



Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited

November 2023



Upcoming Events:

November 11: Chapter Hike
Pomeroy-McMichaels Nature
Preserve, 10 AM.

November 19: Invasive plant
removal. Larsen Lane Tract,
Cherry Valley NWR. 1 PM

November 20: Brodhead Fly
Tyers, BCHC. 6 PM

December 13: Holiday Party.
The Lakeside, Saylorsburg, PA.
Details forthcoming.

January 6: First session of
Introductdion to Fly tying.
Brodhead Creek Heritage
Center.

In this issue:

Pomeroy-McMichaels	1
President's Message	2
Membership Updates	3
Rod Building Class	4
Project Update	5-7
Advocacy Information	8-9
Fishing Outlook	10
Calendar of Events	11
Advertisers	12

General Public Meeting Saturday, November 11 at 10:00 AM



Pomeroy-McMichaels Project Tour

Pomeroy-McMichaels Creek Nature Preserve

675 Hickory Valley Rd.

(40.96105, -75.24827)

Stroudsburg, PA 18360

After more than three years of planning, fundraising and working out the logistics, it's finished!

Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited (BTU) will provide an informational program and tour of their recently completed habitat restoration efforts on McMichaels Creek on Saturday, November 11, at 10:00 AM at the Pomeroy-McMichaels Creek Nature Preserve. The preserve, located along Hickory Valley Road, Stroudsburg, is owned by the Pocono Heritage Land Trust. Chapter members will provide attendees with a history of the property, a tour and explanation of the habitat improvements, an overview of the stream's macroinvertebrates and a discussion of invasive flora species on the site. Come out and join us for an informative morning. Register [here](#). It's free!

To bring together diverse interests to care for and recover Pocono rivers and streams so our children can experience the joy of wild and native trout.

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Russell Thrall III
159 Swift Road
Stroudsburg, PA 18360
570-620-8677

VICE PRESIDENT

Eric Baird
267 3rd Street
Pocono Pines, PA 18350
(570) 355-0165

SECRETARY

Ann Foster

TREASURER

Stephan van de Loecht
123 Keystone Rd.
East Stroudsburg, PA 18302

treasurer@brodheadtu.onmicrosoft.com

BOARD MEMBERS

Don Baylor

Todd Burns

Cathy Folio

Jim Houghton

Ivers Keller

Glen Lippencott

Brian McDonnell

Don Miller

Larry Ott



The Home Pool

Russell Thrall III, President
Brodhead Chapter – Trout Unlimited #289

e-mail: russ@thrall3.com

570-620-8677

Members and Friends,

Phase I of the chapter's stream habitat restoration project at the Pocono Heritage Land Trust (PHLT) Pomeroy McMichaels Creek Nature Preserve was completed in mid-October. We've already received reports from folks fishing the stretch we worked on and trout have taken up residence in the new habitat your support created.

The chapter will give a tour of the site on Saturday, November 11 at 10 a.m. at the Preserve located on Hickory Valley Road near Stroudsburg. I hope you can join us as we tour the project and learn about the history of the site as well as the science around stream habitat work.

You'll see some new photos of the Pomeroy project, along with some of our other work in October in this issue of Streamside Asides.

Beyond the work on the McMichaels, the chapter started its annual fly rod building class and attended a few community events which you'll read about in the following pages.

Also, keep an eye on your email for our Chapter member survey that will be sent mid-month. The survey provides an opportunity for you to give us some feedback on topics and locations for upcoming meetings, the types of volunteer opportunities you are interest in and a variety of other topics the chapter can use to help us better understand what you expect from the Brodhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited. It's been a few years since we last conducted a survey, so we're looking forward to getting your feedback as we work on our plans for next year.

And, if you're looking for a volunteer opportunity, the chapter has an invasive plant removal scheduled for November 19 at the Larsen Lane tract along Cherry Creek in the National Wildlife Refuge.

