

President's Corner Tony Ballato

At our September meeting, I'll be providing an update on the Chapter's finances, showing the funds received and expended for our Deep Brook and Pootatuck work during late Spring and summer. An update on our projects themselves will be done either by Joe Hovious or James Belden.

We'll also be looking for volunteers to serve on the board for this coming year; elections for officers will be held at the October meeting.

I know many of our chapter members went on exciting and exotic trips this summer; our meeting on the 13th will give all our members to catch up and hear about new places to fish.

The summer has not been a good one for our rivers. The lack of rain has severely stressed the trout still able to survive; in the Housy, especially. Let's hope that our normal fall rainfall shows up.

Don't forget we have an early November (Nov. 3) chapter trip to the Connetquot river on Long Island. THIS IS A GREAT trip for the anglers new to the sport or for older children. We'll discuss the details at the meeting.

September 13 Meeting

We will kick off the new CVTU meeting year and catch up with friends on September 13 at Miry Brook Firehouse. Jerry Rekart has been hard at work securing speakers (when he hasn't been fishing in Montana and elsewhere !), see his summary of our September and October speakers on the next page.

September 13 we are really looking forward to hearing from "Fishy" Fullum. For those of you who may have met him at one of the January fly fishing shows at West Conn, I'm sure you will look forward to hearing more of his wit and wisdom and seeing how he makes some of his unusual and unique flies out of everyday materials not usually used for fly tying. Hopefully, some of the guys will relate how their trips went to points west and north.

There has been a lot of work done and stream improvements completed this year. We'll hear a brief review of status and projects planned for this fall.

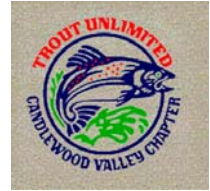
Bring a friend or come alone, but let's get back together at the old fire house on Sept. 13 !

Wanted—Member Input

Tony Mortimer

Notice that there is some "open space" in this issue? Wouldn't you like to pass on some of your experiences on or off the water to your fellow members ? Have a few tips or comments about a fishing trip you took to a new location ? Or how about telling us what equipment you would like to sell or trade ?? We can make this newsletter more interesting to more members if we share. Send me any comments, suggestions, content — or just "letters to the editor" type stuff and I'll be glad to fit it in. Makes it more fun for all of us !

Thanks.



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Deep Brook/Pootatuck Project Updates James Belden

We have had a busy Summer which will continue with a busy Fall. It is good to get back to meetings and the opportunity to inform everyone of the efforts. Water has been extremely low this year and our water resources under a great amount of stress, but hopefully with our continued work the trout and other species will have a greater chance to survive these tough times. Let's hope for a wet Fall.

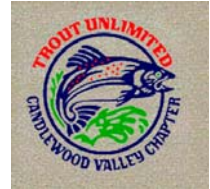
In June we completed two stream bank restoration projects. The first, on Deep Brook, was part of our TU Embrace-a-Stream grant where we performed log jam construction and bank bio-engineering along 120 feet of bank. This project will reduce erosion, create habitat for fish and other aquatic life while improving the buffer to the stream.

The second project was on the Pootatuck as part of our agreement with the Town of Newtown to perform Supplementary Environmental Program (SEP) work in lieu of a fine to the EPA for last year's oil spill. This project, similar to the Deep Brook project repaired over 80 feet of bank in the WTMA. We will wrap up work on these projects with a **tree planting project on September 30th and October 1st, when we will need volunteers.** Additionally we may be receiving more SEP money to perform additional work on Deep Brook next year. Plans include the purchase and maintenance of several thermographs at strategic locations to identify thermal contamination threats in the WTMA.

Also as part of the Town's SEP program we will be conducting a macroinvertebrate study on Deep Brook and the Pootatuck in the WTMA. We will be conducting sampling in the Fall and Spring over the next two years in conjunction with the DEP. Anyone interested in taking part should plan on attending the **training class on October 22nd** at the Newtown Water Treatment Facility after which we will conduct the first sampling. Not only does this provide an opportunity to help with our scientific analysis of water quality but an excellent opportunity for trout fishermen to learn more about aquatic insects and what the trout feed on.

