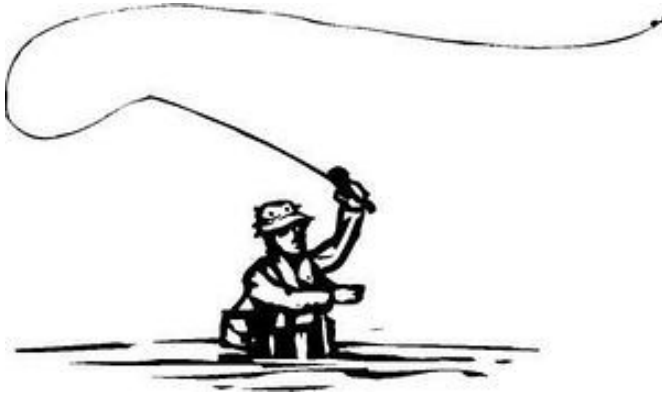


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Neshannock Creek Chapter #216 Trout Unlimited

2019 Cabin Fever Meeting

Reg McClelland

We will be holding a Winter Cabin Fever Meeting on Saturday, February 2nd at Munnell Run Farm in Mercer starting at 10:00am. The meeting is open to Trout Unlimited members and the public and will cover upcoming chapter events and current programs.

This year's main speaker is going to be Sara Mueller. Sara is a PhD Candidate for Wildlife and Fisheries Science at Penn State University. She will be speaking on her studies and research on "Brook Trout Genetics". I had the pleasure of hearing Sara speak at the 2018 PATU Membership meeting in September. There is a lot to learn about Brook Trout from Sara. The second speaker will be Mario Chance who will be speaking about Fly fishing for bass in Lake Erie and its Tributaries.

A light lunch will be served so please RSVP if you plan to attend. Munnell Run Farm is located 1.5 miles outside of Mercer behind the Avalon Springs Nursing Home on Rt.58.

If you are planning on coming please contact one of our board members listed below, so we can have a general idea on the amount of food to have.

Don't forget to also mark your calendars now for our annual banquet to be held at The Park Inn by Radisson in West Middlesex Saturday March 16. Get your tickets early!

Reg McClelland - vanorvis@gmail.com

Jeff Kremis - jjkremis@gmail.com

Carol Jochman - cbjochmanandcats@sbcglobal.net

Hey, all Fly Tyers

All you fly tyers, if you can, please try to tie a dozen of your favorite patterns and donate them to the upcoming spring banquet. Most fly tyers have some unique or special patterns that will definitely be a hit in our silent auction. If possible, put the flies in a box for display. If you are unsure how to present the flies, we can add yours with others to complete a nice collection. We will put a note with each box to recognize each tyer and his unique patterns. Drop off at the shop in Volant or with any board member.

Munnell Run Trout Nursery

Bill Stevenson & Crew

The nursery crew reported that all is well with this year's browns. Look for some 12+ inch fish this spring! Due to crowding in the raceway, a stocking will need to take place soon.

For more info on our nursery call Bill Stevenson at 724.342.0472, or email caryolnandbill@verizon.net, or Ken Tarczy buggartarz@yahoo.com at 724.662.5765. Call to arrange for a nursery tour with your kids and to volunteer for stocking the fish. It 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 them to assist in removing the fish from the nursery tanks, transporting them to the streams and helping place them in the water.

Initiating a Veteran's program

The Neshannock Creek Chapter of TU is interested in starting up a **Veteran's Services Partnership 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. For those interested in volunteering to help coordinate a series of events and activities associated with this new program, please **contact Fred Pasini** at Fpasini@neo.rr.com.

2019 Spring Banquet

The **41st annual spring banquet** is coming sooner than you think. The date is **MARCH 16th 2019 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 price for a single person went up slightly to \$37 each, the sponsorship tickets stayed the same. The **BEST VALUE** is still 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. **If you have any questions on how to purchase tickets for the Banquet please email Neshannocktu@gmail.com or contact a board member. A list of board members contact information can be found under the "Contact Us" tab on our website.**

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.

Follow the link below for more Banquet Information and ticket forms.

<http://www.neshannock-tu.org/annual-banquet.html>

Neshannock Chapter Trout Unlimited March 16th, 2019 Banquet Gun Raffle

1st Prize

Sig Sauer P365 – 9mm



2nd Prize

Remington 11-87 – 12g



3rd Prize

TenPoint – Wicked Ridge Invader X4
Crossbow



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

Winner need not be present!

Tickets can be purchased at Neshannock
Creek Fly Shop in Volant and from all
chapter officers and directors.