

Streamside Asides



Event Schedule

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited

November 14, 2018:

General Membership Meeting, 7 PM, KCCEC—<u>Construction of Waste Monofilament Receptacles...Hands On!</u>

December 12, 2018:General Membership Meeting, 7 PM, KCCEC- <u>Pies and Flies</u>

January 9—February 23
2019: Introduction to Fly
Tying course. See flyer on page
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March 29, 2019: Annual
Spring Banquet at
Stroudsmoor Country Inn.
SAVE THE DATE!



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November 2018

A Thanksgiving Wish

We hope that you were able to get outside between the repeated downpours and high flows to enjoy the clear, clean waters of the Poconos. Whether you are an angler, hiker, birder, boater or outdoor enthusiast, cold-water streams such as ours provide a vital resource that makes our area so very special. Discovering, viewing, and engaging with scenes such as those at left and below bring enjoyment to thousands of local residents and vacationers alike and it is our wish that you have been able to enjoy them this year and will continue to enjoy them in the future.

We also sincerely thank those members and friends who are working diligently to preserve and protect these resources for future generations and we hope you will continue to be a part of that endeavor.



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Greetings Members and Friends,

The Chapter had a busy October, but I hope everyone managed to get out and enjoy one of the most spectacular fall color changes we have had in years. We have a full slate of events in November. On November 10, I hope to see many of you at the Blue Ridge Estate and Winery in Saylorsburg for the **Protect the Tap** Celebration of Clean Water. There is no entry fee, and there will be food, games, raffles and more including a casting contest being run by the Chapter. The event lasts from 11 to 4 and proceeds support the educational programs of the Monroe County and Northampton County Conservation Districts. If not, on Wednesday November 14, at our general meeting from 7 to 9 PM at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, we will be in building mode as we construct **used monofilament collection containers** to be installed along public waterways this spring. We'll also have an advocacy update. For those of you looking for a relaxing place to tie flies, the **Brodhead Fly Tyers** will be meeting on November 19 at 6 PM at the Eastern Monroe Public Library, the theme for November will be **matukas**.

On the advocacy front we are celebrating a victory as the suit to reduce the protection of several streams in Monroe County has been dismissed, you can read more about that here. I was also elated to find out that many of you were among the more than 120 people who attended the panel discussion on **Clean Streams**, the **Poconos**, and **You**. Even with this good news, we must remain vigilant for opponents of clean water have not given up. To that note, the Monroe County Conservation District Board of Directors meets on November 15 at 8 AM at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center. The District is the most important regulatory body in Monroe County and your support and advocacy goes a long way to helping the District staff complete that mission.

I was very excited to see so many new faces (plus a lot of familiar ones) last month to hear Adam Nidoh present on the Lackawanna River. I hope to see even more at the events this month. Remember this is our Chapter and it can only become the community of conservation minded anglers I envision with your involvement, so if you have ideas for a meeting, an event, or a chapter project, please feel free to reach out to me or any of the Chapter leaders and we can see how to weave your ideas into the Chapter tapestry. We are also looking for volunteers to step into some leadership roles. Currently our **Events Coordinator** position and **Meetings Coordinator** positions are vacant and we are actively recruiting for people to fill those roles. There are also several committee roles that we are looking to fill. If you'd like to be more involved, please reach out to me or any of your Chapter Leaders to find out more.

For clean water and tight lines, Eric Baird, President

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Qualitative Data Derived from Electroshocking Demonstration on Cherry Creek October 19, 2018



On Friday, October 19th, members of Brodhead TU, with the help of Aquatic Consulting Services, conducted an electroshocking demonstration on Cherry Creek within the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge near Stroudsburg, PA. Students from Stroudsburg High School's Environmental Science classes rotated through three stations, one of which was BTU's. Students were able to see wild brown trout, american eels (a true highlight for many students!) and a variety of bait fish appear "out of nowhere" and then disappear just as quickly when released. Although not a quantitative study, this activity provided a qualitative look at what species are present in the creek. And yes, trout were located off the devices installed only months ago. In fact, the lower "stone cross vane with a log-throat" yielded 4 legal-sized brown trout and a nice american eel. Additionally, the brush or "Christmas Tree" diverter housed quite a few baitfish in all its nooks and crannies.



