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March, 2010
Issue

Brodheads Chapter of TROUT UNLIMITED

BANQUET Location:
Pocono Inne Town
Stroudsburg, PA

NEXT MEETING:
Saturday
March 27, 2010
5:30 PM

ANNUAL CONSERVATION
BANQUET!

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*Charles Gauvin Ends 20-Year Reign: Steps Down as TU Head!
Chris Wood Took Helm as of February 1st. (See page 6.)*



Gerry Bortz and Scott Cesari led a highly successful Winter Fly-Tying Class in January with 13 highly satisfied students on hand!

Brodheads Chapter



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The Home Pool

March, 2010

Tom Battista, President, Brodheads Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Thank you Gerry Bortz and Scott Cesari for the excellent job you did with our Fly-Tying class this year. The transition from one lead instructor to another went very smoothly. Thanks also to all the others who helped as assistant instructors for the three weeks. Before the last session, Scott and I had a brainstorming session on the phone and decided to try using a video camera focused on Scott's hands and vise so the class could see Scott tie the fly and tie along with him. The students really seemed to get more out the class by the addition of the projected image on the TV. Both Scott and I had seen this set up at the Somerset N.J. Fly-Fishing Show in the past. I watched Charlie Meck demonstrate this way three years ago and always wanted to try it. The method worked very well for our purposes. Hopefully we can set this up in the future whenever we have a guest tier.



March 27 is our **Annual Banquet** at *The Pocono Inne Towne*; a flier is included in this issue with all the details. If you know anyone who can make a donation, or you wish to donate a prize yourself, please contact me or any board member. Rod days on the stream, equipment, outdoor gift items, or items for the ladies in our lives are always needed for our raffles.

March 13, from 12PM to 3PM is the **Annual Fly-fishing Seminar** given by the *Monroe County Environmental Center*. Please tell everyone you know who may be thinking of trying our sport so he may attend. We staff the event in support of MCCD's efforts with tiers, speakers and demonstrations. The cost is only \$8 non-members and \$5 for members of the MCCD Environmental Center.

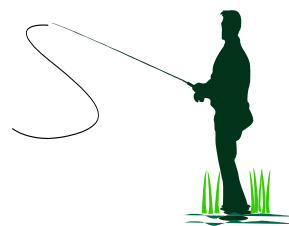
Have you started doing maintenance on your fishing equipment in preparation for the early southern zone season? You do not want to scramble around finding things and getting a fishing license the day before the opener. I recently spent a Saturday afternoon looking for a dog crate I forgot I had taken to the dump a year ago, and I also had to find the puppy-sized collar for our soon to arrive new Golden Retriever puppy. Fortunately, I have two weeks before our new family member comes home! I hope you can learn something my errors.

Plan your trip in advance to new waters. Check your maps for routes to your destination. If you have the time, drive to your new spot to check out access, parking and traffic patterns that could affect your safety. You can go for a hike into waters you wish to fish, and if necessary, knock on doors to obtain landowner's permission to fish the waters to which they control the access. It is often in your best interest to make these preparatory visits not dressed for fishing so you do not appear as though you are assuming that you'll automatically receive permission.

With opener in the southern zone, I can now fish while on my spring vacation from school. This also allows me to enjoy volunteering at the annual kids' fishing tournament, we sponsor with the Knights of Columbus, Stroud Township, and the Pennsylvania Fish Commission at Brodhead Park on April 17. If you have old equipment that we could use as a prize, call me or Bob Hosko (see phone numbers to the left) to arrange a donation. Bob reconditions used equipment. Every child participating in this free event gets a prize. Come on down yourself to help if you can April 17!

Tight lines!

Tom



FISHING BUDDIES WANT YOU!

**CHAPTER
CALENDAR
2010**

March 2010

March 3: Board Meeting

March 13: Fly-Fishing Seminar with MCCD @ 12 Noon

March 27: ANNUAL BTU BANQUET in lieu of General Meeting – Pocono Inne Town, 6:00 pm

April 2010

Board Meeting – April 7, 7:30 pm

General Meeting – April 14, 7:30 pm

May 2010

Board Meeting – May 5, 7:30 pm

General Meeting – May 12, 7:30 pm

June 2010

Board Meeting – June 2, 7:30 pm

ANNUAL PICNIC @
Brodheads Park;
SATURDAY, June 12

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 2010 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 2010 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).

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& Our Newsletter Advertisers!**

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BrodheadsTU.org**

THE BRODHEADS CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED
PROUDLY ANNOUNCES ITS 12TH ANNUAL

BANQUET!

SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH, 2010



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 \$22.00 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
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POCONO PINES, PA 18050

**GREAT
PRIZES!**

TICKET DEADLINE IS MARCH 19TH CUTOFF NUMBER IS 175 SEATS!

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

Eric Baird, HC 39 Box 59, Pocono Pines, PA 18050
HURRY! THE TICKET DEADLINE IS MARCH 19th!

