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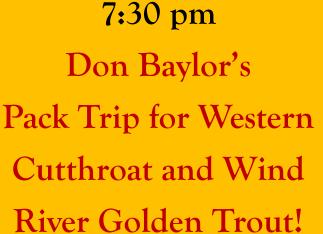
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Call for Action We Need Your HELP!

YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS NEEDS YOU!

According to our new Bylaws, we must rotate several more senior members off the current Board and bring on "new blood" to help revitalize and grow our organization. With that in mind, we're calling for all interested members willing to play a more active role in the Chapter. We're looking for new Board Members to bring in new ideas and creative solutions to our ongoing conservation programs and challenges, people with a fresh perspective to enhance the mission, programs and activities we develop for our membership. All you need is a desire to help and just one evening per month to attend Baord meetings. Please contact Pres. Tom Battista, or any current Board Member, if you're ready to step up to the plate and hit a home run for BTU! With YOUR HELP and participation, we can better plan and effectuate programs that benefit the trout and our local trout streams. The Board meets the first Wednesday of each month. Are you ready to make the next move for Conservation? We certainly hope so!



COME SEE A PACK TRIP INTO THE WIND RIVER MOUNTAINS FOR CUTTHROAT AND RARE GOLDEN TROUT



Everyone welcome - Brodhead Trout Unlimited October 10, 7:30 PM Monroe Co. Conservation District 8050 Running Valley Road Stroudsburg, PA 18360

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hapter elections were held at the September meeting. The proposed slate of incumbent officers was re-elected for another term. With no nominations coming from the floor, Secretary Bob Stevens cast one vote for the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee.

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their Saturday, September 8, to help out at the Monroe County Youth Field Day. One hundred ninety youth participated in the event, with a parent and often other siblings, following along. Everyone, participants, parents and siblings receives a free lunch. Despite the threatening weather, we were able to complete almost the entire program until the severe thunderstorms arrived. The parents and their children were assembled in the camp mess hall to complete the distribution of raffle items and small duffel bags with literature and items for each participant, such as plastic worms, power bait, and a stringer.

Monroe County Conservation Camp is already looking for youth over 14 to enroll in next year's program. This year's camp session had only 24 youth enrolled. There were more potential sponsors than campers. We sponsor two campers annually to the program. It has come to my attention that the exposure to conservation, camping, hunting, and fishing given in this camp atmosphere is extremely valuable in shaping young people's attitudes toward the outdoors environment. Believe it or not, there are college instructors who are training our future environmental and wildlife professionals that do not hunt or fish. The students are not encouraged to take part in these activities as part of their education. In short, they are being taught by rote, using a textbook

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and not by participating! If you know of a youngster who might benefit from attending this wonderful outdoors experience, please refer them (and their parents) to Roger Spotts at the Monroe County Conservation District.

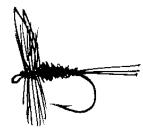
As per our new Bylaws, we must rotate Board members off and bring in new Board members. If you are interested in becoming a Board member, we will be needing people with a fresh perspective and new ideas to enhance our next Board. Please contact me or any current Board member if you wish to volunteer and play an active part in the planning and decision making process that make BTU such a great chapter! The board meets the first Wednesday of each month to plan the programs for the year.

If you have a New York State Fishing License, remember the new license year starts October 1, 2012. Make sure you secure your new license before you go fishing in New York. I'm suggesting this since you may carry a New York license in your wallet or a vest pocket as they do not require it to be visible as in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania no longer requires this for your hunting license; the change went into effect in February 2012. This was due to the expense of replacing lost or damaged licenses. Maybe the Fish & Boat Commission will do the same soon.

This past weekend, on October 5, our illustrious Secretary and long-time member, Bob Stevens, was honored by the Brodhead Watershed Association at their fall dinner at the Skytop Lodge. Bob is retiring after twenty-one years as a BWA stream watcher. We are fortunate to have Bob as our secretary and mentor; his commitment to cold water conservation and experience as our secretary guarantees success in ongoing chapter operations.