Species observed were: brown trout, american eels, common shiners, black nose dace, white suckers, a tessellated darter, a nice rainbow trout (not wild or native), cutlips minnow, long-nosed dace and a creek chub or two. Not surprisingly, due to the location close to the Delaware River, two rock bass, a small sunfish and a tiny smallmouth bass were also collected.

As per our Embrace-A-Stream grant application, we will be conducting a *quantitative* study in the future to determine the post-project biomass of trout in order to evaluate the effectiveness of the recently added habitat devices. Whereas one of our goals was to utilize this project as an educational resource, we are already successful.

Initial Redd Survey Underway

October 20, 2018



Brodhead TU and The Pocono Heritage Land Trust initiated a "Redd Survey" on several local EV and HQ streams. On Saturday, October 20, a volunteer team of six interested citizen scientists visited Yankee Run and Tank Creek within PHLT preserves. Moving along the steams, they recorded the locations of observed trout redds or nests along the stream bottoms. The data were uploaded using the Survey I 23 app and follow-up visits will be conducted within the next month. Based upon these early observations, spawning may be a bit late this year as water levels have been high and temperatures have suddenly

dropped.



By the way, the term "redd" according to Google, is derived from the late, Middle English in the sense of "clear space." So, go redd up your room so you can go out and count some trout redds!

Other streams on the <u>potential study list</u> are Cherry Creek, Devil's Hole Creek, and the Brodhead. Check back later for more details!



NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS AWARD RECIPIENTS

(From the Pennsylvania Environmental Council Press Release)

On **Thursday, October 25, 2018,** at the Woodlands Inn and Resort, the Northeast Environmental Partners (Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania Environmental Council, PPL Corporation, Procter & Gamble Paper Products Company, and Wilkes University) presented awards to individuals and organizations for their outstanding achievements in environmental endeavors.

(Editors Note—Brodhead TU is proud and honored that two of its members received awards: Don Baylor and Craig Todd.)

Don Baylor, for his leading role in various conservation efforts throughout Monroe County. Mr. Baylor partnered with numerous organizations to protect the streams of Monroe County and in turn those of the Delaware River Watershed. He collected biological data, conducted studies for environmental projects, acted as a liaison and facilitator between private groups, environmental organizations and government entities. His service to numerous non-profit organizations has led to collaboration amongst many groups allowing for cross pollination of environmental efforts and greater successes than any of these groups could have achieved individually.

The 24th Annual Thomas P. Shelburne Environmental Leadership Award was presented to Craig Todd. Craig was honored for his more than 35 years of dedication and commitment to the environment. He has spent his entire career working toward protecting the natural resources of Monroe County and northeastern Pennsylvania. His work ethic and drive allowed the Monroe County Conservation District to cooperate with numerous local and state agencies as well as the business community. Throughout his tenure he partnered with organizations to work on protecting the local environment while utilizing smart growth initiatives.

Craig has never wavered in his commitment to soil and water conservation protection while working hand-in-hand with land preservation organizations and government agencies to make the system work better for everyone. He understood that a clean environment would not only benefit the fauna and flora of the region but also the homeowners and businesses that call Monroe County home. His work while at the Conservation District has served as a model for other Conservation Districts within the state as well as for state and federal conservation partners. He has been instrumental in preserving the sensitive resources in Monroe County while advocating for economic growth in compliance with environmental regulations.

Craig initiated conservation partnerships, worked cooperatively with conservation partners at all levels, and was instrumental in protecting the resources of Monroe County, the Delaware River Basin, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He led projects and initiatives that changed the way conservation practices are carried out on all levels. Under his tenure he worked locally with other agencies in Monroe County on planning, agricultural land and open space preservation, stormwater management, water quality studies, litter control and beautification, and worked with businesses and economic development organizations to promote smart growth and development while maintaining a strong and compliant resource conservation program.

