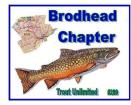
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Next Event SATURDAY, January 5, 12 & 19, 2013 9:00 am Scott Cesari Will Head Up our Annual Fly-Tying Class at the MCEEC!

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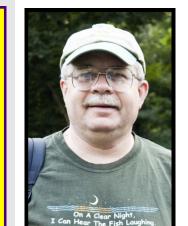
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The Home Pool

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ince I'm not as politically correct as all the politicians, making "holiday trees," I would like to wish you all Merry Christmas, and Happy Chanukah, with good health and prosperity for the coming New Year of 2013. I also want to remind you that you need to renew your Pennsylvania Fishing License. if you haven't already done so, since January 1 is the beginning of the new PA license year.

In the beginning of November, Bob Stevens resigned as the Secretary of the chapter after many years of service in that position. He is a charter member of the Brodhead Chapter. Bob has been a great advocate of cold water conservation with both Trout Unlimited and the Brodhead Watershed Association, where he was a stream watcher for many years. He will still continue to serve as a "Director Emeritus" being a vital resource to the board of directors and officers.

The board of directors has experienced other changes as well. Joe Sadowski has resigned as raffle chairman, a position he has held for many years. It will be very strange to not have him at the front of the room selling tickets at our monthly meetings.

HONORING OUR PAST DIRECTORS

big BTU THANK YOU and a HEARTY WELL-DONE to our newly retired Board Officers and BTU Chapter Directors, now enshrined into *Directors Emeritus* status: Ed Filipkowski, Bob Hosko, Joe Sadoski and Bob Stevens! All have served our chapter for many years with unselfish devotion. *They've made the Brodhead Chapter the great success it is today!*

Congratulations to all!

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Bob Hosko and Ed Filipkowski are also leaving the board this year after many years of dedicated service. Bob has been extremely instrumental in running our banquets for years, repaired rods for the Knights of Columbus Kids Fishing Tournament, and is our connection to the Stroud Area Regional Parks.

Ed has been an active board member for many years. He generously gives his time in seeking donations for the annual banquet and setting up the banquet prize tables. Each summer Ed also volunteers to instruct casting at the Monroe County Conservation Camp as our chapter's part of their program. Ed will continue to assist the chapter by running the monthly equipment and tying materials raffle at the general meetings.

These stellar gentlemen are now "Directors Emeritus" and will still contribute to the chapter by offering their sage guidance to the current board of directors.

Will Daskal will serve the rest of Bob Stevens' term as Recording/Corresponding Secretary. Will has been very active as a director, publishing our newsletter, designing and maintaining the chapter website, and helping in numerous other ways.

Dr. John Smith of East Stroudsburg University has joined the board. He is the faculty advisor to the student fishing club being formed at the university. John is also on the board of the Brodhead Watershed Association.

Greg Malaska is also joining the board. Greg is the Northeast Regional Vice President of Pennsylvania Association of Trout Unlimited (PATU) our state TU organization. Greg is also Membership Chairman for PATU. He recently received the *Inky Moore Conservation Award* from PATU for his service to conservation efforts over the last three years.

Jeff Heberley has also agreed to take a director's position. Jeff has been an active member of our chapter and has helped with our fly tying program, and the Knights of Columbus Kids Fishing Tournament. He has also volunteered with Project Healing Waters.

George Sappah has agreed to take a director's position, as well. George has helped with the kid's fishing tournament. George is active as an officer in several other hunting and fishing organizations. George has assisted when he is available with Project Healing Waters.

This year's coming banquet will be different from the banquets we have had in past years. <u>First, will be a change of venue, as well as a change in the day of the event.</u> We will be having the banquet on a <u>Friday night at Ridgecrest at Stroudsmoor Country Inn</u>. We felt the banquets that several of the board members had attended for Monroe County Environmental Education Center held at Stroudsmoor were much better than what we were experiencing in town. I was also very concerned when I noted that the handicapped parking area was roped off last year, compelling our older members to walk a great distance from their cars parked on the street. I later saw this was done to allow a motorcycle club staying at the hotel to park there! The Ridgecrest building has a large free parking area and a covered entry area for passenger drop off and pick-up during inclement weather. We also felt that we were served a much better meal with their buffets.

