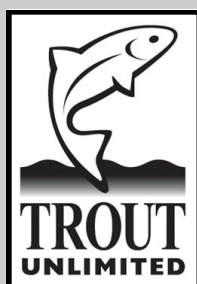


# Streamside asides



Brodheads Chapter of TROUT UNLIMITED



NEXT MEETING: Wednesday

September 9, 2009

7:30 pm

General Membership Meeting &  
ANNUAL ELECTIONS!

PLUS: BEN TURPIN's

*Trout Streams of Central PA!*

September, 2009 Issue

Meeting Location:  
MCEEC Building  
Running Valley Road  
Bartonsville, PA

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The Nominating Committee  
has offered the following slate of officers:

Tom Battista (President)

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Eric Baird (Treasurer)

Bob Stevens (Secretary)

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September, 2009

## **President's Home Pool**

**Tom Battista**

I want to thank **Gerry Bortz**, **Bob Stevens**, **Ed Filipkowski**, and **Frank Russo** for accompanying me to the **Monroe County Conservation Camp** in July. We put on demonstrations of fly tying and casting. The campers were all able to try casting with various levels of success. Once again the fly tying demonstration was a great hit and we had to pry the participants away to try casting. Gerry, it looks like you have a permanent job at this annual event.

The chapter supports the camp each year by providing funds for three campers. The camp provides an opportunity for the participants to take a canoe trip on the Delaware, camping out along the way, work on conservation education projects, participate in team building through adventure on the Stony Acres ropes course, as well as seeing demonstrations by various outdoors oriented groups. Several of the participants from the past have chosen careers in conservation, and are attending college with that goal.

We also sent Jeff Strunk and Parker Johnson to the **Rivers Conservation School** run by PATU at the Allenbury resort. Both boys were first time fly fishers. I spent an afternoon with each boy teaching casting fundamentals. They reported that as novices they both caught several fish. They will be invited to report on their experiences at a future meeting.

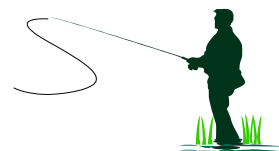
We received a delivery of three truck loads of large rocks during July for our McMichaels creek project. (See photo pg. 5. — Ed.) We are now waiting for low water levels to allow for placement of the rock in the stream.

The Board has approved the purchase of several sets of tackle to be used for instruction of casting and to be used for participants who will attend the Rivers Conservation School who do not have equipment, rather than having members loan their personal equipment.

Remember this year is the Fiftieth Anniversary of TU; so, please try to bring a member, new or returning, to our meetings. We could also use suggestions for programs to increase the attendance. Let us know what you would like to see or learn about.

Tight lines!

*Tom*



**Editor's Note:** You may have noted a more modern, new look to *Streamside Asides*. In early June, my entire hard drive failed, and I lost every document, graphic and photo I had ever created and saved over the last 13 years; everything was lost! I have a new hard drive now, with an automatic external backup, but the damage has been done. For the moment, the Fly of the Month has been cut, but it will return in the near future. I did receive the submission of a small caddis fly from one of our members, but all the identifying tying data, materials list and the name of the donor was lost when my system blew. If you are the sender of this fly, I am requesting a duplicate emailing of all the pertinent data so that this beautiful fly can be shared with all our members in a future issue. Please resubmit the pertinent data to: [broadheadtu@yahoo.com](mailto:broadheadtu@yahoo.com). Thanks! — Will Daskal, Ed.

**CHAPTER  
CALENDAR  
2009-2010**

October 2009

Board Meeting – October  
7<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm

General Membership  
Meeting – October 14<sup>th</sup>,  
7:30 pm

*No General Meetings  
will be held November  
through January.*

Brodhead Creek Hatches										
Insect	Size(s)	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	
Blue Quill	18									
Quill Gordon	14									
Hendrickson	14									
Tan Caddis	16									
Gray Fox	12,14									
March Brown	12									
BWO	14									
Sulphur	16									
Light Cahill	14									
Terrestrials										
• Ants	16-20									
• Beetles	12-18									
• Caterpillars	12 2XL									
• Grass Hopper	10 2XL									
Light Cahill	18									



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**Chapter Updates:** Attendance at our 2009 Saturday afternoon June picnic was good, but the total number of participants was just about the same as when we met on a Wednesday evening. Since rain that day might have been a negative factor, the Board has decided to try one more Saturday afternoon to see if attendance increases at the 2010 picnic...The McMichaels Stream Improvement Project is proceeding according to plan, and the Board voted to accept the bid of Bill Hakim from All Construction and Repair for the placement of our boulders in the creek...We are one of the sponsors for the Monroe County Field Day and T-shirts are being printed with the Brodhead TU logo...We are hoping to have our Allenberry Camp attendees present at our next meeting to talk about their experiences...The Board voiced its concern about repeated ATV violations and habitat destruction observed and reported on the state game lands at Indian Run and Swiftwater Creek...The Board voted to upgrade our newsletter print publication ability with the purchase of MS Office Publisher 2007, which will allow us to create a better newsletter far more efficiently, as well as prepare us for its future upload to the web as a .PDF file when we can establish our own Brodhead TU website...The BTU Nominating Committee presented its slate of officers for September's election (printed on page 1 of this issue)...The date for our Annual Banquet has been set for Saturday, March 27, 2010; mark your calendars!