As always, you can check out our list of upcoming events and let us know you're coming to help by visiting our website at: <http://brodheadtu.org/events-and-registration/>

Finally, mark your calendars for our Chapter Holiday party on December 13 at The Lakeside in Saylorsburg.

Tight lines,

Russell

DIRECTORS EMERITUS

Gerry Bortz
Ed Filipkowski

THANK YOU TO THE
FOLLOWING
PAST DIRECTORS FOR
THEIR RECENT
SERVICE:

James Connor
Tim Fritz
Jeff Heberley
Greg Malaska
John Smith
Daniel Steere
Arie VanWingerden
Tom Van Zandt



MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members

The cupboard was bare this month! If you know someone who shares our mission and love of the cold-water resources in the Poconos, send them our way. All they need to do is click on the link at right and join.



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.

Wayne Babcock	Frank Mittermeier
Charles Cavanagh	Francis Pisko
Ann Foster	Gary Pysner
Ed Kepczynski	David Rich
Jared Klepacki	James Rinker
Ken Knies	Rodney Stark
Alexis Krukovsky	Samuel Thrall

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:

271 Adults + 2 Youth



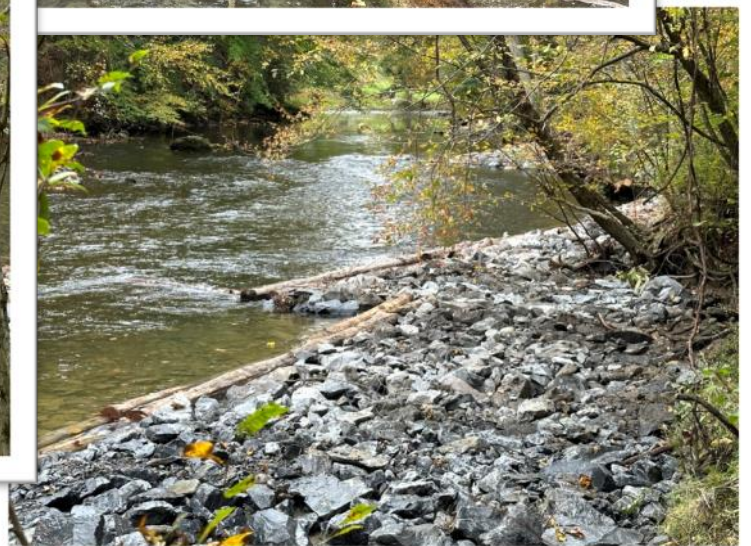
Rod Building Class Draws To A Close

The fourth and final session of our 2023 fly rod building class scheduled for 11/8 will bring this years class to a close. Our seven participants are progressing nicely and we can't wait to see the finished products. Thanks to Eric Baird, Todd Burns, Brian McDonnell and John Tryzinski for their help and guidance.



