



Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited

October 2024



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Adam Nidoh presents "Discovering the Lehigh"

Wednesday October 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center
8050 Running Valley Road
Stroudsburg, PA 18360



Adam was born and raised in Scranton, PA, where he grew up spin fishing primarily for bass. He discovered fly fishing when he was 13 and he’s been fly fishing for the past 24 years. Licensed in PA & NY, Adam has been guiding for 16 years primarily on the Lackawanna, Lackawaxen, Lehigh, Delaware & Susquehanna Rivers. He’s had articles published in Keystone Fly Fishing & Fly Fisherman magazine. He also works at Whitetail Country Fly Shop in Starlight, PA and for Cross Current Guide Service. Adam's presentation explores the vast offerings of the Lehigh River, from the brook trout filled headwaters down to its musky roaming confluence with the Delaware.

He and his father own and operate A&G Outfitters, in Dickson City, PA.

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Members and Friends,

As you browse through the pages of this issue of Streamside Asides, I think you'll agree that September was an active month for the Chapter and our volunteers.

First off, thank you to Don Baylor, a founding member of the chapter and long-time board member, for his excellent presentation on Eastern Hatches at our September meeting. Don always packs the house and last month was no exception.

On page five, you'll see photos of the habitat improvement project at the Pocono Heritage Land Trust (PHLT) Yankee Run Nature Preserve near Mount Pocono. This was a great hands-on activity for our volunteers as they used a chain saw, drill, shovels and pickaxes to construct the first log cross-vane of four planned on the site.

Before our volunteers left in the afternoon, a wild brown trout took up residence at the structure that will help increase the depth of the creek during low flows and add oxygen to the water. It's extremely rewarding to see the results of your labor having an impact so fast. I've been telling a similar story about a trout that took up residence behind a stone deflector about 15 minutes after it was installed in August 2017 in the McMichaels Creek by the soccer fields in Snydersville.

On page six, you'll see an update on the results of our electrofishing survey last month on McMichaels Creek in the PHLT Pomeroy McMichaels Creek Nature Preserve near Stroudsburg where we completed Phase I of a habitat restoration project in cooperation with both PHLT and the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

Beyond just seeing a trout a few minutes after you complete a device or project, it's great to get the scientific data to quantify the positive impact of the chapter's work supported by our volunteers and financial supporters.

Finally, thank you to Eric Baird, Todd Burns and Brian McDonnell for their efforts on the weekend of September 21-22 to help nine Scouts from Troop 99 in Effort complete work on their fishing and fly-fishing merit badges. You'll see a lot of smiling faces as the Scouts tied flies, learned how to cast a fly-rod, and then caught a fish on the fly they tied!

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

Tight lines,

Russell

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members

The chapter welcomes new members Brian Bruno and David Grizzanti. 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.

- Warrant Ace
- Joseph Pipolo
- Christopher Verwey

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:

258 Adults + 3 Youth



Chapter Election Results September 11, 2024

The Chapter held annual officer and board member elections at the September 11, 2024 General Public Meeting. The proposed ballot was read to the membership and the floor was opened to nominations. Whereas there were no nominations beyond the proposed slate, a motion was made, and seconded, to cast the ballot as proposed. The ballot was cast and approved unanimously. Congratulations to all!



