



*Founded 1983, we are an award-winning chapter of Trout Unlimited:
1989 Gold Trout Award, Best TU Chapter in the World;
1990 Silver Trout Award, Best TU Chapter in the Northeast U.S.,
Best Chapter in Pennsylvania and Best National Membership Increase;
1992 and 2005 Sam Slaymaker Award, .The Gusher. newsletter
recognized as the Best Chapter Newsletter in Pennsylvania*

THE OIL CREEK GUSHER

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President's Letter

WE ARE BACK

Hello, my name is Gary Ross and I am serving as the 2010 President for Oil Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Joining OCTU back in 1988, I thought TU was a trout fishing club. However, I soon found out TU was a whole lot more.

This Chapter, as well as 400 plus Chapters nationwide, volunteer to conserve, protect, and to restore coldwater resources. We also forge new friendships and do some fishing, too.

OCTU has been the recipient of the Gold and Silver Trout awards. Our newsletter the Gusher won top newsletter. These are the results of the efforts and talent of our members. I'm excited to assist the OCTU Chapter this year in helping the Chapter grow.

We have moved our website (www.oilcreektu.org) in January 2010 and will continue to keep improving and updating this tool. This will keep everyone updated on upcoming events and activities. We will also include our newsletter on this website.

Trout in the classroom is growing. OCTU has five schools up and running. We also have two applications for the start of the 2010-2011 school year.

Tom Young our OCTU Banquet Chairman has scheduled our Banquet Fund Raiser for March 27, 2010. This is a fun time for all with a lot of great prizes. This event helps raise the funds to help support our projects. If you can't attend the banquet, and you or your organization would like to make a donation, please contact Tom Young. This information is available on our website.

LITTLE SANDY PROJECT

For those of us that fish the special regulations section of Little Sandy Creek, there are improvements in the works. The Chapter has applied for a Growing Greener Bank Stabilization Grant through the Venango County Conservation District. It has been approved, and the work is scheduled to be completed this summer. The area to be repaired is the section of the stream bank just above the "Trestle". The total cost will be in the 10-13 thousand dollar range, and the Chapter's responsibility will be 17% of that amount. This is where a large portion of our banquet dollars will be spent this year. Our thanks to the Venango County Conservation District and to Lance Bowes for heading up this project.



YOUTH FIELD DAYS

Youth Field Days will be held on June 19, 2010 and OCTU will be teaching fly-tying to about 120 children. Each child will tie a fly. This event brings a good positive feedback from both parents and the kids.

MAILBOXES

Dan Rockwell is heading a project to install OCTU signs and mailboxes with small survey forms. This will enable us to get feed back from individuals fishing the regulation fly-fishing area on Little Sandy. We plan to summarize these comments and post them on our website.

Finally, our goal this year will be to communicate better with our website, newsletter, and local newspapers. We want to increase our membership and bring more people to our monthly meetings. We want to have more programs and speakers at our meetings. This will include advertising and inviting the public to attend our meetings. This will help continue our projects for habitat and stream improvements. But, most importantly, build lasting friendships and have fun.



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You Are Invited To Attend Our
**27th Annual Conservation
 Banquet**

MARCH 27, 2010

*Quality Inn & Conference Center
 Liberty St., Franklin, PA
 Social Time 5:30 p.m.; Dinner 7:00 p.m.
 Adults : Still just \$30!
 Children 12 & Under : \$15*

**Ticket Order
 Deadline for
 Early Bird
 Drawing:
 March 10, 2010**

Door Prizes, Raffles, Auctions, Fun for All!

Proceeds benefit the Oil Creek TU Chapter's local work to provide better trout fishing recreation for families and improve the quality of our area's coldwater resources.

 Please accept my reservation for the March 27, 2010 banquet of the Oil Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Number of adults _____ @ \$30/ea. = \$ _____
 Number of children _____ @ \$15/ea. = \$ _____
 Total enclosed (check or M.O. payable to OCTU) = \$ _____
 Mail coupon to: OCTU, P.O. Box 366, Franklin, PA 16323
 Orders postmarked before 3/10/10 qualify for the Early Bird Drawing!

PURCHASE A TABLE OF 8 OR MORE; YOU GET \$100 IN RAFFLE TICKETS... FREE!!

ONLY 125 BANQUET TICKETS WILL BE SOLD SO BUY YOURS EARLY TO ASSURE YOUR SEAT!!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE CHAPTER BANQUET, EITHER FINANCIAL OR OTHERWISE, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BANQUET AND TICKETS, I CAN BE CONTACTED AT 814-437-5550 OR E-MAIL @ tandeyoung@verizon.net --Tom Young, OCTU Banquet Chairman.