



# Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited

January 2023



## Upcoming Events:

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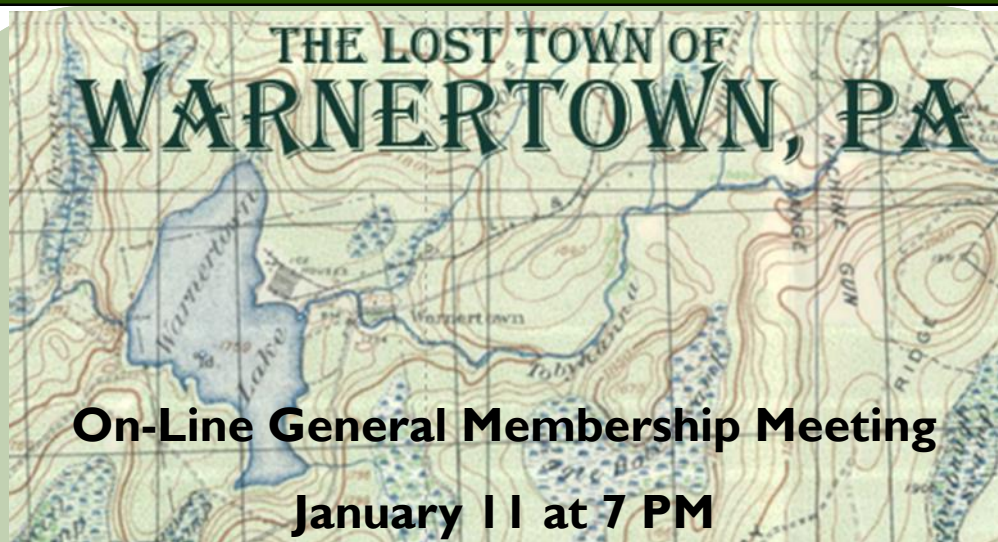
**March 11 Advocacy Workshop, 10 AM Pocono Mt Library**

**March 11 General Membership Meeting; Pocono Mt Library Advocacy Updates, Time- TBD**

**March 24 Annual Spring Banquet at Stroudsmoor**

**March 25:** Introduction to Fly Fishing Workshop.

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



## On-Line General Membership Meeting January 11 at 7 PM

The "Lost Town of Warnertown" was once a small settlement at the center of the Tobyhanna Military Reservation and a site of one of the last operating icehouses in the Poconos, Warnertown is now nothing more than a name on a map. This presentation will explore the fascinating history of this town located halfway between Tobyhanna and Pocono Pines, and will cover the history of logging, military, ice, roads/railroads, residents, and Warnertown today.

Bill Leonard is a native of Tobyhanna and lived there all his life. His family, along with the Coolbaugh Township Historical Association, have held the Annual Tobyhanna Millpond #1 Ice Harvest since 1994. He is an avid fly fisherman and hunter. He ventures westward each summer with Don Baylor and company in search of cutthroat, rainbow, brown, and golden trout. Much of his hunting is on the former Tobyhanna Military Reservation, now State Game Lands #127, and while wandering about pursuing game, he searches for remnants of 19th century logging operations, the ice industry, and former military activities.

Bill retired from the National Park Service in April 2016 as the Deputy Superintendent of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. He also served a six-month period as Acting Superintendent of Steamtown National Historic Site. Before coming to the National Park Service, he was the Facilities Engineer at the Tobyhanna Army Depot. He graduated from Pocono Central Catholic School in 1974 and went on to Penn State University earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. **Register for this GoTo Meeting here:** <https://tu.myeventcenter.com/event/General-Meeting-Bill-Leonard-Presents-The-Lost-71368>

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### Members and Friends,

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. As I start writing this the first week of January, it's not feeling very winter-like outside. Hopefully you are taking advantage of the warmer weather to get out and do some fishing.

I want to thank the more than two dozen folks who came out to our inaugural Chapter Holiday Party at the Lakeside in Saylorsburg on December 14. It was great having some time to socialize and get to know one another better. have a fun time and a great meal. Given the positive reviews, we plan on continuing the event this year.

