

Editors Notes

N. Loprire

The fall has been a strange one...come to think of it the whole year has been the same. We had a generally hot summer with lower than normal rain in some areas, while others got close to normal, and still others were in drought conditions. It's November now and we just got enough rain to bring in some steelhead and reports on the initial runs were not impressive. This will be the 7th year straight for less than normal (way less) than earlier years. Still no explanations from ANY Great Lakes Fisheries Department I have talked to numerous experience steelhead anglers and to a man, they all agree that something is seriously wrong with the Great Lakes Salmon and Steelhead numbers. The stocking numbers have been consistent but the returns are consistently poor.

Anyone out there who has some concrete information or data as to what is going on, please let me know (steelhd789@aol.com).

Leaves are almost done and Rifles are being checked and sighted for the upcoming deer season. REMEMBER, SAFETY FIRST!! Good luck out there and Steelhead fisherman WEAR an Orange hat for your safety.

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

The Spring Banquet will be here in a short few months. Specifically, **Saturday March 18th at the Park-Inn off I-80**. The prizes are great and the food is even better. We are finalizing menus and the

special prizes, so mark your calendars and talk your friends into coming. 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 Gift Card**. See website for ticket Look for more info on our website or in the January Newsletter.

2017 Spring Banquet Heads Up

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!! forms or call a board member or available also at the Neshannock Creek Fly Shop in Volant.

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 we hope to have Shannon White to speak "Wild Brook Trout Movement". We are hopeful to get Bill Anderson (President of the Little Juniata River Association. He and his team have been tagging trout on the "J" and monitoring their movement during the year. 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

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.

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.

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 TIC Programs are getting ready to start up for the 2016-17 school year. The eggs are due to arrive from the PFBC in early November. We did add a new school this year at the Hillview Intermediate School in Grove City. This project was sponsored by the PTA of the school and we thank them for their support. Brian Regis, Connie Hemmerline and Tyler Cathcart are heading up this project and we look forward to working with them in the future. The same schools that we have had the last few years are still with it along with Hillview. Rick Stephens at the Delahunty Middle School has been at this the longest and Luke Rust at Mercer and Jan Abernethy at Middle School in Greenville is not far behind. It's been so long now I don't really remember how many years it has been.

We also help support Carl Rupert at the Farrell School System that in years past been running two of these trout machines.

All reports that I have gotten at this time has been good. This 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 nonfunctioning 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

We as a chapter have also been trying to get as many students as we can to join Trout Unlimited. Where they can continue to learn about conservation and get a chance to use some of the things they have learned.

You can find out more information on ordering a TIC T-shirts at PATU's website, <http://www.patrou.org/> Thanks for helping this great program to be a continuing success.

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)