



Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited

March 2024



Upcoming Events:

March 13: General Public

Meeting: Brian McDonnell presents on “Invasive Plant Species Management From the Streambank and Beyond”. BCHC. 7 PM.

March 15: Annual Spring

Banquet, Stroudsmoor Country Inn. 5:30 PM.

March 23: Introduction to

Fly Fishing, at BCHC with Kettle Creek Env. Education Center. 9 AM

April 10: General Public

Meeting: BCHC, 7 PM. Robert Lundquist presents, “Seasons of the Delaware”

May 13: Invasive Plant

Removal. CVNWR Larsen Lane Tract. 9 AM / **Tree Planting @ 1 PM.**

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Brodhead Chapter Trout Unlimited #289

Spring Conservation Banquet

Friday, March 15, 2024



Our annual spring Conservation Banquet will be held on Friday, March 15, 2024, at Woodgate, Stroudsmoor Country Inn, Stroudsburg, PA. There will be fellowship, story-telling, prizes and great food and drink. Come join us as we kick off the new year. Cash bar and raffle review starts at 5:30 PM.

Reservations are required by March 8. Click below to get your tickets.

[BANQUET RESERVATIONS & INFORMATION](#)

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Members and Friends,

As I'm writing this during the first few days of March, it's rather spring-like with temps in the mid-50s and we've had enough rain and snow melt to keep the creeks at normal flows for this time of year.

March starts our busy season as the Chapter calendar fills up with activities.

On March 13, board member Brian McDonnell will present Invasive Plant Species Management from the Streambank and Beyond at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center in Analomink. Prior to retiring in 2020, Brian spent 17 years of his 13-year career with the National Park Service on its Northeast Exotic Plant Management Team.

If you have any questions on how to manage invasive species on your property, you'll want to be at this event as Brian knows the answers to any questions you might have.

On March 15, the Chapter will hold its Annual Conservation Banquet at Stroudsmoor.

The banquet is one of the Chapter's critical fundraisers supporting our habitat restoration work. The banquet will feature a presentation on the chapter's conservation work, including Phase I of our work on McMichaels Creek at the Pocono Heritage Land Trust's Pomeroy McMichaels Creek Nature Preserve that was completed in October and our plans for additional work as funds permit.

It's a great time to enjoy some great food, fish tales and support a great cause!

Tight lines,

Russell

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members

The chapter welcomes new member Brian Meitzler. We thank you for joining us in our mission and we look forward to seeing you soon.

If you know of someone who would like to join BTU, click on the link at right and send them the address.



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:

278 Adults + 2 Youth



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General Public Meeting
Wednesday, March 13 at 7 PM
Brodhead Creek Heritage Center
**“Invasive Plant Species
Management from the
Streambank and Beyond”**
Presented by Brian McDonnell

Invasive plant species are an ever-growing problem that is being spurred by diseases and our changing climate. This informative program will include discussion of a dozen or more invasive plants common in the northeast PA area and will present control options for managing their populations.

Our presenter, Brian McDonnell, retired from the National Park Service in December, 2020. The last 17 of his 35 year career were spent leading the NPS Northeast Region’s Northeast Exotic Plant Management Team. The team used an integrated approach to managing populations of invasive

plants in NPS units in six northeast states. He had a strong interest in developing innovative methods to control target species. Much of this research was presented at annual meetings of the Northeastern Weed Science Society.



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**(Some of Our) 2024 Spring Conservation
Banquet Prizes**



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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.



Change In Method to Comment On Proposed Regulatory Changes

Until the end of 2023, PFBC accepted comments on upcoming regulatory proposals through email and a web-based application, in addition to regular mail. Moving forward, comments will need to be made via mail or the email RA-pfbcregulations@pa.gov. **The proposed regulations** are still posted on line for your review **BUT** they are on the ***Pennsylvania Bulletin*** site. To review the proposed changes, you will need to navigate by following the steps below:

1. Click on this [Pennsylvania Bulletin link](#).
2. Under "BULLETIN", select the most recent volume.
3. Select the most recent issue.
4. Select "Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission" from the menu. You will see any pending proposals as a hyperlink.
5. Select the proposal and it should open so you can read it.

