

Trout Lines



President's Corner James Belden

The 2008 election season is here, and I am not talking about national politics, but the important annual process of electing CVTU officers. At the October meeting we shall be holding the election and all members are welcome and encouraged to come vote. It is also an opportunity for someone to volunteer their own nominations for any of the positions. In fact we currently have openings that include the Vice President position.

If you would like to take a position or become more involved, you need not to become an elected officer right away. The Officers will be actively searching for someone interested in working along side them during a development year. This will create a clear succession process for important positions and ensure smooth transitions and continued strength of our programs.

The chapter has a new Membership Chair person. Jason Stewart is already in the process of evaluating and redesigning many aspects of our membership outreach and enrichment practices. This includes the website, methods of contacting people, etc. So when you hear from him please help him out and in the end the entire chapter will benefit.

October 14, 2008 Meeting Adam Taylor

I assume the majority of us have a copy of the FRAA Guide to the Farmington River . Others, probably own the guide to the Housatonic . If so, there is a new guide for the Salmon River in CT. We are lucky enough to have the author presenting to us at our next meeting.

A Guide to the Salmon River Trout Management area

Written By Howard Ridley

This is a very informative guide with a vast amount of knowledge of the T.M.A., in an easy to follow format. The guide lays out the pools and the access points for the majority of the T.M.A. A map is included as well.

A hatch chart helps to match hatches and anticipate what insects to expect on the river at different times of year. Mr. Ridley touches on the history of the river as well.

Mr. Ridley will be talking about how he came to write the guide and give insights on the process it undertook. He will also be sharing his insights in person on fishing the Salmon River Trout Management Area.

Copies of the Guide will be on hand for sale and Mr. Ridley will be very happy to sign a copy for you as well.



Conservation Report

Joe Hovious and James Belden

Hold your calendars for October 18th when TU will be involved in another macroinvertebrate sampling starting at 8:30 AM on Deep Brook and the Pootatuck. In addition we hope to sample Pond Brook and remove temperature monitors so many volunteers will be needed. **Please contact Joe Hovious and volunteer for some time on the 18th to help with this work.** Joe's email: Joe.Hovious@cvtu.org, his phone number is: 203-270-1960. He will need your phone number and email address for further communications.

Our maintenance of past restoration projects, as well as planning next year's, continues in places such as Deep Brook, the East Aspetuck and the Pootatuck. Both the second phase of the Dickinson Park project and the Pratt Center/E. Aspetuck project have been postponed to 2009, but some maintenance and planting work is continuing.

Water quality assessment work on Deep Brook and the Pootatuck is still underway with thermal, macroinvertebrate and chemistry sampling expanding along with stream flow, precipitation and DEP Fisheries sampling data being utilized to understand conditions and need for remediation. We have been awarded a grant for water quality and habitat assessment for brook trout in Deep Brook from the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The approximately \$11,000 grant will help pay for the data collection and assimilation costs pertaining to the above-mentioned work.

Potential Fly-Tying Class

Pete Peterson

We are trying to determine interest in fly tying class(es) this coming winter. If enough people express interest, we can present:

- a basic class for novices or for tyers who would like a tune up on the basics and/or
- an advanced class for more experienced tyers

However,

- class size is limited
- participants would be expected to provide their own tools and materials
- a fee for each class in the form of a donation to the chapter would be charged

In order to determine interest, please contact Pete Peterson at the meeting or by e-mail at cpeterson3004@charter.net. Please let him know which class(es) interests you.



TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM Jerry Rekart & Gary Whipple

October '08

On Sept 16, CVTU sponsored a TIC Teacher's Orientation at Reed IS in Newtown. From the comments I have received, it appears to have been a success. Twenty-eight of the thirty-one invited teachers were present, with the majority of those absent being from the NWTU area. Both the DEP and the TU state TIC coordinator attended and made a presentation. We had a Continental breakfast and a great lunch provided by the Reed IS catering service utilizing two rooms courtesy of Reed IS.

All the equipment for the '08/'09 school year has been distributed to the schools and by this time they should have water in the tanks and starting to lower the temperature to the low forties in anticipation of the brown trout eggs we are expecting in early to mid November.

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered their services to the TIC program, without you this program would not be possible.



