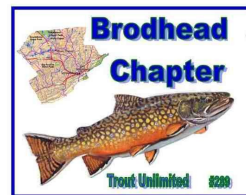




JULY, 2012



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WEDNESDAY,
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Disinfect: Kill the Snot!

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Scott Cesari's
FLY OF THE MONTH
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As I pen this column, the three youth we sent to Rivers Conservation School are at Allenberry. Kelly Brong, Ben Conklin, and D.J. VanSolkema are spending the week getting up at 5 AM to go fishing. They spend the rest of the day and late into the evening in “classes”. They will be working evenings with donated aquariums used to simulate stream environments, equipment care, and I’m sure knots and fly tying as well. The three of them will have their days filled and will bring back wonderful pictures and memories to share with us.

The McMichael’s Creek project will be finished this June. Eric Baird will oversee the installation of the rocks upstream of the parking area on Hickory Valley road. He is also having repairs made to the rock structures on the Brodhead near Stokes Mill road.

During the banquet in March, I mentioned the project on the McMichael Creek and I received an inquiry about where we were working on the creek from Monroe County Commissioner John Moyer. He has been fishing the creek near the golf course for years by entering down a long hill. I showed John to the entrance by the old Hickory Farms smokehouse, and the parking area on Hickory Valley road. We spent a pleasant Saturday morning fishing upstream from the parking area. Downstream of the parking when you approach the first house, please stay to the side across from the house, as the owner’s property line extends to midstream and he has posted his property. He tried to prevent the Delayed Harvest section being created since he did not want to have fisherman on his property. To insure the “harmony” with this uncooperative landowner please make an effort to avoid giving him any reason to complain. Remember that you can be cited for trespass if you enter posted property without the owner’s permission. Posted therefore, means seek permission first! Some landowners will give permission to Fly Fisherman since we are not associated with the litter of bait containers, release our fish, taking pictures and leaving only footprints. Remember to remove litter found and you should be welcomed back onto the property. Do not bring others without permission, and only when escorted by you.

One of our members, Bill Leonard, works in the Delaware National Park. He recently contacted me to participate in a media event on Didymo (Rock Snot)

in the Delaware. I was unavailable, so Don Baylor went as our TU representative. It was an informational event to prevent the spread of this invasive organism that blankets the bottom smothering macroinvertebrate life in the stream. The entire Upper Delaware system is infected with this invasive. If you fish in the Delaware watershed, it is necessary to clean all your gear by washing it in a 2-3 percent Clorox solution. Clean as soon as you finish at the site to keep the contaminated runoff at the Delaware. Treat your gear as if in a hazmat situation. One cell of "Rock Snot" can start an infestation in our local streams. I now carry a spray bottle of Clorox solution to spray my gear. Remember in side of wading shoes without felt soles can hold this as well as seams of waders, flies, lines, PFDs and even swimsuits!

June 16, I attended the Sportsman's Marcellus Summit, at Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) in Dingmans Ferry. A page on the Sportsman's Alliance is in this issue of "Streamside Asides". The topics covered included "Potential Impacts: What are the major fish and wild life concerns from the development of Marcellus Shale gas and associated infrastructure" by Mitchell Blake TU Field Organizer. There was also a panel discussion on "Best Management Practices" which included an industry representative, Doug Kepler, Vice President of the Environmental Engineering for Seneca Resources. Mr. Kepler seemed to represent a company that is trying to not damage the environment, and was very informative. He also made it clear that not all companies in this field share this view.

We also heard from Ken Dufalla, President of the Harry Enstrom Chapter of the Isaac Walton League of America. Ken lives in Greene County, near the West Virginia border, where there are abandoned coal mines affection streams and there are numerous sites of where gas drilling is occurring. He showed a power point presentation of water testing results with several years of data showing the effects of mine drainage, but also gas industry chemicals, that have nothing to do with mining. Bromides have been appearing in the streams in the area. The towns in the area use streams for drinking water. Ken had a slide of a sign outside a school that said not to drink the water!

The conference was very informative, and at the same time scary as it showed how the gas companies are profit driven, and not caring stewards of the environment. Drilling could be coming in the Delaware River Basin, where we live, directly affecting our water supplies.

Project Healing Waters went to Arrowhead lakes in June thanks to the association's fishing club and Bob Eddy. It was very windy, but by casting between gusts, we were able to have the veterans catch some fish off the weed beds close to shore. Casting with the wind also helped them to gain some distance from shore.

