

# Streamside Asides



## Event Schedule

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- ◆ April 14, 2018: **Opening Day of Trout Season!**

December 2017

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited

## Peace and Joy To All



As we enter into this holiday season, we wish you peace, health, and happiness for you and your family and best wishes for a safe and happy new year in 2018.



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Members and Friends,

Another year is coming to an end and I believe it is fitting that I compliment and thank you, our members and friends, for all your support in 2017. Whether you tied flies for our veteran's outreach, picked up trash along Bisbing Run and Pocono Creek, or measured fish at the Knights of Columbus fishing derby, you provided important support. You may have directed traffic, planted seed and spread straw to support our efforts on the Pocono. Some of you assisted with our fly-tying classes, fly-fishing workshop and information booths at various community events. And still others provided feedback, legislative advocacy or financial support. All of these actions provide support to our chapter and our mission and I thank you for that.

As we look ahead to 2018, Brodhead TU will once again be undertaking some stream habitat improvements, with our initial focus on Cherry Creek but also exploring the possibilities along Tobyhanna Creek. We're always looking for project water so if you have an idea or two please let us know.

We anticipate it will be an interesting year on the legislative and regulatory fronts as policies and positions will be pursued and floated that could support or counter the mission of TU. Vigilance and attention to sound scientific practices will be keys to our efforts.

Education through Trout in the Classroom and community forums and presentations will continue and we look forward to working cooperatively with other local TU chapters. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate with other true, conservation-focused organizations such as the Pocono Heritage Land Trust, Brodhead Watershed Association and Penn Future.

So as we approach the end of one year and prepare for the next, I say thank you for all you've help us accomplish.

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

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

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### Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

From November 6-12, 2017, the Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited was able to participate in the TU-Orvis Embrace a Stream Challenge. Through the efforts and great generosity of our members and friends, we raised \$2,574 toward our Cherry Creek habitat improvement project. Additionally, through TU and Orvis, we also won an additional \$850 bringing our total fundraising efforts to \$3,424. We sincerely thank you for your support as we progress with this exciting project. We will be sure to provide frequent updates once our work begins next summer and we're hoping to have some work days so you can participate.



### DEP Contacted Regarding McMichaels Creek

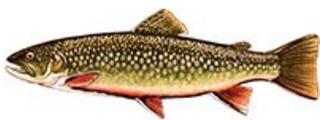
Members have noticed discharge solids and algae/fungal growth outside the effluent pipe at Pleasant Valley Manor on McMichaels Creek and reported the issue, along with photos, to DEP. We plan to visit the site in the near future to make additional observations and relay the information to DEP. This site is approximately 1/2 mile upstream of our habitat improvement work near the Monroe County recreation fields.

### Coalition of the Delaware Ricer Watershed (CDRW).

Brodhead TU is a member of CDRW and the following information is derived from our most recent communication:



1. The PA state budget includes a cut to DEP of 7%. Bad news.
2. A natural gas severance tax is still under debate. To be decided.
3. A long-term agreement (5-year with extensions) has been reached on flexible flow management on the Upper Delaware River. Good news.
4. New regulations would allow more manganese discharges into rivers and streams. Bad news.



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



### **DRBC Proposed Rule for Fracking in the Delaware River Basin**

- Permanent ban on fracking with the Basin
- Allows approved water withdrawals for fracking purposes outside the basin
- Allows discharge of approved treated fracking wastewater into the Delaware River Basin
- Public comment period lasts until February 28th and can be made online. We'll post the address in the next newsletter.

### **Designated Use Upgrade to Swiftwater Creek**

Recently, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IIRC) voted 5-0 in favor of upgrading the Designated Use status of Swiftwater Creek to Exceptional Value (EV). Whereas Swiftwater Creek is a vital tributary of Brodhead Creek, our namesake stream, Brodhead TU is in favor of this designation as it supports our mission.



