



# Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited

June 2023



## Upcoming Events:

**June 10: Fly-Fisherman's Flea**

**Market** 9:00 AM Brodhead Creek  
Heritage Center

**June 10: Annual BTU Picnic**

3:00 PM—Brodhead Creek  
Heritage Center

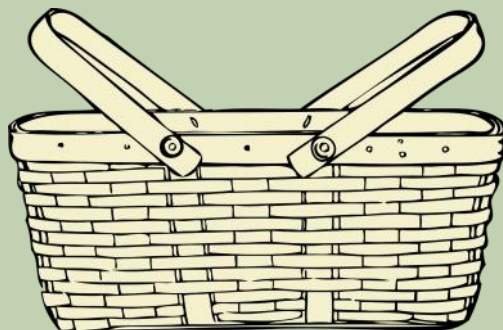
**July 26: Fly Fishing at MCCD**

**Youth Camp** 10:00 AM at Stony  
Acres

**August: Summer Slam Online**  
**Auction**

**September 11: General**  
**Membership Meeting.**

**October: Pomeroy-**  
**McMichaels Habitat Project**



## Fly-Fisherman's Flea Market and Annual Picnic

On Saturday, June 10, Brodhead TU will once again hold its Fly Fisherman's Flea Market at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center. Starting at 9 AM, (and ending around noon) the chapter will offer lovingly used rods, reels, flies, fly-boxes, books, fly-tying materials and miscellaneous fishing items for sale at great prices. This is superb opportunity to pick up quality gear without breaking the bank. New or experienced anglers will find something that interests them and all proceeds go to funding the chapter's many activities.

That afternoon, around 3 PM, the chapter will gather for the annual picnic. This event is held on the patio/deck of the Heritage Center. Bring a side dish or a dessert and we'll supply the grillables. Be ready to eat and to share this year's fishing stories. And don't forget the casting contest and other activities!



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Members and Friends,

May was a busy month for the Brodhead Chapter. As you'll see in the pages of this issue of Streamside Asides, we hosted and participated in numerous education and conservation events throughout the month, and more are planned in June.

A key focus for the chapter is always on supporting youth education and our volunteers outdid themselves this month.

On page 4, you'll see photos from the May 5 Stroudsburg High School Trout in the Classroom release day where students released the trout they raised during the school year. Our volunteers were joined by U.S. Fish and Wildlife service staff to introduce students to the science behind healthy fisheries as well as fly-fishing and fly-tying at several stations.

At mid-month, the chapter hosted our third annual Stream Girls event. Held over a weekend at Hickory Run State Park, Brodhead TU volunteers introduced another local Girl Scout troop to this Trout Unlimited program designed to introduce the science of the outdoors to the next generation of conservationists and anglers.

Last year, approximately 150 youth participated in Brodhead TU sponsored TIC programs and other educational opportunities through our volunteer efforts.

Overall last fiscal year, from April 2022 through March 2023, Brodhead TU volunteers gave over 2,165 hours of their time to support the chapter in its mission. That is a tremendous achievement and a number we hope to continue to grow in the future. Keep your eye out for upcoming volunteer opportunities in these pages as well as our weekly email newsletter.

Finally, on Saturday, June 10 at 9 a.m. we will host our second annual Fly Fisherman Yard Sale followed by the Annual Chapter picnic at 3 p.m. at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center.

I hope to see you there!

Tight lines,

Russell

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#### MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

##### New Members

We welcome new members Stephen Hajdu, Carl Klaus and Susan Lyons 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.



##### 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.

Alego	Bartolacci	Matthew	Greco	Richard	Phifer
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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:

**302 Adults + 2 Youth**



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## Stroudsburg High School TIC Release Day

On May 5, students from Stroudsburg High School visited the Headquarters Tract of the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge for their Trout In The Classroom (TIC) release day. The students released their trout into Cherry Creek and then BTU members lead instructional activities at various stations. Don Miller led a stream walk along Cherry Creek, Todd Burns demonstrated fly-tying,

Brian McDonnell conducted a knot-tying session and Larry and Lisa Ott oversaw the fly casting session.



The students and our volunteers had an enjoyable morning and the chapter looks forward to next year's event.

