



Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited

April 2025



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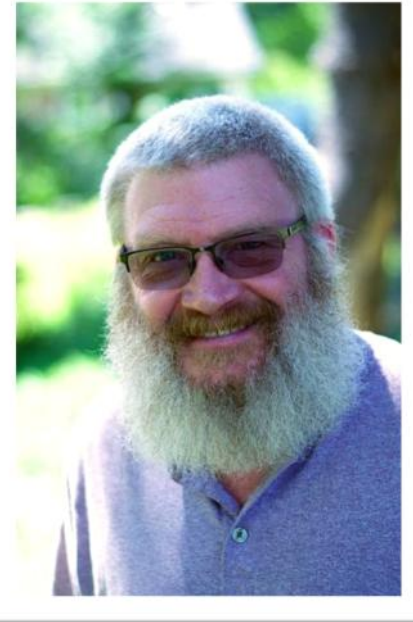
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April Public Meeting: Tim “Shorty” Bartholomew Presents: “Keeping is Simple”

Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 7 PM

Brodhead Creek Heritage Center
1539 Cherry Lane Rd
East Stroudsburg, PA 18301



At this month’s public meeting, BTU member Tim "Shorty" Bartholomew will present "Keeping It Simple". Tim is a retired English teacher with a love of fly tying and his YouTube channel, "[Shorty on the Fly](#)", is a must view for both beginning and advanced fly tyers. Here is your chance to interact with this local celebrity in a live environment.

In an effort to romanticize what we do as fly fisher folk, we sometimes like to overcomplicate things when the simple solution might serve us better. While it can be entertaining and fulfilling to stretch ourselves and sometimes push the boundaries of fly design, more often than not a return to the basics should nicely fill the bill. That simpler approach will be the subject of "Keeping it Simple."

Over the years, Shorty is fortunate to have had many fellow fly fishers share their knowledge and experiences with him. He is constantly learning new things every time he interacts with fellow wielders of the long rod. This presentation is his chance to interact with a wide audience and share what he has learned and developed in his fly tying career.

We hope you can make it!

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Members and Friends,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Annual Spring Conservation Banquet on March 28 at the Shawnee Inn. It was a wonderful evening of camaraderie, great food, and strong support for our mission. Through your generosity and participation, we raised more than \$3,000 to support the chapter's conservation and education efforts. A special thanks to those who donated raffle prizes, helped with setup, and kept the evening running smoothly. We've sent out a follow-up survey via email to banquet attendees—we hope you'll take a few minutes to share your feedback so we can make next year's event even better.

April is shaping up to be a busy month for the chapter. We hope you'll join us on Wednesday, April 9 for our general meeting at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center, where chapter member Tim "Shorty" Bartholomew will present "Keeping It Simple." Shorty's fly-tying tutorials are a favorite online, and this in-person talk is a great opportunity to learn from one of our local experts.

Later in the month, we've got two important volunteer opportunities. On Friday, April 12 at 1 p.m., we'll be back at the Larsen Lane tract in the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge for an invasive plant removal workday. Then, on Saturday, April 26 at 9 a.m., we'll be holding our annual streamside cleanup at the Tannersville Woods Preserve. Your help at these events directly improves the health of our local waters.

As always, visit our website to sign up for events or find out more: brodheadtu.org/events-and-registration.

Tight lines,

Russ

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Half-price membership for new members! If you know of someone who would like to join BTU, click on the link below 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.



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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:

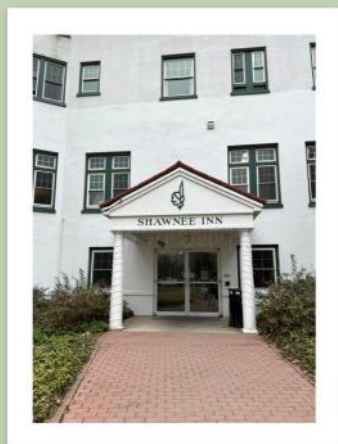
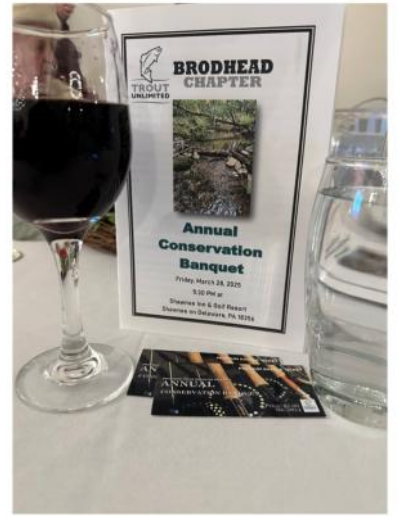
237 Adults + 3 Youth



2025 Conservation Banquet

On Friday, March 28, Brodhead Trout Unlimited held its annual Spring Conservation Banquet. This year's event took place at the historic Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort. Gathering in the Worthington ballroom were 85 members and friends who shared stories, caught up on recent events and supported the chapter's conservation efforts.

