

Streamside Asides



Meetings:

Decisions on participating in and sponsoring future events will be made by the Board of Directors based upon the guidance from the PA Department of Health

December 6, 2020: Work Day at Cherry Valley Nat. Wildlife Refuge—Larsen Tract, Tree planting. 1-3:00 PM

December 13: General Membership meeting at CVNWR, Headquarters Tract. Time: TBA

February 10: Pies and Flies (Tentative)

March General Membership Meeting: Presentation by Tim Flagler.



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December 2020

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited



2020 has been a challenging year, but due to your willingness and desire to conserve, protect, restore and reconnect our cold-water resources, we were able to make progress on our mission. We sincerely wish the best of health and happiness for you and your family during this holiday time and beyond so:

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

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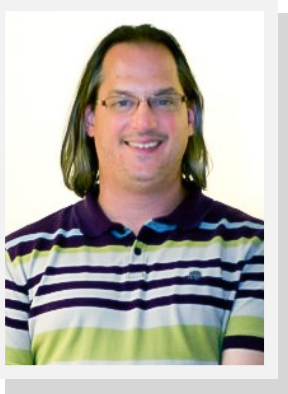
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Dear Members and Friends,

As I finally lit my stove for first time this season, I guess I have to admit winter is arriving. But there's no need to worry about getting the winter blues as the Chapter is making sure we have things to keep us moving and connected. This Sunday (12/6/2020) we will be at the Larsen Tract of the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge to blaze an anglers' trail through the brambles from the parking lot, to the creek and back. So if you have an urge to get back at some rose bushes for some holes in waders, this is your chance. The following Sunday (12/13/2020) we will be touring the Refuge headquarters tract to see the habitat restoration work that has been done there.

As I am prone to do, I would like to remind everyone that the Brodhead Chapter is our Chapter and the strength of our Chapter is our volunteers. With that being said, we have several leadership positions currently open for new volunteer leaders. We are currently looking to fill the Membership Chair and Event Coordinator positions. If you are interested in learning more about either of those positions, or volunteering for one of those positions, please feel free to reach out me at ericrobertbaird@gmail.com or any of your Chapter leaders.

Tight lines,

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MEMBERSHIP — December 2020

Memorial News

Long-time member and Board Member Emeritus Dave Hughes passed away on November 26, 2020. Dave played a vital role in the growth of the chapter and his input and assistance will sorely be missed. The Chapter extends its sympathies to his wife Helen and daughter Bridgette. Dave's obituary is found [here](#).

New Members

Brodhead TU welcomes the following new members: John Shortino and Tom Zeigler. We look forward to working with you on our mission and if you have any questions, please reach out to us.

Remember, one of the best ways to recruit new members is through personal contact. If you've got friend who shares our mission, encourage them to sign up now.

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.

David	Beers	Richard	Newell
Clair	Costenbader	Bob	Poles
Brian	Daniels	Tara	Ricker
Karen	Gee	Rodney	Stark
Steven	Killoran		



Contributing Members

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

Raymond	DeCesare	Bob	Skazenski
David	Roy	Steven	Killoran
Bill	Leonard		

Free 1-Year TU Memberships for First Responders

Are you a first responder? Fire Servicer? Law enforcement? Military? Is someone in your family? TU is offering free 1-year memberships to those who serve our communities and our country in these capacities. If you or a family member is interested, please [follow this link](#) for more information.

Tank Creek Hike Held on November 15, 2020

On Sunday, November 15, approximately two dozen members and friends of Brodhead TU gathered at the Field Stone Farm Nature Preserve off Devil's Hole Road. The group walked the trail along Tank Creek (where some active redd building was going on) and explored the remains of the former residence. Don Miller provided wonderful and interesting details about the history of the site, from its initial owner up to its purchase by the Pocono Heritage Land Trust. The group even found some of the original fencing that was put up to keep the resident elk herd in place. Yes, there was a private elk herd on-site at one time! In addition to the old residence, the hikers saw the origin of the spring that fed the swimming pool and the ponds. It was hard to believe that all those 40' trees were once pasture land.



Don Baylor and Todd Burns spoke about the natural reproduction of wild brown trout in the creek. Several redds were spotted and one group was able to see a female brown actually clearing a redd. That was extremely interesting to see. A headwater stream such as Tank Creek provides important spawning habitat for trout moving up from Paradise



Creek within the Brodhead Watershed.

