

Streamside Asides



August 2019

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited

August –10: Cherry Creek Work Day, 9 AM—12 PM

September 11—General Membership Meeting, Project Updates and Conservation Camp Report, KCEEC, 7 PM

October 9—General Membership Meeting. **Dam Removal** w/American Rivers. KCEEC, 7 PM

November 24—General Membership Meeting: **Don Baylor's "Fishing the West—Off the Beaten Path."** KCEEC, 7 PM

December 12—General Membership Meeting: **Pies and Flies.** KCEEC, 7 PM

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Habitat Improvements on Local Streams Proving Beneficial

When Brodhead TU began work on their habitat improvement projects on Pocono Creek and Cherry Creek, their goal was to provide much needed trout habitat in order to attract and retain wild brown and native brook trout. In other words, they had faith in the (movie) phrase, "Build it and they will come." Recent post-project follow-up on each stream shows just how successful such projects can be in elevating trout numbers. See pages 4 –7 for updates.

Introduction to Fly-Fishing Workshops Attract Enthusiastic Participants

BTU conducted two Introduction to Fly-Fishing Workshops this summer. These events were designed to introduce beginners to the world of fly-fishing and provide them with the basic knowledge needed to "hit the water." With segments on casting, knots, equipment, entomology, fly-tying and how to read the water and where to fish, each participant left with the basics that could be applied on their waters of choice. Photos and more information from these workshops are found on pages 8 and 9.



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Greetings Members and Friends,

I hope everyone is finding ways to stay cool this summer. In case you haven't notice we've been incredibly busy, but I don't want to be too busy to recognize all the members that have helped out so far this year. This year we've began tracking individual members who've assisted us with our events, programs, and conservation projects. I want to honor the following members have participated in a least one volunteer activity since March of this year:

Dan Steere	Homer G. Lee	Marie Ricker	Ann Foster
James Houghton	Samuel Thrall	Patricia Sebring	John Lyman
Don Miller	Russell Thrall	Michael Brong	Chris Hartzler
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Dennis Giffel	Rich Staneski	Larry Ott	

I would like to put a special thank you out to the volunteers who have assisted in more than 5 chapter activities and earned a Flymph hat for their efforts:

Todd Burns	Jim Connor	Chris Capurso	Gerry "Chub" Bortz
John Smith	Stephan van de Loecht	Eric Gusztaw	John "Rock" Rocchio

If you are wondering how to add you name to the list above we have several volunteer opportunities coming up in the coming months. We have a workday schedule on the Cherry Creek on Saturday August 10, 2019 starting at 9 AM. On September 14, 2019 we will be manning a booth at the Outdoor Day from 11 AM to 5 PM. On September 21, 2019 we will be operating the fishing section of the Pocono Mountain Jakes Program from 8 AM to 4 PM. On September 29, 2019 we will be manning booth at the Chestnuthill Township Community Day. If you are interested in helping at any of these events contact me at ericrobertbaird@gmail.com.

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 August 19, 2019 at 6:00 PM. The theme for June is panfish and bass flies.

As we continue through 2019 please feel free to let me know how you think we can make our Chapter better. I would like to thank those who have helped lead our chapter so far.

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We are currently looking for volunteers to step into additional 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.

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Welcome New Members!

We are pleased to welcome new BTU members Mary Kettenburg, William Kresge, Brian & Rita Lacey and Frankie Potenzieri. 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.

Douglas	Andersen	Gloria	Rubino
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Larry	Ott		

Contributing Members

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

Gerald	Bortz	Glenn	Hessler
H.	Connor	Greg	Malaska
C.	Dennis	John	Rocchio
Jere	Dunkelberger	Norman	Solotruk
Adolph	Fernandez		

Pocono Creek Project Update #1: George and Olive Learn Nature Preserve

On June 27, 2019 Brodhead TU volunteers assisted Aquatic Resources Consulting (ARC) in electrofishing a 300 foot stretch of Pocono Creek within the George and Olive Learn Nature Preserve in Tannersville. Two passes were made through the section and all captured fish were measured and released back into the stream. Habitat improvement devices included in this survey area were a stone cross-vane, a stone diverter, and multiple boulder placements. Data were plotted and compared to the pre-project survey conducted in 2015. A graph of that data is shown below.



