



Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited

October 2022



Upcoming Events:

October 11: (TUESDAY)

General Membership Mtg: at the Roseto Rod & Gun Club. Guest Speaker Frank Nale: Spin Fishing for Wild Trout 7 PM.

October 2022. Pomeroy

McMichaels Creek Habitat Improvement Work

October 19, 26, Nov. 2, 9.

Rod Building Class at BCHC (tentative) 6:30—9:00 PM.

November 12, 2022 at 1:00 PM

Hike – Pomeroy-McMichaels Nature Preserve.



BTU Presents Legendary PA Trout Angler, Frank Nale, October 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM Roseto Rod & Gun Club

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streams, both limestone and freestone. This fast-paced program will cover proper spin fishing tackle, correct technique, stream selection, and the other things he enjoys while streamside besides catching trout.

Frank, a retired accountant, has been a dedicated spinner fisherman and Trout Unlimited member since 1979 and has logged nearly 27,000 hours casting spinners. During the last 43 years he has learned and perfected many of the little things that it takes to be successful and he will be sharing them with you. His proven technique has helped him catch and release over 327,000 trout in streams open to free public angling, including an average of over 10,000 trout per year for the last twenty-eight years. While many anglers would consider catching a dozen trout in a day a stellar outing, Frank has averaged over twelve trout per hour during the last thirty-four years.

In addition to his one-hour slide presentation, which will feature new photographs, Frank will give a brief casting demonstration followed by a question and answer period. A handout, "SPIN FISHING FOR WILD TROUT -- Tackle, Tips & Technique" lists the critical points of his program and will be given to everyone. Also, for those interested, a handout showing in detail the parts necessary for constructing home-made spinners.

For anglers who already use spinners, you will not want to miss this chance to take your spin fishing to the next higher level. For bait and fly anglers, Frank guarantees his tips will help you bring more trout, both stocked and wild, to hand. Even people who don't fish have enjoyed Frank's presentation. So why not join us for an enjoyable evening of trout talk and camaraderie. You'll be glad you came.

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Dear Members and Friends,

It's my pleasure to thank all the great volunteers in our chapter who, for the third time in the last several years, helped Brodhead TU receive recognition from the PA Council of Trout Unlimited as the Edward Urbas Award for Best Chapter in the Commonwealth. The chapter received the recognition previously in 2015 and 2017. We also had the greatest increase in the number of members in our chapter compared to the other 48 chapters.

When you're doing great work, people notice.

Since 2015, our volunteers have given over 1600 hours of their time each year, except for 2020 that was impacted by COVID and we only had a little over 900 hours. Most years our volunteers have spent than

2000 hours helping to educate the community on, advocate for and improve our coldwater resources. In my first column as president of the Brodhead Chapter I would be remiss if I did not recognize the service of Eric Baird, who served as in the position for the last four years. Eric led our organization through the turbulent last four years, most of it dominated with the COVID-19 disruption to all of lives and the long-range plans we had for the chapter. Through it all, he kept us motivated and kept us moving towards the goals the organization set for itself, through Plan A, B, C, and sometime D as the virus forced us to modify our plans.

Even with the disruption we managed to implement several new education initiatives and create a long-range plan for our stream habitat restoration work. We also planned for, and raised the funds, to start phase I of our two-phase project on the McMichaels Creek at the Pocono Heritage Land Trust (PHLT) Pomeroy McMichaels Creek Nature Preserve along Hickory Valley Road near Stroudsburg that will be implemented next month.

While we are in a better place today, we are still dealing with the presence of COVID-19. I was elected president in absentia as I had tested positive for the virus after lunch on the day of our September meeting. Many of our members are still uneasy about coming to meetings and events as is understandable.

I would also like to thank Todd Burns, who most recently served the chapter as Secretary for four years, but was also the immediate past president of Brodhead TU, having served as president for an equal amount of time. The first board meeting I attended in August 2014 was led by Todd who was filling in for the president, who he succeeded the following month. Todd's presence on the board will continue, though he has stepped down from his decade+ plus long service on the executive committee. He led, and continues to lead, the fundraising committee that has been so instrumental to the success of the fundraising effort to support our stream habitat improvement project at the Pomeroy Preserve. Work will begin on that project soon, so keep an eye on your email for volunteer opportunities.

