

Streamside Asides



Event Schedule

September 12, 2018:

General Membership Meeting, 7 PM, KCEEC. "MCCD Update, Conservation Camp Report, Cherry Creek Project Update & Elections"

September 15, 2018: Get Outdoors Day at Brodhead Park, 1 –4 PM.

September 22, 2018: NWTF "Jakes Day" at Twin Pine Campground, Stroudsburg

September 26, 2018: Project Healing Waters

September 29, 2018: Fly Fishing Workshop at Pocono Country Place. 8 AM—12 PM.

October 10, 2018: General Membership Meeting, 7 PM, KCEEC -Fishing the Lackawanna River by Adam Nidoh.

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September 2018

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited

CONGRATULATIONS!

On Saturday, September 8, 2018 the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited named Brodhead TU member Eric Baird (right) as **Volunteer of the Year**. Chosen from all volunteers across the state, Eric's selection was based upon his tireless service to Trout Unlimited's mission by planning, leading, and participating in educational programs, habitat restorations, workshops, and, well, just about everything we do. When we do it, Eric is there! We think this award is well-deserved and we're proud to have Eric as "ours." When you see him, give him a hearty congratulations—he earned it.



On the same date, Brodhead TU member Greg Malaska (left, middle) was awarded the **Inky Moore Award for Service** to PA State Council. Greg has been active in our local chapter and state council activities for years and has always been a great resource. It's great to see his efforts recognized in this way. Also, we are proud to report that Greg was elected as **President of Pennsylvania TU** for next year. We are so proud! Again, when you see Greg, congratulate him on his success and wish him well in his new position.

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Members and Friends,

September is traditionally when our communities slide into the back-to-school routine as vacations are over, summer residents look forward to flying south, and we all refocus on our work. As a part of the community, BTU is no different and our schedule for September is a hectic one.

We had a work day on Cherry Creek on September 8th and finished a bank stabilization. We're so close to being finished with this phase but we're not quite there. At our Board meeting on the 6th, we discussed the scheduling of our first post-work **electroshocking** of the creek and we are currently looking at the end of this month. We'll get an invitation out to all of you when we have the details finalized. If you've never witnessed this process, it can be an eye-opening experience.

We have members attending the annual Pennsylvania TU meeting on the 8th, a general membership meeting at Kettle Creek EEC on the 12th, we'll be running a booth at the Get Outdoors program on the 15th, helping with the National Wild Turkey Federation "Jakes Day" on the 22nd and conducting a fly-fishing workshop on-site at A Pocono Country Place on the 29th. Whew!

While all the **educational activities** just mentioned help support our mission, so, too, does advocacy for the cold-water fisheries and resources of the Poconos. Recently, a local campaign focused on the status of our Exceptional Value streams was rolled out to the public. We've included a link to the web site on page 6 and I encourage you to navigate over, review the information, and hopefully sign the position to support **Our Pocono Waters**. To provide a bit of background, I've put together a Q & A on page 5 .

As for **fishing news** (You knew I'd get to that, didn't you?) the exceptionally wet weather has kept streams from their normal "summer lows". Although it's been hot recently, the additional water in the creeks and streams has assisted in keeping the water temperatures moderated. Our October general membership meeting will focus on fishing the Lackawanna River and we are hoping to initiate a (hopefully annual) **redd survey** on some of our local wild trout streams. I hope to see you soon.

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

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Up ,Coming, and Revisited BTU...

Cherry Creek Project Update and Photos (Yes, we're still at it!)

During our most recent workday on August 18 , we built our first brush deflector out of discarded Christmas trees. The purpose of such a device is to slow the current as it works its way into the nooks and crannies of the branches. Once slowed, the current is unable to support any suspended particles and they fall out. Over time, these deposits will fill in the spaces around the trees and create an earthen deflector. At that point, it acts as the other deflectors, narrowing the stream channel and diverting flow to strategically placed, downstream boulders. Plans for our next phase of work includes at least one more of these devices, hopefully two.



Cherry Creek Habitat Work—Brush Deflector



Exceptional Value (EV) Streams Question & Answer

Q: Where are the regulations found regarding Exceptional Value streams?

A: Such regulations are found in Chapter 93: Water Quality Standards of the Pennsylvania Code. This information can be found by clicking here: [Chapter 93](#).

Q: What types of water uses are protected in Pennsylvania?

A: There are various types of water uses identified in the law. However, Aquatic Life and Special Protections of interest in this case are:

Exceptional Value (Highest Level of Protection),
High Quality Waters (2nd highest level of protection)
Cold Water Fishes

Q: What makes a stream “High Quality” (HQ) or “Exceptional Value” (EV)?

