



Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited

May 2025



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9AM

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the Next Step

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Save The Date:
Saturday June 14, 2025
**Chapter Picnic &
Garage Sale**

Brodhead Creek Heritage Center

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Members and Friends,

Thank you to everyone who completed the follow-up survey on the Spring Conservation Banquet we emailed to attendees. Your feedback is already helping us plan ways to improve next year's event—stay tuned! As always, thank you to all who came out to volunteer at our events in April you will see photos from in this issue.

As we move into the heart of spring, we have a packed calendar of activities that need your support and involvement.

On Saturday, May 10, we return to the Larsen Lane Tract for a Riparian Buffer Planting project starting at 9 a.m. If you haven't had a chance to help with this ongoing restoration effort, now's a wonderful opportunity.

Our Fly Fishing: The Next Step class continues throughout May on Monday evenings at various public parks. These sessions give anglers a chance to build on their foundational skills and connect with fellow fly fishers.

One of our signature educational efforts, STREAM Girls, returns the weekend of May 16–18 at Paradise Falls. Volunteers are needed to assist us as we collaborate with a local Girl Scout troop to explore aquatic ecosystems and empower the next generation of conservationists.

Looking ahead to June, our Introduction to Fly Fishing course returns June 21 if you're looking to expand your skills or know of someone who wants to give the sport a try.

I hope to see you at one or more of these events. Your time, energy, and passion keep our streams, community and chapter vibrant.

Tight lines,

Russell

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

Half-price membership for new members! We welcome new member Carolyn Lange to our Brodhead TU membership roll. We look forward to seeing and working with you on our many activities.

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.



join

Jim	Vogt
Bob	Rosenberger
Kenneth	Shumski
Benjamin	Minchhoff
Zach	Monroe



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:

239 Adults + 3 Youth



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Recent Events

Annual Streamside Cleanup

BTU volunteers scoured the banks of Pocono Creek within the Tannersville Woods Nature Preserve on Saturday, April 26. It was wet and rainy but everyone got a bag or two full of trash. With the spring wildflowers in bloom,

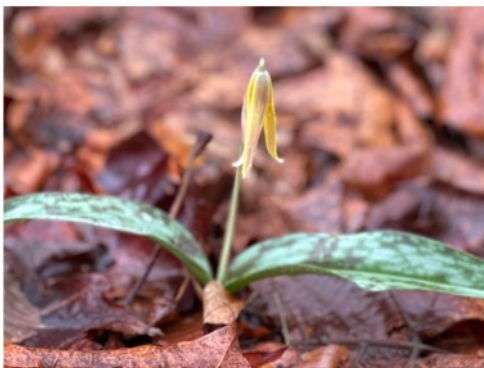


it's nice that their beauty won't be diminished by their surroundings. And its great all the trash won't find its way into the water. Great job! (Not pictured: Caius Baird...Sorry Caius!)

Middle Creek Riparian Planting Maintenance

On April 27, BTU volunteers performed maintenance work on the riparian buffer plantings within the Polk Township Walking Park. These plantings are protecting the bank area along Middle Creek. They've held up

well for the last three years and we cant wait to see them in a few more years.



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Next Volunteer Events:

Riparian Buffer Plantings, Larsen Lane Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge. 9 AM. May 10.

BTU volunteers will be planting, staking and tubing native trees and shrubs along Cherry Creek within the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Attendees should dress to get dirty. Sturdy work gloves and protective eyewear are recommended. Grubbing hoe or shovel will come in handy, but there are other jobs!



STREAM Girls May 16-18

The chapter continues to support this effort to link science, technology, math and the arts as we work with local scout chapters. If you are interested, email us at [**broadheadchapter@gmail.com**](mailto:broadheadchapter@gmail.com).

Yankee Run Habitat Improvement Work—June 28. 9 AM

The chapter will build additional log-throated cross vanes on this tiny tributary to Paradise Creek. Last year's initial build has held up well and multiple wild trout have taken up residence upstream and downstream of the device. Sturdy work gloves, low boots or hip waders are strongly suggested.



