

Streamside Asides



May 2019

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited

May 8, 2019 - Meeting on the Stream. 6 PM

ForEvergreen Preserve,
Analomink, PA

June 8, 2019—Chapter Picnic, 3 PM, Brodhead Creek Heritage Center

June 15– Sept. 30: Habitat Improvement Days on Cherry Creek and Pocono Creek. More details to come.

6/17/19 Brodhead Fly Tyers Meeting

June 30, 2019—Fly Fishing Workshop, Brodhead Creek Heritage Center

July 2019—Monroe County Conservation Camp Instuction

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It's May!

Spring is certainly here as temperatures are rising, the green wave of new foliage is spreading and, yes, the mayflies are hatching in our local streams. It's a time of frenetic activity as nature shifts and prepares for the upcoming summer season.

Brodhead TU completed a busy April and now slides into May with a look ahead. Inside you'll find reports on our recent activities, updates on fishing, advocacy and more.

Our next event is the Wednesday, May 8 **Meeting on the Stream at ForEvergreen Preserve**. We will meet on-site around 6 PM and do some fishing. After that, we'll have a brief general meeting outside the wonderful new Brodhead Creek Heritage Center. If you haven't been on the grounds lately, you'll surely be impressed by this beautiful new building. Please plan to come out, even if you don't want to fish, and share in the wonders of the month of May.



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Greetings Members and Friends,

Well spring has sprung and if it would just stop raining maybe we could get out on the water. Speaking of getting out on the water, our May 8, 2019 General Meeting will be an evening of fishing on the Brodhead Creek at 6:00 PM at the ForEvergreen Preserve. Come down and spend an evening fishing with old friends and make some new ones. The fishing will be followed by a short meeting starting at 8:15 PM on the rear deck of the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center.

As always we are looking for volunteers to assist us with our programs and we have a busy month ahead. On Saturday May 4 we had our Annual Clean-up along the Pocono Creek. On May 11 the Chapter will be manning the "Our Pocono Waters Booth" at the Easton Farmers Market. On May 18 the Chapter will have a booth at the Brodhead Creek Regional Authority Water Day. On May 19 the Chapter will have a booth at the Friends of Cherry Valley Spring Fling. If you are interested in helping at any of these events contact me at ericrobertbaird@gmail.com. Also, we have initiated a program for chapter members where those who volunteer for 5 programs or events like the ones just mentioned will receive a free Flymph Hat.

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 May 20, 2019 at 6:00 PM.

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 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.

Tight Lines,

Eric

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Welcome New Members!

We are pleased to welcome new BTU members Jake Cardillo, Richard Carty, Timothy Grenko, William Jamison, Christian Polyi, Todd Rettstat, David Tobey, and Stephen Wyatt. 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.

Wayne	Babcock	Christopher	Pessolano
Stephen	Babyak	Steven	Pheasant
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Dan	Martinell		

Contributing Members

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

Raymond	DeCesare
Jeff	Feick
Ronald	Mishkin
Dave	Hughes
Frank	Young

Trout in the Classroom Release Day

On Wednesday, April 10, 2019 Brodhead TU volunteers assisted with the Trout In The Classroom (TIC) Release Day activities on Cherry Creek within the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Students from Stroudsburg High School rotated through various station manned by our BTU volunteers. They were able to see our habitat improvement work, an electrofishing demonstration, fly-casting and equipment and an introduction to macroinvertebrates and fly-tying. Feedback from students and staff was very positive and a video news segment was produced and aired by WNEPTV-16. You can find that video [here](#). Many thanks to Todd Burns, Dan Steere, John Rocchio, Don Baylor, Don Miller, Jim Connor, Tim Fretz and Jack Fossett for their assistance in making this day a success and special thanks to the NFWS staff for making this day possible.



Stream Clean-Up Day

Brodhead TU members manned the orange vests and descended upon the Learn and Pocono Preserves in Tannersville on Saturday morning, May 4th, to clean up the road sides, stream banks, and property borders. The three-hour session yielded approximately 30 bags of trash that filled the bed of a pickup truck! Volunteers found a wide variety of discarded materials ranging from lottery tickets, liquor bottles, plastic signs, plastic bags, hoses, tarps, drug tests, styrofoam packing, styrofoam cups, paper coffee cups, soda bottles and even an old upholstered chair. Passersby gave the workers a “thumbs-up” and some horn honks to show their support. Some even stopped to say “thank you” for the clean-up. Thanks to members Eric Baird, Todd Burns, Jim Connor, Tim Fretz, Jack Fossett, Gerry Bortz, John Lyman, Homer Lee, Chris Capurso, Sam Thrall, Russ Thrall and Eric Gusztaw for their efforts. The areas from the Rte. 715/Old Mill Road intersection, the border of the Weis Markets/PHLT property, and the stream banks in both preserves certainly look much better!