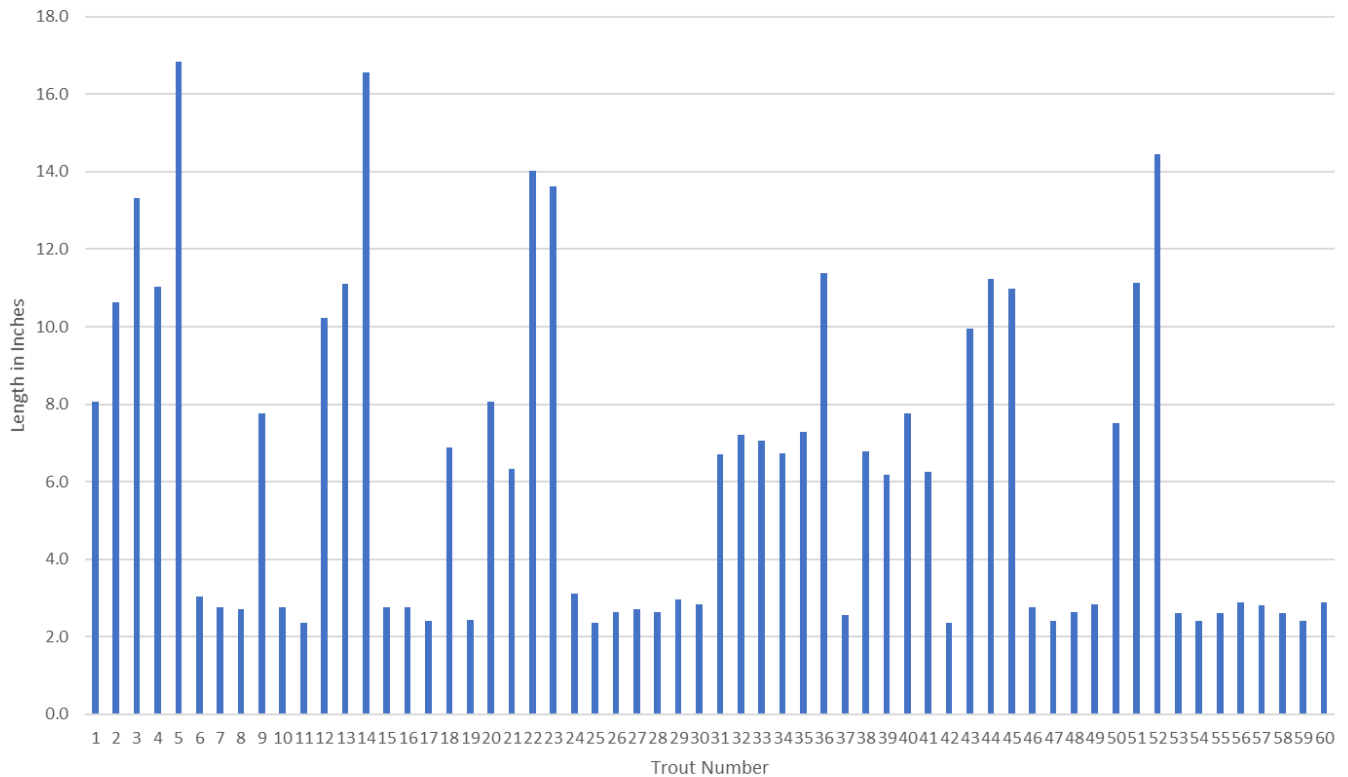
Prior to habitat work on this section (pre-project) the survey resulted in the capture of 17 young of year (YOY) trout, all less than three inches in length. No fish were found beyond this YOY class. After two years (post-project) in which the devices increased depth, provided shelter, and directed flows, a total of 60 fish were captured; 23 of which were greater than 7 inches. Of these 23 fish, 2 exceeded 16", 4 were between 12" and 16", and 9 were between 10" and 12".