The tour wound down as the rains moved in but a good time was had by all.



BTU Completes Tree Planting at Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge: Headquarters and Larsen Tracts

Members and friend of BTU joined together to replant trees on former farmland and the former Cherry Valley Golf Course. Many thanks to all who assisted in planting many of the trees identified below. You can see what species were allocated for each section and the type of conditions they will thrive in. We are anxious to see how things change within the next few years as the trees begin to mature. Great work, everyone!



Bare Root Seedlings (Received)

Eastern White Pine (BRS UG) - 125, dry conditions
 Concolor Fir (BRS UG) - 125, dry conditions
 Douglas or Fraser Fir (BRS UG) - 125, dry conditions
 Red Oak (BRS RG UG) - 125, dry conditions
 Dogwood (Variety, BRS RG) - 150 Partial Shade, Full Sun in wet conditions
 Winterberry (BRS UG) - 125 - wet conditions
 Crabapple (Variety, BRS UG) - 125, dry conditions
 Swamp White Oak (BRS RG) - 125, wet conditions
 Eastern Redbud (BRS UG) - 125, wet conditions
 Black Chokeberry (BRS UG) - 50, wet conditions
 Buttonbush (BRS UG) - 75, wet conditions

Phase 2 East

50 Tree Shelters
 75 Dogwood
 60 Winterberry
 65 Swamp White Oak
 65 Eastern Redbud
 25 Black Chokeberry
 35 Buttonbush



Phase 2 West

50 Tree Shelters
 75 Dogwood
 65 Winterberry
 60 Swamp White Oak
 60 Eastern Redbud
 25 Black Chokeberry
 40 Buttonbush



Larson Lane

100 Tree Shelters
 125 Eastern White Pine
 125 Concolor Fir
 125 Douglas or Fraser Fir
 125 Red Oak
 125 Crabapple



Upcoming Work Day at Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge: Larsen Tract

On Sunday, December 6, 2020, you are invited to assist BTU in clearing trails to access Cherry Creek on the Larsen Tract of the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge (CVNWR). The Chapter, in conjunction with the US Fish & Wildlife Service, will clear two paths from the recently planted field area down to the creek. This site is full of barberry, multiflora rose and other nefarious invaders that wreck havoc on waders, arms, and legs. We will meet at 1:00 PM at Larsen Lane. We flagged the trails ahead of time so we will be able to get organized and to work rather quickly. Good work gloves, brush loppers or a hand saw will be beneficial. The weather forecast is for a high of 36 degrees so dress accordingly.



Volunteer Opportunity

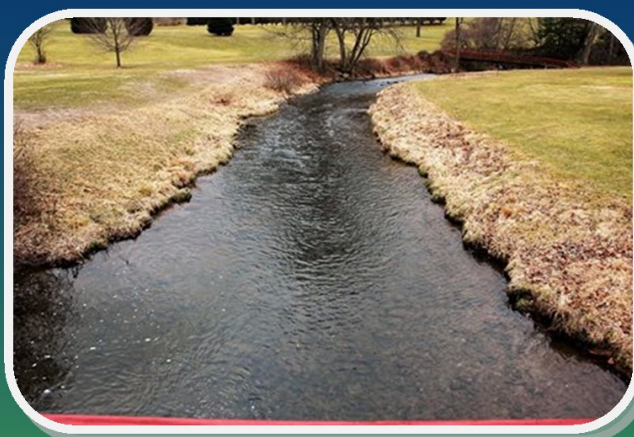
Angler's Trail Clearing

At the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge Larsen Lane Site

Sunday December 6, 2020 at 1:00 PM

December General Membership Meeting on Cherry Creek

We're heading outside again for our next meeting so dress warmly, mask up, and get ready to see what's new on our Cherry Creek project site. Information can be found below.

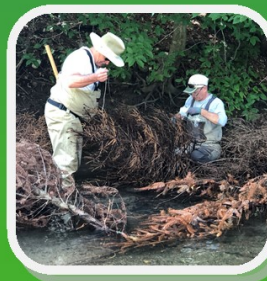


General Meeting

At the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge

1538 Croasdale Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18360

Sunday December 13, 2020 @ 1:00 PM



November Local Fishing Report

BE CAREFUL AND AVOID SPAWNING REDDS WHEN YOU WADE.

