

Streamside Asides



February 2020 The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited

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Special Annual Print Edition

In addition to this eNewsletter, a print edition of our monthly newsletter will arrive shortly to assist you in being good stewards for our waterways and for participating in our many planned activities for 2020. Tack it to a cork board, use a magnet on the refrigerator, or simply tuck it in a safe place. We'll be back to the e-version of our newsletter next month and we look forward to seeing you soon!



Important Water Related Contacts

Below you will find contact phone numbers you may need if, as you hike, fish, or bike along our Pocono waters in Monroe County, you observe something of concern with the **waterway**. Save this page as a handy & quick reference and put the numbers in your contacts!

Event:

Fishkill

Contact:

PA DEP at 570-826-2511

PA Fish & Boat at 570-477-5717

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Soil Erosion/Stormwater Your Township or Borough Office

Monroe Cty. Cons. District at 570-629-3060

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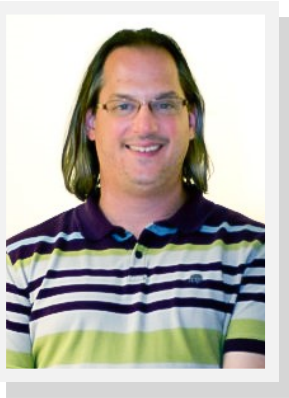
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Dear Members and Friends,

I hope everyone has been safe and warm so far this winter. It has been a sad couple of days for our cold water resources with the EPA decision to reverse the Clean Water Act removing protections for headwater streams and isolated wetlands. I highly recommend contacting both your federal and state legislators and demanding a statutory remedy to this assault on the resource we all hold so dear.

Our next meeting will not be until Wednesday February 12, 2020 at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center with our annual Fly Tying Round Robin. So please stop by and tie some flies. The Brodhead Fly Tiers will be meeting at the Eastern Monroe Public Library on Monday February 17, 2020.

We have begun selling tickets for our Annual Banquet that will be held on March 27, 2020 at the Stroudsmoor Country Inn. Tickets will be \$35.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children under 12.

People are fishing at the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge on a permit basis and several impressive fish have been landed and released already.

If you have any thoughts or ideas on how we can make your chapter better feel free to let me know how you think we can make our Chapter better. A great opportunity for this is by commenting on the strategic plan that was sent out to the chapter last month.

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.

Tight lines and clean waters,

Eric Baird, President

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Gerry Bortz

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Member

We are pleased to welcome new members Mark Exeter, Ruth Ann Rocchio and Jim Rowcliffe to our chapter. Mark, Ruth and Jim, 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 who have chosen to renew their memberships with us. Your efforts in supporting our education, conservation, and advocacy efforts are greatly appreciated.



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Tim	Bond	David	Mengle
Chris	Capurso	Jerry	Messina
C.	Dennis	Thomas	Muller
Carl	Faulkner	William	Perry
Catherine	Folio	Bob	Rosenberger
Darel	Handley	David	Strunk
Homer	Lee	Stephan	van de Loecht

Contributing Members

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

Raymond DeCesare and Bill Leonard



thank you!

News Notes, Advocacy Opportunities, and Items of Interest

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

PA Legislative News:

We encourage you to stay up-to-date on current legislation in the PA House and Senate. Bills can come up for a vote quickly and your voice can make a difference. For updates on what is happening, we encourage you to visit:

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

This resource is searchable so you can simply type in your topic or Bill # and find some information. Also, we sometimes send Local Action Alert emails to our membership when an important legislative vote is imminent. The most recent was for SB 790. Did you contact your legislator?

Federal: As we stated in the January newsletter, regulatory “roll-backs” are still occurring with the latest being the passage of the update to the Clean Water Rule. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) announced a final “Waters of the U.S. Rule” on Jan. 24, 2020. This rule replaces the 2015 Rule, which clarified the extent of jurisdictions for clean water act protections. [This new 2020 rule \(Navigable Waters Protection Rule\)](#) not only reverses the clarifications made in the 2015 rule, but further reverses protections that have been in place dating back to the 1970s. More information can be found at these links:

<http://bit.ly/2020WOTUS>

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

A Georgetown Law source provides a comprehensive overview of 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.

BTU Action/Activities in 2019

For a relatively small chapter, Brodhead TU is incredibly active and involved. Below is a brief description and then a listing of the activities in which our leadership, membership, and friends engaged in calendar year 2019, **excluding** regular Board and General Membership meetings. From an hours volunteered standpoint, our biggest foci were: Educational activities, conservation activities (stream projects and cleanups) and

Stream Habitat Improvement Projects: BTU worked on **Cherry Creek** in the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge to create and improve trout habitat along some 2000' of stream. Our partners in this effort were the Friends of Cherry Valley, Pocono Heritage Land Trust and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Special thanks to neighbor and friend Royce Fetherman for supplying trees for our brush deflectors. Additionally, the chapter partnered with the Brodhead Creek Regional Authority (BCRA) to improve habitat in **Pocono Creek** near the Rte. 715/611 intersection. This Phase IV section was the last portion of the stream planned for improvements. Another vital partner in these efforts was Aquatic Resources Consulting, who performed the pre – and post-improvement electroshocking data collection.

Streamside Clean-up: BTU members and friends once again cleaned up the banks of Pocono Creek and Bisbing Run in Tannersville. A pick-up truck full of debris, trash and other materials was picked up from the streams, their banks, and the surrounding properties. Many thanks to all our members and those friends from the Pocono Heritage Land Trust and Brodhead Watershed Association who helped in this effort. Wouldn't it be great if we didn't need to do this?

