

# HATCHES

Newsletter of the Doc Fritchey Chapter  
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**“Dedicated to the conservation, protection and restoration of the cold water resources of Dauphin & Lebanon Counties”**

## From Your President:



Well, Brood X of the periodic Cicadas finally emerged in late May, heavy in places, not as heavy as hoped for in others, but where they hatched, fishing with cicada patterns was productive, especially on the Yellow Breeches, which had the most consistent emergence of large numbers of cicadas. My friend Chuck Swanderski reported he was taking Yellow Breeches trout on cicada patterns into the last weekend of June.

We knew that Dauphin and Lebanon counties were on the fringe of the expected emergence, so for us it was sporadic or non-existent fly fishing. Now we have to wait four years for brood XIV in 2025, which should bring massive numbers (we hope) of periodic cicadas to Pennsylvania's fabled limestone region.

You'll find information in this newsletter on the chapter's long-awaited summer picnic. Thanks to our Picnic Committee - George Dodson, Rebecca Fronk, Fran Barilar, and Andy Link - for planning the picnic at the end of August. Since this will be the initial event following the end of the pandemic that is open to a gathering of all members, I hope you can join us. I am looking forward to meeting people again, and since we are all vaccinated, maskless and up close and personal.

Thanks to Dennis Coffman, Russ Collins, and Joseph Connor for their participation in the Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association's Spotlight Series on Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. They served as a panel to discuss our Doc Fritchey chapter's conservation projects, highlighting the diversion well and stream improvements in our footprint. Great going!

Also, we're excited to offer our popular Ladies' Day of Fly Fishing once again; a full day of fly fishing instruction conducted by chapter members for women interested in learning to fly fish. This has been an annual event that we could not hold in 2020 due to covid restrictions.

Our 2021 online speaker series has been well received. Our chapter has featured some of the best of the professional fishing speakers Pennsylvania has to offer. Rick Nyles, Henry Ramsay, Greg Hoover, and most recently, Jamie SanFilippo, owner and guide for American Fly Fishing. Online participation from members and guests has been positive but I for one am looking forward to resuming in-person chapter meetings.

## Calendar

- July 27** - Board of Directors Meeting
- July 31** - Ned Smith 2021 Nature & Arts Festival at MYO Park in Millersburg
- August 29** - Picnic at Memorial Lake State Park
- Sept. 28** - Board of Directors Meeting
- October 2** - Ladies Day - Learn to Fly Fish at Limestone Springs in Myerstown
- October 10** - Palmyra Sportsmen Association Field Day

## Yes, we are looking for Volunteers

Chapter vice president and membership chair Chuck Swanderski recently commented that he often encounters chapter members at functions that are interested in helping with chapter activities, or at least he did prior to March 13, 2019, when the world changed. Now that we are getting back to normal - thanks in great part to a vaccinated population - Chuck is again thinking about all of you who would like to become involved in Doc Fritchey activities. Your first and best opportunity to let Chuck know of your interests will be at the chapter's picnic on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Corner him at some point that afternoon and make sure he has your name and contact information. He'll let the committee chairs know that you want to serve. You can contact Chuck at [chucks@dftu.org](mailto:chucks@dftu.org).

## Doc Fritchey Gear Online

For at least two years the chapter has sold T-shirts and hats because Chuck Swanderski was willing to do all the work necessary to get these items produced for us, and Chuck took the orders and mailed (or personally delivered) the products to chapter members who wanted to buy and wear chapter logo hats and T-shirts.

Now thanks to the efforts of three board members - Chuck Swanderski, Becca Fronk, and Andy Link, we now have a professional store on the chapter's website - [DFTU.org](http://DFTU.org). We are working with a marketing company based in Dauphin County, Travel Champs, which manages all aspects of our online store. When you order merchandise from them, they process the order and send it to you (and they send us a conservation-oriented commission check). Members may save on mailing costs by arranging to pick up your order at Travel Champs at 578 E Main Street, Hummelstown, PA 17036 · (800) 464-4002). Happy shopping!