Finally, thank you again for all you do to help the chapter succeed.

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members

Brodhead TU welcomes new 7 members this month! A big thank you to William Besecker, Debra Krupinski, Theodore Markou, Charles Natress, Justin Possinger, Richard Rimple and John Treantafelo joining us in our efforts. 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.



Donald Baylor	Rick Kirby	Tom Rupp
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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.

Current Membership: **309 Adult + 9 Youth**



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Brodhead Chapter Receives Edward Urbas Award for Best PA Chapter by PA Council Trout Unlimited

On Saturday, September 17, representatives of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited received the Edward Urbas Award for Best PA Chapter at the annual PA Council Trout Unlimited meeting in Bellefonte, PA. President Eric Baird and Board Member Ann Foster accepted the award for the chapter.

Brodhead Chapter activities over the past year included efforts in education, conservation, and advocacy. Among other activities, the chapter supported and assisted with five Trout In the Classroom projects in local schools, conducted numerous fishing workshops and tabling activities, planned and raised funds for a large-scale habitat restoration project on McMichaels Creek, conducted a stream-side clean-up and informed members and friends of current issues affecting cold-water resources in the greater Pocono area and beyond.

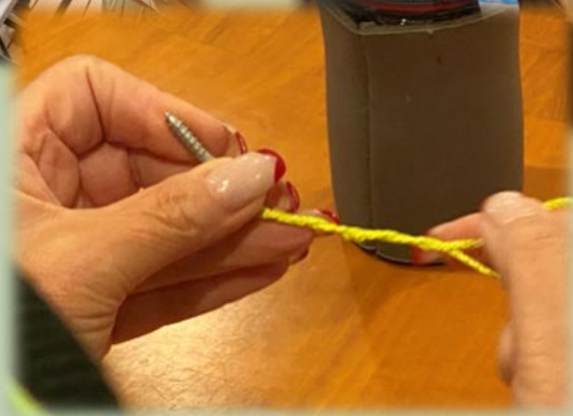
The Annual Meeting of PATU brings together representatives of the 49 Pennsylvania Chapters of Trout Unlimited.



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Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing Workshop Held

Members of Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited held a Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing Workshop at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center on Saturday, October 1. The nine eager participants engaged in activities designed to introduce them to the basics of fly fishing. Topics included gear (rods, line, leaders, flies, etc.), knot-tying, macro-invertebrates and casting. After a break for lunch, members of the group had the opportunity to try their skills out on Zacharias' Pond in East Stroudsburg. The students progressed quickly and, yes, some fish were caught! Congratulations and the chapter looks forward to working with you in the future.



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Brodhead TU Elects New Officers, Directors

The membership of Brodhead TU #289 Trout Unlimited elected new officers and board members at their general membership meeting on September 13, 2022. The officers elected were:

President: Russell Thrall III

Vice-President: Eric Baird

Secretary: Ann Foster

Treasurer: Stephan van de Loecht

Board members elected were:

Don Baylor

Todd Burns

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Glen Lippencott

Brian McDonnell

Don Miller

Larry Ott

Board members continuing with their terms through 2024 include:

Catherine Folio

Eric Gusztaw

James Houghton

Rotating off the Board are Tim Fretz and Arie VanWingerden and we sincerely thank them for their time, energy, and talents. The chapter is better because of their service.

Many thanks to all officers and board members for volunteering with the chapter and working with our community to conserve our cold-water resources in the Poconos.

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.



[Redesignation of the Saucon and Monocacy Creek](#)

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission has proposed a number of management changes for consideration at the October 24/25, 2022 meeting. The Commission will consider removing segments of Saucon Creek (Section 5) and Monocacy Creek (Section 7) in Northampton County and Codorus Creek (Section 4) in York County currently managed under the "trophy trout artificial lures only" regulations and adding them to the list of waters managed as "artificial lures only trout slot limit". Trophy trout artificial lures only regulations require a minimum size of 18 inches for harvest (when allowable with season restrictions), removing many of the largest fish from the population. The change to a slot limit regulation allows for protection of the largest size fish while allowing for harvest of intermediate size fish (between 7 and 12 inches), when allowable with season restrictions. Harvesting of fish within the slot limit releases resources to be utilized by larger fish. In addition, the Commission will consider adding Penns Creek Section 3 to its list of waters managed under the "All-tackle trout slot limit" program (allowing the harvest of fish between 7 and 12 inches [when](#) allowable with season restrictions). [Click here to email comments on the proposed regulation changes.](#)

