

# Streamside Asides



## Event Schedule

### January 9—February 23

**2019:** Introduction to Fly Tying course. *See flyer inside!*

**February 13, 2019: Fly-Tying Round Robin** KCEEC, 7 PM

**March 13, 2019: General Membership Mtg.** Brian Wagner; and Emily Rinaldi: **Climate Change and Our Pocono Waters.** KCEEC 7 PM

**March 29, 2019: Annual Spring Banquet** at Stroudsmoor Country Inn. **SAVE THE DATE!**

**April 10, 2019: General Membership Mtg.** KCEEC 7 PM



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December 2018

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited

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Greetings Members and Friends,

Hopefully everyone had a joyful holiday season and looking forward to making 2019 the best year ever. For those of you looking for another opportunity to tie flies, the Brodhead Fly Tyers will be meeting on January 21 at 6 PM at the Eastern Monroe Public Library.

We have a busy 2019 already planned with many opportunities for our members and friends to step up and be a part of the chapter. There is nearly a half mile of stream improvements on the Pocono and Cherry Creeks planned for 2019 with many opportunities for members to get there boots wet. We have our Introduction to Fly Tying Class underway and we will always accept additional help from experienced fly tyers to act as assistant instructors. We plan on teaching at least 3 Introduction to Fly Fishing Classes over the course of the next year and could always use additional help. On April 13 we will be assisting the Knights of Columbus with their annual Children's Fishing Contest at Brodhead Park. On the last Wednesday of the month, starting in April we will be assisting VALOR with their fishing experiences for our local veterans. We will be planning a trash clean-up along the Pocono Creek on May 4.

We are gearing up for our annual Introduction to Fly Tying classes, if you are an experienced tyer who would like to help feel free to reach out to me and I will help you be a part of the class. Also remember to save the date, March 29, 2019, will be our annual banquet and last year we nearly sold out so don't wait till the last minute once tickets become available.

As we move forward into 2019 please feel free to let me know how you think we can make our Chapter better. We are currently looking for volunteers to step into some leadership roles. We would like to fill our Events Coordinator position and Meetings Coordinator positions so if you would like to step up into a leadership role with the chapter here are some opportunities. There are also many committee roles that we are looking to fill if you might be interested 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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#### Welcome New Members!

Brodhead TU welcomes new members **Felice Curley, Thomas Morgan** and **Bob Shank**. We are glad to have you as part of our organization and we encourage you to reach out if you have any questions or need some information. Tight lines and clean waters!

#### Renewing Members

Thank you to the following members who have chosen to renew their membership with us. Your efforts in supporting our education, conservation, and advocacy are greatly appreciated.

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#### Contributing Members

Thank you to our recent contributing members. Your continuing support of Brodhead TU's mission is gratefully acknowledged.

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

### **December 2018 General Membership Meeting Report**

On December 12, 2018, 23 members and friends attended our annual “Pies and Flies” event at KCEEC. Quite a few flies were tied and stories told and everyone had a good time.

### **Upcoming Grant Activities**

The Board is exploring the opportunities to apply for two separate grants to assist in funding our ongoing stream project work. PA TU has extended the deadline for their Forever Wild grants until January 15, 2019 and we will attend a workshop on January 11, 2019 at the Monroe County Planning Commission regarding grants available through the county. If we qualify and are successful, the grant funds will be used for our Pocono Creek and Cherry Creek projects.

- **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.



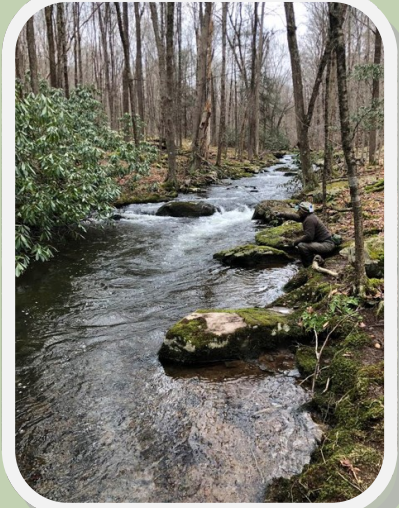
## BTU Activities...Fishing Report

Remember last month's newsletter when I indicated we had "continued wet weather?" Well, we've had even more! (See page 8.) However, the good news is after the water goes up, it eventually comes down and that's when we can get out and enjoy our streams.