Remember, at our October 10 meeting, Don Baylor will present a program on his Wind River Range fly-fishing trip in search of golden trout. The Project Healing Waters October 10 fishing trip is at Lackawanna State Park.

Tight lines! Tom



Treasurer's Report



August 15, 2012 – September 15, 2012

Starting Balance (8/15/12): \$10,568.52 Expenditures: 516.63 Income: 0 Ending Balance (9/15/12): \$10,051.89

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Looking Ahead... Bob Ballantyne



A tour November 14th General Meeting, popular Bob Ballantyne will return with a brand new, highly informative program entitled "Fisheries Biology And Native Fisheries Restoration In Yellowstone National Park." Biologists in Yellowstone are making efforts to preserve genetically pure populations of two subspecies of cutthroat trout – the Yellowstone and West Slope varieties – and the arctic grayling. Bob notes that history, biology, and geology all play a role in these efforts, and there may be some impacts in the future of fishing in the park.





Congratulation to..., Bob Stevens!

For 21 years of dedicated service to our community, our watershed and the trout...as a Brodhead Watershed Association Stream Watcher! We can never truly thank you enough, Bob, for all your wonderful years of service and steadfast professionalism!

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23rd Annual **Meeting and Celebration 2012**



Bob Stevens Streamwatcher Since 1991 Charter Member of BWA

Bob Stevens is being honored by BWA as he retires from 21 years as a volunteer Streamwatcher and as Team Leader for the

Pocono Team of Streamwatchers. Bob first tested on the Brodhead above the Rock-Tenn plant, with his friend Joe Sadoski, starting on Sept 12, 1991. And he has led the Pocono Team since starting the Streamwatch program there, in 1993. In all those years he has been unwilling to come on the Board of the BWA, much preferring time on the stream to time in long-winded meetings.

This is not the first time we have acknowledged Bob's contributions to BWA. In 2006, Bob was key to getting the "Great Wolf Problem" solved - taking samples of the raw sewage discharge to Scot Run, getting TU to pay for the lab analysis, sending the results to the media. We recognized Bob's work at our 2006 annual meeting.

Bob is also a charter member and Secretary of Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited, which began in 1977, and the glue (along with his wife June's famous deserts) holding TU together.

Before retiring to do the really important things in life, Bob had an impressive 35 year career with General Electric Company where he held a number of technical positions involving material and process development of electrical insulation systems for large motors and turbine generators. He held positions of Manager of Engineering of the GE Schenectady Magnet Wire Mill and the Carbon





Below: BTU Pres. Tom Battista accepting the Award for Bob Stevens at the BWA 23rd Annual Meeting & Celebration.



Products Business Section. In this later position, he was responsible for the modernization, operation and relocation of the carbon slab production line from Schenectady to East Stroudsburg in 1972. He has five patents assigned to General Electric and authored Brush Materials, composed of carbon or graphite for the Encyclopedia of Material Science and Engineering, 1986. Bob retired from GE in 1984.

Bob, and his wife June, have lived in Bartonsville, along the Pocono Creek for 41 years. Together, they raised six children, have 11 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

He is a World War II veteran and served 3 years in the Army Air Corps.

Bob attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, graduating in 1951 with Bachelor and Master degrees in Chemical Engineering.

He gardens, keeps bees, ties flies and is an accomplished water color artist and woodworker - and, above all, a quiet man.

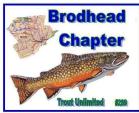
The Brodhead Watershed Association is proud and privileged to count Bob among its members.

