

Editors Notes

N. Loprire

We are all anxious for spring and the flowers, leaves, fresh smells, and of course the fishing and turkeys. It can't come soon enough for me. I have "new" flies to try out, and in fact, there are some from three years ago that haven't left my fly box that will hopefully get wet. Let's just hope for a normal spring season. I hesitate to wish for a typical spring; based on the past 4-5 years that would mean anything from drought, to floods, to high heat. Just a good ole regular spring, is that too much to ask?

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.

HEY!!! It's almost banquet time. The banquet is March 9th and you need to contact a board member, go to Neshannock Creek Fly shop in Volant, or email Carol Jochman cbjochmanandcats@sbcglobal.net, or Nick Loprire steelhd789@aol.com. Other board member emails are on our website.

Winter Meeting Monday January 28th

J. Kremis

Our winter meeting at the Shenango Penn State Campus Auditorium was very interesting. Tim Wilson the Area 1 fisheries biologist from the Linesville hatchery gave a very interesting talk on assessing all tributaries in his area for wild trout. If such creeks are found (he has several so far) it would play a big role in the protection of the waters and land that surrounds the stream when it comes to drilling in the area.

Those that might like to be an observer on one of his "expeditions" this year just need to contact Tim at the **Linesville Hatchery** to make arrangements.

Our WCO, Jeff Giardina was on hand to answer questions about recent fishing and boating law changes. Add the coffee and cookies and it made for a fun, informative evening.

2013 Coolspring Work Day Schedule

Jeff Kremis

Before we know it spring will be here, at least I hope, and it will be time to start getting out and chasing those elusive trout. Spring also will bring the start of our workdays on Coolspring. As usual we will be having our annual Spring Cleanup of the DHALO Area on Coolspring. It will be on **April 6th** starting at **9:00am** and will involve trail maintenance, parking lot cleanup and the Adopt-a-Highway litter pickup along with anything else needed to keep our Delayed Harvest Area one of the nicest in Western Pa. We will **meet in the upper parking lot area** and should be done by noon with **lunch provided** after the work is complete.

Also 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.

More information on both these workdays will be in future newsletters and on the website so keep checking them for updates. If you are interested in helping contact me at bentley48@neo.rr.com and I will make sure to let you know what is coming up. **Cut out Schedule below.**

<p>April 6, 2013 - Coolspring Clean up 9:00am. Meet at Parking lot. June 29, 2013 - Phase III Coolspring improvement (PFBC will coordinate) 8:00am At Parking lot.</p>
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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.

Ken Tarczy and Bill Stevenson report that the crew stocked 200 browns in October on Cool spring's lower end and will stock 200 more down near Neshannock fly shop around February 1st. The brown trout are now in the 11-12 in. range with the golden rainbows even larger.

If you are interested in helping at the nursery or with stocking in the spring 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
N. Loprire

The "facelift" on our website is nearing completion. 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.

YOU CAN FIND ALL the information about our 35th spring Banquet there. Once you are on the website, on the far right is a link to our latest (Jan 2013) newsletter. For older newsletters, go to "ABOUT us" and go down to "Clear Water Gazette Newsletters" and click.

Check it out and watch as things progress. Give us feedback as to what you like, dislike, want to add, etc.

2013 Spring Banquet
Carol Jochman

The Date, **Saturday, March 9th**, the place, **The Park Inn by Radisson (on RT 18 off I-80)**, the time, **5-9:30 pm**, and the cost is the same as last year, (\$30 adult or \$55 for a couple, kids 16 or under \$19). We

have some great prizes again this year. We have an Old Towne fishing kayak or a 42" HD TV for one raffle and numerous chances at some excellent angling and outdoor equipment in other raffles. There will be a 50/50 and a number of tables with silent auction items.

You **know** the **food will be great** and of course there will be a chance to meet up with old friends and/or make some new ones. We will have chapter "T's" for sale and you can join or renew your TU membership. More information about the TIC (Trout in the Classroom) will be presented at the banquet and you can talk to one of the teachers.

Tickets will be available by **February** through Neshannock Creek Fly Shop, **AND any board member**, so just contact us for details.

2013 Banquet Ticket Order Form

- **Tickets Will Be picked up at Door the Night of banquet**
- **Give an email address or phone for a receipt**

<u>2013 Banquet Tickets</u>	
Name	_____
Address	_____
City	_____ St. ___ Zip _____
\$30 adult ___ \$55 couple ___ \$19 kids	
Sponsor tickets, individual and corporate Call for details. "Best value"	
Email address:	_____
Phone #	_____
Mail to: Carol Jochman	
711 Robbins Ave. Niles, OH 44446	

Remember, this is THE main source of our operating income for the coming year and without a successful banquet many important endeavors would be put on hold or abandoned. SO COME ON OUT and have fun at the 35th annual Neshannock TU Spring Banquet

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.

Rick Stephens from the Delahunty Middle School told me recently that during the holiday break his trout population fell down to below twenty fish, but there were no dead fish to be found in the tank. We are thinking there may have been a little cannibalism going on when no one was looking, it happens.

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.

Spring Fishing Tips

N. Loprire

It is time to get that gear in shape for the upcoming season. Here is one I just discovered this year for cleaning the grungy cork grips on your rods and a couple of other tips.

- Wet the grips well with cool water and then take about a nickel size amount of your favorite hand cleaner like GoJo, and rub it

thoroughly on the grip. You will be amazed. It will look like new.

- Put about half your fly line in a stationary tub or large sink; add warm water and a little dish detergent. Let soak for about 4-5 minutes, and then pull through a wet piece of cloth. Repeat going in the other direction and place the line in bucket of cool water to rinse. Dry with soft cloth and apply dressing.
- For you spin anglers...change your line and clean the reel. Check you spinners and plugs for rusted and bent hooks.
- If you buy a pair of "Queen Size" ladies knee high hosiery (tan or a pale color) you can slip one over the end of your trout net and make it into an insect seine. No more trying to grab a bug off the water with your bare hands. When done put into a small zip bag and into your pocket.



"Be more concerned with your character than with your reputation, for your character is what you are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are." - **Dale Carnegie**

There is nothing which in a moment makes a tired, despondent, perhaps hopeless man suddenly become alert and keen, as the hooking of a big fish

Gilfrid Hartley (c. 1920)