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## Editors Notes

For the last several newsletters I have begun the "editor's news" talking about the unusual weather. How much stranger can you get than the January we just had? I actually steelhead fished 3 or 4 weekends in January. I had one of my best days this season that month. The warmest January since records has been kept. Now that IS some strange weather. I found that fishing in 35 degree water isn't too bad if you dress well and there is minimal wind. The plus is that the streams run generally clear and spotting steelhead keeps you in the game, knowing there is a fish to be caught. The surprising thing to me is that some were caught in runs with decent flow, not just slow moving pools. Let's hope favorable conditions continue through the spring season.

Once again, our chapter participated in the Laurel H.S. "Sportsman's Night Out". We had a table to promote TU and our chapter's work. We tied flies, and answered questions from young and old alike. It's always fun to see a young  
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*Working to conserve, protect, and restore  
North America's coldwater fisheries, and their watersheds.*



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person intently watching as you create a woolly bugger in front of them. It's an amazing event that is coordinated by the students. You really should attend this great event to see for yourselves.

We are going to have some new and hopefully interesting events at the banquet this year. I hope we will see many of our readers at our major fund raiser for the year.

If you have any stories or articles from your past adventures please submit via email to [tjochman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tjochman@sbcglobal.net) or [steelhd789@aol.com](mailto:steelhd789@aol.com) and we will let our readers in on your exploits.

Lost your copy of the last newsletter, interested in helping at the next workday, want to find out about fishing in a certain area or creek, then check out our website [www.neshannock-tu.org](http://www.neshannock-tu.org).

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## Workday - April 1st

Reminder - Worday April 1st. We will meet at Coolspring parking lot at 9:00 am. Contact Jeff Kremis for more info.

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## Third Annual Fishing Derby

*Dick Rickert*

Saturday, April 22 will be the 3rd annual fishing derby at Wolf Creek in Grove City's "Children 12 and under and Individuals with Disabilities Area" located on Greenwood Ave. It runs from 9:00 am until noon! Parents need to sign a consent form at registration which starts at 8:30. Free lunch, hats, and prizes! Have a young one bring his equipment and enjoy the morning with him. Volunteers will help the kids catch fish. **Everything is free so let's go fishing!**



## Cabin Fever Wrap Up-2006

*R. Natoli*

This year "Cabin Fever" was different than previous years. For one, the usual bone chilling, snow covered day was replaced by sunshine and 50 degree temperatures. I'm sure that was a factor in the slightly lower attendance. We did have a lively crowd and everyone there, I think enjoyed themselves. Thanks to the Green Roof Inn (Girard, Pa), Don Urchek (antique tackle display), and Karl Menges for his informative presentation. The lunch was great, as usual for the VFW.

We re-elected Aaron Monroe to a second term as president and retained several to the board and added Ken Tarczy to the board.

***Hope to see everyone there next year.***

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## James LaLumia

*N. Loprire*

It is my personal opinion that upon entering this world, it is the goal of each individual to make a positive impact before he or she leaves. Certainly this was accomplished many times over by our friend and former Chapter present Jim LaLumia. Jim passed away on February 8th but his impact as an environmental advocate, fishing friend, and TU leader will not be forgotten.

Jim was a devoted family man and our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Chris and his two daughters. Jim cared deeply for his family. He was also a passionate fisherman of native brook trout on the fly. If there is a stream in NW Pennsylvania that holds native trout, I would be willing to bet that Jim has fished it.

As a protector of the environment Jim was instrumental in the pursuit and prosecution of a polluter to our Cool Spring creek. His efforts in conjunction with the PDF (Pennsylvania Defense Fund) resulted in a fine for that company and a correction to the pollution issue. Jim was strong in his convictions about protecting PA coldwater resources.

We will all miss Jim and his contagious smile and wit. I also know that if you knew Jim, you are a better person for it.

# Munnell Run Trout Nursery

Things are running smoothly this winter. Some brown trout have been given their freedom with more to be released prior to the official season. The brown trout are reaching a very health size and should be fun if you find one at the end of your line.

Anyone interested in joining the team or helping with the stocking program, please contact Pete Anthony at 724.662.2271, or email GPANTHONY@MSN.COM or Ken Tarczy at 724.662.5765.

# Tom Hopkins

*N. Loprire*

The outdoor community has lost another champion from its ranks. Tom Hopkins passed away in January. He was an outdoorsman who cared about all aspects of nature. Tom was a strong supporter of our TU chapter and he was quite often at the trout stockings and workdays. He loved fishing for Niagara River salmon and Steelhead. Tom's quiet ways, sense of caring for nature and warm smile will provide lasting memories for all of us who knew him.



# Spring Banquet 2006

*N. Loprire*

The plans for this year's 28th annual spring banquet are well underway. Circle April 8th on your calendar and order your tickets now. You can pick up tickets at Neshannock Creek Fly shop (Volant) or Benjamin's Restaurant (Mercer) or any board member.