Overall, the number of trout in the study area increased by 350% with the number of legal trout rising from 0 to 23. The sampling area was 15% of the approximately 2000 feet of project water. Extrapolating this increase across the entire project area reveals just how powerful and effective providing habitat in clean, cool streams can be in increasing trout populations.

Brodhead TU built it and the trout did, indeed, come—and stay! More data will be available when the official ARC report is delivered. Many thanks to the Learn family, [Pocono Township](#), [Northampton County Community College](#), and all our friends and members whose efforts made this success possible. We couldn't have done it without your help.

Pocono Creek Project Update #1:
George and Olive Learn Nature Preserve
Additional Data & Photos

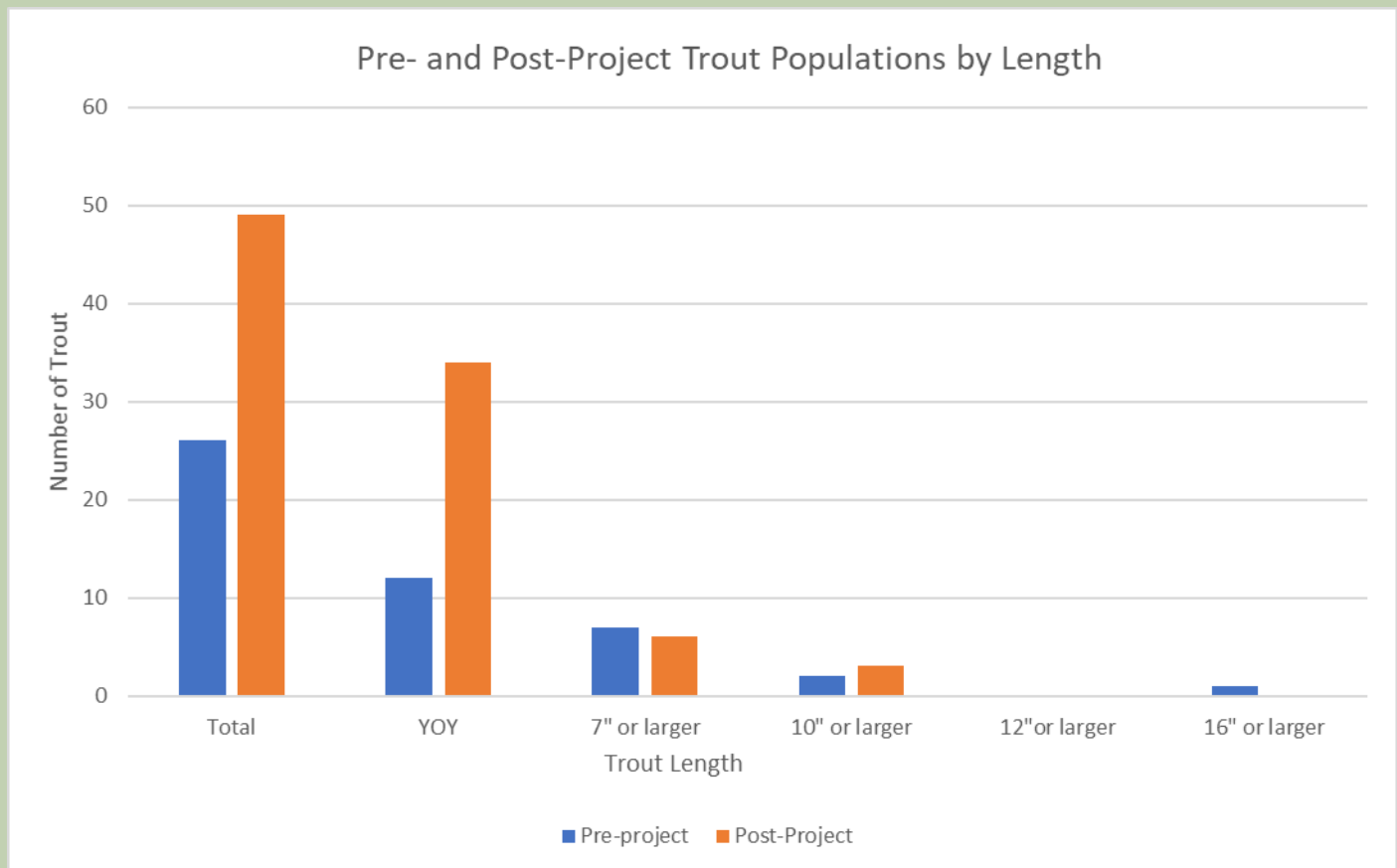
Learn Preserve 2019: Length of Surveyed Trout in Inches



