

Streamside Asides



Event Schedule

- **September 12, 19, 26:** Summer Fly-tying class
- **September 14:** General Membership Mtg. 7 PM
Chapter elections, year in review. Also, meet the new **MCCD District Manager**
- **October 12:** General Membership Mtg. 7 PM featuring **Tom Gilmore's "Tailwaters."**
- **November 9:** General Membership Meeting w/a **Gear, Materials & Equipment Swap. 7 PM**
- **December 14:** **Flies and Pies Night** pizza party & fly-tying at MCCD, 7 PM

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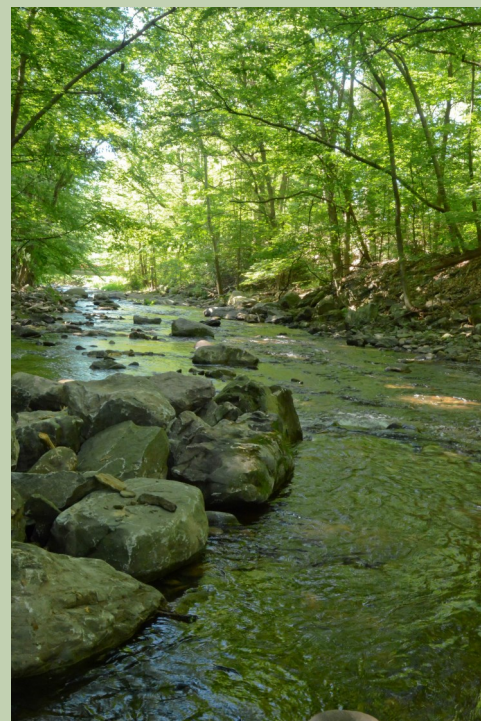
The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout

Pocono Creek Phase I Completed !

On Thursday and Saturday, June 16 and 18, members of Brodhead TU #289 completed Phase I of the Pocono Creek habitat improvement project in Tannersville, PA. Special thanks to contractor and Brodhead TU friend Bill Hakim for his talented work with the excavator as hundreds of boulders found their way to strategic locations in Pocono Creek on the Pocono Heritage Land Trust (PHLT) tract west of the Old Mill Road bridge. Brodhead TU thanks Bill, PHLT, Northampton Community College and Dr. Matt Connell, Pocono Township, Monroe County County Conservation District, and all our members who carved time out of their schedules to observe, help, and support this effort. Congratulations to all on seeing our plans come to fruition.

Weather and stream conditions provided the opportunity to complete this project as planned. In all, five stone deflectors, a cross-vein, and boulder placements were made. The wait now begins for much-needed rains that will provide the hydraulic power necessary for increasing depth and current flow.

Brodhead TU will collect data over the next year to observe the effect these devices have on the creek and the brown trout population. These data will be used for future planning and will be shared with our members and the community.



A view of deflector #3 looking downstream to deflector #2. Old Mill Road bridge is in the background .

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Members and Friends,

The Brodhead chapter and its members mourn the passing of long-time member, Board of Director Emeritus, Mr. Bob Hosko. Bob was a driving force in the chapters efforts at Brodhead Park in the construction of the pavilion, the annual Knights of Columbus Kids Fishing Derby, and numerous other chapter activities throughout the years. His expertise, advice, and friendship will be sorely missed. We extend our sincerest sympathies to his family.

Approximately three dozen members, friends, and family members attended our annual picnic on June 11th. The weather was fabulous, the shade refreshing, and the sights of two juvenile bald eagles along with both parents was certainly a highlight of the event.

The Pocono Creek Phase I habitat project is completed and award-winning (more info in October's newsletter). Our members provided instruction on July 21st at the MCCD Youth Conservation Camp and with Project Healing Waters on August 3rd. The McMichaels Creek project in Snydersville is also complete and our newest fly-tying class (a new late-summer/fall edition) has 12 enrollees and we are having fun learning new patterns, new techniques, and the use of new and different materials. Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way to make these activities successful and we look forward to the months and the years to come.

As you can see, we have been very busy and we plan to remain engaged in our mission to conserve and protect our cold-water resources through outreach, cooperative activities, education, and project service.

