

Trout Lines



President's Corner James Belden

I feel spring coming! The good news is we have had a good amount of precipitation and the outlook should be good for healthy stream flows this year, and good fishing I hope.

I am pleased to announce that the banquet was once again a great success and thank you to all who participated in any capacity. The event was enjoyable and financially we did well. I am sure the attendees were impressed by the presentation given by the 3rd grade class from Anna M. Rockwell school in Bethel on their Trout in the Classroom endeavors. This was a true representation of the awesome impact this program is having in every school participating in TIC. Also of note were the wonderful display placards created by all the schools and displayed at the banquet. It is encouraging to see the zeal these kids show through this program as they learn important lessons about trout and the importance of clean water.

At this month's meeting we will be signing up volunteers and those interested in taking part in our May 3rd Youth and Family Day. We will have fly tying, casting and in stream lessons along the Pootatuck River in Sandy Hook. Anyone interested should contact Steve Zakur or sign up at the meeting.

April 8, 2008 Meeting Adam Taylor

Kirt Mayland is scheduled to speak. He is the Director of the Eastern Water Project of Trout Unlimited. His will describe some of the higher profile conservation projects in Connecticut. We will likely have some fly tying going on before the meeting and a report back on the successful fund raising Banquet we had in March. We have Family Day and upcoming stream projects to talk about, so come on over and join us !

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Clean and Sort your stuff – Now's the time !!!
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*1st Annual Youth Education Day
Candlewood Valley Chapter, Trout Unlimited*



Saturday, May 3, 2007

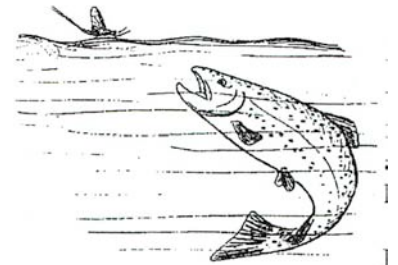
8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**In the Sandy Hook section of Newtown along the Pootatuck River
Event will be Rain or Shine***

Stick around after the event and fish the Pootatuck River

**IF YOU HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR A WAY TO TEACH A CHILD ABOUT
FISHING AND COLD WATER CONSERVATION THEN YOU DO NOT
WANT TO MISS THIS ONE!**

- LEARN CASTING WITH A FLY ROD
- LEARN FLY TYING
- DISCOVER RIVER ECOSYSTEM & ENTOMOLOGY
- STOCKING TROUT INTO THE RIVER
- FREE PICNIC LUNCH
- RAFFLES & PRIZES
- AND MUCH MORE...



THERE IS **NO CHARGE** FOR THIS EVENT BUT **ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS RSVP BY APRIL 25, 2007.

How to reserve your spot:

- Visit www.cvtu.org and click on the Youth Education Day register link
- Email Steve Zakur: steve.zakur@cvtu.org
- Call Steve Zakur at 203-364-1336

Children ages 8-18 are invited to participate. Space is limited so don't miss out on this day of learning and fun.

* This event will be held in Sandy Hook, CT along the banks of the Pootatuck River. Additional information will be sent once your registration is received. You can also find out more about the day at www.cvtu.org. Children should wear comfortable, weather appropriate clothing. Old sneakers for possible wet wading and bring a pair of dry socks and sneakers for afterwards. Parents are welcome to stay for the entire event.



TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM Jerry Rekart & Gary Whipple

Apr '08

We started out in October with fifteen tanks and about 125 brown trout eggs distributed to each of the units. The students then nurtured the eggs to hatched alevin, then parr and on to two-inch fingerlings. Now we go on to the next phase.

Today I received the Liberation Permits for the month of April and May. Coordinating fifteen teachers with around one hundred students each is a formidable task; busses, appropriate release areas, bathrooms, some of the schools want to make a day of the release with a grilled lunch or at least a bring your own lunch. Most of the schools want some stream time to search for invertebrates and other food source. As you can see the process gets involved.

