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***The Home Pool* — Tom Battista**

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I would like to wish all who read this column Happy Holidays! Another Christmas has just been celebrated, and as I write this “Home Pool,” the New Year is now upon us, with many new chances to fish. I hope to make the most of the 2012 with new and old friends fishing in some of the old places and new ones I hope to be shown or “discover” with friends. I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of some changes voted on in our last meeting in November, as well as alert you to

some dates for activities you may wish to be involved with in the next few months. **The chapter voted to publish and distribute our newsletter, *Streamside Asides* completely electronically, by e-mail and by posting it on our website.** The e-mail will be in a “blind” format so your e-mail will not be seen by all those who receive the newsletter in this fashion. The cost in both time and money has made publishing a print version of *Streamside Asides* increasingly more difficult for us to continue with this format. In addition, the changes in the post office where our bulk mail permit is handled and the stricter requirements of bulk mailing have resulted in our shifting to use more modern and far more efficient methods. Hopefully this will also help with a more ecologically friendly result without using paper and requiring gas transportation to distribute the newsletter.

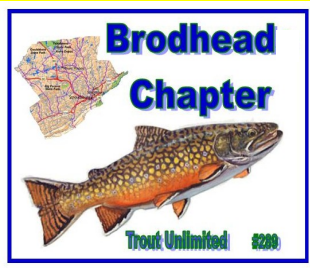
The Brodhead Chapter’s by-laws were formally adopted at our November meeting. They were sent to TU national headquarters and are posted on our website. Thanks to Will Daskal, our editor and webmaster, for handling this important task.

We are starting out the New Year with a basic fly tying class January 7, 14, & 21. This will be followed in the following months with a two session intermediate fly tying class meeting February 25 and March 3. The classes will be run at our usual meeting site, the Monroe County Environmental Education Center, between 9AM and 12 Noon for all sessions. Scott Cesari and Todd Burns will both be leading the class, with several other veteran tiers from our membership assisting the participants.

February 8 our meeting will be our fly tying round robin to which we invite all the participants in the fly tying classes to join in to learn additional patterns and techniques. This year we hope to have a large turnout of fly tiers so we can produce boxes of flies to be donated to Project Healing Waters and Casting for Recovery.

March 10 Monroe County Environmental Education Center (MCEEC) is offering a seminar on fly fishing from noon to 3PM. Brodhead Chapter provides the instruction along the cen-

CHAPTER CALENDAR



January 2012

Board Meeting — Jan. 4 @
7:30 pm

Basic Fly Tying Class — Jan. 7,
14 & 21 @ 9:00am @
MCEEC

February 2012

Board Meeting — Feb. 1 @
7:30 pm

General Meeting — Feb. 8 Fly
Tying Round Robin @ 7:30
pm

Intermediate Fly Tying Class
— Feb. 25 & Mar. 3 @
9:00am @ MCEEC

March 2012

Board Meeting — Mar. 7 @
7:30 pm

Annual Fly Fishing Seminar
@ MCEEC—Mar. 10

**ANNUAL BANQUET —
Mar. 31**

Note: The Fly Tying Round-Robin, all General Meetings, the Annual Fly Fishing Symposium and all Fly Tying Classes, will be held in the Education Room of the Monroe County Conservation District Office on Running Valley Road in Bartonsville, PA.

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FISHING BUDDIES WANT YOU!

The 2011 cadre of available Brodhead TU anglers who have volunteered their services for **Gerry Bortz' Fishing Buddies Program** are now ready to receive calls for the upcoming spring 2011 fishing season. Kindly plan ahead; don't call the night before you want to go fishing and expect the availability of one of our volunteers. **Please save this page and know that caring members of YOUR chapter are here to help any fledgling fly-fishers with "getting their feet wet" in one of our lovely local streams.** The following BTU chapter members have generously offered their time and expertise to assist fellow BTU members in learning the local waters: **Eric Baird** (570-355-0165; evenings & weekends; Tobyhanna, Hickory Run & Devil's Hole); **Tom Battista** (610-681-6307; Sunday mornings; any stream); **Gerry Bortz** (570-895-1099; weekdays; Brodhead & McMichaels Creeks); **Scott Cesari** (570-897-5830; Evenings & weekends; any streams); **Will Daskal** (610-381-6188; call for availability); **Jeff Heberley** (570-421-3184; any time; anywhere); **Glenn Hessler** (570-629-5492; weekends; Brodhead & McMichaels Creeks); **Tom Magera** (570-977-4381; weekdays in the morning & weekends any time; any stream); **Eric McLendon** (610-863-9097; anytime; anywhere); **Ron Mishkin** (570-460-5031; evenings & weekends; Brodhead & McMichaels Creeks and others); **Frank Russo** (570-839-3436; any time; anywhere); and **John Schriever** (570-722-9797; anytime; anywhere).

