

Golf/Fish Tournament

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Are you looking for a way to increase membership in your chapter and raise funds for chapter projects? The Donegal Chapter of TU (037) in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania worked with a local golf club to sponsor a Golf/Fish Tournament to increase members and raise money. Owners of a golf course gave anglers permission to fish in ponds on the golf course from 6:00 – 7:30 AM provided barbs were pinched on all hooks and fish were returned to the ponds. Anglers were permitted to use golf carts to carry fishing gear and ride to the ponds. After the fishing tournament anglers switched to golf clubs and teed off in a shot-gun start at 8:15 AM for a 2-person scramble golf tournament.

A sports writer wrote an article in the local newspaper to spread the word around the community. As a result 42 golfers/fisherman showed up at 5:30 AM to fish and play golf. The Donegal Chapter received \$10.00 per player (\$400) to use for a cold-water conservation project. During the picnic lunch following the tournament chapter members talked to non-chapter members and invited them to join the chapter and attend the next chapter meeting.

All the participants thought it was a blast and asked Donegal TU to host another Golf/Fish Tournament next year. Next year Donegal TU will plan to sell sponsorships for each hole to increase the amount of funds raised for chapter projects.

It was a lot of fun and we would encourage others chapters to pick up on this idea to add new members to their chapter and raise money for projects they are working on.

See brochure for tournament details.

Foxchase/Donegal TU Fish & Golf Tournament

July 14, 2006



Who: Trout Unlimited Members and Friends
When: Friday, July 14, 2006
Where: Foxchase Golf Course
Time: 6:00-7:30 AM Fishing in ponds on Golf Course
Tee Off (Shotgun Start) to Follow Fishing
Cost: \$100.00 for team of 2 to fish & golf
(Includes greens fee, cart, picnic lunch and prizes)



Maximum 72 golfers

This tournament will begin with fishing in 3 ponds located on Foxchase Golf Course. Ponds contain stripers, small mouth and large mouth bass. Golfers will fish one half hour in each pond. Tackle may be fly rods or spin cast rods with artificial lures only. Barbs on hooks must be pinched and all fish must be released. Each golfer will receive ¼ handicap stroke for each fish landed.

At 7:30 AM all golfers will tee off in a shotgun start. This will be a 2-person scramble.

Golf Rules for team of 2 players:

Play ball from the best lie on the fairway and on the green
If 2 balls are in the rough; ball may not be moved to fairway
If 2 balls are in a sand trap; ball may not be moved out of a sand trap
All balls must be putted into the cup; Balls may not be dragged to the cup
Record gross score for team of 2 players
Record net score for team of 2 players

Calculation of net score:

Each team may deduct ¼ stroke for each fish landed by the team of 2 players. For example if a team of 2 players landed a total of 4 fish the team may deduct 1 stroke from the gross score. If a team landed a total of 10 fish the team may deduct 2.5 strokes from the gross score.

Fish Prizes:

Most fish landed per team
Biggest fish landed (length)

Golf Prizes:

Lowest gross score per team of 2 players
Lowest net score per team of 2 players (reduce strokes per number of fish landed by team of 2 players)
Closest to the pin on par 3 holes
Longest drive on hole # 7

Return to Wayne Boggs with \$100.00 by June 23
Checks payable to Donegal Trout Unlimited

Name (print): _____ **e-mail address (print)** _____

Home Tel. #: _____ **Cell Tel #:** _____ **TU Chapter (print)** _____

Name of team partner for fishing/golf (print) _____

Wayne Boggs
20 Apple Dr.
Downingtown, PA 19335

Click on Foxchase web site for directions <http://www.foxchasegolf.com/course/coursemain.htm>