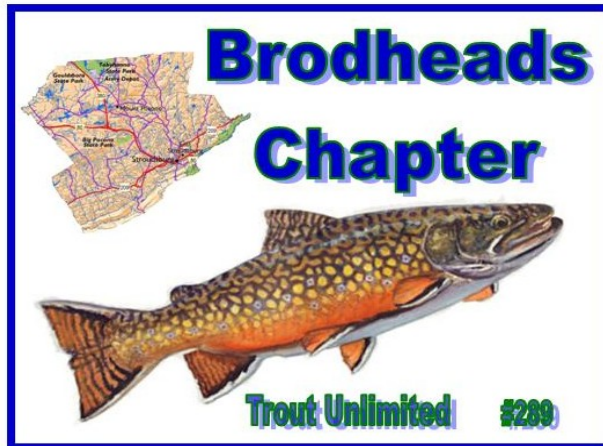
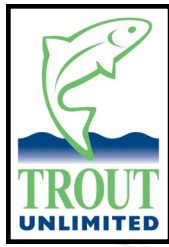


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**Next Chapter Event:**

**Saturday,**

**March 26, 2011**

**ANNUAL**

**CONSERVATION BANQUET!**



**Scott Cesari's  
FLY OF THE MONTH**

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## *The Home Pool*

### **Tom Battista, President, Brodheads Chapter of Trout Unlimited**



**I**t is March again, a time of mud and warming temperatures. I hope that the last of the winter's snow has melted into the ground, so our water table remains high insuring streams full of water throughout the fishing season. Remember that you can fish for trout starting April 2 in 18 southern counties. Meanwhile, you may still fish in our northern special regulations waters such as McMichael Creek where we are currently trying to finish our project in the Delayed Harvest Area.

Our Annual Banquet is March 26, 2011 starting at 5:30 pm, with dinner at 6:30 pm and our program starting at 7:30 pm. We already have some excellent prizes lined up this year, courtesy of Dr. Butler's bequest, as well as contributions from friends and members. Please make an effort to attend the Banquet since this is our major fundraising event, providing the funds to send youths to PATU Rivers Conservation School, Monroe County Conservation Camp, and our projects on local streams to develop trout habitat.

March is also the month when we support the Monroe County Environmental Education Center's Annual Fly Fishing Seminar. We provide the staff to instruct and demonstrate techniques such as tying flies which are raffled off as door prizes to the people attending the seminar. Each year, we are able to increase the numbers of fly fishing devotees to insure the continuation of our sport and ongoing conservation efforts.

During the month of January, we had our annual fly tying course, led by Scott Cesari and Todd Burns, with the assistance of Eric Baird, Bob Stevens, Will Daskal, Mike Brong, Don Baylor, and me. In February, I was interviewed by Channel 13 and was listed as "John" Battista. I did not know I had to spell my first name as well as the last. So now I can say it was my "evil twin" who was interviewed! Our class was able to tie Mickey Fins, Adams, Pheasant Tails, Hare's Ears, and Woolly Buggers while developing the techniques to tie any pattern they wish.

Scott Cesari has put several outstanding videos on You-Tube showing techniques, tools, and specific methods to tie flies. Even experienced tiers would get some new ideas to help them in improving their technique. Hopefully we will soon be able to have a link from our website to them.

Since you can get out before the April 16 opener here by fishing Southern county waters, please consider coming to the Kid's Fishing Tournament that we have each year in Brodhead Park. The Knights of Columbus, Stroud Township, Fish Commission and our Brodheads Chapter all cooperate in running this annual event to benefit the community's youngsters and get them interested in fishing for trout. It runs from 8:00 to 10:00 am for children up to 12 years of age. Help is always needed for those first timers whose parents aren't outdoors-oriented.

*Tight lines!*

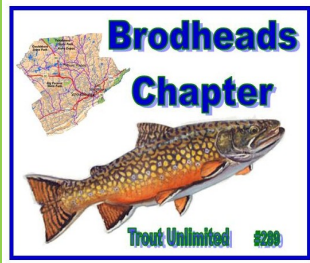
*Tom*



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***FISHING BUDDIES WANT YOU!***



## CHAPTER CALENDAR

### March, 2011

Board Meeting – Mar. 2 @ 7:30 pm

TU/MCCD Annual Fly Fishing Symposium – Mar. 12 @ 12:00 Noon; Bartonsville  
**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, the Annual Fly Fishing Symposium and all Fly Tying Classes, will be held in the Education Room of the Monroe County Conservation District Office on Running Valley Road in Bartonsville, PA.



