

Streamside Asides



Event Schedule

- **March 18:** MCCD Fly Fishing Workshop—**CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER**
- **March 24: Annual Banquet** at Stroudsmoor Country Inn (Ridgecrest), 5:30 PM
- **April 12:** General Membership Meeting at MCCD—7 PM. Tom Gilmore: **PA's Blue Ribbon Trout Streams**
- **April 15:** Assist with Kid's Fishing Derby at Pinebrook Park - 8:00 AM
- **April 29:** Wine, Women and Waders. Mountain View Vineyard
- **May 6:** Tentative **Stream Cleanup** on Pocono Creek Stay tuned.
- **May 10** General Membership Meeting at MCCD—7 PM.

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March 2017

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited

If it's March, it's Banquet Time!



Join us on Friday, March 24, 2017

Ridgecrest- Stroudsmoor Country Inn

5:30 PM. More details on page 5.

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Members and Friends,

We wouldn't be living in the Poconos if Winter didn't try to make a statement before giving way to Spring. I sincerely hope the two feet of snow in our area has not affected you too much and that you, as I, are looking forward to the harbingers of spring such as blooming Trout Lilies and the emergence of the "green wave" when grasses, shrubs, and trees begin to bloom and shoot their leaves.

As you peruse the newsletter, please take notice of the variety of activities in which we engage. Conservation work, cleanup work, educational programs and working with various other groups are the mainstays of our current operation. Pocono Heritage Land Trust, Brodhead Watershed Association, Stroud Township, Northampton Community College, the Monroe County Conservation District, Monroe County, and Pocono Township have partnered with us (or we with them) as we proceed with various projects and functions. These working relationships allow each group to share expertise and experience and create a symbiotic relationship that benefits all the groups. When we work together, the entire community reaps the benefits and this is good.

As current events continue to unfold in the political arena it is clear that federal and state regulatory agencies will be hard-pressed to carry out the missions for which they were created. As such, local actions and oversight are exceptionally important in maintaining the wonderful resources we have in our area. Local collaborative efforts among our various groups will be needed in the future and I believe Brodhead TU is ready for that challenge. I thank you for your attendance at meetings, for writing letters, for helping whenever, wherever, and however possible. I look forward to your continued participation and support as we make what is "good" into something "great."

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

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Up and Coming BTU...

Pocono Creek Phases II-IV: As stated in the last newsletter, things are beginning to roll and many thanks to Don Miller, Don Baylor, Eric Baird, Kathleen Flynn, Jim Connor, Jeff Heberley, the Pocono Heritage Land Trust and Pocono Township. We have the Township's blessing to move forward with the Phases II-IV of the project and landowner permissions for stream access are being obtained. With a presentation by Kathleen, BTU applied for and was approved for a \$13,000 Monroe County Open Space Mini-Grant to help fund the stream work, signage, and trail formation. Thank you to all for their hard work and dedication to this cause. Discussions on contractors, equipment and dates are underway.

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 (Update): In addition to the signage for the parking areas on the former NCC Campus, Brodhead TU is supporting the construction of a small parking area on the PHLT tract upstream of the Old Mill Road bridge. Working with PHLT to provide this recreational access, we anticipate work will be completed this summer. Anglers, hikers and nature enthusiasts of all kinds will have a spot to park and engage in their favorite activities.

Women in Brodhead TU: Ann Foster has spearheaded the efforts that have culminated with the first "Wine, Women, and Waders" event to be held April 29, 2107 at Mountain View Vineyard. See the flyer on page 6 for all the details. Through some mass and targeted emailing and word of mouth, the session is "Full." We look forward to a great initial event and congrats to all!

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

Class A and Wild Trout Streams: The PA Fish and Boat Commission is proposing to add 99 streams to the Wild Trout Stream listing (WTS) and 41 to the Class A listing. Two of these are in our area, with one being a small tributary to the Appenzell Creek. You can review the proposal by going here: <http://www.fishandboat.com/Fish/PennsylvaniaFishes/Trout/Pages/WildTroutStreamsOfficiallyProposed.aspx> You can show your support for this proposal by going to: <http://pfbc.pa.gov/forms/advance-notice-streams.htm> and filling in the form. Comment periods end March 20, 2017. Don't delay and every comment counts!