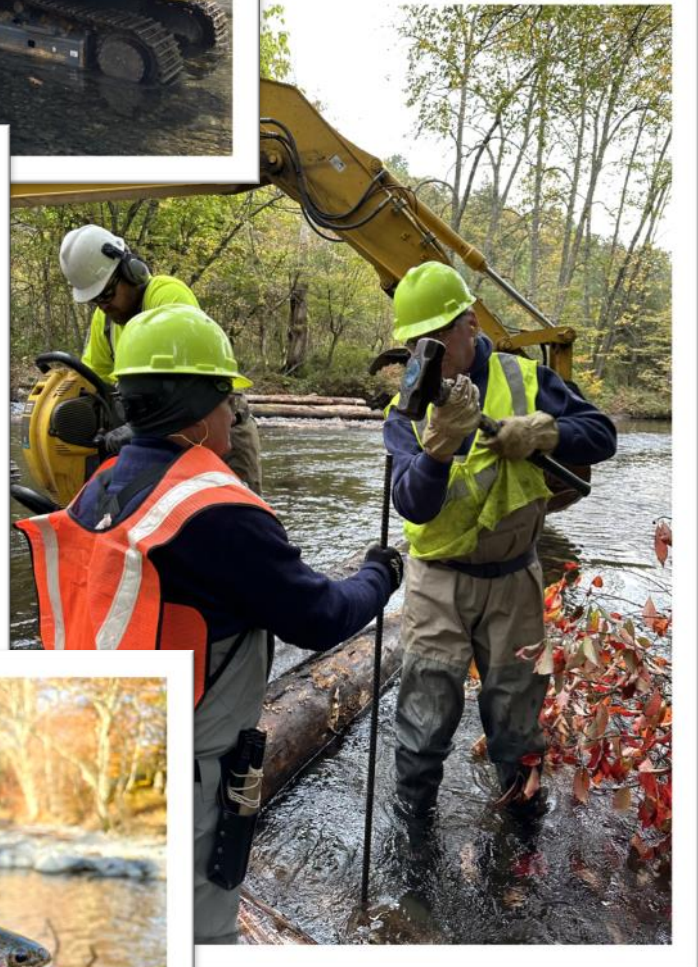
To bring together diverse interests to care for and recover Pocono rivers and streams so our children can experience the joy of wild and native trout.

Pomeroy-McMichaels Creek Construction Photos



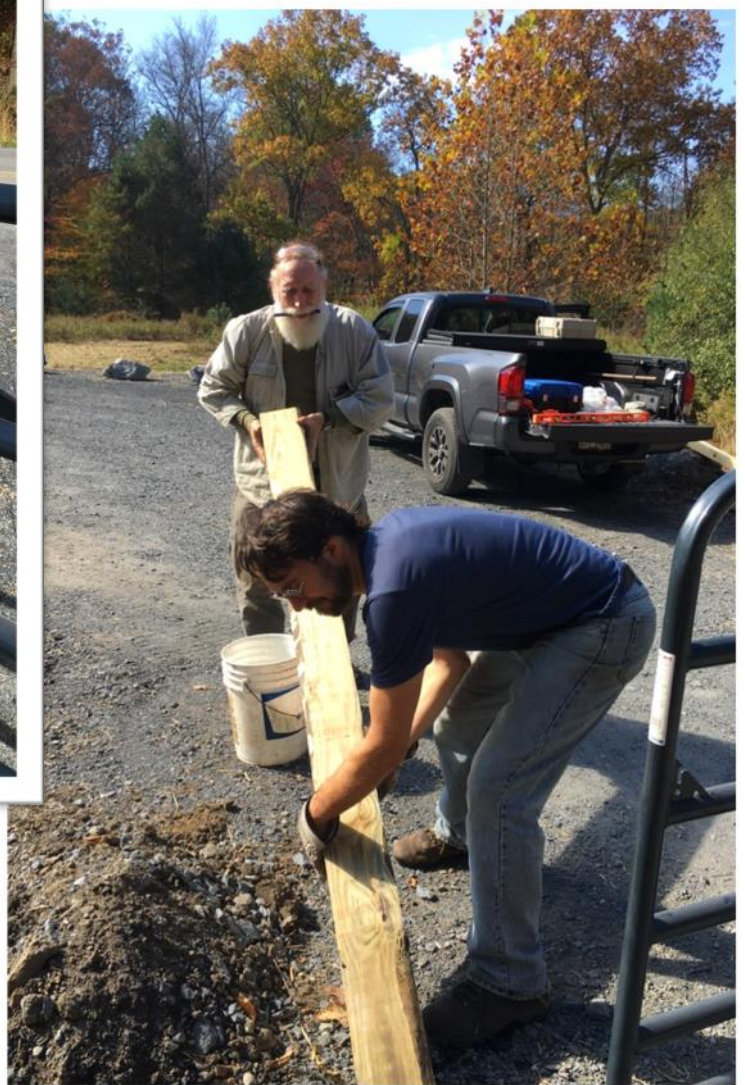
To bring together diverse interests to care for and recover Pocono rivers and streams
so our children can experience the joy of wild and native trout.