Kids enjoy starting the process



Trout and kids enjoys release part of the process



**Candlewood Valley Trout Unlimited Chapter
PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS
Trout in the Classroom - 2008-2009**

Whisconier M. S. (Brookfield)

Brookfield High School

Rockwell Elementary (Bethel) (2 units)

Reed Intermediate (Newtown) (5 units)

Danbury High School (2 units)

Broadview Middle School (Danbury)

New Fairfield Middle School (2units)

Ridgefield High School

East Ridge Middle School (Ridgefield)

Ridgefield Academy

St. Rose (Newtown)

Rumsey Hall (Washington Depot)

Washington Montessori

Wooster School (Danbury)

Hotchkiss School (Lakeville)



2008-2009 Trips Calendar

Gary Whipple

Things are definitely firming up for the 2008-2009 trips and education series calendars. While these dates are still a little soft, and some details remain to be determined (like where do we stay, and what are the signup deadlines), I don't expect too many changes. For more details check:

www.cvtu.org/forums.

October 16 2008 - Saltwater trip to Audubon Center – Milford CT

November 6 2008 – annual trip to Connetquot River Long Island

March 2009 - See Master Classes thread on the web. We are doing a Farmington Walkabout Tour on March 28 or 29.

April no trips currently planned

May Trip to Happy Valley in central PA to fish with Keystone Anglers. probable targets one day on each of Penns Creek and Little Juniata. We don't yet have a place to stay, but we will be staying the nights of May 13, 14 and 15 (tentative dates) , and have a guide reserved for days of May 14 and 15. Maximum number 9 anglers, 3 per guide. \$100 to hold your seat.

May 11 Master Class on Drag Free Drift with George Daniel. Maximum of 20 participants.

June Trip to float the Deerfield River in northern Massachusetts on guided rubber rafts and fish for rainbow trout. Fishing on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays dictated by no guarantee of water releases on Mondays and Tuesdays and excessive plastic boat hatches on Saturdays and Sundays. Fish on June 24 and 25 and camp out overnight. We'll probably hole up in a motel (TBD) on June 23, camp out on the 24th at a state park (Mohawk Trail State Park I think) , and return home on the 25th. Maximum number 10 anglers. \$100 to hold your seat. Reservations must be made by (TBD).

June 4 Master Class on Reading Streams with Tom Rosenbauer

October Guided float trip on the east outlet of the Kennebec River in Maine for land locked salmon and brookies. Fishing Oct 1 and 2, 2009 with a travel day before and a travel day after. Probable stay at Moose head Lodge in Greenville, Maine for two nights, and perhaps staying halfway home the last night. see <http://www.mooseheadlodging.com/> for motel we'll probably use. \$100 to hold your seat. Reservations required before year end, 2008; guides will be released on January 1 if insufficient reservations are made.

November Connetquot State Park Outing first Thursday in November



2008/2009 CVTU EVENT CALENDAR					
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCALE	INFORMATION
9-Sep	T		Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	presenter: Aaron Jasper
10-Sep	W		West Branch Resort	West Branch - Deleware River	Whipple - 746-5982
11-Sep	T		West Branch Resort	West Branch - Deleware River	Whipple - 746-5983
12-Sep	F		West Branch Resort	West Branch - Deleware River	Whipple - 746-5984
13-Sep	Sat		West Branch Resort	West Branch - Deleware River	Whipple - 746-5985
16-Sep	Tues		TIC Teacher Orientation Housatonic River Walking	Reed I.S. (Newtown)	Rekart - 775-2764
25-Sep	Th	TBA	Tour	Housatonic River	Whipple - 746-5982
25-Sep	Th	1700?	BBQ & Fishing	Housatonic River	Whipple - 746-5982
27-Sep	S	TBA	Youth Day	Pratt Center - New Milford	Zakur - 994-0627
14-Oct	Tues	1900	Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	presenter: Howard Ridley - Salmon River
16-Oct	Th	TBA	Saltwater Fishing Trip	Long Island Sound	Whipple - 746-5982
18-Oct	S	0830	Microinvertebrate Sampling	Deep Brook	Hovious - 270-1960
6-Nov	Th	TBA	Connetquot River	Oakdale, LI,NY	Whipple - 746-5982
11-Nov	T		Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	presenter:
22-Nov	Sat	see web	Somerset NJ Fly Tying Expo	Somerset NJ	see web
23-Nov	Sun	see web	Somerset NJ Fly Tying Expo	Somerset NJ	see web
Nov. 20	Thurs		THANKSGIVING DAY		
9-Dec	T		Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	presenter:
Dec. 25	Tues		MERRY CHRISTMAS		
Jan. 1	Tues		HAPPY NEW YEAR		
13-Jan	Tues		Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	presenter:
10-Feb	Tues		Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	presenter:
10-Mar	Tues		Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	presenter:
3/28or29	SorS		Farmington Walk-about	Farmington River	Whipple - 746-5982
TBA	Fri	1830	Annual Banquet	Stony Hill Inn, Bethel, CT	Belden - 426.6039
14-Apr	Tues		Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	presenter:
2-May	Sat	TBA	Youth Day	Pratt Center - New Milford	Zakur - 994-0627
11-May	M		G. Daniel Clinic-Drag free drifts	TBA	Whipple - 746-5982
12-May	Tues		Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	presenter:
5/14&15	T&F	TBA	Happy Valley, pa Reading Streams -	Penns Creek & Little Juanita	Whipple - 746-5982
4-Jun	Th	TBA	Rosenbauer	Housatonic River	Whipple - 746-5982
625/25			Deerfield River Float	Deerfield River, MA	Whipple - 746-5983
10/1&2			Landlockde Salmon Trip	East branch Kennebec River	Whipple - 746-5984
11/5			Connequot River	Oakdale, LI,NY	Whipple - 746-5985