After dinner, Board member Larry Ott presented an entertaining program entitled, "The Cutt-Slam", detailing his successful efforts to catch the four sub-species of Wyoming's cutthroat trout in their native ranges. Board Secretary recognized President Russell Thrall as the recipient of the Bob Stevens Silver Trout award. This award is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated dedication and service to the chapter. Prize drawings followed and through the generosity of donors and members, the chapter raised over \$3,000 for this year's conservation and education activities. We hope you can join us next year.



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BTU Assists at Knights of Columbus Fishing Derby

Pennsylvania's Trout Season opened on Saturday, April 5, and once again BTU assisted the Knights of Columbus with their annual event. Volunteers assisted with parking and registration on what was a drizzly and gray morning at Brodhead Park. Although the weather was dismal, over 50 youngsters were excited to be with family and friends, catching trout, snacking on some food and winning a prize.



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Next Volunteer Events:

Invasive Plant Removal Along Cherry Creek: April 12 at 1 PM.

Work Area: Larsen Lane Meet at: Headquarters Building



The chapter's next volunteer event will be an invasive plant removal workday on Larsen Lane within the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge. The tract of land borders Cherry Creek and the chapter has been working to remove invasive plants and replace them with native species.

Surrounding woodlands in this area were predominantly ash trees that succumbed to the effects of the emerald ash borer. The removal of the leafy canopy enabled unwanted plants to thrive. In addition to removing the invasives, the chapter has planted the area with native species

of trees and shrubs in both the wet, bottom-lands and the drier slopes with the goal of providing new, shading canopy for the creek and forest floor.

If you plan to join us, waterproof shoes/boots and heavy gloves are strongly encouraged.

Annual Chapter Streamside Clean-up: April 26 at 9 AM

Tannersville Woods Preserve, 219 Old Mill Road, Tannersville

Brodhead Trout Unlimited members and friends will be picking up trash in and near Pocono Creek and Bisbing Run in Tannersville, PA. Volunteers will meet at the Tannersville Woods Preserve parking area and fan out to pick up this year's offering of trash. Light to medium weight gloves are suggested as the materials to be picked up are quite varied.



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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: Special Regulation Designation; Removal of Lower Woods Pond; Big Bass Program](#)

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.

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. Currently, 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(s).
4. Select "Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission" from the menu. You will see any pending proposals as a hyper-link.
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 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**.

A blue square with a white border containing the text "Trout Unlimited Ethics Hotline" in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**Trout
Unlimited
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This "hot-button" link leads directly to the reporting hotline information.

April Fishing Outlook



Pennsylvania's Trout Season is officially open!

It's April, the streams and ponds are warming and the prime trout fishing is just getting started. We hope you can get out and enjoy our Pocono waters this month. It's a great time to be out and about on your favorite stream.

Trout love to munch on the juvenile and adult forms of our Pocono macro-invertebrates. Now that the days are longer and the water is warming, let's take a look at what is happening and what will be occurring shortly.

We're been seeing blue-winged olives hatching, mostly on those cool, overcast mornings. Size #18 is a good place to start, whether it be patterns that imitate nymphs, emergers, cripples or adult duns. There are also some early stoneflies out an about. A brownish-gray imitation in a size #14 should work there. Word is out that Quill Gordons are emerging so get your #12 imitations ready to do some work. Don't forget some nymph and emerger patterns, either. Depending on where you fish, you may find some Blue Quills flying about so a #16 pattern is a good place to start. Shortly, we'll see Hendricksons (Red Quills and Pink Ladies) and tan and green caddis. Stock the box with nymphs through adults.

If we get some rains and the waters elevate, don't be afraid to put on some larger imitations such as a Pat's Rubber Legs and black Woolly Buggers.

Good luck and tight lines.

EVENT DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2025



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April 21: Brodhead Fly Tyers– Brodhead Creek Heritage Center

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Regis- ter [HERE.](#)**

April 26: Streamside Clean-up, 9 AM Tannersville Woods Preserve. Register [HERE.](#)

May 3: General Public Meeting, Fly Fishing Meet-up assemble at Pioneer Diner for breakfast and “leaders” direct attendees to locations along the Paradise and its tributaries.

May 6, 13, 20, 27: Fly Fishing the Next Step

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