



# Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited

August 2022



## Upcoming Events:

**August 15, 2022** – Brodhead Fly Tyers Monday: Blinged Out Buggers

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**October:** Habitat improvement work on McMichaels Creek in the Pomeroy McMichaels Nature Preserve



Yes, it's back, and we have even more prizes to auction off! So grab your favorite cold drink, stay in the shade and follow along to bid or donate to support our efforts. We'll provide the link to the auction page via email and social media prior to the auction start. Then you can browse a bit and share the link with friends and family.

Our work to care for and recover Pocono streams requires lots of effort, especially with the burgeoning pressures of distribution and warehouse development extending into the Poconos. These pressures make it exceptionally important to raise the funds needed to keep our streams shaded, and deep, and sheltered: all characteristics needed to provide a wild and native trout experience to our children—the next generation. In the past, we've done habitat work on Pocono Creek in Tannersville (2 locations), the Brodhead Creek in Stroud Township, McMichaels Creek in Hamilton Township, Martins Creek in Bangor Borough, and McMichaels Creek in Stroud Township. Our next scheduled project is this fall within the Pomeroy McMichaels Creek Nature Preserve on McMichaels Creek.

We hope you can support our efforts either through bidding or a direct donation. With your help, we can make the improvements that will serve our mission.

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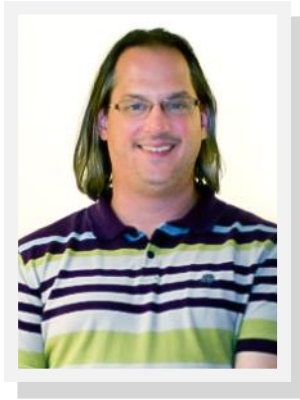
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Dear Members and Friends,

I hope everyone is finding a way to stay cool, and while we wait for lower temperatures and some rain our Chapter has been busy.

The Pomeroy Habitat Improvement Project team plows ahead acquiring funding, finalizing plans, permits, and coordinating with PA Fish and Boat Commission. Later this month, the Chapter leadership will be meeting to discuss plans for the Chapter for next year. If you have any ideas or would want to attend, let me know at [ericrobertbaird@gmail.com](mailto:ericrobertbaird@gmail.com). We will be attending the Pocono Township Community Day on September 10 and our general meetings return on September 14.

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](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.

Tight Lines and Stay Cool.

Eric

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### MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

#### New Members

Brodhead TU welcomes new members Jeff Farnell, Michael Nalbhone, Lou Mencio, Leila Percival and Kevin Walsh. Thank you for joining us in our efforts and if you have any questions, please let us know. We hope to see you soon!

#### Renewing and Contributing Members

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.



Wayne	Babcock	Charles	Felker	Bill	Kuczewski
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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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## BTU Volunteers Provide Instruction For Groundwork Staffers

On June 28th, BTU members Eric Baird, Todd Burns and Dan Steere led a fly-fishing workshop for staff of Groundwork, an Elizabeth, NJ, youth group. Conducted at the headquarters of the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge, the staffers rotated through sessions for casting, knot tying and tying flies. These young leaders learned quickly and are ready to go! Brodhead TU thanks the USFWS for the invitation and opportunity to once again work with the Groundwork group.



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## Monroe County Youth Conservation Campers Introduced to Fly Fishing



Stony Acres hosted the Monroe County Youth Conservation Camp during the week of July 18th and once again BTU members worked with the youth. Members Gerry Bortz, Ed Filipkowski, Brian McDonnell and John Smith demonstrated and engaged the teenagers in fly tying, knot tying, and fly casting. Many thanks to the Monroe County Conservation District and Roger Spotts for providing this opportunity for our county youth and our BTU members.



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## **2022 Brodhead Trout Unlimited Summer Slam On-Line Auction Items**

### **Orvis Helios 3F 10' 6" 3-weight Euro Rod**

Although old fisherman can learn new tricks, sometimes they just don't want to. And the result is this offering of a Lifetime Member rod that has never even seen a stream! Complete with sock and Orvis white and black case, here's your chance to add to your rod arsenal and expand your fishing techniques. If you're venturing into Euro-nymphing, here's a chance to pick up a great rod.

### **Bamboo Fly Rod, 7' 4 wt. Payne 98 taper**

This beautiful, hand-crafted rod is a two-piece, two-tip model. Red wraps with black tipping provide a wonderful contrast to the medium blonde cane. Knurled wood insert on a classic cap and ring reel seat. Wonderful, soft action. This is a fine rod for anyone's stable or collection. Wouldn't you want to have this to gently throw a Light Cahill to that big ol' brown ?

