

Streamside Asides



March 2021 The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited

Meetings:

March 10, 2021: 7pm (TBD)

General Membership

Meeting: - Tim Flagler, "An

Evening of Fly Tying "



See page 4 for F3T Details

April 14, 2021: General

Membership Meeting—

Flybraries. More info coming.

May 12, 2021: General

Membership Meeting— On the

Brodhead at BCHC

June 12, 2021: ANNUAL

PICNIC at ForEvergreen Nature

Preserve

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MARCH 10, 2021

ON-LINE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

**March 10th 7pm
Via Zoom**



The Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited is happy to present "An Evening of Fly Tying with Tim Flagler" via Zoom on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 7 PM. Tim is an expert tier whose works demonstrate his love of the craft. He has been tying and flyfishing for over 30 years and is well-known for his [instructional videos](#).

During our meeting, Tim will be tying 3 different patterns. We've included the materials list for each of the flies on page seven of this newsletter. You can tie along with Tim if you like or head to the bench later and give it a go. If you're not a tier, sit back and enjoy the magic of Tim's creativity and expertise.

This is a program we are sure will be entertaining and enlightening so come join the on-line meeting [here](#), on Zoom, on March 10th.

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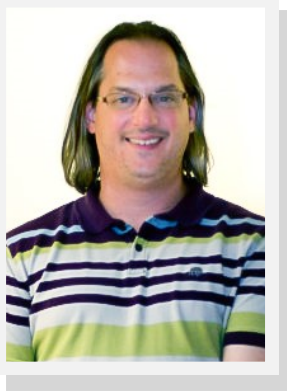
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Dear Members and Friends,

The weather report is saying that we may start seeing more spring like weather in the next couple of weeks, just in time for the Mentored Youth Fishing Day on March 27, 2021 and the Statewide Opening Day on April 3, 2021. Hopefully everyone can join us on Wednesday March 10 at 7PM to welcome Tim Flagler and watch an amazing fly tying demonstration on Zoom.

There are some advocacy items to watch for in the coming weeks, the PA Fish and Boat Commission just released a new list of streams that are slated to be considered Wild Trout Stream and Class A Wild Trout Streams. We also are asking our friends and members to keep a close idea on the State budget as it works its way through the legislature to make sure that environmental programs are not taking a lion share of the cuts that are going to be required to balance the budget.

If you know any veterans or first responders that might be interested in our community of conservation minded anglers, they are eligible for a free one year membership at https://gifts.tu.org/vsp_join. We are also looking for volunteers that might be interested in starting a STREAM Girls program in conjunction with our local Girl Scout Troops. We have a couple of leadership positions that could be filled by members who want to increase their contribution to the Chapter. The Youth Coordinator, Membership Chair, and Event Coordinator positions are all open and if you are interested, please feel free to reach to me or any of our Chapter Leaders.

We also have two fundraising campaigns going on right now. We can now accept credit card donations at the “donate now” section of our webpage at <http://www.brodheadtu.org/donate/>, and thank you in advance for your generosity. Also we are selling tickets to the virtual Fly Fishing Film Tour (F3T) this year. \$20 gives you the ability to watch the F3T as many times as you want on one streaming device from March 10 to April 4. \$2 from every “ticket” sale goes back to the Chapter if you order from <https://flyfilmtour.myeventscenter.com/event/46736?aid=5ed7a2ec-8ed8-4425-a2a5-3de55be468c7>.

Tight lines,

Eric

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members

We are pleased to welcome new members Piotr Krupinski and Walter Radvon. We look forward to working with you on our mission and if you have any questions, please reach out to us.

Renewing and Contributing Members

Thank-yous to those who have chosen to renew their memberships or contributed to TU's mission. Your efforts in supporting our education, conservation, and advocacy efforts are greatly appreciated.



join

Josiah	Barnes	Ed	Magann
Edward	Benjamin	Thomas	Muller
Michael	Brong	James	Ossner
Jake	Cardillo	Stephen	Schroettmig
Richard	Carty	Gregory	Shelley
William	Cleffi	Raymond	Squires
Colin	Dross	Tim	Stem
Edward	Filipkowski	Jeroen	Visser
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Joe	Greco	David	Zuber
Jonathan	Houghton	Vince	Zywiec
William	Jamison		

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.



F3T – Fly Fishing Film Tour Goes Virtual



The **15th annual Fly Fishing Film Tour** is streaming this March with a net full of amazing films. This year, don't miss some of the most exciting, story-driven official selections so epic you'll want to rig your rod right in the living room. The stories span the globe from the remote wilds of Eastern Russia to the Guyana rainforest, the flats of French Polynesia, and all the way to Utah's Flaming Gorge and the down-home waters of Wisconsin.