Knights of Columbus Fishing Derby

On Saturday, April 16, 2019, members of BTU assisted the Knights of Columbus and Stroud Township with their annual fishing derby at Brodhead Park. Approximately 90 youngsters tested their mettle against the trout in the pond. The weather was fine, the fish were hungry and there were lots of smiles all around. Members Eric Baird, Todd Burns, Jim Connor, Tim Fretz, Jack Fossett, Stephen Van deLoecht and Dennis Giffel provided their assistance.



Earth Day at Northampton County Community College—Monroe.

BTU members Dan Steere, Larry Ott, Todd Burns and Eric Baird manned the table at the Monroe County Earth Day activities held at NCC—Monroe on Saturday, April 27th. Packets for kids visiting our booth included information on where to fish in Monroe County and colorful handouts on trout and healthy streams. Due to weather conditions, the event was held indoors but the attendance was good and our outreach continued.

Fly-Fishing Workshop at PEEC

On Sunday, April 28th, BTU conducted an Introduction to Fly-Fishing Workshop at the Pocono Environmental Education Center. Ann Foster, Gerry Bortz, John Smith and Eric Baird led a dozen participants through the stations covering knots, equipment, reading the water, places to fish, fly-tying and casting. Feedback from the participants was positive.

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

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

News Notes, Advocacy Opportunities, and Items of Interest:

Legislative News:

The Following Bills have been passed by the PA House of Representatives and will now head to the Senate. We believe these bills will have a negative impact on the enforcement of environmental regulations that have cleaned up our waterways and will actually increase the bureaucracy involved at a time when our legislators are vowing to scale down “big government.” Hyperlinks are active so you can read the bills and see how your elected official(s). (Summaries from PA Environment Digest...<http://www.paenvironmentdigest.com/newsletter/default.asp?NewsletterArticleID=46424&SubjectID=> , emphasis and vote totals by the Editor.)

[House Bill 806](#) (Keefer-R-York) would authorize the General Assembly to **kill an economically significant final regulation by doing nothing**. It would require all final regulations with an estimated economic impact of \$1 million or more to be submitted to the General Assembly for a vote by concurrent resolution. If the House and/or Senate fail to take action to approve the final regulation, the regulation is deemed not approved and the regulation shall not take effect. (The [sponsor summary](#) inadequately describes the content of this bill.) PASSED 102-91

[House Bill 430](#) (Benninghoff-R-Mifflin) authorizes the General Assembly to **repeal any regulation at any time by concurrent resolution**, with review by the Governor ([sponsor summary](#)). PASSED 105-90

[House Bill 509](#) (Rothman-R-Cumberland) requires all state agencies to **establish a new bureaucracy in the form of third party permit review programs that delegate decision-making authority to persons other than the public agency with the legal authority to make those decisions** with no conflict of interest or other protections for the public or applicants. (The [sponsor summary](#) inadequately describes the content of this bill.) PASSED 109-86

[House Bill 1055](#) (Klunk-R-York) **establish the Office of the Repealer**, General Assembly must vote to approve economically significant regulations, reauthorize repeal of any regulation by resolution ([sponsor summary](#)). PASSED 100-97

[House Bill 762](#) (O’Neal-R- Washington) requires all state agencies to **establish a new bureaucracy in the form of a Regulatory Compliance Officer with no oversight of any kind** giving him/her the ability to issue an opinion on what any person’s obligations are under the laws administered by that state agencies which can be used as a “complete defense” against any enforcement proceeding. The Officer can also review any fine or penalty issued by the agency before it is imposed and set guidelines for waiving that penalty if the person being penalized “has taken or will take [steps] to remedy the violation.” (The [sponsor summary](#) inadequately describes the scope and content of this bill.) PASSED 102-94

Local and State Resources:

[Brodhead Watershed Association](#)

[Monroe County Conservation District](#)

[PA Fish & Boat Commission: Rulemakings](#)

[Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited](#)

- **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.

Fishing Report

Well, the weather has been “up and down” and so, too, have the streams. Hatches have been sporadic and that may continue that way for some time. The long-term weather forecast shows quite a bit of rain so stream flows may continue to yo-yo.

That being said, remember to utilize the USGS gauges along our area streams before heading out to the creeks. Even if your stream doesn't have a gauge, by checking the flows on a stream like yours, you can develop a good understanding of how the flow will be prior to your arrival.

