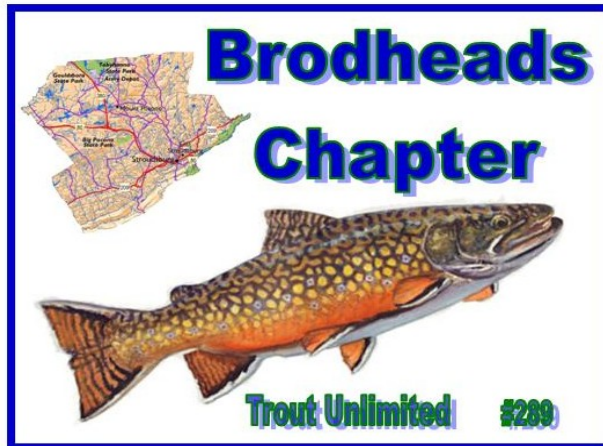
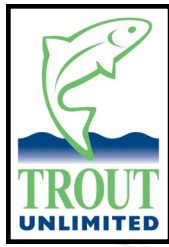


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Next General Meeting: Wednesday, February 9, 2011 ANNUAL FLY-TYING ROUND ROBIN!



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The Home Pool

February, 2011

Tom Battista, President, Brodheads Chapter of Trout Unlimited



Happy New Year! I made my annual visit to the County Treasurer's office in December to get licenses for Rusty, Rudy, Reilly and me! Theirs are nice tags they wear on their collars and are only \$8; mine is water-proof paper and costs \$35. I am, of course, talking about my fishing license for 2011. In eight years, I will qualify for my Lifetime Fishing License; until then, I have to pay each year. I hope all of you have acquired your 2011 licenses already, maybe even buying one for a sixteen year old of your own to insure the traditions and pleasures of our sport continue. I can think of no better way to insure our watersheds' pro-

tection than to encourage a youth to fish, especially if he starts to fly fish. My son requested a fly rod for his sixteenth birthday. He later went to college and majored in Environmental Biology and is now teaching science.

January will have passed by the time you receive this issue of *Streamside Asides*. We recently completed our annual fly tying course on January 29th. Thanks to Scott Cesari and Todd Burns for leading the course this year. Bob Stevens, Don Baylor, Eric Baird, Will Daskal, Mike Brong, and I assisted the student tiers. Thanks to all of you who came out to help!

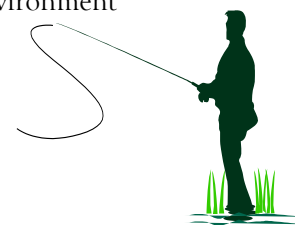
On February 9th, we will offer our fly tying round robin during our monthly general meeting. We are inviting guides and local fly tiers from some fly shops to come join us to show off their favorite patterns. Members and guests who wish to demonstrate their favorite patterns are welcome, too! In January, Scott Cesari demonstrated how to tie while using a video camera so you could easily see what he was doing during our course. We intend to use the same technology at the next general meeting, so you will be able to observe the featured tier clearly.

In lieu of our March General Meeting, March 26th will be our Annual Banquet at the Pocono Inne Towne; so, please come and bring as many friends as you are able to get to join us for a night of fun! Our chapter will also be staffing the Fly Fishing Seminar offered by the Monroe County Environmental Center on Saturday, March 12th. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce someone to our sport in a friendly encouraging setting. Members of TU who wish to help are welcome, but why not bring a novice to this seminar. It's very reasonably priced and a great way to get them started.

Trout Unlimited is very concerned about the recent boom in Gas Drilling in Pennsylvania using the process of hydraulic fracturing, or *fracking*. While most of our area is not necessarily in the Marcellus shale "zone," the drilling requires massive amounts of water, which becomes mixed with chemicals and must be disposed of in some way. Pollution of streams in areas where this "brine," – which contains dangerous materials by improper "sewage treatment" – is a serious threat to our environment. If you become aware of any problems due to drilling, please report it to DEP and TU. TU has developed the Coldwater Conservation Corps to help protect against this threat to our environment

Tight lines!

