you're interested in purchasing a DFTU-logoed fishing shirt, please contact Bob Pennell (rpennell37@comcast.net) to request a pricing sheet and color chart.

Chapter Fishing Hats

Russ Collins is also working on reviving a chapter tradition – a DFTU logo fishing hat. By the time you get this newsletter, Russ should have received our first shipment of DFTU hats, which will be introduced to the chapter at the February chapter meeting on February 27th.

Swanderski Accepts Leadership Position

If you attended our November chapter meeting, you were greeted by DFTU's new membership chair, Chuck Swanderski. Chuck recently accepted chapter president Russ Collins' invitation to help bring even more camaraderie and networking to our Chapter's membership meetings. Chuck and Russ are also working on a new-member package that will be introduced to our membership at the February chapter meeting (Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at Giant's community center on Linglestown Road). If you are a new member who has not previously attended a chapter meeting, make sure you attend on February 27th. Chuck and Russ will have a new-member welcome gift package just for you.

End of the Year Membership Report

As of December 14, 2017, DFTU's membership continues the steady growth we have seen for the past year. We are now at 444 members (but with 37 members whose membership expired – but still on the books as of the end of the year). That 444 total includes: 267 regular, 67 lifetime, 2 family lifetime, 44 family, 15 women, 10 youth, 29 seniors, 9 sponsors, and 21 trial. New members - Greyson Smith, Leanne Mansberger, David Billingham, Paul Seale, Justin Funck, Gary Zelinske, Kyle Groff, Dennis Fisher, John Adams, Jonathan Houser, Davis Christ, Charles Heim, Gary Copenhaver, Bill Dechant, Howard Bixler, Ryan Vandermark, and Bill Waddington

Snitz Creek Project Update

In our last issue of *Hatches*, we indicated our stream restoration project on lower Snitz Creek would begin in early January. Russ Collins reports, "The contractual agreement between DFTU and the Fish and Boat Commission has been signed and submitted for final processing. I am still working on the Permit process with Rocky Powell (Clear Creeks Consulting), Lee Irwin (Aquatic Resource Restoration Co.) and the Fish and Boat Commission. It now looks likely that the project will not start till February."

Russ Collins Appointed as Regional Vice President by PA Council (PATU)

This fall, when Richard Lewis, then South-central Region VP for PA Council was appointed a PA Fish and Boat Commissioner (boating), PA Council advertised an opening to fill Lewis' position. Our DFTU chapter president, Russ Collins, has recently been appointed to fill this important position. It's a big job at which we know Russ will excel. Congratulations, Russ!

DFTU's Annual Fund Raiser – Saturday March 24, 2018 at Holiday inn Grantville

DFTU's main event, our annual conservation fund raiser (formerly our annual banquet), where we annually raise almost all the money we need to continue the chapter's good work, will be held at the Holiday inn Grantville on Saturday evening, March 24, 2018. Because RoseAnn Viozzi, who has chaired this committee for almost a decade, has decided she needs a break, DFTU's board of directors has agreed to collectively work on the various jobs that need to be done to make our fund raiser a success.

Members of DFTU will be receiving individual mailings from us regarding tickets, raffles, auctions, and the program. If you have an interest in helping, please contact Bob Pennell at (717) 236-1360 or rpennell37@comcast.net. We welcome your participation. See you at the Fund Raiser on March 24th.

DFTU Now Offers a Free Online Entomology Course

DFTU is now offering a member bonus, free enrollment in an excellent, online entomology course - [Practical Entomology for Fly Fishing](#) - that will teach you how to match any bug you see in a trout stream with the right fly in your fly box - so you can catch more fish. By the end of this course you will be able to: (a) properly collect bugs in the water that trout are likely eating, (b) select a similar fly in your box that's suited for the presentation you wish to make, (c) identify any insect on the river

Entomology continued:

based on its order and stage, and (d) catch more fish!