### **6' 6" 2 weight fly rod + reel**

If you want to go small and light than this beauty is for you! Built by BTU member Jim Houghton, this little gem features a gorgeous wooden reel seat, gray wraps with silver tipping over chrome guides. The four-piece blank breaks down into an easily transportable package that includes a heavy-duty PVC tube. Also included with this rod is a small, graphite large arbor reel with an OD of 2"!

### **Free Enrollment in the Fall 2022 Rod-Building Class**

The winning bidder for this item will be enrolled in the Brodhead TU fall 2022 fly rod-building class (with no additional charges). Held at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center, this 4-5 session workshop will provide the materials, tools, instruction and assistance you'll need in building your own fly rod. At the end of the course, you'll have a rod that YOU built, that YOU crafted, that YOU can fish. Last year's inaugural class built a 7' 6" 4-weight rod that, according to all reports, is a pleasure to cast.

### **Hand Crafted Flies by Shorty Bartholomew**

Here is a great selection of flies tied by BTU's Shorty Bartholomew. High quality, proven patterns tied with consistency is Shorty's trademark and this box exemplifies those traits. Yes, you could watch "Shorty on the Fly" and try to tie your own, or you could simply bid on this fine selection!. Decisions, decisions!

### **Hand Crafted Flies by Eric Baird**

This collection of 65 flies was tied and provided by BTU President Eric Baird. It offers a great selection of patterns that imitate our local "bugs" and has something for just about every season. Split hackle wings, extended bodies, great looking nymphs - this is a wonderful selection. With this box in your vest, you'll be prepared when you hit the water. Fly box included. Tight lines!

## **2022 Brodhead Trout Unlimited Summer Slam On-Line Auction Items**

### **Fly tying Tool Selection**

Offered here is a nice starter selection of new fly-tying tools. Included are Dr. Slick scissors, bobbin threader and bodkin needle plus a thread bobbin and a traditional whip finisher. This would make a great little selection for your travel box, a gift to someone just starting out, or to back-up what you already use. So bid, get a great deal, and help out the trout!

### **"Angler's Sunset" by Don Baylor**

Offered here is a beautiful, high-quality giclee from local artist and BTU Board member Don Baylor. "Angler's Sunset" is 12" x 24" and perfectly captures the mood of an angler, the river, and the setting sun. Would look great on any wall.

### **The Fly Caster**

This wonderful item is a framed, double-matted print by artist Brett Smith. Titled "The Fly Caster," the 22 1/2" x 18 1/2" piece includes the 9" x 14" print, a U.S. postage stamp of a Muddler Minnow and an actual Muddler Minnow fly. Save a place for this one above your collection of classic fly-fishing books - it's a keeper.

### **Salmon Fly Selection and Wooden Display Case**

Here is a display case selection of 32 beautiful salmon flies along with an ad for "WM. MILLS & SON" salmon flies. Measuring 18" wide by 12" tall, this display would look great above or next to your bench or in a study or den. Why try to tie them if it's already been done for you? Might make a great holiday or birthday gift, don't you think?

### **Classic Hardcover Books by Schwiebert and Bergman**

Two books to have in your collection! This set of Ernest Schweibert's "Trout" is a first edition from 1978. Both volumes are in very good condition with little wear or foxing and the bindings and cardboard case are solid. Ray Bergman's "Trout" comes with the dust cover pictured and is a 2nd edition, 4th printing from 1968. Some foxing but solid binding and overall in good shape. This edition includes some chapters on spin fishing. If you don't have these in your collection, now is your chance to change that! Come home, grab a drink, flop in your favorite chair and read some "Trout."

### **Day on the Stream: 1/2 Day on McMichaels, Pohoqualine Stretch**

If you've ever wanted to fish the upstream section of McMichaels Creek here's a chance to make it happen. Our winning bidder will receive a pass to fish for 1/2 day on the Pohoqualine Fish Association's beautiful waters. Once the auction ends, contact information will be sent so you can set up your day on the stream.



## 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.

**PA Legislation:** 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 ground-water.



### **Local Updates:**

#### **Fishing; Propagation and Introduction of Fish Into Commonwealth Waters**

The PA Fish Boat Commission is proposing an amendment of §§ 57.8a and 63.51, deletion of Chapters 71 and 73 and addition of Chapter 71a are published under the statutory authority of section 2102(a) and (c) of the code (relating to rules and regulations) regarding transportation and sale of fish. The bill in question would require that all people who stock waters in PA would have to obtain a permit to stock. These permits would have the ability to be denied in areas where wild/native trout and other protected species are present. [To learn more go to the Pennsylvania Bulletin](#). If you wish to comment, [Click Here](#). Comments must be received by August 18, 2022.

