



Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited

March 2025

Upcoming Events:

March 12—Public Meeting:
Bill Leonard Presents:

“Seven Mysteries of Devils
Hole—Folklore, Tales, and
Legends.” BCHC, 7 PM

March 28: Annual
Banquet, 5:30 PM

Shawnee Inn & Golf
Resort.

April 5: Opening Day of
Trout Season, 8 AM

April 9—General Public
Meeting: Featuring Tim
“Shorty” Bartholomew

April 12: Workday: Larsen
Lane Tract—Invasive
Removal, CVNWR, 9 AM

April 26—Riparian Buffer
Maintenance: Polk
Township Walking Park, 9
AM.

“Seven Mysteries of the Devil’s Hole—Folklore, Tales and Legends”

Wednesday, March 12 at 7 PM
Brodhead Creek Heritage Center
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Devils Hole Creek in Monroe County is renowned for its wild trout. However, there are many other fascinating features fishermen, hikers and outdoor enthusiasts may encounter that make Devils Hole unique. Devils Hole exhibits mystery and mystique, including several building ruins, exciting waterfalls, an elk farm, peculiar artifacts, and remnants from the 1955 flood. Bill Leonard will present a public program entitled "Seven Mysteries of Devils Hole - Folklore, Tales, and Legends."

Bill is a native of Tobyhanna, PA, and his family, along with the Coolbaugh Township Historical Association, have held the Annual Tobyhanna Millpond #1 Ice Harvest since 1994. He is an avid fly fisherman and hunter. Much of his hunting is on the former Tobyhanna Military Reservation, now State Game Lands #127, and while wandering about pursuing game, he searches for remnants of 19th century logging operations, the ice industry, and former military activities.

Bill retired from the National Park Service in April 2016 as the Deputy Superintendent of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area. He also served a six-month period as Acting Superintendent of Steamtown National Historic Site.

Before coming to the National Park Service, he was the Facilities Engineer at the Tobyhanna Army Depot. He graduated from Pocono Central Catholic School in 1974 and went on to Penn State University earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering.

The public is cordially invited to attend this informative presentation.

Sign up here: [Seven Mysteries](#)



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Members and Friends,

March signals the transition from winter to spring, and with it, an uptick in activity for Brodhead TU. As the days lengthen and temperatures rise, our streams begin to wake up, offering opportunities to shake off the winter chill and get back on the water. Whether you're tying flies in anticipation of hatches to come or making early-season casts on your favorite stretch of water, there's plenty to look forward to over the next several weeks. Our first major event of the month is the March 12 public meeting featuring Bill Leonard's presentation, "Seven Mysteries of Devils Hole – Folklore, Tales, and Legends." This promises to be an engaging evening, diving into the history and intrigue surrounding one of Monroe County's most storied waterways.

Then, on March 28, we'll gather at Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort for our Annual Spring Conservation Banquet. This is one of our chapter's biggest fundraisers, supporting habitat restoration, education, and advocacy efforts. If you haven't already secured your tickets, I encourage you to do so soon. It's always a great evening filled with camaraderie, stories, and plenty of chances to take home some fantastic raffle prizes.

Looking ahead, we have several conservation workdays lined up in April, including an invasive species removal effort at Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge on April 12 and riparian buffer maintenance at Polk Township Walking Park on April 26. These hands-on efforts are a cornerstone of our mission, ensuring that our local waters remain clean, cold, and fishable for future generations.

Whether you're attending an event, lending a hand at a workday, or simply spreading the word about our mission, your involvement makes a difference. I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming weeks as we continue our work to protect and restore our Pocono streams.