DFTU members will typically complete the course in one or two sittings. Enrollment needs to be managed/scheduled - a few users at a time - with Chapter president Russ Collins. To enroll in this interesting (and free) course, contact Russ at rwarrencollins@gmail.com.

Quittie Garbage Museum



We mentioned in our last issue of this newsletter that Michael Schroeder, the president of the Quittapahilla Watershed Association (and executive director of the

Quittapahilla Creek Garbage Museum) has recently moved the award-winning museum from the banks of Quittie Creek to his new home in South Annville. On behalf of Doc Fritchey TU, we extend our thanks and appreciation to Mike Schroeder for his valiant effort to keep the Quittie clean and for his almost-daily wanderings along our beloved Quittie - in search of trash, litter, detritus, and all manner of thrown-away and discarded junk and trash.

2018 Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp



The Cumberland Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will host the 24th Rivers Conservation and Fly Fishing Youth Camp at Messiah College in Grantham, PA - Sunday Through Friday - June 17-22, 2018. This week-long summer camp is one of DFTU's favorite programs. Cost of tuition for the five-day camp is \$550 - but DFTU fully funds up to three scholarships to send students from Dauphin or Lebanon County.

This special camp is limited to boys and girls between 14 and 17. If you know someone, a son or daughter or grandchild or neighbor who would like to have fun, work hard, and engage in a unique experience, get your application in early. before the March 31, 2018 deadline. Up to 32 students will be selected to attend.

Rivers Camp, continued:

Go to <http://www.riverscamp.com> to apply online or . . . contact Bob Pennell at (717) 236-1360 or rpennell37@comcast.net for more information.

Details:

- Students will have dorm lodging, meals, and class time at Messiah College
- The majority of the time at camp will be spent in a classroom setting, but many sessions will also take place on the stream or outside. The curriculum covers various topics in conservation and fly fishing.
- Students are provided with 3 meals per day plus an evening snack.
- Campers receive all course materials, a camp tee shirt, hat, and flies
- There are 10 fishing sessions on the Yellow Breeches held prior to breakfast and after dinner each day.
- Classes are taught by more than 25 expert instructors, mostly local volunteers.
- Fly fishing equipment is available for loan if needed.
- In addition to classroom time, the students all participate in constructing a stream habitat improvement project.

Please note: Not all applicants are accepted for the camp. Usually there are more than 32 applicants, so the students are evaluated based on the letters they submit, and the recommendations received from their science teachers or guidance counselors. The camp director informs DFTU of all students accepted who live in either Dauphin or Lebanon County. DFTU sends a check to cover the costs for the appropriate number, up to three applicants. Applicants do not formally apply for sponsorship from the chapter, but should be aware that funding is available . . . unless for some reason they would prefer to pay their own way.

Keystone Select Waters Will Include the Quittie in 2018

For the second consecutive year, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) has added more streams to its Keystone Select Stocked Trout Program, bringing to 22 the total number of creeks holding 14"-20" trophy trout.

The delayed harvest section of the Quittapahilla Creek in Lebanon County (Spruce Street Bridge downstream to the Route 934 bridge) - in Quittie Creek Nature Park - will receive larger than normal fish during the two spring stocking sessions.

Keystone Select, continued:

PFBC plans to distribute 6,500 large trout among the 22 waters that are now part of their trophy-trout program.

Larger than normal trout will be stocked at a rate of 175 to 225 per mile, which is comparable to the numbers of similarly sized fish in Pennsylvania's best wild trout waters.

DFTU's trout stocking team of volunteers will assist Conservation Officer Doug Deppen in float stocking the Quittie in March and again in April/May.

Trout Stocking Schedule for 2018 – Not Yet Available



Although we hoped to include the PFBC 2018 stocking schedule for Dauphin and Lebanon Counties with this newsletter, we sent the file to our printer before the 2018 schedule was available. What we know for sure is that Clark's Creek, Manada Creek, and the Quittapahilla Creek's special regulations sections will be stocked in mid to late March, and again in mid to late April, and again in early May. Our volunteer stocking group will assist with float stocking all three streams. If you are new to DFTU's stocking efforts and want to help (or observe) please contact Dennis Coffman at dencoffman@comcast.net.