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Aside from the change of day and venue, we will also have a much more enjoyable program for you next March. In addition to the exciting raffles and special prizes, and our wonderful silent auction, we will have a uniquely entertaining presentation on **"The Local History of Fly Fishing"** <u>PLUS</u> some other activities just for fun! <u>We anticipate that this will be our best banquet ever!</u>

While it is getting colder (It was in the high 40s Thanksgiving Day!), you can still fish with nymphs; but, you must adjust your technique. You must also dress appropriately in layers. This is also a time of year where you should fish with a buddy and must leave a plan for the day detailing where you're going and when you intend to return with someone responsible. You should carry emergency supplies, dry clothes, and extra high energy food for emergencies. Consider an emergency kit for your vehicle with jumper cables, shovel, flashlight, flares, and sand for traction, as well as a reflective vest. The flashlight and vest should be inside the vehicle so you are visible as you exit it.

Lastly, I want to remind you that it is also currently the hunting season; so, please be sure to include some blaze orange in your outer clothing layer so that when you're on stream you'll be visible to hunters as a fisherman, not as an animal. Carry a whistle to warn hunters shooting in the area if you need to alert them to your presence; it will produce a much louder sound than you can if you shout and can usually be heard over gunfire.

'Jight lines!

ANSWERING THE CALL TO DUTY

big BTU THANK YOU to Jeff Heberley, Greg Malaska, George Sappah and John Smith for answering the call to duty and accepting the challenge and responsibility of helping to guide the good ship Brodhead TU through future unchartered waters. They have just joined the Board as New Directors!

Congratulations to all!

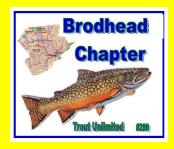


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CHAPTER CALENDAR



<u>JANUARY 2013</u> Jan. 5, 12 & 19: Beginner's Fly-Tying Class @ MCCD from 9 am to 12 Noon

FEBRUARY 2013

Feb. 6: Board Meeting – @ 7:30p Feb. 9 & 16: Int. Fly-Tying Class @ MCCD; 9 am to 12 Noon Feb. 13: <u>GENERAL MEETING</u>: Fly-Tying Round Robin @ MCCD; 7:30 p

<u>Note</u>: 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!

he 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).

on Baylor now chairs our chapter's FISHING TRIPS COMMITTEE so that we can add fishing trips to our agenda 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!





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CALENDAR OF CHAPTER ACTIVITIES - 2013

JANUARY:

JANUARY 5: BEGINNER'S FLY TYING CLASS, SESSION #1 @ MCCD, 9 AM – 12 NOON, BARTONSVILLE JANUARY 12: BEGINNER'S FLY TYING CLASS, SESSION #2 @ MCCD, 9 AM – 12 NOON, BARTONSVILLE JANUARY 19: BEGINNER'S FLY TYING CLASS, SESSION #3 @ MCCD, 9 AM – 12 NOON, BARTONSVILLE

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 6: BOARD MEETING @ ESU NEW SCIENCE BLDG, EAST STROUDSBURG; 7:30 PM...RM. TBA FEBRUARY 9: INTERMEDIATE FLY TYING CLASS, SESSION #1 @ MCCD, 9 AM – 12 N., BARTONSVILLE FEBRUARY 13: GEN. MEMBER. MEETING: FLY TYING ROUND ROBIN @ MCCD, BARTONSVILLE; 7:30 PM FEBRUARY 16: INTERMEDIATE FLY TYING CLASS; SESSION #2 @ MCCD, 9 AM – 12 N, BARTONSVILLE