**Shop at [WWW.DFTU.ORG](http://WWW.DFTU.ORG)**

## Chapter Picnic on August 29<sup>th</sup>

The Doc Fritchey chapter has scheduled a picnic, with an emphasis on families, for **Sunday, August 29, from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Memorial Lake State Park**. We have reserved the **central pavilion** for the entire day. The main parking lot is just 50 yards from the pavilion, with a concrete path leading to the pavilion. There will be plenty of signage. Get yourselves to Memorial Lake State Park and you will find us.

Food will be served from 4:30 to 5:30. Dinner will include pulled pork sandwiches, a couple of side dishes, and cookies. Drinks - lemonade, unsweetened iced tea, and bottled water will be provided. Attendees may certainly bring their own beverages, but please note that alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the state park.

The chapter's picnic committee is planning activities for adults and children, including chapter volunteers who will give casting and fly-tying lessons.

Memorial Lake State Park offers numerous recreational opportunities. The lake usually provides excellent fishing for bluegills and largemouth bass. Boats may be rented, or you can bring your own kayak or canoe - no motorboats. If you bring a "boat" you must have a current PA Fish & Boat launch permit on your boat - launch permits can be purchased at the Park Office.

If you bring your children to the picnic (and we hope you will) there is a playground near our pavilion, with swing, sandbox, climbing gym. *Although pets on leashes are permitted in the park, they are not permitted in the pavilion or near food, so please leave your pets at home.*

Please bring chairs. The only available seating is picnic tables.

The cost for the picnic is \$10.00 per adult (anyone 17 years of age and older); children under 17 are free. To attend, you must complete the tear-off at the bottom of the enclosed flyer. Please indicate the number of attendees (including children), place your reservation slip with your check made out to "DFTU", and mail it to our PO Box. As this is a catered event, your reservation for the picnic must be received by the chapter no later than August 18. *The event will be held rain or shine, and we cannot provide refunds for no-shows.*

"Life is a near-death experience and our devious minds will do anything to make it interesting" Jim Harrison

## Doc Fritchey will be at Ned Smith Festival



The Ned Smith Center's Nature & Arts Festival is returning to MYO Park in Millersburg on July 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 to 4:00. Doc Fritchey will be there - with fly tying demos to promote our chapter and our cold water conservation and educational work. We will be selling chapter T-shirts and recruiting members. See you there.

## Clarks Creek Highway Cleanup on May 8<sup>th</sup>



Although it was not nearly as nice a May morning as we would have liked, the weather was actually "just right" for a slow walk along the shoulder and in the ditches of Clarks Valley Road to pick up the trash that accumulated over the winter. Thanks to the leadership of Dennis Coffman, who had all the gear a cleanup team could ever want or need, ten volunteers from the Doc Fritchey Chapter spent two productive hours cleaning Clarks Valley Road in the FFO section of Clarks Creek (and two members ventured further NW to clean a "virgin" stretch of road in the vicinity of the Appalachian Trail parking lot). That section was severely littered; it was obvious it has been a long time since anyone picked up trash along that stretch of highway - we ran out of plastic garbage bags!

Highlights of the day included a young helper - Lucy Smith - who eagerly joined her father and the rest of our volunteers in picking up bottles, wrappers, cans, and assorted litter/trash. Thanks, Lucy, you were a great help.

## Every Little Bit Helps

In addition to ten volunteers picking up trash along the highway, one person in a silver pickup stopped and handed us a 20 dollar bill to thank us for our efforts; a nice contribution to the chapter, and much appreciated.

