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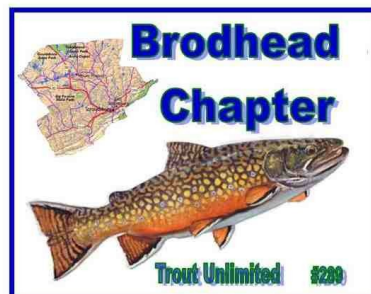


Next Meeting
Wednesday,
May 9, 2012
Samantha
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Coordinator for
Trout in the
Classroom!



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FLY OF THE MONTH
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The Home Pool — Tom Battista

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The last several weeks have been much warmer than normal with very little rain. We have been experiencing drought conditions. We have had several brush fires in the West End, with one involving 400 acres in the Bethlehem Watershed. Please be careful if you burn, cook on an open fire, or smoke outside while fishing or hunting. This week we finally got some rain but the woods will still remain dry until the leaves are fully out.

The hatches seem to be running about three weeks early so expect to see sulfurs earlier. Not only are the hatches arriving early, but last week I saw turkeys strutting and displaying their tails fanned right beside the road in state game lands and local fields as I drove by them.

When you read this, ten of us will be packing our gear for the May Catskill trip to the Willowemoc and Beaverkill; hopefully, we will not be too late to experience hatches that those classic trout streams are famous for producing. Last month, Will Daskal gave an excellent presentation on the area and the classic pools on each of these streams. Each of the group attending the trip received a CD prepared by Will with the power point presentation and more in-depth information they will need for the trip, such as hatch charts, fly selection, area maps and equipment they will need.

On May 9 we will be assisting Heide Cebrick, President of Stanley Cooper Chapter, with *Project Healing Waters*. The veterans will be coming down from the Scranton VA Hospital to fish at Indian Mountain Rod & Gun Club, in Dotter's creek. The location is on Route 534, North from route 209 about two miles turn left onto Gun Club Road. Please call me if you are attending so I can tell Heide, allowing her to adjust the quantity of food needed. The IMR&G club hosted the veterans twice last year, and they had a great time fishing the creek.

Most of the places they get to fish are lakes or ponds, so fishing on moving water is special for them. The physical arrangement of the club also works very well for them since you can get a wheelchair right up to the banks of nice trout pools. Several of us who belong to the club stock the water with trout early in the morning before the veterans arrive, so they have plenty of available fish to catch.

Our May meeting is that night (5/9) at 7:30 PM. Samantha Kutskel, the Coordinator for Trout in the Classroom, will be coming to present a program. Please make an effort to attend this meeting so you can become an informed individual and be an advocate of this excellent program. I took the training as the chapter representative several years ago and learned a great deal. It is not just about raising fish, but about developing an understanding about water quality and cold water conservation. We already have the program at Clear Run Intermediate School in the Pocono Mountain School District, and a Pleasant Valley version of the program should be starting next school year. We will be Pleasant Valley's sponsor for the program and provide the funds to get them started.

All three candidates for the Rivers Conservation School run by the PATU state council have been accepted this year. They are: Kelly Brong, Ben Conklin, and D.J. VanSolkema. Congratulations to all of them; based on the reports from past candidates who've attended, it is a week of great fishing, conservation education, and hands on training. The students work on an in-stream project to improve stream habitat as part of the camp's activities.

I received an e-mail from both Dr. John Smith and Dr. Pat Kennedy who teach at East Stroudsburg University. They've indicated that a student, Kyle Hoffman, is interested in starting a fishing club. Dr. Smith will be the faculty advisor to the club and thought it would be beneficial to link them to our chapter. TU National has a ***Five Rivers Program*** which is college-based and links the college club with a local chapter. I hope the students will join with us in a partnership that will be mutually beneficial, starting this year.