As you go through this newsletter, you will see that the Chapter has a busy schedule of events over the winter and have hit the ground running in January. Our Introduction to Fly-Tying classes started January 7 will run through mid-February. We've added a virtual meeting this Wednesday, January 11, featuring Bill Leonard, Jr. who is presenting on the "Lost Town of Warnertown, Pa. " We'll be using GoToMeeting for the event, and I hope you take the opportunity to join us and learn more about Bill's research into the Pocono's rich history.

I also want to welcome our newest Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program coordinated by Nate Fekula, who teaches at the J.T. Lambert Middle School in East Stroudsburg. Larry Ott, our board member and TIC committee chair and TU member Bob LaBar are helping Nate get the program started and introduce his students to the wonderful world of trout. Trout in the Classroom is a partnership between the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited, the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, local chapters like ours and schools to introduce students in grades 3-12 to the importance of watershed conservation efforts, ecosystems, habitats, natural resources, and management strategies to protect and enhance coldwater resources.

We also received the permits at the end of December for our stream habitat restoration project at the Pocono Heritage Land Trust (PHLT) Pomeroy McMichaels Creek Nature Preserve. Now that we have the permits in hand, we've started working with our partners at the Land Trust and the Fish and Boat Commission to finalize our plans and get the work scheduled for the fall.

Happy New Year and I hope to see you at one of our events or volunteer opportunities this year!

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**MEMBERSHIP UPDATES**

**New Members**

If you have a friend or family member who shares our interests and mission, please send them our way. Joining is easy. Just have them follow this link:



**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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**309 Adults + 9 Youth**



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## BTU-Sponsored Trout In The Classroom Program Expands

The Brodhead Chapter welcomes its newest TIC coordinator, Nate Fekula (left in photo), who will be assisted by long time TU member Bob LaBar (right in photo). Nate teaches Science at J.T.Lambert Middle School in East Stroudsburg. He is very excited to be able to incorporate the TIC program into his daily lessons. Rainbow trout eggs will be shipped to all our TIC schools on January 9th and should arrive on the 10th or 11th. They will be released into local streams sometime in May. During this interval, students will observe the transition from egg to sac fry to swim-up fry to fingerling. In addition to feeding the fry and observing the developmental stages, students learn about maintaining and monitoring the high-quality water needed for trout to survive and thrive.

Good Luck, Nate and Bob!

In addition to this program in the East Stroudsburg School District, BTU also sponsors programs in Pocono Mountain and Stroudsburg School Districts.

## Fly Tying Session #1 Completed

On Saturday, January 7, the students in the Introduction to Fly-Tying course completed the first phase of their instruction and practice. The students learned a jam wrap (to start a fly), the pinch wrap (to attach materials) and the whip-finish (used to finish a fly). After a bit of practice led by instructor Shorty Bartholomew, the students applied these newly learned techniques in tying two simple flies. They came out great and we look forward to the next sessions as new techniques are introduced and employed.



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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.



### **Campground off Stadden Road**

Another development plan within the Pocono Creek watershed in Pocono Township has been submitted. The plan calls for the construction of 31 small, rental cabins in two clusters between I-80 and Pocono Creek. Access would be from the east side of Stadden Road, immediately south of the existing bridge over Pocono Creek. BTU is currently reviewing the plans. Because the creek is a Class A High-Quality trout stream, the chapter will be looking at runoff (thermal loading and salinity) the clearing of land (thermal effects and runoff) and other potential impacts to this local gem.

### **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](mailto: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

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.

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## 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.

<https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/68191/index.html>

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



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



# January Fishing Outlook



Normally, we'd be talking about cleaning reels and lines, tying flies, sorting gear and ice-fishing. But, so far, January doesn't look "normal." With daily highs predicted to be into the 40s or higher, even "up top" in Tobyhanna, most of our waterways are ice free. In addition, we're getting rain and stream lows are good. So instead of ice-locked, low, crystal clear waters, we're looking at open, strong flows with occasional turbidity. Whoo-baby, that means trout!

If you're heading out with spinning gear, those brass and white spinners that Frank Nale demonstrated in November are always a good bet. On the fly fishing side, check out your nymph and streamer boxes. With steady flows, no matter what gear you're using, you'll want some weight to get down in the column a bit.