Thanks to TU's involvement at several public hearings held by the Newtown Conservation Commission many changes were made to a Toll Bros. plan for an age restricted condo complex on the banks of the Pootatuck. Notable changes are the inclusion of dedicated open space and conservation easement buffers, a reduction in units increasing the distance from the stream and eliminating disturbance on a very steep slope in addition to better storm water management. Town staff and Commission members were very appreciative of our involvement. TU has also been working with other groups on creating a watershed protection association for the Pootatuck watershed. This group will be a great asset for helping leverage TU's conservation efforts with other organizations in the Town.





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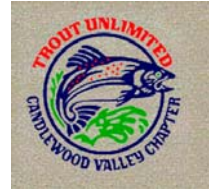


New Kiosk at TMA in Newtown:



Completed Bog Bridge on the Pootatuck:





SPEAKER'S FORUM

Jerry Rekart

I presently have most of the speaking dates for the 05/06 meeting year filled. However, there are some vacancies and if you have any recommendations please pass them on to me so that I can follow up.

We are very lucky to start off the new meeting year on Sept. 13 with a man named "Fishy", aka Jay "Fishy" Fullum. "Fishy" is a frequent contributor to many magazines, but he is probably most recognized for his featured columns "Fishy's Sketchbook" in *American Angler Magazine* and "Creative Tying" in *Fly Tye*. "Fishy" has been tying since 1951 and teaching since the mid '70's.

In addition to being an expert angler, inventive fly tyer and patient teacher, "Fishy" is also a multitalented artist. He works in many media, but most of us know him for his instructional watercolors that accompany all of his columns and make his books so eye appealing. "Fishy's" first book *Fishy's Flies* (autographed) will be available at the meeting and his second book will be out soon.

In October we shift gears and discuss Wyoming with Mike Kaul. Mike will be touring the East coast in October and we were lucky enough to find an open day for him to visit us.

Mike is from Pinedale, Wyoming a small town nestled at the foot of the Wind River Mountains, which serves as a gateway to the Bridger Wilderness. Mike has taken every opportunity in the past 40 years to chase these wily trout with a fly rod. He also takes pleasure in helping others enjoy the sport and is a FFF Certified Flycasting Instructor. Mike will provide a visual experience and commentary on the lightly traveled Bridger Wilderness and the streams flowing from the Wind River Mountains. In addition to fishing, he will discuss other

recreational activities featured in the area, comment on the rich history of the region and provide information on accommodations and services.

See his web site: flyfishingwyomingwinds.com

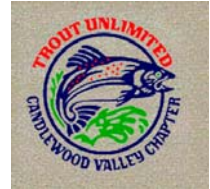
This is just a taste of what is in store the rest of the year. Call your friends that have not been active for a few years of invite a guest. I guarantee our guest speakers

Valley Angler Fire

As many of you know, during the weekend of August 6-7, the Valley Angler Tackle Shop burned down. Although much of the equipment was saved, the shop was a complete loss. To help John recover from this loss, Danbury Fish and Game Club will hold a sale of fishing equipment that survived the fire. The sale will be held at the club, at 33 Hayestown road on Sept. 10, 11 and 17th. This sale will include much spinning and flyfishing equipment with many fishing rods and greatly reduced prices. Here is an opportunity to help John and to stock up for next year!

Also, a Valley Angler Building Fund has been set up at NewMil Bank for anyone who would like to make a personal contribution to John's rebuilding plans. The bank is located at 1 Padanaram Road, North Street Shopping Center, Danbury Ct., 06811. For information, contact Mark Langlois, at mlanglois@newstimes.com or 203-731-3337.

Our chapter will be working on the possibility of a fund raising dinner for the Valley Angler in early fall; if you have any interest, please contact Tony Ballato at ambalato@aol.com, or 203-740-8636.



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Macroinvertebrate Study Joe Hovious

Background – The Town of Newtown has entered into a Compliance Order on Consent with the US Environmental Protection Agency as the result of an oil spill at the Reed Intermediate School. As a part of this Order, the Candlewood Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited (CVTU) agreed to conduct a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) to study macroinvertebrate life in the area of the spill. Macroinvertebrate populations are continually exposed to stream conditions and are important indicators of ongoing stream health and water quality. The Town will give CVTU \$4300 to conduct the studies.

