

SEPTEMBER 2012

Next Meeting

**WEDNESDAY,
September 12, 2012
7:30 pm**

**ANNUAL ELECTION
& Rivers Conservation
Camp Student Update!**

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**Kelly Brong, Ben Conklin
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FLY OF THE MONTH
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We had sponsored several youths for the Monroe County Conservation Camp on Thursday, July 26; Gerry Bortz, Bob Stevens, Carl Meyer and I demonstrated Fly Fishing, casting, fly tying, and we showed Will Daskal's Entomology power point presentation to the campers.

We had been asked to provide a program for the Brodhead Ramble on August 12. The Brodhead Watershed Association sponsored this public event with many stops along the levee loop trail, with all the people attending making a final stop at the second pavilion in Brodhead Park. We were on hand to provide casting instruction, a chance to tie flies, and other activities, as time permitted.

Brodhead Watershed Association is also sponsoring the McMichael Sojourn on September 22, 2012. This will be a kayak trip down the McMichael Creek starting behind the DOT office on Manor Drive and ending behind the ESSA Bank in Stroudsburg. They will stop for lunch where the stream passes through the Glen Brook Golf Course. They have asked me if we could provide a fly fishing program during the lunch break. I would appreciate some volunteers to assist me in this endeavor.

Project Healing Waters fishing event was held August 8 at the Indian Mountain Rod and Gun Club. If you have not had a chance to attend one of these outings, I can assure you they are enjoyable. It is nice to spend time with these veterans who risked their lives to protect our freedoms. It never ceases

to amaze me that the veterans feel they need to thank me at an outing, when I have so much for which to thank them! I'll let you know when the next event takes place.

With the warm weather, I have switched to fishing for bass and panfish. I have been having fun making my own poppers and bass bugs when I am unable to fish between thunderstorms. I have been particularly successful with foam. I found fabric paint in A.C. Moore that glows in the dark. A drop on top of a foam ant makes it stand out against the darker water midday, and if you shine a light on it, it will glow in the dark in the evening.

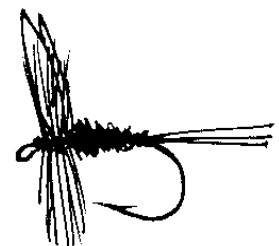
I also spent time this summer instructing Fly Fishing and Fishing Merit Badges in the two local Scout camps. Several boys achieved success in completing these badges as they advanced to Eagle. One scout who had never fly fished got "hooked" and will be getting equipment of his own when he gets home. His father told me he loves to fish and play baseball. He lives a short distance from a New Jersey stream and is always fishing when he is not playing ball. The scout was really amazed at how he could quickly place his fly in another spot to an active fish by roll casting and mending, faster than with his spinning tackle. It has been really enjoyable working with the scouts, and if you are interested becoming a merit badge counselor, contact me for information on getting started.

We are still looking for volunteers to help at Monroe County Youth Field Day. We would like to have volunteers to allow the kids and parents try fishing with a fly rod and tie flies. We also can use help building the birdhouses, directing traffic and parking, and general help with the event, Saturday, September 8, 2012.

I will also be working with Brodhead Watershed Association's McMichael Sojourn, a kayak trip down the McMichael Creek. Brodhead Chapter has been asked to provide a fly fishing program at the lunch break inside the Glenbrook Golf Course. Anyone interested in fishing that day is welcome to call me and join in the fun.

Our September 12 meeting will feature our Annual Chapter Election of Officers and a program put on by the youths we sponsored to Rivers Conservation School in June; they will be on hand to talk about their experiences. Several parents will also give us their input describing the parent introduction and the effect the camp had on their children.

Looking ahead: Don Baylor will be presenting a slide show of his trip to the Wind River Range in search of Golden Trout at our October 10 meeting.



Bob Ballantyne will be presenting a program at our November 14 meeting on Fish and Fisherman in Yellowstone Park including biological and practical aspects of the Park's fish.

I will be attending the Fall PATU at Fisherman's Paradise (H.R. Stackhouse School) staying in the dorm rooms where the Fish Commission trains WCOs. There is a complete training agenda for the conference with updates on Marcellus Shale drilling, and unassessed streams.