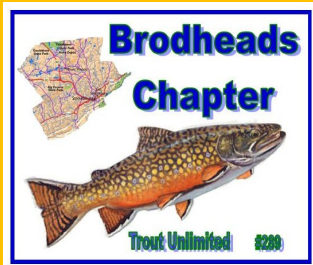
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CHAPTER CALENDAR

February, 2011

Board Meeting – Feb. 2 @
7:30 pm

Fly Tying Round-Robin –
Feb. 9 @ 7:30 pm

March, 2011

Board Meeting – Mar. 2 @
7:30 pm

TU/MCCD Annual Fly Fish-
ing Symposium – Mar. 12 @
12:00 Noon

*ANNUAL BANQUET in
lieu of General Meeting –
Mar. 26 . SEE FLYER p. 4.*

April, 2011

Board Meeting – Apr. 6 @
7:30 pm

General Meeting – Apr. 13 @
7:30 pm

*Kids' Fishing Contest @
Brodhead Park on Apr. 16 @
8:00 am!*

Note: The Fly Tying Round-Robin, all General Meetings, and The Fly Tying Classes, will be held in the Education Room of the Monroe County Conservation District Office on Running Valley Road in Bartonsville, PA.

The 2011 cadre of available Brodheads TU anglers who have volunteered their services for **Gerry Bortz' Fishing Buddies Program** are now ready to receive calls for the upcoming spring 2011 fishing season. Kindly plan ahead; don't call the night before you want to go fishing and expect the availability of one of our volunteers. Please save this page and know that caring members of YOUR chapter are here to help any fledgling fly-fishers with "getting their feet wet" in one of our lovely local streams. The following BTU chapter members have generously offered their time and expertise to assist fellow chapter members in learning the local waters: **Eric Baird** (570-355-0165; evenings & weekends; Tobyhanna, Hickory Run & Devil's Hole); **Tom Battista** (610-681-6307; Sunday mornings; any stream); **Gerry Bortz** (570-895-1099; weekdays; Brodhead & McMichaels Creeks); **Scott Cesari** (570-897-5830; Evenings & weekends; any streams); **Will Daskal** (610-381-6188; call for availability); **Jeff Heberley** (570-421-3184; any time; anywhere); **Glenn Hessler** (570-629-5492; weekends; Brodhead & McMichaels Creeks); **Tom Magera** (570-977-4381; weekdays in the morning & weekends any time; any stream); **Eric McLendon** (610-863-9097; anytime; anywhere); **Ron Mishkin** (570-460-5031; evenings & weekends; Brodhead & McMichaels Creeks and others); **Frank Russo** (570-839-3436; any time; anywhere); and **John Schriever** (570-722-9797; anytime; anywhere).

Fly of the Month returns in March!

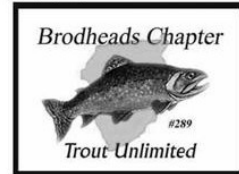
THE BRODHEADS CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED
PROUDLY ANNOUNCES ITS 13TH ANNUAL

BANQUET!

SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2011



AT THE
POCONO INNE TOWN
700 MAIN STREET, CORNER OF NO. 7TH ST.
STROUDSBURG, PA



CASH BAR AT 5:30 PM DINNER AT 6:30 PM
CONSERVATION PROGRAM BEGINS AT 7:30 PM

FUN-FILLED EVENING INCLUDES RAFFLE PRIZES OF RODS, REELS, FISHING EQUIPMENT, FISHING ACCESSORIES, CLOTHING, FINE ART; SPECIAL PRIZES FOR THE LADIES AND CHILDREN!

ADMISSION CHARGE IS JUST \$23.00 PER ADULT; \$10.00 PER CHILD
PAYABLE IN ADVANCE...ACT NOW TO RESERVE A TABLE FOR EIGHT!

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**GREAT
PRIZES!**

TICKET DEADLINE IS MARCH 15TH CUTOFF NUMBER IS 175 SEATS!

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Complete and return this portion with your check payable to: *Brodheads Chapter of Trout Unlimited*

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HURRY! THE TICKET DEADLINE IS MARCH 15th!*

Yes, I'll be there! Send me ____ adult tickets at \$23.00 each; plus ____ children's tickets at \$10.00 each, totaling \$ _____, which I have enclosed. My ADULT dinner choices are (indicate number of meals) Baked Salmon: _____ Sliced London Broil: _____.

I would like to reserve a table for eight.

