

# Streamside Asides



**Event Schedule** 

March 2019 The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited

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

March 16, 2019: Fly-Fishing Workshop at KCEEC. 9 AM—I PM

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

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

April 13, 2019 KOC
Children's Fishing
Contest—8 am at
Brodhead Park

April 28, 2019 Fly Fishing Workshop— PEEC. I PM – 4 PM.

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# It's Time For Our ANNUAL BANQUET!



Please mark your calendars for Friday, March 29, 2019 as we convene for our 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Banquet. See the flyer inside for all the details and ticket information.

# March General Membership Meeting

On Wednesday, March 13, 2019, BTU will host our General Membership Meeting at the Monroe County Conservation District building on Running Valley Road, Bartonsville. We will have two guest speakers: Mr. Brian Wagner, TU's Climate Change Workgroup Chair, will speak about climate change and Ms. Emily Rinaldi, NE PA Campaign Chair for Penn Future will speak on the Our Pocono Waters campaign. Please join us for a very informative evening.

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Greetings Members and Friends,

As I sit here writing this, I can hear the rain melting away at the snow and ice outside bringing on thoughts of spring, but even as our minds drifts to visions of tight lines and full nets we can't forget about the work we have in front of us. On the advocacy front several pressing campaigns are underway. The efforts to gut the Clean Water Rule are up for comment until April 15, 2019. I highly recommend you take a minute to add your name to the action alert. By the time you read this people are already making final arrangements to travel to Washington DC with the Coalition for the Delaware River Watershed to talk to our legislators about issues impacting our cold water fisheries on March 12. At the state level, the current budget proposed to transfer 76 million dollars from the Growing Greener Environmental Stewardship Fund and the Keystone Fund to make up for budget shortfalls, I urge you contact Governor Wolf and your state legislatures to make your opinion known. On a local level, if you have not signed the Our Pocono Waters petition, I urge you to do so.

On a more jovial note, tickets are on sale for our annual banquet on March 29, 2019. Don't wait, we nearly sold out last year. You can order your tickets through the mail or we will be selling them at all upcoming chapter events leading up to the banquet. We will have tickets for sale at our March 13, 2019 General Meeting "Climate Change and Our Pocono Waters" at 7:00 PM at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center.

As always we are looking for volunteers to assist us with our Fly Fishing Workshop on Saturday March 16, 2019 from 9 AM to 1 PM at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center we can use volunteers of all skill levels.

If you need to get out of the house join please feel free us at the Brodhead Fly Tyers will be meeting at the Eastern Monroe Public Library on Monday March 18, 2019 at 6:00 PM. The theme for March is the April grays.

If you are looking to become more involved we will be forming committees for our upcoming projects and events. Please feel free to reach out to me or any of the Chapter Leaders if you need more information or are interested on becoming more involved.

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 Women and Diversity Coordinator, 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!**

We are pleased to welcome new BTU members Paul Hallowich, Frank Mittermeier, Nathan Oiler, William Perry and Donna Smith. We sincerely look forward to working with you in the coming year and if you have any questions, please let us know.

# **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 efforts are greatly appreciated.

David	Beers	Darel	Handley	Daniel	Nelson
Edward	Benjamin	William	Harley	Dennis	Purcell
Charles	Cavanagh	Lynne	Katz	John	Pysher
H.	Connor	Robert	LaBar	Charles	Richmond
Charles	Felker	Paul	Milenkowic	Frank	Russo
Edward	Filipkowski	Ronald	Mishkin	Ronald	Taylor
Kathleen	Flynn	Don	Montuori	Mark	Wickenheiser
				William	Winkler

# **Contributing Members**

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

Alego	Bartolacci	Glenn	Hessler
Tim	Bond	Robert	Knecht
Kevin	Boutin	Bill	Leonard
William	Cleffi	Norman	Solotruk
C.	Dennis	Tom	Van Zandt
		Frank	Young

# USFWS' Michael Horne receives national Land Legacy Award

Michael Horne, Project Leader for the Lenape National Wildlife Refuge Complex — encompassing refuge lands in New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania — has received the national Land Legacy Award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Realty for significant contributions to land protection, amounting to 2,422 acres and counting.

"Mike has a way of making land-protection projects happen," said Mark Maghini, Chief of Realty for the Northeast Region. "He's got a great network of partners, and he is able to leverage those partnerships to help us to stretch our land-protection dollars further," he said. In the past two years, 95 percent of the land acquisitions in Horne's jurisdiction have been the result of donations or bargain sales.