[Camp Trexler](#)

The Minsi Trails Council of the Boy Scouts of America is engaged in discussions to sell their 900+ acre Camp Trexler near Jonas, PA. This beautiful wooded area produces the headwaters of Middle Creek, a wild trout stream in which Brodhead TU will soon undertake a riparian buffer project in Polk Township. If the camp is sold for development, the headwaters of Middle Creek will be susceptible to significant degradation and not available for public use. One local group looking to purchase the property and protect it from development and provide for public access is the Pocono Heritage Land Trust. If you would like to see this land, and the Middle Creek, preserved for future generations, you can contact rich-ardd.christ@scouting.org and let the Council know the importance of preserving this land.

BTU Position Statement on 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, 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.

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Spin Fishing for Wild Trout: General Membership Meeting on TUESDAY, October 11, 2022. Location : Roseto Rod & Gun Club.

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Rod-Building Class. Tentative Dates are October 19,26 and November 2,9.

After a successful trial run last year, the Chapter will be offering a four night class in which participants will craft their own fly rod from component parts. This session's rod will be a 7 1/2', 4-piece, 4-weight fiberglass rod. The class will be led by BTU member Todd Burns. All materials are provided and their cost is included in the registration fee. A rod sock is included and the cost for the class is \$125.00. Stay tuned for final details and a link to the registration page. We only have 8 openings and registration will be on a first-come, first-accepted basis.



November 12, 2022 at 1:00 PM Hike – Pomeroy-McMichaels Nature Preserve.

Come join us for a walk through Pocono Heritage Land Trust's Pomeroy-McMichaels Nature Preserve. You'll get to take a walk along the McMichaels Creek trail where the upcoming habitat improvement project will occur. After hearing a brief history of this important property, you'll also explore the meadow and forested areas where a myriad of different wildflower and trees species thrive.



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October Fishing Outlook



Cooler temperatures are upon us, the leaves are turning and the trout are feeding up and getting ready to spawn. It's a good time of year!

Hopefully stream flows will be above the summer lows as we head into an important season in the life of our trout. Wild browns and native brook trout are beginning to stock up on calories and many are getting ready to spawn. You will still find terrestrials such as ants, hoppers, and inchworms around so don't be shy about trying those imitations. We also can get some late season *Isonychia* (Slate Drake) and Blue-winged Olives on those dreary, drizzly October days. Of course, don't forget the orange-bodied October Caddis as either a terminal fly or as the dry above a dropper. And who hasn't enjoyed the jarring strike of a fore-arm length brown trout smashing a streamer?



