

President's Corner

Tony Ballato

March has been a great month for the Chapter!! Our annual fund-raising banquet was held March 18, attended by 80 chapter members, spouses and friends of the chapter. It was a great success, netting the chapter approximately \$5500 to add to our treasury for funding our conservation efforts!

George Black, the author of the book "Trout Pool Paradox" was our keynote speaker, and did a great job. Quite a few people purchased his book, which George was kind enough to autograph.

Due to the generosity of our members and local merchants, over 100 items were available as raffle items, or as silent and live auctions. Because of all your efforts, we had plenty of non-fishing related items for non-anglers to spend their money on! This great turnout and generosity on everyone's part insures that our chapter stays financially healthy and can continue to execute our very ambitious project schedule for 2005. Thanks to all of you who contributed and attended the event!!

We had another wonderful event occur in march, with the notification from TU national that our Embrace-A-Stream grant request was deemed the 2nd best of all those submitted and that we would be receiving full funding, to the tune of \$6700!!! More on this later in the newsletter.

All in all a great start to the spring season!!! Come to a meeting! Our fishing season is about to begin, together with our projects. It's a great time to join fellow chapter members and find out what's going on !! See you on the 12th.

April 12, 2005 Meeting

We'll review the results of the annual fund-raiser Banquet and go over the plans for spring projects on Deep Brook and the Pootatuck.

How many times have you fished the TMA from "Push'em up" to "Church Pool"? How many times have you fished the area between Bull's Bridge and New Milford? I would imagine the answer to the first question was much higher than that of the latter. Maybe, this month's presentation will change that relationship.

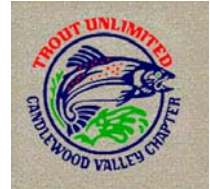
You are in for a double treat at our March meeting as we will have two presenters, Rob O'Neil and John Hildebrand. They will be giving a "power-point" presentation on fly fishing the section from Bull's Bridge to New Milford. The many miles of this section will be covered revealing many areas of great trout and small mouth bass fishing. The best part is that this area has no crowds. The presentation has been well received by the Croton and Mid-Hudson TU, HFFA and CFFA, as well as the LI Fly Rodders.

John Hildebrand is a physics teacher and a NYS licensed guide. He primarily guides on the Housatonic, Farmington and Long Island Sound. John also ties commercially and recently his flies and patterns have appeared in some major Fly Fishing publications.

Rob O'Neil is the owner of the Angler's Den and English Angling Trappings (www.anglers-den.com) in Pawling NY. Rob, also, is a licensed NYS guide, casting instructor and fly tier with over twelve years experience.



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TU Report out on New England Brook Trout

Read the Trout Unlimited report on New England Brook Trout. It's really interesting and informative. Access a copy by going to www.TU.org and clicking on the report title in the last column to the right (*Report: The New England Brook Trout*). It will open in Adobe Acrobat in your browser.

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? 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.

Interested in Salmon Fishing ?

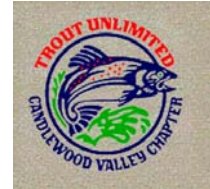
Carl Knobloch sent the following:

<http://www.gogaspe.com/salmon>

This is a very pleasant camp on the York River in Quebec. They have one of the more remarkable home pools for private fishing for Atlantic Salmon that I have ever seen. Please feel free to contact Bruce Patterson [mailto:bpatters@cgocable.ca] if you are interested. The cycle on the York River is such that big fish start upriver in June, with the first grilse runs beginning in early July. I have found that fishing the week just before July 4 to be very productive.

For those interested in fishing other water in the area, Bruce and his staff are very helpful in getting you through the ZEC draws, and escorting you to some of the most unique riverbed I have seen.

The only reason I am skipping this trip this year is that I am doing some Alaskan wilderness fishing in the same time period.



