

Streamside Asides



Event Schedule:

- April 9 @ 1-5 PM:
Outdoor Exposition at Swiftwater Elementary Center
- April 13 @ 7 PM:
General Membership Meeting w/John Shaner: Soft-hackle Secrets
- April 16 @ 7 AM:
Fishing Derby at Brodhead Park
- April 24 @ 9 AM:
Pocono Environmental Center Fly-Fishing Workshop
- May 5 @ 7 PM: Board Meeting at East Stroudsburg University
- May 11 @ 7 PM:
General Membership Meeting w/ Sarah Whitney at KCEEC.

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April 2016

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited

Trout Season Opens Saturday, April 16th, 8AM

18th Annual Banquet a Success

On Friday, March 18th, 2016, the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited held its 18th Annual Spring Banquet. Held in the beautiful Ridgecrest facility at Stroudsmoor Country Inn, approximately 140 members and friends gathered to support the chapter and raise funds for the Chapter's upcoming projects. Through the efforts of all those present, BTU raised approximately \$3,000 for use in local conservation and habitat improvement projects. Additionally, everyone enjoyed the conversation and comradery as the night progressed.



Brodhead TU Board member Tom Van Zandt receives the Chapter's Silver Trout Award from President Todd Burns at the March 18th banquet.

Member Tom VanZandt received the Bob Steven's Silver Trout Award for his efforts in fulfilling our mission, and JoAnne and Alex Zidock and Ken Lang received awards for their years of continued support to the chapter.

Don Baylor presented on our Pocono Creek project and the science, purpose, and goals behind it and Will Daskal, in addition to MC'ing, directed the ten children in attendance in selecting their prizes. It was great to see the smiles on their faces.

And speaking of smiles, we thoroughly enjoyed seeing the smiles on the faces of all the raffle winners as they accepted their prizes. A good time, indeed.

Thank you and we'll see you at our projects, in the stream, and at next year's banquet.

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As I write this it appears that winter, a season that was so mild in January and February, is still clinging on with a tenacity that is greatly disappointing—at least to those of us who want to get outside and on the creeks. With forecasts calling for just enough snow to affect travel, we may need to delay our plans a few more days. But sooner, rather than later, our true spring weather will be here and what better time to arrive than the opening of trout season.

The greater Pocono region has a wealth of streams in which we can pursue our passion. Part of this is due to the geology and topography of the area, but the other part is due to the efforts of Brodhead Trout Unlimited and other like-minded organizations. Having multiple members from multiple organizations looking out for our cold-water resources increases the ability to provide oversight and awareness of what is happening in the many watersheds in Monroe and surrounding counties.

With the new season and the newness of spring, I ask that each of us examine our efforts and re-dedicate ourselves to watching over, conserving, improving, and educating others about our streams and their importance to our communities. Clean water is essential to our lives and all efforts to protect and improve what we have will produce benefits not only for those trout we so diligently target, but also to the people who visit and provide employment for a large sector of our population.

I again thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you at one or more of the events highlighted on pages 5-10 of this newsletter.

Tight lines and clean waters.

Todd G. Burns, President

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Teen Fly-Fishing Summer Camp

Registration is now open for teens 14 to 18 years of age for the Keystone/Trout Unlimited Teens Summer Conservation Camp. Trout Unlimited Chapters throughout NEPA and Keystone College are offering a one-week summer camp at which students reside in the Keystone dorms and eat in the cafeteria while studying conservation practices, the environment, and the art and the science of fly-fishing. Instructors from environmental agencies such as DEP, DCNR, county conservation districts and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission will offer instruction in watershed conservation, fisheries biology, aquatic insect identification and many other areas related to

environmental studies. Trout Unlimited volunteers will be on hand to teach the art of fly fishing including, casting, fly-tying, and matching the hatches of aquatic insects. University professors will share expertise in matters of the environment with Dr. Jerry Skinner of Keystone College conducting on-stream electro-shocking, fish inventory and classroom discoveries involving these fish. This is a great opportunity to learn to fly fish and develop life-long friendships and a life-long love for the outdoors.

Camp size is set at 24 teens of any experience and any background. Students who turn 18 during their senior year of high school, as long as they do not turn 18 before April 1st, are eligible. Separate quarters for male and female students are provided and students are grouped by age.

