



Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited

March 2022



Upcoming Events:

March 9, 2022: Gen. Meeting—Tim Flagler presents: What Trout Eat and The Flies to Feed Them. 7 pm. Kettle Creek EEC..

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April 7, 2022: Board of Directors Meeting, 7 PM BCHC

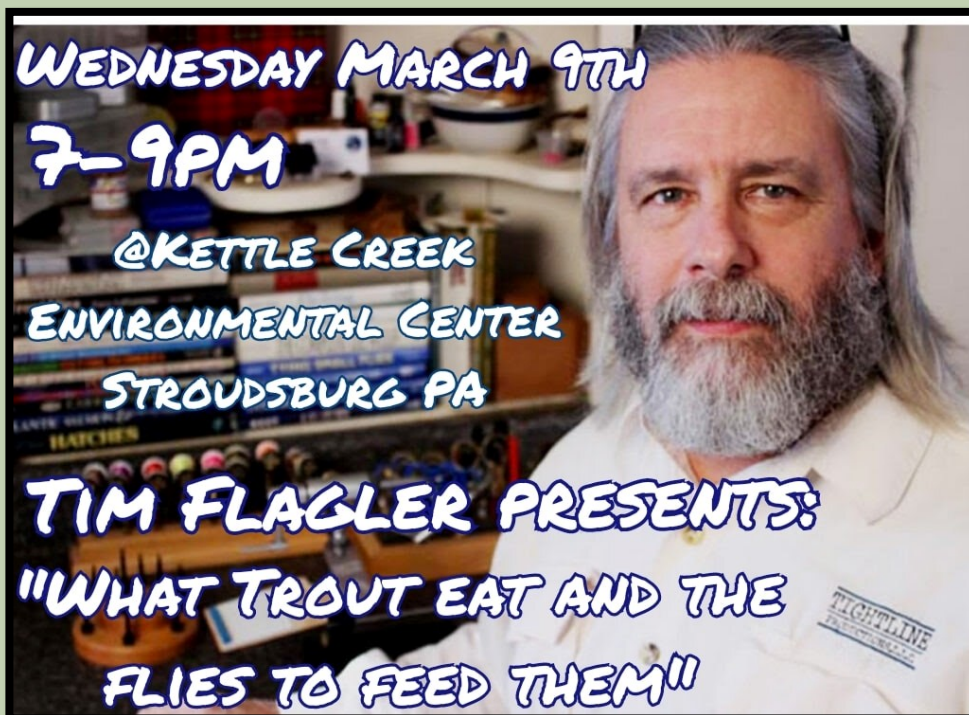
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May 11, 2022: "Meeting on the Creek", Brodhead Creek Heritage Center, 6 PM.

June 2022: Chapter picnic at Brodhead Creek Heritage Center



**General Membership Meeting
March 9, 2022 7 PM
Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center
Bartonsville, PA**

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All members, friends and guests are invited to see and hear renowned fly-tyer Tim Flagler present this wonderful program at the Kettle Creek Environmental Center on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 7 PM. Tim's knowledge, humor and skill will be on display as he shows the attendees what trout really eat in our streams and how and what flies to tie to fool them. This is a program you don't want to miss!

Also, the meeting room at KCEEC is a large one and provides room for attendees to spread out. The Center currently requests that all visitors wear a face covering when entering the building.

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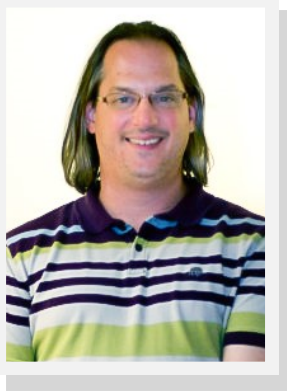
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Dear Members and Friends,

March is here and spring is just around the corner, and with spring that means that it is time for our banquet. We are back at the Stroudsmoor on April 1st, Trout Season Eve, but at a new venue, Woodsgate, for our banquet. Tickets are on sale now and selling fast, so don't wait.

