

# Streamside Asides



## Event Schedule

- **November 8:** General Membership Meeting at MCCD—7 PM. Meet **Michael Horn, Refuge Manager**, Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge & also get **updates** on our **current and future stream projects**.
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November 2017

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited

## Embrace BTU and Embrace a Stream!

Our Brodhead Chapter is participating in Trout Unlimited's **Embrace A Stream** Challenge from November 6-12 – **and we need your help!** Our chapter recently received an Embrace A Stream grant for \$8,500 to support our Cherry Creek Habitat Rehabilitation Project and now **we have a chance to raise even more** for this important project!

Sponsored with a \$50,000 prize pool from Trout Unlimited and Orvis, (Thank you very much!) the Embrace A Stream Challenge is a 7-day **online giving event** to "Give Where You Fish" and support our project and the projects of other TU chapters across the country. But, naturally, we are biased...[support BTU!](#)

Your donation of \$10 or more can help us unlock additional funds for the important work on Cherry Creek, a unique limestone-influenced stream in southern Monroe County of Pennsylvania. This high-quality coldwater fishery is home to a small population of wild brown trout and an even smaller population of native brook trout. The stream itself is spring-fed and travels but a few miles, with a watershed of a mere 30.5 square miles. Our chapter believes that this presents a prime opportunity to expand wild and native trout populations.

With consistent, clean, and cold water, Cherry Creek simply lacks vital trout habitat by way of in-stream structures to become a strong wild trout fishery. Random boulder placement, a rock deflector, a rock cross-vane, a log cross vane, a log vane deflector, a brush deflector, and a log-framed stone deflector will provide wild trout with the necessary rearing habitat, feeding lies, and protection to ensure they can thrive in Cherry Creek. We see the creek as an opportunity to not only increase wild and native trout biomass, but also recognize the highly visible nature of the proposed site. It borders a national recreation area that sees about 5 million visitors annually and is in close proximity to several school districts. By restoring the riparian zones, installing habitat structures, and posting educational signage around the site, we believe we can garner more community interest in coldwater conservation while creating vital habitat and thermal refuge for wild trout. So let's get excited and meet the "Challenge!"

**[See Page 3 for Donation Details!](#)**

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Members and Friends,

Obviously, we're awfully excited about having our Cherry Creek project selected for the Embrace A Stream (EAS) grant from TU and also the potential that the EAS Online Challenge provides. Information on pages 1 and 3 should provide you with what you need to know. Lets have some fun!

As it is November, our thoughts also turn to the legislative processes. Pennsylvania SB 935 passed the Senate recently and it was sponsored by SCARNATI, CORMAN, BROWNE, STEFANO, HUTCHINSON, LAUGHLIN AND SCAVELLO . This Bill is now in the House Game and Fisheries Committee (Chair: Rep. Keith Gillespie, [kgillesp@pahousegop.com](mailto:kgillesp@pahousegop.com) ) and its primary purpose is to set an 8 year term limit for the Executive Director of the Fish and Boat Commission. We should question this proposal as:

- (1) It upends the tried-and-true process by which Commissioners decide when it is time for fresh leadership.
- (2) It distracts from the main issue at hand, which is the need to put the PFBC on sound financial footing so it can do the critical work of protecting and enhancing our fisheries.

The latter point leads us to SB 30, also now in Rep. Gillespie's committee, that authorizes the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) to establish the fees (licenses, etc.) charged by the agency. Currently, the PFBC's fees are established by legislation. Under the proposed law, fees would be established by regulation, opportunities for public comment would be provided, and changes would be considered by the Board of Commissioners at two separate public meetings. The PFBC is certainly capable of determining needs and setting fees to meet the costs associated with its operation. As such, the passage of this bill would provide the Commission with greater agility in meeting not only its needs, but also those of Pennsylvanians who enjoy the outdoor resources and we should support its passage.

Please read the Bills, stay informed, and contact your Senator and Representatives with questions.

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

## Up ,Coming, and Revisited BTU...

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### Embrace A Stream Online Challenge Grant

#### Instructions

The Embrace A Stream Online Challenge encourages those chapters who have already succeeded in designing an award winning project to further their efforts. Trout Unlimited and Orvis will give out cash prizes to chapters with the most unique donations, the most money raised, the most \$10 donations, the most \$25 donations and even to 28 randomly selected donations! That means that *your* donation could be the one to win us an extra \$100, \$250, \$1,000 or more! And to top it off, the Chapter receives all funds pledged to the project!

Members, friends, and family can log on to [www.embraceastream.org](http://www.embraceastream.org) to check out our project and learn more about the event! Our chapter description is found at: <https://embraceastream.org/projects/brodhead>. The **donation page goes LIVE at 12:00 AM on Monday, November 6** (That's either really early on somewhat late!) and the event runs through November 12. So tell your kids, tell your friends, tell your boss! We're extremely excited about the potential this challenge offers in meeting the needs of our next project.



