

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

March will be a busy month for Ray Neirle Chapter of TU. We start with the Fly Tying Classes. A larger than usual number of participants is expected this year since we have invited the Boy Scouts to attend. A big thanks goes out to Ed Braun for managing and instructing the basic classes. Ed could use any help and gear he can get so if in any way you can come out and help it would be greatly appreciated. We are planning the activities for the advanced classes with chapter members offering their talents to cover the main groupings of flies, Saltwater, Streamers, Wet and Dry. The fly tying class should be a great success in two ways. First way is by sharing our tying skills with other tiers and secondly, increasing our membership. The last fly tying class is coordinated with our March monthly meeting. We are again having Craig Hull, a commercial tier, do a demonstration on dubbing tricks and techniques. Craig will also bring his huge selection of flies, which will be available for purchase.

Our guest speaker for the February 28th meeting will be John Snively of the Variant Tier. John was very informative on his last visit to us and we expect the same this time.

I would also like to thank Carl Wyckoff for all of his efforts in putting together our Banquet. Carl works very hard "getting it all together" so with that in mind we should support him by attending.

I am still looking for volunteers to work with the Boy Scout fly fishing merit badge. I would also like to thank Jim Nash for stepping in on the "Trout in the Classroom" project at Cinnaminson High School. The State TU is now setting up the program for next year and there are a number of schools in our area that are expressing an interest in the program. We will probably need more than one person for next year. Getting involved might be something to think about.

See you at the Fly Tying Classes.

Bob Powell