A: A stream that meets criteria in one or more of the following areas is a High-Quality Water.

Chemistry. The chemical composition of the water. This includes temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen levels and dissolved metals.

Biology. The biological health of the stream. Factors such as physical habitat, benthic macroinvertebrates (the bugs that live in the streams), and/or fishes are assessed and evaluated. A biological assessment qualifier is used to make the determination.

Other: If the water is classified as a Wild Trout Stream by the Fish and Boat Commission following public notice and comment.

A stream that meets the criteria for High Quality and one or more of the following is an Exceptional Value Water.

The water is located in a National wildlife refuge or a State game propagation and protection area.

The water is located in a designated State park natural area or State forest natural area, National natural landmark, Federal or State wild river, Federal wilderness area or National recreational area.

The water is an outstanding National, State, regional or local resource water.

The water is a surface water of exceptional recreational significance.

The water achieves a score of at least 92% (or its equivalent) using the methods and procedures described in subsection (a)(2)(i)(A) or (B). **(This is the biological assessment qualifier used in HQ determination).**

The water is designated as a “wilderness trout stream” by the Fish and Boat Commission following public notice and comment.

The water is a surface water of exceptional ecological significance.

Q: Are there criteria concerning potential degradation of HQ or EV streams?

A: Yes, this information is found in [Chapter 93.4a, Antidegradation](#). The pertinent sections are shown below.

- *Protection for High Quality Waters*—The water quality of High Quality Waters shall be maintained and protected, **except as provided in § 93.4c(b)(1)(iii)** (relating to implementation of antidegradation requirements – see below).
§ 93.4c(b)(1)(iii): *Social or economic justification (SEJ) in High Quality Waters*. The Department may allow a reduction of water quality in a High Quality Water if it finds, after full satisfaction of the intergovernmental coordination and public participation provisions of the Commonwealth’s continuing planning process, that allowing lower water quality is necessary to accommodate important economic or social development in the area in which the waters are located. A reduction in water quality will not be allowed under this subparagraph unless the discharger demonstrates that the High Quality Water will support applicable existing and designated water uses (other than the high quality and exceptional value uses) in § 93.3, Table I (relating to protected water uses).
- *Protection for Exceptional Value Waters*—The water quality of Exceptional Value Waters shall be maintained and protected. **There are no exceptions.**

Q: The word “discharger” is used above. Is that important?

A: Yes, it is. Discharges from wastewater treatment plants are an important focus of anti-degradation efforts.

Q: Are these regulations really old and outdated?

A: Actually, no. Most go back to the mid- 1980’s and they’ve been amended since that time



The Poconos region attracts millions of people to its scenic and natural beauty, as well as to its many local businesses. We are proud of the mutually beneficial relationship that has been built between business and the environment, a relationship that provides for good jobs and wholesome family recreation. But many of our clean, fishable streams are now being threatened by powerful interests who would rather pollute them than invest in updated technology and engineering practices that would protect our streams. As local business owners, hunters, anglers, hikers, conservationists, and community members, we demand that our clean streams, which support a healthy economy, remain a priority for our community.

Our Pocono Waters Campaign is unifying the community while educating citizens, business leaders, and local leaders about the importance of protecting “Exceptional Value” (EV) streams, highlighting the many ways that clean streams and economic development coexist in a region known for its natural beauty and booming tourism industry. **While only two percent of PA streams are classified as “Exceptional Value,” 80 percent of the state’s “EV” streams are in the Poconos, primarily located in Monroe, Pike, and Wayne counties. This is why we need your support and action.**

[Sign the petition today](#) to urge your elected officials to support Exceptional Value designation and protection of our streams.

News Notes, Advocacy Opportunities, and Items of Interest:

- **Our Pocono Waters**

A recent collaborative effort, strongly supported by BTU, to educate the community on the protections provided by Exceptional Value (EV) designations and advocate to keep our Pocono waters clean for generations to come. For additional information and to sign the petition supporting this initiative, please go [here](#).

- **Land and Wildlife Conservation Fund**

For over fifty years, the Land and Wildlife Conservation Fund provided support for efforts to improve and repair habitat and land use. At present, the federal government is showing no movement toward renewing the fund which is derived from off-shore drilling fees. It is not supported by taxes and is an important source of funding which supports environmental endeavors. For additional information and to urge your elected representatives to support a renewal, go [here](#). Time is running out as there are only a few weeks left. What this fund has done in Pennsylvania can be found at **“Week 32”** from the previous link.

- **Brodhead Watershed Association**

Want to know what BWA is up to? Check out their site [here](#) and get involved!