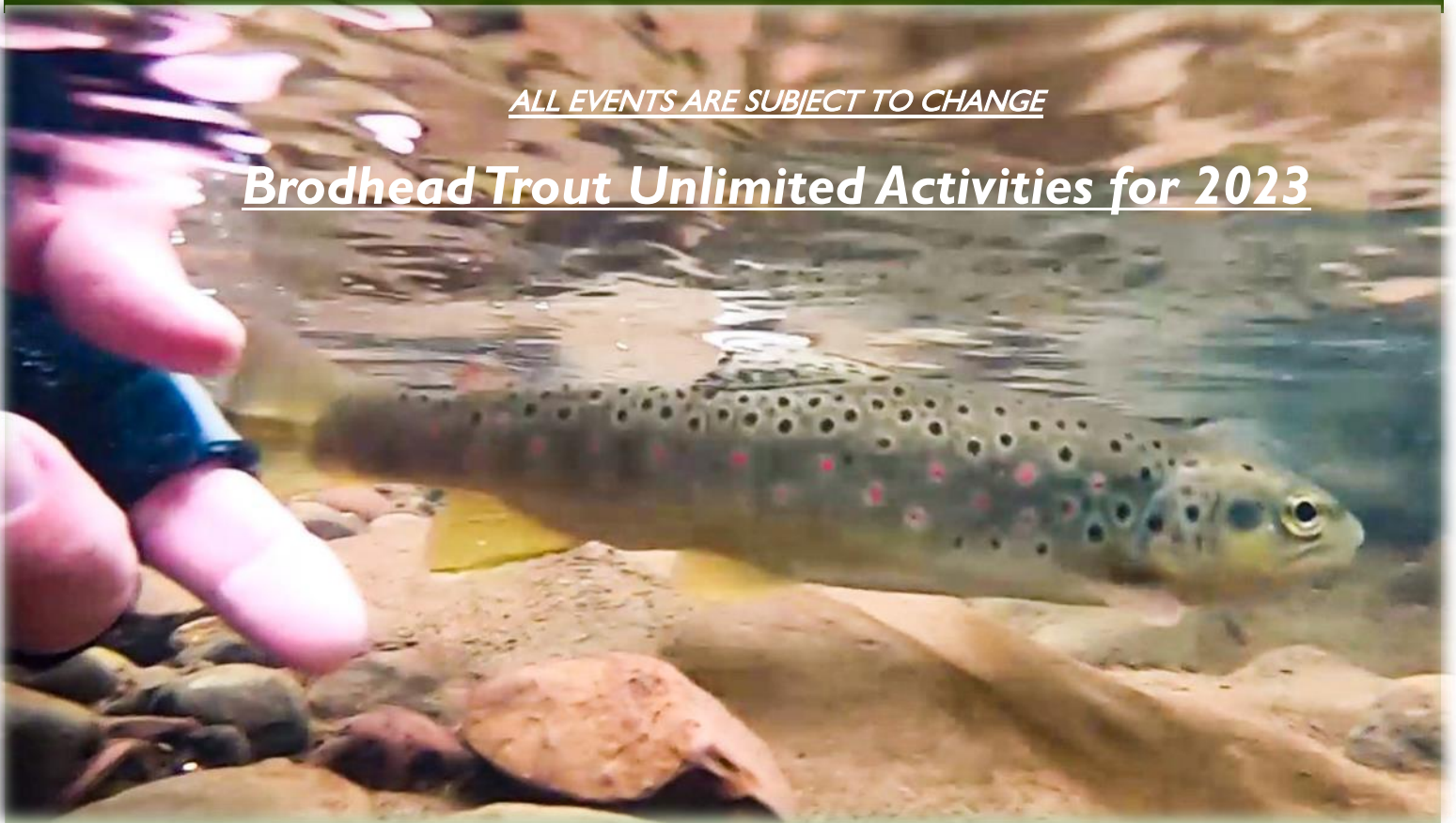
On the nymphing front, if you haven't fished a tandem or triple yet, now might be the time to try it. You can use a heavier nymph to help get things deep and a smaller one to bounce around a bit. Simply tie about 12" of tippet to the bend of the upper fly and attach your smaller nymph to the end. You can tight line that or use a bushy dry fly or some type of float as an indicator. One bit of advice: A tandem will not cast like a single fly! You may need to slow down and open up that loop a bit: It's easy to get a tailing loop. Below are two trout taken this winter from the McMichaels using a tandem rig set-up and and a small Oros float.



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**Fly-Fishing the Next Step** begins on May 2

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