



# Streamside Asides

The newsletter of the Brodhead Chapter #289 Trout Unlimited

June 2025

## June 6: Fly-tying

Throwdown, Barley Creek  
w/Precision Fly & Tackle, 4  
-9 PM.

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Garage Sale, BCHC

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Fishing, 9 AM at BCHC.

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Improvement Workday—  
Yankee Run, Yankee Run  
Nature Preserve. 9 AM.

July 2023: Monroe County  
Youth Conservation Camp

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## Annual Chapter Picnic and Garage Sale

On Saturday, June 14, 2025,  
Brodhead TU will be hosting their  
annual picnic and garage sale at the  
[Brodhead Creek Heritage Center,  
East Stroudsburg, PA.](#)



The day starts  
with the 9 AM  
opening of our gar-  
age sale. The  
Chapter offers  
used fly fishing and  
related items in-  
cluding rods, reels  
and fly tying materials and equipment.  
The prices can't be beat and the sale  
will continue until 12 PM.

The picnic phase of the day gets  
underway at 3 PM. Attendees should  
bring a side dish (with a serving  
spoon) or a dessert and a few stories  
to tell. The Chapter will supply the  
protein for the grill and beverages  
such as water, iced tea, etc.

There will be a casting contest on  
the lawn behind the Heritage Center  
so practice, practice, practice!

You can register [HERE](#).

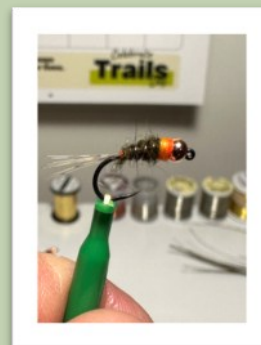
## Fly Tying Throwdown

Friday June 6, 2025

4:00 to 9:00 PM

[Barley Creek Brew-  
ing Company](#)

1774 Sullivan Trail  
Tannersville, PA  
18372



[The Fly Tying Throwdown](#) is a fly  
tying competition created as a part-  
nership between the [Brodhead  
Chapter Trout Unlim-  
ited](#) and [Precision Fly and Tack-  
le](#). [Precision Fly and Tackle](#) will have  
their mobile fly shop on site and  
representatives from [Thomas and  
Thomas Fly Rods, Lamson,](#)  
and [Montana Fly Company](#) will at-  
tend. There will be giveaways  
from [Moonlit Fly Fishing, Montana  
Fly Company,](#) and [Fulling Mill,](#) too.  
We hope to see you at this family  
friendly event.

Contact Jerry at Precision Fly and  
Tackle to reserve a spot for the  
Throwdown:

[jerry@precisionflyandtackle.com](mailto:jerry@precisionflyandtackle.com)

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### Members and Friends,

As the summer begins, we have a slate of activities and volunteer opportunities ahead, offering something for every interest and skill level. First, don't miss the Fly-Tying Throwdown at Barley Creek on June 6 from 4 to 9 PM.

Join us for friendly competition, demonstrations, and giveaways. The following day, June 7, our neighboring Western Pocono TU Chapter hosts their Trout Fest in White Haven, another fantastic opportunity to celebrate and support trout conservation. Mark your calendars for our annual Chapter Picnic and Garage Sale on June 14 at the Brodhead Creek Heritage Center. The garage sale kicks off at 9 AM, featuring gently used fly fishing gear and accessories at unbeatable prices. The picnic starts at 3 PM; bring a side dish or dessert and enjoy an afternoon of camaraderie, great food, and a friendly casting contest.

On June 21, our Introduction to Fly Fishing workshop returns to the Heritage Center at 9 AM. This is a perfect chance for newcomers to learn the basics or for experienced anglers to share their passion and expertise with others. Volunteer efforts continue with the Yankee Run Habitat Improvement Workday on June 28 at the Yankee Run Nature Preserve. Last year's habitat improvements have already enhanced trout populations, and we look forward to continuing our impactful work. Join us at 9 AM—your boots and gloves will be well-used! Looking ahead, July will feature the Monroe County Youth Conservation Camp, another meaningful opportunity to mentor and engage young conservationists. Whether you're tying flies, attending or volunteering at educational sessions, or participating in hands-on conservation efforts, your involvement is crucial to the continued health of our Pocono streams and the thriving wild trout populations they support.

Tight lines,

Russell

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#### MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

**Half-price membership for new members!** We welcome new members Jaime Curcio and Robert Vaccaro to our Brodhead TU membership roll. We look forward to seeing and working with you on our many activities.

#### **Renewing and Contributing Members**



join

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.

Mike	Cutcliff
Stephen	Hajdu, Jr.
Ed	Kepczynski
Richard	Phifer
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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:**

**241 Adults + 3 Youth**



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## Recent Events

**Riparian Buffer Plantings, Larsen Lane Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge** BTU volunteers planted, staked and tubed native trees and shrubs along Cherry Creek within the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Black willow, river birch, and buttonbush, among others, are now in the ground and rooting.



