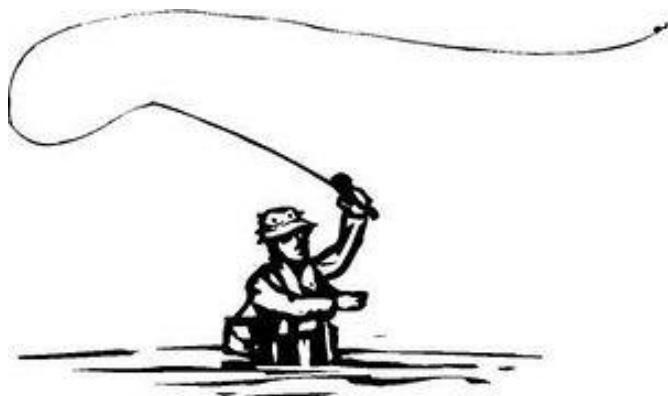


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Neshannock Creek Chapter #216 Trout Unlimited

2019 Spring Banquet

The 41st Annual Fundraising Banquet was held on March 16th, 2019 at the Park in by Radisson in West Middlesex. We had a very large turn out with over 140 people in attendance! All in attendance had a chance to win a lot of nice prizes, purchase some great artwork, and hand tied flies donated by chapter members. Once again, the food was excellent and everyone left enjoying the event. We also managed to raise some money to keep our conservation efforts going.

Thank you to all of the board members and other volunteers who helped make for a wonderful event. A special thanks goes to Carol Jochman for all of the hard work she did to get everything ready.

Remember to get your tickets early for next year's banquet. This not only helps with planning, but with a near capacity crowd this year, we can't always guarantee there will be tickets available at the door.

If you have any suggestions for future banquets, please email your comments to Neshannocktu@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events

May 11th - Spring Outing @ Oil Creek

May 18th - Introduction to Fly Fishing

May 23rd - Environmental Education Day at Buhl Park

June 15th - Youth Fishing Derby & Grove City Sportsmen's Club

June 22nd - Deer Creek Work Day

September 9th-11th - Neshannock Creek Project at Plantation Park.

September 15th - Munnell Run Farm Day

Veteran's program

We have established a **Veteran's Services Program** to introduce our local disabled and non-disabled veterans and active duty service members to the healing powers of our waters, with a goal of thanking them for their service and engaging them in our chapter activities.

We have teamed up with the Oil Creek Chapter and set a date of June 29th for on the stream Fly or Spin Fishing lessons at Sandy Creek in Franklin, PA.

We are also in the process of setting a date for fly casting lessons prior to the June 29th outing.

These events are FREE to the service members and their families. Look for more information to become available on our website.

For those interested in volunteering to help coordinate a series of events and activities associated with this new program, or to register for one on the lessons above, please **contact one of the following Board members:**

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Postponed
Spring Cleanup 2019
Jeff Kremis

The Work day on the DHALO Area of Coolspring Creek to do trail maintenance and spring cleanup has been postponed.

A new date will be determined to cut back some of the overgrown areas and do some general clean-up.

If you have any questions contact Jeff Kremis at jjkremis@gmail.com or call 724-588-4378.

2019 Spring Outing
Jeff Kremis

The annual Oil Creek Fishing Outing will be held on Saturday May 11th. We will be meeting for lunch at the Petroleum Center picnic area in Oil Creek State Park at the first pavilion on the right.

I hope you can join us for a day of fishing with burgers and hotdogs for lunch. If you plan to attend or need more information please contact Jeff Kremis at jjkremis@gmail.com or 724-588-4378.

Munnell Run Trout Nursery
Bill Stevenson & Crew

The Nursery crew reported that all is well with this year's browns. The water has been a consistent 54 degrees temperature enabling the trout to grow well. Look for some 12+ inch fish this Spring! Due to crowding in the raceway a few more stockings will need to take place soon.

For more info on our nursery call bill Stevenson at 724-342-0472 or email Caryolnandbill@verizon.net.

Call to arrange for a nursery tour with your kids and volunteer for stocking the fish. Its is a great event for the kids to see the fish in the nursery and understand how they are raised. It is real excitement for the kids to assist in removing the fish from the nursery tanks, transporting them to the streams and helping place them in the water.

Grove City Youth Fishing Derby

We will once again be holding our Youth fishing Derby at Grove City Sportsmen's Club on Saturday, June 15th.

This event is open to kids 14 and under and those with disabilities to enjoy a day of fishing at their pond. Lunch and prizes will be provided. Watch the website for all of the details.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Neshannock Chapter of Trout Unlimited is always in need of more volunteers to continue out conservation efforts. Weather you have just a couple of hours to help on a work day, a special project, or have recently found some time and want to get more involved. We would like to hear from you. There are always openings on any of our committees for anyone interested in helping.

Committees:

Stream Improvement

Banquet & Fundraising

Trout-in-the-Classroom

Trout Nursery

Youth Activities

Water Quality Testing

Membership

Website & Newsletter

Veteran's Program

We are also currently looking to add a few new members to our board.

If you would like more information or are interested in joining any of these programs please contact Jeff Kremis at JJKremis@gmail.com or call 724-588-4378.