



Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited

March 2023



Upcoming Events:

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

March 11 General Membership Meeting; Pocono Mt. Library Advocacy Updates, 12:30 PM

March 24 Annual Spring Banquet at Stroudsmoor 5:30 PM "Woodsgate"

March 25: Introduction to Fly Fishing Workshop. BCHC

April 1 8 AM: Trout Season Opens

April 12 at 7:00 PM General Membership Mtg: John Maclean (virtual presentation) - KCEEC

May: Spring Cleanup in Tannersville: Pocono Creek and Bisbing Run.



23rd Spring Conservation Banquet

On Friday, March 24, 2023, the Brodhead TU Chapter #289 will host its annual spring conservation banquet. Returning last year after a temporary COVID break, this year's event is at the Stroudsmoor County Inn complex, within the Woodsgate facility. Raffles, good food and fun are on the agenda along with a presentation from Don Baylor on "Fishing Patagonia".

This event serves as the major, annual fundraising activity for the Brodhead Chapter. All proceeds go toward supporting conservation, education and advocacy activities within our local watersheds. Mark your calendar, reserve the date and register on-line at <http://brodheadtu.org/events-and-registration/>

We hope you can join us!

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Members and Friends,

While winter has not been very wintery this year, spring is upon us and hopefully some good fishing weather too. Thank you to everyone who came out to the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center in February for our Pies & Flies chapter meeting.

With the change in seasons, the Chapter calendar fills up with activities. On Saturday, March 11, the Chapter in cooperation with TU National staff will host a Conservation Advocacy Workshop at the Pocono Mountain Public Library in Tobyhanna. The workshop will be followed by our Chapter meeting and feature speakers from TU and other local organizations on local conservation issues. The workshop will provide training by TU advocacy staff and others to help us locally become more effective advocates for the places we love to fish and the resources we are so fortunate to have in the Poconos. I hope you will be able to attend.

On March 24, the Chapter will hold its Annual Banquet at Stroudsmoor. The banquet is one of the Chapter's most important fundraisers supporting our habitat restoration work. It's an opportunity to get together, share a few fish tales, have a great meal and maybe win some new fishing gear, artwork or more. The banquet will feature a presentation by Don Baylor, one of the Chapter's founders and a board member, on a fly-fishing trip of a lifetime to Tres Valles Lodge in Patagonia, Argentina. You won't want to miss his presentation as he shares his experiences fishing at the foothills of the Andes.

I hope to see you there.

Tight lines,
Russell

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members

We welcome new members Eric Bell, James Bond, Deborah Gibbons, Robert Hutchison and Andrew Porter to our chapter. We're glad you chose to join us in our work to preserve the coldwater resources throughout the Pocono region.

If you know someone who shares our passions and mission, please send them this link. Joining is only a few clicks away...



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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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Free 1-Year TU Memberships for First Responders

Are you a first responder? Fire Service? 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:

305 Adults + 9 Youth



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Advocacy Workshop and Meeting

Conservation Advocacy 101 Workshop

Interested in being a more effective advocate on issues that affect the places you love to live, fish, explore, and enjoy? Join professional advocacy staff from Trout Unlimited and other organizations for an introduction to grassroots tactics and tools you can use to conserve and protect your favorite outdoor pursuits in Pennsylvania and beyond. We will cover a host of topics for you to improve your advocacy skills and strengthen your ability to work with your elected officials and other decision makers on key conservation priorities.

After the workshop the Chapter will have a general membership meeting (open to the public) with speakers from local conservation organizations. The agenda for the day is as follows:

10:00 am Registration

10:30 am Conservation Advocacy Workshop starts

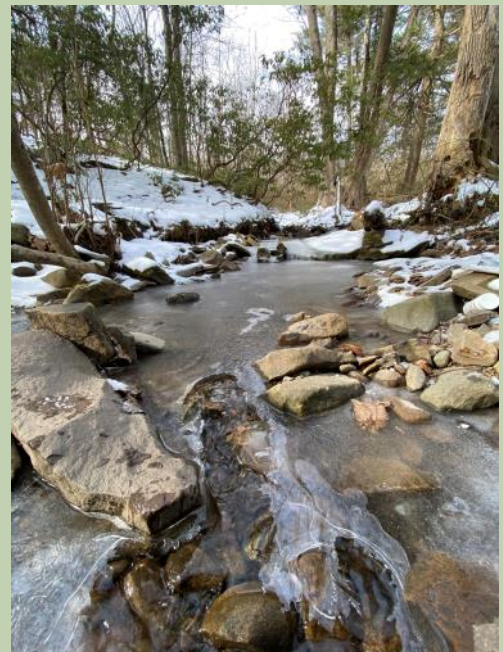
12:00 pm Lunch break on your own, please note that no food is allowed at the library

12:30 pm Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited #289 Meeting

Space is limited so pre-registration is required, you can register for the Conservation Advocacy Workshop, the General Meeting, or both.