Pocono Creek Project Update #2:

Pocono Creek Nature Preserve

On the same date that the Learn Preserve was sampled, Brodhead TU volunteers also assisted Aquatic Resources Consulting (ARC) in electrofishing a 300 foot stretch of Pocono Creek within the [Pocono Heritage Land Trust's](#) Pocono Creek Nature Preserve in Tannersville. As with the Learn process, two passes were made through the selected section and all captured fish were measured and released back into the stream. Habitat improvement devices included in this survey area were a stone cross-vane, two stone diverters, and multiple boulder placements. As before, data were plotted and compared to the pre-project survey conducted in 2015.



Prior to habitat work on this section (pre-project) the survey resulted in the capture of 26 trout, 12 yf which were young of year (YOY) trout. After 3 years, (post-project) in which the devices increased depth, provided shelter, and directed flows, a total of 49 fish were captured; 9 of which were greater than 7 inches. Of these 9 fish, 3 fish were between 10" and 12". No fish in the post-study exceeded 12 inches.

Overall, the number of trout in the study area increased by 188%, with the increase being found primarily in the YOY class. Considering the amount of cover now in place, we are hopeful this YOY class will continue to thrive for the next several years, growing into catchable trout.

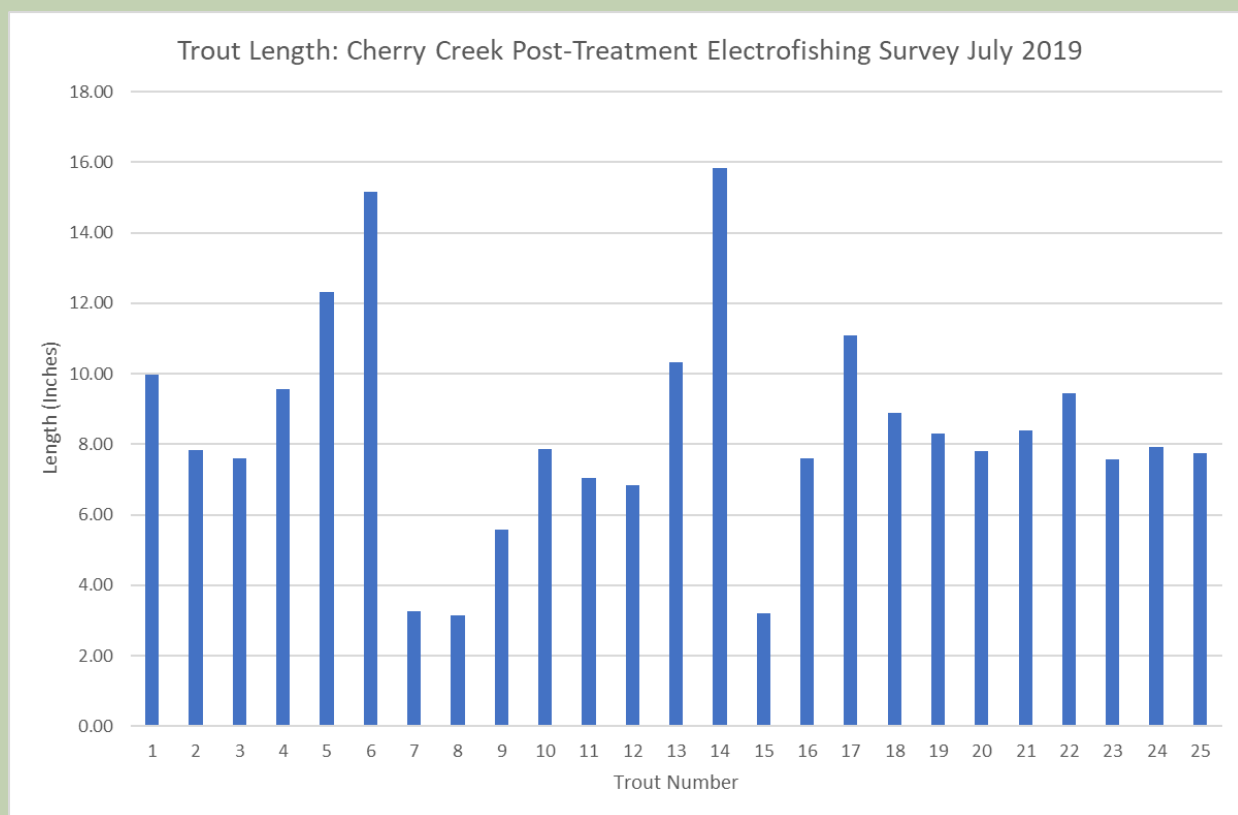
Many thanks to the [Pocono Heritage Land Trust](#), [Pocono Township](#), [Northampton County Community College](#), and all our friends and members whose efforts made this success possible.