For Clean Waters and Tight Lines,

Todd G. Burns, President

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Nominees for Upcoming Chapter Elections

At our General Membership Meeting on September 14, 2106, the membership will vote on the slate of candidates for Officers and Board of Directors for the Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited. The nominating committee has submitted the names of the candidates for open positions. Additionally, any qualified chapter member may be nominated and elected from the floor in September. Thanks to Will Daskal, Don Baylor, and Gerry Bortz for their work in assembling this list. Nominee names are:

President—Todd Burns

Vice-President— John Smith

Secretary—Eric Baird

Treasurer—Russ Thrall

Board Members: Jeff Heberley, Dan Steere, Kathleen Flynn, Jim Connor, Greg Malaska, and John Smith

Incumbent Board Members who will remain on the Board: Don Baylor, Gerry Bortz, Ann Foster, Don Miller, and Tom Van Zandt

We Have A New Address

Our new mailing address is:

Brodhead TU #289

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Pocono Creek Project Photos

Right. The newly constructed cross-vein awaits the arrival of higher water and wild trout.



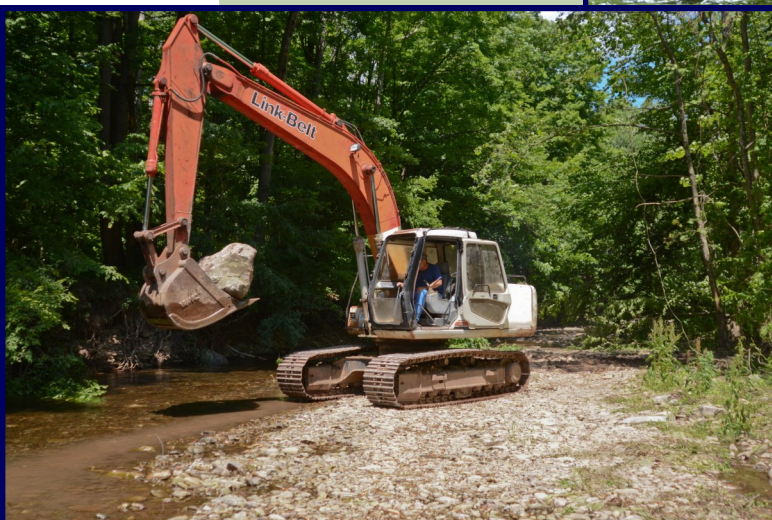
Left. Deflector #2 is ready to help deepen the channel and re-direct flows.



Right. Streamside boulders now provide some protection for the bank and create habitat for wild trout.



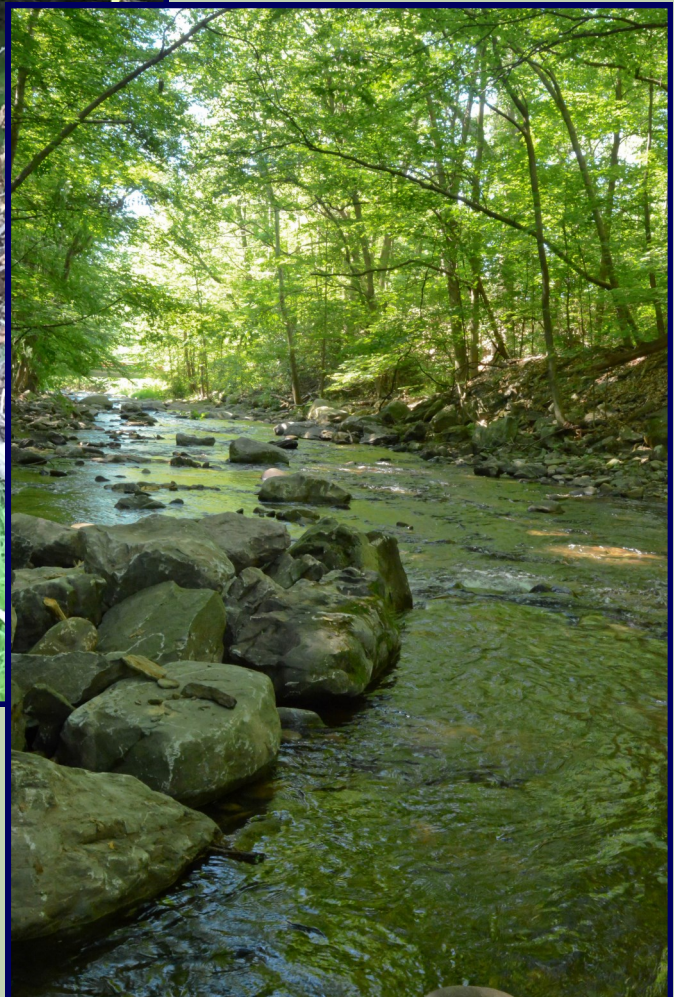
Left. Our excavator placing rocks along the south bank just below the final deflector.