March

MARCH 6: BOARD MEETING @ ESU NEW SCIENCE BLDG, EAST STROUDSBURG; 7:30 PM...RM. TBA MARCH 9: MCCD'S FLY FISHING WORKSHOP @ MCCD, 9 AM – 12 NOON, BARTONSVILLE MARCH 15: ANNUAL BANQUET (FIRST CHOICE) [OR MARCH 8 ANNUAL BANQUET (SECOND CHOICE)]

APRIL

APRIL 3: BOARD MEETING @ ESU NEW SCIENCE BLDG, EAST STROUDSBURG; 7:30 PM...RM. TBA APRIL 6: ON-SITE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING AT MCMICHAEL STREAM PROJECT SITE

MAY

MAY 1: BOARD MEETING @ ESU NEW SCIENCE BLDG, EAST STROUDSBURG; 7:30 PM...RM. TBA MAY 8: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ MCCD, BARTONSVILLE; 7:30 PM

<u>June</u>

JUNE 5: BOARD MEETING @ ESU NEW SCIENCE BLDG, EAST STROUDSBURG; 7:30 PM...RM. TBA JUNE 8: ANNUAL PICNIC AT BRODHEAD POND PARK SITE : PAVILION #2; 2 PM UNTIL DARK

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 4: BOARD MEETING @ ESU NEW SCIENCE BLDG, EAST STROUDSBURG; 7:30 PM...RM. TBA SEPTEMBER 11: GEN. MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ MCCD, BARTONSVILLE; 7:30 PM

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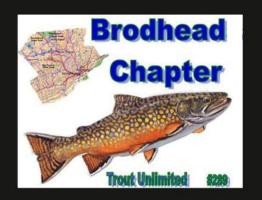
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NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 6: BOARD MEETING @ ESU NEW SCIENCE BLDG, EAST STROUDSBURG; 7:30 PM...RM. TBA NOVEMBER 13: GEN. MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ MCCD, BARTONSVILLE; 7:30 PM







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Friday, March 15, 2013

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We have a delicious, improved buffet dinner menu featuring a Heart Healthy Garden Salad with trimmings, Three Stroudsmoor Prepared Salads, a Hearty Stroudsmoor Soup with Artisan Bread and Rolls, a Buffet Dinner featuring two Pasta Entrees, Italian Meatballs, Chicken Bianco Vino with a classic mushroom & white wine sauce, a Carving Board with Roast Sirloin of Beef, a tasty Fish Entrée, Roasted Bliss Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetable, <u>PLUS</u>, Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Soda!

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Will Daskal (Left)



Don Baylor (Right)

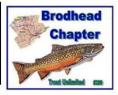
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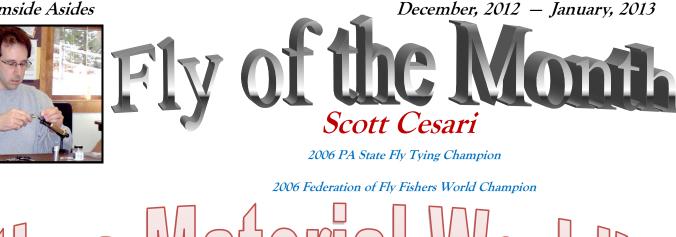
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ast month I offered a primer on hooks. This month I'm going to tackle materials selection. Granted, to appropriately cover the topic of materials selection in a two page article is an ambitious undertaking. Full volumes have been written on this topic. Let's face it; to comprehensively cover the wide variety of fly tying materials available in a two page article is not realistic. What is possible, however, is to offer some guidelines to help you understand how to select the appropriate materials based on how you want them to function on your flies. By approaching materials selection from this vantage point, you will be able to understand the properties of the materials available to you and as such, you will be able to select the appropriate material from the large selection available in order to tie a fly that functions how you want it to on the end of your leader. With that in mind, let's discuss materials relative to the parts of a fly, which I feel will provide an organized framework to help you sift through the large variety of materials currently on the market.