"He really has a vision for the possibilities that lands represent," Maghini said, noting Horne's forward-thinking acquisition of a former golf course adjacent to Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

Within just a few months of the Cherry Valley deal closing, Horne had spearheaded initiatives to restore natural flow to a creek on the property, transform the fairways into habitat by planting warm-season grass species, and repurpose the golf cart paths to create ADA-accessible trails.

Congratulations Mike and thank you!

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

# **Upcoming Grant Activties**

The Board is awaiting word on our Forever Wild Mini-Grant from PA TU. If we are successful, we would be applying those funds to complete signage on the Learn Preserve in Tannersville. If you haven't checked out the creek and trail yet, get ready to go...it's (almost) Spring!

# **Legislative News:**

- Proposed Repeal of the Clean Water Rule: The Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are proposing to significantly narrow the scope of protections for our nation's waters. The proposal would replace a positive, TU-supported 2015 rule (the Clean Water Rule) designed to clarify the scope of Clean Water Act protections, which includes protections for headwaters, intermittent and ephemeral streams, and wetlands. The new proposal (Replacement Rule) would substantially weakenthe Clean Water Act, one of the Nation's most effective natural resource laws. Go HERE to learn more and make your comment heard. Your comments are important and the deadline is April 15, 2019.
- <u>Land And Wildlife Conservation Fund:</u> After five months of lapsed funding, the Land and Wildlife Conservation Fund was approved by the U.S. House and U.S. Senate as part of a larger Natural Resources Management Act (S.47). This program is funded through off-shore oil drilling fees. More information can be found by following this <u>LWCF link</u>.
- PA House and Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committees: Proposed environmental and/or energy related legislation in Pennsylvania will pass through these committees. It is important to be aware of what steps are being taken regarding our natural resource utilization and management. Follow these links and, we suggest, bookmark them and review frequently!

**House:** <a href="https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/cteeInfo/index.cfm?Code=8&CteeBody=H">https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/cteeInfo/index.cfm?Code=8&CteeBody=H</a>

Senate: https://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/cteeInfo/index.cfm?Code=9&CteeBody=S

• Delaware River Restoration and Conservation Awarded \$6 Million for 2019: On February 15th, the Delaware River Basin Restoration Program (DRBRP) received \$6 million in funding as part of the fiscal year 2019 Interior Appropriations bill approved by Congress and signed by the President, a \$1 million increase from last year. The DRBRP will provide much-needed technical assistance and grant funds to address the Delaware River Basin's environmental challenges. View full press release <a href="here.">here.</a>

# **Local and State Resources:**

**Brodhead Watershed Association** 

**Monroe County Conservation District** 

PA Fish & Boat Commission: Rulemakings

Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited

• <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.

# BTU Activities...Fishing Report

Ahh, here we are, just a few short weeks away from the Regional Opening of trout season on Saturday, March 30, 2019 (southeastern counties only) and, two weeks after that, the Statewide Opener (our opener) on April 13, 2019.

Brodhead Creek, McMichaels Creek, and Pocono Creek produced some nice fish in February—after the ice left us. Waters finally receded and we're hopeful they will be in great shape for the opener. Remember, these stocked streams are closed to fishing\* until 8 AM on Saturday, April 13, 2019. Below are a few catch and release photos to tide you over until then!

\*The Delayed Harvest-Keystone Select Water on McMichaels Creek at Hickory Valley Park and by Glenbrook Golf Course is fishable year-round. Please refer to your fishing regulations booklet or the <u>on-line version</u>. Also, the Delayed Harvest—Artificial Lures Only section of Tobyhanna Creek below Still Swamp Run is also open to fishing year round. Be advised no trout may be harvested in these waters until June 15th, 2019.



# McMichaels Creek Brown Trout





**McMichaels Creek Rainbow** 

# **Recent Freshwater Salinity Work**

An article authored by Tim Vernimmen appeared in Scientific American on December 6, 2018 and it outlined the general processes by which our freshwater streams and rivers are becoming saltier. A January 2018 study referenced in the article indicated up to 30% of our streams and rivers have "gotten saltier" in the past three decades. In some areas of the country, such as the upper mid-west, where salinity is naturally high, the increase is due to mining activities that disturb bedrock and release the captured saline waters. In our area of the Northeast, urbanization with roads leads to an increase and the Mid-west and Southwest see large increases in salinity due to agricultural practices. So what effect(s) can such an increase in salinity produce – especially when they occur in freshwater streams?