Brodhead Creek—The Brodhead has been running high all spring. Streamers and nymphs have been picking up fish when the flows are down. Be careful wading in high water and be sure to use a wading staff. There is a lot of public access water from Glen Park up through to Pinebrook Park and, of course, the ForEvergreen Preserve stretch. Remember that the USGS gauge upstream is above the confluence with the Paradise Creek. So if you see 250 cfs on the upper gauge, it's actually going to be a lot more downstream of the confluence above ForEvergreen Preserve.



Pocono Creek—The Pocono has had some periods of really good water as it runs off quicker than the Brodhead. The higher waters allow you to fish the “skinny flats” along the edges although the pockets are tough to fish. Woollybuggers and nymphs have been effective so far and topwater action may begin soon, weather permitting. Tan and brownish green caddis should work, either as emergers or skittered across the surface.

McMichaels Creek—McMichaels tends to muddy up with the rains but it has produced some nice fish not only in the Keystone Select Catch and Release area but also in the general waters. With the higher waters, nymphs dredged across the bottom have produced some nice brown trout. Sporadic tan and brown caddis have brought a few fish to the surface and don't forget emergers!



Martins Creek—Although on the other side of the mountain, Martins responds to the rains just like the Pocono and McMichaels. When it's been down, fishing has been good with sub-surface offerings. Zonker-style streamers have worked well with the high water. Don't forget to use a heavier tippet when switching to streamers from something else or the combination of bigger water, strong strike and fine tippet will leave you with a not-so-good fish story!

Smaller tribs—When the larger creeks are blown out, your only option may be the smaller tributaries. Many of these are tight but can be fished with patience and a shorter rod. You may be surprised at the number and size of the trout that can be found in these waters. Generally not that fertile, the fish are more than willing to strike at something the resembles their natural foods.



CALENDAR

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
 11/18/19 Brodhead Fly
Tyers
 12/11/19 General Meeting
 12/16/19 Brodhead Fly
Tyers

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

meetings will be held the third Monday 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

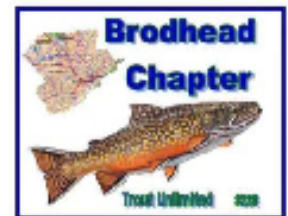
The Brodhead Chapter has developed an introductory program on the art of fly fishing that it provides



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.



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Calling All Fly Tiers

In Support of
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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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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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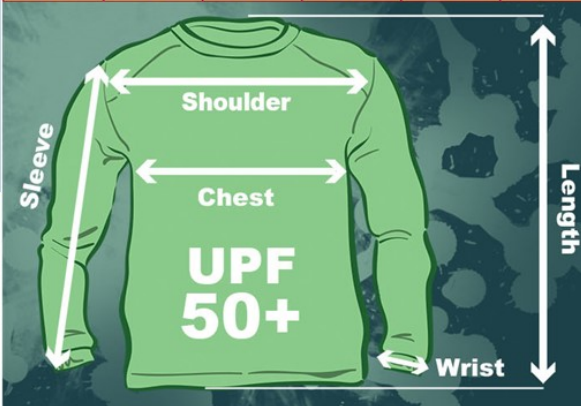
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First, Last	Contact Phone	Contact email	Water(s)	Days-Times
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Eric Baird	570-355-0165	ericrobertbaird@gmail.com	Smaller wild trout streams - Devil's Hole, Cranberry Creek, Black Creek, Hickory Run or other small "blue lines."	Evenings after 6 PM and weekends
Erik Broesicke	610-909-2652	ebroesicke@hotmail.com	Monocacy Creek, Little Lehigh, Saucon, Hokendauqua & other Lehigh Valley Streams	Weekdays between 9 AM and 3 PM
Chris Capurso	646-402-4888	chriscapurso7@gmail.com	Brodhead , Pocono, McMichaels, Devil's Hole, Cranberry, Hidden Lake. Not just trout! Artificials/flyes and C & R.	Availability varies.
James Connor		jfcnnr@gmail.com	Most local streams	Availability varies.
Eric Gusztaw	570-620-6322	egusztaw@gmail.com	Middle Brodhead, Pocono Creek, Tobyhanna Creek, Poplar Run, Cranberry Creek, Devil's Hole. Artificials/flyes and C & R.	Most weekends and evenings after 3 PM
Rich Staneski		Shadrock54@yahoo.com	Easy wading Pocono streams	Weekdays and weekends

The State of Our Membership:

Adult Members = 268

Youth Members = 8

Total Chapter Members— 276

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: 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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should be sent to the editor at the following address:*

Streamside Asides

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Visit our web page at:

Brodheadtu.org for more information, photos, and scheduled events.

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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