To register for this unique camp, go to the website www.lackawannavalleytu.com. For additional information on the school visit the Facebook Page www.facebook.com/Keystone/TUTEensSummerConservationCamp. The cost of the camp is \$325.00, but multiple sponsorships are available including one through The Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited (www.Brodheadtu.org). Students must complete and return an application form, parental consent form, letter requesting admission and a brief statement explaining why they desire to be admitted. A short description of fishing experience can be included. Registration ends on Friday, May 27, 2016.

All information is on the www.lackawannavalleytu.com website and if there are questions please contact ffnepa@epix.net or call 570-954-5042.

Opening Day

Opening Day. Those two words could keep me awake for a week as a young boy. Opening Day meant trout fishing and an adventure. I couldn't ask for anything more!

The first year or two I went with my father and older brother, the season started very early in the morning. We'd pack the car the night before and my brother could my father pack. Every nook and cranny was filled with a can, box, or something of the appropriate size. It was a puzzle and he was the master and our job was to get all the stuff to him so he could make it work. After the car was loaded we went to bed for what was certainly a short, and fitful night's sleep. I mean, there were trout to catch so who could possibly doze off? This was serious business!

We crawled out of bed, had some breakfast and got in the car for the 1 1/2 hour ride to Big Poe Creek. It seemed to take forever to make that trip. I can remember drifting in and out, looking up and seeing the moon behind the trees as we bounced over the dirt and gravel road. Once we got over the mountain we traveled down the still-dark valley and found a place to park along the creek. The closer we got, the lighter it got and the more excited I became.

Now it was truly time to get serious. Boots? Check. Level-line fly rod? Check. Hooks? Check. Worms...where are the worms? Oh no, don't tell me we forgot them...whew, stuck behind the tail light area. That was too close. All geared up and it was time for final instructions: Don't crowd other fisherman, approach slowly, work deep and keep your rod tip up. Then, it was time to go up the creek.

I can still hear and feel the sensation of the line in the guides when a trout took the worm and shook it around. It was a tap-tap-taptap-tap that I often still think about and I can remember how proud we were when we came back with some fish. I can remember snacking on the Oreos my mother packed and not telling her I didn't stop to wash my hands. Really, what's a little worm and fish stuff anyway? And I can remember happily drifting off to sleep on the way home, reliving all the catches, misses, and excitement I had just experienced.

Ah yes, Opening Day.



The author with his first trout.

Hosted by **Reps. Jack Rader & David Parker**



2ND ANNUAL
SPORTSMEN & OUTDOOR EXP

SATURDAY, APRIL 9 • 1- 5 pm
SWIFTWATER ELEMENTARY CENTER
135 Academic Drive • Swiftwater, PA 18370

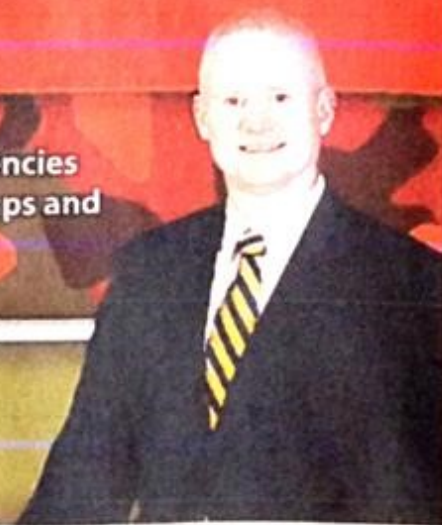
A hunter/trapper education course will be offered from 9 am to 4 pm
To register visit RepRader.com or RepParker.com. Only 30 spots available.

This is a six-hour training class required by law for all first-time hunters and trappers before they can buy a license. You must pass a certification exam at the end of the class to complete this training.

Interested in being a vendor? For information call my office at (570) 643-7683 or Rep. Parker's office at 570-420-2940.



Exhibitors from local and state agencies along with many local sporting groups and businesses will be on hand.



FREE Admission

BRODHEAD TU APRIL MEETING!

