

# Streamside Asides



## Upcoming Events:

**July 19, 2021: Brodhead Fly tyers. Brodhead Creek Heritage Center**

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**July 22, 2021: Monroe County Conservation District Youth Conservation Camp**  
**Demonstrations: Casting, Fly Tying, Fishing**

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

**August 15—September 4. Summer Slam Online Auction:** More information coming soon. Stay tuned!

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The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 of Trout Unlimited

## Brodhead TU STREAM Girls Event Completed

STREAM Girls - Science, Technology, Recreation, Engineering, Arts, Math - is a [Trout Unlimited watershed program](#) for girls, designed to break down barriers in science education and the outdoors. Brodhead Chapter 289 held its first Stream Girls event late this spring at [Hickory Run State Park](#), partnering with the [PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources](#), Hickory Run State Park environmental educators, and the [Girl Scouts of America](#).



These young women worked together to calculate stream flow, flipped rocks to gather and identify macro-invertebrates and discovered and explored stream and riparian features. They also went on a 'stream walk', tied woolly buggers, practiced fly casting, and learned about the history of Hickory Run State Park. TU volunteers for the day included a chemist, biochemist, research nurse, wetlands biologist and an environmental educator. The adults had as good a time as the Scouts and they can't wait for next year!

TU's National Leadership Council's Diversity & Inclusion workgroup endeavors to build a more diverse membership and leadership, while creating a welcoming and inclusive culture at every level of TU. The STREAM Girls program is but one path to that end and Brodhead TU is proud to participate. With the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation reporting that 31% of fly anglers are women, it is important to note that women compose 6% of Trout Unlimited's membership. That is a gap we hope the Stream Girls program will help to close.

See page 4 for more photos of the event.

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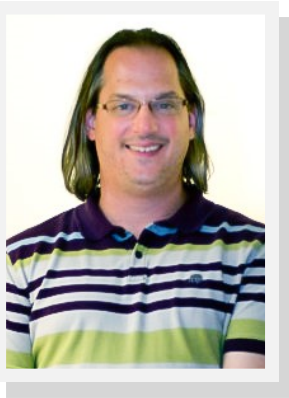
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Dear Members and Friends,

As we enter the summer doldrums I hope everyone is well and either finding some time to fish on the cooler mornings or trying their hand at some warm water species. Whichever is your interest you might enjoy this month's Brodhead Fly Tyer Meeting at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center on July 19. The focus for the month will be terrestrials, which would be great for trout or panfish.

We are still working on a tree planting day this fall along with some other volunteer opportunities, so watch you e-mail for the time and dates. If you are interested in helping shape your Chapter we have some leadership opportunities available. 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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## MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

### New Members

We are pleased to welcome new member Ronald Besser to Brodhead TU this month. 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

The chapter extends sincere 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.

Wayne	Babcock	Walter	Radvon
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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.





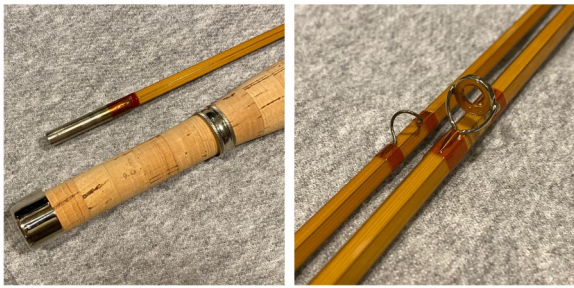
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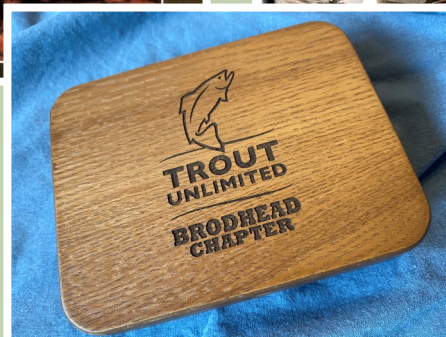
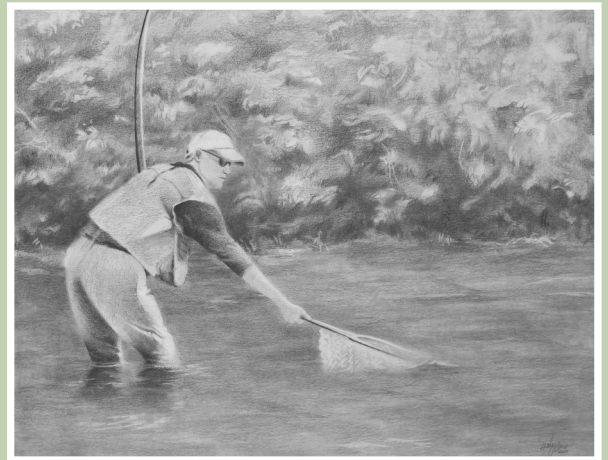
# Brodhead TU Summer-Slam Auction



Brodhead TU will be conducting an on-line auction August 15 through September 4, 2021. Proceeds from the auction will go toward the major habitat improvements to be installed in 2022-2023 on McMichaels Creek within the Pomeroy Nature Preserve, upstream of Hickory Valley Park. Brodhead TU is working with the Pocono Heritage Land Trust and the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission to provide much-needed trout habitat in this section of McMichaels Creek.

