

Editors Notes

N. Loprire

Late fall, early winter has the same pattern as early fall. Nothing is "normal" this year so let's end it there.

Hopefully, everyone enjoyed the holiday season, bagged a deer, didn't eat too much and had fun with the kids and grandkids. I had my share of fun and am looking forward to the Winter Meeting and the Spring Banquet. With the crazy weather it might be a crap shoot for ice fishing this year. If you go out on the ice make sure there is AT LEAST 4 inches.

Neshannock News Alert!!!

We, (Matt Ceramuga) has redone our WEBSITE and it is up and running. Information is updated and we are now on FACEBOOK. The address is not changed so you can still find the website at www.neshannock-tu.org/. Check it out and you should be able to easily find more and better info about what is happening with the chapter, both local, state, and national.

2017 Spring Banquet

Carol Jochman & Nick Loprire The **39th annual spring banquet** is coming sooner than you think. The date is **MARCH 18th 2017 at 5:00pm at The Park Inn by Radisson**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. You KNOW it will be a good time so BE THERE!! Sponsorship and individual ticket forms are available on our website, or at the Neshannock Creek Fly Shop in Volant.

Ticket prices will be the same as last year. \$35 for a single, but the **BEST VALUE** is the individual "sponsor ticket" at \$90. Why, you might ask well look at what you get. Admission to the banquet, 20 bucket raffle tickets, 10 rod raffle tickets and 15 meat raffle tickets. That is a \$110 value. That's \$80 in bucket raffle tickets alone. Buy your ticket by **March 11th and you are entered in a drawing for a \$50 Visa Gift Card**.

Buffet menu will include 3 entrees and a great desert table. Cash bar with beer, wine, and liquor. Bring your friends for a fun night with a chance to win some great prizes including a great gun raffle (see below).

Neshannock TU Winter Meeting

Jeff Kremis

The winter meeting is **ON** for Saturday February 4th at **10:00 am at the "Pig Barn" on the Munnell Run Farm grounds**. Contact any board member (see website) for directions or Google Munnell Run Farm. There will be two great speakers for sure. First Shannon White from Penn State will talk about her work on tagging and tracking the movement of brook trout. The second speaker will be Lenny Lichvar, co-author of a new book called Keystone Fly Fishing. Lenny will talk about his fishing experiences on various streams in southwestern Pennsylvania. There will also be a fly tying demonstration after. Carol Jochman will take care of Lunch and I know you won't go hungry.

PLEASE, if you plan to attend, let us (board members) know to make sure we can have food and chairs for everyone.

Hey all Fly Tiers

N. Loprire

All you fly tiers, if you can, please try to tie a dozen of your favorite patterns and donate to the upcoming spring banquet. Most tiers have some unique or special patterns that will definitely be a hit in our silent auction. If you can, put them in box and if not, we can add to others to help fill the box. We will put a note with each box to recognize the tier/s and any unique patterns. Drop off at the shop in Volant or with any board member.

Monthly Tying Night at Brewtus Brewery

On Thursday, February 9th, from 6pm to 9pm Brewtus Brewery in Sharon PA is hosting its first monthly Fly Tying Night.

Tying flies in your basement or man cave is fun, but come out once a month and make it special with other people who share the same passion as you do. This is a great opportunity to learn new fly tying techniques and enjoy some of the valley's best beer while you are at it. More information on this event can be found on our website or searching "monthly tying night at Brewtus" on Facebook.

If you have any questions about the event, Please contact Chad Bauer via Facebook, or email at Chadbauer_67@hotmail.com

Neshannock Chapter
Trout Unlimited
March 18th, 2017
Banquet Gun Raffle

1st Prize

Ruger SR1911 .45 ACP



2nd Prize

Ruger LC9s 9mm (Striker Fired)



3rd Prize

Henry Lever action big loop .22



1 Ticket for \$5 or 5
Tickets for \$20

Tickets can be purchased at Neshannock Creek Fly Shop in Volant, Shooter's Supply at 9 Short Street, West Middlesex, PA and from all chapter officers and directors. Additionally, they can be ordered by mailing a check payable to Trout Unlimited Chapter 216 and sent to 264 Stonegate Blvd. Hermitage, PA 16148 – include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you want your ticket stubs sent to you.