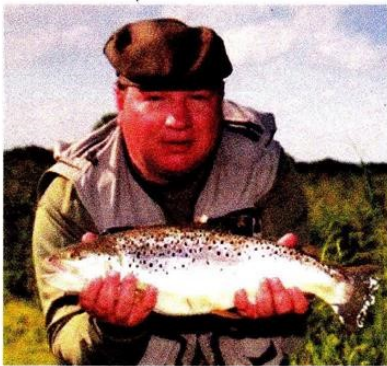


Wednesday, April 13, 2016 — 7:00 PM

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center

8050 Running Valley Road, Bartonsville

John Shaner Reveals SOFT-HACKLE SECRETS!



John Shaner: I have been fly fishing for as long as I can remember and caught my first trout on a fly I tied myself in 1965. I grew up in the Finger Lakes region of New York and was fishing the Catskill Rivers as soon as I could drive.

Over the years I have fished for trout extensively across the US and have made several trips to England to fish the famous Chalk Streams and other rivers. I have a special love for Montana and Wyoming and I lived in West Yellowstone, MT for a number of years. My favorite rivers are; The West branch of the Delaware and Beaverkill, in New York, the Firehole and Madison system in

Yellowstone Park, and the Rivers Itchen, Eden, and Eamont in England.

I have also fished the Bahamas, Belize, and Florida for saltwater species.

I have worked in the fly fishing business since 1985 and have managed fly shops, guided, and worked as a sales representative for Orvis, Cortland Line, and is now Regional Fly Fishing Manager for Pure Fishing, covering the Hardy, Fenwick, Hodgman, and Pflueger Brands.

My interest in fly tying goes back to boyhood. I am mostly self-taught but have studied many techniques over the years and have a special interest in reproducing traditional trout fly patterns. I enjoy experimenting with new patterns, but am a bit of a traditionalist in my use of materials, and seldom incorporate synthetics into my flies, preferring natural silk, fur, and feathers.

About twenty years ago I developed a fascination for "Spiders" (Americans call them soft hackles), and enjoy tying and fishing these simple, elegant, and deadly flies.

Another interest is collecting classic tackle and angling books. My "library" (which is getting out of hand!) is primarily devoted to books detailing the development of flies and tying techniques.

Currently, I live in southern New York State, just a few minutes from the West Branch of the Delaware and Beaverkill.

This is a great event, and we're looking forward to seeing YOU!

n.b.: The Rim Rock Road Bridge is under construction; thus, the KCEEC is inaccessible from Rt. 611.

Access from BUS. RT. 209 or other alternate route is required.



Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited



Stroud Township
Brodhead Creek Park



Father John T. Butler
Council No. 4084



PA Fish
Commission

40th Annual Knights of Columbus Children's Trout Fishing Contest

April 16, 2016



8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.
Registration 7:00 a.m.



Opening Day of Trout Season
for children up to 12 years of age

at the pond at Brodhead Creek Park
Rte. 191, just north of Big Wheel

LOTS OF PRIZES

donated by local merchants & major tackle manufacturers

Rain or Shine

NO FEE... it's FREE!

Bring your own tackle and bait

BRODHEAD TU MAY MEETING!



Wednesday, May 11, 2016 — 7:00 PM

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center

8050 Running Valley Road, Bartonsville (Stroudsburg) 18360

Sarah N. Whitney
Extension Director
Pennsylvania Sea Grant
Pennsylvania State University



Aquatic invasive species are species found outside their natural geographic range that cause ecological or economic harm, or harm to human health. Aquatic invasive species can be spread by human activities, such as boating, angling, and water gardening, to name a few. Preventing the introduction and spread of AIS should be a top priority in Pennsylvania as the state has more than 84,000 miles of streams, 77 miles of Great Lakes shoreline and many inland lakes, and shares five major watersheds with other states and Canada. In this talk, PASG's Sarah Whitney will present information about AIS of concern in Pennsylvania and highlight the steps boaters, anglers, and others can take to prevent the introduction and spread of AIS.

This is an informative event, and we're looking forward to seeing YOU!

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Brodhead TU

Annual PICNIC & BBQ

Saturday,

June 11, 2016

3 pm until dark

ForEvergreen Preserve

CHERRY LANE, JUST OFF ROUTE 191, ANALOMINK!