Comments may be submitted by mail to: Executive Director, Fish and Boat Commission, P.O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, within 30 days after publication of the notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. Electronic submission can be made to RA-pfbcregulations@pa.gov. As before, just be sure to identify which proposal you are commenting upon.

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



March Fishing Outlook

March. It's a tweener season. Somewhere 'tween the dead of winter and the arrival of spring. Air temperatures begin to warm but the water is still cold. Insects are beginning to stir but the "good" hatches are still weeks away. So what's an angler to do? Fish! Seriously, fish feed all year 'round. If they can feed, you can fish. So what can you expect as you head out the door in a typical Pocono March?

Water temperatures will be cool if not cold. Expect early March waters to be in the upper 30s and warming into the upper 40s by month's end. Dress appropriately and be sure your waders don't leak. Flows will often surge a bit due to snow melt and runoff. You can check the flows of some of the local waterways [here](#). Air temperatures will be generally higher than the water temperatures and may fluctuate greatly from day to day. Check your [weather forecasts](#).

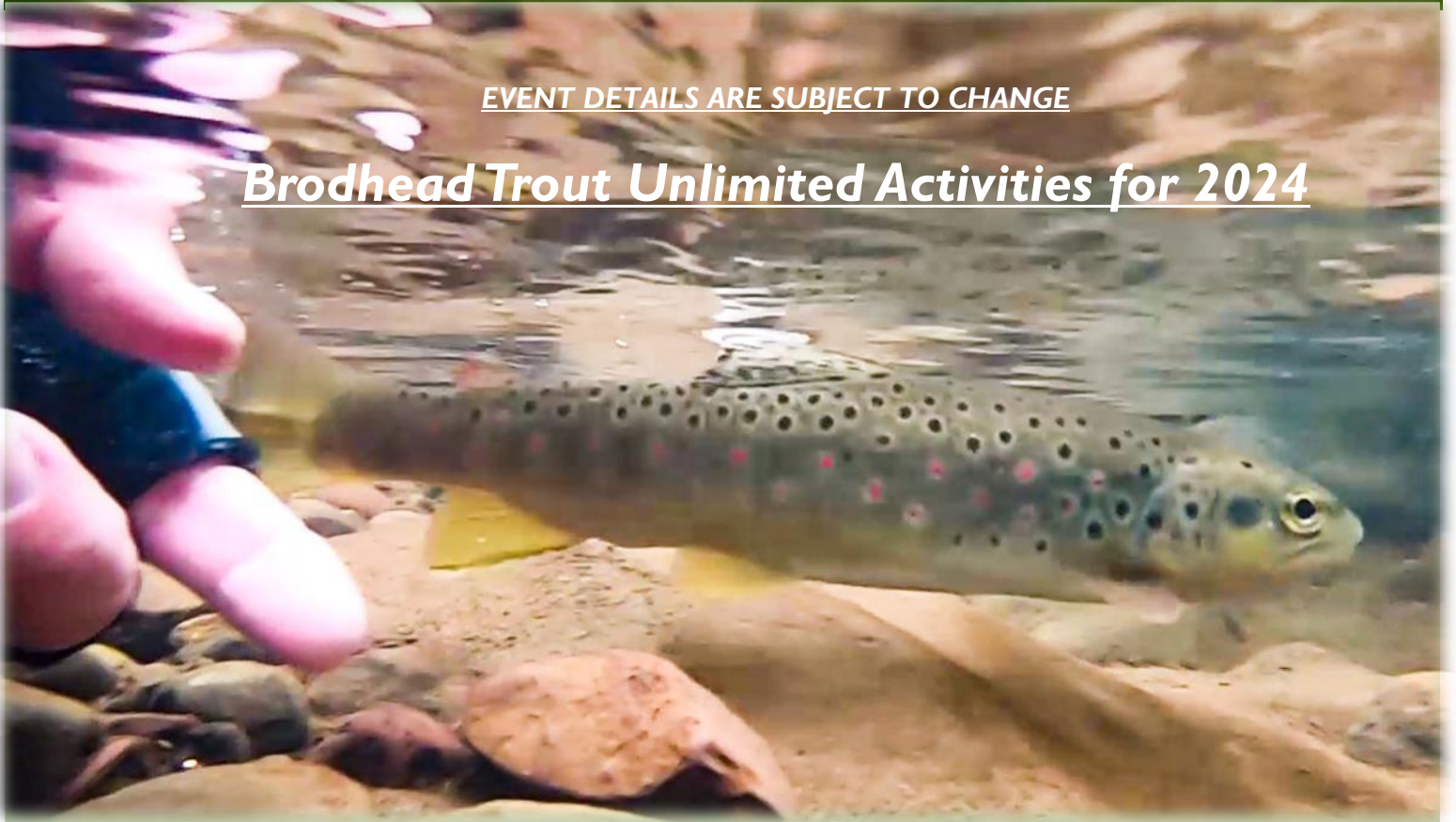
Once you're at your destination, what offerings should you make? With higher flows, streamers, woolly buggers and stonefly nymphs are a good bet. Size #8 and #10 should do. On some streams, you may see some early brown stoneflies skittering across the surface. These can sometimes bring the fish up from the bottom. Size #14 is a good starting point. In calmer pockets and lower flows, be ready with some smaller "stuff." Blue-winged Olives in #18-#20, duns and emergers, should be at the ready. Some Griffith's Gnats in #20, maybe #16 Hare's Ear nymphs, and some midge pupae (chironomid) imitations in black, olive, or purple.

