

# Streamside Asides



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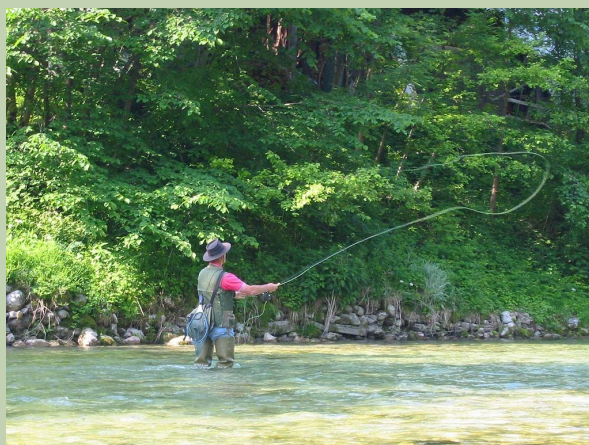
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- **April 15:** Assist with Kid's Fishing Derby at Pinebrook Park - 8:00 AM
- **April 29:** Wine, Women and Waders. Mountain View Vineyard: Full
- **May 6:** Stream/Trash Cleanup on Pocono Creek –Bisbing Run.: 9 AM
- **May 10:** General Membership Meeting at MCCD—7 PM.
- **May 13:** BCRA Water Festival, 9 AM—I PM
- **June 10:** Annual Picnic
- **June 24:** Fly-Fishing Workshop

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April 2017

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited



## OPENING DAY

### Of the 2017 PA Trout Season:

8:00 AM on Saturday  
April 15

## Knights of Columbus Fishing Derby

8:00 AM, Saturday, April 15 at Brodhead Park

## April Gen. Member Meeting:

**Tom Gilmore presents:** Blue Ribbon Trout Streams of Pennsylvania

7:00 PM at MCCD

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### Members and Friends,

Thank you to all friends and supporters who attended our annual banquet on Friday, March 24. We enjoyed the time to get together, talk some shop, and have fun in support of our mission. We look forward to you joining us in another great year of activity.

Please review the various calendars and flyers within the newsletter to acquaint yourself with what we have planned. As events approach, we'll be sending out an email to remind those who want to participate or stop by to lend support and say, "Hi." In fact Brodhead TU will have a booth at the Monroe County Earth Day event at Northampton Community College-Monroe on April 22 and we'll also be at the Brodhead Creek Regional Authority Water Festival on May 13. Come on out to see us and all the other groups. We have many active conservation groups in the Poconos and this is a great opportunity to learn what they do.

Within the current social-political climate, pressures are being applied to relax or revoke regulations aimed at keeping our environment healthy. Obviously, we want our membership to make informed decisions on specific issues. We also want our members to voice their opinions in a manner that will reach the intended recipient in an appropriate manner. As such, we plan to provide access to Action Alerts and on-site comments and replies at our general membership meetings. In the meantime, here is a link to TU <http://www.tu.org/action-center>.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention that trout season has opened in the 13 southeastern counties of Pennsylvania and will open in Monroe County and the rest of the state on Saturday, April 15, at 8:00 AM. If you don't want to fight some crowds, feel free to visit Brodhead Park at that time to watch over the annual Knights of Columbus fishing derby. Set-up starts at 6 AM. I sure hope it's nice weather again this year.

And on a final note, we have an awfully busy year planned and have begun looking ahead to 2018 and 2019! Who said volunteering isn't a full-time job?

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

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## Up and Coming BTU...

**Monroe County Earth Day:** BTU will be participating in celebrating this event with a booth at Northampton Community College—Monroe on Saturday, April 22, 2017. Come on out and visit with us and representatives from other conservation groups and the community as we celebrate and work to protect the resources in the greater Pocono region.

**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. Currently, the class is wait-listed but, fear not, we are looking into holding another event later in the year!

**Pocono Creek Phases II-IV (Update):** We’re in the discussion phase for contractors for boulder movement and placement and we’ve begun to get landowner approvals. We should have the basics in place by early May so the project can be started after June 15th. With this spring’s high waters, the diverters and boulders in Phase I have begun to do their jobs so it will be interesting to see the results as we move into spring and summer.

**Pocono Creek Parking Spaces (Reminder)** 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 still anticipate work will be completed this summer.

**McMichaels Creek Project (Update):** The cross vein and boulders in the McMichaels Creek project on the Monroe County Recreation Fields in Snydersville have benefitted from the spring high waters. Cuts have appeared around the sides of the boulders as the current has begun to deepen these areas, creating cover and feeding lanes for trout. The cross vein centered the current flow into the boulders so the latter could go to work.

**Cherry Creek Project :** On April 6, the BTU Board voted to move forward with funding for our work on the Cherry Creek project. We will be applying for a grant but will fund this up-front so we can avoid any delay. Preliminary plans can be found on page 7. They are subject to change but will give you an idea of what’s in store.

### **Keystone/TU Teens Conservation Summer Camp**

***If you know a young man or woman who is interested in conservation and fly-fishing, urge them to check this out:*** 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/>





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

**Diversity Initiative:** The Board discussed creating a guide of public sites for persons requiring specialized access. This would be initial step in addressing the needs of a variety of people who may not know where such access is and how it can be reached. We look to have a table of such sites available within our next newsletter.

