

WELCOME MEMBERS, PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS AND SPONSORS!

Greetings everyone. Below are some important dates for activities taking place at the club this year.

As most of our readers know, DCAC raises and stocks roughly 8,000 trout each year, in cooperation with the PA Fish & Boat Commission. We stock trout in sections of Manada, Stony, Clark's, Powell's, Armstrong, and Wiconisco Creeks. We also host three special events at our location and support similar events at other locations throughout the area. Cooperative trout nursery's, such as ours, are truly one of the best private-public partnerships imaginable, all made possible by our members, volunteers and sponsors.

ELECTED OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES FOR 2026:

President – Joe Sherrick

Vice President – Terry Barkley

Treasurer – Chris Rowe

Secretary – Cindy Reardon Gravino

Trustee – Ryan Jorich

Trustee – Joe Gravino

Trustee – Barry Klunk

Trustee – William Stence

Trustee – Clair Shoop

IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS FOR 2026

March 28	Statewide Mentored Youth Fishing Day
April 4	Statewide Opening Day Trout Season
May 3	C.A.S.T. for Kids Special Needs Children's Trout Derby
May 16	DCAC's Annual Children's Trout Derby
TBA	DMVA & VA Hospital Trout Derby

MEMBERSHIP DUES INCREASE

In last year's newsletter we made mention of the possibility of a membership dues increase. Costs for everything have continued to increase and the DCAC has not had an increase in dues for many years. Each year, at the end of these newsletters, we provide a look into some of the important statistics for our organization. It's clear by looking at some of these numbers that dues alone don't come close to supporting the operations of our organization and our members and officers donate 100% of their time and labor. As such, during our October 2025 monthly meeting, members voted to approve modest increases in dues for 2026.

Below are the new membership dues effective for 2026:

- **Active Members: \$20**
- **Senior Members: \$15**
- **Family Members: \$30**

SPECIAL EVENTS

C.A.S.T. for Kids - We're happy to announce that the very special C.A.S.T. for Kids fishing derby is back for 2026! C.A.S.T. for Kids Foundation coordinates annual fishing and boating events across America to provide children with special needs a quality outdoor recreational experience. This event held at the DCAC is unique not only because it's the only such event held in Pennsylvania but also because it is the only C.A.S.T. for Kids streamside trout fishing event in the country! Wendy Steinbrunner is the new program coordinator for this event and the event is being supported, in part, by the Dauphin County Parks & Recreation Department. The DCAC is proud to host this memorable event.

Paul Foster Memorial Trout Rodeo - Last year we were approached by organizers of the Paul Foster Memorial Trout Rodeo to be held in Williamstown. We were asked if we could supply trout for their planned children's trout derby and we were all too happy to provide that support, provided it didn't interfere with the efforts of the Short Mountain Conservation Club who also operate a cooperative trout nursery. With no conflicts noted, we provided 300+ trout for this event and expect to do the same again this year.

DCAC Annual Children's Trout Derby – Originally scheduled for May 17, the annual kid's derby had to be postponed twice, due to a series of heavy rainfall and dangerous high-water events. Finally, on June 7 [number of kids] were able to cast their lines for a chance at taking home a trophy and some really big fish. In the end, all the kids were winners, taking home some fishing gear (rod & reels, nets, tackle boxes, etc.). This year, we're looking forward to an even bigger turnout and with no postponements.

Veteran's Trout Derby – June of last year we were once again honored to host an annual trout fishing derby for a select group of men and women who are patients (guests) of three eastern Pennsylvania Veteran's Administration (VA) hospitals. The group included 43 veterans, including a couple that served in WWII. This event is coordinated by the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs (DMVA) and staff of the VA hospitals and was overseen by Major General John R. Pippy of the Pennsylvania National Guard.

Ongoing Improvements and Damage Recovery

We're always looking to improve on safety and access to provide a quality experience while visiting. Such is the case with a recent improvement that some of you may notice to the fishing area just above the dam at the clubhouse. Deteriorating timbers, open gaps in the concrete, and exposed rebar presented safety hazards that have recently been addressed.

Unfortunately, on December 14, a careless driver had driven his car onto the lids covering the DCAC's trout raceways. A fresh blanket of snow was on the ground and although this was not an intended malicious act, the driver did not stop after first entering onto the raceways. After briefly stopping, he continued to drive further down the raceway and atop the lids, causing severe damage to the lids. If not for the center wall dividing the two raceways, the driver and his car would've fallen into the raceways. The vehicle became stuck and driver walked away, later returning with a relative. This was captured on the DCAC's surveillance cameras and the PA State Police was called and responded to the scene where a wrecker had to be called to pull the vehicle off the raceways. The area is roped off with Caution tape. Please avoid this area until such time that we can repair and safely reopen the walk area around the raceways.