This past Friday June 22, the veterans were invited at the Paradise Hunting and Fishing Club in Carbon County. Greg Malaska arranged the invitation. The club has a beautiful facility with over two miles of stream access. They had just stocked the stream the day before the veterans arrived. The club members were very generous in their invitation and welcomed the veterans. They provided an excellent lunch as well as a fantastic opportunity for fishing. Most of the veterans were able to catch and release a limit of fish, and they really enjoyed the ability to fish in a stream.

The next two Healing Waters events are scheduled for Tobyhanna State Park, July 11 and Indian Mountain Rod & Gun Club on August 8. Please let me know if you are going to attend these events. If you have access to a facility with a stream that would be good for Healing Waters let me know so they will be able to schedule a fishing trip to your site.

Tight lines!

Tom

How can I properly disinfect my recreational equipment?

DISINFECTION PROCEDURES – Disinfect prior to moving to another water body, watershed, or upstream site

There are a number of disinfection techniques that will kill most aquatic invasive species and fish and wildlife pathogens, including Didymo. Solutions of bleach or dishwashing detergent products are suggested as they provide the best combination of availability, cost AND effectiveness against Didymo as well as other aquatic invasive species and fish and wildlife pathogens, such as whirling disease. Choose the appropriate agent based on the actual items requiring disinfection (i.e. bleach solutions can damage some items). It is recommended that all disinfected equipment be rinsed on dry land, away from state waters. It is preferable to drain used solutions into treated wastewater (e.g. pour down a sink drain).

Non-absorbent items (boats, canoes, rubber waders, ‘hard-sided’ objects)

- o **Dishwashing Detergent:** soak and scrub for at least one minute in 5% solution (add 6.5oz of detergent with water to make one gallon). ‘Green’ products are less effective and not recommended for disinfecting.
- o **Bleach:** soak or spray all surfaces for at least one minute in 2% household bleach (2.5oz with water added to make one gallon). Bleach solutions must be replaced daily to remain effective.
- o **Hot Water:** soak for at least one minute in very hot water (above 140°F – hotter than most tap water) OR for at least 20 minutes in hot water kept above 120°F (hot tap water, uncomfortable to touch).
- o **Drying:** Drying will kill Didymo, but slightly moist environments will support some organisms for months. This approach should only be used for gear that can be left in the sun for extended periods of time (i.e. a canoe that’s left in the yard for several days between uses).

Freeze: Place item in freezer until solid.

Absorbent items require longer soaking times to allow thorough penetration into the materials. Felt-soled waders, for example, are difficult and take time to properly disinfect. Other absorbent items include clothing, wetsuits, sandals with fabric straps, or anything else that takes time to dry out. The thicker and denser a material, the longer it will require for adequate disinfection. Err on the side of caution. **Bleach solutions are not recommended for absorbent materials.**

- o **Hot Water:** Soak items for at least 40 minutes in very hot water kept above 140°F (hotter than most tap water).

Dishwashing Detergent and hot water: (‘Green’ products are less effective and not recommended for disinfecting): soak for 30 minutes in a hot 5% detergent/water solution kept above 120°F.

A simple, portable DISINFECTION KIT might include:

- Large trash can and/or medium sized Rubbermaid-type bin for soaking wading boots
- Large stiff bristle brush for scrubbing
- Spray bottle(s) or herbicidal pump spray can(s)
- Graduated cylinder or measuring cup
- 5% detergent solution and/or 2% bleach Solution

Northeast TU Regional Spring Meeting a Success

The Northeast Regional Meeting was a success with all nine chapters attending. Greg Malaska NE Vice President arranged an informative agenda which allowed time for the representatives of each chapter to contribute and share with each other and the presenters.

The agenda was developed to inform chapter representatives about Trout Unlimited's policies regarding Marcellus Shale, drilling and fracking.

The first presenter, Erin Mooney, a media specialist from TU National office spoke to us about effective use of the media, and our relationships with reporters. She suggested that a picture will tell a story more effectively than words. She also suggested a photo of people standing around in waders is not effective unless they are doing something, like a stream project, or water testing. Erin also told us that news stories should be timely, unique, and interesting. She suggested that we cultivate a relationship with reporters so they call us for a story. Take a reporter fishing or out for coffee. Heide Cebrick Suggested trying to have reporters allow you to proofread the piece.