The leaves are off the trees and the reds and oranges have given way to grays and browns. But that doesn't mean you should stop fishing! In fact, with this warmer weather we've been having, the trout are very active for this time of year and the post-spawners are hungry. Just be sure to watch where you step (redds still have eggs in them) and remember it is hunting season. If you're fishing in an area open to hunting, please wear some blaze orange.



Cranberry Creek in the VanBuskirk Preserve and Nothstein Preserve rose considerably due to the rains on November 30. Lots of water now! Brooks and browns are found throughout. An indicator, dry cad-dis trailing a small nymph should work fine. Reports are that something with a "hot spot" will be successful.

(Photo by Eric Gusztaw)

Brodhead Creek and McMichaels Creek are both producing trout. Attractor nymph and streamer patters will work. Access is found throughout the Stroudsburg/East Stroudsburg corridor at various parks as well as at ForEvergreen Nature Preserve, Analomink.

Pocono Creek is now running high after the rains but it will drop rather quickly. As with the Brodhead and McMichaels, attractor nymphs and streamers are producing. We've even gotten reports of browns taking the indicator dries—in November! Access is found along the Rt. 611 corridor, near the Rt. 611/Rt. 715 interchange, and at the Learn and Pocono Creek Nature Preserves.



Tributaries - They've all gotten a good dose of water so it shouldn't be an issue to fish these in the near future. Just be sure to watch where you step!



Martins Creek is producing lots of 8"- 11" browns and holdover rainbows. Same flies and techniques as describe above. Remember this is a "special" Class A stream that is stocked. As such, it is no-kill from Labor Day until the end of February when it closes for a month. Access can be found above, through, and below the Bangor Borough limits. There is also some unposted water downstream above the town of Martins Creek.

Lackawanna and Delaware River:s Lots of fish in the Lackawanna and upper Delaware. Please check the USGS gauges on-line before you head out. Flows here are really important to know.

News Notes, Advocacy Opportunities, and Items of Interest

There are currently no proposed regulations or actions from **PAFBC** that directly affect waters in our area. **However**, there are additions being proposed to the Wild Trout and Class A lists across the state. Please visit <https://www.fishandboat.com/Regulations/Pages/ProposedRecentRegulations.aspx> to see what is happening elsewhere and send comments in support of these classification changes. Don't be shy about supporting something out of the area!

PA Legislative News:

Senate Bill 619 passed out of the House ERE Committee and moved to the floor of the House for discussion and possible vote. The Bill died on the floor and no vote was taken. We'll keep an eye for this in the future and we thank you for contacting your representative and expressing your opinions.

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.*

Federal:

More information can be found at these links:

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

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

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

ALL EVENTS ARE IN TBD/TBA STATUS

December 3, 2020: Board of Directors Meeting

December 6, 2020: Work day creating fisherman trails at Cherry Creek. Meet at the Larsen Tract at 1 PM.

December 13, 2020: Meeting on-site to tour the Cherry Creek improvement projects. At CVNWR. More details in this newsletter. Watch for the weekly BTU update.

December 21, 2020: Brodhead Fly Tyers

Tentative 2021 Events

February 4: Board of Directors Meeting

February 10: General Membership Meeting. Pies and Flies

March 4: Board of Directors Meeting

March 28: General Membership Meeting. Presentation by Tim Flagler

April 8: Board of Directors Meeting

April 14: General Membership Meeting—Flybrary Construction

May 6: Board of Directors Meeting

May 12: Meeting on the Brodhead Creek—Brodhead Creek Heritage Center

June 9: Annual Picnic—Brodhead Creek Heritage Center

NEW ITEM COMING SOON:

Trout Unlimited Brodhead Chapter Wooden Flyboxes



Let's be honest. No matter how many flyboxes you currently have, you want one or two of these! We've been able to secure a limited number of these boxes and will be offering them for sale at \$30.00 per unit. Pre-slit foam inserts on both sides, magnetic closure and metal hinges compliment the beautiful woodwork and lettering. No, this won't help you catch more fish, but it will provide you with a beautiful way to store your flies. Boxes will be available for purchase at the next meeting, limit 2 per customer.

UPDATE: Initial sales of these boxes were brisk but we still have some left. These boxes would make a great holiday gift so make plans to get yours before they are gone.

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 = 273

Youth Members = 1

Total Chapter Members— 274

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:*

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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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