Changes to the Tagged Trout Program

Most of our members know about our annual tagged trout contest, a program that includes attaching a small serialized tag onto 35 trout, stocked in area streams. The prize for catching one of these tagged trout is a cash payout of between \$50 and \$500. To participate, an angler simply had to have purchased a tagged trout button (pin) prior to catching the winning fish and claiming the prize.

The membership voted to approve certain changes to this program, beginning this year. Those changes include increasing the price to purchase the tagged trout button to \$5 but also providing the following two incentives to our members, as well as a third incentive for members and non-members alike:

- Each member (membership) will be provided a tagged trout button free of charge. Note that a family membership is still a single membership and therefore eligible for only one tagged trout button. These buttons will not be mailed but will be available for pickup at the clubhouse.
- A member catching and claiming the prize for a tagged trout will receive the corresponding prize money, plus an additional \$25 as a thank you for your membership.
- An additional incentive for members and non-members will include one free membership for the following year.

Show Your Support

Our mission is to increase recreational fishing opportunities in and around portions of Dauphin County and we do that by raising and stocking several thousand trout each year, as well as maintaining the special regulations area of Clarks Creek designated for children (15 years of age and younger) and handicapped individuals, as defined by the PA Fish & Boat Commission. In addition to becoming a member here are a couple of simple ways you can help support the DCAC:

- Participate in our **annual raffle** by purchasing tickets. Winning tickets are drawn after noon, during our annual children's fishing derby. If you received this newsletter in the mail, tickets were likely included. If you need additional tickets they can be purchased at the club.
- Become a sponsor of our annual Tagged Trout contest. Interested sponsors are encouraged to contact the DCAC by email at dauphinanglers201@gmail.com.

If you'd like to support our work by **making a donation or volunteering**, please reach out to us by phone at (717) 921-8777, email at dauphinanglers201@gmail.com, or via our website at www.dauphincountyanglers.com. Feel free to stop by at any of our meetings held the third Monday of every month at 7:00 PM.

DCAC ANNUAL CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY



ANNUAL VETERAN'S FISHING DERBY



As always, we wish to thank all of our members and volunteers and we are particularly grateful to our sponsors because without all of you, we simply wouldn't exist. And finally, remember to take a kid fishing!

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DCAC 2025 Operations by the Numbers:	
84	Members (1)
\$1,314	Membership Dues
5	Streams Stocked
7,680	Trout Stocked (2)
2,400	Pounds of Feed Used
\$3,069	Trout Feed
\$16,812	Grounds and Nursery Maintenance(3)
\$30,439	Total Expenses
714	Volunteer Hours Logged
Priceless	Value of Volunteer Time / Contributions in Kind
\$19,196	Fund Raising & Donations
5	Special Events Held / Facilitated
\$5,094	Other Expenses
\$5,464	Utilities
\$20,510	Total Income

- (1) Includes Family memberships
- (2) Approximate number of trout stocked
- (3) Includes costs for feed, electric, maintenance and repairs. Does not include costs associated with stocking trout, building and grounds maintenance, food and prizes for special events, etc.

DCAC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dauphin County Anglers & Conservationists

PO Box 33 | Dauphin, PA 17018
Phone 717.921.8777

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

SEND CHANCES: Yes _____ No _____ By _____



Annual Dues:

\$30 - Family

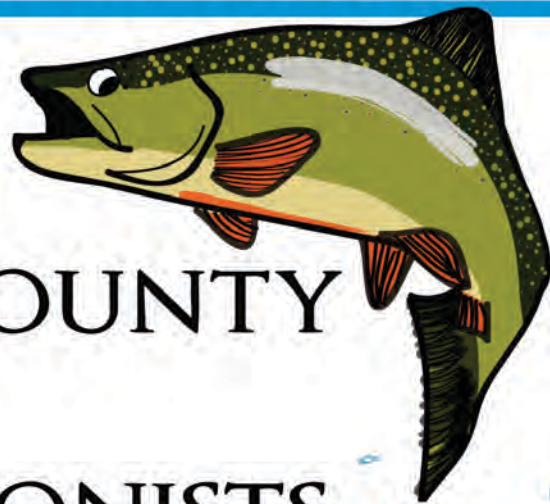
\$20 - Active

\$15 - Senior (Over 65)

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TAG TROUT PROGRAM – DCAC will be offering for sale our Tag Trout Buttons for our 2026 season. You may purchase your buttons for the low cost of \$3.00 at the DCAC club house. Buttons will also be available at participating sponsor locations. Please check our website for additional locations (www.dauphincountyanglers.com) and remember you must purchase a button to be eligible for cash prizes! The top prize Trout will be worth \$500 to some lucky angler! Good Luck!

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