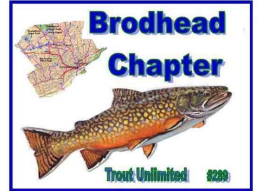


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*November, 2013*



**2013 PATU  
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NEWSLETTER!**

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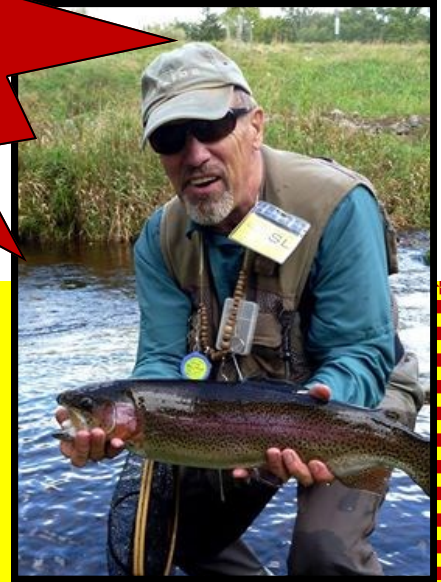
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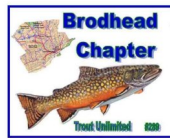
**DON BAYLOR**

Wilderness Trek and Wild Trout

**SEE PAGE 5!**



*Scott Cesari's  
Fly of the Month!  
Now on pp. 18-20!*



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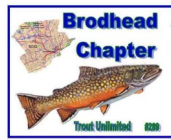
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There have been some inquiries concerning Trout Unlimited's position on felt soled wading shoes. We have contacted P.A.T.U. and TU National, and they currently just recommend thoroughly drying boots or treating with a soak in a dish detergent and water. In the last PATU quarterly magazine they have a formula for mixing the solution to soak your boots. Another suggestion they have is to have a pair of boots to use in waters that have problems like "rock snot" (didymo) and a second pair for waters that do not have an infestation. I know the Henryville club has a stainless steel tank with a Clorox solution (about 3%) to soak the boots of anyone who fishes their property. I use this method and carry a spray bottle of the solution to spray my equipment when I'm away.

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Let's  
Go  
FISHING!



I use newer boots with sticky rubber and cleats, so I don't transfer anything from stream to stream. I thought this was a smart idea until I realized that the inside of almost every wading shoe has a lining with cloth and foam that will hold invasive species as well as the felt soles. Some of us have cloth composition uppers which will serve as a transmission surface as well as the laces with which you tie them. I also want to remind you that the neoprene which makes the stocking foot of waders or the entire wader can transmit material as well.

I have also seen articles that suggest lines, flies and anything you put in the water should be thoroughly or treated. Remember, even wood, fiberglass or aluminum fishing boats need to be cleaned preferably right at the launch site before you drive away to a car wash to wash your trailer and boat.

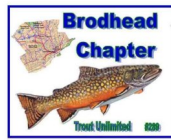
I also want to remind you, even though it's getting colder, to take precautions to repel ticks. Ticks can carry both Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever well as other maladies, though we live east of the Mississippi. Applying repellent is prudent when fishing around brushy areas.

Every year at this time, it is prudent to wear blaze orange so those hunting in the areas we frequent while fishing are aware of our presence.

The Friends of Cherry Valley event on October 12 was cancelled due to the government shut down. They will reschedule the event next spring. The site has a cold water spring fed pond that will support trout and is big enough to utilize a kayak. They will have spinning equipment for those who wish to fish, and we will provide on-site technical assistance, as well as introducing newcomers to fly fishing. I will have more information on this event as soon as I get the new date.

We will be looking for youth to send to Rivers Conservation School in June, 2014. Applications need to be started in January since the process requires candidates to write an essay and acquire teachers' recommendations. We will also be looking for applicants for Monroe County Conservation Camp for next July. If you know of any deserving youth, please let the board or any officer know, or put them in contact with us.

Remember, January 1, 2014 is only two months away, and you need to buy a new fishing license. This makes an excellent Christmas gift especially with some new equipment to get a relative, younger family member or friend started fishing for a lifetime of fun.