Tune in March 10 through April 4, 2021 for unforgettable storytelling, camaraderie, premium free giveaways, swag, trips, and more. The F3T aims to inspire, feed your fishing addiction and build awareness for conservation efforts around the world, so join our community of like-minded anglers to celebrate 15 years of the largest fly fishing film event of its kind.

Get on-line tickets for this virtual event and help support conservation and Brodhead Trout Unlimited by clicking on the trout below. \$2 of every ticket sold through this portal comes back to BTU and helps support our conservation efforts. Follow the F3T on social @flyfishingfilmtour for more information and updates.

CLICK HERE TO ORDER YOUR TICKETS



News Notes, Advocacy Opportunities, and Items of Interest

Comment Period Closing Soon: On February 8, a comment period opened regarding additional listings or reclassifications to Wild Trout Waters and Class A Wild Trout Waters. The listings and links to make comments can be found [here](#). ***This comment period closes on March 10, 2021.*** Don't be shy about commenting !

Nurdles! Remember those untold number of little plastic polyethylene pellets that spilled into Sand Spring Run and came hurling down through Pocono Creek? The ones that are still found along the creek, miles downstream? Well, March 31 represents the three year anniversary of that spill and we'll be revisiting that event in the April 2021 newsletter.

PA Legislative News:

The 2021 Legislative Session is open and committees in both the House and Senate are up and running. If you want to keep track of bills coming up within the Environmental Resources and Energy Committees (ERE) - there are a lot- here is the link for the [House](#). Here is the same information for [Game and Fisheries](#). On the Senate side, here are [ER&E](#) and [G&F](#) committee assignments and meeting schedules.

For updates and explanations 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. 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>

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.

February Fishing Report



Brodhead Creek was very cold. But reports of nice brown trout taken on streamers are filtering out. Streamers, representing forage fish, offer a trout the promise of lots of (precious) winter calories and they aren't likely to let one pass by without a look. Black, white and olive are good starting colors.



McMichaels Creek produced some nice trout through the middle of February. Nymphs tied on jigging or standard hooks fished deep attracted some nice fish. Middle of the day seemed to be the best as the fish seemed the most active then. Access is found within the Stroudsburg/East Stroudsburg corridor at various parks as Monroe County and Stroud Township parks.

Pocono Creek was its typical self: alternating between demanding and, well, not as demanding. When the water was low, small nymphs and chironomid patterns worked and when there was some water, bugger-type streamers attracted attention.



Tributaries - Young of year fry are now out so watch where you step. Fishing can be loads of fun in these streams but access due to snow can be a bit of a challenge. Be careful.

Martins Creek ran rather low in February. The cold weather kept the snow from melting but prior to closing on February 15, there were some little black stoneflies out and about. Holdover rainbows and browns were a big sluggish but if you got your offering close, they'd take it. Small, dark beadhead nymphs were successful.

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

Materials List for March 10th, 7:00 PM

ZOOM Fly Tying Demo/Tutorial with Tim Flagler

CDC & Elk Caddis

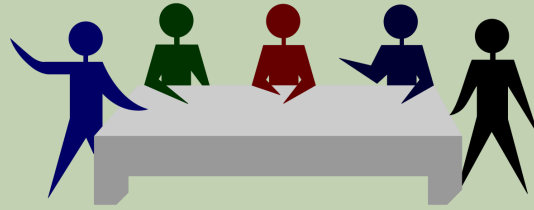
- **Hook:** Fulling Mill, FM 5050, size 16.
- **Thread:** Brown, Veevus 16/0.
- **Abdomen:** Tan CDC.
- **Wing:** Elk body hair, light (bull).
- **Legs:** Tan CDC.

Lance Egan's Red Dart

- **Hook:** Lightning Strike JF2 barbles jig hook, size 14.
- **Bead:** Gold slotted tungsten bead, 7/64".
- **Weight:** Lead-free round wire, .020.
- **Adhesive #1:** Superglue or Fly Tyer's Z-Ment.
- **Thread:** Red, UTC 70 Denier.
- **Tails:** Red saddle-hackle fibers.
- **Rib:** Pearl Sulky Holoshimmer metallic thread.
- **Body:** Peacock herl.
- **Collar 1:** Brown saddle hackle. **Collar 2:** Pink Ice dub.
- **Adhesive #2:** Head cement or Sally Hansen Hard-As-Nails.