We also were told that most people are using electronic media, social networking, and blogs to get their news. TU National has a Facebook page as well as some members. If you are participating in these activities, you are the local expert and could be contacted by the media.

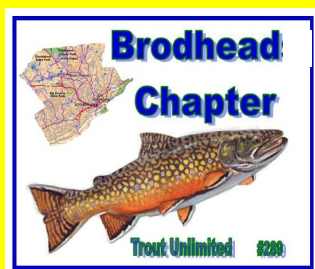
Dr. Brian Mangan from Kings College informed us about the Unassessed Waters Initiative, a collaboration of fifteen colleges cooperating with the PFBC to develop data on thousands of streams in Pennsylvania. Despite being around for over a hundred years the PFBC has data on only about 20,000 streams. This program is developing information on many headwater streams, electro-shocking fish, looking at water chemistry, and riparian habitat.

The next speaker was Katy Dunlap, Esq. an attorney from TU who discussed "Grassroots Advocacy" She gave us information on TU's policy on Marcellus Shale and the effects of drilling. TU is not necessarily against drilling for natural gas as long as it does not affect coldwater conservation. The Coldwater Conservation Corps is following the effects of the drilling industry on streams. Katy discussed the steps we would take in a campaign of advocacy by a chapter, while following the TU mission to protect, conserve, and restore coldwater resources throughout the nation. She also reminded us that we are the experts and when speaking to remember TU's mission and our chapter's purpose.

Heide Cebrick, President of Stanley Cooper led a sharing session on fundraising, and how they run their banquet. She brought materials with her from their banquet and stressed that her members patronize local businesses who contribute making sure they know they are chapter members when they are making a purchase. The meeting adjourned about 4PM with many of the participants going fishing in our local streams.

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CHAPTER CALENDAR

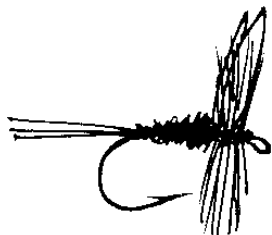


Sept 2012

Board Meeting – Sept. 5 @
7:30p

General Meeting – Sept. 12 @
7:30p

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 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; Toby-hanna, 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



Last month I offered a fly from a custom order of fishable flies I recently tied for a client in New England. This month, I'm going to demonstrate another one of the flies from that order. This fly doesn't have a name, so I've dubbed it a "Marabou Clouser" based on how the fly is tied. I can't say I've fished it, but from the information I received on this fly it seems to be a killer pattern, and certainly has the ingredients of one – sparkle, movement, weight, weed-busting properties, and most importantly appeal to a wide variety of species. Tie a few up and give them a try, and let me know how you make out - I'd be surprised if you didn't find fish tugging at the end of a line that had this fly attached to it!

“MARIBOU CLOUSER”

TYING STEPS

1. Start the thread on the hook, create a thread base to the bend. Return the thread to the tie in point for the eyes, about 3 hook-eye lengths back as shown in the picture.
2. Tie in the barbell eyes, on top of the hook. I like to do this with successive figure 8 wraps, about 4 or 5 at a time, followed by making a few horizontal wraps underneath the eyes but above the hook shank to further compress and secure the x-wraps. I repeat this cycle of x-wraps and horizontal wraps until the eyes are fully secured and do not rotate on the hook when pushed. Once this is achieved, wrap your thread to the bend of the hook and leave it hanging there while you place a drop of glue over the thread wraps at the eyes, to add just a bit more durability to the fly's eyes.
3. Tie in a tail of brown marabou at the bend, it should be about the length of the hook.
4. Tie in some gold braid or similar golden material and wrap a body up to the eyes. I tie off the body in front of the eyes, so your last wrap of gold braid will actually cover the x-wraps used to secure the eyes.