## Thanks to Jamie SanFilippo



Doc Fritchey's Speaker Series concluded its spring 2021 general membership online programs with a presentation for beginning fly fishers conducted by Jamie SanFilippo, president of the Spring Creek chapter (State College, PA) of TU. Jamie is also the owner of a fishing guide company, American Fly Fishing Company in Bellefonte. Jamie is quickly becoming the face of women's fly fishing in Pennsylvania; she provides guided trips in the central part of the Commonwealth. Her presentation was entitled, "*The S.M.A.R.T. Angler Program*", and dealt with "do's" and don'ts" for the new fly fishing person, including stream safety, etiquette on the stream, and the proper way to handle and release fish.

If you missed her presentation, we are currently editing the recording and will post it to DFTU.org soon. If you are interested in contacting Jamie regarding her guiding services or want to discuss with her the role of women in flyfishing, she can be reached at [Jamie@americanflyfishingcompany.com](mailto:Jamie@americanflyfishingcompany.com).

## Viozzi Scholarship

Collin Miller, who recently graduated from Upper Dauphin Area High School, is this year's recipient of a \$1,500 scholarship - the Dr. Francis J. Viozzi Educational Scholarship for Environmental Studies: Colin plans to attend Penn State University in the Fall of 2021 majoring in Agricultural Science. This annual scholarship is presented by RoseAnn Viozzi in honor of her late husband, Dr. Frank Viozzi, a past president of the Doc Fritchey Chapter.

"Scholars have long known that fishing eventually turns men into philosophers. Unfortunately, it is almost impossible to buy decent tackle on a philosopher's salary." Patrick McManus

## Stream-Improvement Projects in the Quittapahilla Watershed – an Update by Kent Crawford

The Lebanon County Stormwater Consortium is interested in a stream restoration project for the Quittapahilla Creek as it flows past Cleona, downstream from Mill Street. E-mail discussions have taken place, but no action has been taken, but we are hopeful.

### Tributaries:

- A project on Snitz Creek immediately downstream from State Route 419 is "back on track." Initially, the landowner had not wanted to give up his riparian land for this project, but Cornwall Borough will provide the landowner with monetary compensation and the landowners have agreed to allow the project to proceed.
- A stream and floodplain restoration project on Beck Creek will begin soon. All plans and permits have been completed and the funding is secured. This project will improve stream conditions and install wetlands on Beck Creek in West Cornwall Township, immediately downstream from U.S. Highway 322.
- We have received landowner cooperation for a stream-restoration project on Bachman Run, but we have not been able to secure funding as yet. This project is immediately downstream from U.S. Highway 322.
- There are two adjacent properties on Killinger Creek where the landowners are interested in stream restoration. The combined properties would cover about 1,200 feet of stream. We have funds available for the design and permitting for this project, but our application for the construction phase was not funded. Too expensive.

For all these projects **Russ Collins** has been a champion. He deserves a lot of credit for whatever successes we achieve. Thanks, Russ.

"In every species of fish I've angled for, it is the ones that have got away that thrill me the most, the ones that keep fresh in my memory. So, I say it is good to lose fish. If we didn't, much of the thrill of angling would be gone." Ray Bergman

## **Quittapahilla Watershed Water-Quality Monitoring**

The water-quality monitoring program for the Quittapahilla Watershed has been on hold for most of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our volunteers are mostly older individuals who are in the category most susceptible to serious consequences if any of them were to get COVID. But now, as we get vaccinated, we are ready to re-start the program.

There has been some progress:

- Prior to the pandemic, we successfully installed five streamflow monitoring stations: one on the mainstream of the Quittie and four on the major tributaries. Each station has a staff plate and a pressure transducer with a data recorder.
- We have secured a loan of important equipment (water-quality monitors, filtration equipment, sample collection bottles, etc.) from the Pennsylvania DEP and have an assurance that DEP staff will provide a training session for using the equipment.
- During the early stages of the pandemic, we donned our masks and collected benthic invertebrate samples at six locations. Normally, Dr. Rebecca Urban and her students at Lebanon Valley College take care of this, but because of the pandemic, Dr. Urban asked if DFTU could do it instead. Again, our volunteers stepped up to the plate and successfully carried out the sampling.
- We also held a field training session to teach our volunteers how to measure the volume of flow in a stream. The training went well, and the volunteers caught on quickly. But our velocity meters did not perform correctly. Our velocity meters are donations from the USGS, and they use outdated technology. We have sent the meters out for refurbishing and upgrading, and they have been returned to us.