**Brodhead Creek, McMichaels Creek, and Pocono Creek** have been running high for some time. As soon as the water levels get to the point where you might think, "Hey, I'm going to get out tomorrow" along comes yet another storm. Reports indicate streamers were working when the waters retreated enough to safely and effectively fish. Once the streams settle down, we'll get you a report.



When the waters get high, you need to think small...like in small streams. Smaller watersheds yield quicker runoff. Members report that **Devil's Hole Creek** was producing well within the past two weeks. Small, flashback nymphs were the ticket with both wild browns and native brookies providing the action.



Also thinking small is **Sobers Run** in Jacobsburg State Park in Northampton County. Water here can go from muddy to gin clear in about two days following a storm so timing is everything! We warn you; however, these fish are spooky so a stealthy approach can save the day. Again, small nymphs in winter can produce well.



Don't forget **Cranberry Creek** in the Van Buskirk and Nothstein Preserves. This Exceptional Value (EV) stream produces nice browns and brookies and some fantastic scenery. It takes quite a bit to discolor and it has some depth to its plunge pools and runs. In winter, fish it deep and you should be fine. As with all these small streams, the fish spook easily and your approach could be the difference between a good day and a wash-out.



If you have access to other small streams such as **Swiftwater Creek, Paradise Creek, Mill Creek** or others though friends, family or work, they can produce very well during open water periods, especially after high-water events. They are certainly worth exploring and spending a day on the water.

**Good Luck and Be Safe**

## Water, Water, Everywhere: How Wet Was 2018?

Throughout the course of 2018, it seemed the local streams just never really “got down.” From a fish survivability standpoint, high flows put predators at a disadvantage and wash food downstream through feeding lanes. That is a bonus for the fish. However, very high flows during spawning season can negatively impact successful reproduction needed for wild and native populations to survive. Therefore, an examination of recent historical data was undertaken to compare this year’s flows to past years.

The United States Geological Survey (USGS) has monitoring stations along multiple local streams. One such gauge is located off Schaffer’s Schoolhouse Road on Pocono Creek, and is supported financially by the Monroe County Conservation District and Brodhead Trout Unlimited, among others. Historical water flow data is available from June 21, 2002 through the present and can be called up in tabular or graphic forms. The data used for this review were gathered from this source as posted via the Internet.

USGS data from the Schaffer’s Schoolhouse Road site for 16.5 years was reviewed and the total number of events greater than 400cfs recorded. To gain greater insight within the review, flows greater than 700 cfs and 1000cfs were also identified as these flows would provide even more energy to do work with, or damage to, the devices.

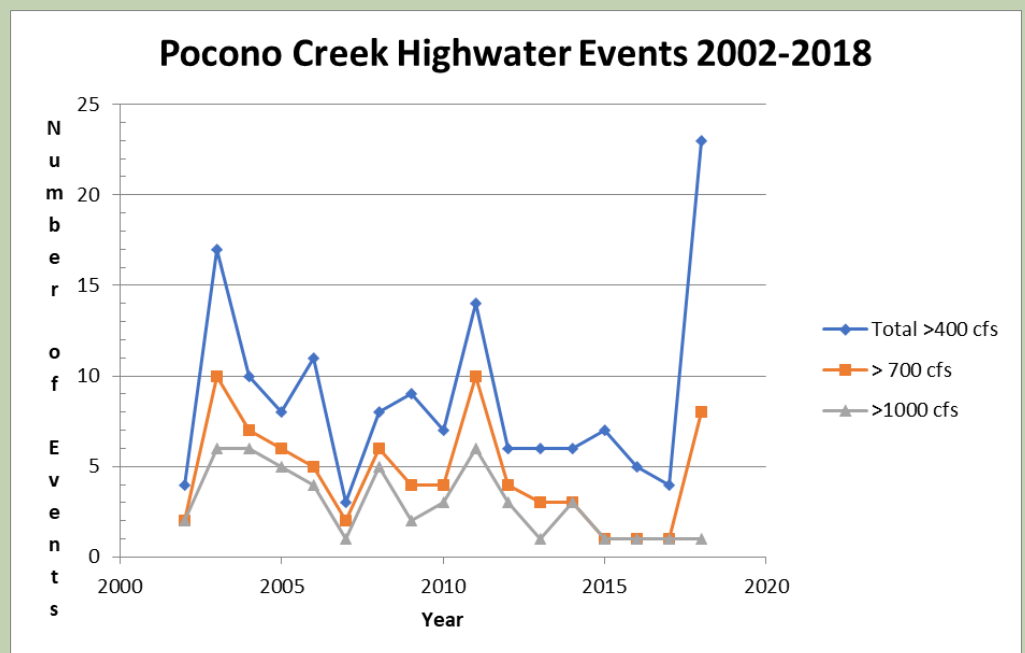
The data clearly reinforced the idea that 2018 was, indeed, a year of high water. In fact, through December 31, 2018, there were 23 distinct events in which the Pocono Creek flow was elevated above 400 cfs. With a 16-year mean value of 8.7 high-water events/year, 2018 was 2.6 times higher than average for such flows. When considering flows that exceeded 700 cfs, 2018 was 1.8 times as high (8) as the 16-year mean of 4.5 events. Calendar years 2018, 2011, and 2003 appear to be outliers on the high side with 2017 and 2007 as outliers on the low side. (2002 had only 6 months of data available.) Cyclical variations such as these in