Mayfly larvae, a dietary staple of the trout in our streams, are susceptible to increases in salinity. John Jackson, from Stroud Water Research Center in Avondale, Pennsylvania, examined these effects on four different mayfly species. He found that once salt concentrations reach about 1/10 that of seawater, three of the four mayfly species' larvae die. (Take away the food, and the trout disappear also.) William Hintz, Darrin Fresh Water Institute in New York, found that development in young rainbow trout is slowed by high salinity levels, thus impacting their long-term survival and their ability to reproduce. Finally, Hintz also found that water fleas, a source of food for bait fish and a key component in the aquatic food web, die when exposed to high, but realistic, salinity levels.

The study into the effects of increasing salinity in streams, groundwater and lakes is a growing and evolving area of interest. Too much salt can have a negative impact upon freshwater ecosystems (trout and trout food) and for those areas that offer access to such ecosystems it will be important to gather data to determine to what extent salinity is increasing. The link to the Scientific American article is here.

You can also access and read the research paper by Jackson and Funk through the link below. It may be a bit technical at times but if you skip down to 3) Results and Discussion (C) Regulatory and management implications..., you'll find some good information. Enjoy!

Temperature affects acute mayfly responses to elevated salinity: implications for toxicity of road de-icing salts

# **Volunteer Leaders Needed!**

As you know, we are a very busy chapter and that is a good thing. Monthly meetings, special classes and events, advocacy and planning/executing projects throughout the year keep us hopping. Due to all this activity, Brodhead TU Chapter is currently looking for volunteer leaders in the following positions:

- ⇒ Meeting Coordinator
- ⇒ Events Coordinator
- ⇒ Women and Diversity Initiative Coordinator

If you are interested or would like more information regarding responsibilities for one of these positions, please contact President Eric Baird.

# Calendar at a Glance

3/13/19 General Meeting

3/16/19 Fly Fishing Workshop

3/18/19 Brodhead Fly
Tyers Meeting

3/29/19 Annual Banquet

April 2019 TIC Release

Day

4/10/19 General Meeting

4/13/19 KOC Children's Fishing Contest

4/15/19 Brodhead Fly

Tyers Meeting

4/24/19 Veterans Service
Program

4/28/19 Fly Fishing Workshop

5/4/19 Chapter Clean-up

5/8/19 General Meeting

5/20/19 Brodhead Fly

Tyers Meeting

5/29/19 Veterans Service Program

6/8/19 Chapter Picnic

6/17/19 Brodhead Fly
Tyers Meeting

6/26/19 Veterans Service Program

6/30/19 Fly Fishing Workshop

Summer 2019 Cherry Creek Project

Summer 2019 Pocono Creek Project

7/15/19 Brodhead Fly
Tyers Meeting

# **CALENDAR**

# Climate Change and Our Pocono Waters

March 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM
Kettle Creek Environmental
Education Center
8050 Running Valley Road
Stroudsburg, PA

Join the Brodhead
Chapter for a double
feature. Brian
Wagner, the Climate
Change Workgroup
Chair for Trout



Unlimited will be presenting on how Trout Unlimited is addressing the climate change issue.



Emily Rinaldi is the Northeast PA Campaign Manager for PennFuture. Emily will be speaking about the "Our Pocono Waters"

Campaign" and how it is being used to educate the public and local leaders about the importance of protecting the existing condition of local waterways. Bloom Times, Budburst, Bird Migration and Bugs: What are these Events Telling Us?

April 10, 2019 at 7:00 PM Brodhead Creek Heritage Center 1539 Cherry Lane Rd East Stroudsburg, PA



Join the Brodhead Chapter and the Brodhead Watershed Association for

a presentation on the effects of Climate Change. Dr. Diane Husic is the Dean, School of Natural and Health Sciences and Professor of Biological Sciences at Moravian College. Dr. Husic will speak

on tracking the impacts of climate change using phenology or the change in the seasonal timing of events such flower blooms or insect emergence.



# Meeting on the Brodhead an Evening of Fishing

May 8, 2019 at 6:30 PM Brodhead Creek Heritage Center 1539 Cherry Lane Rd East Stroudsburg, PA



Join the Brodhead Chapter for an evening of fishing on the historic Brodhead Creek. Join up for some laughs with some old friends and meet some new fishing buddies while you are at it. A brief business meeting will follow after dark.

# Calendar at a Glance

7/25/19 Fly Fishing Program Conser. Camp

7/31/19 Veterans Service Program

8/19/19 Brodhead Fly Tyers

8/28/19 Veteran Service Program

9/11/19 General Meeting

9/16/19 Brodhead Fly Tyers

9/25/19 Veteran Service Program

October 2019 TIC eggs arrive

10/9/19 General Meeting

10/21/19 Brodhead Fly Tyers

11/13/19 General Meeting

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12/11/19 General Meeting

12/16/19 Brodhead Fly Tyers

# **CALENDAR**

# **Annual Members Picnic**

June 8, 2019 at 3:00 PM Brodhead Creek Heritage Center 1539 Cherry Lane Rd East Stroudsburg, PA

Bring your family and a covered dish or desert and join the Brodhead Chapter



for an afternoon of fellowship along Brodhead Creek. There will be a casting contest and other activities

for young and old alike.