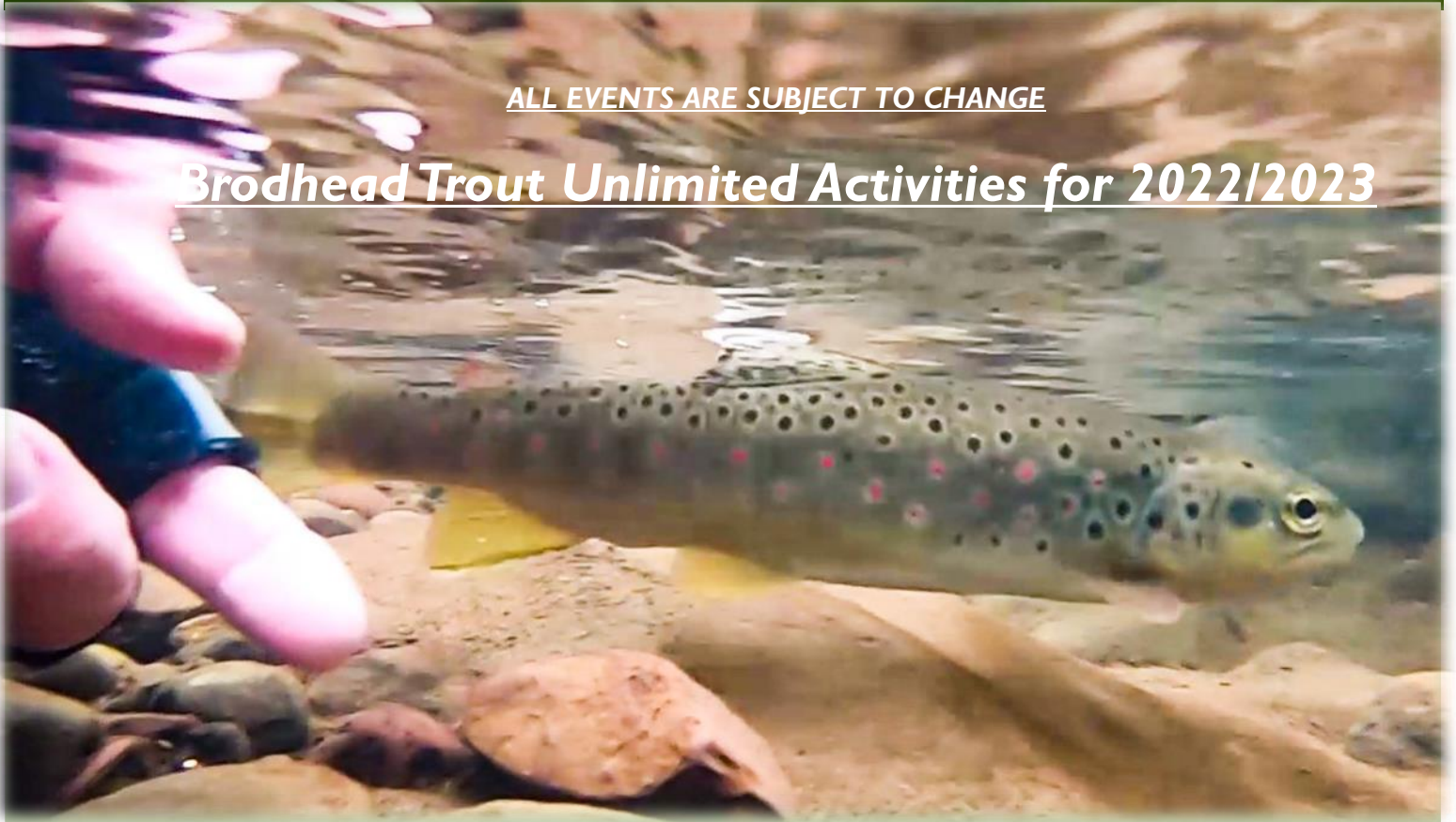
As we get into the latter days of the month, please be on the lookout for trout redds (see image at left). These oval or ovoid clearings are usually found in the shallow tail-outs of pools or runs so stay clear if you are wading. Every year and stream is a bit different as to when the fish build them so be careful over the next few months. We've even observed redd-building activity in December in some headwater streams.

So enjoy the colors of the leaves and our trout, be careful, and tight lines.

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ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2022/2023



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October 11, 2022 at 7:00 PM General Membership Mtg. w/Frank Nale (Spin Fishing for Wild Trout) – Roseto Rod & Gun Club, Roseto, PA. (This is a TUESDAY.)

November 12, 2022 at 1:00 PM Hike – Pomeroy-McMichaels Nature Preserve.

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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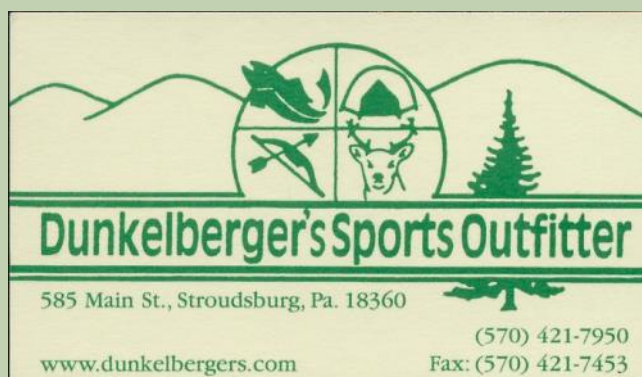
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