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POCONO HERITAGE

LAND TRUST

CONSERVATION NEWSFLASH!





n October 8th, at approximately 10:00 AM, Don Miller will be leading interested parties from Brodhead Trout Unlimited, the Brodhead Watershed Association, & the Pocono Heritage Land Trust on a hike to see the beautiful section of Cranberry Creek recently preserved, adjacent to the previously acquired Nothstein Preserve in Paradise Township. At 8:00A M, prior to the hike, those involved in the petition to upgrade Cranberry Creek to Exceptional Value status and BWA issues Committee will have a breakfast meeting at Billy's Diner in Tannersville. The purpose of the meeting will be to finalize the petition and deal with other Issues Committee concerns. Those wishing to join the hike can meet us at Billy's or wherever Don designates to begin the hike.

Upcoming Coldwater Conservation Corps Training

We're pleased to announce an upcoming **PATU Coldwater Conservation Corps** schedule. This training will be conducted by Trout Unlimited staff and volunteers, using a field manual and resources developed by PATU and TU, as well as training resources developed by the Alliance for Aquatic Resource Monitoring (ALLARM) of Dickinson College.

Training sessions cover topics ranging from basic environmental concerns of Marcellus Shale development to hands-on water quality sampling. If you are a cold-water fisherman or hunter and have concerns about Marcellus Shale gas drilling in your area, this day-long training will help you, as an angler or hunter, to look after your favorite waters.



Date: Time: Hosted by: Location: Address:

Saturday, October 20, 2012 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Western Pocono Chapter of Trout Unlimited Lehigh Gap Nature Center, Slatington, PA 8844 Paint Mill Road, Slatington, PA 18080

Registration deadline: Tuesday, October 16.

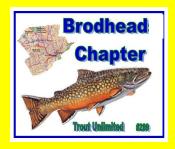
Coffee, light breakfast fare, and lunch will be provided. Educational materials and two water quality sampling kits per TU chapter will be provided at each training session. Additional information and an agenda will be provided the week of the training session.

<u>FREE FOR TU MEMBERS.</u> There is a \$17.50 fee for non-TU members, which includes the cost of a half price membership. We require all participants to be members of TU to ensure that each volunteer is covered under our liability policy and is able to access our secure online data portal.

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Streamside Asides

CHAPTER CALENDAR



<u>October 2012</u>

Board Meeting – Oct. 3 @ 7:30p General Meeting – Oct. 10 @ 7:30p Don Baylor: Western Cutthroat & Golden Trout!

<u>November 2012</u>

Board Meeting – Nov. 7 @ 7:30p General Meeting – Nov. 14 @ 7:30p Bob Ballantyne: "Fisheries Biology And Native Fisheries Restoration In Yellowstone National Park."

<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 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).

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!

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A Little Bit of Priceless Humor to Brighten Your Day Dept.:

This is an actual letter sent to a man named Ryan DeVries regarding a pond on his property. It was sent by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Quality, State of Pennsylvania . This guy's response is hilarious, but read the state's letter before you get to the response letter; you simply won't stop once you start. WOW, Love this man!



This is an actual letter: State of Pennsylvania 's letter to Mr. DeVries:

SUBJECT: DEQ ... File No.97-59-0023; T11N; R10W, Sec 20; Lycoming County

Dear Mr. DeVries:

It has come to the attention of the Department of Environmental Quality that there has been recent unauthorized activity on the above referenced parcel of property. You have been certified as the legal landowner and/or contractor who did the following unauthorized activity: Construction and maintenance of two wood debris dams across the outlet stream of Spring Pond.

A permit must be issued prior to the start of this type of activity. A review of the Department's files shows that no permits have been issued. Therefore, the Department has determined that this activity is in violation of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.30101 to 324.30113 of the Pennsylvania Compiled Laws, annotated.

The Department has been informed that one or both of the dams partially failed during a recent rain event, causing debris and flooding at downstream locations.. We find that dams of this <u>nature are inherently hazardous</u> and cannot be permitted. The Department therefore orders

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you to cease and desist all activities at this location, and to restore the stream to a free-flow condition by removing all wood and brush forming the dams from the stream channel. All restoration work shall be completed no later than January 31, 2010.

