

# Streamside Asides



## Event Schedule

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- **April 12:** General Membership Meeting at MCCD—7 PM.

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December 2016

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited

*Happy Holidays  
from Our Waters to Yours*



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Members and Friends,

Here we are, approaching the end of the year, and it's time to take a brief look back at what we've done. BTU had a very busy year as it:

- Engaged in projects on Pocono and McMichaels Creeks,
- Conducted fly-tying classes at the beginner and intermediate levels,
- Assisted with youth conservation education at two venues,
- Provided guidance at the annual Knights of Columbus Fishing Derby,
- Sponsored a Trout in The Classroom experience at Swiftwater Elementary Center,
- Helped with several Project Healing Water events for veterans,
- Provided signage and installation for "Catch and Release" for streams in Paradise Township and Analomink
- Conducted monthly meetings on conservation and fishing related topics
- Planned for future phases of stream habitat improvement on the Pocono Creek (Phases II, III & IV!)
- Provided assistance to PHLT for construction of public access parking on their tract along the Pocono Creek
- Designed and approved for signage for additional public parking near Pocono Creek in Tannersville. (More details shortly!)

By any measure, that's a busy year and I thank all of you for your help in furthering our mission. I look forward to 2017 as it promises to be just as exciting.

For Clean Waters and Tight Lines,  
Todd G. Burns, President

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**Wild Trout Stream Additions :** BTU needs volunteers to submit comments to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission this month in support of protecting a new batch of Class A Wild Trout Waters and Wild Trout Stream sections -- 132 in all statewide. Brodhead TU has 12 proposed wild trout stream sections within its boundaries, by our count.

The deadline for comments is **December 19** : follow the links below. Please take a minute to comment of the addition of wild trout streams.

Class A Streams: [http://pfbcpa.gov/regcomments/index.htm?title\\_number=ClassA-Jan2017](http://pfbcpa.gov/regcomments/index.htm?title_number=ClassA-Jan2017)

Wild Trout Streams: [http://pfbcpa.gov/regcomments/index.htm?title\\_number=WildTroutJan2017](http://pfbcpa.gov/regcomments/index.htm?title_number=WildTroutJan2017)

**PHLT/BWA Award:** Pocono Heritage Land Trust will receive \$50,000 a year for 5 years towards the PHLT & BWA Nature Center and Flyfishing Museum proposed for Forevergreen Preserve. With the cooperation of the Visitors Bureau, these funds come from 10% of the Hotel Tax money that can be distributed to non-profits and other events that are tourist related. Thank you to Bill Sweeney (PHLT), Ed Cramer, and the Commissioners for sharing the good news.

**NEPA Group Discussion:** On Wednesday, December 14, BTU will participate in an informal meeting to work out details on a future NEPA regional training session. This discussion will be a small group with representatives from most NEPA TU Chapters. Reps will discuss ideas on how to effectively and efficiently share information between chapters and to provide NEPA TU with ideas on what they can do to keep us informed.

**DRBCA Passes:** The U.S. Congress passed the Delaware River Basin Conservation Act (DRBCA) on December 10, 2016 as part of a larger legislative package known as the Water Infrastructure Improvements Act for the Nation (WIIN) Act, previously called the Water Resources Development Act. The WIIN Act was passed by a majority of 78 to 21 in the Senate and 360 to 61 in the House of Representatives. The Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed (in which BTU is a member) unites nearly 100 organizations working throughout the region, has been at the forefront of advocating for the legislation in Congress. "The Delaware River Basin is a nationally significant region and deserving of the federal recognition this legislation imparts. We look forward to working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other watershed stakeholders to develop a basin-wide strategy for protecting and restoring the resources of our region for future generations."

Madeline Urbish, Director of the Coalition.





## **Up and Coming BTU...**

**Pocono Creek Phases II-IV:** Don Miller, Don Baylor, Jim Connor, and Kathleen Flynn met with Pocono Township Manager to discuss the process for township approval of these next phases. Phases II and III are downstream of the Old Mill Road bridge and Phase IV is upstream of the PHLT tract and our Phase I improvements. The township manager will arrange for the chapter to present their proposal at a workshop and a public meeting for approval. We will address land owner permissions following the township approval. Things are beginning to roll again and thanks to Don, Don, Jim, Kathleen and Eric.