Clean Streams, the Poconos, and You



Over 120 members of our community attended the Our Pocono Waters Campaign's panel discussion regarding Exceptional Value Streams in the Poconos on October 30 at East Stroudsburg University's Innovation Center. It was great to see so many Brodhead TU members and friends in attendance. The panelists discussed the importance of Exceptional Value (EV) streams to fisheries, tourism, development, farming and education. There was so much to talk about and the time passed quickly, but this was an important introduction to the issues at hand. Remember, clean streams are at the heart of the Poconos, where 80 percent of the state's "EV" streams are

located. For more information visit www.ourpoconowaters.org.



BTU Activities...Fishing Report

If you're an angler, we understand your frustration with the recent weather we've had. We think the trout in our cold-water streams feel the same frustration. To spawn or not to spawn, that is the question!

With that being said, members report that when the flows are down, the fishing has been quite good. If you go out, please be careful where you wade so you don't destroy or degrade any spawning redds. Also, remember to wear fleece as it will keep you warm if you get wet. All information below is from publicaccess waters.

Brodhead Creek along the various public access points has produced some nice rainbows and some wild browns. Fish have been topwater feeding at times but be prepared to "go small" in hook sizes. The Brodhead can get "big" when the water is up so be careful wading and take a wading staff with you.

McMichaels Creek has also been producing wild browns and some stocked rainbows. When the water is up, go with some small zonkerstyle streamers and when it drops, revert back to some smaller nymphs.



Reports from **Pocono Creek** indicate the wild browns are doing well and are hitting a variety of flies. Although the deeper holes are attractive and hold fish, nice browns can

still be found around stream side habitats such as logs, willows, and cut-outs around boulders.

Devil's Hole Creek, like our other streams, has been experiencing a roller coaster ride when it comes to flows. Get it on the right day and you'll swear somebody just stocked it. Get there under the wrong conditions and you'll be coming after me for even mentioning the stream!

Martin's Creek browns are active and the water is a bit warmer than those of northern Pocono waters. It also has run-off a bit faster so don't be surprised if it's a bit lower than expected when you arrive. Again, nymph fishing has been successful.



Some of the wild browns being caught show signs of being post-spawn.

When you land a sizeable fish that is strong but "empty", chances are milt or eggs have already been deposited and this fish is looking to stock up on some calories prior to the winter months. Good luck, tight lines, and carefully release those wild fish!

Upcoming BTU Activities...

Protect the Tap

Clean Water Festival
Saturday November 10, 2018 at 11 AM to 4 PM
Blue Ridge Estate Vineyard & Winery
239 Blue Ridge Rd, Saylorsburg, Pennsylvania 18353
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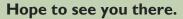


Have you ever pondered the source of the clean water that goes into your favorite adult beverage? Join us for our multi-county celebration of Clean Water! Embrace the products of our local waterways including great food, wine, and beer! Plus entertainment with an educational edge! Learn about and celebrate all of the components that go into keeping the water behind the cocktails clean.

On Saturday, November 10th from 11a.m. to 4p.m, the Monroe and Northampton County Conservation Districts will host the first ever "Protect the Tap" fundraising event at the Blue Ridge Winery in Saylorsburg in cooperation with local watershed organizations. A cornhole competition will take place, along with a wine toss, fly fishing casting competition, pub trivia competition and more! Live entertainment will be provided. There is no entry fee for this event however; all games and raffles are CASH ONLY.

All proceeds from games, raffles and select alcoholic beverages will fund environmental education efforts of the Monroe and Northampton County Conservation Districts.

For more information, visit Protectthetap.com or call the Monroe County Conservation District at (570) 629-3060, Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.





Up and coming at BTU...

DIDYOU KNOW?

The **Stroud Water Research Center** (https://stroudcenter.org/) is a leading scientific research agency studying freshwater ecosystems across the globe. One of their many projects includes **monitoring the effects of road salt** applications in freshwater streams and rivers within the Delaware River watershed. (https://stroudcenter.org/news/envirodiy-sensors-track-road-salt/) Whereas the greater Pocono region has harsh winters and thousands of miles of streams and roads, **Brodhead TU will be reaching out** to the center to see how we can become actively involved in this ongoing research.