Mark your calendar for a general meeting in March. We always considered the banquet our March meeting; however this coming year we will be holding a unique March meeting at East Stroudsburg University. We will have a special guest speaker, with the goal of encouraging some of the college students to join TU under the sponsorship of our chapter's development of an on campus ESU fishing club

The upcoming November meeting will feature a presentation by Don Baylor featuring the Colorado fishing trip our Chapter ran this past summer. I hope to see you all there, I know they are already planning another trip this year, and this is the best way for you to start getting information if you would like to join them next year.

*Tight lines!*

*Tom*

### The State of Our Membership:

Adult Members = 189

Youth Members = 4

Total Chapter Members—193



### Treasurer's Report



Starting Balance (Sept. 25, 2013): \$10,531.80

Expenditures: \$1,318.96

Income: \$730.00

Balance (October 19, 2013): \$9,942.84

1. Simply, log in to YOUR own FB page.
2. Send an "ADD FRIEND" REQUEST to "brodheadtu".
3. We'll then add you to our Facebook Page as a friend.
4. Lastly, please "LIKE" our page.

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**November 13, 2013**

**Brodhead TU Presents...**

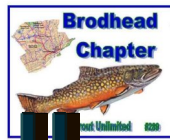
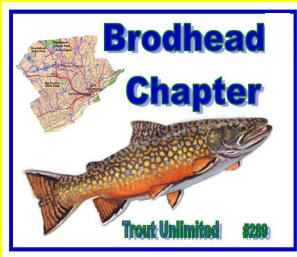
# **DON BAYLOR**

**Colorado 2013:**

## **Wilderness Trek and Wild Trout**



Join us for an exciting and informative high country wilderness trek in the spectacular Flat tops Wilderness Area of Colorado. With llamas packing the gear, Don Baylor and two young Coloradoans spent five days visiting lakes, streams, and scenic vistas on a rigorous camping adventure. The following week, a group of TU members gathered at a cabin on the Colorado River to fish numerous locations on the Eagle, Colorado, Yampa, Frying Pan, and Roaring Fork rivers and some smaller streams. Rewards ranged from trophy sized rainbows to smaller gem-like cutthroat and always the enchanting surroundings. It's a program you simply don't want to miss!



# BrodheadTU.org



## CALENDAR

### NOV., 2013

Nov. 6: Board Meeting – @  
ESU–7:30 pm

Nov. 13: General Meeting @  
MCEEC 7:30 pm

**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, 8050 Running Valley Road in Bartonsville, PA.



## FISHING BUDDIES WANT YOU!

**T**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).

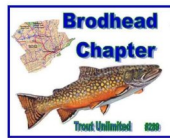
## NEXT MEETING: *Wednesday,*

*November 13, 2013*

*7:30 pm*







**HOT NEW  
ITEM!**

**NOW AVAILABLE**

## Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited Shirts

**You Asked, We Listened**



### Now Available

Columbia's Men's Bahama™ II Long Sleeve Shirt & Women's Bahama™ Long Sleeve Shirt in Fossil color embroidered with Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited #289 insignia for only

**\$40.00**

Normally retails for over \$45.00



Designed specifically for the needs of anglers, this lightweight, durable nylon shirt dries fast, with mesh-lined cape vents at the back shoulder to keep you cool and built-in UV protection. Made from Omni-Shade 100% nylon.

### Construction:

Omni-Shade UPF 30 provides maximum protection for long hours in the sun

Hidden vents at shoulders add bonus breathability

Buttons at upper arm to convert to a short sleeve

Quick dry

Relaxed fit

Men's Body Measurements (Inches)

TOPS	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL
NECK	14 14.5	15 15.5	16 16.5	17 17.5	18 18.5	19 19.5
SLEEVE LENGTH	32	33	34	35	36	37
WAIST	27 29	30 32	33 35	36 38	39 42	43 46
HIPS	32 34	35 37	38 40	41 43	44 46	47 49
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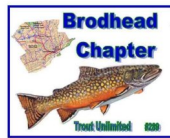
Women's Body Measurements (Inches)

TOPS	XS	S	M	L	XL
SIZE	2	4 - 6	8 - 10	12 - 14	16 - 18
BUST	32 33	34 35	36 37 1/2	39 40 1/2	42 44 1/2
WAIST	25 1/2 26 1/2	27 1/2 28 1/2	29 1/2 30 1/2	32 33 1/2	35 1/2 37 1/2
HIPS	34 1/2 35 1/2	36 1/2 37 1/2	38 1/2 40	41 1/2 43	45 47