I am unable to attend, but please accept my tax-deductible contribution of \$ _____.

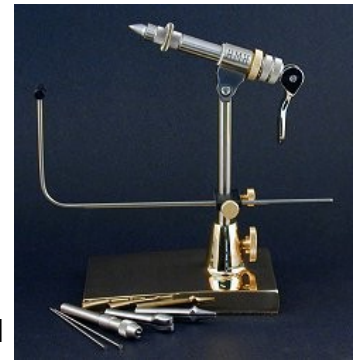
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ANNUAL WINTER FLY-TYING ROUND ROBIN ON FEB. 9

With winter weather comes more time spent indoors; so, *now* is the perfect time to hone your fly tying skills and get ready for the approach of spring fly fishing for our local trout. At the next General Meeting on Wednesday, February 9 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm, your Brodheads Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be hosting its **Annual Fly-Tying Round Robin**, a unique, one-night program to motivate our members' and the general public's fly-tying activities. The event will be held in the Educational Center of the Monroe County Conservation District located at 8050 Running Valley Road in Bartonsville, near Route 611. Bring your vise and tying materials to the free evening geared toward improving and honing your fly-tying skills.



In addition to our own cadre of superb BTU Chapter fly-tyers, we'll have a special fly-tying demonstration by our own well-known professional legend, Scott Cesari (*pictured left*) who has achieved several fly tying accolades, including winning the Pennsylvania state fly tying championship in 2006, as well as several medals in the Federation of Fly Fishers' fly tying contest that same year. He now participates in some of the industry's biggest shows, such as the International Fly Tying Symposium and the Fly Fishing Show, events sponsored by the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum and the Pennsylvania Fly Fishing Museum.

Bring your vise and fly tying materials, and learn how to tie flies that really catch trout from some of the best fly-tiers in the northeast.

News of the Brodhead Creek: Recently, Don Baylor attended a meeting with representatives from Stroud Township, USEPA, Army Corps of Engineers, US Fish & Wildlife, and BWA regarding Stroud Twp.'s needs to do mitigation for the dumped rock wall along Brodhead Creek, which they constructed without permit after the 2006 flood. Mitigation might mean relocating the channel meander back to "Big Rock," stabilizing the E. Burg bank near Sambo, stabilizing the bank above the Moose, and habitat work in the flat stretch upstream of the kid's pond. Cost analysis will determine what can be done. Don will try to make sure that trout habitat enhancement is included in any plans.

Marcellus Shale Drilling.

The Marcellus formations are reportedly very deep in the Pocono area with gas reported at depths of 12,000 to 15,000 feet. Some people have thought this great depth would protect our area from drilling; however, though this depth is at the current extreme limit of present industrial drilling technology, it still may pose a danger to our fragile ecosystem. The major thrust of the drilling seems to focus to our north, along the southern NY tier, where the shale formation and gas pockets are more shallow. The greater depth of the potential drill sites in this area may help to protect the surface water, but fracking may pose risks to our trout waters. PA laws governing drilling are very loose, convoluted and very lax, a throw-back to loose legislative restraints from its past coal mining heritage. Furthermore, it's a bad situation because PA has no significant state enforcement staff to oversee the site drilling operations. Oddly, the PA state constitution expressly prohibits taxation of the drilling and mining revenues; consequently, there is no clear way to initiate or fund any type of governmental oversight without increasing personal taxes. Considering the dire US and local economies and PA's dim fiscal future, it's highly unlikely that any relief is in sight. Woefully, the increased friction between the major political parties at all levels of government probably ensures that nothing will be done to remediate this dire situation.

Hydro-Electric Dam Across the Brodhead?

At our January BTU Board of Directors meeting, Director Bob Hosko submitted read a paragraph from the Executive Director's Report to the Stroud Region Open Space and Recreation Commission, date November 2010:

Item #19. Rep. Mario Scavello contacted GPU 10/28 on the Commission's behalf to re-initiate our interest in its property adjacent to Glen Park as a trailhead and parking area. GPU reports it has a possible buyer for the property who is interested in constructing a hydroelectric dam across the Brodhead. A second contact between Rep. Scavello and GPU 11/12 reported that its potential buyer would be favorable to our purposes, and even if that purchase falls through, GPU itself would also be favorable.

Further information is expected.