Yes, you'll be carrying around an assortment of flies but with ever changing water and weather conditions, it's a must if you're going out in the month of March. **Be sure to check the [regulations](#) — stocked streams (except special regulation waters) are closed to fishing until April 6.**

Tight lines!

EVENT DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2024



When registrations open, visit <http://brodheadtu.org/events-and-registration/>

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March 15: Annual Spring Banquet, Stroudsmoor Country Inn. Purchase tickets [HERE](#).

March 23: Introduction to Fly Fishing, at BCHC with Kettle Creek Env. Education Center. 9 AM

March 31: Mentored Youth Trout Day

April 6: Opening Day of Trout Season—Knights of Columbus Kids Derby. Details to come.

April 10: General Public Meeting: BCHC, 7 PM. Robert Lundquist presents, “**Seasons of the Delaware**”

April 13: Invasive Removal and Tree Planting , Larsen Tract, Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge. 9 AM and 1 PM.

April 20: Maintenance Work on past tree planting site(s).

May 4: Annual Trash Cleanup. Location TBD. 9 AM.

May 7-28: Fly Fishing: The Next Step. Tuesdays, 6 PM.

May 11: Fishing Meet-up on the Pocono Creek. 7:30 AM, meet at Billy’s Pocono Diner

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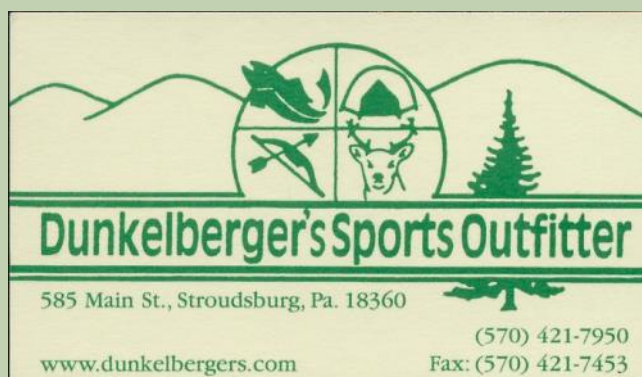
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