Member Education

Gary Whipple

This spring, as a number of you know, we had George Daniels do a presentation at our meeting, and then he stayed over to do a half day nymphing class and then he finished up with private casting lessons. Based on the feedback from his class, we have begun to focus on a series of classes for our members.

So far, we have three classes in various stages of finalization for 2008-2009. First, on September 25 Torrey Collins from Housatonic Outfitters is conducting a walking tour of the Housatonic River TMA. Registration is \$25 for the first 20 members or prospective members. Following the tour, we'll have a cookout at Housatonic Meadows (registration required) and then we'll have a fun evening of fishing. This winter, Pete Peterson will be offering a fly tying class (see his writeup elsewhere in this issue) again; his sessions this past winter garnered enthusiastic feedback. On June 4, we have author Tom Rosenbauer coming in to conduct a class on reading streams.

We have a couple of more classes in the noodling stages:

Landon Mayer : How to Catch the Biggest Trout of your Life (TBD). Thomas Ames : Entomology (TBD). A rod building workshop.

Now, what do you need to do to help us help you? Let us know what you'd like to see in the way of a one-day class/seminar/clinic. To prime your pump, we could focus on fishing tactics.

We could focus on casting technique (ie offer a spey class, offer personal casting lessons like George Daniel did after the nymphing class recently, but instead prearrange for a full day of casting lessons)

We might focus on fishing for new species, ie fishing for steelhead or salmon or stripers or.....

Mending workshop

Wet fly fishing techniques. streamer techniques. or different nymph approaches.

If there is enough interest, we could bring in an expert in a particular tying discipline. ie, a person who is a deer hair spinning wizard. or a czech nymph tying expert. or.....

Please share your thoughts on additional topics or persons you'd like to see offered. Respond here or contact Gary Whipple with your suggestions.



Tankerhoosen River—best Trout Water in CT!

Let's save it!

by Bill Blaufuss

The Tankerhoosen, in northeast CT (Vernon) is tops in the state for wild brook and brown trout. In summer, its natural water flows are abundant and cool because its aquifer is virtually unexploited—at least for now.

All this could change soon. The family who owns 458 acres of the river's 730 acre watershed has it up for sale.

The price tag is around \$3-4 million and DEP is trying to buy the property. While DEP *really really* wants this land and there are budgeted funds for land acquisition, there's not enough. This fall, we expect that DEP will appeal to organizations and the public to assist in the funding. However, the less the shortfall that DEP would ask the public to cover, the better the prospect for acquisition. Hence, while negotiating the purchase price, DEP is pulling out all stops to leverage funding from the Feds and foundations, beyond internally-generated financing.

Considering how much of every TU Chapter's fundraising and labor normally goes to fix up rivers, to seize this opportunity to protect the Tankerhoosen from ever needing restoration is a no-brainer. Here's an opportunity for us to be *proactive* for a change, instead of being *reactive*.

TU Chapters, TU members, and friends of members will be encouraged to donate and it looks like our goal will need to be \$100,000. for sure, this is a long reach, but it can be attained. Please think as generously as your means may permit. Please mention this to non-TU friends/businesses who are environmentally sensitive and may be in a position to share.

Indeed, every donation will count. More to come. Stay tuned.



A Spawning Brown in one of our local streams

Our chapter meetings are held September through May on the second Tuesday of each month starting around 6:30 PM for snacks and coffee (and usually some fly tying) with the meeting starting at 7:30. The meetings are open to all – members and non-members. Come over and see what we're about, we'd like to meet you.

Visit our web site for copies of newsletters, interactive member forum, trout fishing links and much more:
cvtu.org

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