TU Comments on Clean Air Bill

Trout Unlimited (TU) today (March 11) expressed disappointment at the failure of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee to pass a strong, bipartisan clean air bill. Earlier this week, the committee deadlocked 9-9 on the administration-backed Clear Skies Initiative. Republican leaders on the committee failed to amend the bill sufficiently to reach a compromise with the seven Democrats, one Independent, and one Republican who voted against it. Trout Unlimited's members in the East seek reductions in sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides in order to reduce acid deposition in the region's mountain streams and lakes. Many of the mountain watersheds affected by acid rain also include some of the best habitat for brook trout, the East's only native trout.

"In the end, the caps in Clear Skies on sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides would have benefited mountain streams and lakes in the Appalachians," said Leon Szeptycki, TU's Eastern Conservation Director. "The bill, however, simply contained too many regulatory giveaways, particularly on mercury, to pass with bipartisan support. We believe that a more straightforward bill, with good caps and fewer rollbacks of existing Clean Air Act programs, would pass with strong bipartisan support and bring tremendous benefits to the whole country." The bill also deadlocked because of failure to reach agreement about how to handle emissions of CO₂. Trout Unlimited urged Congress to revisit the issue and attempt to forge a strong, bipartisan compromise. Trout Unlimited did express support for the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) today announced by the EPA. The CAIR would provide for caps in acid rain-causing emissions in Eastern states in order to meet air quality standards. "We would prefer to see lower caps, and we would prefer nationwide caps. We would also ideally like to see the caps implemented more quickly," said Szeptycki. "But the CAIR will ensure that sulfur dioxide emissions will continue to decline, and will provide relief to our mountain trout waters. The rule certainly represents some positive progress in the absence of better legislation."

Casting For Recovery Scheduled

Len Carrescia

It's a pleasure to let you know that Casting For Recovery's 2005 retreat for Connecticut breast cancer survivors has been scheduled for the last weekend in July (the 29th, 30th and 31st). This will be our third Connecticut / Rhode Island retreat in as many years. Each retreat weekend, including lodging, meals, and professional instruction, is provided at no cost to a maximum of 14 participants - - but costs Casting For Recovery over \$10,000.

We need to develop a base of in-state financial support to make the Connecticut Retreat a permanent part of CFR's calendar. If you have any connection to a foundation or corporation that will consider taking a lead role in that support by donating a significant portion of the \$10,000, please find out how they would like us to present our case to them. Call me any time at (203) 431-4436 or e-mail lencarrescia@snet.net if there's something you'd like me to do to assist you.

The Orvis Company will match your donations to Casting For Recovery dollar for dollar! If you would, add a note on or with your check to have CFR apply your donation to the CT / RI Retreat. Contributions (tax-deductible) can be made payable to:

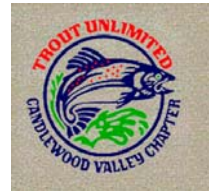
Casting For Recovery
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Thanks for your support of this wonderful organization.



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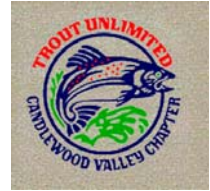
Trip Schedule—Gene Rinaldi

PROPOSED TRIPS 2005	DATE	LODGING	\$\$\$	GUIDES	Contact	SIGN UPS
New York						Gene Rinaldi
Beaverkill, Willowemoc	May 13,14,15	Roscoe Motel	40.00 to 50.00	Do it your self	Gene Rinaldi	Jerry Rekart
			per nite double occupancy		740 7447 generinaldi@earthlink.net	Russ Benson
Pennsylvania						
Penn's, Little Woman, Spring and Kettle	April 24,25,26,27	Rosamilla Lodge		Available	Tony Mortimer	
		9 people max		Rocco and George	a_ymous@yahoo.com	Wallace Lee
		570 660 9602		2 men per guide		Jerry Rekart ????
		Mid week OK		\$140.00 each		Tony Mortimer
		Mon Tue Wed Best		40.00 room bd		
		George Daniels Available MTW				
Massachusetts	June 6,7,8	Green Harbor Motel		None	Gene Rinaldi	Wallace Lee
Cap Cod Saltwater Ocean	New moon is	Pool level booked weekend	Rates		740 7447	Russ Benson
	Sunday June 6	of 6/3 4, 5,	122.00 per room			Jerry Rekart
		Upper Level available Weekend	Double Occupancy			
		of 6/3,4,5	Will hold block of			
		Pool Level and Upper Level	Rooms Untl			
		Available 6/10,11,12	March 1st			
Montana	8/19/2005	Sportman's Retreat	\$170.00 per night		endline.com	Tony Mortimer
Missouri River	8/26/2005	406 468 9111	Split between guests		sportsmansretreat.com	Jerry Rekart



