

# Streamside Asides



## Event Schedule

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

**October 11, 2018:** Cherry Creek Electrofishing @ 9 AM at the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge near Stroudsburg (WATER FLOW DEPENDENT)

**November 14, 2018:** General Membership Meeting, 7 PM, KCCEC—Construction of Waste Monofilament Receptacles...Hands On!

**December 12, 2018:** General Membership Meeting, 7 PM, KCCEC—Pies and Flies



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## Action, Action, Action!

September was a very busy month and what better time to learn to fly fish and do habitat work but in the fall? Whether you're learning the basics, honing your craft, or making sure the trout have great habitat, taking action is the key. We have some activities yet to come so take advantage of the opportunities and join us.



Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center with a program on Fishing the Lackawanna River with Adam Nidoh. See you there!

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Greetings Members and Friends,

After a wetter than normal September, I am sure we are all hoping to see some normal flows in our streams. We have a busy month October, we've already attended the Quiet Valley Harvest Festival and met some wonderful people there, hopefully including some new members. On October 10 we have Adam Nidoh, guide and co-owner of A&G Outfitters coming down to talk about fishing the Lackawanna River at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center at 7:00 PM. October 11 we have a double feature of Electrofishing on the Cherry Creek starting at 9:00 AM and at 5:00 PM we have "Wild and Native Trout 'Redd Survey' Training Opportunity" that we are co-hosting with Pocono Heritage Land Trust, both events are at the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

On the advocacy front we are busy promoting the "Our Pocono Waters" campaign. This campaign, which our Chapter is a part of, is working to educate the public, our government officials, and business leaders on the importance of protecting the existing condition of our waterways and to prevent degradation of our most valuable streams based on scientific evaluation of the biology and chemistry of the waters. If you want to learn more, please go to <https://ourpoconowaters.org/>. There will also be an event on October 30 at 6:00 PM at the ESU Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center called, "Clean Streams, the Poconos, and You: A Panel Discussion about Clean Streams Regulations in the Poconos" that you are all welcome to attend. The Monroe County Conservation District Board of Directors meets at 8 AM on October 18. The District is the most important local regulatory agency in the effort to maintain the use and value of our waters, and there strength is result of your advocacy. I encourage anyone who is available to attend, even if only to listen and learn more.

As your new president, my hope and goal is to continue to improve and become more active as a chapter. But I can't do that alone, the strength of this chapter, our chapter, is all of you. I want to know what you want from your chapter, and that way I can help steer our leadership in that direction. I've never thought of this as "my chapter", I will always think of this as "our chapter", but to make this our chapter, I need to know what you want from our chapter, so please feel free to reach out to me or any of chapter leaders and let me know how we can our chapter better.

For clean water and tight lines,  
Eric Baird, President

## Up and Coming at BTU...

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### **Cherry Creek Project Phases I/II Update:**

We are scheduled to do our first post-treatment data collection in Cherry Creek via electroshocking on Thursday, October 11th at 9 AM at the Cherry Valley NWR on the former golf course location south of Stroudsburg. Support will be provided by our volunteers and the TIC class from Stroudsburg High School. Thanks to Daniel Steere, our Trout in the Classroom (TIC) coordinator and teacher Jim Derenzis, for arranging this educational outing. Be advised, once again there is the potential for much rain in the forecast so if we need to cancel, we will send out an e-mail blast letting you know. Fingers crossed!

### **Pocono Creek Project Update:**

Due to the high waters, our scheduled electroshocking for post-treatment data collection on Pocono Creek was cancelled. If we can get a date before spawning starts in earnest, we will let you know.

### **Electroshocking: Some basic Q & A.**

Q: Why are we electroshocking the creeks?

A: We do so to determine the biomass of the trout in the streams. Fish are captured with nets, measured and weighed, and released unharmed back into the water. The measurements are inserted into the accepted, standardized formula and the biomass of trout is calculated.

Q: How does it work?

A: A unit, complete with anode and cathode, is moved through the creek. An electrical current is conducted which momentarily stuns the fish. Volunteers (not stunned!) then quickly net the fish in the second or two that is available and place the fish in a holding tank for measuring and weighing prior to release.

Q: Don't you miss some fish?

A: Yes, we do. That's part of the capture/recapture process and is accounted for in the formulas. Also, the group conducts multiple passes through the same stretch to account for as many trout as possible.

Q: What do you do with the data?

A: Basically, we compare the "after treatment" or "after project work" data to the pre-work data.

Q: How will you know if the work was successful?

A: The goal is to see a significant increase in biomass of trout in the creeks as a result of the work or "treatment" done on the creek. Sometimes an increase occurs quickly and sometime it may take a year or two.

### **Cherry Creek Future Phases:**

We have signed on to support a grant bid submitted by the US Fish and Wildlife Service for additional work on and along Cherry Creek. If it comes to fruition, we will be getting wet next year, too! Again, fingers crossed.



