



THE LEHIGH RIVER REPORT

The Voice of the Lehigh River Stocking Association

Spring Stocking Plan - 2009

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**LRSA's Running Total:
 Trout Stocked: 301,600**



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The LRSA spring stocking will be on March 28, 2009. There will be three meeting locations, each at 9:00 a.m. Stocking locations are highlighted below (additional stops will be provided as possible). Please plan to meet the truck to help with the stocking—it is great fun. Wear waders if possible.

- Glen Onoko State Park parking lot at 9 a.m. The truck will make stops here and then the Jim Thorpe train station and 903 bridge, Packerton (at the dip and down to the pump house), Dunbar's beach in Lehighton.
- Walnutport Canal Park at the main street bridge parking area at 9 a.m. Stock multiple stops from the bridge and down the canal as far as Birch Creek. Truck to then travel to Slatington to stock behind Szokes (just above the airport)
- Northampton Pavilion (Canal Road, about 1 mile down from 329 bridge) at 9 a.m.. Stock from Pavilion to the dam, then to Laurie's Station at River Road and then under the Triechlers 145 bridge.

The Glen Onoko stop will have a large truck and the Walnutport and Northampton stops will each have regular sized trucks. We will be distributing a combination of Rainbow and Brown trout, as many as our sponsorship dollars permit. It is also planned to place brass jaw tags on about 200 fish. These tags will provide information on fish movement and some excitement for our sponsors (see page 2 for details). Prizes will be from donations so if you have anything to donate, please let us know. Thank you.

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Please Send in Dues and Sell Spring Tickets!

As you all know, your sponsorship funds are used to purchase the trout. The number and size of trout we stock are a direct function of the dollars received from you. Thank you in advance for your support. We are relying on a good response from sponsorships and raffle ticket sales this spring to support our planned expenditure for spring stocking trout. The spring and fall raffle drawings are our biggest fundraisers each year. Please find the tickets enclosed!

Stocking Location Map—Four General Areas

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Please feel welcome to attend our LRSA monthly meetings held at the VFW located at 202 Cherry Street in Walnutport (610-767-2117). Meetings are held the last Tuesday of every month and run from 8:00 to about 9:15 pm.

“LRSA 2009 TAGGED TROUT FISHING CONTEST”

The contest starts the first day of the Pennsylvania early trout season, and ends the last Tuesday of June 8:00pm at the LRSA monthly meeting held at the VFW, Cherry Street, Walnutport, PA

Approximately 200 trout will be tagged in the Lehigh River between Glen Onoko State Park, Jim Thorpe, PA and just below the Cementon falls, Northampton, PA. Numbered tags marked with lrsa.org will be attached to the dorsal fin which can be removed to allow the option of catch and release, tags must be submitted to the LRSA by either mailing them with your name, address, phone number and other optional information such as the location caught, lure used, and if released, etc to: LRSA, P O Box 54 Walnutport, PA 18088, or presenting them in person at the LRSA June meeting.

Prizes will be listed in a later newsletter. Tags will be drawn and prizes will be presented at the LRSA June meeting. Anyone not present will be contacted and arrangements will be made to collect prize. Winners will be listed in the summer newsletter. Members of the LRSA are eligible for prizes. “ONE PRIZE PER PERSON”. Visit lrsa.org for more information and contest updates. Best of Luck.

Save the Date

The LRSA will be holding an event in honor of the memory of Ted Miller at the Walnutport Canal Park on July 11th, 2009. Details of this event are still being developed but it will be an event any LRSA supporter would like to attend. This message is to get it on your calendars. More information will be coming in the next Newsletter.



Conservation Program Update

There are several projects underway. The Lausanne Tunnel abandoned mine drainage flow study is in progress. This work was made possible through a grant from the Sierra Club and will provide flow monitoring of the mine out-flow into Nesquehoning Creek and the flow into the wetland treatment system. Data collected will be used to support engineered solutions for treatment of the raw discharge still flowing into the river.



Mouth of the Lausanne Tunnel in Jim Thorpe

The water quality probe will be deployed back into the Lehigh River at Jim Thorpe in March. This will provide the fourth consecutive year of water quality monitoring from the river and is providing a good understanding of the water quality over the course of the year. It also helps us to detect when something is wrong or abnormal with the river.

With grant money from a private foundation and from corporate donors, the program for streaming this water quality on to the internet is also progressing. We expect to have this water quality monitoring information streaming in real time to the internet starting in March. Links will be provided from our web site once we have this running.



Water Quality Probe -Hydrolab DS5



Fisherman working the pool below Parryville

The LRSA is anxiously awaiting word on the status of our grant request for dam removal feasibility study on Parryville dam. The study will determine if it is possible to establish fish passage while also retaining an impoundment currently used to provide water supply to industrial users in Palmerton. Fish passage would enable Lehigh River trout spawning opportunities in the Pohopoco Creek as well as extended cold water refuge in summer. Fish passage would also enable trout from the Pohopoco to travel to the Lehigh.

A macroinvertebrate study will be commencing this spring using three Hester-Dandy style samplers purchased last year. These samples will provide a survey of the diversity of benthic macroinvertebrates we have in the river and how this varies from location to location.



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Dedicated to the Restoration and
Revitalization of the Lehigh River.

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page 4)

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—Ted Miller



Fishing the pool at Glen Onoko

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SPONSORSHIP FORM

Yes, I do want to support the Lehigh River Stocking Association in the effort to restore, revitalize
and restock trout into the magnificent Lehigh River. Is this a New or Renewal Sponsorship _____

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____ Do you want to be contacted to help Stock? _____

Basic Sponsorship is \$15. All sponsorships include badge (or badge decal), ID card and Newsletters.

Silver Sponsorship \$30. You will receive a free LRSA T-Shirt. State your size _____

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size and circle your preference _____

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