Fly-Tying Materials Primer

TAILS: When selecting tailing material, you need to think about how you want the tail to function on your fly. If you are tying a dry fly, then you need to select material that will help support the fly on the surface of the water. Your tail needs to be stiff and resilient to do this, so select materials that possess this quality. Something like spade hackle barbs (remember, spade hackle feathers come from the outside edge of a rooster cape, and have long, stiff barbs), or microfibbetts (slender, synthetic hair-like follicles) would be a good choice. Conversely, if you are tying a wet fly, you want a tail that will flow and undulate under the surface of the water. A good example of such a material is marabou, which is very soft and free flowing. Feathers with soft hackle barbs from birds such as partridge or hen are also good examples of appropriate wet fly tailing material.

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BODIES: Body materials are very diverse. To sort through the multitude of options available, I would again direct your thoughts toward function. Let's consider dubbed bodies, with regards to the differences between dry flies and wet flies. Dry flies, again, float on the surface of the water. You therefore need to select a dubbing blend that will add buoyancy to your fly. Natural dry fly dubbing blends will have a smooth, uniform appearance and will pack tightly around the hook shank. Muskrat underfur is a good example of a natural dry fly dubbing, as it possesses all of these properties. Indeed, the underfur repels water from the body of the muskrat, it will naturally do so on the body of your fly as well. Beaver fur is another good example. Also available are various synthetic dubbing blends such as superfine, which are artificial but specifically made to repel water. Again, you are looking for material that appears smooth, packs tightly, and repels water. Conversely, wet fly dubbing will have the opposite properties. Wet fly dubbing will appear coarse, often having spiky guard hairs mixed throughout the blend. It will not pack tightly and it will tend to absorb water, which adds weight to the fly and helps it sink in the water column. The best example of natural wet fly dubbing is hare's ear dubbing, which is natural rabbit fur with guard hairs mixed in that create a bulky, spiky body on the hook. Again, when in doubt, examine the properties of the dubbing. If it looks smooth and uniform, if it twists tightly around the hook, it is likely dry fly dubbing. If it is coarse and bulky, with guard hairs protruding from the blend, it is likely wet fly dubbing. While not exclusively so, dubbed bodies are generally used to imitate the natural insects. However, many flies are attractors, serving to catch attention as opposed to imitating the natural. Attractors tend to have colorful or shiny bodies. For these flies, materials such as floss or mylar are excellent choices, as these materials give you access to just about any color or luster you can imagine. Again, when selecting body materials, consider the functions of your fly and choose your body material accordingly.

WING: As with the other parts of a fly, the material used for the wing will depend on the function you want the wing to have. Consider a fly such as the elk hair caddis. It is a dry fly and elk hair, which is a very buoyant material, is used for the wing to help the fly float on the surface of the water. Deer hair is an alternative and functions in the same capacity. The wings on a mayfly imitation, contrary to what you might think, don't serve to help the fly float on the water, although you do need to choose a material that won't sink. Mayfly wings can function as an indicator to assist the angler in seeing the fly on the water. As a result, materials such as heavily barred grizzly hackle tips or lemon wood duck barbs are commonly used as mayfly wings, as these are light enough to float and provide an easily identifiable reference point on the water. Wet fly wings need to allow the fly to sink in the water column, and will generally be made of softer materials. Hairwing streamers such as mickey finns use long, slender bucktail, which is more flexible in contrast to the stiffer body hair used to tie the aforementioned elk hair caddis. While the quill wings used on wet flies are not necessarily a soft material, these wings are generally tied close to the body, which imparts the fly with a torpedo-like orientation and allows it to cut through the water quite effectively. This makes the point that it is not only the type of material you use but how you apply the material to the hook that counts as well.

<u>HACKLE</u>: When considering body hackle, the same argument that was made for tailing material applies. For dry flies, select a hackle feather that has a high number of stiff barbs that will support the fly on the surface of the water. For wet flies, a large, soft, webby feather with fewer barbs will allow the fly to sink and impart a sense of motion to the fly as the barbs undulate in the current.