Yes, I'll be there! Send me _____ adult tickets at \$22.00 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: _____

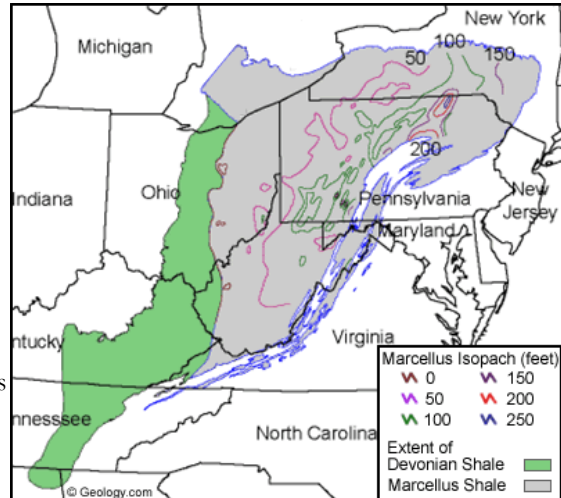
ADDRESS: _____

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TU Concerned About Fish and Wildlife Protection as PA Leases New State Forest Land for Marcellus Drilling

PA's award of gas drilling rights on 32,000 acres of state forest land to energy companies for Marcellus Shale drilling may well have begun serious detrimental effects on the area's resident fish and wildlife.

The state legislature decided last fall to lease state land for gas drilling activities to generate revenue for the state. At the same time, the PA legislature and Gov. Ed Rendell declined to require a severance tax on gas drilling that would have generated significantly more revenue for the state. Pennsylvania is one of just a few states with natural gas resources that does not require a severance tax. "The decision by Pennsylvania's legislature to require the leasing of state forest land for gas drilling is a failure to protect public resources for the citizens of the Commonwealth now and in the future," said Elizabeth Maclin, Trout Unlimited's Vice President for Eastern Conservation. "The state seems more concerned with generating revenue in a manner acceptable to gas companies than it does with protecting its natural resources."



The 32,000 acres of public state forest land are located in north central Pa. in the Elk, Moshannon, Sproul, Susquehannock, and Tioga State Forests in Cameron, Clearfield, Clinton, Potter and Tioga Counties, places that are renowned for trout fishing. Eastern brook trout are found in this area. The only trout species native to the East Coast, their habitat is becoming rapidly diminished. The brook trout is Pennsylvania's state fish.

"With one-third of our state forests now open to gas drilling, we are concerned that public recreation and water quality is at risk. We have already seen detrimental effects to water quality on our state forest land due to drilling, and find this unacceptable," said Dave Rothrock, President of the Pa. Council of Trout Unlimited. "The state budget should not be balanced at the expense of hunters and anglers." TU is concerned about the long-term ecological impacts of drilling in these areas, particularly the clearing of trees, habitat fragmentation, and sedimentation due to road crossings and construction. The Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture, a multi-agency partnership, found in its comprehensive review of the species that habitat fragmentation and sedimentation are two of the major impacts limiting the health of brook trout populations.

Each Marcellus well also requires up to eight million gallons of water to extract the gas from beneath the earth's surface. This water is often taken from rivers, streams and other sources near the drill site. In addition, the water is mixed with toxic and other chemicals and must be disposed of after being used at a drill site. The safe disposal and treatment of this water is an additional concern. Over 990,000 people hunt and fish in Pa. each year. Hunting and fishing in the state generates over \$3.9 million in revenue each year. TU supports the responsible development of Marcellus Shale gas, but believes this development must take place in a manner that protects the irreplaceable fish and game habitat in the region.



Trout Unlimited's Succession Plan

Chris Wood named CEO of nation's largest coldwater conservation organization



On February 1st, Trout Unlimited (TU), the nation's leading coldwater fisheries conservation organization, announced that Chris Wood (left), formerly TU's Chief Operating Officer, had become Chief Executive Officer succeeding Charles Gauvin (right), who had been TU's CEO since 1991.



Trout Unlimited's board of trustees approved the succession plan at its meeting in late January in Washington, D.C. The goal of the succession plan was to ensure that TU continued to execute its mission of protecting and restoring North America's trout and salmon and their watersheds.

"Charles Gauvin and Chris Wood are two of the nation's finest conservation leaders," said Oakleigh Thorne, chair of TU's board of trustees. "It is a testament to the organization's strength that we can select a new leader from within the staff and not have to look outside," Thorne said. Gauvin will join TU's board of trustees and will serve as senior counsel.

"TU is the nation's most effective conservation organization," Gauvin said. Its work in securing water flows, organizing sportsmen to protect public lands, and restoring degraded river systems is without peer, and I am proud of the role I played over the past two decades in helping to build it into what it is today." When Gauvin was named CEO in 1991 at the age of 34, TU's budget was \$2.5 million and it had approximately 50,000 members. There was just one staff person who worked on conservation issues. Under Gauvin's leadership, the organization has grown to 140,000 members with an operating budget in excess of \$26 million and a professional staff of over 130. Thorne said, "Charles Gauvin built TU into the conservation powerhouse that it is today. The board, the membership and the staff owe him an extraordinary debt of gratitude for his work and service."

Wood came to TU in 2001 after serving as the senior policy and communications advisor to U.S. Forest Service chief Mike Dombeck during the Clinton administration. Since arriving at TU, Wood has helped form partnerships to clean up abandoned mines with companies such as Tiffany&Co. and worked with various sportsmen organizations to protect iconic landscapes such as the Wyoming Range and Idaho's backcountry roadless areas.

Wood graduated from Middlebury College and lives and coaches Little League baseball in Washington D.C. He and his wife, Betsy, have three sons, Wylie, Casey and Henry Trace. "I will continue to work with Chris by helping raise resources for key elements of the TU strategic plan," said Gauvin. "Chris played a leading role in developing the plan and positioning TU for the growth required to implement the plan. I'm pleased that I will be able to play a supporting role as Chris prepares to take TU to the next level," Gauvin stated.