

# Streamside Asides



#### **Event Schedule**

- ◆ February 14: Fly-tying Round Robin. MCCD—7 PM
- ◆ March 14, 2018: National Advocacy Programs. MCCD—7 PM
- ◆ March 17, 2018: Introduction to Fly Fishing—9 AM—12 PM. MCCD.
- March 23, 2018: Annual
   Banquet at
   Stroudsmoor Country
- ◆ April 14, 2018: Opening Day of Trout Season!
- April 14, 2018: Knights of Columbus Fishing
   Derby, Brodhead Park.
   8-11AM.

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February 2018

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited

# **Cabin Fever Cure!**

Is it ever really too cold, wet, or snowy to fish? Well, maybe, but you'd be surprised at how good the fishing can be in the winter, even in the Poconos. Dress warmly, read the water, and fish patiently and your efforts will be rewarded. To many of us this is a sure fire way to cure a bad case of cabin fever. And if that doesn't cure you, read on about all the other activities we have to pick you out of the winter doldrums.



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Members and Friends,

Well, this has been one crazy winter. Snow, sleet, ice and freezing rain—you'd think we lived in the Poconos!

Hopefully within the next few weeks we'll begin to see some signs of winter fading and spring arriving. Once we see those first intrepid robins and bluebirds, you'll know its just a matter of time. And when we speak of winter and spring, that's when Brodhead TU is extremely active.

Please take a few minutes to look at the chapter calendar of events included with this issue. Thanks to Eric Baird, we've got everything on one page for easy posting and reference! You'll see meetings and workshops and community events that focus upon advocacy, education, conservation and, of course, some trout fishing and fellowship.

I look forward to seeing you at some of our upcoming events and when the weather gets warmer I hope to see you on the stream—either in our habitat projects or simply wetting a line.

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

P.S. Since I wrote this column, I observed a small flock of cedar waxwings and a few bluebirds devouring the fruit of our flowering crabapple tree. Hang in there!

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# Up ,Coming, and Revisited BTU ...

### 20th Annual Brodhead TU Banquet

On March 23rd, 2018, the Brodhead Chapter will hold its 20th Annual Banquet. This is a great opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the efforts of our members, friends, and supporters. A flyer is found on page 9 for your reference. In addition to the usual wonderful raffle items, we will have several new fly rod outfits for prizes along with children's items.

#### **Pocono Creek Project**

A January walkthrough of our Pocono Creek project work revealed that nature is beginning to do its work around our habitat improvement devices. Phase I above the Old Mill Rd. bridge is developing cuts and holding water behind the deflectors and along the bankside boulders. In Phases II/III, which is less than a year old, is showing some nice development around the cross-veins and boulders. We estimate 80% of the trail work is completed in Phases II/III. We look forward to the boulder placements that should be coming this year in Phase IV behind the location of the former Tannersville Elementary Center. Parking is available on the site of the former NCC building (look for the signs) and on the PHLT tract near the bridge.

## **Cherry Creek Project**

The chapter is finalizing plans for our cooperative work with the USFWS on Cherry Creek. In addition to the planned rock and log devices, and thanks to the efforts of Don Miller, we've acquired over 100 used Christmas tress for use in building the brush deflectors included within the plans. Building these devices will allow us to get ourselves into the creek and experience a true hands-on construction project.

#### **Open Positions—Volunteers Needed**

Our chapter has two open positions for active volunteers. These are:

- I. <u>Veterans Services Coordinator</u>
- 2. Youth Education Coordinator

If you are interested and/or would like more information, please contact any Board member.

#### Trout in the Classroom Addition

The Chapter will be sponsoring a new Trout in the Classroom (TIC) group. Board Member and TIC Coordinator Dan Steere has been in contact with teacher Jim Derenzis at Stroudsburg High School and we've approved the funding for the aquarium, chiller, and training needed to get this group of high schoolers up to speed. Our other TIC project is at Swiftwater Intermediate School in the Pocono Mountain School District. Good luck everyone!

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



### **Advocacy Updates**

- 1. The Chapter continues to monitor activities surrounding the opposition to the stream upgrade petition of Swiftwater Creek (EV status) and other streams in the greater Pocono area.
- 2. Brodhead TU signed on to a letter opposing limitations on public input on changes to the Clean Water Act as specified in Section 434. We believe free and unfettered input is vital to the decision making process. We also oppose section 424 that would allow greater amounts of dredged and fill material to be more easily dumped into our rivers and polluting our waters.
- 3. PA Senate Resolution 104 (SR104) would lift the moratorium on new drilling leas es within and on State Forest lands. The industries currently have access to 1/3 of the total State Forest system and almost 1/2 of the State Forest land that overlies Marcellus Shale formations. Due to the impacts of drilling activities that include forest conversion, introduction of invasive species, soil disturbance, and a negative impact on recreational uses (such as hunting and fishing), we are opposed to this resolution.



One of the reasons we work to protect our cold-water resources...