Study Objectives: Collect macroinvertebrate population data and use this data to assess existing stream health, water quality, water quality changes, and identify potential threats in the Deep Brook/ Pootatuck Wild Trout Management area (WTMA). As necessary, use the data to aid in the development of remediation strategies and goals. Provide educational opportunities on water quality through involvement of citizens and students in these studies.

Sampling Technique: Based on the discussion of study goals/objectives and the anticipated available resources, Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CT DEP) personnel recommend that the Rapid Bioassessment in Wadeable Streams & Rivers by Volunteer Monitors Protocol (RBV) be used for macroinvertebrate sampling. There are several advantages to the RBV program, it is currently used statewide, it is managed by the CT DEP, it is relatively simple, quick, does not require extensive resources, and works very well to screen for very high or very low water quality. Samples can be collected by Candlewood Valley Trout Unlimited members or others who are trained in the protocol. CT DEP (Mike Beauchene) will verify identification of samples.

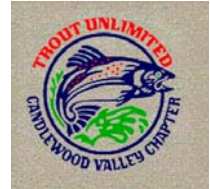
Sample Locations: After an onsite review with CT DEP personnel, six sampling locations are suggested. Each of the proposed sample sites has some historical data collected by CT DEP between 1980 and 1997. Sites 1-3 on Deep Brook are most critical to the SEP. Sites on the Pootatuck provide additional data on the WTMA and additional background on a high quality stream in the immediate area. The number of sites sampled will be dependent of the number of people available to collect samples. 1 1/2 to 2 hours per sample locations for 3 people are required to collect a set of samples. Each of these sample locations is in a shallow riffle with a cobble/gravel/boulder bottom.

Sample Timing: An advantage to using the macroinvertebrate community to assess water quality is that the resident organisms reflect water quality conditions for the recent past. The community structure (abundance and types of species present) varies with the time of year. In general the low-flow summer months are the most stressful time for many aquatic organisms due to reduced flows, higher temperatures, increased in-stream concentration of stressors (if present). Therefore the CT DEP samples the macroinvertebrate community during a fall index period (October and November). Macroinvertebrate community samples collected in this window tend to reflect the "worst case" condition.

Other Data:

Photographic Records – A digital photo of each sample site at the time of each sampling event will be collected.

Water temperature data – Summer temperatures are critical to a cold water fishery. Some historical data have been collected. An ongoing sampling program is recommended. CT DEP currently uses the HOBO WATER TEMP PRO model for data collection. CVTU will determine if resources are avail



Macroinvertebrate Study (contin.)

able to purchase monitors for use in this study. Water Chemistry – stream chemistry data can be of limited value in that they indicate the conditions only at the time of the sample. In addition, high quality chemistry data are relative expensive. However, there are some specific data related to stream threats that could be useful such as hydrocarbons (oil spills) and salinity (salt shed discharge). Some additional data may be available on pesticides originating from “Oil Creek”. CVTU recently purchased a hydrocarbon monitoring system for Newtown High School and will work with the Science department to obtain data on hydrocarbons and salinity as well as other important chemistry information.

Fish sampling data – CT DEP Department of Fisheries periodically collect electro shocking data on Deep Brook and the Pootatuck

Consultants/Additional Resources: CVTU plans to hire a Coordinator for each sampling event to organize and help in sample collection and delivery to DEP. The Coordinator would be paid on a task dependent basis. Some additional tasks for the Coordinator could be to assist in baseline and ongoing data analysis and presentation to interested parties. Tentative plans are to hire a student from the University of Connecticut Fisheries program to act as the sampling Coordinator.

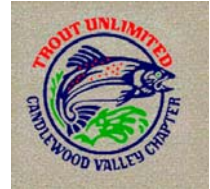
CT DEP personnel will assist in training and data analysis and consult for 2-3 years.

Training: - A training date of October 22 has been set at the Aquarion offices on Commerce Road in

Newtown. **We need 15 volunteers from TU to take the training and help collect the samples.** Time commitment is the one day of training followed by one day of sampling once/year. Your involvement will help you make the Pootatuck a better fishery. **It will also help you better understand insect life and make you a better fisher-person.** Please call James Belden 426-6039 or Joe Hovious 270-1960 to volunteer. Thanks!