**Austin Blakeslee Preserve:** A partnership among Tobyhanna Township, Pocono Heritage Land Trust, Tobyhanna Conservation Association, Western Pocono Chapter of TU and the Brodhead Chapter of TU is exploring options to improve habitat and fishing opportunities along Tobyhanna Creek within the Preserve. BTU would be looking at 2018 and 2019 for work in this area.





**BRODHEAD  
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## 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

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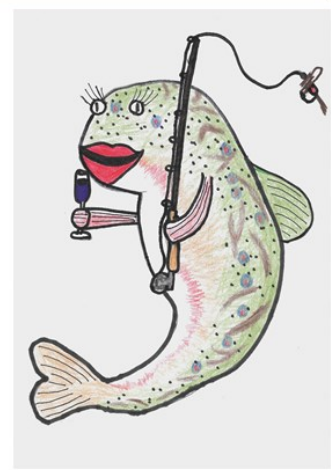
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## BRODHEAD CHAPTER

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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 [brodheadtuwomen@gmail.com](mailto:brodheadtuwomen@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

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## Annual Clean-up

Join the Brodhead Chapter as Part of the

Gloves, Safety  
Vests, and  
Garbage Bags  
Provided



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BEAUTIFUL**

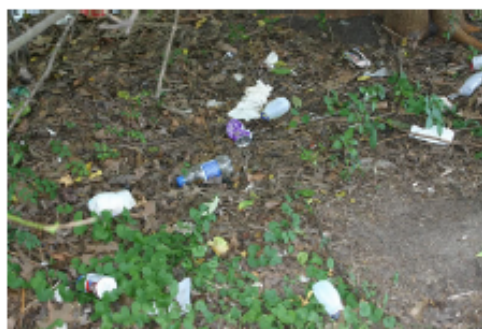
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CLEANUP**

**PENNSYLVANIA**

In Cooperation  
with Monroe  
County Waste  
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Township



We will be cleaning up along  
Bisbing Run, Old Mill Road,  
and Alger Avenue to focus on  
this year's project water. For  
more information contact  
[brodheadchapter@gmail.com](mailto:brodheadchapter@gmail.com)



**Saturday May 6, 2017 from 9 AM to 12 PM**



Tannersville Little League Field  
42 Alger Avenue  
Tannersville, PA 18372  
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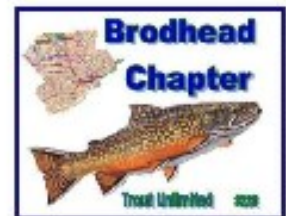


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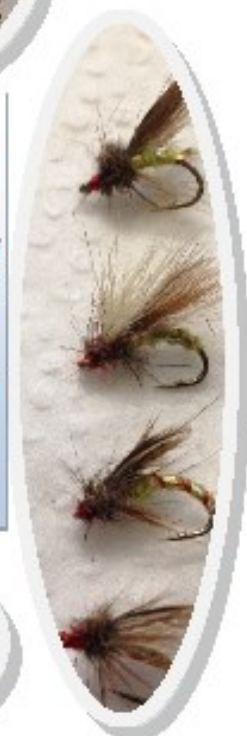


# Calling All Fly Tiers

*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.***



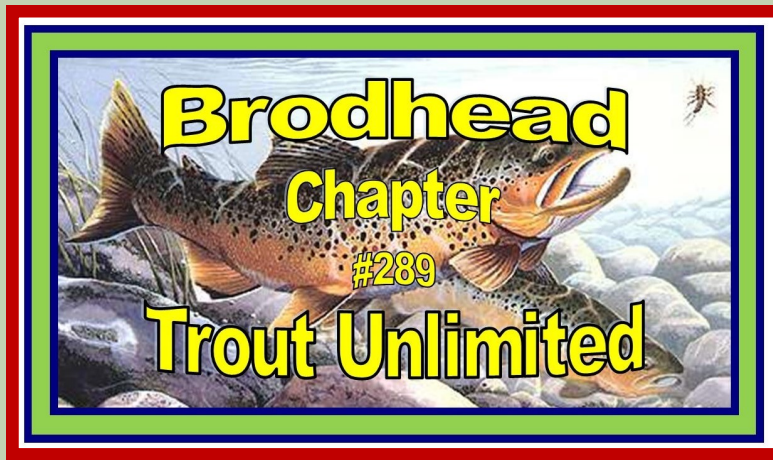


## **BTU Calendar of Events: March 2017 through June 2017**

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

- **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 22:** Monroe County Earth Day Celebration: Pocono Hall, NCC-Monroe 10 AM
- **April 29:** Wine Women and Waders: Mountain View Vineyard, 8:30 AM—2 PM
- **May 6:** Stream Clean-up on Pocono Creek and Bisbing Run: Tannersville . TBD
- **May 10:** General Membership Meeting: MCCD, 7:00 PM
- **May 13:** BCRA Water Festival, 9 AM—I 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!***

**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 = 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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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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