**These quality shirts will be available for purchase at all Brodhead Chapter functions while supplies last.**

**Cash or Check Only**

**All proceeds benefit the Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited**



## **THEY'RE BACK**

### **Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited Hats**

**You Asked, We Listened**



**Now Available**

Six Panel Low Profile Baseball caps embroidered with Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited #289 insignia for only

**\$10.00**

Actual colors may vary from photograph

One Size Fits All

## **LIMITED TIME OFFER**

### **Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited Fly Boxes with 6 Flies**

**These miss-printed boxes are our mistake, but your gain**

**Now Available**

Small foam backed fly boxes with the Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited #289 logo and 6 quality flies for only

**\$10.00**

Actual flies may not match photograph

This item would normally retail at more than \$15.00



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# In Case You Missed It

## Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited October General Meeting October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013

If you missed the Wednesday October 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 General Meeting, you missed a great time. Secretary and Newsletter Editor Will Daskal accepted the award for “Best Chapter Newsletter” from the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited. Board Member Don Baylor gave a short update on the wild trout signage for the Cranberry Creek and on the status of the petition for upgrading the upper Paradise Creek to Exceptional Value. This was followed by a brilliant presentation from master fly tyer Ed Burgholzer on tying realistic flies. During the presentation Ed demonstrated how he ties his extended body mayfly and his dragonfly. For more pictures and information please check out our Facebook Group “Brodhead Chapter – Trout Unlimited”. Watch your award winning newsletter, Facebook page, Facebook group, and the website ([www.brodheadtu.org](http://www.brodheadtu.org)) for information on upcoming events. We hope to see you all at the November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 General Meeting at the Monroe County Environmental Education Center, where Don Baylor will be giving a presentation on Fly Fishing in Colorado. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.