Don Baylor now chairs a FISHING TRIPS COMMITTEE so that we can add Chapter Fishing Trips to our litany of exciting BTU events and activities. If you have a destination in mind that would be a great spot for a group of us to visit for a day, multi-day, or weekend fly fishing excursion, please share your ideas and information with Don @ (570) 992-3558! We're really looking forward to spicing up our chapter's activities and in getting more of our members involved in all things BTU. Also, remember that **YOU** can fill out a free raffle ticket **AT EVERY CHAPTER ACTIVITY** to win a gorgeous fly rod. The drawing will take place at our annual June picnic next year!

***** ABOUT YOUR NEWSLETTER ...FROM THE EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE & YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS...**

With every passing second of every day, rapid, dynamic changes are made in the way information is disseminated in our world, all geared toward instant news coverage and brisk media treatment of quick-breaking, salient items of universal interest. Our own little BTU-world of eco-friendly, conservation-oriented news is no less demanding and filled with items of interest that would be of timely interest to you ~ our members.

The publication of our monthly newsletter, *Streamside Asides*, has been both a love and, at times, a tremendous burden since Will Daskal took over the reins of penning and publishing it in 2006. It's hard to believe that he's already been at it for five full years! During that time, he's made a strong effort to take it from a limited paper volume published six times a year to its current state, including online website posting.

With our development of a BTU website, we now have limited editions of the newsletter published in PDF format on the web, *but* only during the months the chapter meets, dramatically limiting the flow of information to you, our members and most important resource! *WE firmly believe, we're at a point where we have to be both pro-active in taking the next step in the electronic information revolution, while exercising fiscal restraint during a very difficult economic period.*

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors, we decided to eliminate the print edition of our newsletter and begin sending *Streamside Asides* to our membership via e-mail, while continuing to post it on our website, as well. Quite frankly, **by changing over to a totally electronic newsletter distribution, the chapter will now save a significant amount of money on the newsletter's production costs, and at the same time, you will now benefit tremendously from the change, as well.**

First off, the new bulk postage mailing requirements and complex postal regulations, particularly relating to advertising, had made it far more difficult to send it out by bulk mail. In fact, due to a postal regulations technicality, the Stroudsburg Postmaster barred us from mailing our October and November print issues to you! On average, it cost us about \$200 per issue to print and mail it. ***That's a lot of cash that now will be put to conservation programs and other useful stream projects.*** In addition, our new electronic newsletter distribution speeds delivery dramatically, and it helps the environment by saving on paper, gas burned during travel for production, as well as the ever-rising postal costs.

More importantly, with full electronic production, we will now be able to increase the number of issues per year without any additional production expense, **allowing us to get information of a timely nature to you within minutes, rather than a month too late! *The gain in being able to instantaneously apprise you of conservation issues, timely chapter projects and important conservation events without undue delay alone is surely worth our upgrade to electronic dissemination of information!***

Rest assured, we fully value your right to privacy, and like you, we are extremely reluctant to give out our personal

information, fearing the addition of junk email in our e-mailboxes; however, we can promise you that we will personally maintain the chapter's email list, will not share it with anyone, and all e-mail newsletter distributions we make will be done via a BLIND CC! In other words, even chapter members, including the Board, will not see your personal e-mail address! You will only see the editor's name and your name in the e-mail; no one else's name will appear in the header! This is a 100% WIN-WIN for you and our chapter!

We're asking you to quickly get on board with the transition to an all-electronic digital newsletter distribution and save our chapter a boatload of money every year! If you'd like to have your newsletters sent to a different email address, or if your email address has changed, PLEASE send an e-mail at either of the following email addresses to the editor: wdaskal@ptd.net or broadheadtu@yahoo.com. Our editor will create a special contact group for BTU for the distribution of our newsletter, *Streamside Asides*, as well as any official notices and flash chapter conservation and/or activities messages that may be specifically approved by the Chapter President, the Executive Committee or the Board of Directors. No third party distribution will be made and your privacy will be maintained!

When you send Will your email, please indicate "NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP" IN THE SUBJECT LINE and WRITE YOUR FULL NAME AND EMAIL ADDRESS IN THE BODY SECTION. Will will do the rest. Some of you have changed email addresses since you became a member, and National TU does not have your current email address. It's up to you to notice them of any change. This issue has been distributed via the email address of record on Nation TU's database; The editor has no control over it, and some of the distribution has bounced back as undeliverable, something beyond his control. It will take a little bit of time to complete this project, so the sooner we begin, the better off we'll all be.

