

Streamside Asides



Upcoming Events:

May 12, 2021: General Membership Meeting— 6 PM
On the Brodhead at Brodhead Creek Heritage Center. Fishing first, meeting follows. Grill will be fired up so bring something to grill for an after-fishing “snack” or a late dinner.

June 12, 2021: ANNUAL PICNIC at ForEvergreen Nature Preserve. Festivities start at 3:00 PM.

July 2021: Monroe County Conservation District Youth Conservation Camp Demos:
Thursday, July 23

July– Sept, 2021: Stream Project Work will include post-treatment electroshocking study of our improvement areas involved in the final phase. On Cherry Creek. Stay tuned for details.

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

Flybraries Are Blooming!

Ever get to your destination and not have the fly you need? Ever have a great day on the stream and want to share what worked wonders? Well the



solution may be Brodhead TU’s latest project: Flybraries. Constructed at our April meeting, these little public libraries of flies are popping up like spring wildflowers. Placed at public access fishing points around the Poconos, these little foam boards can help spread some joy. See something you might like to try? Take one. (We know you’ll reverse engineer it and tie your own.) Have an extra of something that worked? Leave one for the next angler to try. This is a great way to share patterns and introduce patterns to new and experienced anglers from near and far.

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See the photos and information on page 4 regarding their construction and materials. We had a great time building them and we hope you’ll enjoy using them.

You can find one for use at the following locations: ForEvergreen Nature Preserve, Hickory Valley Park-2 locations, Cherry Valley NWR—Headquarters, Cherry Valley NWR-Larsen, Old Mill—Sciota, with more to come!



Jim and Ivers on the assembly line.

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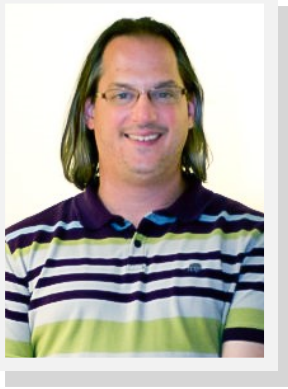
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Dear Members and Friends,

Flowers are blooming and the Flybarries we constructed at the April General Meeting are popping up all over the Poconos. If you don't remember, flybarries are small, exterior displays for hanging flies with the message "Have a fly, leave a fly. Need a fly, take a fly." Hopefully we will see you at our May General Meeting at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center beginning at 6 PM. You can check out the Flybarry that is installed there. We will be gathering to enjoy an evening of fishing and comradery together. We will also have the Chapter grill fired up if you would like to bring something to throw on the grill after an evening on the historic Brodhead.

While it has been mostly good news on a national level for our cold water resources, on the state level there are several bills working their way through committees in the House and Senate that could weaken protections for our cold water fisheries. As we learn more about these bills we will keep you informed.

As I like to say this is our chapter and if you would like to help lead our chapter into the future we have a couple of leadership opportunities if you would like to increase your involvement with 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.

If you don't feel comfortable joining us in person yet, you can still help by donating to the Chapter. 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.

Tight lines,

Eric

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thank you!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members

We are pleased to welcome four new members to Brodhead TU this month. Greetings to Christopher Brown, Pete Howey, Robert Gubitosi and Corey Waldron. 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

Alego	Bartolacci	Rayburn	Hudman	Steven	Pheasant
Donald	Baylor	Richard	Kane	Richard	Phifer
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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.

April Meeting and Project: Flybraries

On April 10, members of Brodhead TU met at ForEvergreen Nature Preserve and constructed approximately 30 Flybraries to be mounted throughout the greater Pocono region. Construction involved cutting the plexiglass shield, gluing the foam decking to the wood, applying the decal to the plexiglass, mounting the shield to the wood and, finally, pre-drilling two holes for quick mounting in the field. The group prepared materials for an additional 10 for easy construction when needed in the future. Thanks to members Eric Baird, Todd Burns, Jim Houghton, and Ivers Keller for their efforts.

Below Left. Eric mounts the foam decking.

Right. Ivers and Eric on the line.

Below. Todd cutting the plexiglass to size for the covers.



Finished Product

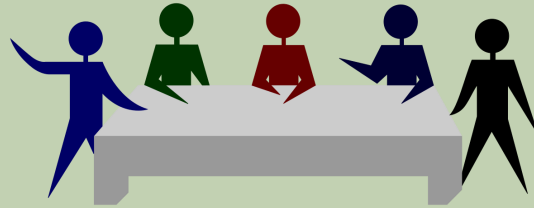


Above. A completed flybrary at CVNWR.

Above. Ivers and Jim installing covers and labels.



Installing Flybrary #1 at ForEvergreen Nature Preserve.



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. Legislation that heads through the House and Senate in Harrisburg has the potential to directly or indirectly affect the coldwater fisheries throughout the state.

