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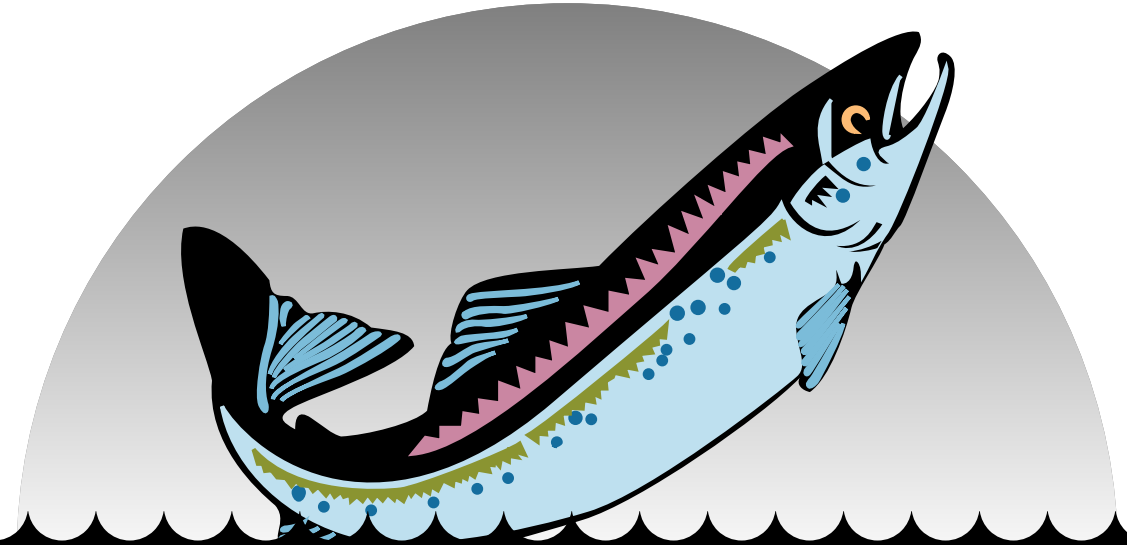
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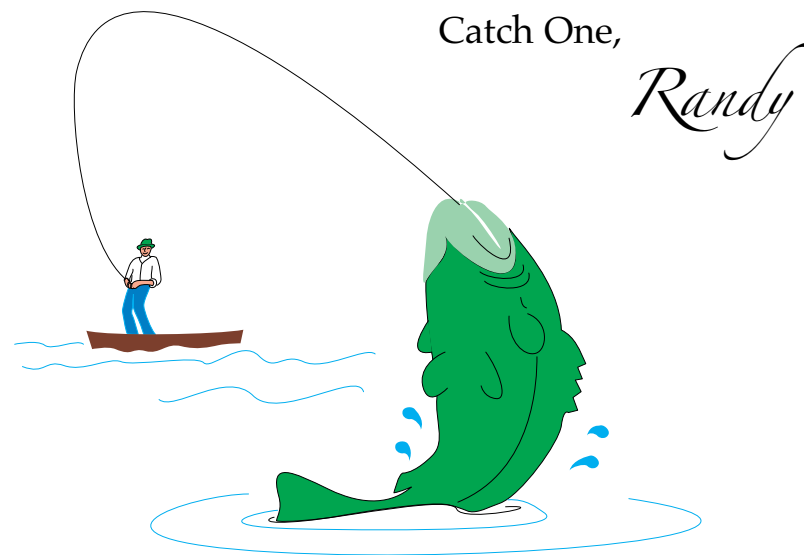
Fall has slipped in almost unnoticed. Since we basically had no summer except for a brief period in August, the appearance of autumn seems almost normal. Soon nature will spread its palate of colors over the landscape. The nights will turn cold, and white blankets of frost will greet each morning. The trout will spawn, the whitetail will breed, and winter will follow.

At MLTU we can look back on a summer of achievement. MLTU volunteers completed a cleanup of old glassware from Alwines on Ben's Creek. We removed an old trailer and recycled the metal. Volunteers from MLTU played a large role in the completion of a new bridge over Maple Run to the parking lot for the fly project on Yellow Creek. We kept a look out for our local waters.

Of course, all is not rosy! Governor Rendell has withdrawn his support for a tax on the extraction of natural gas from the Marcellus Shale Field. Are we going to make the same mistake we made with the extraction of coal many years ago. When coal was king, we didn't have the technology to prevent acid mine drainage. We couldn't clean it up like we can today. As a result, we have been suffering from this plague to our streams for many years. We need this tax on the extraction of natural gas to pay for the damage to our waters and forests which is sure to result. Each well requires millions of gallons to drill.

When the water is withdrawn from the well, it must be treated before it can be returned to our streams. All of this costs money. If there is no tax, where will the money come from?

