



Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited

April 2022



Upcoming Events:

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

April 13, 2022: General Membership Meeting, Cherry Valley NWR Headquarters Building, Cherry Valley Road, 7 PM

April 23, 2022 Earth Day Activities. Details to come.

April 23, 2022 Knights of Columbus Fishing Derby. Brodhead Creek Park. Details to come.

April 30, 2022: Annual Streamside Clean-Up. Tannersville, PA. 9 AM.

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

June 2022: Fly Fishing Flea Market and Chaper Picnic at Brodhead Creek Heritage Center

August 2022: Habitat Improvement Work on Pomeroy McMichaels

Opening Day Success for BTU Intro to Fly Fishing Student



Ashley Armitage, who participated in the BTU Intro to Fly Fishing class last fall, shared this photo of her Opening Day 2022 success! Ashley netted and released 15(!) trout on her first opening day and that smile tells us all we need to know. It's always a thrill to see our workshop participants get out on the water and enjoy the sport. Congratulations Ashley, well done.

A special thanks goes out to Board member Ann Foster for helping outfit Ashley and to those who donated their time and energy with the workshop instruction. We often don't get to see the end results of our efforts so we are grateful for the feedback. Tight lines, Ashley!

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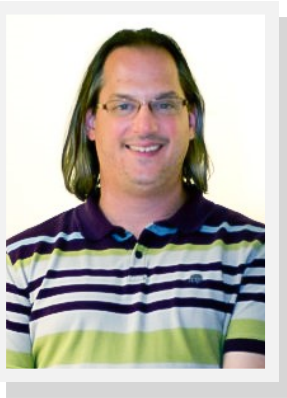
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Dear Members and Friends,

I hope everyone had a wonderful opening day of trout season, the Chapter had an amazing celebration on trout season eve with our first banquet in over 2 years. We had incredible crowd, wonderful prizes, an interesting program, and as far as I can tell from the responses a wonderful time held by all. We are already looking forward to next year, but we can't sit around and wait till banquet season, we have a lot of work to do.

We continue making progress towards making the restoration work at the Pomeroy Preserve a reality this summer while working with the USFWS towards making a chop and drop style restoration happen this summer in the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge. We are also finalizing dates for an invasive removal project at the Refuge along with a reforestation project. We have also been green lighted for a restoration project in Polk Township in the fall.

With all that going on we still have some time for education. We will be manning tables at several upcoming community days and are always on the look out for volunteers willing to help. We are planning our next STREAM Girls weekend and could use a helping hand with that also, and don't forget about the other children, watch for dates for our Trout In the Classroom release days and the KOC Children's Fishing Tournament is on April 23.

In case you haven't noticed, the news stream seems preoccupied right now, but our Advocacy Committee is still working to keep you informed of news that impacts our coldwater fisheries. If you are interested in finding out more about local advocacy efforts and how you can help we are hosting an "Evening of Advocacy" at the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge on Wednesday April 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

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 have a couple of leadership positions that could be filled by members who want to increase their contribution to the Chapter. The Youth Coordinator and Membership Chair 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.



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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members

Brodhead TU welcomes new members John Besser, Tom Borden, Thomas Davis, Richard Deubler, James Kinsells, Vito Marcogliese, Gary Tirpak and Merton Whitney. Thank you for joining and supporting our efforts. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us.

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.



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Free 1-Year TU Memberships for First Responders

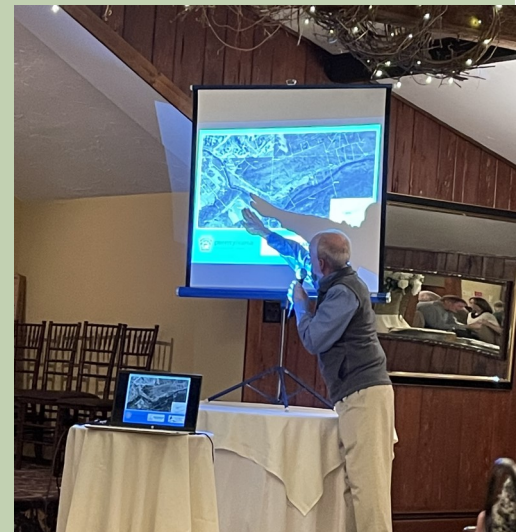
Are you a first responder? Fire Servicer? Law enforcement? Military? Is someone in your family? TU is offering free 1-year memberships to those who serve our communities and our country in these capacities. If you or a family member is interested, please [follow this link](#) for more information.



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Annual Spring Banquet Review

On Friday, April 1, 2022, over 80 people gathered at Woodsgate, Stroudsmoor Country Inn, for the annual Brodhead Trout Unlimited spring banquet. Returning after a 2-year hiatus due to the pandemic, everyone enjoyed the opportunity to meet and greet one another and catch up on all the latest news. The food was great, the staff was very helpful and courteous, and the raffles well-received. Thanks to the generosity of our members and friends, we were able to provide almost 50 raffle prizes that raised approximately \$3000 for our conservation efforts. We hope to see everyone next year!



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BTU Leads MCCD Fly Fishing Workshop

On Saturday, March 20, five members of the Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited presented an introduction to fly-fishing workshop for the Monroe County Conservation District. Held at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center, the 17 participants in the class explored fly fishing equipment, learned to cast with a fly rod, examined a kick-sample of live macroinvertebrates, practiced knot-tying and learned how to read the water and where to go fishing.

Rotating through the various stations provided the participants with small group instruction and time to ask questions. Thankfully, the weather cooperated and the attendees were able to work outside as well as inside. Feedback was very positive and the Chapter hopes all who participated will be able to transfer and practice their new-found knowledge once

trout season opens. Tight lines, everyone!



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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.

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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-

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April Fishing Outlook/Report



Trout season is open and it's time to take a look at what is happening in our waterways.

We've had some recent, heavy rains and this has elevated the local streams. When rains like this arrive, smaller streams may be the better bet as run off is quicker and fish turn on when all sorts of food is loosened in the creek. But within a few days the larger creeks will fall, also, and then all options are on the table. So, what's happening and what's hatching?


Reports of Quill Gordons (#12-#14), Hendricksons (#14), Blue Quills (#16-#18) and various caddis (#16-#18) on the water are coming in. You may also find some tiny blue-winged olives on cloudy days. Look for the Blue Quills late morning to mid-day, the Quill Gordons in early afternoon, the Hendricksons sometime around late morning to early afternoon and the caddis in the afternoon/evening hours. Don't forget the emerger or nymph patterns associated with these insects and also the spinners at dusk! Those early green caddis emerger patterns can be moved with short, strong strips to imitate the movements of the naturals as the struggle to the surface. Also, if that perfect, natural drift doesn't bring a strike to your dry, feel free to give it a twitch or two to imitate a natural moving around on the surface.

Spring is also a time to sling some wooly buggers deep into log jams and cuts around boulders. Fished when the water is up and a bit off-color, an all black or black/coffee bugger can produce some jarring strikes from wild and stocked fish.

Enjoy! The season is just beginning.



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ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2022

April 13, 2022: General Membership Meeting, Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters, 7 PM. Representative from PFBC, PennFuture, and TU will present during this conservation-themed meeting.

April 23, 2022: Assist with the Knights of Columbus Fishing Derby at Brodhead Park. Volunteers needed.

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

April 30, 2022: Stream Clean-up. 9 AM. Tannersville, PA.

April 30, 2022: George and Olive Learn Kiosk work. Tannersville PA. 1 PM.

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

June , 2022: Fly Fishing Flea Market and Chapter picnic at Brodhead Creek Heritage Center

August 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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