Tight lines,

Russ



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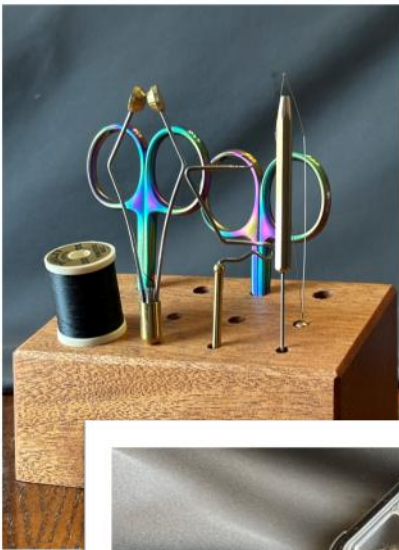
Annual Spring Conservation Banquet March 28, 2025

Mark your calendar: The annual Brodhead TU Spring Conservation Banquet is scheduled for Friday, March 28, 2025. This year's event will take place at Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort in the Worthington Ballroom with activities beginning at 5:30 PM. Located at 100 Shawnee Inn Drive, Shawnee On Delaware, the venue offers a spacious room for socializing, dining and bidding on prizes.

Ticket prices are \$52 per person and you can register at www.brodheadstu.org/events-and-registration/. The evening will start off with a social hour with story telling and perusal of the various raffles and prizes available. This will be followed by dinner and the drawings for the raffle prizes.

This event is one of the major fundraising projects that enables the chapter to undertake its planned habitat, education, and outreach activities. So secure your spot now, enjoy a night of good food and laughter and support our mission. We hope to see you there.

NOTE: If you'd like to donate a prize for the raffle (They don't need to be fishing related!) please contact Todd Burns at: salmofisher7@gmail.com. New, items of general interest including gift cards and certificates are welcomed.



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Our Photo Scrapbook 2024



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Our Photo Scrapbook 2024, cont'd.



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Photo Scrapbook 2004 cont'd.



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 the Vice President for Volunteer Operations, or to 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://www.tu.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/E-Poster.jpg>

or call **1-855-662-SAFE**.

Quick link to the Ethics
Hotline Information



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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.

Remember: [Change of Regulations on Tobyhanna Lake](#)

(Inland trout regulations still apply prior to lake drawdown in spring 2025.)

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.

Comment On Proposed Regulatory Changes

PFBC accepts comments on upcoming regulatory proposals via mail or the email RA-pfbcregulations@pa.gov. **The proposed regulations** are posted on line for your review and 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(s).
4. Select "Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission" from the menu. You will see any pending proposals as a hyper-link. Select the proposal and it should open so you can read it.

2025 Calendar of Events

January:

Board Meeting January 2
Introduction to Fly Tying Classes for Saturday January 4, 11, and 18, and 25 at 9 AM.
Brodhead Fly Tyers January 20
The Fly Fishing Show on January 24-26
Tree Committee Meeting Monday January 27

February:

Board Meeting February 6
General Meeting, Fly Tying February 12 at 7 PM, at BCHC, Pies and Flies and Fly Tyers Rummage Sale
Introduction to Fly Tying Scheduled for Saturday February 1 and 8.
Brodhead Fly Tyers February 17
Tree Committee Meeting Monday February 24

March:

Board Meeting March 6
General Meeting, March 12: Bill Leonard "The Seven Mysteries of the Devil's Hole", BCHC
The Fly Fishing Show March 15-16
Brodhead Fly Tyers March 17
Introduction to Fly Fishing, with KCEEC, on Saturday, March 22 starting at 9 AM at BCHC
Tree Committee Meeting Monday March 24
Banquet, March 28. Larry Ott resents "The Cutty Slam" .
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April:

Board Meeting April 3
Opening Day of Trout Season April 5, KOC Tournament, KOC Children's Tournament
Invasive Removal Day April 12, Larsen Lane.
General Meeting, April 9 at 7 PM, Tim "Shorty" Bartholomew
Brodhead Fly Tyers April 21
Riparian Buffer Maintenance Day, April 26 at 9 AM Polk Township Walking Park
Tree Committee Meeting Monday April 28

May:

Board Meeting May 1
Annual Clean-up tentatively scheduled for Saturday, May 3, Pocono Woods Preserve
General Public Meeting, Fly Fishing Meet-up May 3 and assemble at Pioneer Diner for breakfast and "leaders" direct attendees to locations along the Paradise and its tributaries.
Fly Fishing the Next Step: May 6, 13, 20, 27
Tree Planting, May 10 at 9 AM at Larsen Lane
STREAM Girls, May 16-18, PVLA is hosting once again
Brodhead Fly Tyers May 19
Tree Committee Meeting Monday May 26

June:

Board Meeting June 5
Fisherman's Rummage Sale, June 7 at 9 AM at BCHC.
General Meeting, Picnic, June 7 at 3 PM at BCHC.
Brodhead Fly Tyers June 16
Yankee Run Work Day June 21 at 9 AM
Tree Committee Meeting Monday June 23
Introduction to Fly Fishing, Saturday June 28



Use the QR code above or follow it as a link to visit our registration page. Sign up to attend, volunteer or support BTU.

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July:

No Board Meeting
No General Meeting
Brodhead Fly Tyers July 21
Conservation Camp Fly Fishing Instruction July 24 at 1:00 PM
Yankee Run Workday July 29 at 9 AM
Tree Committee Meeting Monday July 28

August:

Board Meeting August 7
Cherry Valley NWR Urban Youth Partners, date to be confirmed.
Scheduling Meeting August 13 6 PM at Barley Creek Brewing Company
Brodhead Fly Tyers August 18
Yankee Run Workday August 23 at 9 AM
Tree Committee Meeting Monday August 25

September:

Board Meeting September 4
General Meeting September 10 at 7 PM at BCHC, Environmental Roundtable, invite PennFuture, PHLT, BWA, MCCD, and TU Mid Atlantic
PA State Council: September 13
Yankee Run Workday September 13 at 9 AM
Brodhead Fly Tyers September 15
Tree Committee Meeting Monday September 22
Scouting Merit Badge Day September 19-21, Eric B to reach out to Troop 97

October:

Board Meeting October 2
Polk Township Environmental Education Day October 5
General Meeting, Wednesday October 8 at 7:00 PM BCHC, Don Baylor, "Pocono Streams"
Quiet Valley Harvest Festival October 11-12
Cherry Valley Fall Festival October 19
Rod Building Class, October 15, 22, 29
Brodhead Fly Tyers October 20
Tree Committee Meeting Monday October 27

November:

Fall Planting Day at Cherry Valley NWR Larsen Lane Tract November 1 at 1 PM
Rod Building Class November 5
Board Meeting November 6
General Meeting, Saturday November 8 at 1PM Chapter Hike Child's Park
The Fly Tying Symposium November 15-16
Brodhead Fly Tyers November 17
Tree Committee Meeting Monday November 24

December:

Board Meeting December 4
General Meeting Wednesday December 10, Holiday Party
Brodhead Fly Tyers December 15
Tree Committee Meeting Monday December 22



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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

New Members

The chapter welcomes new members throughout the year. If you know someone who shares our passion for cold, clean water and the recreational activities it provides, send them the link found below.



join

Half-price membership for new members! If you know of someone who would like to join BTU, click on the following link or send them this address. <http://www.tu.org/join289Brodhead>

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.

Joe Greco

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:

252 Adults + 3 Youth



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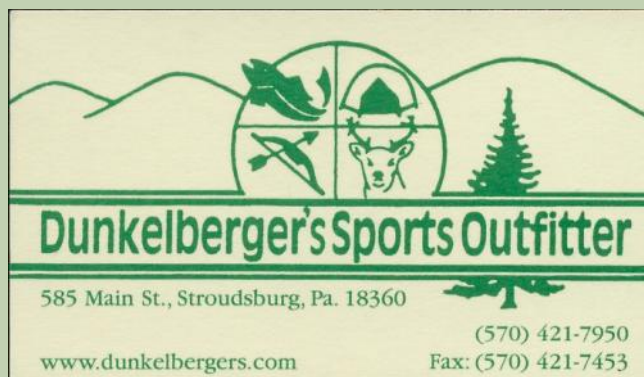
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