

Streamside Asides



April/May 2020 The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited

Meetings:

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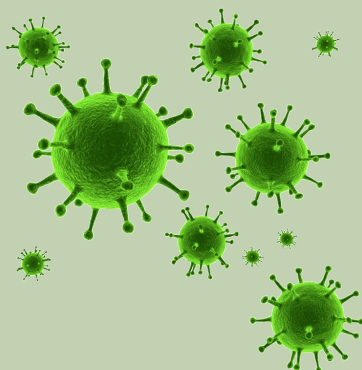
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June 15 Start date: Cherry Creek Habitat Improvement. Information will be provided if and how this event occurs.

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We're Taking a Pause for COVID-19

Since our last newsletter went out in early March, the spread of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in our local communities has forced us to postpone or cancel multiple activities. Although we're concerned about our cold-water resources and we love to get together and share our stories, we're more concerned about you, our members and

friends. We ask that you follow the best-practice health guidelines to protect yourself, your family and your community during this challenging time. When conditions are appropriate to once again meet, work, and learn together, we'll publish a new calendar with all the information.

Although our face-to-face activities have been cancelled, that doesn't mean we're not planning for the future and monitoring activities that affect our local waterways. The BTU Board will be meeting virtually and our bi-weekly email blasts will keep you, our members and friends, up to date.

As a final note, Brodhead TU expresses our sincere thanks to all those who are in health-related positions, food-service, and supply chains working diligently for our community. Through your efforts, we will see a better future.

Take care, be safe, and tight lines.



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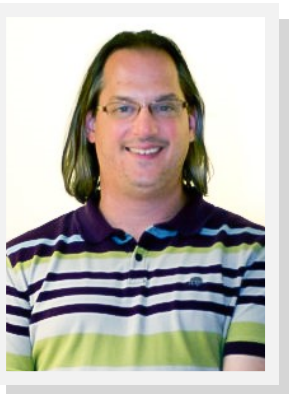
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Dear Members and Friends,

As many of you are already aware, Trout Season has opened up on April 7 and I hope you all have had a chance to get out enjoy it. The last couple of weeks have been rough on a lot of people, especially those on the front lines, and that is why Trout Unlimited is offering a free one year membership to anyone who out there on the front lines. So if you know someone who currently is out on the in the face of pandemic (and in TU's CEO own words we are being very generous on what is considered essential workers). So if someone working as a nurse, paramedic, grocery clerk, hardware store employee, or anyone else who's vocation puts them on the front line they can reach out directly to Chris Wood at chris.wood@tu.org to request a free membership. To find out more, go to <https://www.tu.org/blog/tus-chris-wood-to-essential-workers-free-tu-memberships-to-all/>.

In other news you may have heard "Sorry folks, park's closed. Moose out front shoulda told ya".

Right now a lot of our functions and activities are at a standstill while we wait for those in power to start making actual decisions and giving us real benchmarks to work towards. Our board is dedicated to trying work as effectively as the pandemic allows to keep pushing forward so that when this veil is lifted we can get back to work at protecting, restoring, reconnecting, and sustaining our cold water resources, but while we wait here are some ideas to keep you from going completely stir crazy.

[TU National recently published an opinion piece from an ER physician on whether we should be fishing during the pandemic.](#) It is a good read and I highly encourage you to read it.

For those of us being safe at home with our families, there are [some suggestions from TU National of things you can do with your family to promote coldwater conservation.](#) I spent an afternoon with my 4 year old son doing the scavenger hunt and the macroinvertebrate survey, he is still talking about the dragonfly larvae we found.

One the items mentioned is the RIVERS App, you download an application onto your smart device called 123Survey (available at the [Google Play](#) or the [App Store](#)) once you have the application, then you need to download the [survey form](#) onto your smart device, this tells the 123Survey App where to send the information and gives you an electronic questionnaire to enter the information into. Once you have those two things done if you see something wrong stream bank erosion, a potential pollution source, garbage on the stream bank, or anything else you feel could use some attention, open the app on your phone, fill out the survey form and we will have a real time data of potential stream impacts that may require action from the chapter. This could potentially direct us to future projects or give us information to hand over to regulatory and enforcement agencies.

Another fun application for your smart device to keep you from going stir crazy is the INaturalist App (available at [Google Play](#) and the [App Store](#)). This is kind of like Facebook for nature nerds. See something neat, snap a picture, take a guess what it is and it is added to huge database of natural sightings. You will get feedback from other users to better understand what you saw. There are ways to put "projects" into this application and that is something this chapter may look into doing in the future, so it doesn't hurt to learn how to use it now.

Also if you have some time to kill, did you know that the Chapter has a [YouTube Page](#)?