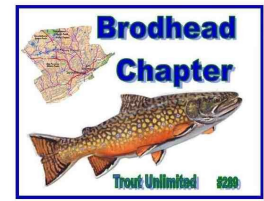
I attended the spring Northeast Regional TU Training Meeting on Saturday, April 28. Eric Baird and Will Daskal also attended, as well as representatives from all nine TU chapters in the region. We received information on dealing with the media, Marcellus Shale drilling, and fund raising. We are looking for a couple of members to work on water testing as part of the Coldwater Conservation Corps to develop baseline data before any Marcellus Shale drilling or "Fracking" takes place. Please contact me if you are interested. I have one kit of testing supplies, and our chapter is supposed to receive another. It would be great if a couple of members would volunteer to start this important task before the drilling companies start in our area.

We are also looking for youth candidates for the Monroe County Conservation Camp which runs July 22-28 at Stony Acres, the ESU outdoor education facility. This is a week-long environmental education program which includes an overnight canoe and camp out on the Delaware. Several sporting clubs provide instruction in specialty areas. We provide instruction in Fly Fishing on Thursday afternoon each year. The board would like to see candidates recommended by TU members. Maybe you have a young family member who would like to go? Contact me or Roger Spotts at the Monroe Conservation District if you do. The chapter provides scholarship money for a deserving youth, and it would be nice if it was a youngster whose family is in the chapter.

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 4weight rod and reel for active members who have filled out tickets each meeting will be held at the picnic.*

Tight lines!

Tom



CONSERVATION ACTIVITY ALERT

"Adventures to the Ancients" April 2012 – 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 wisweeney@state.pa.us Program Hike hours 12:00 / 1:00 – 5:00 pm (includes some**

Sunday 05/20/12 – DWGNRA Lake Lenape/Caledonia Creek Again from 1 - 5 p.m.

***Note date change for this hike from the usual last to the third Sunday of the month due to the Memorial Day holiday.**

Just west of the town of the village of the Delaware Water Gap lies a picturesque lake called Lake Lenape. Tourism and early resort development saved some of the original forests growing here and visitors can still bear witness to Swamp white oak trees growing since the colonial era. We will

take an easy two mile hike around Lake Lenape before traveling a few miles to see some of the cleanest waters in eastern Pennsylvania. Participants will marvel at the headwaters of the Caledonia Creek, a sacred site where water leaves the earth and begins its terrestrial journey surrounded by moss and towering 150 year old Tulip Poplar trees. Perhaps these very trees are the reason why this area is known locally as Poplar Valley. When we last hiked this area in May of 2011 we were unable to see the Caledonia Creek headwaters due to the high stream flows. Hopefully this May will be different.

* 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 PA Visitors Center parking lot on River Road just off I 80 and Broad Street in Delaware Water Gap. Registration is required. Contact Bill Sweeney at Jacobsburg EE Center (610) 746-2808 or by email Wisweeney@pa.gov

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.

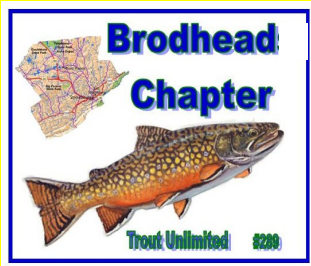
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For additional information about these and other Pocono Heritage Land Trust land conservation activities, projects, preserves, volunteer opportunities and membership; please visit PHLT's website at www.phlt.org

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CHAPTER CALENDAR



May 2012

Board Meeting – May 2 @ 7:30p

General Meeting – May 9 @
7:30 pm: *TROUT IN THE
CLASSROOM*

June 2012

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

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; 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. 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!



Fly of the Month

Scott Cesari

2006 PA State Fly Tying Champion

2006 Federation of Fly Fishers World Champion



I've chosen the Brassie as this month's featured fly. The choice was inspired by the events of my overly chaotic schedule. I became so swept up in the day to day that the fly of the month article had escaped my mind, until our editor sent me a friendly email reminder that he was waiting for the submission. I had to come up with an article that was efficient and effective in a short amount of time. As I thought about what fly to tie, it occurred to me that the brassie is just that kind of fly – quick and efficient to tie, and very effective. And after last month's parachute biot body mayfly, I thought something a bit easier might be welcome by those of you following this column. So without further ado, I present to you the...