Will Daskal accepting the award



Don Baylor showing an example of the sign

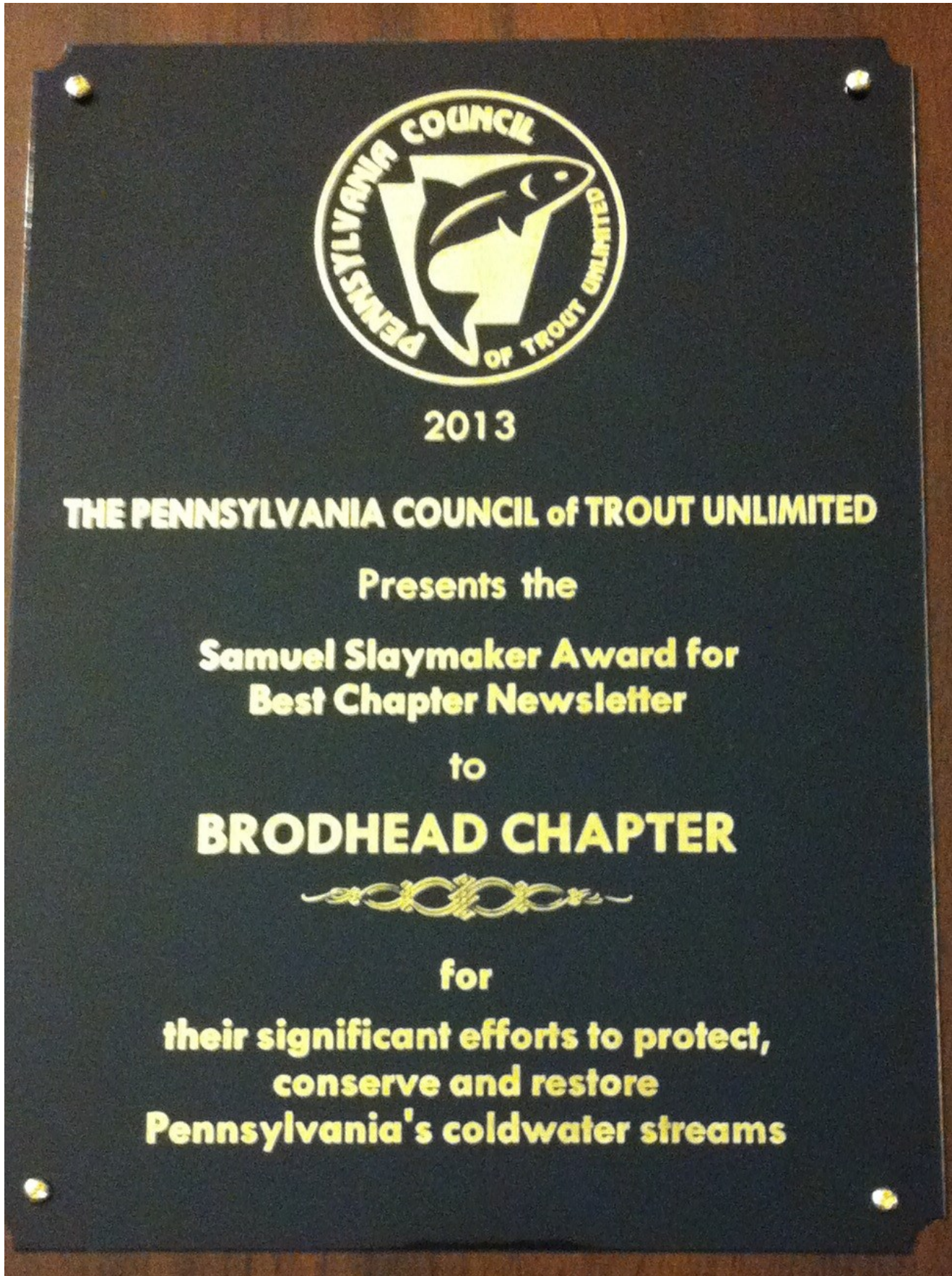


Ed instructing the attendees



Examples of Ed Burgholzer's work









## PFBC Issues Alert to Contain Invasive Species in Centre County

HARRISBURG, Pa. (Oct. 11) – After confirming the presence of the aquatic invasive species (AIS) known as New Zealand mudsnail (*Potamopyrgus antipodarium*) in Spring Creek, Centre County, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) is reminding anglers and boaters that cleaning their gear is the easiest, most effective means of preventing its spread to other waters.

Biologists with the state Department of Environmental Protection collected the samples in April in Spring Creek between the Benner Spring State Fish Hatchery and the State Route 550 bridge near Bellefonte. Earlier this month, snail experts from South Carolina's College of Charleston and the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum confirmed the findings.

New Zealand mudsnails are small, measuring less than one-quarter inch, with a long, narrow, coiled shell with deep grooves. Like other aquatic invasive species, they disrupt ecosystems by rapidly multiplying and competing with native species for space and food.

“Based on studies conducted in western U.S. streams, if the population grows quickly, they could become the dominant organisms in the benthic – or bottom dwelling – community, upon which many others species depend for food,” said Bob Morgan, the PFBC’s ecologist who studies aquatic invasive species. “Because this is the first known occurrence of the New Zealand mudsnail on the Atlantic slope of the eastern U.S, the effects of the snail on higher organisms, such as fish, are not certain at this time.”



The invasive species has spread to Europe, Asia, Australia and North America. They were discovered in the Snake River in Idaho and Wyoming in 1987; in Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River in 1991; and in Lake Erie about 4 miles north of Presque

Isle Bay in 2007. Additional populations were found in a small stream near the Niagara River in New York in 2008 and in another Lake Ontario tributary in 2011.

“Spring Creek is one of the most heavily fished streams in the state, with anglers travelling to it from all over the world,” added Morgan. “Given the presence of the mudsnail in other areas of the country, it’s not surprising they have been found here. As with many aquatic invasive species, they are nearly impossible to eradicate once established. This is even more difficult with the mudsnail because it usually takes only one small snail to be able to produce offspring. But we must do our best to slow its spread to other waters.”

Anglers and boaters are urged to “Clean Your Gear!” before leaving a water and entering another one.

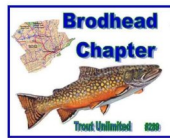
New Zealand mudsnails require some specialized disinfection measures. Gear should be visually inspected and any clinging matter should be removed and disposed of in the trash. To kill mudsnails, three methods are effective. Gear can be frozen for a minimum of six hours, or it can be soaked in hot water - 120°F to 140°F - for five minutes. This last method is not recommended for Gortex.

