



Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited

December 2022



Upcoming Events:

December 14 at 6:30 PM:

Holiday get-together and meeting at the Lakeside in Saylorsburg.

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Wishing You a Blessed Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

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Dear Members,

The last month of the year has arrived and as we gear up for the holidays and end-of-year festivities, I want to thank you for all that you have done for Brodhead Trout Unlimited. So far this year we've amassed over 1100 volunteer hours from our members and friends—and that's probably lower than the actual total. You have found time to volunteer your time, talents, energy and hard-earned cash to help us on our mission. On behalf of the Officers and the Board of Directors, I extend sincere thanks on a job well done.

In addition to those activities highlighted on page four, I want to point out a few milestones that could easily be overlooked. Since the spring of 2021, we raised \$43,114.66 through fundraising and writing grants for the McMichaels Creek habitat project. That amount, coupled with a starting cache of \$12,000, totals \$55,114.66 and is just enough to cover the cost of the Phase I work. Many thanks to all who have donated in any way to this effort. We are hoping to see this Phase completed next fall.

Also, the Chapter expanded its educational efforts via Trout In The Classroom (TIC) and STREAM Girls programs. The Chapter now sponsors six TIC programs: two in Pocono Mountain, one in Stroudsburg, two in East Stroudsburg and one in Notre Dame East Stroudsburg. Students in the programs gain first-hand experience in monitoring and maintaining the clean water conditions necessary for the hatching and growth of young rainbow trout. Additionally, we completed our second sponsorship of a STREAM Girls program with the Girl Scouts this year. STREAM Girls is TU's watershed STEM program for girls that breaks down barriers in science and the outdoors and builds confidence. Sixteen scouts participated in the weekend program and the chapter looks forward to working with more troops in the future.

Before we look too far ahead, we have one final event scheduled for 2022: our December 14 meeting with a dinner and holiday party at the Lakeside in Saylorsburg. I'll be providing an overview of our past and future activities after you dine on your choice from the menu. Your only cost is your meal—my speech is free!

I sincerely hope your holidays are filled with meaning, family, fun and good health. If I don't see you on the 14th, Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Russell

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members

Brodhead TU welcomes six new members this month! A big thank you to Robert Duryea, Joseph Kulesa, Richard Levy, Joseph Pipolo, William Schanbacher, and Christopher Verway for 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.



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Donald	Baylor	Glen	Lippincott
Kevin	Boutin	Carl	Meyer
Len	Cimino	Ronald	Mishkin
Wayne	Daily	William	Perry
Jeff	Feick	Ruth Ann	Rocchio
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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 Adults + 9 Youth



Brodhead TU 2022: A Look Back

As the Chapter emerged from the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects, many of the former activities returned and some new ones arrived. Overall, it was a very busy calendar year of the membership and officers. In fact, from April 1, 2022 until November 30, 2022, **BTU volunteers contributed 1137 hours** to education, conservation, communication and other activities.

In January and February, BTU hosted an Introduction to Fly Tying Class consisting of five sessions held on Saturday mornings. This was followed by an online membership meeting in March with a presentation by Tim Flagler on what trout like to eat! Also in March, chapter members conducted an Introduction to Fly fishing workshop and hosted the annual Spring Banquet at the Stroudsmoor Country Inn.

With the arrival of April came the Earth Day Celebration with MCCD, the Knights of Columbus fishing activity for kids, and the completion of the kiosk construction on the George and Olive Learn Nature Preserve in Tannersville. The chapter held its annual streamside clean-up on May 7 along Pocono Creek and Bisbing Run along with an invasive plant removal workday along Cherry Creek on May 22. Nestled between those two events was our annual meeting on the Brodhead Creek on May 11 and a very successful STREAM Girls workshop at Camp Minsi on May 13-15.

Summer arrived in June and members helped with another Introduction to Fly Fishing Workshop. The annual picnic in June was augmented by a Used Gear and Flea Market that raised over \$800 for chapter activities. BTU assisted MCCD with the Monroe County Conservation Youth Camp at Stony Acres in July. As summer began to close BTU assisted with an Uran Youth Retreat with the US Fish and Wildlife Service at Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

August arrived and the chapter held a scheduling meeting and accepted delivery of over 200 logs needed for the upcoming McMichaels Creek habitat rehabilitation project. Additionally, the 2nd Annual Summer Slam Auction fundraiser occurred and again was a success. The chapter tabled at Pocono Township Community Day on September 10th, hosted an informative General Membership Meeting on MCCD's Sand Spring Run project on the 14th, tabled at the Our Pocono Waters Clean Water Festival on the 17th and took a little fishing trip to Kettle Creek on the 23-25th.

