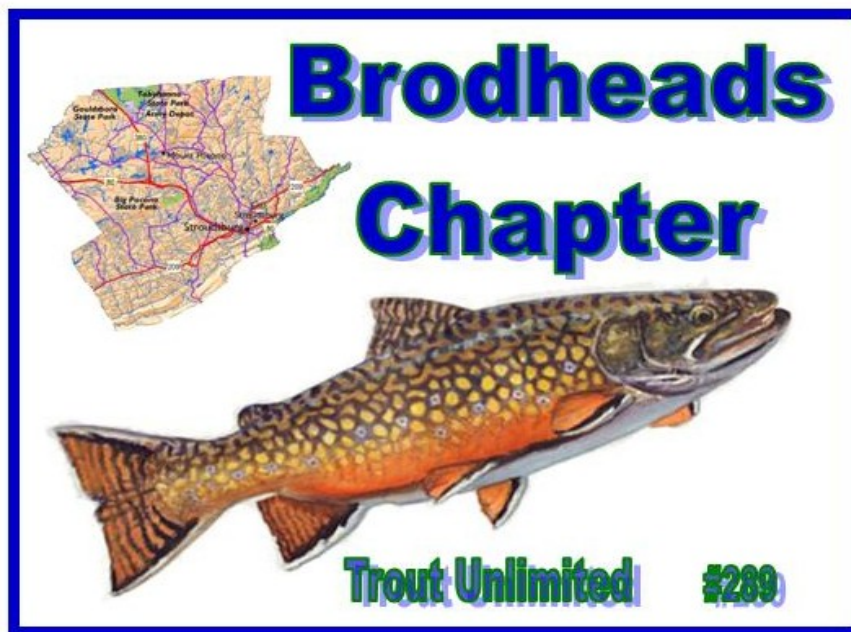


September, 2010 Issue



Next Meeting:
CHAPTER ELECTIONS
& PROJECT HEALING WATERS
Speaker: Heide Cebrick
Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2010
7:30 pm



Once again, we teamed up with the MCEED and taught fly casting, fly tying & trout stream entomology at Stony Acres in July. It was a great time for all involved!

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The Home Pool

Tom Battista, President, Brodheads Chapter of Trout Unlimited



This summer has not been a good one for rain, and all the streams have been warm, low and are hardly flowing. Despite this, some of us have been fishing by adjusting our fishing techniques and habits.

I have been spending a lot of time training my new Golden puppy, Reilly, and looking for ponds to have him practice water retrieves. I am also learning to budget my time differently since it seems that there's always something interesting that I want to be involved in, or that needs my attention.

I have spent a lot of time helping the committee that has developed into the Monroe County Youth Field Day organization. I have been demonstrating retrieving with my dogs for fifteen years at the annual youth field day. This year, Randy Schuler, who ran this free event for kids, has made a big change by fulfilling a lifelong dream, moving to Alaska. I started the drive to organize local gun clubs to continue what Randy had done by himself with the help of his wife and about three others. We will hold this event September 18, at Trexler Scout Camp, Jonas. Applications can be downloaded from the Indian Mountain Rod & Gun club website, <http://www.imrgc.com>.

Once again, Monroe County Conservation Camp had a fishing demonstration day which was attended by Bob Stevens, Ed Filipowski, Will Daskal, Spencer Yeakel, Carl Meyer, and me. The campers saw a Trout Stream Entomology PowerPoint presentation by Will, watched Bob and Spencer tie flies, and Carl and I provided hands-on casting instruction.

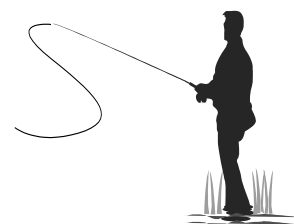
I finally got to participate in *Project Healing Waters*, run locally by TU's Stanley Cooper Chapter, by Heide Cebreck. We fished with veterans for bass at Arrowhead Lake's development. We were hosted by Bob Eddy and their fishing club. The club put on a barbecue for the group and assisted the veterans that fished. I was delighted to spend a great day with these veterans of the armed forces. I attended a second outing with these ladies and gentlemen on August 6 at Lackawanna State Park. I will have more to report about them later. Heide has graciously agreed to give a program about *Project Healing Waters* at this month's general membership meeting.

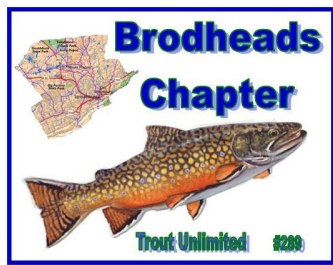
On August 8, Don Baylor, Will Daskal, Spencer Yeakel and I participated in the McMichael Ramble run by the Brodhead Watershed Association. We tied flies, demonstrated casting, talked about fly fishing, and most importantly explained our McMichael Creek Stream Restoration Project. Pat Kennedy, President of the Brodhead Watershed Association, will be working at our project site.

Lastly, I want to remind you to treat all your out door clothing with something like **Permethrin** to repel ticks. In late July, on the way home from dog training in the Delaware Water Gap National Park, I had to remove a tick from my throat. We trained in some brushy ponds there. It was a very difficult task to remove it by using a side view mirror and locking forceps. Fortunately, the woman at Vector Control told me it wasn't a tick species that carried Lyme disease. That week, I bought a Tick Key to make tick removal faster and easier. All my clothes for outdoors now get sprayed before I go out. This has been a very bad year for these pests, so please take precautions to repel them.

Tight lines!