**Embrace A Stream Signage Project:** We still have some remaining signage to hang and we'll be arranging a workday to hang remaining signs. Stay tuned.

**Pocono Creek Parking Spaces:** Discussion of prototype parking area signage occurred at the December Board meeting and many thanks to Jim Connor and Don Miller for taking the lead. Contact has been made with NCC and all partners in the projects are recognized on the signage.

**Women in Brodhead TU:** Ann Foster began conversations with State Council about an event or workshop in the late spring or early summer. Big Creek Winery and the Stone Lake were suggested as possible venues.

**Cold Water Conservation Corp:** Ann Foster reports that the streams now have adequate flows to resume testing. Yeah!

**2017 Banquet:** Eric Baird prepared and distributed solicitation materials to the Board and they discussed coordination of efforts and storage of raffle prizes. Banquet flyers, ticket prices, and ticket designs are set and you should be hearing and seeing about the banquet very soon. (See page 8!)

**Monroe County Earth Day:** Mark your calendar for April 22, 2017. The event will be held at Northampton Community College—Monroe.

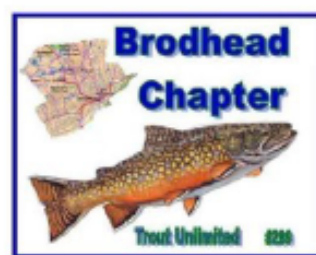
**Networking**— Thanks to Kathleen Flynn for her networking with MCCC and the Delaware River Coalition and for exploring future conservation possibilities. One of these is a PA-DEP environmental education grant for water-quality workshops and/or webinars. More to come!





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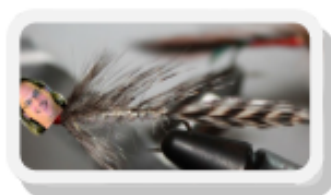
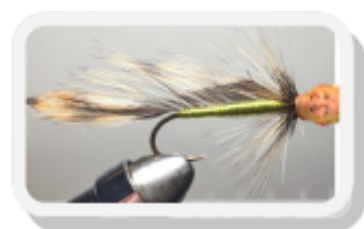


## Proudly Presents

# The Annual Pies and Flies



Bring your vice, equipment, and an appetite...



...tie some flies, share some stories....

...and eat

some pies (pizza that is)



## Join Us for a Night of Food, Fellowship, and Fun

Wednesday December 14, 2016 @ 7:00 PM



MONROE COUNTY  
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Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center

8050 Running Valley Road  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

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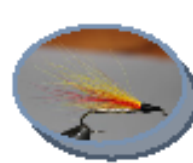
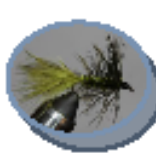
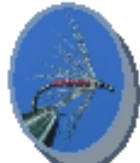
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## An Introduction to Fly Tying



Session 1

Wednesday January 4, 2017 6:30 PM



Session 2

Saturday January 7, 2017 9:00 AM

Session 3

Saturday January 14, 2017 9:00 AM



Session 4

Saturday January 21, 2017 9:00 AM



Session 5

Saturday February 4, 2017 9:00 AM



Session 6

Saturday February 11, 2017 9:00 AM

Make-up date Saturday February 25, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Course fee covers all materials, longer equipment is available from the Chapter for a small fee of \$5.00 plus a \$20.00 deposit.

### For More Information or to Register Contact:

Scott Cesari  
C/O Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited  
PO Box 661  
Tannersville, PA 18372  
Phone: 610- 730-7928  
Email: smcesari@epix.net

### Registration Fee

**Members \$25.00**

**Non-Members \$40.00**

Includes a 1 year Membership to Trout Unlimited  
Make Checks Payable to: Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited

### Registration Deadline

December 28, 2016  
Only 20 Seats Available

### Session 1 will be held at:

Stroudsburg Junior High School  
1901 Chipperfield Dr  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360



### Sessions 2 through 6 will be held at:

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center  
8050 Running Valley Road  
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# The Annual Fly Tying Round Robin



Casting for  
Recovery

...donate some flies  
to a good cause...