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. The Chapter is advertising TU National's Harassment Policy. This is a vital step in creating and maintaining an atmosphere that welcomes all persons interested in BTU's activities. See page 7 for more details.

Fundraising— The chapter's on-line donation program to fund habitat work on McMichaels Creek within the Pomeroy Preserve is underway. Check out page 9. We are planning a wonderful on-line auction for August so stay tuned for more details. We've got a bamboo fly rod, multiple days on local streams (at least one guided!), Don Baylor paintings, an original graphite drawing by Haley Burns, large boxes of locally tied flies and more. The Chapter will submit an initial draft for a TU Embrace-A-Stream grant by May 15 with a final submission to be made by July 15. We also applied for a PFBC Cooperative Habitat Improvement Project (CHIP) grant with the PFBC and have been notified some funds will be available in 2022/2023. More to come on that shortly.

Conservation— This group works on stream or habitat improvement projects. 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. More details will be forthcoming as the plans progress.

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. After making multiple site visits, the committee is continuing to narrow down the possible work sites. At present, several locations along Pocono Creek near Tannersville and Stroudsburg and a site along Middle Creek in Polk Township are high-priority locations. Additionally, the committee is researching potential work on Cherry Creek within the Josie Porter Farm. Once sites and plans are finalized, 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.

News Notes, Advocacy Opportunities, and Items of Interest

Comment Period: There are no new comment periods open that directly affect waters in our area. However, here is the link to the [PFBC Regulatory Changes](#) page so you can review other proposals.

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 rule-making, anti-degradation measures and more.

TU Adds Anonymous Reporting System to Anti-Harassment Policy

Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited welcomes all individuals who share our desire to fulfill TU's mission. We believe all our activities should be free of any form of harassing behaviors so that we can benefit from the diverse populations that make up our community. By engaging and working with members and volunteers in safe and non-threatening environments, we can best identify and utilize ideas for the greater good. To that end, we follow Trout Unlimited's Anti-Harassment Policy. TU created this policy to foster an environment that is free from all forms harassment, whether that harassment is because of race, color, gender, age, relation, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, disability, veteran status or any other characteristic protected by law. This policy, dating to 2018, can be found at:

https://www.tu.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/TU_Anti-Harassment_Policy_Revisions.pdf



As you can see, the policy applies to members, volunteers, vendors and employees alike.

As a member or volunteer, if you believe you are being harassed or if you have witnessed harassing behavior towards other volunteers, members or TU employees, you should report it immediately to Beverly Smith, bsmith@tu.org, Vice President for Volunteer Operations, or Julisa Edwards, jedwards@tu.org, TU General Counsel.

If, at anytime, you would feel it would be unreasonable to use this procedure to report harassment, TU encourages you to submit an anonymous and confidential report using the new Trout Unlimited Ethics hotline.

<https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/68191/index.html> or call 1-844-896-9121.

In all future newsletters, this “hot-button” link will lead directly to the reporting hotline.

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May Fishing Outlook



Late Spring Pocono Hatches & Fishing Update

When you hit the creeks in May, you may find discover your favorite spot may be an insect cafeteria for trout—and that's a good thing! Follow this [link](#) for more information. As we enter May be prepared to offer some late Quill Gordons, caddis (brown, brown-green), Blue Wing Olives, March Browns, light green and green caddis, and, of course Sulphurs. Carrying nymph, emerger, and dun patterns of each will serve you well.

With temperatures fluctuating between the upper 30s and high 70s, hatches have been a bit unpredictable at times. However, they have been coming off and the fish are active. This insect activity, along with enough rainfall to raise the creeks a bit, have produced many days of very good if not exceptional fishing in our area.

- Pocono Creek and tributaries are still running clear and cold with a flow that's about seasonally average. Think nymphs in the morning, emergers in the evening and duns/spinners at dusk. If the water is a bit off color after some rain, load up some streamers and let them fly.
- Brodhead Creek and tributaries have been a bit elevated but that hasn't stopped the fish from feeding. Stocked rainbows or wild browns will be feeding throughout the day, depending on temperatures and levels of sunshine. By the time the sulphurs arrive later in May, most dry fly action will be in the evening with dusk to dark being prime time. Don't forget your emergers and your rusty spinners!
- McMichaels Creek and tribs have been slightly elevated above seasonal averages. Time of day can play a big part in your success here so you may want to scout around a bit. Usually not as clear as the Pocono. Expect to find caddis in various colors during the day/dusk and sulphurs arriving later in the month.
- Martins Creek flows have been good and small nymphs (brown or purple) have been productive. Some fish are surface feeding but expect that to increase greatly within the next 2-3 week as the sulphur hatch comes off.

