



Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited

September 2024



September 7: Yankee Run

Workday. Yankee Run

Nature Preserve, Devil's Hole

Rd. Mt. Pocono, PA. 9 AM

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PHLT's Rail Gap Nature

Preserve.

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Holiday Party – Lakeside,

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Summer Slam On-Line Auction

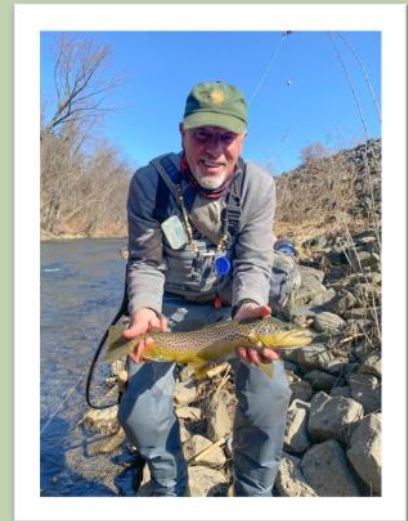
Is LIVE!

Our annual on-line auction went live on Friday night and will close on Sunday, September 1. This year's offerings include new and gently used fly rods, a new Orvis fly reel, boxes of wonderful flies, tying tools/materials, and local artwork.

The auction is one of several fundraisers we undertake in order to gather the funds needed for our conservation and educational activities. Our chapter is currently planning habitat work on Yankee Run near Mt. Pocono, continued invasive removal along Cherry Creek, and some final tree plantings along McMichaels Creek in the Pomeroy-McMichaels Creek Nature Preserve.

If you review the items and would rather make a simple donation, that can be done, too. Simply follow this link:

[AUCTION LINK](#)



Don Baylor Presents: "Eastern Hatches"

On Wednesday, September 11, Don Baylor will deliver a presentation on "Eastern Hatches" at 7 PM in the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, Stroudsburg, PA. Don will share decades worth of knowledge of the insect life that provides needed food for our trout and other residents of our Pocono waters. Whether you're planning on staying very local or perhaps heading up to the Upper Delaware, you'll want to catch this presentation (so you can catch more fish!)

[INFO & REGISTRATION LINK](#)

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Members and Friends,

I hope you've been enjoying your summer. Thankfully, the temps have been down a little bit in mid-August and I know some of our folks were able to switch from warmwater fishing back to trout. Alas, at the end of the month, we're back in the upper 80s with little respite from the elevated temperatures at night to lower stream temps.

Our annual online auction is now taking place. See information and a link to the auction on the cover, as well as photos of the items available this year on page seven.

In addition to Don Baylor's presentation on Eastern Hatches at our September 11 meeting at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, we will also be conducting our elections. You can see the slate of officers and Board Members on page four.

We have one opening on the board, so if you are interested in participating in a leadership role, please reach out to me or another board member.

Our volunteers have been busy during the summer. See some of the photos of our Intro to Fly Fishing Workshop and the BWA River Ramble on pages five and six.

On the volunteer front, on September 21-22 we will be partnering with Scout Troop 99 from Effort, Pa in a Fly-Fishing and Fishing Merit Badge weekend at Camp Minsi.

You can always keep your eye out for upcoming volunteer opportunities in these pages (see the upcoming calendar of events on the left of the cover page) as well as our weekly email newsletter.

Tight lines,

Russell

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members

The chapter welcomes new members John Balas and Gerald Christy. We thank you for joining us in our mission and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Half-price membership for new members! 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 the following individuals who have chosen to renew a membership or contribute to TU's mission. Your efforts in supporting our education, conservation, and advocacy efforts are greatly appreciated.

Carmine Cerra
Adolph Fernandez
D. Giffels
Bryan Hudreck
Homer Lee

Benjamin Minchhoff
Richard Phifer
Joseph Pipolo
Ronald Seyford

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

James Connor

Tim Fritz

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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:

267 Adults + 3 Youth



Brodhead TU #289
Annual Elections—September 11, 2024

Annual elections will be held at the September 11, 2024 General Public Meeting. Following is the current and proposed slate of officers and board members. There is one vacancy on the board that could be filled via a nomination from the floor during the meeting.

Proposed Slate of Officers and Board Members:

President: Russell Thrall, III

Vice-President: Stephan van de Loecht

Treasurer: John Smith

Secretary: Eric Baird

Board Members:

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Introduction To Fly Fishing Workshop June 29, 2024



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BTU Participates in Brodhead Watershed Association's
River Ramble
July 28, 2024



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Summer Slam On-Line Auction Items

Ends 9 PM EST—Sunday, September 1, 2024



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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.



NEW

Dotter's Creek is on the list to be upgraded to Wild Trout designation. Make your voice heard!

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.

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.

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.

September Fishing Outlook



It's back to school time and with that we are hoping to see cooler nights and daytime temperatures staying under 80 degrees.—preferably in the low 70s. When that happens, our local trout streams will cool sufficiently to enable anglers to safely pursue our native and wild trout. Our long, hot summer is about over and reports indicate the trout have made it through. Now it's a matter of getting some good rains (not flooding rains, again!) and elevating the streams.

Terrestrial patterns are a good bet this time of year. Hoppers, crickets, beetles, and ants (black and red) can all be productive. Don't be afraid to fish an ant pattern under the surface—they don't always float. You may find a few Slate Drakes out and about and, of course, some caddis. If we get enough rain to bring streams up and provide some color, pack a streamer box and some stonefly imitations. Pat's Rubber Legs in #10 have worked well under those conditions.

If the water remains low, working a dry-dropper combo can be quite effective. Pick your favorite small nymph, tie it under a bushy #14 dry and have some fun. Trout will be feeding up and getting ready for the fall spawn in that mid-October-December period.

Good luck and be safe out there.



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EVENT DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2024-25

For more information and to register, visit <http://brodheadtu.org/events-and-registration/> or click on the links below.

September 7: Yankee Run Workday #1 (Rescheduled!). Registration. [Registration.](#)

September 11 – Don Baylor Presents “Eastern Hatches” – KCEEC, 7 PM. [Registration.](#)

September 14: PA Council Trout Unlimited Annual Meeting.

October 9– Adam Nidoh Presents “Discovering the Lehigh”. KCEEC, 7 PM [Registration.](#)

October 16 - Rod Building 101 Class Starts. Stay tuned for more information. [Registration.](#)

November 9 – Hike at PHLT’s Rail Gap Nature Preserve. [Details and Registration.](#)

December 11 – Chapter Holiday Party – Lakeside, Saylorsburg. [Registration.](#)

January 8—Virtual Chapter Meeting. Stay tuned for details.

January 4,11,18 and 25: Intro to Fly Tying Course, BCHC, 9 AM

February 1,8—Intro to Fly Tying Course, BCHC 9 AM

February 12 — General Public Meeting: Flies, Pies and

March 12—General Public Meeting. TBD

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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.



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