### **Climate Change**

Across the country, a changing climate is harming trout and salmon populations. Damaging fires, warming temperatures, and intensifying droughts pose direct threats to our watersheds, fisheries, wildlife, and communities. Trout Unlimited is calling on Congress to pass the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, which includes provisions to address changing climate conditions that are threatening our rivers, fisheries, wildlife, and communities. This bill would invest billions of dollars to address climate change, including incentives to encourage clean energy development and projects to restore fish and wildlife habitat, building resiliency on our lands and waters. Passed by the Senate, the bill goes to the House this week. Trout Unlimited is asking you lend your support by contacting your legislator using this Action Alert link ..

<https://www.tu.org/conservation/action-center/?vsrc=%2fCampaigns%2f96765%2fRespond>

### **Distribution Centers/Warehouse Construction**

Currently, preliminary plans or discussions are being carried out concerning the construction of massive distribution centers throughout the greater Pocono region. Projects are being considered and are in various stages of planning, review, comment and hearings. Several of these are in the Pocono Creek corridor in Pocono Township and also in Coolbaugh Township along Tobyhanna Creek.

Brodhead Trout Unlimited understands warehouse development will occur, and it believes that such development must be done in areas that do not impact the absorption, retention, filtration and free movement of rain water and other precipitation near cold-water resources. It should not reduce the size or quality of wetlands, provide damaging thermal and/or saline stress due to runoff, or cause increased siltation in our streams. The cold, clean trout waters for which the Poconos is known should not be degraded and BTU is willing to work with residents and local governments to achieve this goal.



## What's Up In PA Environmental Legislation

This link provides a broad overview of conservation and environmentally related news stories that affect PA. [Conservation Leadership 2022 NEW LINK!](#)

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:**

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](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.

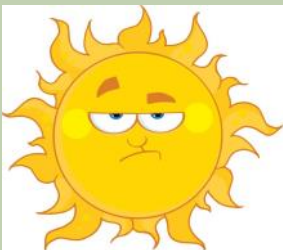
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or call **1-844-896-9121**.

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

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# Late-Summer Fishing Outlook



Whoa! It's been a long, hot summer and our stream conditions reflect that. Our upstream, Exceptional value (EV) headwaters such as Swiftwater Creek, Cranberry Creek, Devil's Hole, etc. all have water temperatures in the upper 50's—but there's very little water. As one moves downstream into the Pocono Creek, Paradise Creek, McMichaels Creek waters, temperatures have been hitting the upper 60s and higher. And finally, the Brodhead, the main watershed, gets even warmer.

Trout don't do well above ~68 degree temperatures and the dissolved oxygen levels in the water drop the warmer it gets. Our advice to all is to either find one of our little "blue line" gems that's still in the 50s or target some warm-water species.

Look ahead in the weather forecasts. (Although we often complain about meteorologists being wrong, they are correct far more often than not—we simply remember the outliers!) Once you start seeing overnight temperatures around 60 or in the upper 50's, stream temperatures will begin to drop. When you see these overnight lows begin to happen and high temps top out in the upper 70s to 80, most stream temperatures will be in the acceptable range for angling. Of course, some frequent rains would help a lot, too.

When the temps cool and the rain happens, think of fishing trico patterns in the early morning, nymphal and adult Isonychia (Slate Drake) patterns, maybe some blue-winged olives on cloudy days, and an occasional small caddis.

Hang in there, the weather will eventually break and the trout fishing will pick up.

Tight lines.

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2022/2023

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October 2, 2022. Tabling at Polk Township Community Day

October 8-9, 2022. Quiet Valley Harvest Festival

October, 2022. Pomeroy McMichaels Creek Habitat Improvement Work

October, 2022 at 7:00 PM General Membership Mtg. w/Frank Nale (Spin Fishing for Trout) – Ro-seto Rod and Gun Club

November 12, 2022 at 1:00 PM Hike – Location TBA

December 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM Holiday Party – Location TBA

April 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM John Maclean (virtual presentation) - KCEEC

**Stay tuned for updates!**

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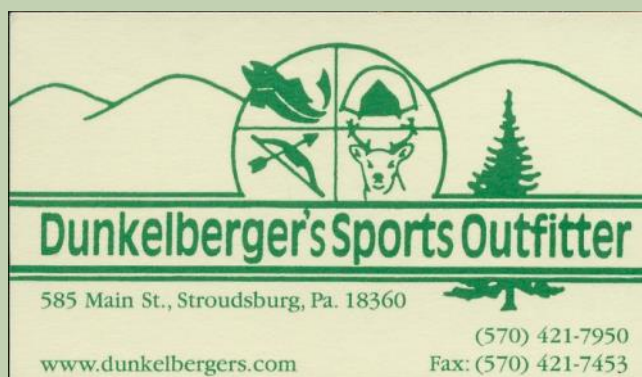
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