# **Brodhead Fly Tyers Club**

3rd Monday of the Month at 6:00 PM Eastern Pocono Public Library 1002 PA-611 Stroudsburg, PA



The Brodhead Fly Tyers Club is a fly tying social club. This is a free evening of fly tying. This is a great opportunity for experienced and beginner tyers to learn from each other. These

contest and meetings will be held the third Monday other activities of each month. Specialized topics or tying styles may be promoted on a monthly basis along with presentations by "celebrity" tyers.

# Veterans Service Program

Last Wednesday of the Month from 10:00 AM to

2:00 PM Location To Be Determined



The Brodhead Chapter has

partnered with VALOR's (Veteran's Assisted Living and OutReach) Major Paul Syverson Veterans Sanctuary located in Kunkletown, PA. The chapter provides guidance and instruction to the veterans at fishing events during warm weather months, and utilizes the Brodhead Fly Tyers Club to provide tying instruction during the winter months. If you are interested in learning more please contact our Veteran's Service Coordinator, Glen Lippencott, at glipp@ptd.net.

# Fly Fishing Workshops

Multiple Events Held through the Year Location Vary

The Brodhead Chapter has developed an introductory program on the art of fly fishing that it provides



and runs for various other organizations throughout the year. The Chapter provides this service free of charge to the organization, though the organization may charge a fee. The program consists of an overview of the equipment, an introductory lesson of basic on the water knots, casting instruction, a hands on entomology lesson, an introduction to flies and fly tying, a lesson on reading the water, and program on where to fish locally.





# Friday March 29, 2019



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

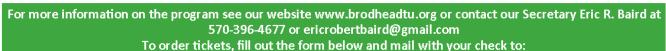
Happy Hour with Cash Bar 5:30PM to 6:30PM Dinner 6:30PM to 7:30PM Conservation Program and Raffles 7:30 to 9:00PM

# **Tickets**

Adults \$35.00

Children under 12 \$20.00

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



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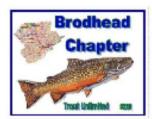


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# Calling All Fly Tiers

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.











# Proudly Presents

# **Chapter Shirt Sale**



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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



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# Fishing Buddies

First, Last	Contact Phone	Contact email	Water(s)	Days-Times
			Brodhead and all smaller Pocono	
			streams: Pocono, McMichaels, Dev-	Almost any day or
Todd Burns	610-704-4549	salmofisher7@gmail.com	il's Hole, Cranberry, etc.	time
			Smaller wild trout streams - Devil's	
			Hole, Cranberry Creek, Black	
			Creek, Hickory Run or other small	Evenings after 6 PM
Eric Baird	570-355-0165	ericrobertbaird@gmail.com	"blue lines."	and weekends
			Monocacy Creek, Little Lehigh,	
				Weekdays between
Erik Broesicke	610-909-2652	ebroesicke@hotmail.com	·	9 AM and 3 PM
LIIK DI OESICKE	010-707-2032	ebi oesicke@notman.com	Brodhead, Pocono, McMichaels,	7 All and 5 i i i
			Devil's Hole, Cranberry, Hidden	
			Lake. Not just trout! Artificials/flies	
Chris Capurso	646-402-4888	chriscapurso7@gmail.com	·	Availability varies.
lames Connor		ifcnnr@gmail.com	Most local streams	Availability varies.
			Middle Brodhead, Pocono Creek,	
			Tobyhanna Creek, Poplar Run,	
			Cranberry Creek, Devil's Hole. Ar-	Most weekends and
Eric Gusztaw	570-620-6322	egusztaw@gmail.com	tificials/flies and C & R.	evenings after 3 PM
				Weekdays and
Rich Staneski		Shadrock54@yahoo.com	Easy wading Pocono streams	weekends

The State of Our Membership:

Adult Members = 259

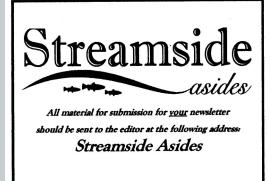
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Total Chapter Members— 267

# Address Changes: KINDLY NOTE...

If you have moved 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.



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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.





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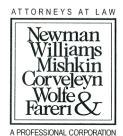
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