Pocono Creek Project Photos

Right. Deflector #3 begins to take shape.

Below. Controlling erosion after the project appears to be successful.



Right. Looking along deflector #3 down to #2.

McMichaels Creek Project Photos



Clockwise from top left:

1. A load of boulders slides into the creek .
2. Excavator begins placing boulders.
3. The cross-vein begins to take shape.
4. Deflector helping to protect the bank and a falling oak tree.
5. View of boulders and the cross vein from upstream.



McMichaels Creek Project Photos



Clockwise from above:

1. Boulder placement up-stream of the deflector and cross-vein.
2. Looking downstream past the boulders. The deflector is downstream of the left boulder.
3. Eric and Glen roll out the matting to help protect the bank during grass seeding..
4. Todd, Glen, Jack, and Eric pose for a photo on the erosion-control clean-up day. Photo by George Sappah!



Project Works Complete on Pocono and McMichaels Creeks

Through the efforts of our members and friends, the Pocono Creek Phase I and the McMichaels Creek habitat improvement projects are completed!

On June 18-16, 2016, the boulders stored along the Pocono Creek on the Pocono Heritage Land Trust (PHLT) tract last fall were placed into the creek, creating five deflectors, a cross-vein and boulder placements. These devices will provide increased shelter for the wild brown trout and other organisms that inhabit the creek with the goal of increasing the biomass of wild trout. In areas adjacent to our project area, where boulders create cuts, current seams and depth, trout such as the one below left, photographed this June, can live and thrive. Thank you to Patagonia, PHLT, Pocono Township, Northampton Community College, All Construction and Repair, and our members Eric Baird, Don Baylor, Don Miller, Sam and Russell Thrall, Kathleen Flynn, Jim Connor, Todd Burns, and Jerry Bortz, for your assistance with this project. We've been notified that this project has been identified and rewarded as the Best Chapter Project by the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited! Congratulations and thanks to all & if we've missed your name, let us know and we'll add it



Pocono Creek, June 18, 2016



McMichaels Creek, June 8, 2016

With the dog days of August upon us, our work did not stop and BTU also completed the project along McMichaels Creek on Monroe County property near Snydersville. Many thanks to Brodhead Watershed Association, Monroe County, Eric Baird, Jeff Heberly, Jerry Bortz, Tom Van Zandt, Kathleen Flynn, Glenn Hessler, Jack Fossett, George Sappah, Todd Burns, E.F. Possinger & Sons, and Eureka Quarry for their help in adding much needed habitat to the stream. Shown above, right, is a sample of a McMichaels brown trout that, when habitat is present, can provide enjoyment and thrills for those who enjoy the outdoors. The Board is already looking at additional projects near each site so stay tuned!

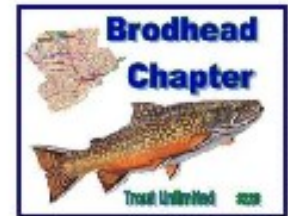
Summer/Fall Fly-Tying Sessions

The chapter initiated an advanced fly-tying class utilizing volunteers from the membership to instruct interested community members on Monday nights in the months of August and September. The first four classes are completed and thank-yous to Will Daskal, Eric Baird, Todd Burns, and John Smith for sharing their talents and knowledge. Below are some photos of the participants and their works. If you think you know everything, this class proves you don't! We'll post photos and a review of the last sessions in a future newsletter.





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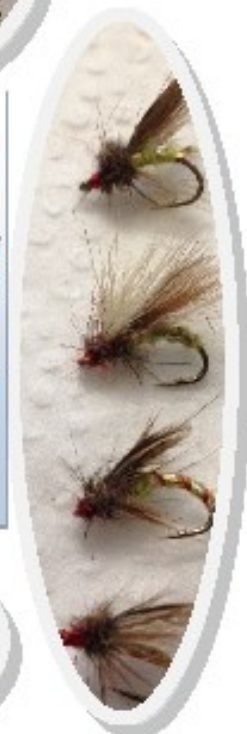


Calling All Fly Tiers

*In Support of
Project Healing Waters Major Paul Syverson
Veterans Sanctuary
Kunkletown, PA*



Project Healing Waters Major Paul Syverson Veterans Sanctuary is looking for donations of flies for use at their retreats and programs for the veterans. So please if you have some free time, tie up a dozen or so of your favorite patterns. Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited Director John Smith will be collecting the flies at chapter events.





