



TALE OF THE POOL

SUMMER 2005

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Upcoming Events:

- Membership Meeting, July 16, 2005 Yough Tailrace Pavilion, 9am.
- Dunbar Creek Stream Improvement Project, August 6, 2005, 8 am.
- CRTU Family Picnic, August 13, 2005, Yough Tailrace Pavilion, 11am-4pm
- Membership Meeting, September 14, 2005, Becker's Shady-side Inn, 7:30 pm.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Even though we are entering the "dog days" of summer where for many the trout fishing slows down, CRTU committees are hard at work towards the goals and mission of Trout Unlimited. As always, Tom Shetterly is busy overlooking the resource management projects of CRTU. The Jonathan Run AMD Remediation Project is progressing. The engineering stage will be completed by the end of summer with drawings and specifications finished. As for the Morgan Run AMD Redemption Project, specifications and drawings will be sent to the state by the second week of July for final approval. Construction is scheduled to start on August 15, 2005 for phase one and phase three. We would like to finish structures for the Deep Water Habitat by the end of summer and finish placing the rest of the gravel in the outflow area for the spawning redds. And of course the continuation of the alkaline sand project on the tributaries to Glade Run will continue



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this summer. Anyone wishing to volunteer to help on any of these projects please contact the chapter or Tom Shetterly at 724-483-8654. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

On Wednesday, May 3, 2005, we had the opportunity to take advantage of a rare DR Hydro Penstock inspection.

The Penstock is the large pipe that carries the water from the lake to the hydro turbine. To inspect the Penstock requires the dewatering of the hydro unit. In other words, all water flow to the turbine must be stopped from the lake resulting in the dramatically lowering of the water level in the tailrace and the river below the dam. (cont.on page 4)

DUNBAR CREEK STREAM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2005!

The annual stream improvement project for Dunbar Creek will take place on Saturday, August 6, 2005. The project for this year is located about 500 yards upstream from the last parking lot. It will be supervised by Dave Keller from the Habitat Divi-

sion of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. Volunteer help is a necessity. We will meet at the Game Commission shed just off the hard top Dunbar-Ohiopyle road at 8 am.

Dunbar Sportsman's Club is

the organizer of this project and is asking help from CRTU members. By the way, if you fish Dunbar Creek frequently, please consider joining Dunbar Sportsman. Dues are only \$5.00 a year and you'd be supporting many of the good deeds of this fine organization

FLY RECIPE: MOTOR OIL

Motor Oil

Hook-3x streamer hook, size 8 or 10

Thread-6/0 Black, orange or chartreuse

Body-Black, orange and chartreuse marabou, gold flashabou

Head-Beadhead, size to the water you're fishing

Green beadhead is preferable, however the brass has more weight

This streamer is an adaptation of a mini foo jig of the same name. Deadly as a jig. I have good success stripping this pattern in it's streamer form or dead drifting it under a float.



Instructions:

Add the beadhead. Tie in the chartreuse and orange feathers first, then the gold flashabou. Finish off with the black feathers. Steelhead and rainbows hammer this streamer and are very susceptible to it's charm. Best fished when the water is off color to muddy conditions. The beauty is this fly is so easy to tie!

Submitted by: Al Budinsky

WEBSITE UPDATE: WWW.CRTU.ORG

Hopefully CRTU members have noticed the recent changes and improvements to our website. The most exciting change is the addition of a Photo Gallery, which allows us to create a specific gallery for each event or project. Among the galleries currently present are the spring trout stocking, Dave Schmezer's fly tying demonstration at our June membership meeting and lastly, our recent chapter fishing outing at Beaver Creek. Members are encouraged to bring digital cameras to CRTU events and email your photos to our webmaster, Allen Tedrow at awt@pitt.edu.

You will also notice more photographs on the "events" and "our projects" page. By clicking on the photograph a larger image will appear. Also remember to click on anything highlighted to access newspaper or magazine articles giving more detail about the subject.

On the "stream blog" and "discussion board" pages we have added the weather for Ohiopyle, stream gauges for Pennsylvania and the Yough at Confluence, local stream reports, and stream maps of Fayette and Somerset counties.

Also on the "stream blog" is now the ability of adding your personal photos of a recent fishing trip to your post. After you have posted your text, click on the photo icon (little box with the sun over mountains) and place the url address of the photo in the image source box. Hit ok and your photo appears below your entry. Click on your photo and you can adjust the size. There are many website companies you can use to create an url for a photo at no cost. One company is www.imageshack.us. At their site, click on "browse" and photos you have stored on your computer will appear. After you click on the chosen photo, click "host it" and you will come to another page. Scroll down to the box that says "direct link to image", which now has the url of your photo. To copy the url to the image source box a shortcut is to highlight the address, hit Ctrl C on your keyboard, then go to the image source box at the stream blog page with your cursor and hit Ctrl V. The photo address is copied without typing in a long address. Clear as mud? It's not as complicated as it sounds once you get the hang of it.