Educational Outreach: BTU conducted multiple fly-fishing workshops (4) and a multi-session flyfishing course. Chapter members also tabled at various community days (5) and other such events (Earth Day) in order to provide information on our cold-water resources and their importance. The chapter sponsored campers at the Monroe County Conservation District Youth Camp and at the Rivers Conservation Camp. Additionally, the chapter sponsored a program to build waste fishing line receptacles to be placed along streams in public access areas throughout the county. Our Trout In The Classroom efforts experienced the addition of Stroudsburg High School and we assisted with their Release Day at Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

On the following page is a listing of our volunteer activities for 2019 and some upcoming events. Hope to see you in 2020!

Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2019

- 1-2/2019 Introduction to Fly-tying Course Sessions
- 3/16/2019 Introduction to Fly Fishing Workshop
- 4/13/2019 Knights of Columbus Fishing Tournament
- 4/27/2019 MCCD Earth Day Festival
- 4/28/2019 Introduction to Fly Fishing Workshop
- 5/4/2019 Chapter Stream Clean-up
- 5/1/2019 OPW Booth at the Easton Farmer's Market
- 5/18/2019 BCRA Water Festival
- 5/19/2019 FOCV Spring Fling
- 6/15/2019 Cherry Creek Workday
- 6/22/2019 Cherry Creek Workday
- 6/27/2019 Electro-fishing Pocono Creek
- 6/30/2019 Introduction to Fly Fishing Workshop
- 7/3/2019 Electro-fishing Cherry Creek Phase I Post
- 7/6/2019 Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing Workshop
- 7/13/2019 Party in the Park Tobyhanna Township
- 7/25/2019 Fly Fishing at Youth Conservation Camp
- 7/27/2019 Cherry Creek Workday
- 7/28/2019 Electrofishing Cherry Creek Phase II (Pre)
- 8/10/2019 Cherry Creek Workday
- 8/17/2019 Cherry Creek Workday
- 9/14/2019 Mario Scavello Outdoor Day
- 9/21/2019 Pocono Mountain Jakes Program
- 9/22/2019 FOCV Fall Festival
- 9/26/2019 Pocono Creek Phase IV Boulder Placement
- 9/29/2019 Chestnuthill Township Community Day
- 10/12/2019 Quiet Valley Harvest Festival
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- 10/26/2019 A Day of Environmental Action and Awareness



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June 15, 2020: Brodhead Fly Tyers Meeting

June 26, 2020: Veterans Service Fishing Program

June 28, 2020: Introduction to Fly Fishing

Summer 2020 Cherry Creek Project

Summer 2020 Pomeroy Property Project

July 2020: Veterans Service Fishing Program, Date TBA

July 20, 2020 Brodhead Fly Tyers Meeting

July 23, 2020 Fly Fishing Program Conser. Camp

August Veterans Service Fishing Program, Date TBA

August 17, 2020: Brodhead Fly Tyers

September Veterans Service Fishing Program Date TBA

September 9, 2020: General Meeting

September 21, 2020: Brodhead Fly Tyers

October 20, 2020: TIC eggs arrive

October Veterans Service Fishing Program, Date TBA

October 14, 2020: General Meeting

October 19, 2020 :Brodhead Fly Tyers

November 16, 2020: Brodhead Fly Tyers

November 18, 2020: General Meeting

December 9, 2020: General Meeting

December 21, 2020: Brodhead Fly Tyers



BRODHEAD CHAPTER

Annual Banquet

Friday March 27, 2020



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

**Buffet
Dinner**

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

**Great
Raffles**

Tickets

Adults \$35.00

Children under 12 \$20.00

(payable in advance)

Tables of 8 to 10 may be reserved

For more information on the program see our website www.brodheadtu.org or contact our Secretary Eric R. Baird at 570-396-4677 or ericrobertbaird@gmail.com

To order tickets, fill out the form below and mail with your check to:

Ordering dead-
line is March
20, 2020

Eric R. Baird
267 3rd Street
Pocono Pines, PA 18350

Only
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_____ Adult Tickets (\$35.00) + _____ Children Under 12 (\$20.00) = \$_____.00 Reserve Table ____ for _____

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M	20.5	28	19.5	24.5	3.5
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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
4XL	29	34	24	27	4.75
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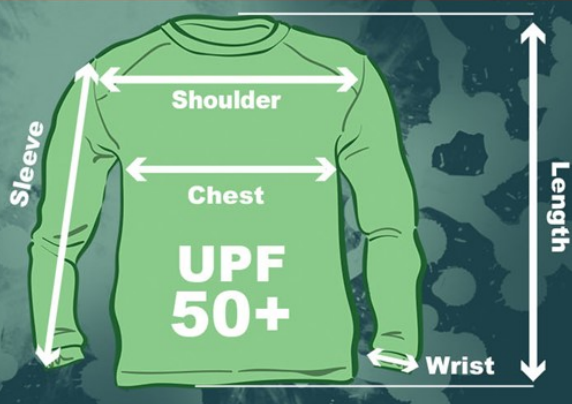
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Fishing Buddies

First, Last	Contact Phone	Contact email	Water(s)	Days-Times
Todd Burns	610-704-4549	salmofisher7@gmail.com	Brodhead and all smaller Pocono streams: Pocono, McMichaels, Devil's Hole, Cranberry, etc.	Almost any day or time
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
Gerry 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		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 = 257

Youth Members = 9

Total Chapter Members— 266

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
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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