Also, a 2005 study by the California Department of Fish and Game showed that mudsnails can be killed by soaking gear for five minutes in a one-to-one solution of Formula 409® Cleaner Degreaser Disinfectant and water. After soaking gear for five minutes, thoroughly rinse it with plain water. Simply spraying gear with the disinfectant or the mixture does not work. Also, general cleaners have not been shown to be effective against the mudsnail.

If you suspect that you have found New Zealand mudsnail (or any other AIS) in another waterway, please report your information at: <http://www.fish.state.pa.us/ais-reporting.htm>. When reporting an AIS sighting it is very important to include as much information as possible including close-up photos of the organism, the exact location (GPS coordinates work best), a description of what you found, and your contact information.







## Save the Date

**Monroe County Watershed Alliance**  
**Requests Your Participation in**

# Watershed Celebration Night

**Wednesday, November 6, 2013**

**6:00 to 9:00 PM**

**Monroe County Conservation District (MCCD)**

Draft Agenda:

5:30 to 6:00 PM

6:00 to 6:15 PM

6:15 to 7:00 PM

7:00 to 8:00 PM

8:00 to 8:45 PM

8:45 to 9:00 PM

Poster Set Up

Welcome

1<sup>st</sup> Poster Session

Presentation - Land *Application of Wastewater*  
*Tom Kelso of Castle Valley Consultants*

2<sup>nd</sup> Poster Session

Wrap Up, Evaluation



**For more information, contact MCCD  
Watershed Specialist, Trish Attardo at  
570-629-3060 or [pamccd@ptd.net](mailto:pamccd@ptd.net).**

Directions to the Monroe County Conservation District:

I-80 West, take Exit 302

I-80 East, take Exit 302B

Make a left onto Route 611 North

At second traffic light, Make a left onto Rim Rock Road

Follow 0.4 mile, Bear right onto N. Easton-Belmont Pike

Follow 0.2 mile, Bear right onto Running Valley Road

MCCD will be 0.7 mile on left



## In Case You Missed It

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### **Brodhead Watershed Association Chris Perry Memorial River Sojourn September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

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On Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> 2013 Volunteers from the Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited provided the lunchtime entertainment for the Brodhead Watershed Association Annual Chris Perry Memorial River Sojourn on the McMichael's Creek at the Hickory Valley Park. Treasurer Eric Baird provided a demonstration on aquatic life in the creek while President Tom Battista, Board Member Mike Brong, Member Tom VanZandt, and Junior Member Kelly Brong provided fly casting instruction. Member Don Miller provided a presentation on streamside ecology. All of the volunteers were treated to a complimentary lunch catered by Mullally's Clubhouse Café and a beautiful day for the event. For more pictures and information please check out our Facebook Group "Brodhead Chapter – Trout Unlimited". Watch your newsletter, Facebook page, Facebook group, and the website ([www.brodheadtu.org](http://www.brodheadtu.org)) for information on upcoming events.



Tom VanZandt and a future fly fisherman



Eric Baird showing aquatic insects



Mike and Kelly Brong instructing casting



Volunteers and Sojourners group picture



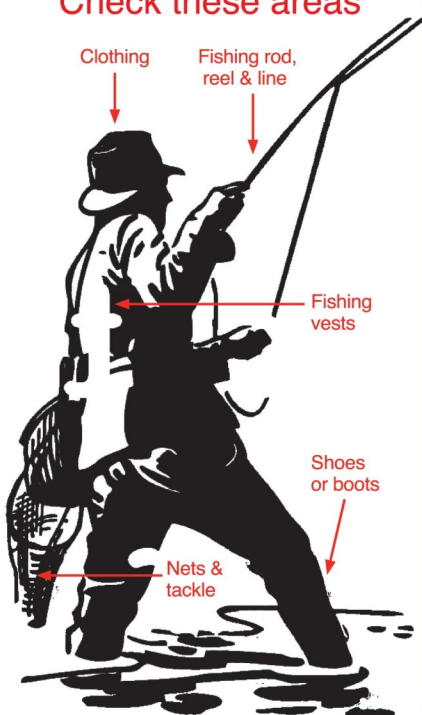
# PREVENT THE SPREAD OF DIDYMO!

Didymo alga, or “rock snot,” has recently been discovered in various waterways across Pennsylvania. Anglers, boaters, swimmers and tubers can unknowingly spread didymo. Didymo can survive outside a stream in a cool, damp environment—like boots, waders, boats, nets, etc.—for 40 days or more.