The chapter will be offering a hand-crafted, 7 1/2' bamboo fly rod (above left) with

case and rod sock, original works of art and prints (right, below left), boxes of quality, locally-tied flies (below right) several "Days on the Stream" on local waterways and more. Additional information and photos of other items will be forthcoming as we approach the auction opening. Mark the dates on your calendar and be sure to pass the information on to all your fishing and conservation-minded friends.



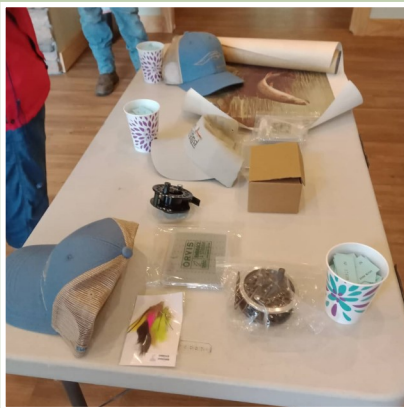


## Annual Picnic



Approximately 40 members and friends of Brodhead TU gathered at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center in Analomink, PA, for the annual chapter picnic and meeting. Although the weather threatened to bring rain, it slowly cleared and the group had a great day outdoors. Those present enjoyed a wide variety of tasty foods and desserts as they conversed and shared what has happened in the past year. There was a macro-invertebrate display with live specimens, some great fly-tying by Shorty Bartholomew, and some fine competition in the casting contest –and lots of great prizes! The new Brodhead Creek fly fishing displays in the main hall of the Center gathered a lot of well-deserved attention.

Thanks to all who came out and we hope to see you next year.



## Harassment Reporting

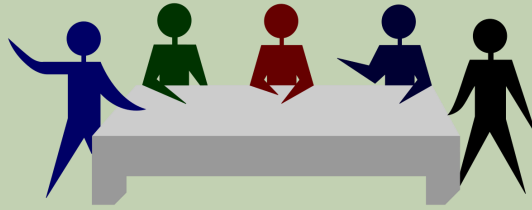
As a member or volunteer, if you believe you are being harassed or if you have witnessed harassing behavior towards other volunteers, members or TU employees, you should report it immediately to Beverly Smith, [bsmith@tu.org](mailto:bsmith@tu.org), Vice President for Volunteer Operations, or Julisa Edwards,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

This “hot-button” link leads directly to the reporting hotline.

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## 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. See page 7 for more details.

**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 currently advertising TU National's Harassment Policy and providing a link for reporting of harassing activities. This is a vital step in creating and maintaining an atmosphere that welcomes all persons interested in BTU's activities.

**Fundraising—** Plans continue for the on-line auction scheduled for August 15-September 4, 2021. The auction pages are being created and prizes gathered. We've got a hand-crafted bamboo fly rod, multiple days on local streams (some guided) Don Baylor paintings, an original graphite drawing by Haley Burns, large boxes of locally tied flies, a wooden fly box and more. The Chapter's application for a TU Embrace-A-Stream is completed and ready to submit prior to July 15. Keep your fingers crossed! BTU also applied for a PFBC Cooperative Habitat Improvement Project (CHIP) grant with the PFBC and have been notified those funds will be available in 2022/2023.

**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. Site plans for the McMichael Creek/Pomeroy Preserve project will be available this August.

**Tree Planting—** After making multiple site visits, the committee narrowed down the possible work sites. At present, locations along Middle Creek in Polk Township and Cherry Creek at the Josie Porter Farm are high-priority locations. Committee members are planning additional meetings with the appropriate parties for these locations in order to determine what is needed and to coordinate cohesive plans. Once sites and plans are finalized, appropriate types of trees will be ordered. 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:** Here is the link to the [PFBC Regulatory Changes](#) page so you can review these and other proposals and leave a comment. Your voice counts!

### **PA Legislative News:**

The 2021 Legislative Session is currently in recess but committees in both the House and Senate were busy. 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. Be advised there are multiple bills being considered that could ultimately affect the quality of our streams and groundwater.

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.



# Mid-Summer Fishing Outlook



## Summer Pocono Hatches & Fishing Update

It's been awfully warm the last few weeks and the stream temperatures have gradually crept upward. In addition, those cold, head-water streams are very low and natural predation (by mink, otters, herons, etc.) will increase with fewer escape paths available. We encourage you to read the caution shown below and to give the trout a rest when they need it. If we get some rain and cooler weather...