"A good angler doesn't need patience. He needs persistence. Patience is waiting for something to happen. And persistence is making something happen. All you need is a full day spent with a persistent fisherman to know that your patience isn't really getting anything done." Domenick Swentosky

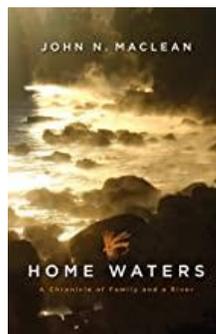
## **Watershed Summer Internships**

Our efforts to secure funding for summer interns were unsuccessful. Two applications for funding were submitted. Neither received funding. Our hope was to command enough funding to support two summer interns full-time for ten weeks at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. Our feeling was that if we could provide that level of funding, we could attract excellently qualified applicants. We went for the full-time commitment because our hope was to train these students in water-quality monitoring and have them collect many of the water-quality samples and do the accompanying streamflow measurements.

This would be in addition to the geomorphic and habitat evaluations that our interns normally undertake.

We still have need for summer interns for our geomorphic assessments. For the summer of 2022, we will need to re-think our approach for securing funding to support our internship program for the Quittapahilla Watershed.

## **Home Waters: A Chronicle of Family and a River, by John N. Maclean**



"The trout rose in a smooth arc, took my tumbling salmon fly, and completed its curve in an undulating revelatory sequence. A greenish speckled back and a flash of scarlet on silver along its side marked it as a rainbow. One slow beat, set the hook . . .

in those first seconds I felt a connection to a fish of great power and size. *This could be the one.*

So begins John N. Maclean's remarkable memoir of his family's century-long love affair with Montana's Blackfoot River, which his father Norman Maclean, made legendary.

*Home Waters* was released in June 2021 and is now available at a bookseller near you.

"To go fishing is the chance to wash one's soul with pure air, with the rush of the brook, or with the shimmer of sun on blue water. It brings meekness and inspiration from the decency of nature, charity toward tackle-makers, patience toward fish, a mockery of profits and egos, a quieting of hate, a rejoicing that you do not have to decide a damned thing until next week. And it is discipline in the equality of men - for all men are equal before fish." Herbert Hoover

## Doc Fritchey T-Shirts – Liquidation Sale



DFTU has a limited remaining inventory of our original T-shirts and it's time to liquidate them. We are selling them for just **\$10**, plus a mailing fee if you want them mailed to you.

*Sizes and Colors:*

*LARGE - 5 light blue, 1 green, 3 royal blue*

*XL - 2 royal blue, 1 gray, 3 light blue*

*XXL - 3 gray, 5 royal blue, 4 light blue 4 dark green, 2 light green*

Please email Chuck Swanderski (chucks@dftu.org) to purchase T-Shirts at this great price – cash or checks made payable to DFTU. You can arrange for Chuck to mail them to you or pick them up at Chuck's house, or Chuck will bring your shirts to the August 29<sup>th</sup> Chapter Picnic at Memorial Lake State Park. Any unsold inventory will be on sale at the picnic.

## Supporting Abandoned Mine Lands Bills



Doc Fritchey has joined with other Pennsylvania conservation and outdoor organizations to support a letter drafted by PennEnvironment and the Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation (EPCAMR). The letter supports two critical pieces of bipartisan sponsored legislation – the RECLAIM Act (HR1733/SR1455) and the Surface Mine Reclamation Act amendments of 2021 (HR1734/SR1447). In Pennsylvania, with over a quarter million acres of abandoned mine lands – and 5,000 miles of streams too compromised by acid mine drainage to support life – our waterways are uniquely threatened by legacy impacts of coal mining.