# BRODHEAD Proudly Presents

# 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



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







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# Rob Shane Mid-Atlantic Organizer, Eastern Conservation



Rob Shane, Trout Unlimited's Mid-Atlantic Organizer, will be talking about TU's initiatives in the region. Primarily, the focus of his team in the past year have been the Unassessed Waters Initiative, the Clean Water Rule, and threats to wild trout from energy and other forms of development. Also, Rob will talk a little bit about ways the chapter can engage in advocacy

efforts at the local, state, and federal levels.

Rob joined the Mid-Atlantic Advocacy team in October 2017. Previously, he was working as the Volunteer Operations Coordinator with TU out of the Arlington, VA office. A native of Columbus, Ohio, Rob has spent much of his life fishing for steelhead and trout in Pennsylvania and has deep ties to the resources of the keystone state.

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Bring your unwanted fishing and fly tying gear, equipment and materials to trade or sell with others. Fishing related vendors and professional tiers welcome.

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# **Chapter Swap Meet**













# Wednesday April 11, 2018 @ 7:00 PM



Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center

8050 Running Valley Road

Stroudsburg, PA 18360







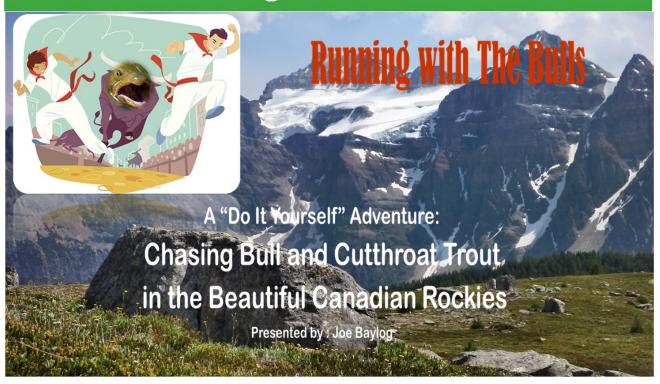
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# Joe Baylog Running with the Bulls



A "Do It Yourself" Adventure:

Chasing Bull and Cutthroat Trout in the Beautiful Canadian Rockies

# Wednesday May 9, 2018 @ 7:00 PM



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# Friday March 23, 2018



Ridgecrest at Stroudsmoor Country Inn 231 Stroudsmoor Road Stroudsburg, PA 18360 N 40.96593°, W 075.20369°

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

> **Tickets** Adults \$35.00 Children under 12 \$20.00

(payable in advance) Tables of 8 to 10 may be reserved



To order tickets, fill out the form below and mail with your check to:

Eric R. Baird 267 3rd Street Pocono Pines, PA 18350

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 \_ Address:





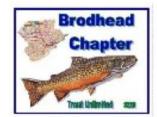
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# Calling All Fly Tiers

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.









Trout Unlimited General Meeting, "National Advocacy Programs" Wednesday March 14, 2018 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM



Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, Stroudsburg, PA



**Introduction to Fly Fishing** 

Saturday March 17, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Registration Required, \$8 Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, Stroudsburg, PA

**Annual Conservation Dinner** 

Friday March 23, 2018, Tickets On Sale \$35 Adult/\$20 Children under 12

Stroudsmoor Country Inn



**Trout Unlimited General Meeting "Chapter Swap Meet"** 

Wednesday April 11, 2018 from 7:00 PM and to 9:00 PM Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, Stroudsburg, PA

KOC Children's Fishing Contest for Ages 2-11, Free, Saturday April 14, 2018, Contest is from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM Brodhead Creek Park, Stroudsburg, PA





**Monroe County Earthday** 

Saturday April 21, 2018 from 10:00 AM and to 3:00 PM Northampton Community College Campus, Tannersville, PA

**Annual Chapter Clean-up** 

Saturday April 28, 2018, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM Alger Avenue Baseball Field, Tannersville, PA



**Introduction to Fly Fishing** 

Sunday April 29, 2018 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Registration Required, \$10

Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry, PA

**Trout Unlimited General Meeting "Running With Bull Trout"** 

Wednesday May 9, 2018 from 7:00 PM and to 9:00 PM



**Annual Members Picnic** 

Saturday June 9, 2018 from 3:00 PM to Dusk. Location TBA

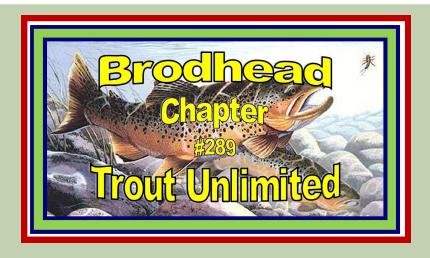
Advanced Fly Tying Class

Registration Begins in June 2018

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, Stroudsburg, PA







# 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:

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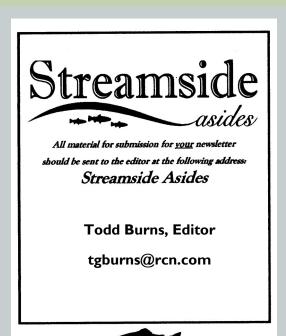
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Total Chapter Members—256

# 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: I-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.

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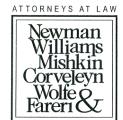


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