Fall temperatures should cool the streams so trout fishing should improve in streams that have been too warm. I plan on hunting Saturdays and fishing Sundays. Since some members have been traveling to the Catskill streams, DO NOT FORGET to renew your New York State fishing tag as their license season starts October 1.

Tight lines!

Tom



Treasurer's Report:

June 16 – August 15, 2012

Starting Balance (5/16/12): **\$10,483.52**

Expenditures: 0

Income: 0

Ending Balance (8/15/12): **\$10,483.52**

Nominating Committee Report:

President: Tom Battista

Vice-President: Todd Burns

Treasurer: Eric Baird

Secretary: Bob Stevens

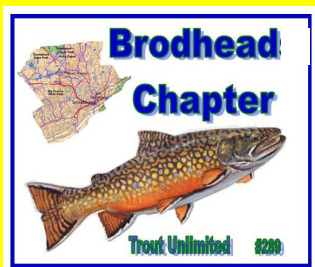


While fishing with Chapter President Tom Battista, Will Daskal, landed and released this 11-plus pound Largemouth Bass right here in Monroe County! Happily, Tom had his camera handy! A week later, Will hooked and released the same fish!

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CHAPTER CALENDAR



Sept 2012

Board Meeting – Sept. 5 @
7:30p

General Meeting – Sept. 12 @
7:30p ELECTIONS!

October 2012

Board Meeting – Oct. 3 @ 7:30p

General Meeting – Oct. 10 @
7:30p Don Baylor: Western
Golden Trout!

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.

FISHING BUDDIES WANT YOU!

The 2012 cadre of available Brodhead TU anglers who have volunteered their services for **Gerry Bortz' Fishing Buddies Program** are always ready to receive calls for the trout fly 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 our chapter's FISHING TRIPS COMMITTEE so that we can add 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 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!

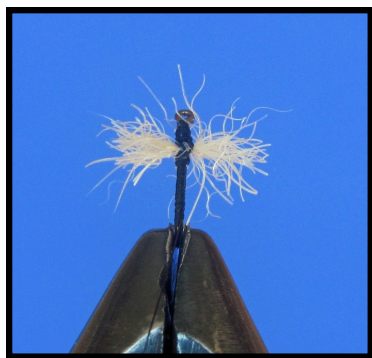


Fly of the Month

Scott Cesari

2006 PA State Fly Tying Champion

2006 Federation of Fly Fishers World Champion



It's getting late in the year, which means it's time to start tying tiny flies. As a result, I've chosen the small but mighty trico spinner as the August fly of the month. This is a great fly for late season fishing, well worth the effort needed to tie it. Actually, it's not really that difficult of a fly to tie, the challenge comes in tying it small. It's most effective when tied on a size 20 or smaller hook. So get out your magnifier, and let's put your tying skills to the test! A word of advice before we start – I've found that when tying smaller flies, less is more.

That is to say, bulk builds up quickly on tiny flies, and too much material can quickly frustrate and ruin an otherwise perfectly good fly. The body and thorax on this fly, for instance, are composed of a few thread wraps and nothing more. The tendency of most tiers is to add more material than is necessary – I urge you to resist that tendency when tying tiny. While that may be difficult at first, you will find your flies are better tied and more effective when tied sparse. With that said, let's get to work.

AUGUST: TRICO SPINNER

Hook: Dry Fly, size 20 or smaller

Thread: Black, 10/0 is best

Tail: Black Hackle Barbs

Body: Black Thread

Wing: Snowshoe Rabbit Foot Hair or substitute (see below)

Thorax: Black Thread

1. Start the thread on the hook behind the eye and wrap a thread base to the bend.
2. Make 2 or 3 overlapping thread wraps at the bend to create a small bump.
3. Tie in 3 black hackle barbs for the tail. The tail should be about the length of the hook. Given the size of this fly, a traditional pinch wrap may not work – for most of us, our fingers are too large to control the material effectively. Instead, hold the fibers on the near side of the hook at a 45 degree angle at the tie in point.