## Riparian Buffer Maintenance

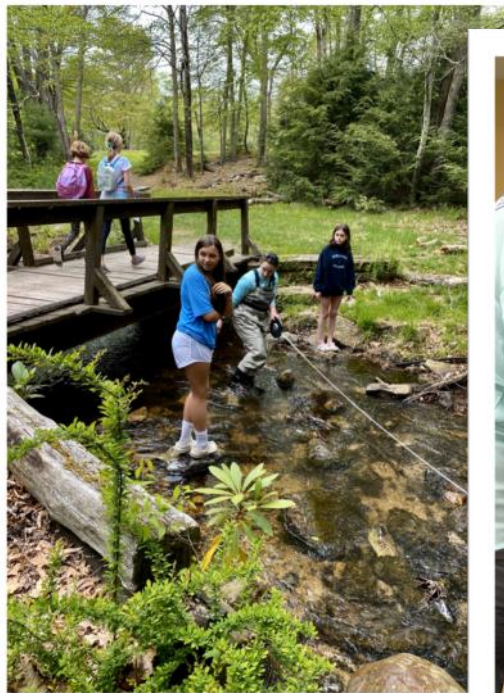
Saturday, May 6, saw BTU volunteers visited two tree-planting sites to conduct ongoing maintenance. Todd Burns, Eric and Caius Baird, and Brian McDonnell revisited our work sites at the Polk Township Walking Park and the Larson Tract of the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge (CVNWR). The work involved straightening tree tubes, re-driving stakes and cleaning out debris.

The Polk Township site is doing well although we'll see how this excessive dryness affects the younger plantings. At Larsen, those plantings on the hillside and down in the creek bottom seem to be doing well, also.



## STREAM Girls Event

STREAM Girls is Trout Unlimited's watershed STEM program for girls that builds confidence and breaks down barriers in science and the outdoors. Through the eyes of a scientist, artist and angler, girls make a personal connection to their home waters. The weekend of May 20-21 saw BTU volunteers and friends assist with a STREAM Girls event at Hickory Run State Park. Throughout the weekend, the girls participating in water-related activities. These included: a stream walk, calculations of water flow from in-stream measurements, macroinvertebrate sampling and identification, fly tying and casting, a scavenger hunt and some fishing. Thanks to Eric Baird, Jacob Smith, Ann Foster, Matt Evans, and Larry and Lisa Ott for their assistance with the program.



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## News Notes, Advocacy Opportunities, and Items of Interest



### 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.



**No new information on the proposed Stadden Road campground.**



### Hawthorne Inn Site Development

The next (and final?) meeting on the proposed Hawthorne Inn project is Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the Paradise Township building.



### Camp Trexler

**UPDATE #5.** The Camp Trexler property was sold to the Trexler Veterans Initiative, who will lease the property to the Valor Clinic, a veterans group located near the camp. The sale price was \$7.8M. For more information, click on the PHLT logo at right.



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



## 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.

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

# June Fishing Outlook



Last month, we were talking about receding flood waters. Now, we're concerned about drought-like conditions. For a few days (through June 11), the nighttime temperatures will be in the upper 40s and the days in the low 70s. Even with exceptionally low flows, the water temperatures will stay cold enough to provide good conditions for the trout. Once we start getting periods of 80 degree days and 60+ degree nights, it will be time to start thinking about some warm-water fishing.

The sulphurs and blue-winged olives arrived on-time. You may still catch some sulphur duns and spinners at dusk and certainly some BWOs in the mornings. Size #14 for the BWO should work. If there is little feeding activity on the surface, give a small BWO nymph a try. You might be surprised at the size of trout that will bother with a tiny little nymph! (That's a hint.) Yellow sallies (golden stones) are out and about and are usually a good choice. Maybe a #16. Green and tan caddis are also out in the mornings and size #18 may be a good place to start.