Munnell Run Trout Nursery

Bill Stevenson & Crew

The nursery crew reported that all is well with this year's browns, even with the very dry summer. The water was a consistent 54 degree temperature for the trout to grow well. Look for some 11+ inch fish this spring. Due to crowding some of the fish will have been "freed" to local waters by this mailing. They should be wary by spring.

For more info on our nursery 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 and to volunteer for stocking the fish. Great idea for the kids to see the fish and be able to understand how they are raised and to see them stocked.

October 15th Fall Workday

Jeff Kremis

On Saturday October 15th we held a workday on Coolspring DHALO Area. There were 9 volunteers who helped with the projects for the day. We were able to clean up and remove the remnants from the bridge below the upper parking area that was damaged during the logging activity last year. Thanks to Ed Glezeski, Dale Voorhies and Lon Komandt a new bridge was built this summer to replace the one that was damaged.

The trail had been brush hogged recently by the beagle club but they were only able to get there tractor up to the gas line area of the trail. Above that we had to use weed whackers and hand tools to clear the overgrown brush from the trail which we also accomplished that morning. Hopefully things won't get grown back in too much by next spring so there will be easy access for all fishermen on the project. Thanks to all that were able to help.

We do have a culvert that needs replaced and plan on doing that next year. We will need a small backhoe to complete this project so if you or someone you know has a piece of equipment like this and would be able to help please contact me at jjkremis@gmail.com or 724-588-4378.

2017 TIC Programs

Reg McClelland

The news for the Trout in the Classroom for 2017 is "some in some out" We have six programs that have been running in the years past and two programs that are trying to get up and running but have yet to do so.

As far as I know right now, Greenville, Mercer, Farrell and West Middlesex schools have one aquarium

each running at this time. Farrell has had two in years past and has dropped down to one. Hermitage, our longest running and first trout in the classroom program has taken the year off of trout raising to renew their equipment, and will probably be back at it in a year or two. This can be a very involved program for the teachers as well as the students and taking a year or two off is understandable.

This is the kind of program that is run by the students and teachers, we as a TU Chapter are not really involved with the actual raising of the fish. It's one of those "no news is good news" kind of things. And I haven't heard much other news.

After a couple of bad years with reports of some schools losing all their fish at times and even having replacement fish shipped to them it actually can be very stressful to run this kind of a program at a school when you actually have limited time to devote to it. But we hope to have two additional programs up and running in the next few years, maybe more.

Last year our chapter purchased an extra chiller to have on hand in case one of the schools has a problem and loses theirs. The chiller is a very important part of the process. If they lose a chiller it is very difficult to keep the water at a constant cool temperature. It's a lot of messing around with ice and a very difficult procedure. So now hopefully, if there is a problem, we can have a working chiller in their possession in a couple hours.

PATU provides a grant program to support the classroom needs, and helps to educate the next generation on cold water conservation. The PATU grant program assists teachers in replacing outdated or non-functioning equipment, books, field and sampling equipment, as well as funding field

trips to engage students in coldwater conservation activities.

This grant program is fully funded through the support of individual contributions. You can help support this program by purchasing a PA TIC t-shirt or TIC raffle ticket today! Just go to the PATU website at www.patrou.org

Hot New Fly
N. Loprire

I'm sure all of you that fly fish have heard of Charlie Meck's famous "Green Weenie" fly. When nothing else will work the Green Weenie does the job. Well move over cause there is a new "boss" in town.

A friend sent me this article out of the Wall Street Journal extolling the effectiveness of the "Mop Fly". The creator (Andreas Topintzis) admits the fly goes against all the rules of traditional tying techniques. It consists of protruding section of an actual mop. The author found a microfiber mop in a **Dollar Store** and just snipped of a section and tied it to a bead head hook (fairly large # 12 or 10) and that is essentially it.

It is a lengthy article and if you want to read it, look it up on the OCT 15-15 Wall Street Journal. Write back if you have success. Oh, the buds on the mop were a yellow green color.

On the road to Mandalay where the flyin'-fishes play....

Rudyard Kipling (1892)