The rewarding part comes at the release, watching the students pride and enthusiasm when they release the fish they cared for since they were eggs. Seeing their surprise when they see all the "stuff" that lives under the rocks that will feed their newly released fish, and watching their reaction as they learn that the claws on that little crayfish really do nip.

If you would like to join me or one of the mentors on a release, contact me by phone or e-mail and I will try to make the arrangements. Again, thank you, mentors, for all your help.



Kids enjoy starting the process



Trout enjoys release (end) part of the process



Volunteers needed for May 3rd Youth Education Day

On Saturday, May 3rd, the Candlewood Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be holding it's first Youth Education Day on the banks of the Pootatuck River in Sandy Hook, CT. The purpose of the day is to expose children, ages 8-18, to the joys of fishing for trout with a fly rod. We'll cover the basics of bugs, fly casting, fly tying and we'll end the day by stocking trout into the Pootatuck River.

We're still looking for volunteers who would like to lend a hand in making this day successful. If you'd like to help with tying, casting or just helping to lend a hand setting up and taking down, please contact Steve Zakur at steve.zakur@cvtu.org or by calling 203-994-0627. No prior experience in teaching is necessary, we'll give you all you need. We'll be working in small teams so that they'll be plenty of support. The folks over at the Hammonasset Chapter have been running this type of event for years and say it's a blast!

You can find out the details for registering children at the CVTU website, www.cvtu.org or in the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Looking For A Paddler/Fisherman

We have one opening for a canoeist/fisherman for a 6 person paddling/camping/fishing trip to the remote Quetico Provincial Park in Ontario. Trip will start from Chicago on May 25 with return to Chicago on June 7. 10 nights camping out. Primary focus of the trip is fishing for small mouth bass, northern pike, walleye and lake trout. Much of the fishing is with spinning tackle although I have had some great success with bass and pike on the fly. Really superb fishing with history of bass to 24" and northerns over 40". This opening is with a group that has done the trip many times in the past and has outfitting well organized. If interested, cotact Joe Hovious at 203-270-1960 or jchovious@snet.net. A passport and early commitment will be required.

Casting Clinic

In conjunction with the Naugatuck-Pomperaug TU Chapter, CVTU will be helping to sponsor a casting clinic on April 14th between 9:30 and 4:00 at Newtown Bait and Tackle, 75 S. Main St., Newtown. There will be Pros from several rod manufacturers and attendees will have the use of the full sized casting pool on site. Food and beverages will be provided. Volunteers would be appreciated to help represent CVTU. Wear your CVTU logo apparel if possible.


Fly Fishing Clinic

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Trout Unlimited

Naugatuck-Pomperaug Chapter

FREE CASTING LESSONS



FLYTYERS ON SITE

SATURDAY
9:30 - 4:00

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COME JOIN US! LEARN FROM A SEASONED PRO AND REALLY KNOW HOW TO CAST CORRECTLY!

Hot Dog • Hamburgers • Soda • Good Times

Fly Casting Pond with the Pro's
Sage - Winston - Scott - Thomas & Thomas - Temple Fork

From Bob Perrela: "All TU Chapters are welcome!"

Newtown Bait & Tackle • 78 South Main • Route 25 • Newtown
(near Ricky's Plaza) • 203-426-6629 • newtownbaitandtackle.com



Tripping the Light Fantastic Gary Whipple

Our 2008 Trips Calendar is filling up. Look at Official CVTU Trips in the forum under www.cvtu.org if you forget some of the details and can't find your newsletter.

CVTU 2008 Trip Schedule

May 14 George Daniel Nymphing Class on Farmington - \$75 fee payable in advance. 8 of 10 seats filled

Week of May 5 Trip to fish central PA streams near Loganton with Keystone Anglers. 3 of 9 seats filled

Week of May 12 Trip to fish central PA streams near Loganton with Keystone Anglers. 2 of 9 seats filled

May 28-29-30 Trip to fish Penns Creek in PA \$50 deposit 4 of 4 seats filled

June FVTU Trip to fish the Westfield River not taking place this year.