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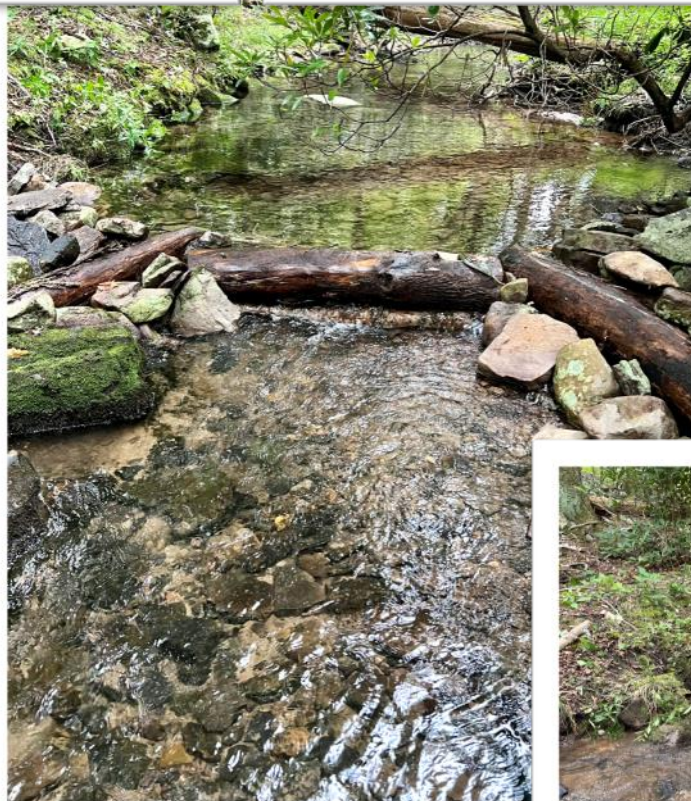
Don Miller

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Yankee Run Habitat Improvement Work Day

September 7

Volunteers gathered at PHLT's Yankee Run Nature Preserve near Mt. Pocono on September 7. The group constructed the first of four proposed log cross-vanes in the creek. This work is designed to narrow and deepen the creek downstream of the device while providing calmer holding water upstream. Both areas will be beneficial to the wild brown trout that inhabit these headwaters of the Paradise and Brodhead Creeks.

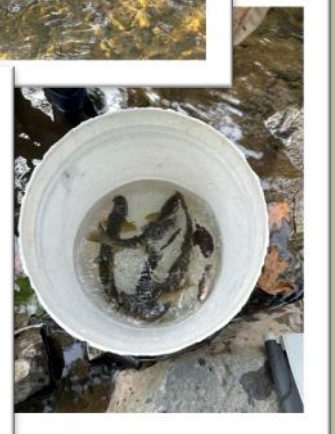


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Post-Treatment Electrofishing Survey: McMichaels Creek

The final portion of Phase I of the Pomeroy-McMichaels habitat improvement project is completed! On Tuesday, September 17, BTU volunteers gathered at the PHLT preserve to electrofish the same stretch of stream that was surveyed just prior to last year's construction. Last year, a total of 3 wild brown trout were captured, each with a length of approximately 9". This year, after the construction of log-framed deflectors and a large stone-throated cross-vane, the survey produced 29 trout. Of these trout, one was a stocked rainbow and the other 28 were wild brown trout. The largest brown was 15"

Devices in this area provide approximately 400 feet of overhanging "cover" and increase the flow rate of the creek, even under low water conditions. Aquatic Resources Consulting provided the equipment and operators and will use the data to estimate the biomass of trout in this stretch of the creek.



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Scouts Fly Fishing Merit Badge Instruction September 21-22

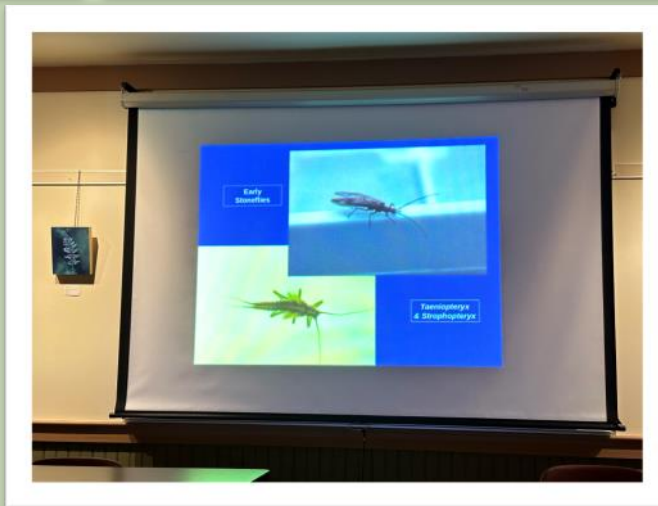
On Saturday and Sunday, September 21-22, BTU volunteers conducted fly-fishing classes for local Scouts of Troop 99, Effort, PA. The Scouts practiced safety, knot-tying, fly-tying, fly-casting, reading the water and, yes, some fly-fishing! A good time was had by all.