Didymo creates thick mats of white, tan or brown cotton-like material on the bottom of rivers and streams. These mats can completely cover the substrate, engulf a stream bottom, smother aquatic plants, insects and mollusks, and reduce fish habitat and food. Take appropriate steps to clean and disinfect your gear to prevent the spread of didymo.

## CLEAN YOUR GEAR!

### Check these areas



**Check** for and remove any visible plants, mud and aquatic life from all equipment before transporting.

**Dispose** of unwanted bait in the trash, not on land or in the water.

**Drain** water from all equipment before transporting elsewhere.

**Clean** gear with **hot** water, or

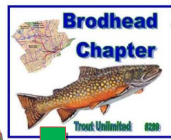
**Dry** everything for **at least** five days.

**Never** release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water.



Great Lakes  
RESTORATION





# Feelings About FELT!

Following are my comments regarding the question about what action is recommend for the use of felt-soled boots/waders.

Personally I have changed from felt-soled waders to cleated rubber sole waders. This was a choice as I also have been concerned about the transmission of exotics from water bodies.

I do not believe that our chapter should pursue a course to "outlaw" felts.

I considered some of the causes of these exotic transmissions such as "rock snot" now found in the Delaware river. Unfortunately, the Big Pine Creek of central Pennsylvania has recently been invaded by ditmo.

The transfer of an exoitc is not necessarily the fault of fishermen. Many waters, including the Delaware River and the Big Pine Creek, offer other water recreational activities. Swimmers, boaters, waders all contribute to the opportunity of transmitting any exotic into a water body. To exclude any of these user groups or to verify that users do not carry the exotics into other waters would quite difficult or impossible.

The Pocono waters exhibit many examples of exotic plants that have invaded our stream corridors. I believe that animals and birds are an important component to the transfer of exotics from one watershed to another.

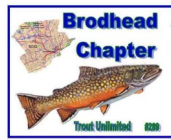
Fishermen are a part of this concern/problem. As proposed and supported by Trout Unlimited, cleansing fishing gear is very important. How do we change other user groups' actions?

I would like to suggest that an approach to educate all users through a variety of means could be effective. For example, stream access signage that draws attention to this problem may be helpful.

The reduction of felt-soled fishing boots may provide some effective means to stop the spread of exotics. However, other action will be needed to provide a barrier level.

Jim Connor

The responses to TU's announcement of a felt sole boot and wader ban have prompted questions from members. Here's TU Whirling Disease Foundation Executive Director Dave Kumlien's response to some of your questions. The thoughtful responses being posted indicate that TU members and anglers are giving the issue of the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) by angling equipment some serious thought. The goal of the "no felt soles by 2011" policy is to produce a paradigm shift in the behavior and practices of anglers and water recreationists regarding their role in spreading AIS, and this reaction is exactly what we had hoped for. With the growing threats of AIS to our cold water trout and salmon resources, anglers and water recreationists must do what they can to help reduce the risk of spreading AIS.



I would like to address some of the recurring questions that have come up around the felt sole policy. First, regarding the question of felt soles being a “scapegoat,” there is considerable scientific evidence that felt soles move sediments and AIS. A study conducted at Montana State University on angler movement titled *Movements of Resident and Non-Resident Anglers in Montana: Implications for Transferring Whirling Disease among Drainages in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem* found that the average pair of wading boots sampled carried 22.10 grams of sediment. Extrapolate this to the angling population fishing on any given day in only the greater Yellowstone area, and you will conclude that felt soles are moving *lots* of sediment, and these sediments could potentially contain all sorts of AIS including whirling disease spores, New Zealand mud snails, Eurasian milfoil and didymo.

TU did not formulate this policy in a vacuum. One of the deciding factors in the development of the “no felts by 2011” was the formal request by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources asking TU to address the felt sole issue to the angling public and to wader and boot manufacturers. UTDWR is eliminating the use of felt soles by its professional staff, and other state fish and wildlife agencies and New Zealand agencies are following suit.

Felts are certainly *not* a scapegoat, but we *agree* that felt soles are not the only piece of angling equipment or the only method of spreading AIS. It is true that AIS could be riding along on wader booties, boot laces or on the surfaces of wading boots, and to address this possibility, TU is recommending that anglers not only eliminate the use of felt soles but that they also follow the guidelines provided in the Clean Angling Pledge to inspect, clean and dry angling equipment and to avoid moving fish, fish parts, water and plants between drainages. The Clean Angling Pledge can be found and signed [here](#).