Pocono Mountain Public Library
5500 Municipal Drive
Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania 18466

Register at: <http://brodheadtu.org/events-and-registration/>



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Fishing Patagonia: A Presentation By Don Baylor

As featured speaker at our March 24 Conservation Banquet, Don will share his experiences on a fly fishing trip -of-a-lifetime to beautiful Tres Valles Lodge in Patagonia, Argentina. It will include a brief background on the trout fishery, travel details, and fishing for large brown and rainbow trout in lakes, rivers, and spring creeks in spectacular scenery at the foothills of the Andes.

Tickets for the banquet can be purchased here:

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Upcoming Activities

BTU plans to be very busy in 2023 and dates and times of events are listed on page 11. Because you may want more information, some additional details for events through May are shown below.

1. The Advocacy 101 Workshop on March 11 is designed to give the participant an overview of creating positive and effective communications with local, state or even national leaders. Trout need clean, cool waters in which to thrive. As such, it is sometimes necessary to advocate at various levels to maintain the protections these Exceptional Value (EV) and High Quality (HQ) streams have been granted by federal, state and/or local laws.
2. Our March General Membership meeting following the workshop will build upon the workshop and share with members how they can participate in advocating for our local streams and wetlands.
3. Brodhead Fly Tyers on March 20 will focus upon a very important hatch in the Poconos: the Blue-winged Olive. This mayfly exists in good numbers in such streams as the Brodhead and Pocono Creek. There are a variety of existing patterns that address the nymphal, emerger and adult forms of these insects and this session will be a good opportunity to share and learn.
4. The March 24th Spring Conservation Banquet is a highlight of the year. Woodsgate at Stroudsmoor is a wonderful setting and we hope you'll join us. We'll have plenty of raffles, a full buffet meal, lots of sharing and laughs and a formal presentation. This year's presentation will be made by BTU Board Member Don Baylor. Don will share his experiences from his recent trip in "Fishing Patagonia."
5. Introduction to Fly Fishing Workshop. We all started somewhere, sometime. Participants in this March 25th workshop will examine and practice acquiring and handling equipment, tying necessary knots, reading the water to find fish, identifying macro-invertebrates and finding places to fish. If you have experience and want to help out, let us know. If you have someone in mind who may want to start fly fishing, please send them our way.
6. April 12th General Membership Meeting will be a virtual presentation by noted author John Maclean entitled "Maclean Country." John, author of [*Home Waters: A Chronicle of Family and a River*](#), is the son of Norman Mclean, author of "A River Runs Through It." We think you'll enjoy his presentation! As this is a virtual presentation, we will gather at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center to participate.
7. Invasive plant removal along the Larsen Tract in Cherry Valley on April 15th provides participants an opportunity to reverse decades of growth by invasive species along the banks of Cherry Creek. The chapter's goal is to eliminate the undesirable invaders and prepare the area for a resurgence of native species. This is a long-term project but, bit by bit, we will succeed. Bring sturdy work gloves.
8. Fly Fishing: The Next Step provides participants in our Introduction to Fly Fishing Workshop the opportunity to hit the water on May 2nd for some real-world experience. Zacharias Pond is easy to fish and often provides some good action for our beginning fly fishers. A good place to get started.
9. On May 10th we meet on the Brodhead to fish the historic waters and walk in the footsteps (wader steps?) of some of the founders of the fly fishing community. Come and join us.

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News Notes, Advocacy Opportunities, and Items of Interest



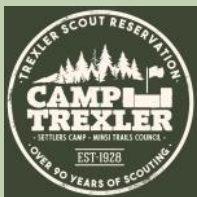
Pocono Township Commissioners Vote To Approve New Zoning Ordinance

On February 6, the Pocono Township commissioners approved a new enterprise park overlay district that will limit development of distribution centers within the township. The new overlay limits such development to 15 select parcels and specifies that they are conditional use. A conditional use designation enables the township to set additional, reasonable requirements for a project to gain final approval. The new overlay is centered primarily along the Route 715 corridor south of I-80. While development within the I-80/611 corridor will continue, large-scale distribution centers will be limited.

BTU Position Statement on Distribution Centers/Warehouse Construction

Discussions are being carried out concerning the construction of distribution centers throughout the Pocono region. Proposed projects are in various stages of planning, review, comment and hearings in Coolbaugh Township, Tunkhannock Township and Pocono Township. Potentially affected streams and their associated wetlands and tributaries are Mud Pond Run, Pocono Creek and 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.