The last thing I would like to mention is to remember the businesses that have supported our chapter in this time of need so please visit them when you have the chance, buy gift cards if they aren't open right now, or utilize their on-line store if they have one.

Field and Stream/ Dick's	https://www.fieldandstreamshop.com/	AA Outfitters	https://www.aaoutfitters.com/
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Gerry Bortz
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Tom Van Zandt



MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Member

We are pleased to welcome five new members to our chapter: Joe Greco, Ivers Keller, Logan Mackes, William Martin and Ed Transue. 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.

Ken	Ayre	Jeff	Kerstetter	Richard	Staneski
Wayne	Babcock	Robert	Lear	Tim	Stem
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Contributing Members

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

Michael	Brong	Bill	Leonard
Richard	Carty	Glen	Lippincott
William	Cleffi	Michael	Reinhardt
C.	Dennis	Tom	Setler
Adolph	Fernandez	Norman	Solotruk
Hank	Harris	Thomas	Whetstone



thank you!

Cherry Valley Work Update

The US Fish and Wildlife Service contacted the chapter to see if we'd be willing to make a wader/boot wash stand for use at the CVNWR parking lot by the creek. We said, "Yes." The volunteer project could be completed with materials mostly on hand and without multiple people so there wasn't much concern over cost, social distancing or locating an N95 mask!

If you aren't familiar with one, the purpose of a boot wash station is to prevent the transmission of organisms from one body of water into another, especially from one watershed to another. Although some of these organisms could be benign when brought into a new environment, others could have a detrimental impact. So, we wash and brush our boots before and after we fish in an attempt to keep some unwanted hitchhikers from ruining our local waters. The station will be maintained by CVNWR volunteers.



Reminder: If you want to fish Cherry Creek within the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge, please remember to:

1. Obtain a permit form the USFWS via email
2. Refrain from fishing on the entrance road bridge
3. Stay on CVNWR property and stay off the surrounding, posted private property.



Fishing Report

Current conditions and rules allow you to fish as long as you maintain an appropriate and safe distance from any other angler or hiker. So find a stream or a lake and have some fun—it's allowed!



As you know, nature's processes move forward whether we're out and about or not. After a relatively "warm" winter, we are experiencing a particularly cold spring. These May frosts are depressing water temperatures and making the hatch charts a bit more of a guessing game. However, the forecasts are calling for warmer weather in the very near future so things will be picking up. Hang in there!

Caddis (tan, green, greenish/brown) are currently hatching and on streams like the Brodhead Creek, McMichaels, Creek, Appenzell Creek, Martins Creek and Cherry Creek. Hatches seem to be coming off around 2 PM (give or take) and adult and emerger patterns will work. Size 14-18 should do the job. Don't be afraid to give you imitation some movement—it could be the difference between a strike and your offering being ignored. Mayflies such as x, y, and Z are out also hatching on our Pocono waters and the fish have been feeding well. It's simply a matter of being on the stream at the right time!



Keep in mind that as we head to the month of June, the blue-winged olives will be on the water. They love rainy mornings so when a 60 degree day with plenty of clouds and perhaps some rain shows up, be ready with a size #14 or #12.



News Notes, Advocacy Opportunities, and Items of Interest

PA Legislative News:

The PA House and Senate have been in session the past month with multiple voting days on various pieces of legislation. Some of these bills could affect the cold-water resources of the greater Pocono region and some of them impact the ability of departments such as DEP to carry out their respective missions.

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. *Even though our attention is currently on the COVID-19 situation, be aware there are bills and amendments being put forth that would affect funding, enforcement and regulations within agencies that are charged with protecting the clean, healthy environment guaranteed in our state's constitution. Stay tuned for more information.*

Federal:

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.

Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2020

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June 15, 2020: Brodhead Fly Tyers Meeting—MOVING ON-LINE.

June 26, 2020: Veterans Service Fishing Program—TO BE DETERMINED.

June 28, 2020: Introduction to Fly Fishing—TO BE DETERMINED.

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



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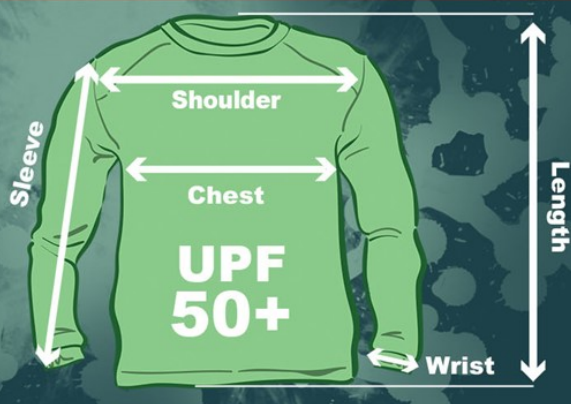
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Fishing Buddies

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 = 270

Youth Members = 6

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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*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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