

Editors Notes

N. Loprire

It's true; Punxsutawney Phil has been indicted for fraud in his calling for an early spring. Wow, I've lost any and all faith in his ability to do anything right, outside of digging his den. I wonder if Buckeye Chuck is any better.

Finally the weather has broken; it's better now so why wouldn't that mean it was fixed vs. "broken". Any way its nice. The buds are coming on strong and the fishing is getting better with each day. Hope your fishing season is a good and safe one. Remember Mother Nature can be cruel so be cautious out there.

Remember that the newsletter is by email only or find it on our website (see below). If you receive it and know someone who doesn't, print a copy for them or let them know to have their kids, relatives or friends check out our website (www.neshannock-tu.org) to get the latest issue of the "Clearwater Gazette". There, they can print a copy of the newsletter for that individual.

IF YOU HAVE EMAIL and ARE NOT getting the newsletter **PLEASE** send your address to Tom Jochman TomJochman@sbcglobal.net and he will put you in the mailing database. Other board member emails are on our website.

This is the last newsletter until November, but you can visit our website any time to get updated info or links to other items of interest.

2013 Coolspring Work Day Schedule

Jeff Kremis

We had a great workday April 6th, cleaning up the winter ravages along the walking path and repairing some of the foot bridges along the way. The weather even cooperated and we all enjoyed pizza and good conversation afterwards. We had a good turnout of 15 or so volunteers and we are grateful to all who participated.

Next on the agenda is the third and final phase of the Coolspring **Stream Bank Stabilization Project**. The date is **June 29, 2013** and we will work with **Mark Sausser of the PFBC**. Anyone who was involved in the workday last summer can tell you these devices take plenty of machine and manpower (womanpower welcome

also) to complete in one day so please plan to attend.

Cut out Schedule below.

June 29, 2013 - Phase III Coolspring improvement (PFBC will coordinate) 8:00am
At Parking lot.

Munnell Run Trout Nursery

Bill Stevenson & Crew

The Munnell Run Nursery has been renamed The "Pete Anthony Nursery". Pete Anthony is a long time member of Neshannock Chapter of Trout Unlimited and a driving force behind the operation and success of the nursery. A new sign denoting the change of names for the nursery has been placed on the building at Munnell Run Farm.

Spring stocking of our nursery brown trout has begun, but there are additional stockings that will take place in May. If you are interested in helping at the nursery or with stocking get in touch with the names below. It is fun, a learning opportunity and something you might enjoy especially if you have kids or grandkids. Call Bill Stevenson at 724.342.0472, or email caryolnandbill@verizon.net, or Ken Tarczy buggertarz@yahoo.com at 724.662.5765. Call to arrange for a tour with your kids.

Our Revised Website

WWW.Neshannock-TU.org

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The "facelift" on our website is nearing completion.

WE ARE IN NEED of a webmaster to update the information on our website. If you are willing to help please contact Jeff Kremis Bently48@neo.rr.com or Tom Jochman TomJochman@sbcglobal.net. It is should not require too much time or effort so if you can help, let us know.

We are now getting trained on how to load and update information to the site. Hopefully when you get this newsletter some of the updating will have begun. **For sure we will get the newsletter on there as a first priority and then begin to update information** on the other areas of the website. This will take some time

to complete but it should make our website a very useful tool for the trout and conservation enthusiasts' out there. It will include links to get you just about anywhere you would like to navigate.

2013 Spring Banquet

Carol Jochman

The 35th annual banquet was a rousing success and a big thanks goes out to all of you who attended and for your support of our continued cold water conservation efforts. We also have a good time pursuing our goals and enjoying the banquet is certainly a fun time.

We had great prizes, and delicious food with a good bar, expert fly tying by Dr. Moxley, decorations by Carol Jochman and finally a fun, enthusiastic crowd. What more could you ask for? Next year, talk your friends into being there. By the way for you early birds the banquet next year is March 15th 2014 at the Radisson...mark it down.

We could not have made it so nice without the help and donations from those named below. Please keep those companies in mind if you need services they can provide. To all of them, a sincere thank you and the same to all that helped at the banquet.

Individual Donations

Pat Babcock	Rick & Regina Gallant
Bud Hanselman	Tom & Carol Jochman
Dr. Michael Keith	Nick Loprire
Kent Mazey	Dr. Charles Moxley
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Trout in the Classroom (TIC) Update:

School Year 2012-2013

Reg McClelland

The most recent Trout in the Classroom update has for the most part been a positive one.

Janice Abernethy from East Middle School in Greenville is reporting 60+ surviving fish that are very active and feeding well. She recently sent me some photos that we will try to get up on the new web site as soon as it is fully functional. Jan is very excited with their results so far with this being their first year. There is a lot to learn about raising trout in an aquarium in a classroom. Kind of like fishing itself, you never really learn it all, something is always changing.

Luke Rust from the Mercer school district is also reporting to be having a great year so far. With at least one hundred living fry, they have started doing daily feedings. As Luke said with more feedings there will be more maintenance of the tank and water because of the extra debris left in the bottom of the tank.

There has been some reports of schools having large sudden die offs, and they have not been able to figure out why. Hopefully things will work out well enough for all schools to have some fish to release this coming May.

Thanks to all are teachers for making this program a huge success statewide.

Annual Oil Creek Outing 5/11/13

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With Mother Nature's cooperation we will hold our annual Chapter's May outing at **Petroleum Center in Oil Creek State Park**. Typically, if we can reserve it, we will be at "Shelter #1" at Petroleum Center. This area is in the lower Delayed Harvest section of Oil Creek State Park and is easy to find. Contact Jeff Kremis (724 588 4378) or Tom Jochman 330 544 2507 if you are coming as we need a head count for food. We can also help with directions if needed. Tom will be heading up the event this year.

We will plan to have a picnic lunch at noon, so put the rods in the car and head back to the shelter around 11:30 am for hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, pop, etc.