Jiggly Pat's Rear

- **Hook:** 2X-long nymph/hopper hook, Lightning Strike NH7, size 12.
- **Thread:** Black, 6/0 or 140-denier.
- **Body:** Variegated black and coffee chenille, medium.
- **Tails:** Black round rubber legs, small.
- **Adhesive #1:** Head cement (here, Sally Hansen Hard-As-Nails).
- **Front Hook:** Jig hook, Lightning Strike JF2, size 10.
- **Thread:** Black, 6/0 or 140-denier.
- **Head:** Black nickel slotted tungsten bead, 5/32-inch.
- **Weight:** Lead-free round wire, .020.
- **Connection:** 8 lb test leader material.
- **Adhesive #2:** Superglue (here, Fly Tyers Z-Ment).
- **Body:** Variegated black and coffee chenille, medium.
- **Legs:** Black round rubber legs, small.
- **Adhesive #3:** Head cement (here, Sally Hansen Hard-As-Nails).



Committee Updates

Brodhead TU has several active committees focused upon meeting the needs identified in our Strategic Plan. If you would like to volunteer to serve on one of these committees, please contact a Board member at your convenience. Below are brief descriptions of what each committee does and some actions they have recently undertaken.

Advocacy— Advocacy alerts members of upcoming policy and/or legislative changes that can impact the cold-water resources in the Poconos, the state, and the nation. It provides information and recommendations regarding policy and legislation and encourages members to communicate with the appropriate departments and elected officials. Recent advocacy efforts focused upon identification and listing of new Class A and Wild Trout waters. This is important because such listings provide increased protections for the waterways. See the Advocacy page for more information.

Diversity Initiative— Focuses upon strengthening the chapter by providing information and activities that will attract and retain members across the spectrum found within our communities. Recent efforts involve folding our current veteran's initiatives into this area. This will provide greater flexibility in providing programming specific to needs of the community. Stay tuned as this is just getting underway.

Fundraising— The fundraising committee looks at developing and maintaining revenue streams sufficient to meet the Chapter's financial needs. The chapter recently began an on-line donation program to fund habitat work on McMichaels Creek within the Pomeroy Preserve. This campaign will continue throughout the year. A QR code now appears within the newsletter that will allow donors to quickly donate to the project. Additionally, three grant opportunities are being explored that could greatly assist in funding the habitat improvements. Finally, look for an upcoming on-line auction or two (woo hoo!) where you can bid on items from the comfort of your own home.

Conservation— This group works on stream or habitat improvement projects. The committee works with local conservation groups such as Pocono Heritage Land Trust, the Brodhead Watershed Association, Friends of Cherry Valley and local governing bodies to improve the existing cold-water resources to enhance the wild trout fisheries. Two new projects include improvements in the Upper Paradise watershed tributaries (Tank Creek and Yankee Run) and work within the Pomeroy Preserve on McMichaels Creek. Current plans are to use the Chop and Drop techniques to add woody material to the creeks to improve habitat for trout and macroinvertebrates.

Tree Planting— A sub-committee of the Conservation Committee, this new group is focused upon identifying areas within our community that will benefit from tree plantings and enacting plans to put trees in the ground. Recent activities include planning site visits to potential planting sites at the end of March. Once sites are selected, appropriate types of trees will be ordered and projects coordinated with the landowners. At that point, a call will go out for volunteers to get those trees in the ground.

We Need Your Financial Support for our Stream Restoration Campaign

The Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited needs your help to restore trout habitat in our Pocono streams

In 2022, Brodhead TU plans to start construction on a \$75,000 project to improve in-stream habitat on nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of McMichael's Creek. Located within the Pocono Heritage Land Trust's recently established Pomeroy Preserve, adjacent to Hickory Valley Park, this stream section is part of the PA Fish & Boat Commission's Keystone Select Trophy Trout/Delayed Harvest program and offers public access and year-round fishing opportunities.

As beautiful as this section of creek is, in-stream habitat is limited, and will benefit greatly from Brodhead TU's science-based habitat restoration work. The Chapter's past projects on the Brodhead Creek, Cherry Creek, McMichael's Creek and Pocono Creek resulted in improvements in the ability of trout to reproduce and flourish. This restoration project will do the same.



Scan the Code at Left with Your Smartphone to Donate to Our Campaign on Our Website or visit: brodheadtu.org/donate

Unfortunately, due to health and safety concerns accompanying the coronavirus pandemic, Brodhead TU has been unable to hold its annual banquet or other traditional fundraisers. Without these supporting events, our stream projects are in jeopardy and we need your help.

Please consider donating now to help us restore and enhance the fishery on McMichael's Creek.

Yes! I want donate \$ _____ to support the Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited's work to restore trout habitat in the Poconos!