**Recent BTU Activities...A Pocono Country Place Fly Fishing Workshop**



To conserve, protect, restore and sustain the cold-water resources of the Poconos

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## Recent BTU Activities...Riparian Buffer Planting at CVNWR





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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. The history and geography of the river make it a special resource. Adam will discuss the seasons on the river, including the flies and techniques recommended for each. Adam will include the insect life and hatches, as well as the other wildlife found along the river, plus he will present some of the fisheries data, 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 he 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.

**Wednesday October 10, 2018 @ 7:00 PM**



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# Used Monofilament Disposal Containers

For our November General Membership Meeting we will be teaming up with the Pocono Heritage Land Trust to construct Used Monofilament Disposal Containers. The containers constructed will be placed at public fishing locations this spring. There will also be presentations on current environmental and advocacy issues.



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## Brodhead Fly Tyers



The Brodhead Fly Tyers is a fly tying social club that meets once a month at the Eastern Monroe Public Library. For October we are doing a muddler minnow theme night, so we encourage anyone who wishes come out to be prepared to tie your favorite muddler minnow pattern.

**Meeting Monday October 15, 2018 6 PM to 8:30 PM**

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## News Notes, Advocacy Opportunities, and Items of Interest:

- **Land and Wildlife Conservation Fund—UPDATED**

The LWCF was not renewed by September 30. However, it's replacement calling for full funding DID move out of the Senate Committee so there is some movement and bi-partisan support. Remember, the fund is derived from off-shore drilling fees, is not supported by taxes and is an important source of funding for environmental projects in Pennsylvania and beyond. It's always a good idea to inform you elected officials where you stand on issues such as this. To contact your elected representatives to support a renewal, go [here](#).

- **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.



## Exceptional Value (EV) Stream Forum



### Save the Date: Tuesday, Oct. 30

#### Clean Streams, the Poconos, and You: A Panel Discussion about Exceptional Value Streams in the Poconos

Please join **Our Pocono Waters Campaign** for a panel discussion about clean streams in the Poconos and the economic, environmental, and recreational benefits they provide for the region.

**When:** October 30, 2018  
**Time:** 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM  
**Where:** East Stroudsburg University  
Innovation and Entrepreneur Center  
562 Independence Road  
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Our first panel, including speakers from PA Fish and Boat Commission, the PA Department of Environmental Protection, regional Conservation Districts, and a local biology professor, will explain and demystify streams regulations in Pennsylvania. The second panel will focus on recreational use of streams. Speakers will include a local angler, a township official, and an outdoor recreation business owner. Stay tuned for the complete list of panelists.

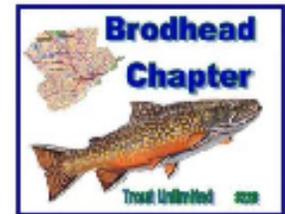
This is an opportunity to learn about the meaning of “exceptional value” streams and how they benefit our region. There will also be time for you to ask questions about how clean streams regulations benefit you.

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 in which clean streams and economic development coexist in a region known for its natural beauty and booming tourism industry. Clean streams are at the heart of the Poconos where 80 percent of the state’s “EV” streams are located, primarily in Monroe, Pike, and Wayne counties. For more information visit [www.ourpoconowaters.org](http://www.ourpoconowaters.org).

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



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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.***





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# Chapter Shirt Sale

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**Bigger Fit - Wear UPF 50 from RattlinJack.com**

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Size	Chest	Length	Shoulder	Sleeve	Wrist
XS	16	26.5	15.5	23	3
S	19	26.5	16.5	23.5	3.25
M	20.5	28	19.5	24.5	3.5
L	22	29.5	20	25	3.75
XL	24.5	30.5	21	25.5	4
2XL	25	31.5	21.5	25.5	4.25
3XL	27	33	22	26	4.25
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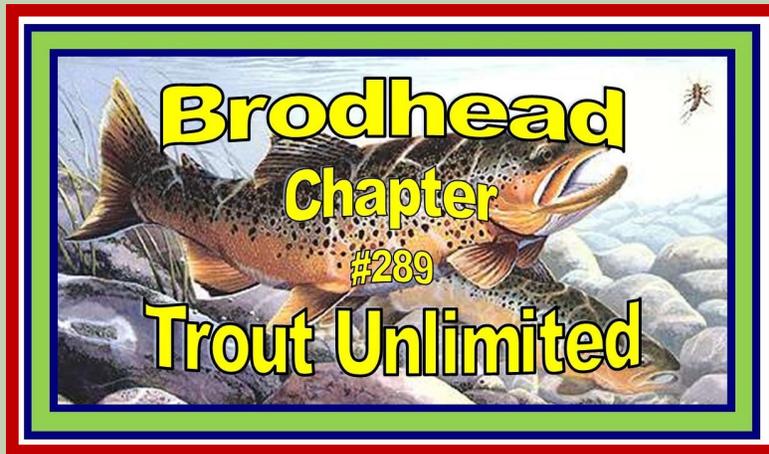
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## ***FISHING BUDDIES WANT YOU!***

**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); **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.***

### **Streamside** *asides*

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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.

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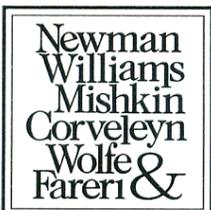
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