Cherry Creek Project Update:

Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge

On the morning of July 3, 2019, BTU volunteers assisted Aquatic Resources Consulting (ARC) with completing an electrofishing survey of the BTU Phase I project area on Cherry Creek near Stroudsburg. Habitat improvement structures within the surveyed area included a stone cross-vane with a log throat, boulder placements, a brush deflector, and a stone saw-tooth deflector. The results of this survey serve as the post-project data collection and indicate considerable progress has been made in the year they have been in place.

The July 3 survey revealed 25 trout with 19 above 7 inches. Of these 25 trout, 23 were brown trout, one was a large rainbow and the other a 6" brookie! Considering the dearth of trout when the project started, this is a promising beginning.



Many thanks to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, [Friends of Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge](#), [Pocono Heritage Land Trust](#) and all members and friends of [Brodhead Trout Unlimited](#) who gave of their time to move tons of rock, clear access points, pound rebar, lash trees together, collect data and otherwise make this project a success. And the best news of all, there's more work to do in the next phases!

June 30 Introduction to Fly-Fishing Workshop

On Sunday, June 30, 2019, members of BTU conducted a Fly-Fishing Workshop at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center in Analomink, PA. The eleven community participants explored basics such as equipment, where to fish, how to read the water, fly-tying, knots and casting. They then tried their newly acquired knowledge on Zacharias' Pond in East Stroudsburg where they caught some really nice panfish. Congratulations to our new fly-fishers! Some photos of the events highlights are found below.



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.

Women's Introduction to Fly-Fishing Workshop

Volunteers from the [Brodhead Trout Unlimited](#), [Pocono Heritage Land Trust](#), and the [Brodhead Watershed Association](#) assisted the [PA Fish and Boat Commission](#) in presenting a Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing Class on July 6, 2019. 17 students, some of whom travelled several hours to take the course learned about the equipment, casting, entomology, flies, and basic knots within the four-hour course. Although the program was to conclude with fishing on a local pond, inclement weather forced a cancellation of that portion of the program. But a good time was had by all!



New Fly-fishers Hit the Creek

Participants in our Advanced Fly-Fishing class took advantage of our in-house BTU “guides” and hit the local creeks on June 8 to try their newly acquired skills. The smiles on these faces tells the story more than any words. Congratulations to all!