Another question that has been posed regarding the “no felts by 2011” policy is the availability and suitability of acceptable alternatives to felt soles. As an avid angler and a 30 year Montana fly fishing outfitter, this was a big concern of mine. I had tried some of the alternative rubber soles, and my experience with them was not satisfactory. However, I knew from discussions with leading wader and boot manufacturers that new alternative soles were being developed and tested, and at the 2008 Fly Fishing Retailer in Denver, Colo., Simms presented a new rubber sole developed in conjunction with Vibram and announced that they would eliminate felt soles in their product line by 2010. Other manufacturers including Patagonia, Korkers, Chota, Orvis and others are also introducing alternative soles to the market. Soon, there should be lots of choices available at a number of price points.

In the meantime, if you have felt soled boots that are in good condition or you just don’t want to switch, you can still follow the recommendations of the Clean Angling Pledge to inspect, clean and dry your equipment, and by following these guidelines, you will be doing your part to reduce the risk of spreading AIS. It is very important to understand that all of these actions, guidelines, and paradigm shifts are aimed at *risk reduction*, not risk elimination. There is no technique or treatment that will eliminate all risk of spreading AIS, but eliminating the use of felt soles and following the recommendations of the Clean Angling Pledge will reduce the risk of spreading AIS and causing damage to our precious trout and salmon resources.

- See more at: <http://troutunlimitedblog.com/response-to-felt-sole-ban/#sthash.KB6xAjuM.dpuf>

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*Responses from Samantha Kutskel and Brian Wagner at PATU in response to a felt sole ban: “I don’t believe there is a TU policy, just recommendations on use and cleaning which we (PATU) just put out as guidance. Some states have banned felt. I don’t see that happening in PA. We (PATU) have formed a workgroup to look at aquatic invasive species.”*

# Fly of the Month



***Scott Cesari***

*2006 PA State Fly Tying Champion*

*2006 Federation of Fly Fishers World Champion*

***Breadcrust Nymph***

I was able to find three other flies that originated on Pocono Waters in the early 1900's. Before jumping ahead to the contributions that occurred in the mid to latter half of the century, I wanted to take a moment to give these three flies their just due. The three flies – the Pink Lady, the Callender Quill, and the Breadcrust Nymph – and their histories can be found on my website at [www.scottcesariflytying.com](http://www.scottcesariflytying.com) by following the Pocono Patterns link to “Chapter 3 – Miscellaneous Flies of the Early 1900's.”

For the FOTM, I've decided to illustrate how to tie the Breadcrust Nymph. This unique and unusual fly is a great caddis imitation, and it illustrates some unusual materials preparation procedures that you may find useful for other flies you might want to create. So without further ado, I present to you...

## ***THE BREADCRUST NYMPH***

The hardest part of tying the Breadcrust Nymph is preparing the materials. Tying the fly is very simple. The body is made from a stripped ruffed grouse tail feather in the red phase. Let's prepare the feather first, then I'll talk about the tying steps. Your best bet would be to

prepare a batch of quills at once, as the process is rather time consuming, as you will see below.

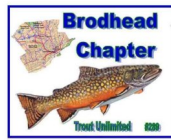
### **PREPARING THE RUFFED GROUSE TAIL FEATHER**



Step 1: Clip the top inch and the butt end from the ruffed grouse tail feather. Then, with very sharp scissors, trim the barbs close to the quill, leaving about 1/16<sup>th</sup> inch of barb remaining on each side of the quill.

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Step 2: Soak the clipped quill in water for a while. And it may be a while, even 24 to 48 hours. The goal is to make the quill soft and supple. Once this is achieved, remove the quill from the water and cut it in half with a razor blade, separating the top half from the bottom half. One half will be white, discard this half. The other half will be a ruddy brown color and will have the butts of the trimmed barbs attached to it. Keep this half. You will notice a white, meaty material inside the split quill. This is the pith, and needs to be removed, but it is likely still too hard to be removed effectively yet. Place the quill half back in the water to soak again to soften the pith for removal. Again, let it soak a while, up to two days if necessary.