### **Challenge to EV Stream Designations in Monroe County**

An intent to appeal with the Environmental Review Board challenges the EV status of ALL the EV streams in Monroe County. This would include Devil's Hole Creek, Tank Creek, and Paradise Creek: all of which were originally petitioned by Brodhead TU. Cranberry Creek is also included on the list. Brodhead TU is not in favor of changes to the status of pristine mountain streams and their watersheds as they provide numerous recreational opportunities for hikers, hunters, fisherman and outdoor enthusiasts who visit our community to engage in these activities. We will stay focused on these proceedings.





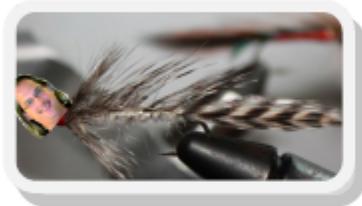
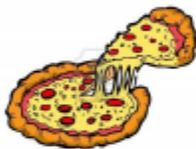
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Proudly Presents

# 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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CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center  
8050 Running Valley Road  
Stroudsburg, PA 18360  
N 40.988800°, W -75.295825°



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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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C/O Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited  
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Tannersville, PA 18372  
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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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# The Annual Fly Tying Round Robin



**...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**  
**Wednesday February 14, 2018 @ 7:00 PM**



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# BRODHEAD CHAPTER

# Annual Banquet

**Friday March 23, 2018**



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  
16, 2018*

*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 16, 2018

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

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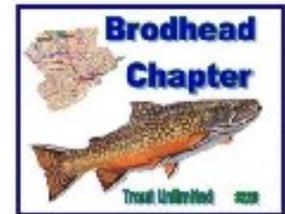


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# Calling All Fly Tiers

*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.***

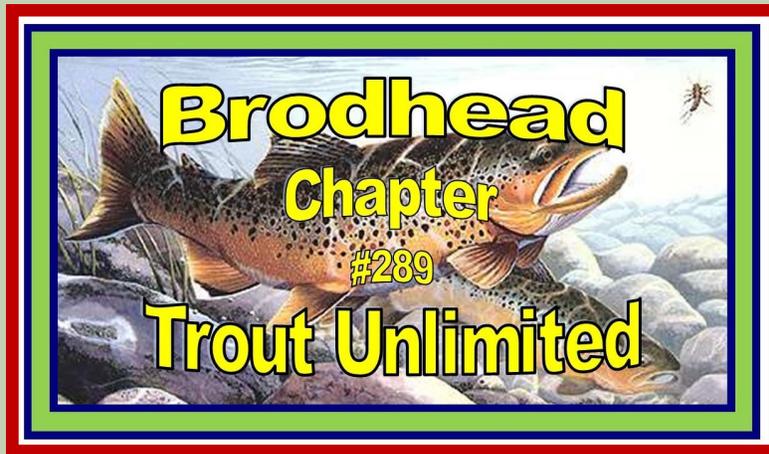


## **BTU Calendar of Events: December 2017 through March 2018**

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

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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 = 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*

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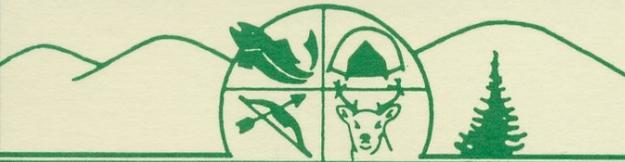
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**Brodheadtu.org** for more information, photos, and scheduled events.

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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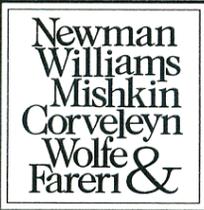
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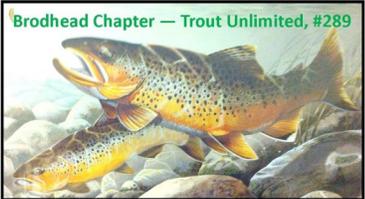
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