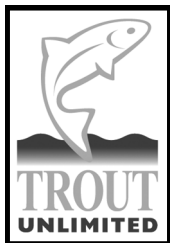


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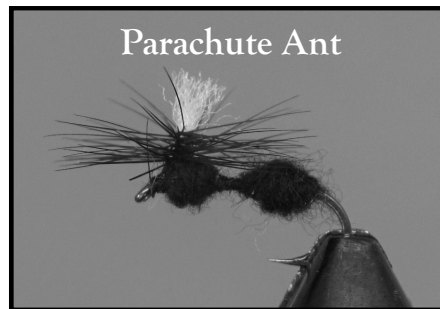
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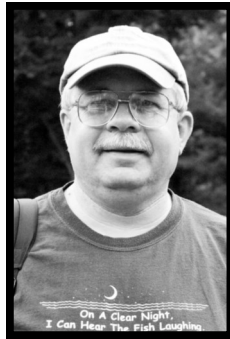
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The Home Pool — Tom Battista

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Just before Hurricane Irene struck the Poconos with power outages and streams overflowing making it hard to fish, Don Baylor, Mike Brong, Jim Connor, Todd Burns, Eric and Amy Baird & I gave a fly fishing seminar for members of the Pocono Heritage Land Trust. The event was announced in local papers publicizing the Land Trust's protecting headwaters of local streams, obtaining access for anglers and other outdoor enthusiasts. Recently, they have developed a right of way to a large area around the Bushkill Creek in and near Resica Falls Scout Reservation, owned by Cradle of Liberty Council BSA. They also have obtained access to the upper Brodhead

near Spruce Cabin Road where it intersects PA Route 447; this is just a short distance below Skytop. Despite the rain before the hurricane, we had about a dozen intrepid souls who tried fly fishing, saw an entomology demonstration by Don, and ate burgers barbecued on site by Don Miller and his crew. The fishing was good with fish taken on dries, nymphs, and wets.

On September 10, Eric and Amy Baird, Don Miller, Bill Leonard, Jim Connor and Will Daskal joined me in volunteering at the 17th Monroe County Field Day held at Camp Trexler, Minsi Trails Council in Jonas. This is not a Boy Scout event, but a whole day devoted to exposing youth between ages 8 and 14 to outdoor sports. The boys and girls hiked in groups around the camp and got a chance to shoot rifle, shotgun, bow and arrow, fished in a stocked lake, built a bat house, learned about trapping, taxidermy, & dog trained for field. Unfortunately, due to flooding, the PFBC could not provide canoes this year. Will Daskal conducted a workshop where kids learned they could draw wild life with a little guidance. I want to thank all of the volunteers who helped the field day this year, and suggest that every member who can help next September volunteer. It is a rewarding experience and I will guarantee you will enjoy yourself. If you have kids or grandkids sign them up next summer beginning in August. Check the fun on www.mcyfd.org.

Thanks also to Gerry Bortz, Ed Filipkowski, and Bill Loftus who, on short notice, were able to provide the volunteers who cleaned up on the Pocono Creek, along with some fly fishing instruction. It is really nice to know that our members are willing to introduce people to our sport and support organizations like the Brodhead Watershed Association and the United Way as they perform work during the annual *Day of Caring*.

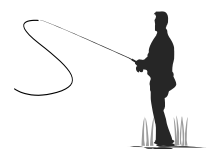
The new Chapter By-laws are on the website and are available at the monthly meetings; they will be formally voted on at our next General Meeting in October.

We would like to start sending *Streamside Asides* to you via e-mail. The new bulk postage requirements are making it much more difficult to send it out by mail. In addition, it would speed things up dramatically and save paper, gas and postal costs. **Please send Will Daskal and me an e-mail so we can develop an accurate list of current e-mail addresses to start this process. This will also allow us to send you information about events that we get too late to mention at meetings. I often get invitations to different things that would be of interest a day or so after a meeting that happens before the next meeting so we lose a chance for what is often fun!**

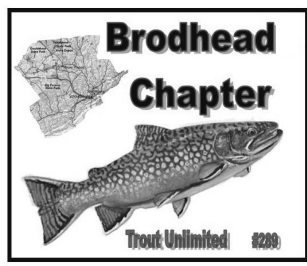
Remember to tie your best sample of Scott's *Parachute Ant Fly of the Month* to compete in our monthly contest; **plus, when you come to the meeting, you also receive another chance to win the beautiful 4-wt rod and reel combo-package at our picnic June 2012!**

Tight lines!