Please notify this office when the restoration has been completed so that a follow-up site inspection may be scheduled by our staff. Failure to comply with this request or any further unauthorized activity on the site may result in this case being referred for elevated enforcement action..

We anticipate and would appreciate your full cooperation in this matter. Please feel free to contact me at this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely, David L. Price District Representative and Water Management Division.

Here is the actual response sent back by Mr. DeVries:

Re: DEQ File No.. 97-59-0023; T11N; R10W, Sec. 20; Lycoming County

Dear Mr. Price,

Your certified letter dated 11/17/09 has been handed to me. I am the legal landowner but not the Contractor at 2088 Dagget Lane , Trout Run, Pennsylvania .

A couple of beavers are in the process of constructing and maintaining two wood 'debris' dams across the outlet stream of my Spring Pond. While I did not pay for, authorize, nor supervise their dam project, I think they would be highly offended that you call their skillful use of natures building materials 'debris.'

I would like to challenge your department to attempt to emulate their dam project any time and/or any place you choose. I believe I can safely state there is no way you could ever match their dam skills, their dam resourcefulness, their dam ingenuity, their dam persistence, their dam determination and/or their dam work ethic.

These are the beavers/contractors you are seeking. As to your request, I do not think the beavers are aware that they must first fill out a dam permit prior to the start of this type of dam activity.



My first dam question to you is:

- (1) Are you trying to discriminate against my Spring Pond Beavers, or
- (2) do you require all beavers throughout this State to conform to said dam request?

If you are not discriminating against these particular beavers, through the Freedom of Information Act, I request completed copies of all those other applicable beaver dam permits that have been issued. (Perhaps we will see if there really is a dam violation of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.30101 to 324.30113 of the Pennsylvania Compiled Laws, annotated.)

I have several dam concerns. My first dam concern is, aren't the beavers entitled to legal representation? The Spring Pond Beavers are financially destitute and are unable to pay for said representation ~ so the State will have to provide them with a dam lawyer.

The Department's dam concern that either one or both of the dams failed during a recent rain event, causing flooding, is proof that this is a natural occurrence, which the Department is required to protect. In other words, we should leave the Spring Pond Beavers alone rather than harassing them and calling them dam names.

If you want the dammed stream 'restored' to a dam free-flow condition please contact the beavers ~ but if you are going to arrest them, they obviously did not pay any attention to your dam letter, they being unable to read English.

In my humble opinion, the Spring Pond Beavers have a right to build their unauthorized dams as long as the sky is blue, the grass is green and water flows downstream. They have more dam rights than I do to live and enjoy Spring Pond. If the Department of Natural

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Resources and Environmental Protection lives up to its name, it should protect the natural resources (Beavers) and the environment (Beavers' Dams).

So, as far as the beavers and I are concerned, this dam case can be referred for more elevated enforcement action right now. Why wait until 1/31/2010? The Spring Pond Beavers may be under the dam ice by then and there will be no way for you or your dam staff to contact/harass them.

In conclusion, I would like to bring to your attention to a real environmental quality, health, problem in the area It is the bears! Bears are actually defecating in our woods. I definitely believe you should be persecuting the defecating bears and leave the beavers alone. If you are going to investigate the beaver dam, watch your dam step! The bears are not careful where they dump!

Being unable to comply with your dam request, and being unable to contact you on your dam answering machine, I am sending this response to your dam office.

THANK YOU,

RYAN DEVRIES & THE DAM BEAVERS





A simple, but very effective caddis variation you might like to try...The Celtic Caddis has a green thread under-body, clear larva lace for an over-body, some red squirrel hair as a collar, and a peacock herl head. A very nice caddis variation! Simply change the thread underbody to match the hatch!