such a small watershed (38.9 square miles) are common.

It is interesting that although 2018 had 23 high-water events, it had only one that exceeded the 1000 cfs threshold. This is below the mean 16-year mean of 3.0 events/year. As a side note, raw data indicate the highest recorded flow occurred on April 2, 2005 with a reading of 7,120 cfs!

Whereas BTU engages in various stream improvement projects throughout the area, such data can be extrapolated to other streams such as McMichaels Creek, Cherry Creek, and Brodhead Creek that have stream improvement devices initiated by BTU and its cooperative partners. By understanding the historical trends shown, one can gain a better understanding of the speed at which stream change will occur due to these efforts. Simply put, the greater the number of events, the more rapid change will occur. For example, devices installed in 2016 may have experienced only 8-9 flows over 400 cfs in their first two years of life whereas a device completed in late 2017 may have experienced more than 20 such events in only one year.

So to answer the question, yes, 2018 was very wet, indeed.





## Recent BTU Activities...

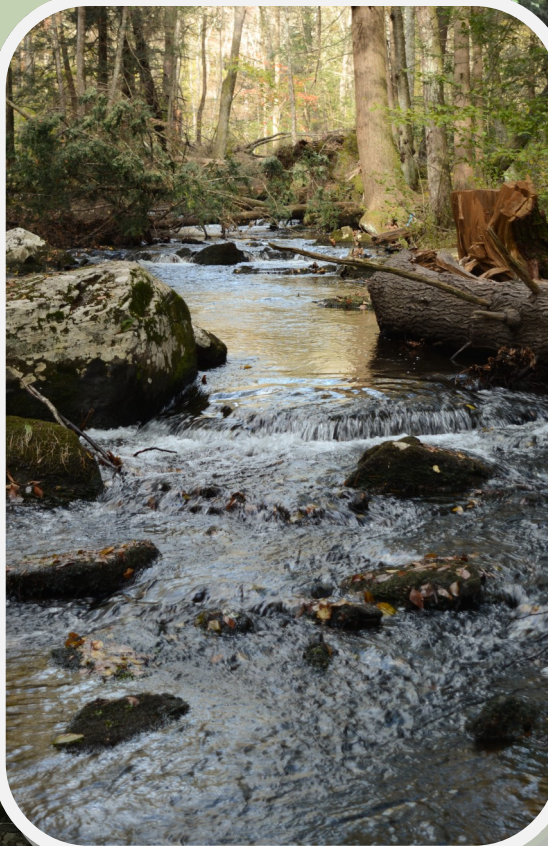
### Clean Streams, the Poconos, and You



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](http://www.ourpoconowaters.org).