The emphasis this year is "something different". Don't worry, the basic banquet hasn't changed, we are just adding a few twists to keep it fresh. There will be the usual great selection of fishing gear. Here are few NEW things to look forward to:

- More Sporting Art (more and varied art to increase appeal)
  - o How about a NED SMITH framed print
- "Scale the Trout" It's a game of chance to win \$\$ or a prize. If you have ESP you could clean up.
- Second Chance CASH. If you don't win a major bucket raffle prize you have a second chance to win a cash prize up to \$100.

The VFW will provide an excellent 3 entrée buffet with all the trimmings to help keep you energized for all the auctions and raffles.

Of course we will have guest fly tiers to display their talents and to answer questions you might have concerning this art form. We will have our resident expert, Dr. Charles Moxley and our special guest tier, Kieran Frye. Kieran has been tying flies since 1982. He is an award winning fly tier both here in the U.S. and abroad. Two of his most notable 1st place wins are the 1994 Mustad

Scandinavian Open Fly Tying Championships in Oslo, Norway and 1994 Trout Unlimited/Partridge Hook Company Fly Tying contest in London, England. He enjoys demonstrating and teaching fly tying to TU and FFF clubs and sportsman's groups. He resides in Greensburg, Pa. with his wife Kim and their yellow lab, Talus. If Chuck and Kieran don't show you something you didn't know, then see me and I'll book you for next year's event. GET those tickets early!!!

*Cut this out and send it with a SAS envelope for your tickets*

## 2006 Banquet Ticket Order Form

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Mail checks to:

Neshannock TU  
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109 Southdale Blvd.  
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# MY Time

*N. Lopprire*

“My time” is that part of your life reserved for doing what ever YOU might want. Its fishing, hiking, golfing, hunting or anything other than work that you might enjoy. As you find yourself in the middle of life, there are many things that take away from my time. There is work, a wife and children to raise, social obligations, and any of innumerable things that limits you to a precious few moments of my time. The only salvation is that your mind keeps telling you that some day things will get better and you will have fewer obligations and distractions. I'm here to tell that it might not work out exactly like that.

The wife wants “quality time” the kids need to go to French horn lessons or slow pitch baseball and based on the fact you can spell the word baseball, you become an assistant coach with all the benefits that are attached to that title. In the end it means good bye to most of spring fishing. Not you worry; it will get better in a few years.

Let's say you can see some daylight with raising the kids and there are no more traveling soccer, baseball, dance, obligations because they are now heading to college. Home free, to fish all fall and hunt deer for a whole week you think. HA! You forgot about parent's day at State U., which happens to fall on the opening day of something or worse, when the “run” has started. Then there is moving in day, followed by moving out day. Usually the best hatch occurs on moving out day.

The wife, now maturing (don't use the phrase older if you know what's good for you) has tempered the number and severity of the “honey do” lists. The kids are on their own or if still at home they ignore you completely and you really, truly are ready for an increase in “my time” activities.

“My time” has now - since your 50- evolved into “pick one time”. What's that? You know it's sort of like...if I cut the grass today I'll be too tired to go fishing this evening. So, you see, “my time” is a very precious and elusive part of each person's life. GO find some!!

# Funding for PA Streams Threatened

*Submitted by Greg Chiappini*

## ***Funding for Protecting Pa. Streams Threatened in Proposed Federal Budget***

HARRISBURG (Feb. 8) -- Pennsylvania's streams will be in jeopardy under President Bush's proposed budget, according to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Investment Authority's chairman of the board.

“The president's proposed budget continues a disturbing trend of eroding federal support for ensuring that our waterways remain clean,” said PENNVEST Chairman Joe Manko. “The cost of restoring contaminated streams and waterways is a real financial burden for communities all across Pennsylvania. The proposed cuts in federal funds will make this burden unaffordable to some older, poorer communities, meaning they will have to live with unsafe water and dimmed hopes of economic revitalization.”

“Protecting public health by ensuring that our waterways are clean requires financial support from all levels of government, as well as individual homeowners and businesses,” said Manko, who echoed concerns expressed by the Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities about the president's proposed budget cuts in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program.

The president's budget proposes to reduce spending in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program by 22%. If approved by Congress, clean water funding will have been cut in half over the last three years.

This funding helps clean up polluted streams, rivers, lakes and estuaries in all 50 states and territories. The reason water quality has improved over the past two decades is because of this highly successful federal-state partnership. Before the Bush administration began cutting this funding, Pennsylvania received \$52 million a year for clean water initiatives.

The Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities is a national association representing state and local government organizations involved in the financing of water infrastructure. To learn more about CIFA, visit [www.cifanet.org](http://www.cifanet.org)

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