HOOK: streamer, size 6 to 12

THREAD: black

EYES: barbell eyes

TAIL: brown maribou

BODY: gold braid

WING: olive maribou

THROAT: red schlappen or similar

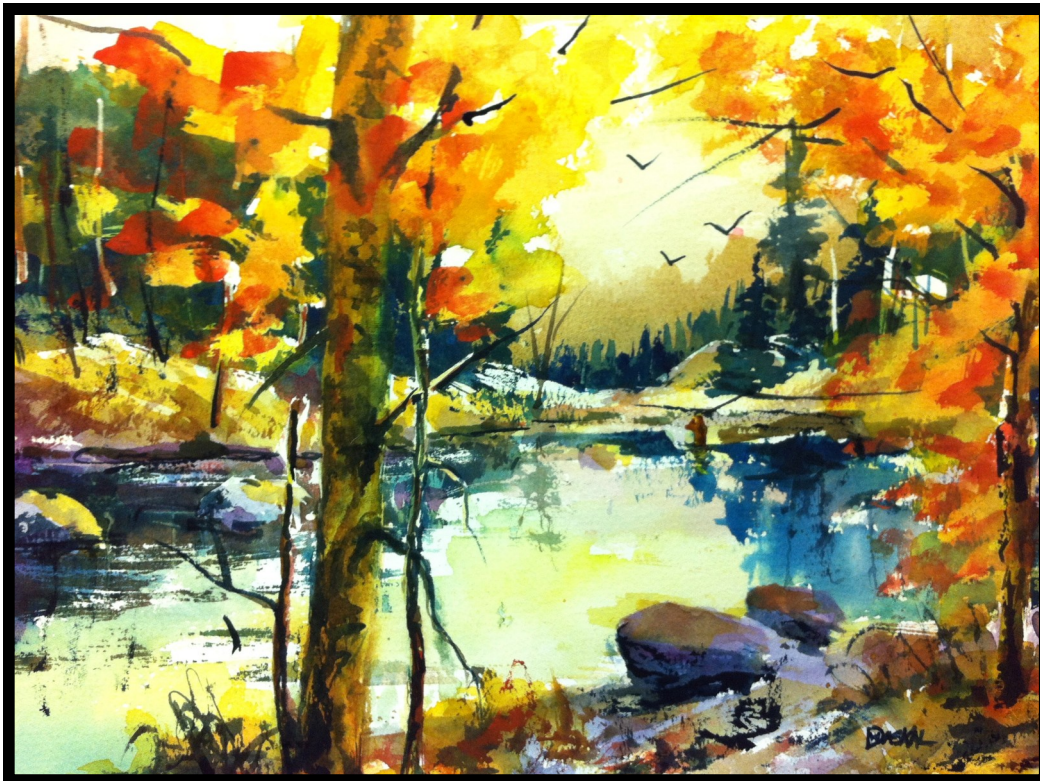
5. Now tie in a wing of olive marabou. The tips of the olive marabou should extend to the middle of the tail – refer to the picture for appropriate length. Note I refer to the olive marabou as a wing because this fly, when fished, will flip hook up in the water due to the barbell eyes, and thus the olive marabou will act as a wing rather than a throat.
6. As a final step, tie in some red schlappen (or similar) fibers. Tie these in on top of the hook in front of the eyes, then pull the fibers back toward the bend, over the eyes, and secure them with a few wraps behind the eyes as well.
7. Return the thread to the front of the hook, wrap until a nice bullet shaped head is formed, whip finish and tie off. Add your head cement and you're ready to go!

Give this pattern a try, and let me know how it works for you. Again, I find it hard to believe that you wouldn't succeed with this fly. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions at smcesari@epix.net or 610-730-7928. Until next time...

NOTE: As there is no monthly meeting this month, this is NOT a contest fly. The tying contest will resume with September fly.

Will Daskal was recently awarded the *First Place Blue Ribbon in Watercolor* at the *66th Annual Stroudsburg Courthouse Square Art Show* for his rendition of the *Brodhead Creek in Fall*.

A similar version of this same painting will be donated to the Chapter for the 2013 Annual BTU Banquet!





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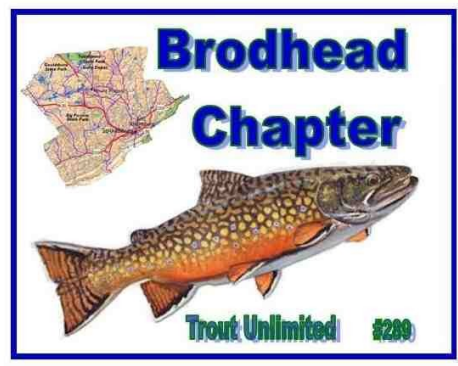
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Healing Waters: Indian Mountain Rod & Gun Club on August 8



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