Our projects have been and are being publicized by TU national in their publications. The most recent Annual Report had a picture and note about the tree planting project last Fall and it looks like in the next edition of Trout Andy Belden will be running a short piece about the SEP project work and EAS which I recently worked on with him. There have also been several Bee articles and News-Times articles on the projects.

We really need broader chapter participation for the projects. Your money and support are greatly appreciated, but a very small number of folks are doing the actual work and would enjoy seeing more of us out there helping out. There is always a variety of light and heavier work, so don't be intimidated !



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CVTU Calendar - Jerry Rekart

2005/2006 EVENT CALENDER					
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCALE	INFORMATION
Sep. 8-10	Th,F,S	TBA	Valley Angler FIRE Sale	Danb. Fish & Game Club	33 Hayestown Rd., Danbury
Sep. 13	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	"Fishy" Fullen, Guest Spkr.
Sep.20-21	T&W	TBA	Pratt Center Stream Reconstruction	Pratt Center	
Sep. 30	Fri.	TBA	Tree Planting	Deep Brook	Belden & Hovious
Oct. 11	Sat.	TBA	"	"	" & "
Oct. 11	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Mike Kaul, Guest Speaker
Oct. 22	Sat	TBA	MacroInvertebrate Collection Class	Newt. Wtr. Treat. Fac.	Michael Beauchene, Ct. DEP
Nov. 8	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	
Nov.12-13	S&S	9:30 AM	FFU - Arts of the Angler	Sheraton Hotel & Conf Ctr	www.flyfishingu.net
Dec. 13	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	
Jan. 6,7,8	F,S,S	see website	FFU - World of Fly Fishing V	O'Neill Ctr - WESTCON	www.flyfishingu.net
Jan. 10	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	
Feb. 14	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	
Mar. 14	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	
Apr. 11	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	
May. 9	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	
Nov. 4	Thurs.	TBD	Connetqout Fishing Outing	Connetqout St. Pk LI	T. Ballato

Jerry Rekart 08.31.05

Web Links to Visit, a selection:

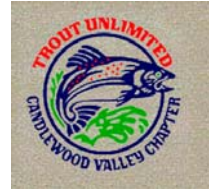
For our CVTU home site (has copies of newsletters, lots of web links):
http://www.geocities.com/a_ymous/CVTUnews.html

Fly fishing in Maine information:
<http://www.flyfishinginmaine.com/>

All around fishing information, tutorials, covers many areas with links to conditions, etc.:
<http://www.flyfishingconnection.com/>

Patterns, tactics, rod-building, lots more:
<http://www.flyfisherman.com/>

Thames Valley TU chapter web site:
<http://www.thamesvalleytu.org/>



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For Sale Section

We will list items for sale. Listings are free to members of CVTU and for a small fee for non-members. This is a good chance to re-allocate some of the space taken up by unused equipment ! Please send me (Tony Mortimer) any listings and I'll get them in the next newsletter.

Lamson Reels and spools:

Robert DuPlessis: I have some Lamson # 3 Fly reels for sale. I purchased them some time ago and only used them a couple of times. There are two reels with a total of five spools - all are the same size and hold line weights 5, 6 and 7 with plenty of backing - (ed: I have pictures from Robert, if you want to see them). They will also accommodate an 8 weight line with less backing. They are high quality disk drag reels with a finish that can be used in either salt or fresh water. They also come with their corduroy pull string pouches. The asking price is \$300.00 for all. I really don't want to split them up. Please call me with any questions - (203) 746-2798

Advertisers Section

We will list an advertiser for \$50 a year (which will provide at least 8 monthly listings). We will need text listings (pictures or business cards take up too much data space for many of our email members to download and



The **Dry Fly Gallery** is a custom picture framing studio located in Ridgefield Connecticut specializing in shadow box framing of Art, Photos and Flies for the Fly Fishing enthusiast. To schedule an appointment please call **Taylor Hay** at (203) 431-1878. www.dryflygallery.com

Capt. Paul Koopmann of **Salty Flies Charters** (Orvis endorsed fly fishing guide with 25 years experience fishing Long Island Sound) who has a Custom 23' boat out of Rowayton, CT 203-561-9683 (email: captkoop@saltyflies.com)

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Our chapter meetings are held September through May on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Miry Brook firehouse in Danbury

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