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Don Baylor's Eastern Hatches Presentation

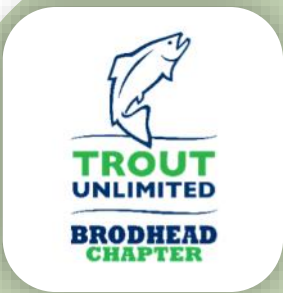
Don Baylor presented his program on Eastern Hatches on September 11 at the Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center building. Approximately 30 people gathered to learn about what “bugs” we have and how their abundance has changed over time in our area and our surrounds. Thank you, Don, for sharing your knowledge!



Summer Slam On-Line Auction Results

The Chapter's 4th Summer Slam On-line auction closed on September 1 and all of the items received bids and are on their ways to new homes. A final tally indicates that the auction raised \$1136 for projects, educational activities, advocacy and community outreach. Thanks to all who bid, donated and helped in some way.

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BTU Recognized at PATU Annual Meeting

At the Pennsylvania Council Trout Unlimited Annual Meeting on September 14, 2024, Brodhead TU's Todd Burns was recognized as the Outstanding Volunteer for 2024. Todd is and has been involved with a variety of activities for the chapter. He is a long time board member, organizes and runs the annual on-line auction, is editor of the chapter newsletter, coordinates the annual chapter "garage sale", assists with fly-tying classes and leads instruction with the rod-building classes. He assisted with the Monroe County Youth Conservation camp, STREAM Girls program and Boy Scouts fly-fishing merit badge instruction, and the chapter's Introduction to Fly Fishing classes. He volunteered with the recent Yankee Run habitat project and oversaw the construction of the McMichaels Creek habitat work in PHLT's Pomeroy McMichaels Nature Preserve. In addition, he serves as the NE Region Vice-President of PA Council Trout Unlimited. Congratulations on the well-deserved recognition!



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Upcoming Events:

- November 11, Chapter Hike Pomeroy-McMichaels Nature Preserve, 10 AM.
- November 15, Invasive plant removal, Loran Lane Tract, Cherry Valley NWR, 1 PM
- November 20, Brodhead Fly Tyers, BHC, 6 PM
- December 13, Holiday Party, The Lakeside, Stroudsburg, PA. Details forthcoming.
- January 8, First session of Introduction to Fly tying, Brodhead Creek Heritage Center.

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!

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Also at the annual meeting, Brodhead TU's newsletter, *Streamside Asides*, was named Outstanding Newsletter.

This publication is issued 9-10 times per year in an electronic version and once per year in a hard copy format. Content includes information on upcoming meetings, advocacy information, reviews and photos of recent activities, a fishing outlook and more.

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

Proposed Boating Regulation Change: [Engine Cut-Off Switch \(ECOS\)](#)

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

October Fishing Outlook

Well, here we are again, longing for rain to replenish our groundwater and our streams. Let's hope that October brings us the precipitation that will elevate and cleanse our streams—and also make the streams better for the upcoming spawning seasons.

Brook trout and brown trout are fall spawners and typically build redds in the tailouts of pools and runs. These shallower areas provide the necessary balance of oxygen, flow and cover for the eggs and their hatching and development into fry. Although one would think that low water would be good for the spawn, if trout build redds in these shallow tailouts and the flow returns to normal, that necessary balance mentioned above gets changed. Let's keep our fingers crossed for some consistent flows for the next two months.

On the fishing front, our trout will be feeding up and trying to put on some weight for the spawn and the oncoming winter. Streamer patterns can be quite effective and the fall strikes can be awesome! Classics like a Grey Ghost can work well as do Woolly Bugger patterns. Suggestion: do not use a light tippet!

If you're not into chucking the bigger stuff, you can find fall emerging Slate Drakes, Blue-winged Olives, and October Caddis (orange body). You can fish the adults but don't forget the nymphs or pupae. In fact, it can be quite effective to fish a dry-dropper rig where the nymphal/pupal pattern is fished underneath the adult dry. If you're fishing less than three feet of water, this method can be the ticket: you're fishing two parts of the water column at the same time.

As always, be careful to avoid redds when you wade. Be safe and tight lines!



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.

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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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