BRODHEAD TU MEETING

Wednesday, September 14th, 2016 @ 7:00pm

Kettle Creek Conservation Center

8050 Running Valley Road, Stroudsburg (Bartonsville), PA 18360

n.b.: The Rim Rock Road Bridge from Rt. 611 is now OPEN!

UNIQUE CONSERVATION PROGRAM!

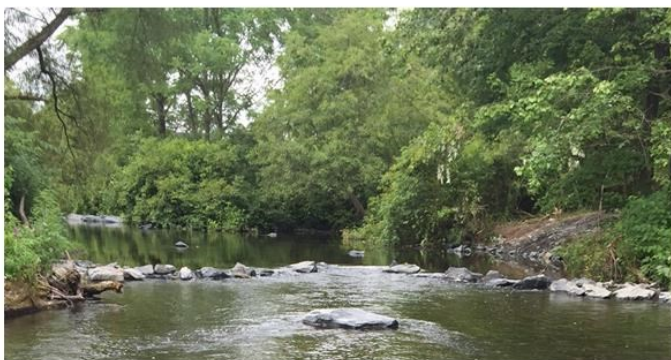


← **MEET ADAM SCHELLHAMMER,**
OUR NEW MCCD District Manager:
State of the Monroe County Conservation Dist.

ROGER SPOTTS, Environmental Ed. Coordinator: →

*MCCD Summer Camp Update —
BTU's Donation Dollars at Work*

- Meet our MCCD Summer Camp Sponsored Students! **PLUS...**



TODD BURNS: Summer Successes & Future Chapter Programs & Activities

DON BAYLOR: Pocono Creek Restoration Project Update

RUSS THRALL: Chestnuthill Twp Community Day Event!

DON MILLER: ForEvergreen FF Workshop Success!

ANN FOSTER: Legislative Update...AND MORE!

WILL DASKAL: New Summer FLY-TYING CLASS success!

AND MUCH MORE!

CHAPTER ELECTIONS TONIGHT!!!

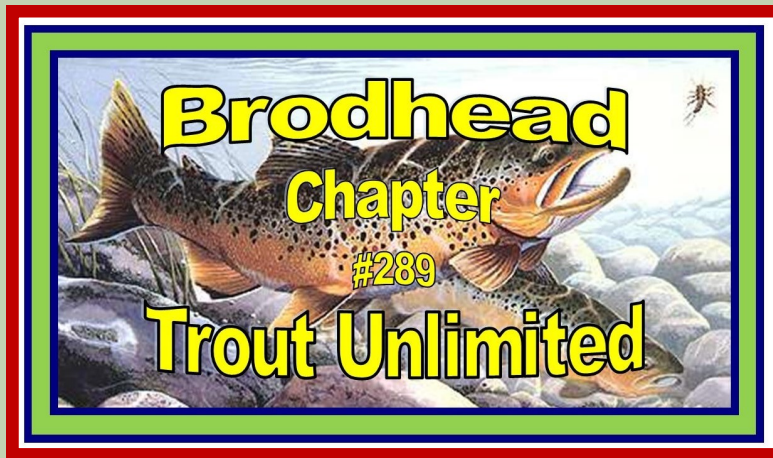
This is an information-packed night you won't want to miss!

BTU Calendar of Events: September 2016 through December 2016

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

- ⇒ Monday, September 12: Summer Fly-tying class at MCCD; 7:00 PM.
- ⇒ Wednesday, September 14: General Membership Meeting & Chapter Elections, MCCD, 7 PM
Overview of 2016-2107 projects, educational outreach, and updates from MCCD staff.
- ⇒ Monday, September 19: Summer Fly-tying at MCCD; 7:00 PM
- ⇒ Monday, September 26: Summer Fly-tying at MCCD; 7:00 PM
- ⇒ Thursday, October 6th: BTU Board Meeting @ ESU; 7:00 PM
- ⇒ Wednesday, October 12: General Membership Meeting; “Tailwaters” by Tom Gilmore 7 PM
- ⇒ Thursday, November 3: BTU Board Meeting 2 ESU; 7:00 PM
- ⇒ Wednesday, November 9: General Membership Meeting at MCCD, 7:00 PM. “Fishing gear and Fly-tying materials Equipment Swap” Bring your stuff and trade ‘til your heart’s content. Your cast-off can be someone else’s treasure.





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 = 210

Youth Members = 4

Total Chapter Members—214

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.

Streamside *asides*

*All material for submission for your newsletter
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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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