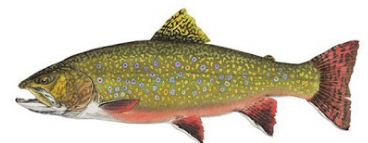
Our monthly meeting of the Brodhead Fly Tyers is on Monday March 21st at 6 PM. For March we will have celebrity tyer Tim "Shorty" Bartholomew tying the Hacklestacker.

Everything is quiet right now on the advocacy front as our legislators wind down for the holidays, but our Advocacy committee is ever vigilant looking for potential threats to our coldwater resources and looking for opportunities to support that will protect or help restore our favorite streams and rivers. If you are interested in helping with our advocacy initiatives reach out to our advocacy chair, Todd Burns.

As I've repeated throughout my tenure as president, this is our Chapter and if you are interested in helping shape your Chapter we have some leadership opportunities available. The Youth Coordinator and Membership Chair positions are also open and if you are interested, please feel free to reach to me or any of our Chapter Leaders.

Tight lines,

Eric



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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members



What? No new members this month? We'll need to go spread the good word on all we do. We'll see some names here next month, for sure!

Renewing and Contributing Members

It was another great month for renewals and contributions and the chapter extends a sincere thank-you to those who have chosen to renew memberships or contribute to TU's mission. Your efforts in supporting our education, conservation, and advocacy efforts are greatly appreciated.



Stephen	Babyak	Paul	Milenkowic
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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.



thank you!

Annual Spring Banquet Returns This Trout Season Eve!



On Friday, April 1, 2022, the Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited will once again host its annual Spring Banquet. This year's event will be held at the Woodsgate facility within the Stroudsmoor Country Inn complex near Stroudsburg, PA. The chapter invites all members and friends to come out and enjoy the evening before the opening day of trout season. A cash bar opens at 5:30 PM, dinner will be served at 6:30 PM and the awards and program will begin at 7:30 PM.

As always, prizes, raffles, conservation ideas and fish stories will be available!

All ticket sales will be done online. Please follow the links below for more information. We hope to see you there.

[Banquet Tickets and Reservations](#)

[Stroudsmoor Country Inn Map](#)



Fly Tying Classes Finish In Style

The winter fly-tying students finished their final session on Saturday, February 19, 2022 and graduated with “flying” colors. This half-dozen students, led by master tyer and instructor Shorty Bartholomew, tied throughout the month of January and learned to tie well over a dozen time-tested patterns. Streamers, nymphs, dries and emergers rolled off the vises as the students crafted hair, feathers, thread and fur into things trout, and other fish, will want to eat. The Chapter thanks Shorty for sharing his time and expertise and here’s hoping those flies catch plenty of trout.



Proposed Change to Mission Statement

At the November 2021 Board Meeting, the BTU Board voted to propose a revised mission statement to incorporate into the existing Strategic Plan. This statement dovetails with the new, National mission statement and includes specific references to our children's future and bringing people together.



The current mission statement as included in the 2020-2025 strategic plan reads:

To protect, reconnect, restore and sustain the cold-water fisheries of the Poconos.

The proposed mission statement would read:

Our mission is to bring together diverse interests to care for and recover Pocono rivers and streams so our children can experience the joy of wild and native trout.

This will be the final posting of the proposed language change and the Chapter will vote at an upcoming meeting.



Opening Day of Trout Season: April 2, 2022

Pennsylvania returns to a single, opening-day for trout season in 2022 with the opener set for 8 AM on Saturday, April 2. Additionally, the Mentored-Youth Day will be held on Saturday, March 26th, 2022.

Be advised that Stocked Trout Waters, as defined in the regulations manual, are closed to fishing beginning February 21, 2022 and continuing until opening day. This is a date change from previous years and is a result of the movement of the Men-

tored-Youth day and the opening day of the trout season. Be sure to check your [summary book](#) before you hit the waters.

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!



The Governor's budget address occurred on Tuesday, February 8, 2022. Here is a [preview article](#) highlighting the components of the proposed budget.