**T**he 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).

## BTU/MCCD

## Annual Fly Fishing Symposium

**March 12 -- 12:00 Noon to 3:00 pm**

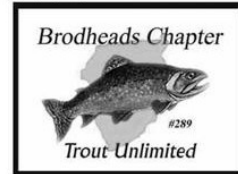
THE BRODHEADS CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED  
PROUDLY ANNOUNCES ITS 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

# BANQUET!

SATURDAY, MARCH 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2011



AT THE  
POCONO INNE TOWN  
700 MAIN STREET, CORNER OF NO. 7<sup>TH</sup> 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!

FOR TICKETS & PROGRAM INFORMATION, CONTACT ERIC BAIRD  
570-355-0165 OR ERATBAIRD@FRONTIERNET.NET. IF YOU PREFER TO USE "SNAIL-MAIL, JUST  
COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND MAIL IT WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO:

**FULL  
DINNER!**

ERIC BAIRD  
HC 89 BOX 59  
POCONO PINES, PA 18050

**GREAT  
PRIZES!**

TICKET DEADLINE IS MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>

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 15<sup>th</sup>!*

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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_



Stroud Township  
Brodhead Creek Park



Father John T. Butler  
Council No. 4084



Brodhead Chapter  
# 289

# 35th Annual Knights of Columbus Children's Trout Fishing Contest

## April 16, 2011



8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.  
Registration 7:00 a.m.



*Opening Day of Trout Season*  
for children up to 12 years of age

at the pond at Brodhead Creek Park  
Rte. 191, just north of Big Wheel

## ***LOTS OF PRIZES***

donated by local merchants & major tackle manufacturers

Rain or Shine

**NO FEE... it's FREE!**

Bring your own tackle and bait



# Fly of the Month

*Scott Cesari*

2006 PA State Fly Tying Champion — 2006 Federation of Fly Fishers World Champion

Welcome to the *Fly of the Month!* I'm excited to be heading up this section of the newsletter this year, and I will strive to provide you with useful patterns and tying tips to help snag even the most elusive trout! The first fly we're going to tackle is a great early season dry fly, the...



## QUILL GORDON

**HOOK:** dry fly, size 14

**THREAD:** black

**TAIL:** medium or light dun hackle barbs

**WING:** lemon wood duck flank feather

**BODY:** stripped peacock eye quill

**HACKLE:** light and medium dun, mixed

### TYING STEPS

1. Start the thread on the hook just behind the eye and create a thread base. Make 3 or 4 overlapping wraps of thread at the bend of the hook to create a small thread ball.
2. Tie in a small bunch of dun hackle barbs at the bend of the hook. These should be about the length of the hook. Wrap them flush against the thread ball you created in step 1, which will cause the fibers to fan out slightly.
3. Bring your thread to a point about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the shank length back

from the eye of the hook and tie in a wing of lemon wood duck flank feather, tips pointing forward. The length of the wing should be about the length of the hook.

4. To create the wing, stroke and hold the tips of the wood duck feather back and take a few wraps of thread in front of the wing to maintain it in an upright position. Next, split the wing bunch in two and make two x-wraps with your thread to maintain the split. After this, perform two figure 8 wraps to gather each wing bunch together and orient them into a v-position atop the hook.
5. Tie in a stripped peacock eye quill at the bend of the hook and wrap the body to a point just behind the wings. You can strip peacock eye quills by immersing a peacock eye feather in a solution of 50%bleach/50% water and allowing it to soak for a few minutes. The bleach solution will burn the flue (the iridescent colored fibers sticking out from the quill) off, leaving a bare quill. Remove the feather as soon as the flue is gone (leaving it in longer will damage the quill.) Rinse thoroughly in cold water to remove the bleach and store the feather in a jar of water for future use. These quills are delicate and need to remain moist in order to be able to be wrapped around the hook without breaking or cracking.
6. Tie in 2 dun hackle feathers by the butt ends, pretty side facing you, just behind the wing, leaving a small bit of quill exposed behind the tie in point. Wrap each hackle. Tie off, make a small thread head, whip finish, and cement.
7. As a final step, apply a coat of head cement over the body to reinforce the quill. This will ensure a durable fly that will withstand the pressures of all the fish that will be striking it on the stream!

Feel free to contact me with any questions at [smcesari@epix.net](mailto:smcesari@epix.net) or 610-730-7928. Until next month...

See it tied at <http://www.scottcesarifytying.com/resources/video-tips/how-to-tie-a-quill-gordon>