- **Monroe County Conservation District**

Our Conservation District is one of 66 such organizations in the state of Pennsylvania. They provide technical services for stormwater management, erosion and sediment control, wetlands and watershed protection, land use planning, the dirt & gravel low volume roads program (very important, by the way) and more. Information can be found [here](#).

- **PA Fish & Boat Commission: Additions to Wild Trout Stream Listings & other Rulemakings**

Through the rulemaking process, PFBC routinely revises its list of trout waters. By commenting in favor of the proposed changes, you can show your support for increasing the stream miles of these important waters. The link provided will take you to the page where all current proposed changes are found. Please read and submit comments, especially for those in our area. Click [here](#).

- **DEP Water Quality Information.**

This [link](#) will take you to the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) website that focuses upon water-related issues. You will find links for existing stream uses, proposed rulemaking, anti-degradation measures and more.



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Proudly Presents

Conservation District News and Conservation Camps



District Manager Adam Schellhammer speaking on the state of the Monroe County Conservation District

Environmental Education Coordinator Roger Spotts on the Conservation Camp along with presentations from campers



Updates on our Cherry Creek Project and upcoming projects

Wednesday September 12, 2018 @ 7:00 PM



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Adam Nidoh Fishing the Lackawanna River The Past, The Present, and The Future



Adam will discuss the history of the river, from the region's coal mining boom to the present. How the history and geography of the river make it a special resource. Adam will then go into the seasons on the river, including the flies and techniques recommended for each. This includes the insect life and hatches, as well as other wildlife found along the river, including fisheries data collected from 4 years of our annual competition held on the river. Adam will also cover some primary access areas and what the future holds for the river.

Adam was born and raised in Scranton, PA (still live there). Grew up spin fishing for bass, but got into fly fishing when I was 13. Adam has been fly fishing for the past 18 years. He and his father are co-owners of A&G Outfitters, in Dickson City, PA, for 14 years. Adam has been guiding on the Lackawanna, Lackawaxen, Lehigh, Delaware & Susquehanna Rivers for 10 years. Licensed in PA & NY. Adam has worked as the Fly Fishing Instructor/Guide at TLAW for 5 years, and been a part of the Orvis R&D team for 3 years. Adam also has taught Fly Fishing & Fly Tying Courses at Keystone College for 3 years, and been recently published in the guide book, Keystone Fly Fishing & Fly Fisherman magazine. Adam also works at Whitetail Country Fly Shop in Starlight, PA & for Cross Current Guide Service.

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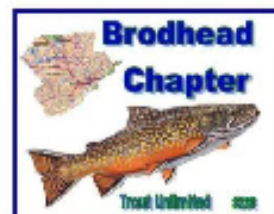


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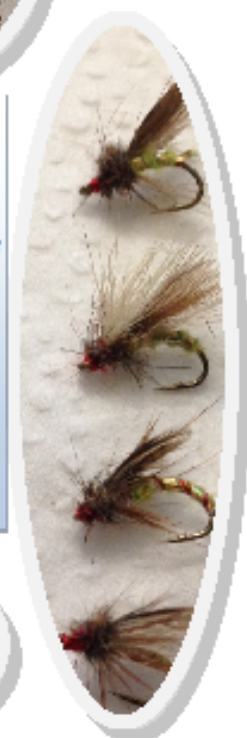


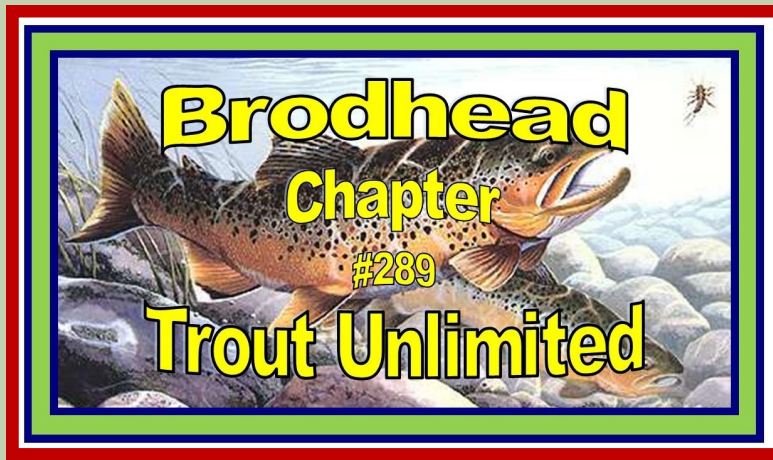
Calling All Fly Tiers

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.





FISHING BUDDIES WANT YOU!

The 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); **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 = 249

Youth Members = 4

Total Chapter Members—253

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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Visit our web page at:

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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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