We understand that the vast majority of you do have e-mail, even those of you who haven't given an e-mail address to National TU, and we fully respect and appreciate your right to privacy. *We will not share your personal information with anyone!* We're just trying to develop an accurate list of current e-mail addresses for all our chapter members to start this process as quickly as possible and save the chapter a considerable amount of money, while giving you instant access to information.

You do have the right to refuse to receive newsletters electronically via email; however, if you opt out of digital distribution, and refuse to get it electronically in your inbox, you will be able to access the newsletter by logging into the BTU Chapter website and read it in PDF format there. Electronic subscribers will receive it more quickly.

Thanks, in advance, for your cooperation and for helping to make the Brodhead Chapter of TU the Number One Chapter in the USA!

Sincerely,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE & YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Fly of the Month

Scott Cesari

2006 PA State Fly Tying Champion

2006 Federation of Fly Fishers World Champion

Welcome to the *Fly of the Month*! As I was trying to decide which fly to feature this month, it occurred to me that I've covered dries, nymphs, emergers, and streamers so far. What's been missing? Terrestrials! And what better terrestrial is there than a good ol' reliable ant pattern! My personal favorite is a black parachute ant, so that's the fly I'm going to present in this month's column. And don't forget about our fly of the month contest, either! **Remember to bring your fly**

to the February 2012 meeting. I'll collect them, judge them based on the criteria listed below and choose a winner. The winner will be announced at the following month's meeting and will receive their fly mounted under a glass dome, a certificate of achievement, first pick from the prizes on our monthly raffle table, and, of course, bragging rights. The contest is a great way to hone your tying skills, win some great prizes, and have some fun in the process. I encourage everyone to participate. And now, without further ado...



Parachute Ant

The Parachute Ant

TYING STEPS

1. Attach the thread to the hook at the eye and create a thread base to the bend. Return the thread to a point about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the shank length behind the eye.
2. Take a piece of poly yarn and tie it in on top of the hook, with the bulk of the length of the yarn extending forward over the eye of the hook.
3. Now establish your post. I like to do this by pulling the piece hanging over the eye straight up and kinking the base of it into a 90 degree angle by pressing my thumbnail firmly against the yarn at the tie in point. Then make a few wraps tight against the front of the post to help maintain it in a 90 degree attitude. Now reinforce the post by making 5 or 6 horizontal wraps up the base of the post then 5 or 6 more horizontal wraps back down. This gathers the post fibers together to keep them manageable. Trim the butt ends of the yarn on an angle behind the post and cover with thread. Wrap back to the bend.
4. Dub a small ball for the abdomen. Then dub half a ball for the thorax. Stop at the post, don't dub in front of the post just yet. Also, make sure to keep a distinct break between the abdomen and the thorax.

HOOK: dry, size 14

THREAD: black

BODY: black dubbing

POST: white poly yarn (or other suitable material)

HACKLE: black

5. Now tie in your hackle feather. Hold the feather behind the hook at the post with the tip toward the rear of the hook. The feather should be held at a 45 degree angle. Tie in the butt end of the feather in front of the post. Once it is secure, hold it straight up along the post, then secure it to the post by making 5 or 6 horizontal wraps up the base and then 5 or 6 wraps back down to the shank, the same way you did when you initially reinforced the post in step 3. Of note, your hackle barb length should be about $\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the shank of the hook, and make sure to tie in your feather so that a small piece of bare quill is exposed above the horizontal wraps you made when you secured the feather to the post (this will help prevent the hackle from splaying when you begin wrapping it.) Trim the butt ends and secure with thread.
6. Now finish dubbing the front half of the thorax ball.
7. Begin wrapping your hackle. Make horizontal wraps counter-clockwise in touching turns down to the ball of dubbing, 5 or 6 wraps should do it (alternately, you could tie in 2 hackles and make 3 or 4 wraps with each hackle. This has the advantage of making a denser cluster of hackle.) To tie off, finish the wrapping with the feather on the far side of the hook, angled downward. Tie the feather off in front of the dubbed thorax (again, if you use 2 hackles, tie each one off in this manner wrapping one and tying it off, then the other.)
8. Whip finish, add a drop of glue at the knot to secure. Trim the post to length (about $\frac{3}{4}$ shank length, as a rough guide.) Your parachute ant is now ready to fish (or enter in our fly tying contest!)

For the contest, these are the specific criteria I will be looking for:

- ⇒ **Abdomen and thorax should be symmetrical and equal**
- ⇒ **There should be a distinct break between the abdomen and the thorax**
- ⇒ **Hackle should lie in the horizontal plane and should not splay above the post or below the shank of the hook**
- ⇒ **Barb length should be roughly equal to $\frac{3}{4}$ of the shank length**

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions at smcesari@epix.net or 610-730-7928. Good luck – I hope to see many of your flies for the contest! Until next time...