BRASSIE

TYING STEPS

1. Start the thread on the hook just behind the eye and wrap a base of thread to the bend, or around the bend if you're using a curved shank hook.
2. Return the thread to just behind the eye of the hook and tie in a piece of copper wire as follows: hold the wire underneath the hook shank at a 45 degree angle and trap it to the bottom of the shank with a few loose wraps. Then gently pull the wire back along the shank of the hook, drawing the tip of it underneath the thread wraps. Now continue to wrap the thread back to the bend of the hook, securing the copper wire to the bottom of the hook shank. Return the thread to just behind the eye.
3. Wrap the copper wire to form a body. Wrap all the way to the just behind the eye of the hook, in touching turns, trying to avoid any gaps between the turns of wire. Tie off the wire and trim the excess (TIP: after securing the wire at the eye of the hook, you can wiggle it back and forth until the excess pings off. This will save the blades of your scissors some wear and tear.)
4. Now wrap the thread a few turns back and forth over the area that will be dubbed for the thorax, recreating a thread base over which the thorax will be wrapped.
5. Dub a thorax of hare's ear dubbing, ending with your thread at the eye of the hook.
6. Form a small head of thread, whip finish and clip off. Add a drop of head cement and you're ready to go!

HOOK: wet or curved shank hook, size 14 to 20

THREAD: olive

BODY: copper wire

THORAX: hare's ear dubbing

A quick, efficient, and effective fly. I personally like it on a curved shank, but you could tie it on a straight shank as well. Generally, the smaller the better with the brassie. Tie a bunch in a variety of sizes on both straight and curved shanked hooks, and you'll be ready for any situation on the water. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions at smcesari@epix.net or 610-730-7928.



If you're tying for our contest, the things I'll be looking for are:

- Tight wraps of wire, with no gaps between the wraps;
- Smaller flies will be scored higher than larger ones;
- Curved shank hooks will be scored higher than straight shank hooks

Don't forget about our monthly fly tying contest.

Tie the fly of the month and bring it with you to that month's meeting. Entries will be collected and judged by me based on the criteria outlined in the article, and the winner will be announced at the following month's meeting. The winner gets a certificate, their fly returned to them mounted under a small glass dome, and automatic first pick of prizes on the monthly raffle table. I encourage all of you to participate. It's a great way to hone your tying skills and win some great prizes in the process.



Treasurer's Report:

March 15 — April 15, 2012

Starting Balance (3/15/12):	\$9,727.24
Expenditures:	\$5,969.22
Income:	\$6,365.00
Ending Balance (4/15/12):	\$10,123.12



Reminder: Annual Chapter Picnic

Sat., June 9 from 3 pm to Dark!

Brodhead TU

Annual PICNIC & BBQ



Saturday,



June 9, 2012

3 pm 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!**

Trout In the Classroom

Pennsylvania Trout In the Classroom (TIC) is an interdisciplinary Program in which students in grades 3-12 learn about coldwater conservation while raising brook trout from eggs to fingerlings in a classroom aquarium. During the year each teacher tailors the program to fit his or her curricular needs. Therefore, each program is unique. TIC has applications in environment and ecology, science, mathematics, social studies, language and fine arts, and physical education. All classrooms end the year by releasing their trout into a state-approved waterway.



Pennsylvania's statewide TIC program is made possible through a unique partnership between Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited (PATU) and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC). This partnership provides curriculum resources, workshops for teachers and program partners, technical support, brook trout eggs and food, and grants. The Pennsylvania Department of Education's (PDE) department of Environment and Ecology is also a supporter of the program through funding and curriculum assistance.



Congratulations
to our three candidates
for the
Rivers Conservation School
Kelly Brong, Ben Conklin
& D.J. VanSolkema!

At this year's Children's' Trout Fishing Contest at Brodhead Park, an original watercolor painting commemorating the event was painted on-scene and donated for a special raffle, with all proceeds donated to the Chapter. This painting (right) was also featured on Alex and JoAnne Zidock's TV program, *Out in the Open*. The piece added \$120.00 to our Chapter's conservation education funds!