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Deep Brook/Pootatuck Project Updates

James Belden

Our chapter is about to embark on a new era with notification of our receiving Embrace-a-Stream (EAS) funding from TU National. We are now underway planning several projects that will improve conditions and public outreach on the Pootatuck and Deep Brook. There are also projects coming together that are not part of the EAS proposal including the **bog bridge construction project on April 8-9. Volunteers for this project and the informational kiosk project should meet behind the Sandy Hook Methodist Church, Church Hill Rd., Newtown, at 9:00 AM April 8th and/or 9th.** The next project will be the Deep Brook bank restoration project in mid-June.

Other matters of interest include demolition of the former Fairfield Hills sewage treatment facility along Deep Brook which is now being conducted by a CT DPW contractor. This property is intended to be transferred to the Town after which we are hoping to conduct riparian buffer improvements with the Town's cooperation. This will be an extension of the planting project we began last Fall and will continue as a part of the EAS funded project. Also we have met with DEP Law Enforcement to discuss poaching issues in the WTMA and are having new signs made instructing how to report poachers. Poaching continues to be one of our most difficult issues to confront and we need the help of every individual who spends time on the river. Lastly, thank you to all of those whom supported the annual fundraiser and banquet. These funds are going to great use to protect and improve one of CT's truly great wild trout areas.

Web Links to Visit, a selection:

For our CVTU home site (has copies of newsletters, lots of web links):CVTUnews.html

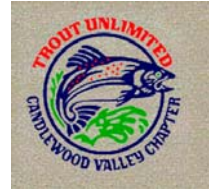
Fly fishing in Maine information:
<http://www.flyfishinginmaine.com/>

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/>

Newtown Bee article on our Deep Brook planting:
<http://www.newtownbee.com/Features.asp?s=Features-2004-09-30-14-38-58p1.htm>

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



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CVTU Calendar - Jerry Rekart

Apr. 8 & 9		10:00 AM	Bog Bridge & Kiosk Const.		
Apr. 12	Tues.	7:00PM	Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Rob O'Neil
Apr. 24, 25, 26 & 27			Pennsylvania Trip*	Rosamilla Lodge	Gene Rinaldi
May. 10	Tues.	7:00PM	Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	
May 13, 14 & 15			Beaverkill & Willowemoc Trip*	Roscoe Motel	Gene Rinaldi
June 6, 7 & 8			Cape cod Trip*	Green Harbor Inn	Gene Rinaldi
July	TBA	TBA	Maine Trip*	Lakewood Camps	Gene Rinaldi
Aug. 6 - 13			Alaska*	TBA	John Comisky
Aug. 19 - 27			Montana*	Sportsmans Retreat Lodge	Tony Mortimer
Sep	TBA	TBA	Ausable River*	Hungry Trout	John Comisky
Oct	TBA	TBA	Rhode Island*	Westerly Area	Gene Rinaldi
Nov. 13			Connectquot River*	N/A	Tony Ballato

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 manage). Please send any listings to me by either email or to the CVTU address on the back and I'll get them in.

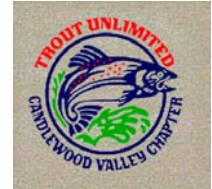
For Sale Section

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.



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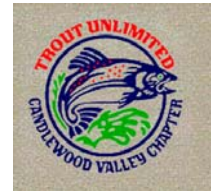
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Our chapter meetings are held September through May on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Miry Brook firehouse in Danbury

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Visit our web site for copies of recent newsletters, trout fishing links and more: http://www.geocities.com/a_ymous/CVTUnews.html



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