Comments about our November Chapter Meeting

DFTU's November chapter meeting featured Nate Reagle, a Wildlife and Fisheries Biologist for the Pennsylvania Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources. It was, in the words of one member who attended, "an eye-opening" presentation, on multiple levels." "A good program," said another. "Nate gave us an insight into stream management, especially concerning downed trees and their positive impact on the health of a trout stream that I had never seen . . . or thought about," said a third DFTU member. Finally, one member commented, "It's too bad more of our members, especially those that are concerned about the Fly-Fishing-Only section of Clark's Creek were not here to learn about Nate's research and practical applications. Yes, all those downed-trees in Clark's make fishing difficult, but now I understand those trees significantly contribute to the health of the stream and the fish population. Great Stuff."

Annville Township Honors David and Ann Lasky

On December 4, 2017, the Annville Township Commissioners honored David and Ann Lasky for their important role in the revival of the Quittapahilla Creek. The resolution stated: David and Ann Lasky were among the small group of citizens who spearheaded the creation of Quittie Creek Nature Park in 1989, and since that time have worked tirelessly to protect, maintain, and improve Quittie Creek Nature Park; and they were instrumental in founding the Quittapahilla Watershed Association in 1997. The Quittapahilla Watershed Association, under David Lasky's leadership, made major strides in protecting, defending, and improving the water quality in the Quittapahilla watershed, as recognized in the Association's receipt of two statewide awards – the Governor's Watershed Stewardship Award in 2001, and the Pennsylvania Association of Conservation Districts Watershed Protection Award in 2002. DFTU extends our congratulations and gratitude to these two remarkable conservationists.

Lancaster Fly Fishing Show – March 3 and 4

Mark your calendars for the most popular fly fishing show in Pennsylvania. Held in downtown Lancaster at the Lancaster County Convention Center, the annual Fly Fishing Show is a must-not-miss event. Tickets – Adult one day for \$15 or two-day pass for \$25 Children under 5 free and under 12, just \$5; Scouts under 16 in uniform are free. Military with ID – just \$10. The show offers free fly fishing instruction - that's basic fly casting, fly tying, and knot tying - throughout the day on both days of the Fly Fishing Show.

The 2018 International Fly Fishing Film will be shown on Saturday, March 3 at 6:00pm. \$15; \$10 in advance.

From Trout Magazine

The issue of *Trout Magazine* that arrived in early December included a comment on work that has been done by the Massanutten Chapter of TU, based in and around Harrisonburg, Virginia, and Jerry Black, in particular.

The reason I mention that is because I reached out to the Massanutten TU chapter for some information about fly fishing in the upper Shenandoah Valley in late November. I learned that a long-time member of the Massanutten Chapter, Jerry Black, owns a stretch of Beaver Creek that he makes available (fly fishing only-catch and release only –

Jerry Black, continued:

no fishing on Sunday except for some of Jerry's TU friends) to anglers six days per week (just four per day), for a modest fee of \$10 which goes to the Massanutten TU Chapter. The work on Beaver Creek and Jerry's efforts to promote fly fishing around Harrisonburg were applauded by *Trout Magazine*.

I wrote Jerry a congratulatory note and got this note back from him. "Appreciate your info & comment have not seen it yet. However, I couldn't have done it without a lot of good help from our chapter, Virginia Game & Inland Fisheries Department, national TU & Seth Coffman, TU Shenandoah headwaters home rivers coordinator & all the landowners, neighbors & community to see this become a reality & dream. And to see our fellow vets (PHW) come and fish it often & others that have a great time fishing BEAVER. The way I look at it is I have been blessed so much with this project and the property that I needed to bless back."

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