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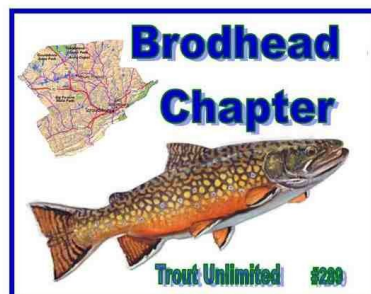


Next Meeting  
**Wednesday,**  
**April 11, 2012**  
*Fly-Fishing*  
*Guide to NYS'*  
*BEA-MOC*  
*System!*



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## *The Home Pool* — Tom Battista

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I'm writing this on a bright Monday morning in March with the promise of 60 to 70 degree weather all week. I'm itching to go fishing on one of the streams with special regulations or a stream that is not on the "Approved Trout Waters" or listed in the fishing regulations booklet. If you choose to fish on these waters, you must practice catch and release. Please also be circumspect in where you park and stealthy so you do not give away those spots and encourage those who would not respect the resource. Remember these

you may not practice catch and release. It is important that you take only photographs and leave minimal footprints or sign of your passage so you do not attract others to "your" fishing hole.

On March 11, I hiked the former Echo Farms property purchased by Paradise and Price townships with Open Space Funds. This is important to us anglers since it opens a small section of the Brodhead along 447 where there is a small, red pavilion (this is south of Clark Road and 447). Pocono Heritage Land Trust was helpful in acquiring this section. They also acquired an easement allowing access to the Brodhead along Pasloe Farm Road. This area can be reached when traveling north on 447 by making a left turn on Spruce Cabin Road and a right onto Pasloe Farm Road which is close to the 447 intersection. There is access parking off this road. I do not think these are areas that are stocked by the Fish Commission since they have several clubs in the area that do stock; this may offer a distinct advantage to us since there will not be crowds following the "big white trucks" stocking fish.

Pocono Heritage Land Trust has been instrumental in acquiring open space and easements to headwater areas. They were instrumental in gaining the easement for the Learn property along the Pocono Creek opening it to fisherman. If you can join them to support their work, it is in your interest since they target headwater areas, and as a result open areas for us to fish. Many of these areas support populations of wild trout; many have native brook trout in the feeder streams.

Congratulations to those who increased their fly tying repertoire of techniques in Scott Cesari's Intermediate Fly Tying class last month. They learned to bleach peacock eyes to develop quill sections to tie Quill Gordon flies. They learned to set a post and use it to tie a parachute fly. They also learned how to spin deer hair to tie a muddler minnow, and where to select the deer hair from the hide for differ-

ent applications. The students were able to accomplish this in two Saturday sessions. Some of them had started to tie in the basic class offered in January and ending the beginning of February. One or two had taken the basic course last year. Scott and his assistants did a fantastic job.

March 31 was the early southern region opening day, also the Brodhead Chapter's Annual Banquet. I hope you had success at both, especially winning days on the stream and prizes at the banquet. April 14 is the northern region opener, and I hope to see some of you out at the Kid's Tournament sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Stroud township, the Pa. Fish & Boat Commission and Brodhead TU. Each year we watch many young anglers start out fishing at this event and some of them as they grow in size, skill and age. Our records on the computer date back eight years or more and each year Alison adds a few but mostly just changes the age of the children until they reach twelve years of age and cannot participate, except to help younger siblings. This is a fun family-oriented program that runs in the morning leaving those who help with the afternoon and evening hatch to fish.

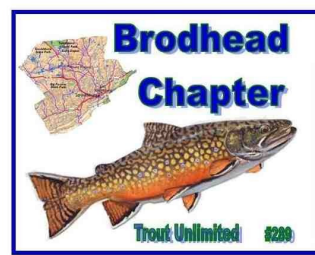
For April 21, I've arranged to have Zacharias (Zacky's) Pond allow the people who took the "Fly Fishing Seminar" at the Environmental Center in March to fish for bass and sunfish with a fly they will tie on site. We will be there between 1PM and 4PM, so if you have time to help out please come join in the fun.!

On April 28, we will be hosting the Northeast Region TU spring training. We could use some "guides" to help direct the visitors to our local waters. If you are available to help the representatives of other chapters to local waters and go fishing let me know. It would help if I knew specifically where you would take them so I can have a menu of choices to give them.

When you're reading this, I hope you have already signed up for our May Catskill chapter fly-fishing trip, or you will be missing out on some great fishing during the major spring hatches on the Beaverkill River and Willowemoc Creek. If you have arranged to go with us, study the extremely informative CD that Will has prepared. Get your gear in order for the trip and plan where you will fish. You might want to print out the maps of the areas you are intending to fish.