Bring a covered dish or bring a dessert to share with the gang! Plenty of "Good Eats" to tempt everyone's palette. As always, it's FREE for all our members and family. We'll provide the meat, buns and beverages. This is always a great event and a wonderful time for sharing good food, good friends and great fish stories!



Afterwards, we'll be fly-fishing in the Brodhead Creek, which is just a short cast from the BBQ grill.

ALSO: CASTING CONTEST !!!

WOW! What a great way to spend a day!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS WONDERFUL ANNUAL CHAPTER SOCIAL EVENT!



Fly-Fishing Workshop



Sunday, June 26, 2016 - 1 to 4pm

Join expert members of the *Brodhead Watershed Association*, the *Pocono Heritage Land Trust* and the *Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited* at the **NEW FOREVERGREEN PRESERVE ON CHERRY LANE, JUST OFF PA STATE ROUTE 191, ANALOMINK**, for a unique and highly informative Elements of Fly-Fishing program that will provide you with an entertaining, informative and very relaxing introduction to the bucolic sport of fly-fishing for trout in our local watershed! Equipment selection, casting techniques, trout stream entomology, how to read the water, effective fly fishing strategy, understanding trout stream entomology, basic fly tying, will all be covered & made easy as “ABC” for you by our resident fly-fishing experts!

SUGGESTED DONATION:

\$10 for BWA, PHLT or TU Members — \$15 for Non-Members

Children Under 12 FREE

RESERVE AT:

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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						█		

BTU Calendar of Events: February through April 2016

(This calendar is subject to change as events are added or changes are necessitated.)

April 7, 7 PM: Board meeting at ESU

April 9, 1– 5 PM: Outdoor Exposition at Swiftwater Elementary Center, Swiftwater, PA.

April 13, 7 PM: General Membership Meeting—Wet Flies and techniques by John Shaner at MCCD/KCEEC

April 13, 10 AM: Project Healing Waters, Site To Be Determined

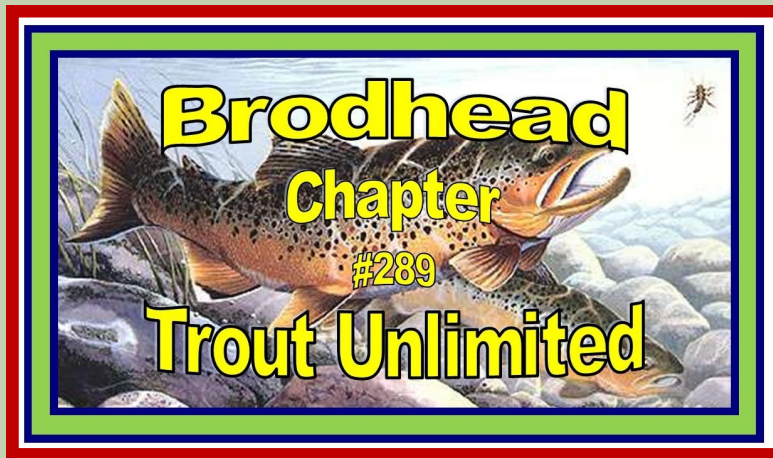
April 16, 8 AM: Annual Knights of Columbus Children's Trout Fishing Contest
Brodhead Park Pond, Stroudsburg

April 24, 9 AM: BTU Fly-Fishing Workshop at Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingman's Ferry, PA (concludes @ 2 PM)

May 5, 7 PM: Board Meeting at ESU

May 11, 7 PM: General Membership Meeting—Aquatic Invasive Species presentation by Sarah N. Whitney at MCCD/KCEEC





FISHING BUDDIES WANT YOU!

The 2016 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); **Todd Burns** (610-704-4549; Weekends, holidays; Martins Creek and Pocono Creek); **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).

The State of Our Membership:

Adult Members = 205

Youth Members = 4

Total Chapter Members—209

Address Changes: KINDLY NOTE...

If you have moved, or if you received a new physical address pursuant to the Monroe County 911E program, you can effect an address change through National TU. 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. If that proves problematic, drop us a line and we'll take care of it.

Thanks for your understanding.—Ed.

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Streamside Asides

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Visit our web page at:

Brodheadtu.org for more information, photos, and scheduled events.

If your membership is about to expire, please take a few minutes to renew. We appreciate your support and assistance with our projects and outreach opportunities.



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