Always check the website frequently to be assured you are receiving the latest news about our chapter. Also, please consider posting to the stream blog and the discussion board.

FROM THE BOOKSHELF: "THE FLY TIER'S BENCHSIDE REFERENCE" AUTHORS: TED LEESON AND JIM SCHOLLMAYER


This book is not a reference for fly patterns, but a book that provides encyclopedic reference information from material selection, hook preparation, thread handling, etc., to almost all fly tying material selection to hook techniques for better and more effective trout flies.

If you have ever sat tying a fly from a pattern recipe and some segment of your tie just doesn't look right, perhaps the wings, this is your help book. For example, wing tying techniques are covered from down wings to wonder wings with over thirty different types and techniques. Most tying techniques are covered from A to Z with over 400 tying methods discussed with over 3000 color photographs.


The book offers clear and concise instructions with photographs for applying most materials to the hook with an excellent index allowing you to find any method or material. It is a fly tying bench must for the beginner to expert. The methods and information presented will save you many hours of frustration at the bench.

Yes, it is expensive but it is produced in a hardbound cover with heavy bond glossy paper necessary for the excellent photo reproduction. Amazon.com offers this book at the lowest price I found on the web and also allows a preview look inside before purchase. You will not regret the purchase of this book and you will become a better and less frustrated fly tier by having one in your library.

John Anderson



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REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR TU MEMBERSHIP

If you have not currently renewed your Trout Unlimited membership please do so! We have currently lost forty members due to expired memberships. Renewals can be done by mail or through the national TU website at www.tu.org. Remember to confirm that your membership chapter is Chestnut Ridge #670. Also please update any address changes and add your email address if you have one. The membership committee is attempting to collect every member's email address in an attempt to improve communications. If your membership expires you will no longer be on our mailing list.

LAST CAST: FROM THE EDITOR

The next membership meeting is an informal one, held at the Yough tailrace on Saturday, July 16th at 9 am. This would be a great opportunity for new members to view our nursery and the Glade Run alkaline project. On Saturday, August 13th, is the annual CRTU family picnic, also at the tailrace, from 11am -4pm. Please bring your family or friends and your preferred entrée and a covered side dish to share with the group. A grill will be available along with condiments, snacks, beverages, utensils and plates

CRTU will be sending John Anderson, Al Budinsky and myself to Lamar PA on July 22-24, 2005 for the TU leadership training workshop. The annual PA Trout EXCom/Membership meeting is September 24-25, 2005, also at Lamar PA.

Programs for the fall membership meetings are tentative at this time, but expect Dale Kotowski and Cynthia Zibrida to present a slide show on fishing the Catskills and FFF certified casting instructor Marc Billett to do a program on fishing Montana's Big Horn River. I can't stress enough the importance of checking our website frequently for program updates.

Many thanks to Tom Shetterly, Al Budinsky and John Anderson for their contributions to this issue. Topics of interest for the newsletter are most welcome and can be submitted to me through email at awt@pitt.edu. The next issue will be mailed the beginning of October. Please submit any material to me by September 16, 2005. Thank you.

Allen Tedrow



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

With this low water condition we were able to place waterside anchors for the new third cage platform without working from a boat. We were able to place the new anchors by walking them out in the shallow water instead. The elimination of working from a boat saved a lot of time and made the job much easier. The whole process of two waterside anchor points was completed in 45 minutes, the same time allowed for the Penstock inspection. Once the water was restored to the turbine the knee deep water we were placing the anchors moments ago was once again six feet deep. In late summer or early fall we will complete the cage nets for this third cage in time to receive the fall fingerlings. This will allow greater segregation of the trout by species and size.

Growing Greener II (House Bill No.3) is now in committee and hopefully will be passed by the House and Senate and submitted to the Governor by year's end.

On the Youth Education front, on June 11, 2005 at the Yough Tailrace, CRTU hosted the Rice's Landing Cub Scout troop from Greene County. Involved in the day's activities was a tour of our nursery, fly tying and fly casting demonstrations along with a brief entomology lesson. The looks on those boy and girl scouts were priceless. A few were natural fly casters throwing fine tight loops. It was a most enjoyable day for both the scouts and CRTU.

Allen Tedrow, Pat Mckula and staff of McKula Data Solutions have done much work on the CRTU website to continue our goal of getting the word out to our members and community. Please use the "About Us" link at the bottom of every page for Officers and Committee Chairman phone numbers. Do not hesitate to call any of us if you have a question, an idea to improve our chapter, or want to volunteer on one of our committees or projects.

Press on,
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