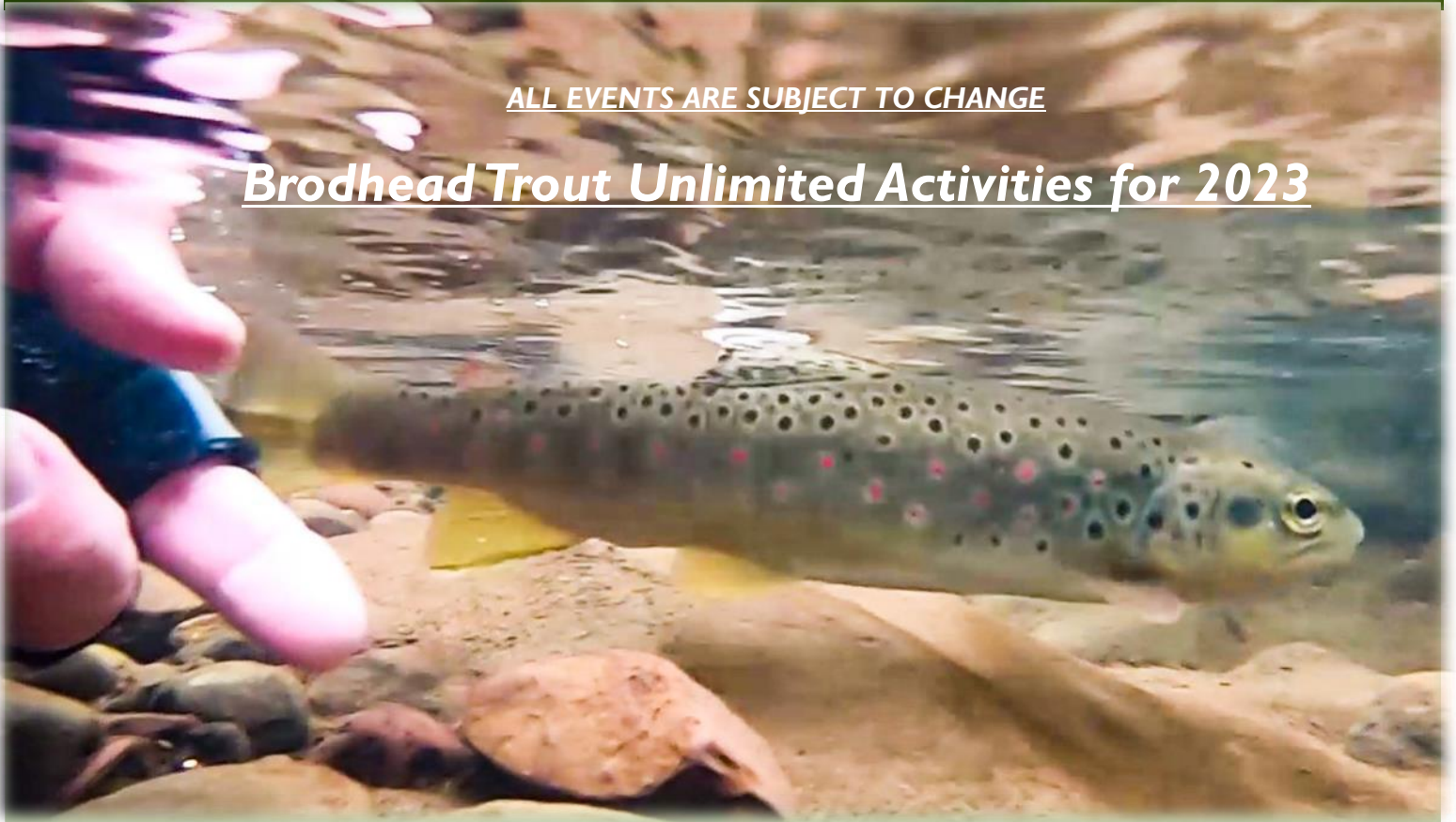
Upcoming hatches include the Isonychia or Slate Drakes, the Light Cahills, and some tricorythodes (#20 -#22).

While sometimes not as plentiful as the May hatches, June insect activity in the Pocono streams can produce some quality action. That, of course, can lead to some marvelous fishing opportunities. Get out while you can and remember to give those trout a break when water temperatures get above 68 degrees. Good luck and tight lines!



ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## **Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2023**



To register for any of these events, visit <http://brodheadtu.org/events-and-registration/>

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

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

**July 26: Monroe County Conservation District Summer Youth Camp Demonstration.**  
Stony Acres. 10:00 AM.

**August: 3rd Annual Summer Slam On-line Auction**

**September 13 : General Membership Meeting,** 7 PM. Kettle Creek Environmental Educ. Center,  
Bartonsville.

**October 11 : General Membership Meeting.** 7 PM.

**October: Pomeroy-McMichaels habitat improvement project work starts**

**October 18—November 8 Rod Building Classes.** Brodhead Creek Heritage Center. Sign-up information coming soon.

**December 13: Holiday Party**

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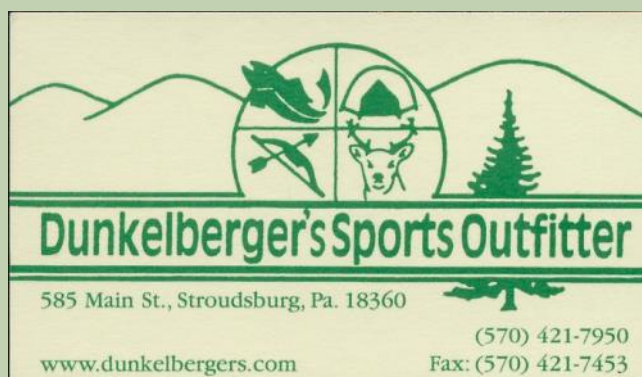
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