"To him, all good things—trout as well as eternal salvation—come by grace and grace comes by art and art does not come easy." Norman Maclean

## Ladies Day – Learn to Fly Fish!



The Doc Fritchey chapter will once again host our popular Ladies Learn-to-Fly-Fish-Day on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, starting at 9:30 AM at Limestone Springs Trout Preserve in Myerstown in eastern Lebanon County. The program will run most of the day into late afternoon. Lunch will be provided. Limestone Springs offers a perfect venue for the day, with a pavilion with picnic tables, plenty of grassy space to learn to cast, and a limestone trout stream filled with large rainbow trout.

Participants will spend the day learning to fly fish. All equipment, including fly rods, lines, tippets, and flies, will be provided by the chapter. Participants do not need waders or a fishing license.

Chapter-member instructors will teach fly casting, fly selection, and equipment. The day will conclude with on-stream practice and "guaranteed" catching.

Advance reservation for the course is necessary, with a registration fee of \$25 per **female** student. Your registration fee covers the Limestone Springs admission fee plus an \$18 voucher towards the rainbows you catch and keep. Limestone Springs is a "catch and keep" operation; that is, there is, a fee per pound for each fish caught. Participants may catch and keep as many trout as they want, with the understanding that you will pay for your total catch at check-out. Your \$18 voucher will be applied towards your total catch.

*Registration for this event will be available soon* - To register for the Ladies Day event, go to [www.dftu.org](http://www.dftu.org) and follow the instructions for completing the registration form. The deadline to register is September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Visit [limestonespringspreserve.com](http://limestonespringspreserve.com) - for details on fishing and for directions.

"Why does a salmon rise? Why does a small boy cross the street just to kick a tin can?" Lee Wulff

**Doc Fritchey Chapter – 2021-2022  
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***If you get a chance, please thank Members First Credit Union and Faulkner Subaru, both at our Platinum level of \$1,000.***

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# MEMORIAL LAKE STATE PARK, GRANTVILLE, PA ● 3PM TO 7PM

Near Fort Indiantown Gap, off Rt. 443, Boundary Rd. to Middle Rd.



## MIDDLE PAVILLION

Catering by:

**MISSION BBQ®**  
The American Way.



**Menu: (4:30 to 5:30pm)**

*Pulled Pork and Chicken  
and Sliced Brisket*

*8 Various BBQ Sauces*

*Slider Rolls and Cornbread*

*Maggie's Mac-n-Cheese, Baked  
Beans w/Brisket and Cole Slaw*

*Various Cookies and Brownies*

*Lemonade, Unsweetened Iced  
Tea and Bottled Water*

### Activities & Games:

*Horseshoe Pit and Cornhole*

*Fly Rod Casting w/Prizes*

*Fly Tying and Casting Demos*

*Park Boat Rentals (pay your way)*

*Park Playground and more!*

# Picnic by the



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## SUNDAY, AUGUST 29!

Make a day of it for the whole family! For directions, parking, middle pavilion site, maps and park activities, visit [www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/MemorialLakeStatePark](http://www.dcnr.pa.gov/StateParks/FindAPark/MemorialLakeStatePark). Alcoholic beverages are not permitted.

### DFTU 2021 Membership Picnic Reservation Form ● Must be received by August 18

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

*By providing your email, you are giving us permission to keep you informed of Chapter events.*

NUMBER OF ADULT PICNIC RESERVATIONS \_\_\_\_\_ (17 AND OLDER) @ \$10.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF YOUTH PICNIC RESERVATIONS \_\_\_\_\_ (16 AND YOUNGER) FREE each \$ 00.00 \_\_\_\_\_

I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND, BUT I AM ENCLOSING A DONATION TO DFTU OF \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED (non-refundable, rain-or-shine event) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose your check made payable to DFTU for the total amount and mail to:  
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