Tom





CHAPTER CALENDAR 2010

September, 2010

Board Meeting – Sept. 1,
7:30 pm

General Meeting – Guest
Speaker: **Heide Cebrick** from
**PROJECT HEALING
WATERS**; Sept. 8, 7:30 pm

October, 2010

Board Meeting – Oct., 6,
7:30 pm

General Meeting – Oct., 13,
7:30 pm – Guest Speaker:
Art Weiler (Bamboo Rod
Maker)

November, 2010

Board Meeting – Nov., 3,
7:30 pm

Fly Tying Round-Robin –
Nov., 10, 7:30 pm

Note: The Fly Tying Round-Robin, all General Meetings, and The Fly Tying Classes, will be held in the Education Room of the Monroe County Conservation District Office on Running Valley Road in Bartonsville, PA.

More on the web @: BrodheadsTU.org



FISHING BUDDIES WANT YOU!

The 2010 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 2010 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 chapter 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).

Election Notice: Annual Chapter Elections will take place on Wednesday, September 8th. The Nominating Committee has recommended the following slate of officers for 2010-2011: Tom Battista (President); Todd Burns (Vice President); Eric Baird (Treasurer) & Bob Stevens (Secretary). Nominations can be made from the floor at the election.

Annual Picnic: Brodhead Park June, 2010



CASTING CONTEST WINNERS: ...And the winners of all those fabulous, custom hand-tied flies and fly boxes at the 2010 June picnic were (in order of finish): 1. Todd Burns; 2. Spencer Yeakel; 3. Dave Hughes & 4. Eric Baird. Congratulations to all the participants and the winners!

The Secret is Finally Out! Unnamed sources have discovered the secret recipe for the fantastic bean salad that was the hit of the June 2010 Annual BBQ. At long-last, Pentagon sources have declassified it and given us permission to divulge its contents to our membership. Now, without further ado, here's the official, unvarnished, original recipe for **Chub's Bean Casserole**, heretofore kept under lock and key in a sealed mayonnaise jar on Funk & Wagnall's back porch: 1 can kidney beans; 1 onion; 1 can lima beans; 1/2 cup brown sugar; 1 can pork & beans; 1/2 cup white sugar; 1/2 lb. bacon; 1 tsp. vinegar; 1/2 lb. hamburger and 1 cup ketchup. Drain kidney beans and lima beans. Brown bacon and hamburger and drain off excess fat. Mix all together and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.



The featured guest speaker for our September General Membership Meeting will be **Heide Cebrick**, who will share her personal experiences with us regarding **Project Healing Waters**. Mrs.

Cebrick is a member of the **General Federation of Women's Clubs at Harveys Lake**, and she is currently serving as its **President for Luzerne County**. She and her husband, Dave, have been fly fishing for the past 28 years. She is a member of the **Federation of Fly Fishers, Trout Unlimited**, and serves on the **Board of Directors for the Stanley Cooper, Sr. Chapter of Trout Unlimited**. As if that wasn't enough to keep her busy, Heide also serves as the program lead for **Project Healing Waters at the Wilkes-Barre VA Medical Center**. She and her husband have fished the waters of ME, MA, NY, NJ, PA, VA, FL, CO, WY, and MT for trout, steelhead, land locked salmon, bass, panfish, bluefish, bone fish and striped bass. She is a trained artist and graduated from **Tyler School of Art**, studying at both campuses, in Philadelphia, PA and Rome, Italy. She works for my family business designing stained glass windows. Heide and Dave have two children, a daughter and a son, who is currently in the **NY Air National Guard** and after having served in Iraq in **Operation Iraqi Freedom**. Her family is very understanding and supportive of her civic involvement and that is how she is able to provide the time for **Project Healing Waters**. At our next meeting, Heide will explain what **Project Healing Waters** is and will share her experiences with us in this extremely worthwhile activity. She will also share some photos of their outings and explain how the program is set up and has been working. It should be a very gratifying experience for us all and could well lead to greater TU involvement in the program. For more information, you may contact Heide directly, at: Baut Studios, Inc.; 1095 Main St., Swoyersville, PA 18704. 1-800-326-9421 or phone 570-288-1431.



How Much Do YOU Know About Your Chapter?

It's **contest time**, and the chapter member who correctly (1) hands me, (2) mails me or (3) emails me the greatest number of correct answers to the following 16 questions will win a fantastic prize, a prize so wonderful that space precludes any further discussion of it! **This is on the level; we truly have a really nice prize for the winner!** The rules are simple: **answer the most questions correctly, get your answers in quickly and the decision of your illustrious editor is absolutely final. *All Directors and Board Members are ineligible!*** **All entries must be received by 7:45 pm on Wednesday, September 8, 2010!** In case of a tie, the earliest submission date/time will be declared the winner! So, get your thinking caps on and **send me your answers to the following 16 questions:**

1. What is our Official Chapter Name?
2. What is our Official TU Chapter ID number?
3. How many annual "social events" does the chapter hold each year?
4. Where are the chapter's monthly general membership meetings held?
5. Where is the Annual Picnic held?
6. What is the average age range of the members attending monthly meetings?
7. What youth programs does the chapter run and/or sponsor?
8. With what other conservation groups do we regularly partner?
9. On what day of the month does the chapter normally meet?
10. From where did the name of our chapter come?
11. What was the original name of this chapter when it was first chartered by national TU?
12. What is the URL for our chapter's magnificent website?
13. What is the number one environmental issue facing our chapter and our local streams?
14. How many total members did we officially have as of 31 August 2010?
15. On average, over the past year, how many people have attended the monthly meetings?
16. With which issue of this newsletter did Will Daskal begin his tenure its editor ?

The winner will be announced in the October, 2010 Issue!

GOOD LUCK!