...tie some flies, share  
some stories....



...beginners welcome

Join Us for a Night of Flies, Fellowship, and Fun

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## BRODHEAD CHAPTER

# Annual Banquet

**Friday March 24, 2016**



Ridgecrest at Stroudsmoor Country Inn  
231 Stroudsmoor Road  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360  
N 40.96593°, W 075.20369°

**Buffet  
Dinner**

Happy Hour with Cash Bar 5:30PM to 6:30PM  
Dinner 6:30PM to 7:30PM  
Conservation Program and Raffles 7:30 to 9:00PM

**Great  
Raffles**

### Tickets

**Adults \$35.00**

**Children under 12 \$20.00**

(payable in advance)

Tables of 8 to 10 may be reserved

For more information on the program see our website [www.brodheadtu.org](http://www.brodheadtu.org) or contact our Secretary Eric R. Baird at 570-355-0165 or [ericrobertbaird@gmail.com](mailto:ericrobertbaird@gmail.com)

To order tickets, fill out the form below and mail with your check to:

Eric R. Baird  
267 3rd Street  
Pocono Pines, PA 18350

Ordering dead-  
line is March  
17, 2016

Only  
200 tickets  
available

**Make Checks Payable to: Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited**

Complete and return this portion with your check payable to **Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited** to

Eric R. Baird, 267 3rd Street, Pocono Pines, PA 18350  
Ticket Deadline is March 17, 2016

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult Tickets (\$35.00) + \_\_\_\_\_ Children Under 12 (\$20.00) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .00 Reserve Table \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

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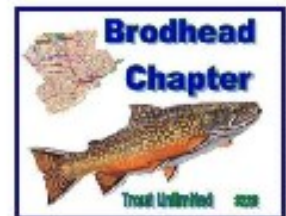
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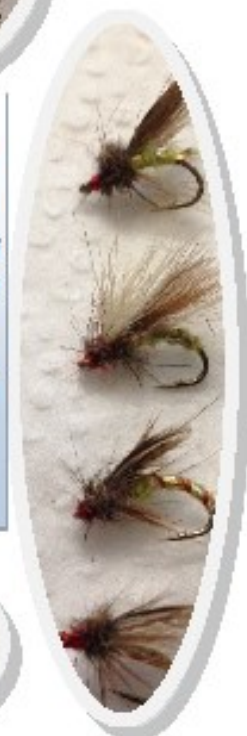


# Calling All Fly Tiers

*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.***

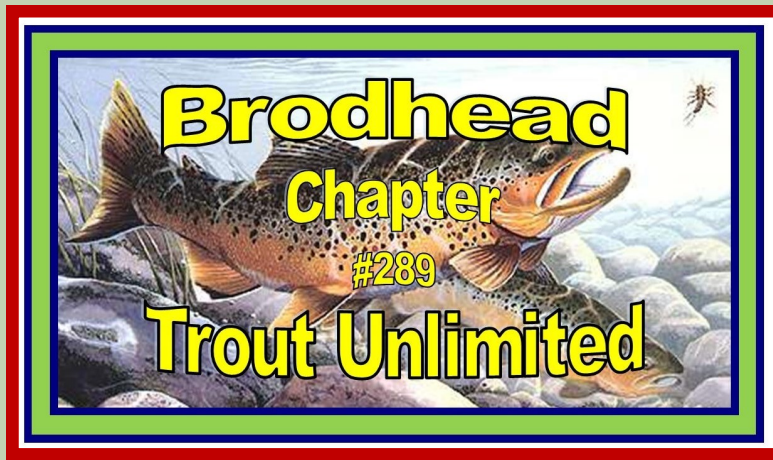


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## ***FISHING BUDDIES WANT YOU!***

**T**he 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  
should be sent to the editor at the following address:*

***Streamside Asides***

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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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