News Notes, Advocacy Opportunities, and Items of Interest:

Legislative News:

As we reported earlier this summer, S.B. 619 passed the PA Senate and will now go to the PA House of Representatives for action. Passage in the House will change the definition of pollution, allow those responsible for spills to make the determination if they should call DEP, and handcuff DEP and PA Fish and Boat in holding the polluting parties responsible. This legislation is not good for Pennsylvania’s cold-water resources and the flora and fauna that depend upon the cool, clean waters we have in the Poconos. Please contact your elected Representative with your thoughts on this upcoming legislation.

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

Remember when we reported that streams were running high? Yes? Well they aren't now!

But that's to be expected as we move into the second half of the summer season. Air temperatures soar, water levels drop and fishing becomes more of a challenge. In fact, if you are fishing for trout, remember that as water temperatures climb over 65 degrees Fahrenheit, trout can be stressed and excessive exertion can be harmful. **So please check those water temperatures before you fish and find the coldest water you can.** If it's too warm, head to your favorite bass and panfish water or a spring-fed limestoneer.

Brodhead Creek—The Brodhead has finally dropped below the 100 cfs mark on the upstream gauge but, unfortunately, as the level has dropped the water temperature has risen. Early morning after some night-time temperatures around 60 degrees can produce some trico action and terrestrials such as black and red ants are also worth a shot. On some rainy days, you could still see some blue-winged olives and don't forget about the Isonychia or Slate Drakes.



Pocono Creek—The Pocono generally runs cooler than the Brodhead but it, too, can warm up quickly under summer conditions. Fish the holds along rocks and remember these fish will LOVE the cooling shade. With the water as low as it is, and it is low, wade slowly or those fish will be gone 30 yards before you get there!

McMichaels Creek—With many upstream miles of McMichaels exposed to direct sunlight, thermal effects can be seen quickly in the public access areas. Again, look for nights of 60 degrees and cooler and head out early before things warm up. Fishing dries can be a challenge under these conditions so don't be afraid to use some small (#18-#20) nymphs in the deeper runs.



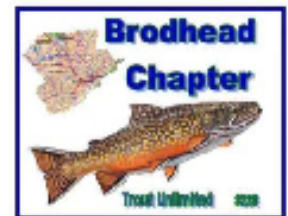
Martins Creek—Martins responds to the high temperatures just like the Pocono and McMichaels. It generally has a very good, shading canopy through most of its length so that's a help but water temps can get to 70 degrees. Midge larvae, terrestrials, small nymphs will all produce fish. Fish the cover but watch those water temps!

Smaller tribs—When the larger creeks are low, the tribs can be VERY low. In fact, some streams like Devil's Hole Creek will disappear underground for some distance and then reappear. The saving grace however, is they usually are the coolest of our streams in summer. As such, they can serve as a summer refuge for trout moving up from the main creeks. If you go to Devil's Hole, remember these fish like to "look up" for dries. A nice elk-hair caddis can be very effective.





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2XL	25	31.5	21.5	25.5	4.25
3XL	27	33	22	26	4.25
4XL	29	34	24	27	4.75
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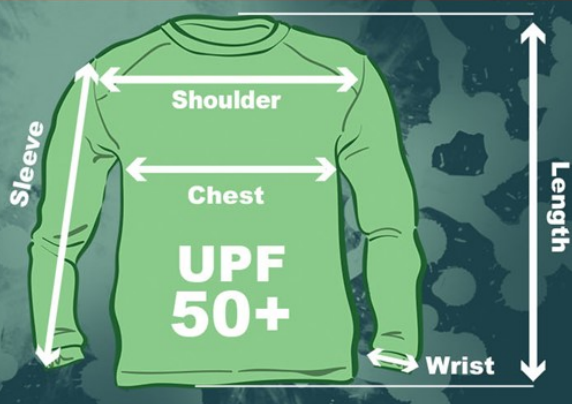
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Eric Baird	570-355-0165	ericrobertbaird@gmail.com	Smaller wild trout streams - Devil's Hole, Cranberry Creek, Black Creek, Hickory Run or other small "blue lines."	Evenings after 6 PM and weekends
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The State of Our Membership:

Adult Members =

Youth Members = 8

Total Chapter Members—

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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Visit our web page at:

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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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