4. Make 2 loose wraps to gently secure the fibers to the hook, then apply a third wrap with more tension, enough to push the fibers into place atop the hook shank. Make a one or two more wraps back into the bump you created earlier to help splay the fibers slightly. (To see this technique in action, view the video on my website at <http://www.scottcesariflytying.com/resources/video-tips/tailing-a-fly-using-the-concept-of-thread-tension/>)
5. Wrap the thread in touching turns $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up the hook shank to create the body.
6. Snip a small bunch of hair from between the toes of a snowshoe rabbit foot. Tie this bunch on the top of the hook with a few x-wraps to lock it in place perpendicular to the shank, as shown in the picture. Then make a few wraps of thread behind and in front of the wing to create the thorax (you may have to pull the snowshoe fibers out of your way while doing this.) NOTE: I have recently heard that snowshoe rabbits are either on or near to being on the endangered species list, and as such this material is both hard to find and may no longer be appropriate to use. It is the traditional material used for this fly, but other materials may easily be substituted, such as antron, z-lon, or whatever other buoyant material you might prefer.
7. Gently pull the wing fibers back to allow room to create a small thread head, whip finish and cement. As a final step, pull the wing fibers up at a 90 degree angle to the hook shank and clip them to the proper length, which should be about the length of the hook. Once clipped, they will fall back into the proper orientation in the horizontal plane.

As always, don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have (smcesari@epix.net, 610-730-7928.) Again, remember that less is more. Take your time, and I'm sure that with a little practice your fly box will soon be overflowing with tricos!

SEPTEMBER: TRICO DUN



I decided to keep things small again this month. Hot on the heels of last month's trico spinner is another of the trico flies, the trico dun. As I stated last month, trico flies are very effective late in the season, effective enough to warrant a few varieties for your fly box. The smaller they are, the more effective they will be for you, which poses some tying challenges. Remember: when tying smaller flies, less is more. That is to say, bulk builds up quickly on tiny flies, and too much material can quickly frustrate

and ruin an otherwise perfectly good fly. Keep that in mind as you tackle this fly. I'm sure that with a little practice, you'll be cranking out those size 20's without any problem at all. So, without further ado, let's start tying the

SEPTEMBER: TRICO DUN

Hook: Dry Fly, size 20 or smaller

Thread: Black, 10/0 is best

Tail: Black Hackle Barbs

Body: Black Thread


Wing: CDC feather

Thorax: Black Dubbing

1. Start the thread on the hook behind the eye and wrap a thread base to the bend. Make 2 or 3 overlapping thread wraps at the bend to create a small bump.
2. Tie in 3 black hackle barbs for the tail. The tail should be about the length of the hook. Given the size of this fly, a traditional pinch wrap may not work – for most of us, our fingers are too large to control the material effectively. Instead, hold the fibers on the near side of the hook at a 45 degree angle at the tie in point. Make 2 loose wraps to gently secure the fibers to the hook, then apply a third wrap with more tension, enough to push the fibers into place atop the hook shank. Make a one or two more wraps back into the bump you created earlier to help splay the fibers slightly. (To see this technique in action, view the video on my website at <http://www.scottcesariflytying.com/resources/video-tips/tailing-a-fly-using-the-concept-of-thread-tension/>)
3. Wrap the thread in touching turns $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way up the hook shank to create the body.
4. Tie in a puff of CDC feather to make the wing. The wing length should extend to the end of the hook. Tying in a longer wing and then clipping it to length is usually the easiest way to create a properly proportioned wing. Secure the butt ends with thread.
5. Add just a tiny bit of dubbing to the thread and wrap a thorax over the butt ends of the CDC feather. Create a tiny thread head, whip finish, and cement. Your fly is done.

Make room for a pile of these tiny morsels in your fly box – you'll be happy you have them! As always, don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you might have (smcesari@epix.net, 610-730-7928.) Again, remember that less is more. Take your time, and I'm sure that with a little practice your fly box will soon be overflowing with tricos!

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We cannot do it for you!

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



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