Tom



CHAPTER CALENDAR



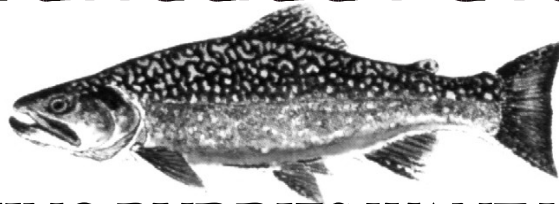
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Board Meeting – Oct. 5
@ 7:30 pm

General Meeting – Oct. 12
@ 7:30 pm: Don Baylor's
"The Poconos – The Cradle
of American Fly-Fishing" &
**CHAPTER BYLAWS
RATIFICATION VOTE!**

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.

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FISHING BUDDIES WANT YOU!

The 2011 cadre of available Brodheads 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 will now chair a **FISHING TRIPS COMMITTEE** so that we can add Chapter 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 out a free raffle ticket **AT EVERY CHAPTER ACTIVITY** to win a gorgeous fly rod. The drawing will take place at our annual June picnic next year!

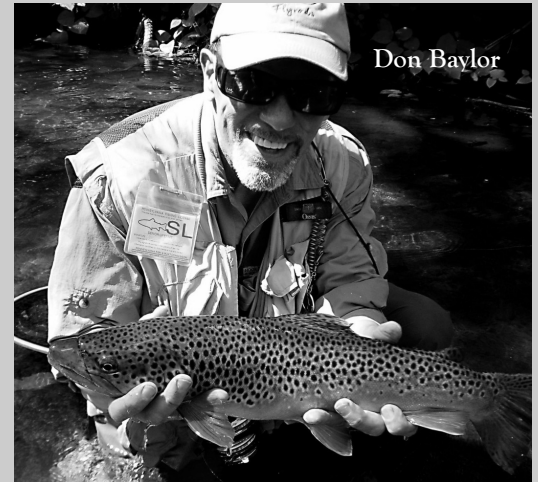
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Our October 12th Presentation will feature DON BAYLOR!

“The Poconos – The Cradle of American fly-Fishing”

— a power-point program by Don Baylor.

In *Remembrances of Rivers Past*, the late brilliant fly fishing author Ernest Schweibert wrote, “...considerable evidence has emerged that the lesser-known Brodhead in the Poconos of Pennsylvania is probably the true wellspring of American Fly-fishing tradition.” Don Baylor’s October 12th program outlines in dynamic fashion the history of fly-fishing in the Poconos. You will learn about some of the historic fly-fishing destinations, the important fly-fishers and other well-known luminaries who fished the Poconos, the prestigious angling groups with origins in the Poconos, and a bit about the history of trout in the Poconos. You may be surprised to learn that we residents of the Poconos reside in one of the most historic fly-fishing areas in the country! It’s certainly a program that’s truly a “must-see” event!



CHAPTER BYLAWS RATIFICATION VOTE!

On August 3, 2011, the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited passed our initial Chapter BYLAWS, with a recommendation that it be adopted by the general membership. They were immediately posted on our website. Additional notice of which is herein made, once again. They were published on the BTU Chapter website on August 17th and made available at the September 14th General Meeting. A fourth & final notification will be made at the October 12th General Meeting, with a printed hard copy on hand again for non-internet members. *The Ratification Vote for the new BTU Chapter BYLAWS is herein announced for October 12th, at the start of the October General Membership Meeting.*



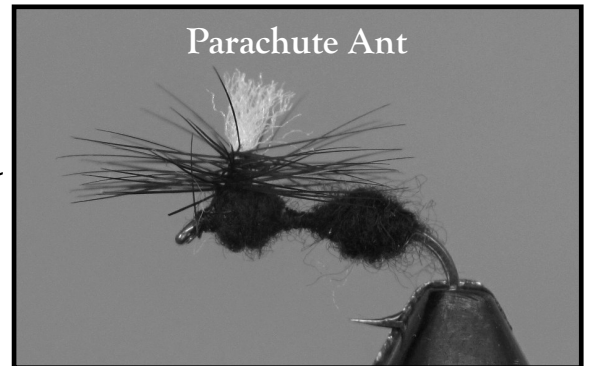
Fly of the Month

Scott Cesari

2006 PA State Fly Tying Champion

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Welcome to the *Fly of the Month*! As I was trying to decide which fly to feature this month, it occurred to me that I've covered dries, nymphs, emergers, and streamers so far. What's been missing? Terrestrials! And what better terrestrial is there than a good ol' reliable ant pattern! My personal favorite is a black parachute ant, so that's the fly I'm going to present in this month's column. And don't forget about our fly of the month contest, either! **Remember to bring your fly to this month's October meeting.** I'll collect them, judge them based on the criteria listed below and choose a winner. *The winner will be announced at the following month's meeting and will receive their fly mounted under a glass dome, a certificate of achievement, first pick from the prizes on our monthly raffle table, and, of course, bragging rights.* The contest is a great way to hone your tying skills, win some great prizes, and have some fun in the process. I encourage everyone to participate. And now, without further ado...