## Fly Fishing Video Library Is Available!

Brodhead Chapter Fly Fishing Video Library Videos are available for a small monthly rental fee, with all proceeds going to support the Chapter's conservation efforts. The rental fees are as follows: for videos running longer than 45 minutes, \$5.00; for videos running less than 45 minutes, \$3.00. If you'd like to reserve a copy of a video ahead of time, you may call Gerry Bortz at (570) 895-1099. If you have videos at home that you would like to donate to the Chapter to expand our inventory, we are always looking for new additions.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Featuring</u>	<u>Rental</u>
<i>Tying Trout Flies</i>	Gary Borger	\$5.00
<i>Fly Fishing for Trout</i>	Scientific Anglers/3M	\$5.00
<i>Fishing in Maine for Landlocked Salmon</i>	Jim Lepage	\$3.00
<i>The Art of Tying the Nymph</i>	Skip Morris	\$5.00
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<i>Fly Casting with Lefty Kreh</i>	Lefty Kreh	\$5.00
<i>Understanding Fly Tying Materials</i>	Scott Sanchez	\$5.00
<i>Fly Fishing Video Magazine:</i>		
<i>Belize ~ Fly Fishing Fantasy</i>		\$3.00
<i>Fishing the Dry Fly</i>	Gary Borger	\$5.00
<i>Advanced Strategies for Selective Trout</i>	Doug Swisher	\$5.00
<i>Fly Fishing in the Footsteps of the Lewis &amp; Clark Expedition</i>	Rick Ruoff (Orvis)	\$3.00
<i>The River's Return</i>	Trout & Salmon Foundation British Columbia Ministry of Environment	\$3.00
<i>Catch &amp; Release</i>		\$3.00
<i>Fly Fishing Video Magazine:</i>		
<i>Utah's Green River Trout</i>		\$3.00
<i>Texas Redfish</i>	Rick Ruoff (Orvis)	\$3.00
<i>Tandem Fly Fishing with Charlie Meck</i>	Charlie Meck	\$3.00
<i>Save America's Streams</i>	Trout Unlimited	\$3.00



*TU President Tom Battista (above) is dwarfed by the newly-delivered boulders that will be the focal point of our stream restoration efforts on the McMichaels Creek. Contractors' bid have been received for the work, and the project should be moving to the next phase shortly.*

## Monroe County Conservation Campers Give Thanks

Thank you very much for sponsoring my trip to camp. It was a lot of fun, and I enjoyed every moment of it except the rain on the trip. I love turtles and fish, and this camp expanded my knowledge of these reptiles nearly two-fold. The presentations were awesome and very interesting. Your presentations made me want to fly-fish so thanks again.

Nicholas Lear

I want to say thanks for helping me out otherwise I wouldn't be here right now doing all this fun stuff like fishing and other stuff like canoeing. I want to thank you because I would not have caught that giant bass. So thanks for all your help.

Michael Ault

Thank you very much for sponsoring me at conservation camp this year. I had a great time and the fly fishing stuff was fun. Also, I learned a lot of information on many different types of things. The camp was fun. The trip down the Delaware River was 26 miles, and I saw lots of bald eagles. But we got rained on. Other things we learned about were stars, mammals, birds and the dirt and how not to pollute the trout streams. So thanks again.

Spencer Yeakel

**Thanks to BTU Chapter members Bob Stevens, Tom Battista, Gerry Bortz, Ed Filipkowski and Frank Russo for assisting with the MCCD Camp Program this year!**

## FISHING BUDDIES WANT YOU!

**T**hanks to the efforts of our own **Gerry Bortz**, the *Fishing Buddies Program* has quickly gotten off the planning boards and is about to become a reality. The following chapter members have offered their time and expertise to aid their fellow chapter members learn 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; any time; anywhere).



## MCCD 2009 Conservation Camp a Huge Success

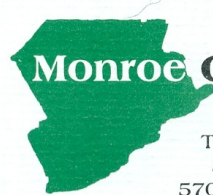
Conservation Camp 2009 has been a huge success. All 33 campers had a very enjoyable week. The intensive schedule designed to expose them to the multi-faceted world of conservation education has turned out well-informed individuals. We feel secure in knowing that they are our future caretakers of the earth.

On behalf of the Camp Committee, Monroe County Conservation District, Monroe County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs and Kettle Creek Environmental Fund, I would like to extend a sincere and gracious thank you for your kind contribution to our scholarship fund. Because of your donation three students Michael Ault from East Stroudsburg, Spencer Yeakel from Kunkletown, and Nicholas Lear from East Stroudsburg were able to attend camp... Conservation Camp is successful because of people like you. Thank you once again.

Roger L. Spotts

Environmental Coordinator

## From the Monroe County Conservation District:



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August 3, 2009

Trout Unlimited, Brodhead Chapter  
c/o Mr. Bob Stevens  
PO Box 46  
Bartonsville, PA 18321

Dear Bob:

Thank you very much for your excellent program during Monroe County Conservation Camp 2009. This year's camp was a big success and exposed 33 teenagers to many conservation issues in the Poconos and beyond. The students had a great week and all agreed it was one of the best experiences of their young lives.

Bob, the program that you and the other members of your group did was great. The kids enjoyed the casting as well as the fly tying. The hands on instruction along with your patience in teaching the kids worked out very well. Please thank all the guys for a job well done.

On behalf of the Camp Committee, Monroe County Conservation District and the Monroe County Federation of Sportsmen's Club, thank you! We truly appreciate your time, effort and interest invested in Conservation Camp. Without people like you, camp would not be successful. You have helped create some life-long memories. Thank you once again!

Sincerely,

Roger L. Spotts  
Environmental Education Coordinator

**ELECTION REMINDER:** Any member in good standing may be nominated from the floor for any of the four elective positions at our next General Membership Meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

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