





May 2017

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited

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- June 24: Fly-Fishing Workshop : Cherry Valley

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*** May 10 General Membership Meeting ***

"Conservation Clubs – Partners in Water Resources Protection and Management"

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In attendance will be:

Brodhead Forest and Stream Association
Doug Swift, President
Located on the Brodhead and Paradise Creeks above the
Confluence Pool
Brodhead Hunting and Fishing Club
Paul Kanzelar, President
Dave Lewis, & Bart Bartolacci, Members
Located on the Brodhead Creek upstream of Stony Run
Pohoqualine Fish Association
Ben Turpin, PFA Resources Manager
Located on the McMichaels Creek, headwaters to Sciota
Tobyhanna Conservation Association
Bill Leonard, VP/Secretary
Located on the Tobyhanna Creek below State Park to up
stream of Rt. 611

We hope to see you there!

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Members and Friends,

It's May and that's an exciting month for outdoors people and trout fisherman. Trout Lillies, violets, fiddleheads and Spring Beauties are in bloom and serve as evidence that winter is over. In fact, with the considerable April "showers" we had, we should see a great display of wildflowers when we head out to our favorite waters in May. What a bonus to early season trout fishing! Walking along a cool, bubbling stream and seeing



these brightly colored beacons of beauty enhances the experience greatly.

If you're a fly fisherman, you know that many of the mayfly hatches occur in and around the month of May—they are concentrated-much like the blooming periods of the wildflowers. And this concentration of activity isn't found only with the hatches and wildflowers, it's also found in our Chapter's activities. April, May, and June host more activities/month than at any other time of year. We've got the Pocono Creek project area cleanup on May 6, and this closely follows a jam-packed Wine, Women, and Waders event on April 29, the K of C Kids Fishing Derby held on April 15,



and Earth Day at NCC on April 22nd). We have a very informative May 10 General Membership meeting planned along with the Chapter Picnic and a fly-fishing workshop in June. An then, of course, it's time for project work in the streams.

Spring, it's a great time of year! Get out an enjoy it.

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

Up ,Coming, and Revisited BTU...

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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/

Women in Brodhead TU: Ann Foster 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!

Diversity Initiative: The Board discussed creating a guide of public sites for persons requiring specialized access. We wanted to have a table or list of such sites available within our May newsletter and you can find it on **Page X**.

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.



Look for Project Updates for Pocono Creek Phases II-IV and Cherry Creek in the June newsletter.

2017 Knights of Columbus Kids Fishing Contest





Honoring Bob, for all his efforts for the kids, for BTU, and for the community. A well-deserved recognition.



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In Attendance:

Brodhead Forest and Stream Association, Brodhead Hunting and Fishing Club, Pohoqualine Fish Association, Tobyhanna Conservation Association

Days on the Water will be raffled at the meeting! Wednesday May 10, 2017 @ 7:00 PM



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: May 2017 through September 2017

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

- 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 .
- May 10: General Membership Meeting: MCCD, 7:00 PM "Conservation Clubs—Partners in Water Resource Protection and Management"
- May 13: BCRA Water Festival, 9 AM—1 PM
- June 10: Annual Picnic at Cherry Valley
- June 15 and later: Project stream work.
- June 24: Fly fishing seminar. Cherry Valley. Stay tuned for more information.
- September X: General Membership Meeting, MCCD, 7:00 PM.





FISHING BUDDIES WANT YOU!

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.



Visit our web page at:

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

If your memberships 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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