Expect to see some yellow sallies (yellow stoneflies) in those good, cold tributaries. They flit about and through the sunbeams shining through the forest canopy and trout do like them. A pale yellow, dry cad-dis pattern can work if you don't have any sallies tied up. A size 16 is a good starting point. On rainy mornings, expect to see some cornutas or blue-winged olives. Trout love to line up in the current seams to munch on these mayflies. Size 14 is a good place to start. Also in the mayfly realm, pack some Isonychia or Slate Drake patterns. We see several broods of these mayflies throughout the year and most fall within the size 12 – size 14 category. Finally, don't be afraid to throw some size 16 or size 18 ants of various colors in your box. Black, red and brown should cover most of what falls into the water.

### CAUTION:

While trout will tolerate warmer water temperatures for short periods of time, they function and survive best in water temperatures below **68 degrees F**. Trout will begin to experience stress above this point and will eventually slow down and/or stop feeding if temperatures remain too high. Any additional stress caused by overplaying a fish under these conditions can be lethal to the trout. Please carry a stream thermometer and refrain from trout fishing in waters with temperatures above the 68 degree mark.



# 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](http://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  
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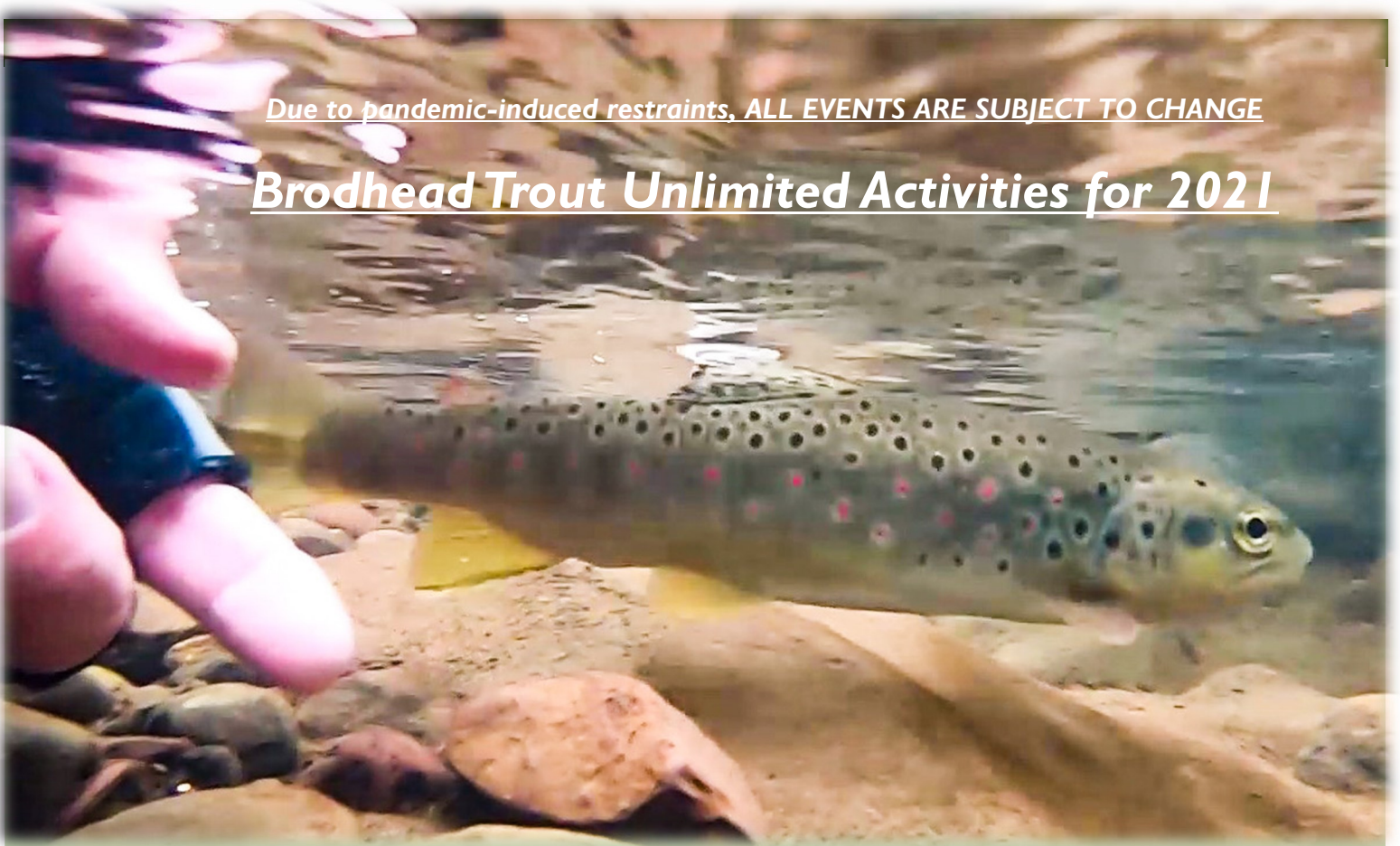
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Due to pandemic-induced restraints, ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## **Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2021**



**July 2021:** Veterans Service Fishing Program, Date TBA

**July 19, 2021:** Brodhead Fly Tyers Meeting

**July 22, 2021:** Fly Fishing Program Monroe County Conservation Camp

**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