## **Stream Girls at Paradise Falls Lutheran Association**

May 16-18 saw Brodhead TU partner once again with the Girl Scouts to provide instruction in the STREAM Girls program. The program “builds confidence and breaks down barriers in science and the outdoors. Through the eyes of a scientist, artist and angler, students make a personal connection to their home waters through activities and reflection. “ Students collected and identified macroinvertebrates, calculated stream flows, hiked the riparian area, tied some flies, collaborated with peers and adults and, yes, did some fishing.



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### **Bangor HS at CVNWR**

On May 23 students from Bangor High School traveled to the Cherry Valley National Wildlife Refuge to participate in some field studies. These students tracked turtles using telemetry instruments, collected and identified macroinvertebrates, observed an electroshocking exercise and practiced fly casting. BTU volunteers conducted the electroshocking and fly-casting activities. (Photos are in limbo at press time. Our apologies!)

### **Notre Dame HS East Stroudsburg Release Day**

Brodhead TU Volunteers assisted NDES students with the release of their rainbow trout at their release day on May 12, 2025.



### **Next Volunteer Events:**

#### **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.



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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](mailto:jerry@precisionflyandtackle.com)



**JOIN US**

**Barley Creek Brewing Company**  
1774 Sullivan Trail  
Tannersville, PA 18372

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

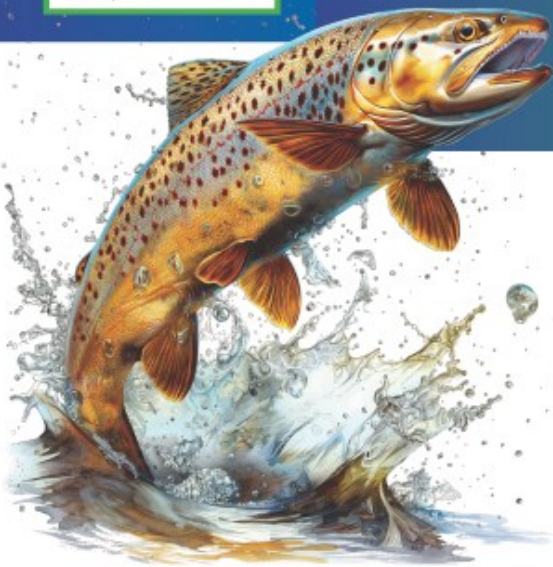
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# WHITE HAVEN TROUT FESTIVAL

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## 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  
Children's Library Programs

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Family Friendly Activities  
Nature Trail Hikes  
Fly Casting &  
Fly Tying Demos

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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.



### Monroe County Additions to Class A Trout Waters

PA Fish and Boat Commissioners approved additions to the Class A Trout Waters list at their last meeting in April. Three of those streams are in Monroe County: **Tank Creek, Yankee Run and Rattlesnake Creek**. A fourth, **Forest Hills Run**, was listed on the agenda and recommended but does not show up within the Pennsylvania Bulletin. We are reaching out for clarification and/or an explanation.

Remember, 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-pfbc regulations@pa.gov](mailto:RA-pfbc regulations@pa.gov). As before, just be sure to identify which proposal you are commenting upon.

### Method to Comment On Proposed Regulatory Changes

To review the proposed changes in regulation, you 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 will 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.

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## 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, bold, sans-serif font.

**Trout  
Unlimited  
Ethics  
Hotline**

# June Fishing Outlook

## Summer Is Approaching

May has come and gone and it brought all sorts of springtime weather: cold nights, warm days, rain - a LOT of it— and plenty of wind. When the weather wasn't awful and stream conditions were okay, finding and catching trout was certainly a possibility. Reports indicate hatches seemed a bit more sporadic and light. Hopefully, it was due to the recent conditions and not part of a long-term pattern.

But, that's in the past, so let's look to the present and to the future. Temperatures will soon be hitting daytime highs in the 70s and 80s. Sunrise is earlier and sunset is later. This means your prime fishing times may shift to early morning and early evening. Doesn't mean you can't catch trout at other times, but when the bugs are active, so are the trout.

Look for caddis and yellow sallies (stoneflies) at various times during the day. CDC or elk hair imitations of the former and perhaps a yellow humpy for the latter. Smaller green or dark gray caddis can be very effective in the morning on streams like the Brodhead. Of course, you can expect some Slate Drakes to be out along the streams so a mahogany bodied dun can be a fine representation. Cooler rainy morning should bring some more blue-winged olives.

If you are fishing the evening session, don't forget some Light Cahill duns and nymphs. Also, don't leave your trusted rusty spinners at home.

Stream flows are dropping and the headwater tributaries are already at normal levels. The longer range forecast is for limited rainfall so conditions should be good for the next few weeks (fingers are crossed). Get out and enjoy our Pocono waters!



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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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