2006 Federation of Fly Fishers World Champion

Fello again, and welcome back to the *Fly of the Month*. This month, we're going to do a variation on a fly that we've done before. October is here, and with it are the **October Caddis**, those large, pumpkin colored caddis flies you see hovering around your favorite trout streams. There are many flies that imitate this popular bug, but in my opinion your best bet is nothing more than an elk hair caddis, tied in October colors. So that is what I'll present to you with this month's fly of the month – the October Caddis (or the Elk Hair Caddis, tied in October colors):

OCTOBER CADDIS



HOOK: dry, size 12 THREAD: rust HACKLE: ginger RIB: gold wire, counter-wrapped BODY: amber dubbing WING: deer hair, died golden brown

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 2 eye lengths from the front of the hook.
- 2. Tie in the gold wire as follows: hold the piece of wire underneath the hook on a 45 degree angle, and trap the wire underneath the hook with three loose wraps of thread. Then gently pull the wire back, aligning it with the shank of the hook, until the end of

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the wire buries itself underneath the thread wraps. Now continue to wrap the thread with more secure wraps along the shank of the hook until you reach the bend. This will effectively secure the wire to the hook and align it properly.

- 3. Tie in a ginger hackle by the butt end (as a general rule of thumb, dry fly hackle is tied in by the butt end, as opposed to wet fly hackle, which is tied in by the tip.) The length of the barbs should be roughly equal to the width of the gape of the hook.
- 4. Dub the body. Make sure to stop about 2 eye lengths back from the front of the hook to leave room for the wing.
- 5. Palmer wrap the hackle along the length of the body.
- 6. There are two tips I can offer you to help you effectively counter-wrap the gold wire through the hackle without trapping too many barbs. First, take your scissors and trim the hackle barbs from the top of the hook. As you counter-wrap the wire (that is, wrapping the wire in the opposite direction as the hackle), try to position it so that the wire crosses the hackle on top of the hook, at the points where you clipped the hackle barbs. Also, as you wrap the wire through the hackle barbs underneath the hook, wiggle the wire back and forth as you cross through the barbs. The goal here is to use the wire to reinforce the hackle quill without trapping the barbs. If done correctly, you should find that very few barbs are kinked or crimped by the wire wrap. Again, stop your wrap approximately 2 eye lengths back from the front of the hook to leave room for the wing.
- 7. Clip, clean, and stack a bunch of golden brown deer hair and attach it on top of the hook in front of the body, tips projecting toward the rear of the hook but not projecting past the bend. Make about three wraps and then gently stroke the butt ends of the hair up, above the hook shank. This will help keep the hair clump on top of the hook and prevent it from rotating. Repeat this process several times over until you have about 10-15 wraps of thread securing the clump to the shank. At this point, lift the butt ends and make a few wraps beneath them just behind the eye to lock the hair in place. Whip finish the thread at this point also (under the butt ends just behind the eye of the hook), clip the thread and trim the butt ends such that they are as long as, but do not protrude longer than, the front of the hook. Cement the head and also the wraps that tied down your wing. Your caddis is now ready to fish!

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions at <u>smcesari@epix.net</u> or 610-730-7928. Until next time.

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TimelyMissive from TU National Dear Will,

The 2012 election cycle has begun, and I wanted to take a moment to remind everyone that TU is a 501(c)(3) organization, and thus cannot endorse or oppose any candidates for elective office; nor can TU use its funds or any other of its resources (e.g., phones, computers, offices) to support or oppose candidates for elected political office. The prohibition is found in the federal tax code under provisions that regulate tax-exempt charitable organizations. It applies to the national organization, councils, chapters, and to staff and volunteers acting on behalf of or in the name of TU. While there are a variety of ways 501(c)(3) organizations can play neutral, non-partisan roles in the electoral process, failure to comply with these narrowly defined restraints could endanger our tax exempt status, and therefore the very financial foundation of our organization. Because the penalties are so serious, we want to instill an abundance of caution when dealing with candidates for office by detailing prohibited activity and strongly encouraging you to consult with TU staff before considering even authorized electoral activity for tax exempt organizations.