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

Devils Hole Creek



Cranberry Creek



Swiftwater Creek



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## Introduction to Fly Tying

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

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

Session 3, KCEEC  
Saturday January 19, 2019 9:00 AM

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

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

Session 6, KCEEC  
Saturday February 9, 2019 9:00 AM



Make-UP Session if Necessary, KCEEC  
Saturday February 23, 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

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### Registration Fee

**Members \$25.00 / Non-Members \$40.00**

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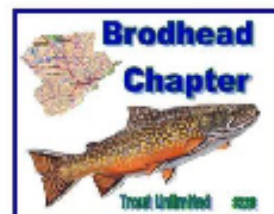
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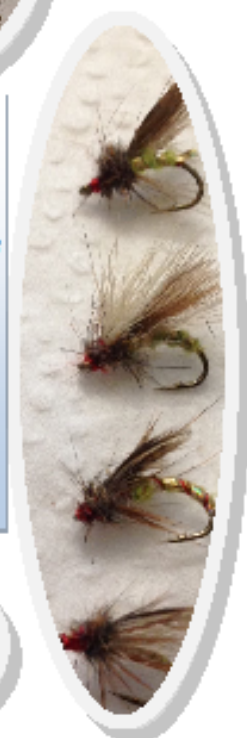


# Calling All Fly Tiers

*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.***





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# Chapter Shirt Sale

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

**Rattlin Jack™ Size Chart UPF 50 Long Sleeves**

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
4XL	29	34	24	27	4.75
5XL	31	34.5	25.5	27.5	5
6XL	34	37	27.5	28	5.25

This size chart shows the measure of the Bigger Fit shirt laid out flat.

## GET THE RIGHT SIZE:

Average T-shirt fit with room to move in breathe-able quick dry performance fabric. Antimicrobial. Double Stitched Shoulders.

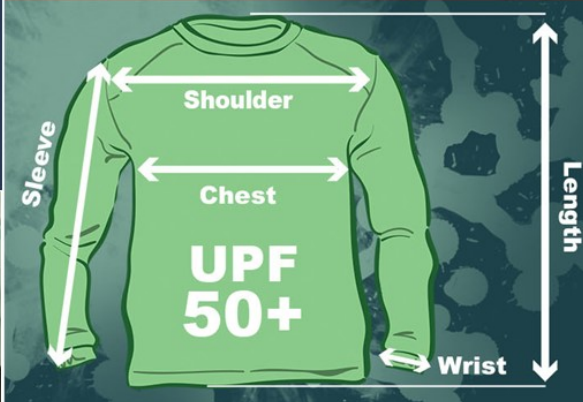
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Iron: Lowest Steam Setting (wool setting).



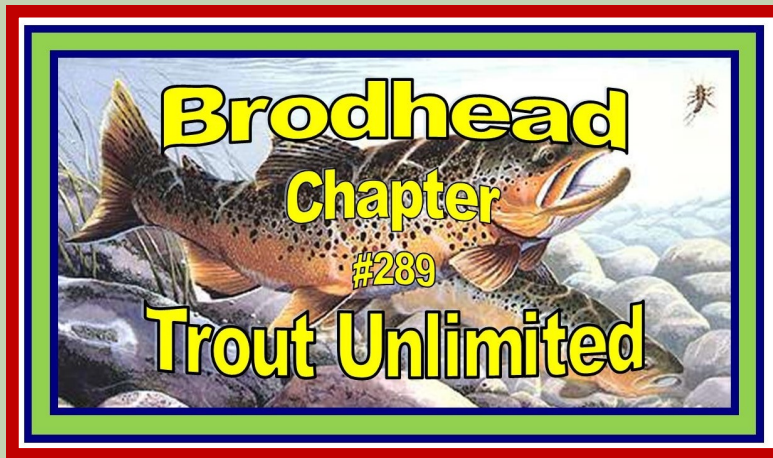
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## ***FISHING BUDDIES WANT YOU!***

**I**'s time to update our Fishing Buddies list for 2019. Over the years, we've discovered that the Pocono area can be a challenge to fish. Whether it is parking, access, stream conditions, patterns, or weather, it is beneficial if you have someone with you who is familiar with the area and the water. If you are interested in showing our members and friends some of our local streams, or if you are looking to share your knowledge and skills, or if you've realized you're no longer immortal and just want to tag along with someone and fish, please email [salmofisher7@gmail.com](mailto:salmofisher7@gmail.com) with your intentions and put "Fishing Buddies" in the subject line. We hope to have a new listing of Buddies up and running by late winter or early spring, just in time for another season!

### The State of Our Membership:

**Adult Members = 248**

**Youth Members = 8**

**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: 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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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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