Trout In The Classroom (TIC) Release days 5/12 & 5/23

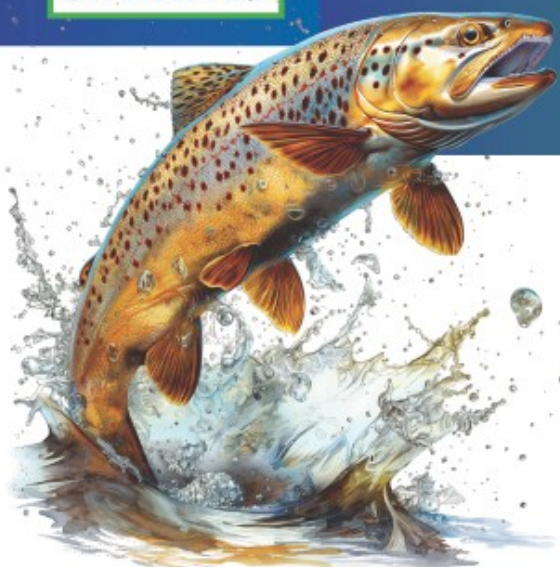
Our volunteers provide on-site instruction on macroinvertebrates, fly tying, fly fishing and stream ecology. We assist students as they work on teacher assigned tasks in and beside the creek. If you are interested, email us at [**broadheadchapter@gmail.com**](mailto:broadheadchapter@gmail.com).

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EXIT 273 ON RTE. I-80
Saturday June 7, 2025
11 am to 4 pm
Rain or Shine

Free Admission • Food • Music

Exhibits by:

- Conservation Organizations
- Fly Shops
- River Guides
- Artists
- Fishing Clubs
- PA Fish Commission
- PA Game Commission
- PA State Parks
- D&L Trails

Food Trucks Available

Proceeds benefit the
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FLY TYING THROWDOWN



When: June 6 from 4-9pm **Where:** Barley Creek Brewing Company
The Brodhead Trout Unlimited Chapter Partnered with Precision Fly and Tackle to bring you this event.



Reps from Thomas & Thomas, Lamson, and Montana Fly Company will be in attendance.



The Mobile Fly Shop will be there.

Gear Giveaways From



**TO RESERVE A SPOT
FOR THE THROWDOWN**

email jerry@precisionflyandtackle.com



JOIN US

Barley Creek Brewing Company
1774 Sullivan Trail
Tannersville, PA 18372

When: June 6, 2025
Time: 4-9pm
Price: Free!

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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 and Boat Commission](#)

[Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited](#)

[PennFuture](#)

[Pocono Heritage Land Trust](#)

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**.

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

A blue square with a white border containing the text "Trout Unlimited Ethics Hotline" in white.

Trout
Unlimited
Ethics
Hotline

May Fishing Outlook

This is the month to hit the water!

The month of May is here and it has brought with it the annual emergence of all sorts of trout food. We are seeing caddis flies, mayflies, stoneflies, beetles, ants and other assorted insects that our Pocono trout love to eat. With some spring rains and warm weather, we could see great angling opportunities in the coming weeks.

On the caddis front, you may see some late Grannom caddis. Size 16 or 14 should do. Also, we have some nice #14 tan caddis flitting about. Don't forget those smaller tannish or green caddis in that #18 range. Often, you'll see the big caddis but the fish are taking the smaller ones. And don't forget to fish emerger patterns—the often look “ugly” but the fish love them.

You may see some Hendricksons (#14) out there yet as well as some March Browns (#10/#12). It won't be long until we see some Cornutas (Blue-winged olives, #14 to start) and then the Sulphurs (#14/#16). Nymphs and emergers can be fished if no fish are working near the surface. And don't forget a little Baetis or blue-winged olive, dun or nymph patterns—always a trout attractor.

Yellow sallies will start emerging so if you're on a little trib this may be the way to go. #16 is a good size to begin your exploration. Gently skittering this pattern across the surface can often bring a trout up from the depths. And yes, ants, beetles and an assortment of critters fall into the water and are often sipped by our lovely trout.

As you can see, May offers our trout many options and they can zero in and feed on one species when two, three or more are active. The trick is to find the one they're feeding on and match the hatch. Good luck and tight lines to all!

A Pocono Creek brown caught on a baetis nymph.



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EVENT DETAILS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Brodhead Trout Unlimited Activities for 2025



Visit <http://brodheadtu.org/events-and-registration/> or click on the links below.

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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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