PA Legislative News: Committees in both the House and Senate have been active. Bills of note:

1. **[H.B. 2020](#). (No change)** Referred to the House ERE on February 3, 2022. **Growing Greener III.** For fiscal year 2021-2022, the fund would be appropriated \$500,000,000 from money received by the Commonwealth from the Federal Government under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2, 135 Stat. 4). Would fund a variety of infrastructure and positive environmental projects.
2. **[H.B. 1842](#). (Updated) Re-Referred to Senate Appropriations Committee on Feb. 7.** The bill was [sent to the floor on Dec. 14, 2021 where it passed by a 108-95 roll-call vote](#). The bill, a companion bill to S.B. 545 below, utilizes some of 545's language. It was given first Senate consideration on January 25, 2022. It would allow non-professional judgments on attempted clean-ups of potentially dangerous spills and seeks to tie pollution to only specific, numerical thresholds.
3. **[S.B. 545](#). (No change)** Re-referred to Appropriations Committee on September 21, 2021, This re-write of last session's failed S.B. 619, would allow polluters to determine if they should or should not report a spill. (See H.B. 1842 above.) Existing law requires spills to be reported to DEP where trained professionals determine the severity and ecological impact of the spill.
4. **[H.B. 1144](#).** This bill passed the House and is still in Environmental Resources and Energy in the Senate. **No recent status change.** This bill would legalize the dumping of oil and gas drilling wastewater on gravel and paved roads. A recent [PSU study](#) indicates such actions have detrimental effects on the environment and are not the best tools for the job.
5. **[S.B. 832](#). (No Change) Currently in Appropriations Committee.** Would establish a new fund dedicated to water quality, specifically focused on mitigating "non-point" sources of pollution, such as agricultural runoff and acid mine drainage, that are diffuse throughout the landscape. Funding of \$250 million dollars would be appropriated from federal dollars allocated by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

After reviewing these bills and their summaries, please contact your senator and relay your thoughts.

If you want to keep track of these and other bills coming up within the Environmental Resources and Energy Committees (ERE) 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 usually multiple bills being considered that could ultimately affect the quality of our streams and groundwater.

What's Up In PA Environmental Legislation

This link provides a broad overview of conservation and environmentally related legislation within the PA House of Representatives and the PA Senate. [PA LEGISLATION 2022](#)

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. We encourage you to visit: <http://www.paenvironmentdigest.com/newsletter/>

Federal:

Revisions to the Waters of the US (WOTUS) Rule: Important changes to the Waters of the US Rule will further protect our waterways. General information can be found [HERE](#).

TU's Chris Woods' WOTUS article is [HERE](#).

More information on issues can be found at these links:

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

This Georgetown Law source provides a comprehensive overview of pending 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](#)

[PennFuture](#)

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.

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, 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.

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Where To Report Concerns

Important Water Related Contacts

Below you will find contact phone numbers you may need if, as you hike, fish, or bike along our Pocono waters in Monroe County, you observe something of concern with the **waterway**. Save this page as a handy & quick reference and put the numbers in your contacts!

Event:

Contact:

Fish kill

PA DEP at 570-826-2511

PA Fish & Boat at 1-855-347-4545

Brodhead Watershed Association at 570-839-1120

Soil Erosion/Stormwater Your Township or Borough Office

Monroe County Conservation District at 570-629-3060

Brodhead Watershed Assoc. at 570-839-1120

Illegal dumping/activity Your Township or Borough Police Dept.

Monroe County Conservation District at 570-629-3060

PA Fish & Boat at 1-855-347-4545

Brodhead Watershed Association at 570-839-1120

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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Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2022

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April 23, 2022: MCCD Earth Day Celebration. Hold the date!

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Summer 2022: BTU and PFBC habitat improvement work on McMichaels Creek in **PHLT’s Pomeroy McMichaels Preserve.**

Stay tuned for some upcoming special events—we’ve got more activities in the works!



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