Send a check made payable to: Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited, PO Box 661, Tannersville, PA 18372
or donate online with a credit card at brodheadtu.org/donate

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I would like to make my donation in memory of: _____



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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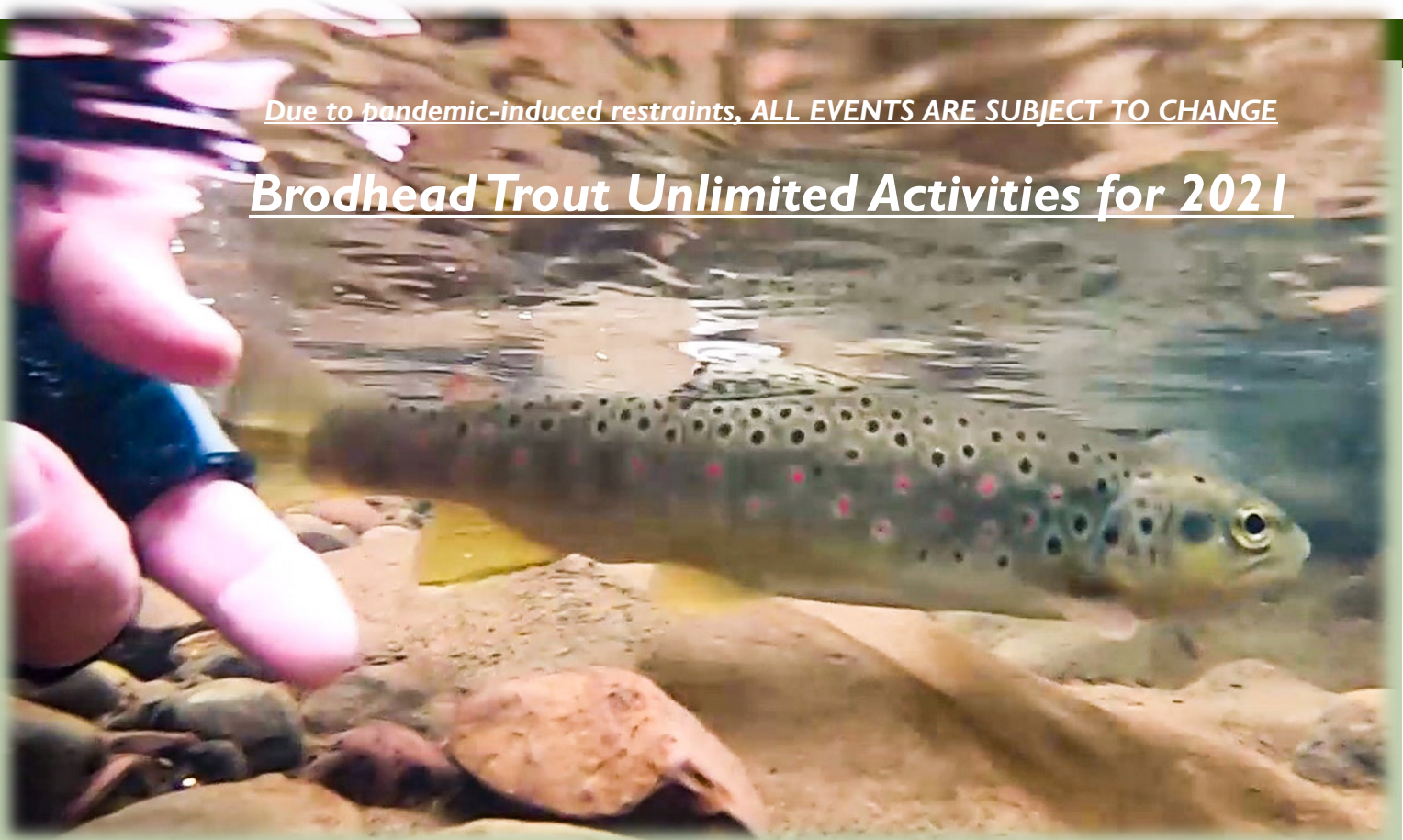
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Due to pandemic-induced restraints, ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2021



March 8: Board of Directors Meeting

March 10 : General Membership Meeting. Presentation by Tim Flagler. 7 PM. Link provided on page 1.

March 10—April 4: F3T of Fly Fishing Film Tour. Link provided on page 4.

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 12: Annual Picnic—Brodhead Creek Heritage Center

June 14, 2021: Brodhead Fly Tyers Meeting

Summer 2021 Chop and Drop Project(s)

July 2021: Veterans Service Fishing Program, Date TBA

July 12, 2021: Brodhead Fly Tyers Meeting

July 2021: Fly Fishing Program Monroe County Conservation Camp TBA

August Veterans Service Fishing Program, Date TBA

August 16, 2021: Brodhead Fly Tyers

September Veterans Service Fishing Program Date TBA

September 9, 2021: General Meeting

September 20, 2021: Brodhead Fly Tyers

October 2021: TIC eggs arrive

October Veterans Service Fishing Program, Date TBA

October 14, 202: General Meeting

November 15, 2021: Brodhead Fly Tyers

November 18, 2021: General Meeting

December 9, 2021: General Meeting

December 20, 2021: Brodhead Fly Tyers