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I'll be the first to admit that what I have offered above is grossly inadequate to cover the wide range of materials available to the fly tier. There are simply too many options available to be able to cover them all effectively in a two page article. What I hope I have accomplished, however, is to give you an appreciation of the need to examine whatever materials you may have from a functional vantage point. If you can now examine a pile of dubbing or a patch of feathers and discern what properties those materials possess, and then figure out how those properties will function on the fly you wish to tie, then I have achieved my goal with this article. Indeed, by approaching materials selection from this perspective, you will, with practice, be able to examine any fly tying material and determine how that material will behave on the hook. You can then select the appropriate material to create flies that fish exactly how you want them to. Once you develop this skill, you will find your fly tying skills will grow immeasurably. You will no longer be confined to mimicking pre-established patterns, you will now be able to create your own patterns that behave and fish just as well as established classic patterns, if not better. So take a look at that material you have accumulated, and apply the principles put forth in this article to that material. Play around, and create some of your own unique patterns. Indeed, that's how our sport has grown and will continue to grow as we move forward. Most of all, have fun!

And, as always, if you have any question or comments, don't hesitate to contact me at <u>smcesari@epix.net</u> or 610-730-7928. Until next time...

Gov. Corbett Signs New Anti-Poaching Law



HARRISBURG, Pa. – Gov. Tom Corbett has signed into law tougher anti-poaching legislation which increases the maximum fine for illegally harvesting fish from \$200 to \$5,000 and extends the period the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) can revoke fishing and boating privileges from two to five years.

"This new law will have an immediate impact on our ability to deter large-scale poachers rom illegally taking fish," said PFBC Executive Director John Arway. "These are the individuals who deliberately come in after dark and take large amounts of game fish, often by using illegal methods such as netting or spearing in the streams. In the past, poaching was subject to a \$200 maximum fine. Now we can hit violators with up to \$5,000 in fines, as well as the cost of replacing the fish they illegally harvest." The legislation was signed into law by Gov. Corbett last night and took effect immediately. "Weak laws made our waterways extremely vulnerable to poaching, with highly sought-after trophy species of fish repeatedly stolen from our waterways and sold on the black market," said Rep. Michael Peifer (R-Greentown), who sponsored the legislation as House Bill 2293. "This is a serious problem that has a detrimental impact on our regional economy. Under this law, we finally have a punishment that fits the crime." The law creates a new section in the Fish and Boat code for "serious unlawful take," which increases the penalty for harvesting more than the legal daily limit of fish from a summary offense of the first degree to a misdemeanor of the second degree. It also allows the PFBC to collect from violators the costs to replace the poached fish, and it increases the amount of time a violator can be sentenced to prison from a maximum of 90 days to two years.

The law will be particularly beneficial in the Erie watershed, where the annual steelhead season is just beginning. Annually, PFBC waterways conservation officers (WCOs) apprehend and cite 5-6 individuals for large cases of poaching. These individuals typically have in their possession dozens of fish over the legal creel limit.

"We've had violators in the past who have simply handed the WCO cash to pay the small fine," added PFBC Commissioner Glade Squires, who represents the agency's southeast region and chairs the Law Enforcement Committee. "Now our WCOs have the tools to hit them hard in the pocketbook and to send them to jail for a longer time. And if a poacher has a current license, we can suspend that license for up to five years."

The law also substantially increases the penalties for individuals who fish while their license is suspended. Previously, that violation was a summary offense of the first degree, subject to a \$200 fine. The penalty is now a third degree misdemeanor, subject to a fine up to \$5,000.

Also, last night, Gov. Corbett signed into law House Bill 1417, another piece of legislation sought by the PFBC to better protect and equip its WCOs for the challenges they face in the field. The new law adds waterways conservation officer and deputy waterways conservation officer to the list of individuals who are protected under the aggravated assault provisions of the Pennsylvania Crimes and Offenses code. It takes effect in 60 days.