Camp Trexler

UPDATE #2: Here is the link to a 1/19/2023 article from the Times News regarding the upcoming sale of Camp Trexler. See <https://www.tnonline.com/2023/01/19/valor-eyes-camp-trexler-property/>

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. In addition to VALOR clinic foundation cited in the article linked above, another local group looking to purchase the property, protect it from development and provide for public access is the Pocono Heritage Land Trust.

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Comment Period: Here is the link to the [PFBC Regulatory Changes](#) page so you can review these and other proposals and leave a comment.



Paradise Township Conditional Use Hearings continue at 7 PM on February 23, 2023 in the auditorium of Pocono Mountain East High School.



The image above is a photo of the master plan for **Hawthorne Mount Pocono Resort** development on the land between Rte 611 and Indian Run and Swiftwater Creek. These two beautiful streams are headwater streams to Brodhead Creek. Indian Run is home to brook and brown trout and Swiftwater Creek has a healthy population of wild brown trout. This development is primarily in Paradise Township with small portions in Pocono Township and Mount Pocono Borough. The proposal includes a resort facilities and a commercial development. The February 23rd meeting is set to focus on stormwater and sewerage proposals. The public is welcome to attend.

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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.

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

March Fishing Outlook



Ah March. The time of year when winter is still upon us but we so earnestly wish it was spring. We often get significant, swift changes in the weather as snow and freezing rain can rapidly be replaced by the ever-warming sunshine. What does typical March weather tell us about fishing? Be prepared!

Generally, warming weather at the end of winter brings about a thaw. This release of water from the ground (or snowpack if we have it) makes its way to our streams, rivers and lakes increasing flows and depths. Such runoff can bring a sudden drop in stream temperatures so be prepared in what you wear and how you fish. To date, this winter has been mild and there is little to no snowpack to melt. However we did have good rains that were able to soak into the soil and be frozen. So once temperatures get elevated and stay there, we should see a moderate influx of water. (Provided we don't get a late season storm.)



Our winter temperatures have been above the long-term averages and this has created some interesting observations. One of those observations was the hatching of caddis, yes caddis, from a headwater creek in late January. Normally we'd see little black stoneflies hatching, crawling up the rocks and flitting about. But lately, things aren't "normal."



What does this mean for the fisherman? Well, if our weather patterns stay the same, we'll probably have good stream flows but with water temperatures above what they have traditionally been. The flows will make it easier to fish and the fish could be more active due the absence of a big, cold-water dump. This may also move the emergence of various hatches forward from their traditional start dates and thus require an angler to carry more patterns to be prepared for an unpredictable spring.

In short, be prepared for just about anything. It'll be an interesting winter/spring transition.

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ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2023

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March 11: Gen Membership Meeting—Advocacy (SATURDAY): Pocono Mountain Public Library.

March 20: Brodhead Fly Tyers—6 PM Brodhead Creek Heritage Ctr. “Blue-Winged Olives”

March 24: Annual Spring Conservation Banquet at Stroudsmoor. Special presentation by Don Baylor, “Fishing Patagonia”.

March 25: Introduction to Fly Fishing Workshop. 9 AM. Brodhead Creek Heritage Center.

April 12, Author John Maclean presents “Maclean Country” (virtual presentation) - viewed at Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, 7:00 PM

April 15: Invasive Plant Removal Work Day, Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge—Larson Tract. 9 AM.

May 2: Fly-Fishing the Next Step 6 PM, Zacharias Pond.

May 10: General Membership Meeting. An Evening on the Brodhead. Brodhead Creek Heritage Center. 6 PM

June 10: Fly Fisherman Yard Sale. 9 AM Brodhead Creek Heritage Center

June 10: Annual Chapter Picnic. 3 PM. Brodhead Creek Heritage Center.

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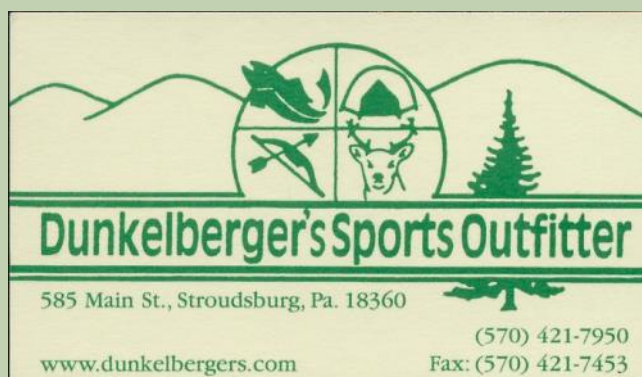
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