September 10-11-12 Trip to fish West Branch of the Delaware \$50 deposit 6 of 14 seats filled

October 16 Day trip to wade fish Long Island Sound for stripers and blue fish with Jim Turacek 0 of 10 seats filled

November 6 Day trip to fish Connetquot State Park on Long Island \$50 deposit no reservations yet. No limit on seats

Conservation Report Joe Hovious

Summer Conservation Projects

We are planning several conservation projects for the summer and fall of 08 in area streams. Sometime in May we will have a sampling of macroinvertebrates in Deep Brook and placement of temperature probes in several area streams. Since we will only be doing a few sites in the spring, we intend to do informally with only one or two sampling teams. It would be great to have a few volunteers with relatively flexible schedules who could help with the informal sampling (on the fly training by CVTU members who have done several samplings). If you might be available on a short (few day) notice and are interested in helping with this activity contact, Joe Hovious (270-1960) or James Belden (426-6039).

Our official annual sampling event is planned for Saturday, October 18. Please hold this date as we intend to sample several additional streams this year. Volunteers will have the opportunity to see some new waters with interesting trout fishing potential in the Chapter area. Hold the date and stay tuned for future news!

Pat Barkman Art Show & Sale

June 7th and 8th
2-4 PM

Lakeside Gallery
49 Taunton Lake Rd
Newtown, CT 06470



2007/2008 CVTU EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCALE	INFORMATION
Sept. 11	Tues	1830	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	Giant Brookies in Labrador
Sept. 11-12	T-W		Tree planting	E. Auspatuck River	Peterson - 775-0655
Sept. 11-12	T-F		Tree planting (rain date)	E. Auspatuck River	Peterson - 775-0655
Sept. 17	Mon.	830	TIC Teachers/Vokunteer Mtg.	CL&P Hq	Rekart - 775-2764
Sept 28-30	FSS		Ausable/Boquet Rivers	Hungry Trout Inn, Wilmington NY	Whipple - 746.5982
Oct. 9	Tues	1830	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	
Oct. 20	Sat		Invertebrate Sampling	Deep Brook	Hovious - 270-1916
Nov. 1	Thurs		Connectquot River	Long Island, NY	Whipple - 746.5982
Nov. 10-11	SS		The Arts of the Angler Show	Ethen Allen Inn	Rekart - 775-2764
Nov. 13	Tues	1830	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	
Thurs THANKSGIVING DAY					
Dec. 11	Tues	1830	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	
Dec. 25 Tues MERRY CHRISTMAS					
Jan. 1 Tues HAPPY NEW YEAR					
Jan. 8	Tues	1830	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	
Jan. 9	Wed	1930	Fly Tying Class	Pete Peterson's home	Peterson - 426-3004
Jan. 23	Wed	1930	Fly Tying Class	Pete Peterson's home	Peterson - 426-3004
Jan. 30	Wed	1930	Fly Tying Class	Pete Peterson's home	Peterson - 426-3004
Feb. 6	Wed	1930	Fly Tying Class	Pete Peterson's home	Peterson - 426-3004
Feb.12	Tues	1830	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	
Feb. 13	Wed	1930	Fly Tying Class	Pete Peterson's home	Peterson - 426-3004
Feb. 20	Wed	1930	Fly Tying Class	Pete Peterson's home	Peterson - 426-3004
Mar. 11	Tues	1830	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	
Mar. 14	Fri	1830	Annual Banquet	Stony Hill Inn, Bethel, CT	Belden - 426.6039
Apr.8	Tues	1830	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	
Apr. 27	Sun	TBA	CVTU Youth Day	Sandy Hook	Zakur - 994-0627
May. 13	Tues	1830	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	

Some Web sites to check out

(editor)

www.midcurrent.com/ (a great on-line fly fishing magazine)

www.flyaddict.com/ a local based site that provides great references and tools and a very active forum

www.wildtroutstreams.com/CT.htm for further research follow up to Steve Culton's talk a few months back.



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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