As if August and September weren't busy enough, volunteers tabled at Polk Township Community Day on October 2, participated at the Quiet Valley Harvest Festival on October 8-9, and conducted a well-received meeting at the Roseto Rod & Gun Club with Frank Nale on Spin Fishing for Trout. On October 22, the chapter planted over 100 trees and shrubs in a riparian buffer project at the Polk Township Walking Park.

The membership meeting for November consisted of a guided hike in the Pomeroy McMichaels Nature Preserve led by member and noted naturalist Don Miller. The chapter also conducted a 4 session rod-building workshop building 4-piece, 4 weight fiberglass fly rods. (They turned out great.)

Closing out a busy 2022 will be a dinner and holiday party at Lakeside in Saylorsburg. Attendees can arrive at 6:30 and purchase dinner from the menu and stay for a presentation by Russell Thrall III, the Chapter President.

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.



DEP Public Hearing on Renewal of Wastewater Treatment Discharge for Pocono Manor Inn.

PA DEP will hold a public hearing on December 7, 2022 to receive comments on their renewal of a permit for the discharge of treated sewage from The Inn at Pocono Manor into Swiftwater Creek. This meeting will be held at the Tunkhannock Township Volunteer Fire Company Hall, 1539 Long Pond Road, Long Pond, PA. If you'd like to comment at the meeting, contact coconnolly@pa.gov or 570-826-2511 prior to 4 PM on 12/6/2022.

Swiftwater Creek, the identified receiving water, is a first-order headwater within the Brodhead Creek and Delaware River systems. As a headwater stream, any discharge into its pristine waters will be carried throughout and affect the entire watershed. This creek, an Exceptional Value (EV) stream, currently sustains a substantial population of wild brown trout and occasional native brook trout.

Chlorination as a primary means of treating wastewater effluent increases the risk of excessive discharge of chlorine-bearing compounds into an EV stream. Chlorine ions, being highly reactive, can have devastating effects upon all life within a stream, especially one so small as Swiftwater Creek. A treatment solution not utilizing chlorine would eliminate this concern.

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 BTU 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 richardd.christ@scouting.org and let the Council know the importance of preserving this land.

BTU Position Statement on Distribution Centers/Warehouse Construction

Discussions are being carried out concerning the construction of distribution centers throughout the Pocono region. Projects 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. BTU 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](#)

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**.

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

December Fishing Outlook



Well, the weather outside isn't frightful—yet. So that means you can still head out and do some fishing!

December temperatures are running a bit higher than average and we've been getting some appreciable rainfall. Those two factors coupled with a relatively early spawning period in our streams are setting the stage for some good early winter trout fishing.

On those sunny days with highs in the upper 30s to low 40s, look for the fish to be active. That sun warms the water slightly and the bug life responds. Cast to those holding spots next to current seams and get your offering near the bottom. The fish are active but they won't move as far or as fast in the winter months as they do in spring and early summer. Nymphs from sizes #14—#20 (see photo below) usually work well. You can go Euro-style or fish with an indicator. If streamers are your thing, don't be afraid to cast them upstream and "jig 'em" a little bit.

We may get a day that produces some surface midge action. Expect to go 6x to 7x on the tippet for that. With crystal clear water, a fly-first presentation is a must!



Please remember to be extra careful when you fish this winter. Dress appropriately, find a buddy, and let someone know where you're going and when you expect to return. Tight lines (and warm hands)!



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ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2022/2023



December 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM: Chapter Holiday Party and Dinner – 6:30 PM at the Lakeside in Saylorsburg, PA. Registration at <https://tu.myeventscenter.com/event/General-Meeting-Chapter-Holiday-Party-70726>

January 7, 14, 21, 28 & Feb 4, 11: Introduction to fly-tying classes. Brodhead Creek Heritage Center. 9 AM. Registration at <https://tu.myeventscenter.com/event/Introduction-To-Fly-Tying-70727>

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

Fly-Fishing the Next Step begins on May 2

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