Pomeroy-McMichaels Creek Construction Photos



To bring together diverse interests to care for and recover Pocono rivers and streams
so our children can experience the joy of wild and native trout.

Pomeroy-McMichaels Creek Construction Photos



(Photos at top left and right
courtesy of Martin Gonzalez.)

To bring together diverse interests to care for and recover Pocono rivers and streams
so our children can experience the joy of wild and native trout.

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.



[House Bill 1300](#)

The amendment attached to this Bill that would transfer \$150,000,000 from the Pennsylvania Game Commission to the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Clean Stream Funds **was removed**. The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission did not support its inclusion which would make the Pennsylvania Game Commission unable to financially support its mission, and rob the Commission of the federal matching of nearly \$42,000,000 from the [Pittman-Robertson Act](#). Trout Unlimited had asked that the HB 1300 not pass with this amendment.

Hawthorne Inn Site Development.

The proposed development of the former Hawthorne Inn site was approved by the Paradise Township Supervisors after a series of public, conditional use hearings. Numerous conditions were included in conjunction with the approval. The site development has potential impacts on Indian Run and Swiftwater Creek, headwaters of the Brodhead Creek. A link to the approval document is now [HERE](#).

Comment Period: Here is the *updated* 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: Regulatory Changes](#)

[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
Ethics
Hotline

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

November Fishing Outlook



Streams are low, the brown trout and brook trout are spawning and the temperatures are dropping. What's an angler to do?

Fish, of course, but be careful. If you see a cleared area in a tailout of a pool or run, it's probably a trout redd. If it's clear—don't get near. Here is a photo of a redd in Pocono Creek taken a week ago.



So now that we know where NOT to step, what's happening with the fishing?

Depending on weather and stream conditions, you could be fishing anything from streamers to tiny midges and midge pupae. Midge pupae in black/silver and purple/copper can be quite productive in low water this time of year. There may be a few small BWO out there on warmer days—carry duns and emergers. A dry-dropper combo can handle those knee-deep riffles and runs. If you're into Euro styling, can't go wrong with some Perdignons.

There's still a lot more fishing opportunities out there. Enjoy.

ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2023/2024



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

November 11: 10 AM. Public Meeting/Hike at Pomeroy-McMichaels Nature Preserve, Hickory Vally Rd., Stroudsburg, PA. Come get a tour of the recently finished habitat improvement project.

December 13: Holiday Party at The Lakeside. Time and more information coming soon.

January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10: Introduction to Fly Tying at Brodhead Creek Heritage Center. You can register [HERE](#).

To bring together diverse interests to care for and recover Pocono rivers and streams
so our children can experience the joy of wild and native trout.

A sincere thank you is extended to the following supporters of our Chapter as we work to preserve and protect the cold-water resources in the Poconos.



SERVING THE POCONO MOUNTAINS
SELLING HOMES SINCE 1988

Thomas R Wilkins CEO

Office: 570-421-8950

Dunkelberger's Sports Outfitter

585 Main St., Stroudsburg, Pa. 18360
www.dunkelbergers.com

(570) 421-7950
Fax: (570) 421-7453

KEN & COMPANY
AVEDA SALON & SPA

507 Main Street, Stroudsburg, PA 18360
Phone (570) 421-8077 • Fax (570) 421-8227
www.Kenandcompany.com

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

**Newman
Williams
Mishkin
Corveleyn
Wolfe &
Fareri**

A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

Ronald J. Mishkin

Telephone 570.421.9090
rmishkin@newmanwilliams.com
www.newmanwilliams.com
Fax 570.424.9739
P.O. Box 511 • 712 Monroe Street
Stroudsburg, PA 18360-0511

This space available to advertise your event or business. For information and rates, contact Eric Baird @

(570) 355-0165.

To bring together diverse interests to care for and recover Pocono rivers and streams so our children can experience the joy of wild and native trout.