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: _____

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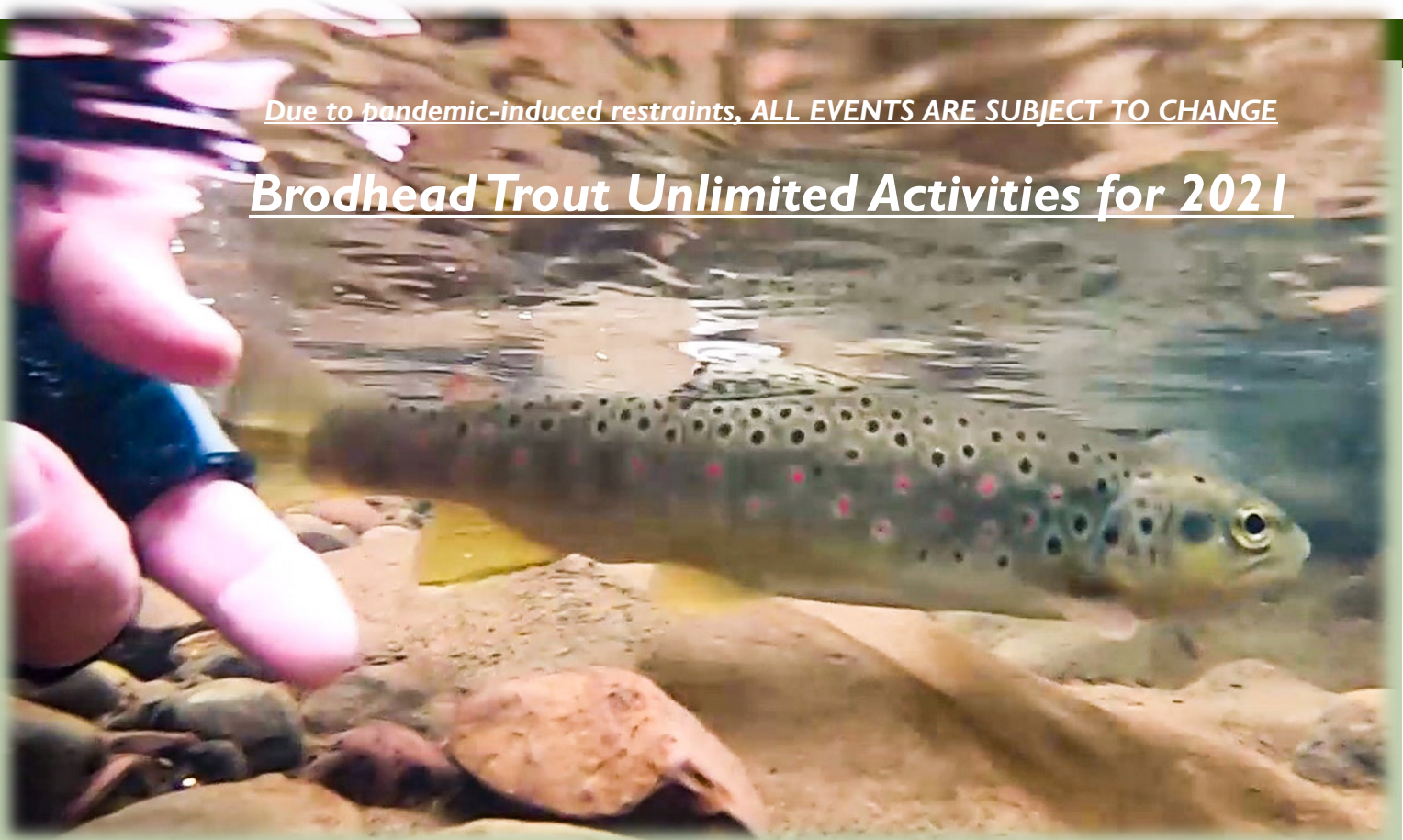
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Due to pandemic-induced restraints, ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2021



May 12: Meeting on the Brodhead Creek—Brodhead Creek Heritage Center 6 PM. Fishing to start and then informal business meeting on the deck. A grill will be provided—bring your own item to be grilled.

May 17: Brodhead Fly Tyers Meeting—Brodhead Creek Heritage Center—Brood X Cicadas. 6 PM

June 12: Annual Picnic—Brodhead Creek Heritage Center 3 PM.

June 14, 2021: Brodhead Fly Tyers Meeting

Summer 2021 Chop and Drop Project(s) Pending

July 2021: Veterans Service Fishing Program, Date TBA

July 12, 2021: Brodhead Fly Tyers Meeting

July 22, 2021: Fly Fishing Program Monroe County Conservation Camp—Details to be announced.

August 2021— Post improvement electroshocking studies—Cherry Creek

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