

Streamside Asides



November 2019

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited

Meetings:

November 13—General Membership Meeting: **Don Baylor's "Fishing the West—Off the Beaten Path."** KCEEC, 7 PM

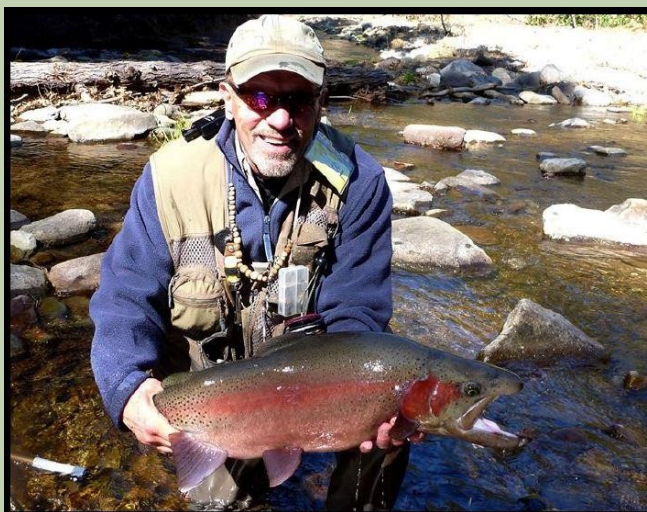
December 11—General Membership Meeting: **Pies and Flies.** KCEEC, 7 PM

Introduction to Fly-Tying Classes—Jan. –Feb 2020. Stay tuned for more information.

February 12, 2020—Fly Tying Round Robin @ KCEEC.

March 27, 2020—Annual Spring Banquet @ Stroudsmoor Country Inn

"Fishing the West - Off the Beaten Path"



Don Baylor presents a program based upon his accumulated knowledge and experiences from his many trips into the American west. This is a program you will not want to miss so be at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center by **7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 13, 2019.** We look forward to see you there.

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Interstate 80 Reconstruction Project Meeting

On October 25, 2019, PennDOT released the I-80 Reconstruction Project's [Environmental Assessment \(EA\)](#) document for public comment and will hold a [Public Hearing](#) on November 13, 2019. This hearing will take place at the Monroe County Control Center at 100 Gypsum Road, Stroudsburg, beginning at 5:00 PM. At 4:00 PM, PennDOT will display the preferred plans and their alternatives. Bridges across Pocono Creek and McMichaels Creek along with new ramp structures and stormwater retention basins are included in these proposals. For more hearing information, follow the link above. If you'd like to review the Environmental Assessments, follow that hyperlink. Stay informed.

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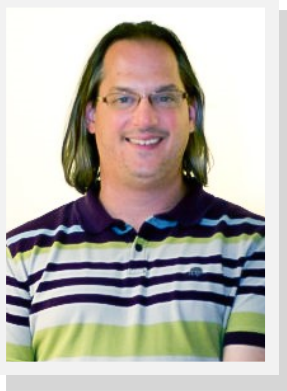
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Greetings Members and Friends,

On brisk day out fishing this weekend I observed many large wild trout actively sitting on redds, so if you go out, be careful where you put your feet. As we move into the holiday season there are a couple of chapter activities coming up that you should be aware of. We will be taking registrations for our "Introduction to Fly Tying" beginning a few short weeks, so watch your mail if you are interested. Also you may want to mark March 27, 2020 on your calendars now and save the date for the annual banquet.

We will be looking to fill some positions on our board of directors next September. If you are interested, please talk to any of the current chapter leadership.

On Wednesday, at the general meeting, we will be unveiling our draft updated strategic plan. This document will guide the chapter through 2025, so I encourage everyone to read and make any comments on the document.

As we continue through 2019 and into 2020 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 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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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Member

We are pleased to welcome new Brodhead TU members Jared Klepacki and Joseph Memolil. We look forward to working with you on our mission and if you have any questions, please reach out to us.

Renewing Members

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

David	Bechtel	John	Makuvek
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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

BTU Strategic Plan: The Strategic Plan for the Brodhead Chapter is finalized and will be emailed to you for your review. It will also be available shortly on our web page at Brodheadtu.org. The plan will be posted through February 2020 at which time we will discuss it and vote on its acceptance. This five-year plan will help guide our activities as we move ahead and we look forward to your participation.

Cherry Creek Update: No news on opening up the stream for fishing. Be patient...and besides...it's spawning season with low (and high) water.