PATU Regional Meeting Hosted by Brodhead TU

The Spring 2012 PATU Northeast Regional Meeting, hosted this year by the Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited, was a huge success with all nine chapters attending. Greg Malaska (right), NE Vice President, arranged and facilitated an informative agenda which allowed time for the representatives of each chapter to contribute and share with each other and the presenters.

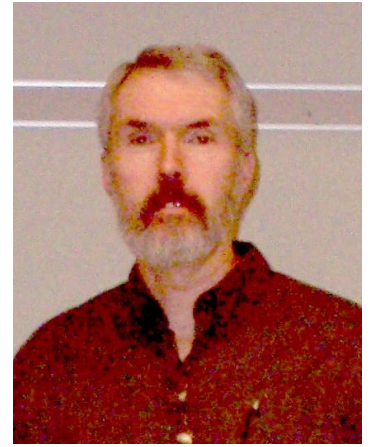
The agenda was developed to inform chapter representatives about Trout Unlimited's current policies regarding Marcellus Shale, drilling and fracking.



The first presenter, Erin Mooney (left), a media specialist from the 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 prior to publication.

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

Dr. Brian Mangan (right), from Kings College, presented an engaging program about the *Unassessed Waters Initiative*, a collaboration of 15 colleges cooperating with the PFBC to develop data on thousands of streams in Pennsylvania. Despite being around for about 140 years, the PFBC only has data on 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. (left), an attorney from TU who discussed "Grassroots Advocacy." She presented 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 the media, to remember TU's mission and our chapter's purpose.

Heide Cebrick (right), President of Stanley Cooper Chapter, 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.

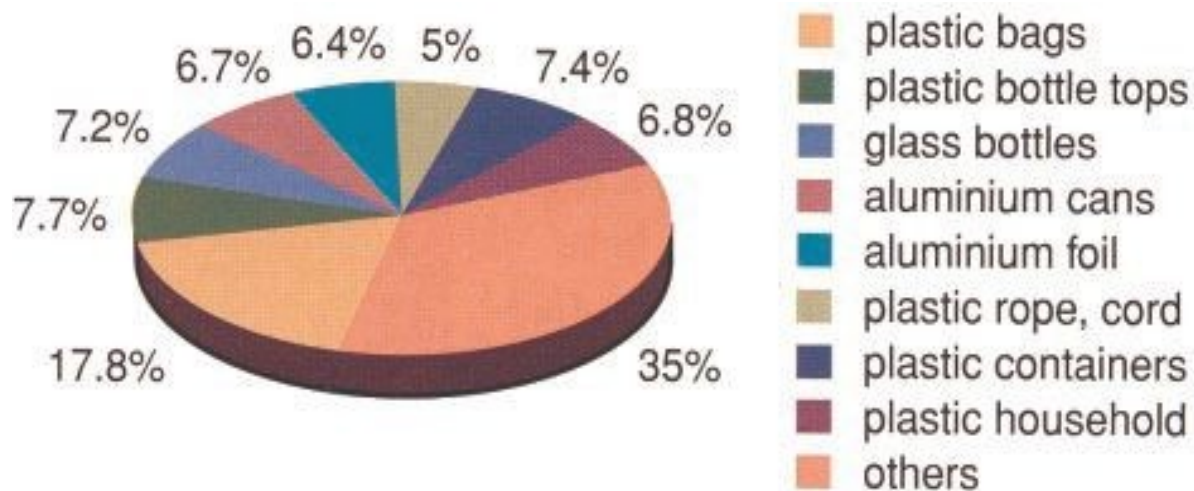


The meeting adjourned about 4 pm with many of the participants going fishing in our local streams.


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How can we help our fish?

Love and enjoy our resource; however, leave nothing but our footprints behind when we leave a fishing site.



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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
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Bartonsville, PA 18321**

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



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conservation activities are ever-increasing, and
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