Assistance Needed: The TU Chapter of NE New Jersey is planning a fishing trip to the Brodhead on May 20. This is a group that has fished with us previously. They would like some of our members to "guide" them for a day. Usually we meet at Besecker's for breakfast and disperse from there. Unfortunately some of our regulars will be out of town that week. If you could help some fellow TU anglers, let us know by contacting Todd Burns at tgburns@rcn.com.





Up and Coming BTU...continued.

Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge: An opportunity exists for the Brodhead Chapter to partner with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge in constructing in-stream habitat enhancement on Cherry Creek. This tract of land was once a public golf course and was purchased by the Nature Conservancy and then transferred to the Refuge, a part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This area will be open for public use when ready.

Cherry Creek is unique to the Pocono region as it is a limestone-influenced stream. It contains some wild brown trout (population biomass to be determined via electroshocking sampling) although the habitat within the refuge is less than ideal. The stream in this area is low-gradient and, as with many golf courses, riparian areas were cleared to the stream bank providing little shade and no protection from run-off. Our part in this project is to develop a variety of in-stream devices for habitat improvement. Various styles of devices are being considered and plans drawn. We are looking at some options that will allow us to get in the creek and get our hands, and more, wet! As we move forward with planning, we'll keep you in the loop. Some more background information on the site can be found here: <https://www.nature.org/ourinitiatives/regions/northamerica/unitedstates/pennsylvania/placesweprotect/cherry-valley.xml?redirect=https-301> and here: <http://www.poconorecord.com/news/20170204/natures-mulligan-cherry-valleys-transforms-from-golf-course-to-refuge>

Legislative Awareness: At the March 2, 2017 Board Meeting, some discussion occurred that centered upon providing legislative updates at our monthly general membership meetings. Preliminary plans are to provide updates on federal, state, and local legislation that affect conservation and Pocono waterways. We plan to provide access to Action Alerts and on-site comments and replies. In the meantime, here is a link to TU <http://www.tu.org/action-center>

Keystone/TU Teens Conservation Summer Camp

Keystone/TU Teens Conservation Summer Camp is a collaborative effort between Keystone College and several northeastern PA chapters of Trout Unlimited that instructs teens in the art of fly fishing, while at the same time learning about conservation and the environmental sciences involved in the protection and enhancement of coldwater environments. Information can be found at this website: <http://www.lackawannavalleytu.com/flycamp/>





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 or contact our Secretary Eric R. Baird at 570-355-0165 or 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 ____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____



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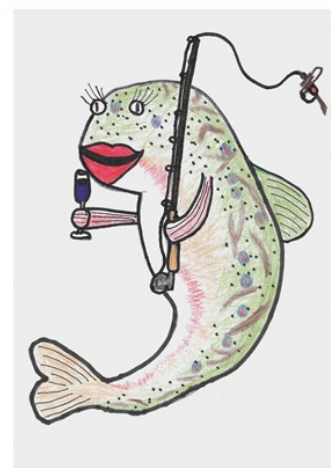
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Wine, Women, and Waders Fly Fishing Basics for Women



Program Includes:

Women and Fly Fishing

Fly Fishing Equipment

Knots

What Trout Eat

Casting

Wine Tasting & Social Hour

Fee of \$20.00 includes Class, Lunch, and Wine Tasting

Loaner Equipment Provided

Pre-registration Required and Limited to 12 Participants

Contact Ann Foster at broadheadtuwomen@gmail.com for more information or to register

Saturday April 29, 2017 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Mountain View Vineyard
A Sustainable Winery Utilizing Eco-Friendly Growing Methods
5866 Neola Road
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
N 40.974611°, W 75.347812°



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Proudly Presents

Tom Gilmore Pennsylvania's Blue Ribbon Trout Streams



After almost three decades of service, Tom Gilmore retired in the spring of 2012, as President and CEO of the New Jersey Audubon Society, the oldest and largest conservation organization in the state of New Jersey. During that time, he led the conservation community through numerous extraordinary environmental achievements. It's no surprise that Tom has received numerous awards and honors, including the Conservation Medal from the Daughters of the American Revolution, New Jersey Environmental Lobby's first Environmental Legacy Award, Earth Share's New Jersey's Environmental Stewardship Award, and Trout Unlimited's Crystal Trout Award for Coldwater Conservation and the NY/NJ Baykeeper's Award for Outstanding Public Service..