PA Legislative News:

The next voting day is November 21, 2019. For updates on what is happening, we encourage you to visit:

<http://www.paenvironmentdigest.com/newsletter/>

Federal: Regulatory "roll-backs" are still occurring with the latest dealing with coal mining wastes. We've mentioned the Clean Water Rule and Act and the recent action on the Endangered Species Act. Here is a TU resource to check up on what is happening

<https://www.tu.org/action-center>

A Georgetown Law source for environmental legislation:

<http://guides.ll.georgetown.edu/c.php?g=209325&p=3611206>

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.



Fall Trout Photos

What would an issue of Streamside Asides be without some trout photos! Below are several images of trout taken in the Pocono area within the past month. All fish swam away to live another day.



Fishing Report

We've finally gotten some rains, although all at once, and streams are currently running near their long-term median flows. This should provide fine angling opportunities to those of you who choose to get out on a stream. As the weather continues to cool and the days shorten, be prepared for the cold water with some good heat-holding base layers and some warm socks! As far as time of day, our winter experience tells us that the middle of the day may be the best time. In November that may translate to 9:30 AM—2:00 PM. Later in the winter it may be 10:30 AM—1:30 PM. You can get up at the crack of dawn or before, but you probably don't need to.

Some brown trout are beginning to come off their redds and the brookies are getting ready to build theirs. So tread carefully, especially in those tailouts of the pools. One thing to remember is the waters this time of year are usually VERY CLEAR. It's a good idea to fish upstream if conditions permit because you will be quite visible. Small nymphs and streamers will work and yes, there will be some midges for those of you who just can't resist a #24 and 7x tippet!

Finally, we share the woodlands with those who hunt small and large game animals. If you are going to fish in a huntable area, it's a good idea to wear some blaze orange so not only can you see them, but they can see you. Safety first!



Brodhead Creek - Flow is about perfect as of 11/11/2019. Water temps are dropping and the cold weather later in the week should depress them even more. Reports of decent fish being caught on streamers (Sorry, they're not telling me what patterns.) Something tied thinly with a good white underbelly or, on the other end of the spectrum, a nice black, bead-head wooly-bugger should work. Small brown stonefly nymphs or isonychia nymphs should be given a try, too.

McMichaels Creek - It takes a while for McMichaels to come down after heavy rains but it's flowing very nicely at this time. Water temperature is in the mid-40's. Although sometimes difficult to motivate the fish to strike in this stream when it's cold, a well-presented flashback nymph in the #16-#18 can often be the right offering.

Pocono Creek - Flow is a bit low at 70 cfs but the water temperature is running in the low to mid-40s. The brownies are still active and can be found in the pools and the runs. Some smaller native brookies are also being caught. Find water that's knee deep with a current seam and fish it. And if you can find those places where it's hip deep, really fish it! We've had reports of rises on dries although it's probably best to fish some small nymphs.

Martins Creek - Running at a good height at press time (11/11/2019). Water temperature was 43 degrees and the upcoming cold snap could put it down around 40 degrees. Plenty of stocked rainbows remain and the wild browns are, well, swimming wild! This is the time of year when brookies magically appear from nowhere in the creek. You can fish there spring and summer and never find one, but come November and the spawn, there they are. Remember Martins is a stocked, Class A stream and therefore is Catch and Release from Labor Day through the end of February.

Tributary streams - These streams are the spawning grounds for most of our larger streams so special care should be taken with wading. They are running low and clear so use a cautious approach and be careful if you decide to fish there this month.



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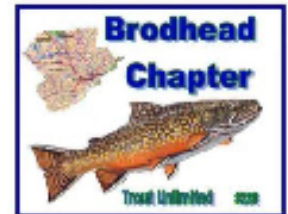
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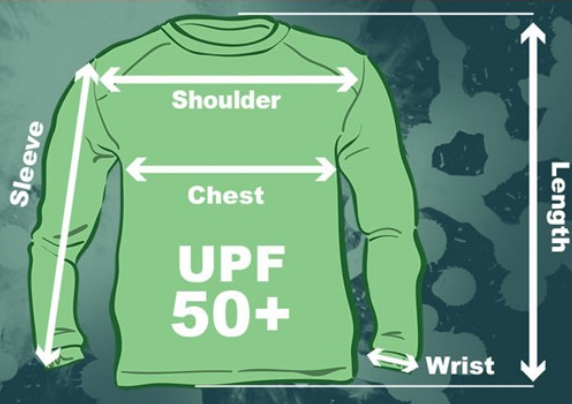
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Fishing Buddies

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
Gerru Bortz	570-895-1099	gbflyguy@uplink.net	Brodhead and McMichaels Creeks	Weekdays.
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		jfcnr@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 = 247

Youth Members = 8

Total Chapter Members— 255

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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*All material for submission for your newsletter
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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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