Write to the governor and your legislators and ask them to reinstate this tax. This is not the time to allow politicians to disregard our environment. Write now!



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I was fishing the other day. As is the case for most of us, I was sitting on a rock taking a break or fixing my leader. I thought I would pick up a few rocks from the water and see what I could see. There were empty grannom shucks, Caddis structures of several varieties, and some midge larva. But the thing I noticed was a number of small stoneflies.

These were golden stones, and they were still small. One was so small that it might have been one of this year's brood. Here we had nature replenishing the stream with stoneflies for the coming year or years.

This is what nature does. Have you seen all the acorns lately? The oaks are generating future oak trees for the forests, as well as providing food for squirrels, turkeys, and deer.

In the spring maple trees shower the ground with little winged seeds. Soon I am picking tiny maple trees out of my lawn. I scouted deer one evening in August. It simply amazed me how many fawns were present. Every doe had two fawns, and I even saw one with three. Wildflowers drop seeds so that a new crop will bloom again next year. Already I have seen brown trout pairing up to complete the annual ritual of spawning. Have you ever caught a rainbow parr or a three inch brown trout? Nature has a plan to replenish itself each year. Everything takes place in the cycle of the seasons. What a wonder to behold!

Gary Cooper

State Council News and Notes

Congratulations to Ken Undercoffer, former president of Pa. Trout, on his selection as National TU's Distinguished Service Award winner.

Marcellus shale drilling for natural gas is getting into gear. Pa. Trout still has great concern over the problems associated with this drilling. Please see Dave Rothrock's article in the fall issue of *Pennsylvania Trout*.

State council has financial needs like everyone else. If you can make a donation to State Council, please do it now. You can make a donation by calling Randy Buchanan and getting the money to him.

State Council will hold its fall meeting at the Stackhouse facility on October 2-4, 2009. See the fall issue of *Pennsylvania Trout* for a schedule and registration form.

The Keystone Coldwater Conference will be held at the Penn-Stater Conference Center on February 19-20, 2010.

Check out the revised policy on stream access in the fall issue of *Pennsylvania Trout*.



MLTU Chapter Notes

In January, tickets will be available for a day of fishing with Charlie Meck. Tickets will cost \$10.00 per ticket. The winner will be based on the evening drawing of the Pa. Lottery. This is a project of the Yellow Creek Coalition.

If you know someone who is interested in learning to tie flies, tell them to check in with Gander Mountain beginning in October. We will soon be scheduling our winter fly tying classes with Gander Mountain.

The Banquet Committee will be starting to plan this year's banquet (2010) on October 21st. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend. Please see Upcoming Events in this issue.

MLTU is looking into a coal company's plan to mine where it previously said it wouldn't. The area is located near the property of Dan Eash. It contains numerous springs, and is a recharge area for a local stream.

Twelve Days of Christmas Tickets on Sale Now

Fall brings Mountain Laurel's annual ticket sale to raise money for prizes for our spring fundraising banquet. It's called The Twelve Days of Christmas ticket and it goes off from December 1st to the 12th. You have either gotten tickets at a meeting or you have received tickets in the mail. Please sell these tickets or purchase them yourself. Each ticket costs \$5.00. It has two numbers. The winners will be based on the evening drawing for the daily number of the Pennsylvania Lottery. Each day's winner will receive \$100.00.

Ticket stubs and checks should be returned to Randy Buchanan by November 20, 2009. Randy's address is as follows:

Mr. Randy Buchanan
1745 Regal Drive
Johnstown, PA 15904
Phone: 814-467-4034

If you need tickets, call Randy. Please make every effort to sell your tickets so that we can have another good banquet.

Gary Cooper

Upcoming Chapter Events

Monthly Chapter Meetings

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

All meetings are held at Gander Mountain in the lodge at 7:00 p.m.

Board Of Director's Meetings

Same dates as above

All meetings are held at Gander Mountain in the lodge at 630 p.m.

Banquet Committee Meetings

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

Wednesday, October 18, 2009

Meetings are held at the home of Randy and Pat Buchanan at 7:00 p.m.

Chapter Elections

Nominations will be open for chapter officers and two on year board positions at the October and November meetings under old business. The election will be held in November under new business.

Chapter Fund-Raising Banquet

All tickets should be sold by November 20th. Ticket stubs and checks should be returned to Randy Buchanan.

Chapter Fund-Raising Banquet

Saturday, March 20, 2009

Holiday Inn, downtown Johnstown. Doors open At 5:00 p.m. For tickets call Gary Cooper at 266-4763.

Yellow Creek Coalition Meetings

Sunday, October 18, 2009

2:00 p.m. at Carl's Pavilion.