Tom was recognized by The Star Ledger newspaper (New Jersey's largest daily paper) as Winner of the Year, for his work to save the Highlands. New Jersey Monthly magazine recognized Tom as one the "101 Most Influential People in New Jersey." He was also awarded the Governors Environmental Achievement Award by both Governors Corzine and Christy. Prior to joining New Jersey Audubon, Tom was the Vice President and General Manager of the Philadelphia Zoo.

In addition to being an accomplished environmentalist, Tom is an avid fly fisherman. He has fly fished around the world for over 45 years. Tom is a well know fly fishing celebrity having given well over 100 programs on fly fishing for everything from trout, bonefish, permit, tarpon, billfish and tuna. He is an accomplished author having written numerous articles for Eastern Fly Fishing and Fly Fishing Saltwaters. His fourth book, East Coast Trophy Tailwaters, was published in the fall of 2014. He is currently completing on a comprehensive Pennsylvania trout stream guide which is due out in September 2016.

His first book, False Albacore, was published in 2002, his second book entitled, Tuna on the Fly, was published in the fall of 2006. Tom's third book Flyfisher's Guide to the Big Apple was published in 2011.

Wednesday April 12, 2017 @ 7:00 PM



MONROE COUNTY
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center

8050 Running Valley Road

Stroudsburg, PA 18360

N 40.988800°, W -75.295825°



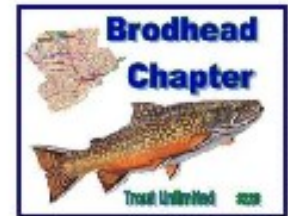
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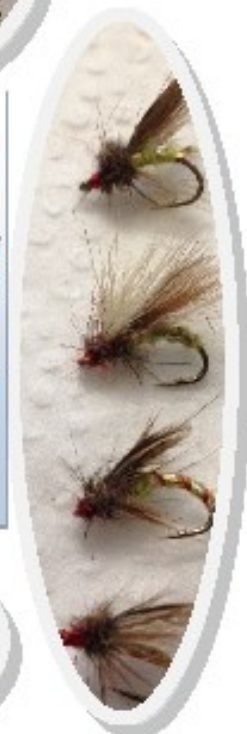


Calling All Fly Tiers

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.

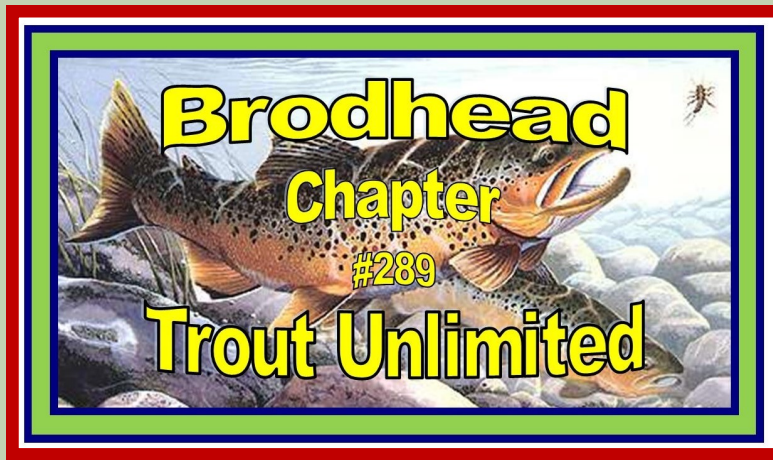


BTU Calendar of Events: March 2017 through June 2017

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

- **March 24:** Annual Banquet at Stroudsmoor Country Inn (Ridgcrest) 5:30 PM
- **April 12:** General Membership Meeting: Author and fisherman Tom Gilmore—MCCD, 7:00 PM
- **April 15:** Knights of Columbus Fishing Derby: Pinebrook Park, 8 AM
- **April 29:** Wine Women and Waders: Mountain View Vineyard, 8:30 AM—2 PM
- **May 6:** Stream Clean-up on Pocono Creek and Tributary: Tannersville . TBD
- **May 10:** General Membership Meeting: MCCD, 7:00 PM
- **June 10:** Annual Picnic
- **June 15 and later:** Project stream work.
- **June 24:** Fly fishing seminar. More information forthcoming. Stay tuned!





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 = 220

Youth Members = 8

Total Chapter Members—228

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

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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.

A sincere thank you is extended to the following supporters of our Chapter as we work to preserve and protect the cold-water resources in the Poconos.

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