Dr. Paul Wilson, from East Stroudsburg University, currently has two water monitoring stations on Cherry Creek within the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge. One of the factors being monitored is **conductivity**, which is a function of the dissolved ions in the water (road salts would be a contributor). You can view that data here and here and here and here and conductivity.

Additionally, the Brodhead Chapter will be requesting information from the state and our local municipalities as to what products they purchase to treat roads for winter use. This will allow us to ascertain to what extent certain products such as salts, tailings, and crushed stone are used in the greater Pocono area.



Through monitoring and continued research, the true extent of the effect in our area can be determined and appropriate mitigation efforts researched and devised, if needed.



BRODHEAD Proudly Presents

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.





Wednesday November 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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The Annual Pies and Flies



Bring your vice, equipment, 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 12, 2018 @ 7:00 PM



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Introduction to Fly Tying

Session 1, SJHS Wednesday January 9, 2019 6:30 PM

Session 4, KCEEC Saturday January 26, 2019 9:00 AM Session 2, KCEEC
Saturday January 12, 2019 9:00 AM

Session 5, KCEEC
Saturday February 2, 2019 9:00 AM

Make-UP Session if Necessary, KCEEC Saturday February 23, 2019 9:00 AM Session 3, KCEEC Saturday January 19, 2019 9:00 AM

Session 6, KCEEC
Saturday February 9, 2019 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.

Registration Deadline
December 28, 2018,
Only 20 Seats Available
Pre-Registration Required

For More Information or to Register Contact: Eric Baird, C/O Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited PO Box 661 * Tannersville, PA 18372

Phone: 570-396-4677 * Email: ericrobertbaird@gmail.com

Registration Fee

Members \$25.00 / Non-Members \$40.00

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Registration Deadline is December 28, 2018

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News Notes, Advocacy Opportunities, and Items of Interest:

State update.

HB 254 would roll back conventional oil & gas regulations. It was voted out of the Senate Appropriations committee. At last count, there were 26 confirmed "NO" commitments from senators. We are not in favor of a roll-back of regulations.

Federal update.

DRBRP funding —Congress passed a continuing resolution (CR) in late September, giving them until December 7th to act (They could also pass another continuing resolution.)

Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Update – The LWCF expired on September 30th. However, the House Committee on Natural Resources <u>and</u> the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee both approved a bill that would permanently reauthorization the Fund. The Senate bill also includes language that would provide permanent funding at \$900 million, while the House bill does not. Congress must negotiate the language and may approve the bill within the lame duck session.

Earlier this week, President Trump signed America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018. This Act:

- Increases State Revolving Fund (SRF) monies from \$1 billion to \$1.95 billion in 2021
- Reauthorizes the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA)
- Increases the amount of SRF funds that can be sent to economically disadvantaged communities and increases the repayment period by 10 years
- Creates a grant program for lead-free school drinking water fountains

• 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.**

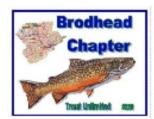
• PA Fish & Boat Commission: Additions to Wild Trout Stream Listings & other Rulemakings

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.

• <u>DEP Water Quality Information</u>. This <u>link</u> 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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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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3XL	27	33	22	26	4.25		
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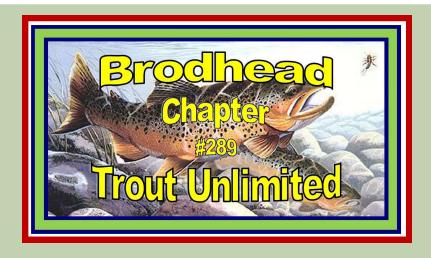


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FISHING BUDDIES WANT YOU!

he 2018 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 = 243

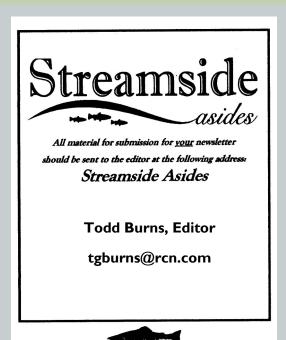
Youth Members = 7

Total Chapter Members—250

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.

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.





Thomas R. Wilkins | CEO

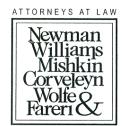
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