President's "Home Pool"...Continued from Page 2

ter's Carl Meyer. TU members tie flies that are raffled off to the people attending the seminar. Past seminar pictures are posted on the chapter's website. This year we are planning on a follow-up session on a local pond where seminar participants may fish for panfish in April.

Our annual banquet is March 31, 2012. Eric Baird, our treasurer, is the banquet chairman and the man to contact for tickets and seating. See page 2 of the current newsletter for his contact information!

Brodhead Chapter offers a kid's fishing tournament in cooperation with The Knights of Columbus, PA Fish Commission and Stroud Township opening day April 14 at the Brodhead Park. Every child (under 12) participating will receive a prize.

April 21 we will be hosting the Northeast Regional Spring Training at MCEEC. We hope to facilitate a good session and offer some great Pocono streams for those representing their chapters to enjoy while they are here.

If you have missed our last meetings, in order to facilitate the distribution of the chapter newsletter send the e-mail address you choose to receive the newsletter at to Will Daskal at brodheadtu@yahoo.com with the word "NEWSLETTER" in the Subject Line; otherwise, the only way you'll be able to read our monthly newsletter will be online via the website.

Tight lines!

I hope to see all of you more often in the coming months!

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Pocono Area Old Growth Forest & Open Space Hike

January 29, 2012

Sponsored by Pocono Heritage Land Trust and DCNR's Jacobsburg E. E. Center

Join in this "Adventures to the Ancients" open space hike led by Bill Sweeney, an old growth forest enthusiast, botanist and long-time DCNR naturalist with Jacobsburg E. E. Center and Don Miller, an open space advocate, long-time teacher, botanist and naturalist with Pocono Heritage Land Trust. Hike participants will have an opportunity to explore both public and private old growth forest areas throughout the Pocono Region and experience the natural beauty of these often forgotten or sometimes secretive locations where the sawyers blades of foresters/ lumbermen in decades past have left some small remnants of old tall timber trees.

*** Registration required: Contact Bill Sweeney at Jacobsburg E.E. Center**

(610) 746-2808 or by e-mail wisweeney@state.pa.us

Program Hike hours 12:00 / 1:00 – 5:00 pm (includes some travel time)

All Adventures to the Ancients hikes are free of charge with donations asked to support

Pocono Heritage Land Trust's Preserve Management & Land Conservation Fund.

*** Please dress appropriately for weather conditions, wear sturdy comfortable hiking boots and bring plenty of water and energy snacks. All hikes are held rain, snow or shine.**

Sunday 01/29/12 -

The Walter & Jaclyn Mock Preserve from 1 – 5 p.m.

A special place lies hidden in Eldred Township near the small town of Kunkletown Pa. It is the home of Jaclyn Mock and habitat for many other wonderful wild residents that reside here. The Mock preserve provides a variety of habitats ranging from old fields to a young emerging forest to a steep ravine lined by 200 year old Hemlock trees. Participants will witness the flowing waters of the Princess Run (a headwaters to Buckwa Creek in the Lehigh River watershed) as it tumbles over a series of steep shale outcrops creating a magical series of waterfalls. Jaclyn Mock is as beautiful as the land she and her late husband Walter have cared for and protected for over 60 years. So come out and meet this very special lady and the beautiful land she has preserved for posterity through Monroe County's Open Space program.

Lehigh Valley residents can meet at 12:00 pm at the Jacobsburg EE Center main parking lot located off of Belfast road. **Pocono area participants meet at 1:00 at the Saylorsburg Flea Market parking lot just off the Saylorsburg exit of Rt. 33 South.** Registration is required. Contact Bill Sweeney at Jacobsburg EE Center (610) 746-2808 or by e-mail Wisweeney@pa.gov

All "Adventure to the Ancients" hikes are free of charge with donations asked to support the Pocono Heritage Land Trust's Preserve Management & Land Conservation Fund.

***Dress appropriately for weather conditions, wear sturdy comfortable hiking boots and bring water and snacks.**

Address Changes: KINDLY NOTE



If you have moved, or if you received a new physical address pursuant to the Monroe County 911E program, **only YOU can effect an address change through National TU.**

You can do it directly on the TU.org website by logging in to your account with your TU member number, or you can call them up directly at one of the following numbers: TOLL FREE: 1-800-834-2419; National Office: (703) 522-0200; Fax: (703) 284-9400 and make the change.

We cannot do it for you!

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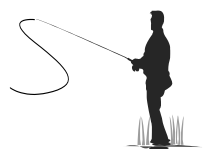
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conservation activities are ever-increasing, and
we need your support!

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