

# Streamside Asides



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

## Meetings:

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@KCEEC "Minsi Lake and Martins Creek" with John Mauser

**March 21, 2020: Introduction to Fly Fishing Workshop** at KCEEC. 9 am—12:00 PM.

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## John Mauser on Minsi Lake and Martins Creek:

### "Habitat Improvements, The Fish, The Lake, and The Stream."

Pole Cluster with horizontal members  
Minsi Lake



Fed by springs and two branches of Martins Creek, Minsi Lake was drawn down several years ago to repair its aging dam. This provided an excellent opportunity to build a variety of habitat devices and place them in the lake prior to refilling and restocking fish. John will guide us through a close look at Minsi Lake's habitat from the 1970s and compare it to the new habitat created for 2020. The fish populations prior to the dam repair and what is to come will also be addressed. Questions such as: "Was the lake too shallow and too weedy or just right? Is Martins Creek worth a trip in any month of the year?" will be answered.

Speaking of Martins Creek, in addition to speaking to the lake improvements, John will review the 0.8 mile of Martins Creek running through the 74-acre parcel Lower Mount Bethel Township recently purchased. This stretch is just downstream of the Northampton County Firemen's School. A close look at Big Trout Pool (Come to the meeting and you'll learn where that is!) will review the recently completed fish habitat/stream bank stabilization project. Wrapping up the presentation will be a few slides of the Delaware River fishing opportunities.

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Dear Members and Friends,

My social network feed has been showing me that a lot of people are getting out and enjoying this Fool's Spring. Just over a month until the Regional Opening Day and Statewide Opening Day of Trout Season so now is the time to maintain our gear and fill our fly boxes.

Our next meeting will not be until Wednesday March 11, 2020 at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center. John Mauser of the Friends of Minsi Lake will be talking about the Past, the Present, and the future of Minsi Lake. The Brodhead Fly Tyers will be meeting at the Eastern Monroe Public Library on Monday March 16, 2020. We will be focusing on the early stonefly patterns at our March Meeting.

Our volunteer opportunities are also starting to ramp up. We will be helping volunteers from the Veteran's Assisted Living and OutReach (VALOR) clear trails at their Meckes Lane property in Lake Harmony PA on Saturday March 7 from 8 AM to 4 PM. This also the site of the Veteran's Service volunteer opportunity on April 18, if you want to learn more about our Veteran's Service Program, please contact Glen Lippencott. We will be teaching an Introduction to Fly Fishing Class on Saturday March 21 from 9 AM to 12 PM for the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center. We have another Veteran's Service Program teaching fly tying to veterans on March 25 from 6 PM to 9PM at Paul's House. Looking ahead we are in desperate need of Volunteers for April 25 to help with manning a booth at the MCCD Earthday and Celebration of the Historic Brodhead. If you can help at either event get in touch with me.

We have already sold more than a third of the available tickets Annual Banquet that will be held on March 27, 2020 at the Stroudsmoor Country Inn so don't delay. Tickets will be \$35.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children under 12.

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,

Eric Baird, President

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#### MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

##### New Member

We are pleased to welcome five new members to our chapter: John Burrus, Wayne Daily, Matthew Greco, Rayburn Hudman and Steven Killoran. 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.

Edward	Benjamin	Frederick	Ross
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##### Contributing Members

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

Brad	Ace	William	Kresge
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## Minsi Lake Habitat Improvement Project Photos







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# 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](http://www.brodheadtu.org) or contact our Secretary Eric R. Baird at 570-396-4677 or [ericrobertbaird@gmail.com](mailto:ericrobertbaird@gmail.com)

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

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line is March  
20, 2020

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## Fishing Report

It certainly has been a mild winter to date and the lakes and streams that are normally iced-over are open and ice-free. Be advised; however, that stocked trout waters are closed to fishing from March 1 until the opening day of the season at 8 AM on Saturday, April 13, 2020. But for those of us who can't wait to get out there, there are PAFBC Special Regulation areas and various nature preserves that are open to year-round fishing. Some local special regulation areas can be found on Dingman's Creek and Tom's Creek in Pike County, Tobyhanna Creek and McMichaels Creek in Monroe County and Bushkill Creek and Monocacy Creek in Northampton County. Remember that these special regulations apply only to specific stretches of these streams—NOT the entire length so check your regulation book before you head out.

We've had reports of good periods of February fishing for trout in the Brodhead, Pocono Creek, and Tom's Creek. I'm sure some other local streams are producing but the anglers aren't telling us! Here are a few photos from some late February enjoyment on Pocono Creek around our Phase IV habitat project near the Rt. 715/Rt. 611 intersection.



If you zoom in on the rod, just in front of the grip, you'll see that this is an old HI "Pocono". Judging from the reel seat and decal, we're thinking it's a late 40's early 50's model! In any case, it's not fancy but it sure got the job done.

## 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](http://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.

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**June 13, 2020: ANNUAL PICNIC** at ForEvergreen Nature Preserve

**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





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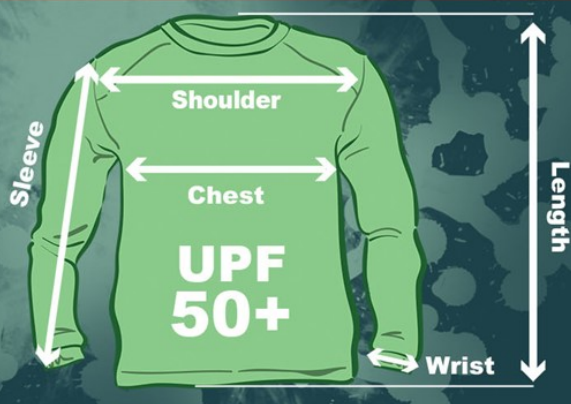
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## ***Fishing Buddies***

First, Last	Contact Phone	Contact email	Water(s)	Days-Times
Todd Burns	610-704-4549	<a href="mailto:salmofisher7@gmail.com">salmofisher7@gmail.com</a>	Brodhead and all smaller Pocono streams: Pocono, McMichaels, Devil's Hole, Cranberry, etc.	Almost any day or time
Eric Baird	570-355-0165	<a href="mailto:ericrobertbaird@gmail.com">ericrobertbaird@gmail.com</a>	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	<a href="mailto:gbflyguy@uplink.net">gbflyguy@uplink.net</a>	Brodhead and McMichaels Creeks	Weekdays.
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James Connor		<a href="mailto:jfcnnr@gmail.com">jfcnnr@gmail.com</a>	Most local streams	Availability varies.
Eric Gusztaw	570-620-6322	<a href="mailto:egusztaw@gmail.com">egusztaw@gmail.com</a>	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
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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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**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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