The Parachute Ant

TYING STEPS

1. Attach the thread to the hook at the eye and create a thread base to the bend. Return the thread to a point about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the shank length behind the eye.
2. Take a piece of poly yarn and tie it in on top of the hook, with the bulk of the length of the yarn extending forward over the eye of the hook.
3. Now establish your post. I like to do this by pulling the piece hanging over the eye straight up and kinking the base of it into a 90 degree angle by pressing my thumbnail firmly against the yarn at the tie in point. Then make a few wraps tight against the front of the post to help maintain it in a 90 degree attitude. Now reinforce the post by making 5 or 6 horizontal wraps up the base of the post then 5 or 6 more horizontal wraps back down. This gathers the post fibers together to keep them manageable. Trim the butt ends of the yarn on an angle behind the post and cover with thread. Wrap back to the bend.
4. Dub a small ball for the abdomen. Then dub half a ball for the thorax. Stop at the post, don't dub in front of the post just yet. Also, make sure to keep a distinct break between the abdomen and the thorax.

HOOK: dry, size 14

THREAD: black

BODY: black dubbing

POST: white poly yarn (or other suitable material)

HACKLE: black

5. Now tie in your hackle feather. Hold the feather behind the hook at the post with the tip toward the rear of the hook. The feather should be held at a 45 degree angle. Tie in the butt end of the feather in front of the post. Once it is secure, hold it straight up along the post, then secure it to the post by making 5 or 6 horizontal wraps up the base and then 5 or 6 wraps back down to the shank, the same way you did when you initially reinforced the post in step 3. Of note, your hackle barb length should be about $\frac{3}{4}$ the length of the shank of the hook, and make sure to tie in your feather so that a small piece of bare quill is exposed above the horizontal wraps you made when you secured the feather to the post (this will help prevent the hackle from splaying when you begin wrapping it.) Trim the butt ends and secure with thread.
6. Now finish dubbing the front half of the thorax ball.
7. Begin wrapping your hackle. Make horizontal wraps counter-clockwise in touching turns down to the ball of dubbing, 5 or 6 wraps should do it (alternately, you could tie in 2 hackles and make 3 or 4 wraps with each hackle. This has the advantage of making a denser cluster of hackle.) To tie off, finish the wrapping with the feather on the far side of the hook, angled downward. Tie the feather off in front of the dubbed thorax (again, if you use 2 hackles, tie each one off in this manner wrapping one and tying it off, then the other.)
8. Whip finish, add a drop of glue at the knot to secure. Trim the post to length (about $\frac{3}{4}$ shank length, as a rough guide.) Your parachute ant is now ready to fish (or enter in our fly tying contest!)

For the contest, these are the specific criteria I will be looking for:

- ⇒ **Abdomen and thorax should be symmetrical and equal**
- ⇒ **There should be a distinct break between the abdomen and the thorax**
- ⇒ **Hackle should lie in the horizontal plane and should not splay above the post or below the shank of the hook**
- ⇒ **Barb length should be roughly equal to $\frac{3}{4}$ of the shank length**

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions at smcesari@epix.net or 610-730-7928. Good luck – I hope to see many of your flies for the contest! Until next time...

Congratulations to our newly elected Executive Committee:

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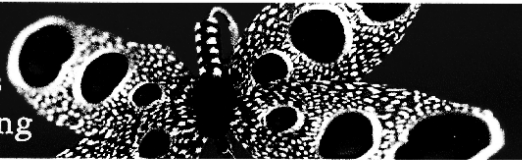
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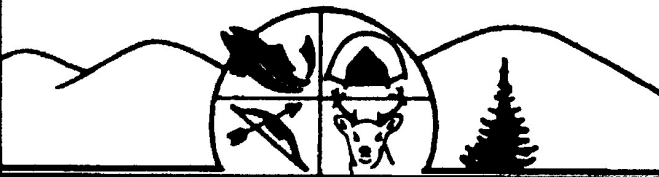

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