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Treasurer's Report

Revenue	2012	2013 Budget	2013 Starting Balance	\$9,220.89
Contributions				
Banquet	\$225.00	\$100.00		
Enke Scholarship	\$250.00	\$250.00		
Ken and Company	\$558.00	\$500.00		
Other	\$115.00			surer":
TU National Rebate	\$60.00	\$40.00		
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Ticket Sales	\$3,187.50	\$3,375.00	Ra	port
Raffles	\$3,515.00	\$4,000.00		
Veeting Raffles	\$607.00	\$450.00	\$229.00	
Tying Class	\$240.00	\$180.00		
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Annual Trip	\$1,200.00	\$1,600.00		
Advertising	\$50.00	\$200.00		
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MCCD Gauging Station	\$250.00	\$250.00	266 5	Hours
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Youth Field Day	\$350.00	\$350.00		
3WA Adopt a Stream	\$250.00	\$250.00	of service to the	the Chapter, if you
MC Conservation Camp	\$300.00	\$300.00	would like to do	more please contact
PHLT	\$500.00	\$500.00	any of your Chap	ter Leaders or go to
Boy Scouts		\$75.00	www.brodhea	dtu.org for more
TU State Council	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00 info	mation
Events				
General Meetings	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$50.00	
Fly Tying Class	\$319.31	\$175.00		
Banquet				
Meal	\$3,492.00	\$3,645.00	\$500.00	
Prizes	\$596.09	\$750.00	\$50.00	
Misc	\$81.13	\$100.00	\$103.16	
Annual Trip	\$622.00	\$1,300.00		
Picnic	at any an an	\$100.00		
Misc Equipment	\$97.52	\$500.00	\$154.21	
Postage	\$51.91	\$100.00	\$134.00	
Printing	\$51.92	\$100.00	\$100.00	-
-	\$51.92 \$100.00	\$100.00		
Meeting			\$100.00	
Conservation Projects	\$1,000.00	\$500.00		
Website	\$266.63	\$150.00	4	
Miscellaneous		\$200.00	\$140.00	
River Cons. Camp	\$1,050.00	\$700.00		
Total	\$9,728.51	\$10,645.00	\$1,481.37	

<u>**REMEMBER...Effective Immediately**</u>

Send all Chapter Correspondence to our new mailing address:

Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited, #289

P. O. Box 863

Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Congratulations to our own Greg Malaska!

Greg recently received the *Inky Moore Conservation Award* from PATU for his service to conservation efforts over the last three years.

Inky Moore Award for Outstanding Contributions to PATU Conservation Mission Winner — Greg Malaska

Judge's comments: Greg Malaska has been a great asset to Council over the last three years; he has been the voice of the Northeast Region, ensuring that those chapters are successful at meeting TU's mission; he has been chairing the membership committee, and has been the force behind the creation of a college outreach program; Council can rely on him to provide great ideas to help benefit our chapters; he has been a major contributor in helping create a new program coordinator position, which will help benefit all our members.



Greg Malaska

We wish to thank the following individuals and businesses for their continued support of our efforts: December, 2012 – January, 2013

This space available to advertise your event or business. For information and rates, contact Bob Stevens @ (570) 629-2922.





Address Changes: KINDLY NOTE...

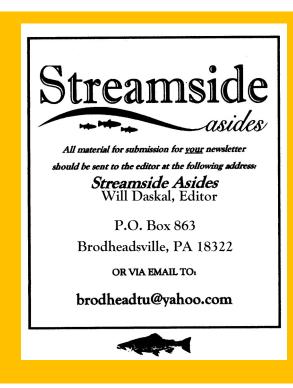
If you have moved, or if you received a new physical address pursuant to the Monroe County 911E program, <u>only YOU can effect an address change through</u> <u>National TU</u>.

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!

Brodhead Chapter *Trout Unlimited* P.O. Box 863 Brodheadsville, PA 18322

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



If your membership is about to expire, why not take a moment out of your busy schedule now and renew today. Our chapter's conservation activities are ever-increasing, and we need your support!

More on the web @: BrodheadTU.org

