



Next Meeting SATURDAY, June 9, 2012 Annual PICNIC at Brodhead Pond



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June, 2012 The Home Pool — Tom Battista President, Brodheads Chapter of Trout Unlimited e-mail: mooseowl511@gmail.com (570) 236-1734



The trip to the Beaverkill, Willowemoc and East Branch was held in glorious weather. There were some reports of storms for that weekend; however, we experienced blue skies and very sunny weather. When we arrived Friday, it was cool and a little cloudy, but as we started fish the skies cleared and the temperature increased. During the weekend the weather channel app on my phone constantly showed either rain or a passing front.

The water on the Willowemoc was flowing at a rate of 1480 CFS on Friday. The water temperature was about 45-50 degrees Fahrenheit, depending on where you placed the thermometer, in a shady or sunny spot. Saturday we experienced similar conditions with flow rates dropping to about 1000 CFS, and similar temperatures until the afternoon when they rose above 50. Sunday we had the lowest flow rate of 780 CFS and sunny skies despite the weather channel showing rain.

The Riverside's rooms were clean and comfortable and well worth the price. The food was excellent at any of the restaurants we ate in. I was amazed to find that despite the amount of food we consumed I had lost ten pounds!

I had expected to fish among crowds of fisherman; however, we had most of the pools to ourselves! Fishing was mostly on the bottom with nymphs; occasionally the fish rose, but not with any frequency. The wet and cold weather from the previous week before the trip seemed to throw the hatches we had planned for off schedule.

Don Baylor and Glen Hessler spent most of their time fishing the East Branch of the Delaware working hard for their fish with some success, catching very large fish. Rich Newell was the most successful fisherman of the trip. He actually started out Friday fishing steelhead flies, and some egg patterns he had in his fly box. Those patterns seemed to be top producers. Will Daskal tied an egg pattern Friday night and caught fish on it Saturday morning!

Our chapter picnic is June 9 the first Saturday. This is because of a date conflict with a program at the environmental center that several board members help with.

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The next Project Healing Waters event is Wednesday, June 13, at Arrowhead Lakes. I must know if you want to come along to help since we have to get passes as Arrowhead is a gated community. The July Project Healing Waters will be held at Tobyhanna State Park. Please let me know if you are attending any of these events so I can let Heide Cebrick, who coordinates the program, know; thus, she can order adequate food supplies.

Fishing buddies is a way to help another angler or share your experience on a trip. I think many of us fish alone because of scheduling. Fishing with another person along also insures your safety, should you fall, or become ill while on the water.

Will received a call from Eddie Hicks who returned to the Willowemoc for three days during the week of May 21. Eddie had three days of excellent fishing, with good hatches and plenty of fish. Will and I decided to return last Wednesday, May 30. The previous day the weather was of course, a series of very bad thunderstorms along with a cold front. Early the next morning, Will and I set out for Livingston Manor. The water at the Covered Bridge pool was flowing so fast that I actually put on BB size split shot to sink a bead head Isonychia nymph with five turns of lead! We quickly decided that we would move to Wulff Run since we could not feel the nymphs ticking along the bottom. The pool at Wulff Run by the Catskill Fly Fishing Center produced fish for both of us enough to keep us there till the afternoon. After eating lunch, we moved to Hazel Bridge where we fished until 5 pm, through a small quick shower. We both fished the same Isonychia nymph pattern all day and caught plenty of nice fish. It was the first time I can say I fished one fly all day. We had to leave since we both needed to get back for early appointments the next day. Driving south towards Livingston Manor, we spotted Eddie's truck so we stopped to chat. Eddie was fishing all day in the same pools, yet we did not see each other until late. Eddie stayed later and experienced good Sulphur hatches in the evening, with lots of fish. He called me to say too bad we had to leave since the hatches were good.

Can you guess where we'll be going the first week of June? We're not coming home until late, so don't call!

Tight lines! Tam



Do not forget the Chapter Picnic on June 9!! This is the first Saturday of June, not the second since Environthon is being that Saturday 6/11. The raffle for the 6 foot 4 weight rod and reel for active members who have filled out tickets each meeting will be held at the picnic.

Brodhead TU Annual PICNIC & BB 5-1 ne 9, 2012 until dark Brodhead Park - Rt. 191 Stroudsburg, PA

Bring a covered dish or bring a dessert to share with the gang! Plenty of "Good Eats" to tempt everyone's palette. As always, it's FREE for all our members and family. We'll provide the meat, buns and beverages. This is always a great event and a wonderful time for sharing good food, good friends and great fish stories!





Afterwards, we'll be fly-fishing in the Brodhead Creek, which is just a short cast from the BBQ grill.

ALSO: CASTING CONTEST & FREE FLY ROD DRAWING!!!

WOW! What a great way to spend a day!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS WONDERFUL ANNUAL SOCIAL EVENT!