Step 3: Remove the quill half from the water and attempt to remove the pith by gently scraping the quill with the edge of a blunt object such as a butter knife. If softened properly, the pith should scrape out fairly easily. If you are still having trouble and find you are breaking the quill during this process, return it to the water to soak for a bit longer.

Step 4: Once the pith is effectively scraped from the quill, it is ready to use. Store your quills in water until you are ready to tie with them. This will keep them supple enough to tie effectively with. Now you can see why it would be advantageous to make a batch of quills at once, so that they are ready to go when you are ready to tie.

## TYING THE BREADCRUST NYMPH

Now for the easy part:

Step 1: Start the thread on the hook about 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the shank length behind the eye and create a base to the bend. Return the thread to the tie in point and attach a length of black yarn.

**Hook:** 2XL Nymph hook, size 10 to 18

**Thread:** Black

**Underbody:** Black Yarn (or Dubbing (see below)

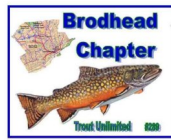
**Body:** Ruffed Grouse Tail Feather, Red Phase,  
Trimmed, cut in half with pith removed

**Hackle:** Grizzly Hen Neck Feather

Step 2: Wrap the yarn to the bend and back to create a tapered underbody. Tie the yarn off and wrap the thread in open turns to just past the bend of the hook. This will secure the yarn further. Tie in the prepared ruffed grouse quill at this point by the tip, and return the thread to the initial tie on point. (Alternatively, you could use black dubbing to create the underbody. Either is acceptable.)

Step 3: Wrap the grouse quill in touching turns to create the body. The butts of the barbules will stick out from the body, creating the "crust" effect. Tie off the quill and trim the excess. Wrap the thread to the eye and back a few times to secure the quill and create a thread base on which to wrap the hackle.





Step 4: Tie in a grizzly hen hackle by the tip just in front of the body. The barbs of the hackle should be roughly equal to twice the gape of the hook. Wrap the hackle in touching turns to the eye, secure and trim the waste.

Step 5: Sweep the grizzly hackle barbs back and secure them with thread such that they sweep back toward the bend of the hook. Create a thread head, whip finish, and cement. The Breadcrust Nymph is ready to go!

Remember, if you have any comments, questions, or additional information to add to the story, please leave a post on the Pocono Patterns discussion board on my website, contact me directly at [smce-sari@epix.net](mailto:smce-sari@epix.net), or give me a call at 610-730-7928. Next month I'll cover chapter 5 of my research project, "The Contributions of James Leisenring - More Than Just Flies," which, for me, was the most fascinating part of my research. You won't want to miss it!



Until next time....

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**CALENDAR OF CHAPTER ACTIVITIES - 2013**

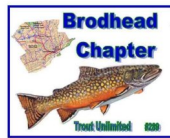
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NOVEMBER 6: BOARD MEETING @ ESU NEW SCIENCE BLDG, EAST STROUDSBURG; 7:30 PM...RM. TBA

NOVEMBER 13: GEN. MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ MCCD, BARTONSVILLE; 7:30 PM

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10/19/2013

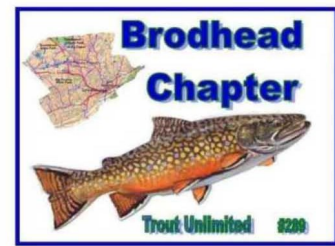
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Contributions	\$1,015.00	\$1,000.00	\$80.00		
Workplace Giving Campaign	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
State and Federal Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Rebates from TU National	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$0.00		
Embrace-A-Stream Grant	\$3,130.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Investment/Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Events Income	\$10,628.50	\$7,700.00	\$0.00		
Sale of Inventory	\$0.00	\$2,200.00	\$550.00		
Advertising	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$100.00		
Grants from TU Chapters	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Other Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
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Grants to 501 ( c ) 3 Org	\$2,050.00	\$2,000.00	\$100.00		
Grants to TU Nat. & PATU	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00		
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Travel	\$123.90	\$100.00	\$0.00		
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Pension Plan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
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Payroll Taxes	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Permits, Reg., Fees	\$29.99	\$300.00	\$29.99		
RYCFFC	\$700.00	\$700.00			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,538.59</b>	<b>\$12,140.00</b>	<b>\$1,318.96</b>		
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