*Tight lines!*

*Tom*



### Treasurer's Report:

#### February 15 — March 15, 2012

Starting Balance (2/15/12):	\$9,256.53
Expenditures:	\$1,091.79
Income:	\$1,562.50
Ending Balance (3/15/12):	\$9,727.24



#### BANQUET REPORT (March 31)

Gross Income:	\$7,477.50
Expenditures:	\$4,469.22
Net Income:	\$3,008.28



# Fly-Fishing the Catskill's BEA-MOC System!

**WHETHER YOU'LL BE JOINING US FOR 3-GLORIOUS DAYS  
FLY-FISHING THE HISTORIC WATERS OF THE CATSKILL  
MOUNTAINS NEXT MONTH OR YOU'LL BE ENJOYING THIS  
WONDERFUL FLY-FISHING REGION AT SOME FUTURE TIME,  
YOU'LL WANT TO ATTEND OUR NEXT MEETING!**



**A**t our next BTU chapter General Meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>, Will Daskal, a veteran fly-fisher of the Catskill region, as well as founder of Wild Trout University Fly Fishing School in Horton, NY, will unlock the secrets of the BEA-MOC system and explain just where and how to fish this historic fly fishing watershed! This presentation will prepare you for the area streams, local pool locations and probable local hatches — all the information you'll need to make any trip there a memorable success!



**April 11, 2012 @ 7:30 pm; MCCD, 8050 Running Valley Rd., Bartonsville**

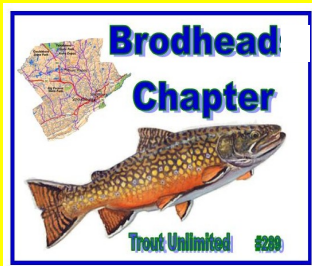
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## ***FISHING BUDDIES WANT YOU!***

**T**he 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).

## ***CHAPTER CALENDAR***



### April 2012

Board Meeting – Apr. 4 @ 7:30p

General Meeting – Apr. 11 @ 7:30 pm: Fly-Fishing the BEA-MOC System

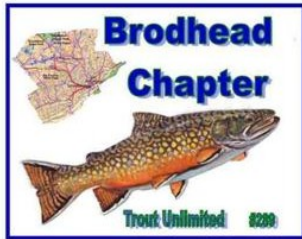
Kid's Trout Fishing Contest – Apr. 14 @ 8-10 AM @ Brodhead Pond

Fly Fishing Workshop @ Zachy's Pond – Apr. 21

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

**D**on Baylor now chairs our chapter's FISHING TRIPS COMMITTEE so that we can add fishing trips to our litany of exciting BTU events and activities. The first trip has been set for May 11-13. 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 our a free raffle ticket **AT EVERY CHAPTER ACTIVITY** to win a gorgeous fly rod. The drawing will take place at our annual June picnic this year!





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Trout Unlimited



Stroud Township  
Brodhead Creek Park



Father John T. Butler  
Council No. 4084



PA Fish  
Commission

# 36th Annual Knights of Columbus Children's Trout Fishing Contest



**April 14, 2012**  
8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.  
Registration 7:00 a.m.

*Opening Day of Trout Season*  
for children up to 12 years of age



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# Fly of the Month

## *Scott Cesari*

*2006 PA State Fly Tying Champion*

*2006 Federation of Fly Fishers World Champion*

I chose the **BIOT BODY PARACHUTE MAYFLY** as this month's fly of the month for several reasons. First, by varying the colors used you can create a whole series of mayflies to cover the entire season of hatches. Secondly, I really like the biot body. It produces a smooth, waxy looking body that very closely represents the natural. And I prefer the parachute style – the body of the fly will sit right in the surface film, which I feel entices more strikes. Lastly, we tied this fly in the intermediate fly tying class offered earlier this year. Those of you who took the class will now have more detailed written instruction to refer to as you continue to practice what you learned. I would suggest tying this pattern in four or five basic colors – olive (as presented here), yellow, brown, cream and grey. Then tie some CDC biot body emergers (a pattern that was presented about a year ago, which should still be available on the TU website or you can review the video of it on my website – sulfur biot body emerger at [www.scottcesariflytying.com](http://www.scottcesariflytying.com)) to match the mayfly patterns. With these in your fly box, you'll be ready for any hatch at any time of year, and the trout won't stand a chance! So let's get tying the **BIOT BODY PARACHUTE MAYFLY** (BWO Version)