Be sure to follow us on Facebook [<https://www.facebook.com/Brodhead-Chapter-of-Trout-Unlimited-625230280989104/>] and Twitter [<https://twitter.com/BrodheadTu>] to stay in the loop as the Embrace A Stream Challenge draws near.

Don't forget to follow all the action with  
**#embraceastream!**

**Get excited and get involved!**



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**Proudly Presents**

## Michael Horne

Refuge Manager, Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge



Michael Horne will present on the plans for the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) including public access, habitat enhancement (both terrestrial and aquatic), and how the Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited can be a part of the process.



## Project Updates and Future Projects



Learn about the work that has been done to restore the Pocono Creek in Tannersville and the Cherry Creek in the Cherry Valley NWR along with a future projects on the Tobyhanna Creek in the Austin T. Blakeslee Preserve.

**Wednesday November 8, 2017 @ 7:00 PM**



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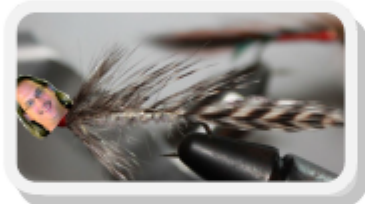
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## The Annual Pies and Flies



Bring your vice, equip-  
ment, 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  
Special Presentation on How to Advocate with TU

Wednesday December 13, 2017 @ 7:00 PM



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## An Introduction to Fly Tying



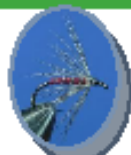
Session 1

Wednesday January 10, 2018 6:30 PM



Session 2

Saturday January 13, 2018 9:00



Session 3

Saturday January 20, 2018 9:00 AM



Session 4

Saturday January 27, 2018 9:00 AM



Session 5

Saturday February 3, 2018 9:00



Session 6

Saturday February 10, 2018 9:00 AM



Make-up date Saturday February 24, 2018 at 9:00 AM

Course fee covers all materials,.

Loaner 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:

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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

**January 5, 2018**  
**Only 20 Seats Available**

Session 1 will be held at:

Stroudsburg Junior High School  
1901 Chipperfield Dr  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360  
N 40.998947°, W 075.231676°



Sessions 2 through 6 will be held at:



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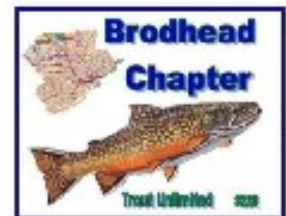


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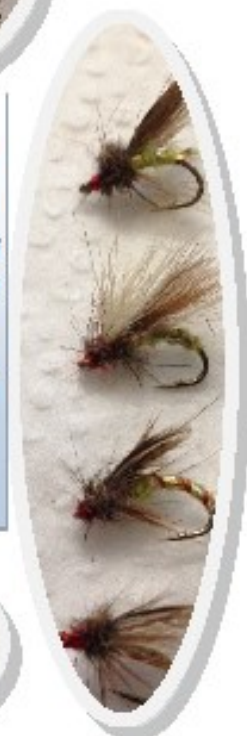


# Calling All Fly Tiers

*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.***





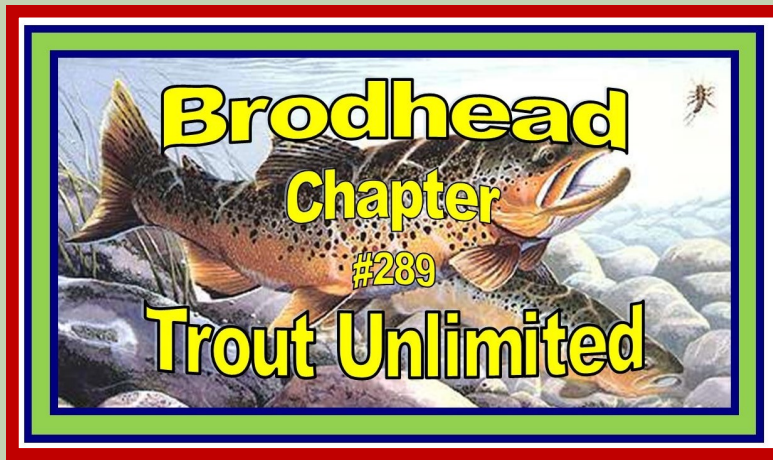
## **BTU Calendar of Events: September 2017 through March 2018**

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

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- ♦ **March 23, 2018: Annual Banquet at Stroudsburg Country Inn**







## ***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 = 232**

**Youth Members = 8**

**Total Chapter Members—240**

## **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:*

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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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