In addition to complying with the prohibition against use of TU funds and resources for political campaign contributions, all TU volunteer leaders must refrain from making any statement that has the effect of endorsing or opposing a candidate for elected political office in TU's name. In addition to the obvious examples ("TU endorses Candidate A" or "TU opposes Candidate B"), please bear in mind that anything you say publicly in your capacity as a TU volunteer leader regarding how you or someone else should vote for or against a candidate for elected political office ("I, the President of a chapter of TU, voted Egalitarian in the last six elections, but I'm voting for the Contrarian Party this time" or "You may have voted Contrarian last time, but as President of a TU chapter I think you should vote Green this time") could be construed as a TU endorsement or statement in opposition. Even if you are careful to say that you are voicing a personal opinion and not speaking on behalf of TU, in the heat of a political campaign season, any such public statement of support or opposition may be construed as a statement by or on behalf of TU. Please bear in mind that these limitations should not affect you in your private, non-TU capacity, from such activity as making campaign contributions of personal funds, participating in election-related canvassing, hosting or attending fundraising events for candidates for elected office, or other election related activities. Just please be careful not to use any TU mailing lists or other resources in connection with any such activity or event.

TU will continue to engage in advocacy efforts in pursuit of our mission, and doing so will at times include communication regarding legislators' positions on issues on which TU has long been working. At all times, but particularly during campaign season, such communication must be handled in a way that is consistent with IRS rules for 501(c)(3) nonprofits. There are numerous ways to engage legislators and candidates that, if done correctly, are well within the IRS rules, such as candidate forums, questionnaires, and issue-oriented presentations to candidates and their staffs as long as they treat each candidate with equal consideration, do not pass judgment on their positions and are in accord with TU's mission. Please consider engaging in these activities in order to advance TU's mission, but err on the side of caution, and contact me at 703-284-9406 before engaging in any kind of activity that could be construed as influencing an election.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Steven N. Mo

Steve Moyer Vice President of Government Affairs Trout Unlimited

October, 2012 The Final Phase of the **McMichael Stream Restoration Project Has Been Completed!**

By Eric Baird, BTU Treasurer

On Saturday, September 29th 2012, we successfully completed work on our stream habitat improvement project on the McMichael Creek at the Hickory Valley Park located along Hickory Valley Road (west of the Glennbrook Golf Course) in Stroud Township.



I was joined at the final work session by BTU (Brodhead Chapter, Trout Unlimited) member Glenn Hessler, BTU Director Don Baylor, BTU Director Mike Brong.

BTU contracted All Construction and Repair, of Stroudsburg, to place the remaining rocks in the McMichael Creek. Mr. Bill Hakim, Owner of All Construction and Repair, graciously donated approximately half his costs to the chapter to do the work at a substantially reduced rate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill and his entire staff for their hard work and generosity.

The volunteers from BTU provided traffic control as well as labor to move the rocks that had been donated to us by All Construction and Repair, and Haines and Kibblehouse, Inc. of Blakeslee. All Construction and Repairs equipment moved the rocks approximately 1,000 feet up the road to where they were placed in the stream.

In total, BTU volunteers donated approximately 29 volunteer hours to complete the final phase of this project. I invite you to take some time and see the results or our hard work, and I thank

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all or our members and other contributors for all their generous contributions. I look forward to seeing more of you participating at our next BTU volunteer conservation project.







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>.

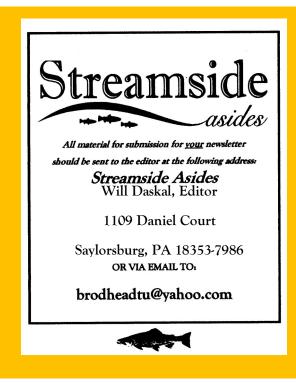
You can do it directly on the TU.org website by logging in to your account with your TU member number, or you can call them up directly at one of the following numbers: TOLL FREE: 1-800-834-2419; National Office: (703) 522-0200; Fax: (703) 284-9400 and make the change.

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