1. Start the thread on the hook behind the eye and create a thread base to the bend. Make 2 or 3 overlapping thread wraps at the bend to create a small ball of thread to help splay the tail. Tie in a tail of dun hackle fibers at the bend.
  2. Bring the thread about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way back up the shank of the hook toward the eye. Tie in a wing post of poly yarn or similar posting material as follows:
- Hook:** Dry Fly, size 12 - 18  
**Thread:** Olive, 6/0  
**Tail:** Dun Hackle Fibers  
**Wing Post:** Poly Yarn  
**Body:** Olive Biot  
**Thorax:** Olive Dubbing  
**Hackle:** Dun
3. Place a length of poly yarn on top of the hook and tie it in place with several pinch wraps. The length of the bunch projecting out over the eye of the hook should be roughly equal to the length of the shank of the hook (to create a post that is roughly equal to the length of the shank.) Make sure the bunch stays on top of the hook by gently stroking the post up above the hook shank while tying in. Then trim and secure the butt ends (the butt ends in this case are the fibers that extend toward the bend of the hook.)
  4. Now establish and reinforce the post. Do this by pulling the fibers up so they extend above the shank at a 90 degree angle. Make some thread wraps directly in front of the post until it stays in this 90 degree orientation. Now bring your thread just in front of the post and make 4 or 5 horizontal wraps around the base of the post. You should make 4 or 5 wraps in touching turns up the post and then 4 or 5 wraps back down the post. Your wraps should go in a counter-clockwise direction.
  5. Wrap to the bend and select a turkey biot. If you examine the biot, you'll notice it has 2 distinct sides. One is ridged, one looks like translucent cellophane. Tie the biot in by the tip on the near side of the hook with the cellophane side facing the rear of the hook. Now wrap the biot to create the body. Your turns should slightly overlap, with the cellophane edge overlapping and flattening the ridged edge. This will create a waxy smooth body that has a nicely segmented appearance. Tie off the biot just

behind the post. Using hackle pliers to wrap the biot will be helpful.

6. Prepare 2 hackle feathers by stripping off the fibers at the butt ends to expose some bare quill. Tie them in and wrap them as follows:
7. Place the feathers together and hold them underneath the hook shank at a 45 degree angle to the hook, butts projecting toward the eye of the hook on the near side of the hook, tips projecting toward the bend on the far side of the hook, pretty sides up. Trap the quills with a few loose thread wraps to the bottom of the shank of the hook in front of the post. Now gently pull the feathers up along the post until the bare quill extends about 1/8 inch above the thread wraps you made to reinforce the post. Once positioned, secure the quills to the shank by wrapping toward the eye and back once or twice. Your thread should be hanging just in front of the post. Trim the butt ends.
8. Now make 4 or 5 horizontal wraps up and down the post as you did when creating the post, securing the quill directly to the post and further reinforcing it.
9. Dub a thorax. Apply dubbing to the thread and make a few wraps behind and a few wraps in front of the post to create a small ball of dubbing for the thorax.
10. Now wrap the hackle. Wrap one feather in a counter clockwise direction in touching turns down the post. If you tied in the feathers correctly, you should have a small piece of exposed quill above the thread wraps. This exposed quill helps to maintain the horizontal alignment of the hackle when wrapping the hackle, helping the feather orient itself with respect to the post before the barbs begin to deploy. Use hackle pliers for this. Once you reach the dubbing (which will occur after 3 or 4 wraps of hackle), allow the feather to hang down below the shank on the far side of the hook. The weight of the hackle pliers will maintain the feather in the proper orientation. You can let go of the hackle pliers and then use your left hand to gently lift the hackle barbs out of the way while you tie the feather off. Tie it off in front of the dubbing ball. Wrap the second feather in the same fashion, wrapping through the fibers of the first feather. Tie it off in the same way.
11. Using a whip finisher to apply the whip finish knot will help you slide your thread wraps under the parachute hackle. Carefully make your whip finish, trying not to trap the hackle barbs. Add a touch of cement and you're ready to go!

This is a challenging fly to tie, definitely an intermediate level fly, but it is well worth the effort. Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have ([smcesari@epix.net](mailto:smcesari@epix.net), 610-730-7928.) The fly tying contest resumes this month also, so for those of you submitting this fly for the contest, these are the things I'll be looking for:

- ◆ Smoothness of the body and equality of the segmentation
- ◆ Horizontal orientation of the parachute hackle, without splaying of hackle barbs above or below the plane of the hackle
- ◆ Post length should equal shank length

## *Biot Body Parachute Mayfly*







**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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Thanks for your understanding in this timely matter.—Ed.



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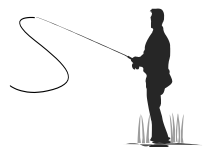
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