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CONSERVATION ACTIVITY ALERT

"Adventures to the Ancients" – June 2012 **Pocono Area Old Growth Forest & Open Space Hikes** Sponsored by Pocono Heritage Land Trust and DCNR's Jacobsburg E. E. Center

Join in these "Adventures to the Ancients" open space hikes 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 email <u>wisweeney@state.pa.us</u> Program Hike hours 12:00 / 1:00 – 5:00 pm (includes some

Sunday 06/24/12 – PFLA's Paradise Falls and Lake Crawford 1 – 5 p.m.

This final hike in the Adventures to the Ancients series will be held on the private Paradise Falls Lutheran Association's property. With permission of the Association, hike participants will be treated to a lakeside/streamside hike and an up close view of the locally famous Paradise Falls, a beautiful "buttermilk" falls on Paradise Creek. The falls lies in the shadows of a small grove of "cathedral" white pines and hemlocks that have kept vigil over the falls for more than 150 years and have reached skyward from the base of the bowl-shaped falls and stream valley to spectacular heights approaching 150 feet. A recent forest assessment of these old-timers ranks this site as fourth or fifth in the state of PA for privately protected old growth tree stands based on height, age and tree health. We will mark the end of the AttA Old Growth Forest and Open Space Hikes series with a streamside gathering under this unique cathedral forest accompanied by the rush of Paradise Falls. Join us for this special Paradise Falls finale.

* 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 in the Paradise Twp. Municipal Building parking lot near the Rt. 940 and 390 intersection in Paradise Valley. Registration is required. Contact Bill Sweeney at Jacobsburg EE Center (610) 746-2808 or by email <u>Wisweeney@pa.gov</u>

For additional information about these and other Pocono Heritage Land Trust land conservation activities, projects, preserves, volunteer opportunities and membership; please visit PHLT's website at <u>www.phlt.org</u>

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<u>June 2012</u>

Board Meeting – June 6 @ 7:30p *ANNUAL CHAPTER PICNIC @ BRODHEAD PARK POND* – June 9 @ 3 pm – Dark

<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 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).

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. 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!



2006 Federation of Fly Fishers World Champion



recently filled a custom order of fishable flies for a client in New England. I was impressed with his fly selection. He requested many patterns that are not widely used today, older patterns that were popular in years past but patterns that, for whatever reason, have fallen out of vogue in more recent times. They are excellent flies nonetheless, and very likely more productive now as they offer the fish something they probably haven't seen in a while. As a tier, tying these flies evoked a sense of nostalgia, made me appreciate the rich heritage of our sport, and made me feel part of something much larger than the individual flies themselves. I chose one of these patterns, the Maple-Andra, for this month's Fly of the Month. This fly is actually a cross between two classic patterns, the Maple Syrup and the Alexandra. It combines the best of both, producing an irresistible trout delicacy...

MAPLE-ANDRA.

TYING STEPS:

- 1. Start the thread on the hook just behind the eye and wrap a base of thread to the bend.
- 2. Tie on a tail of peacock sword fibers at the bend. Tail length should be about a half a shank long.
- 3. Tie in a length of tan chenille at the bend, advance the thread back to just behind the eye, and wrap a chenille body.
- 4. Tie in a wing of peacock sword fibers at the front of the body. These should extend to the tip of the tail.
- 5. Whip finish and cement.

(You could add an underbody of lead wire to weight the fly, if desired.)

A very simple fly, but also very effective. Keep a few of these in your box as a special treat to entice those highly selective trout. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions at <u>smcesari@epix.net</u> or 610-730-7928. Until next time...

NOTE: As there is no monthly meeting this month in lieu of the June picnic, this is NOT a contest fly. The tying contest will resume with next month's fly.

<u>HOOK</u>: streamer, size 6 to 12 <u>THREAD</u>: block <u>TAIL</u>: peacock sword herl <u>BODY</u>: tan chenille WING: peacock sword herl

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Reminder: Annual Chapter Picnic Sat., June 9 from 3 pm to Dark!



Treasurer's Report:

April 15 – May 16, 2012 Starting Balance (4/15/12): \$10,123.02 Expenditures: \$785.50 Income: \$1,146.00 Ending Balance (5/16/12): \$10,483.52



Catskill Trip: May 2012

May 11-13,

2012





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Will,

Thanks so much for all the work you did in preparing the trip arrangements. I, too, had a blast and I know Glenn did as well. A few big fish didn't hurt! I had not been in the area in about 20 years and enjoyed the angler-friendly surroundings and rural setting.

As we all know, It is about much more than just fish. I was amazed to see the abundance of well-marked access, which could accommodate lots of anglers. Fortunately, the only changes I noticed from years ago were those good ones. The trip made me feel good about suggesting we start doing such things. I'm ready to go again any time. I hope that was the first of many.

We have such a good group of guys, we needed more outings than just the picnic and kid's contest.

Don Baylor

June, 2012

Catskill Trip: May 2012



Will,

I enjoyed fishing the Beaverkill and the Willowemoc even though I only hooked one fish – a different kind of water than I am used to. It was a great group of friendly guys. Thanks again for organizing the trip.

Paul Snyder

June, 2012

Catskill Trip: May 2012







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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 713 Bartonsville, PA 18321

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

