



President's Corner

Tony Ballato

Welcome back Valley Angler!!! It looks like Valley Angler John is back for good; John Kamisky intends to re-open his shop at the same location in mid-February. Work is going on feverishly to have everything ready by mid-month. Make sure you stop by and wish John well and sample his brand new store. Welcome back, John!!!

We wait expectantly to hear from TU national headquarters on the status of our 2006 Embrace-A-Stream Grant for remedial work on Deep Brook, which was submitted in Dec. In any case, we intend to continue our restoration work this spring. James Belden will discuss our timeframe at our Feb. meeting

This year we have planned a very aggressive schedule of fishing trips to exciting locations; our new trips chair, Gary Whipple has done an outstanding job of putting together a great calendar of trips. However, Gary needs to hear from each and every angler that may be interested in one of the trips, so our chapter can make the necessary commitments to guides, lodges etc. Please make sure to connect with Gary in a timely fashion, so he can plan accordingly.

Banquet Planning in High Gear !

Planning for this year's annual Banquet is in high gear! The Banquet is scheduled for March 24, at the Stony Hill Inn in Bethel. We are accepting donations and are selling tickets now. Tickets can be purchased at the meetings and by contacting Tony Ballato, amballato@sbcglobal.net. The tickets are \$35 each. Also, we need donations to make the banquet the success it has been each year. We have three main expenses for the year; our newsletters, speakers for our meetings, and most of all our conservation work. The banquet represents over 95% of our chapter-generated revenue for the year. This year we have major expenditures on our continuing work on Deep Brook. Lend a hand!!!

Vice President Notes

James Belden

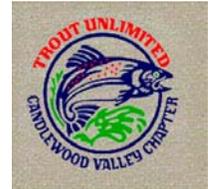
Amid a winter with spates of cold snowy days surrounded by spring-like days, we are lucky enough to occasionally hit the rivers and streams and find that yes, a few fish did survive this brutal summer. Of course, a better part of a year with low water followed by near record level rains did indeed turn our rivers and streams upside down. The good news is that with the continued efforts of TU and our partners we can see how the waters, and the aquatic life in them, are renewed each year as long as the natural systems they depend upon are intact.

Unfortunately much of our effort has to be in restoration of what should have always been protected, but as we do this we must be diligent in conserving and protecting what remains, especially the last surviving native brook trout and the habitat they depend upon. This is why TU focuses on so many aspects of water and fisheries management. Protecting the intricate web that allows for wild and native fish to populate our streams and rivers encompasses many issues including water withdrawals, the many affects of urban sprawl, fisheries regulations and contamination. Let's also not forget that our drinking water supplies and recreational resources are often closely related to these trout streams, and the as an indicator of overall water quality, the trout is the canary in the coal mine.

Why we're doing all this:



Photo: Steve Zakur



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SPEAKER'S FORUM

Jerry Rekart

Our speaker for the February 14 meeting will be Tony Ballato giving a presentation of a trip to Diana Lake Lodge in extreme northern Quebec. In January of 2004, our guest speaker was Joe Stefanski, manager of High Arctic Adventures, owned by the Inuit Indians, and consisting of Diane Lake Lodge and Lake Tierney Lodge in extreme Northern Quebec.

In August of 2005, four of our chapter members, Tony Ballato, Len Carrescia, Steve Grover, and Gary Whipple, took advantage of this introduction to fulfill a long standing desire, traveling to Northern Quebec, Nunavik territory, to sample the incredible fishing at Diana Lake Lodge.

Diana Lake Lodge is located forty miles northwest of Kuujuaq, Quebec (formerly Fort Chimo, the Hudson Bay Company established its first trading post in North America here in 1830). The lodge is on a lake and river system sixty five miles long that makes its way to Ungava Bay where endless sea-run Arctic Char lay in icy, clear water. The water system is filled with rocky pockets and clear shorelines.

The week long stay involved various trips by boat to remote sites from the camp, during a very unusual warm period of their short summer, to angle for large Brook and Lake Trout, often using only dry flies! A number of rare Arctic Char were also caught.

Everything involved in planning the trip, from best times to go, expenses, how to get there and equipment needed, will be discussed. Come join us for a great presentation on a trip to exotic and unusual part of the world !!

Check out www.higharcticadv.com and www.cvtu.org for more information.

February 14 Meeting

We'll be meeting at the Miry Brook Firehouse (south of the airport in Danbury) at 7:00 PM. Don't miss Tony Ballato's exciting presentation on northern Quebec fishing. We'll also be getting our act together for the March banquet and Gary Whipple will be talking about the 2006 fishing trips he's got lined up so far and looking for guidance and commitments. Hope to see you there.

Collectable Corner for the Banquet Eugenia Mierisch

Last year we had a jewelry table at the banquet and it was successful - this year we will have a **Collectible Corner**. Look around the house, garage and in the back of the closet for something that was a gift or perhaps something that you may have bought that now no longer goes with your décor. It could be a small lamp, statue, vase, bookends, bowl, plate or anything else you can think of that someone else would like to have. We'll manage the auctions at the banquet from the Collectible Corner.

PLEASE send them in at the Feb meeting, if this is not convenient, then at the March meeting.

We'd like to reach you by email

We send out notices of important events, trips and occasional calls for support to our chapter members by email. Also, we save money by emailing copies of our newsletters (and in the future, links for viewing them directly online on our website) instead of hard copying by paper mailing which costs us about \$1 per copy to mail. If you are not receiving emails from us, please go to the national website (TU.org) and input or edit your email address on your profile (or call them). Then, we'll pick up your email address when sending out our messages. Thanks.



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Talk about fishing and share your pictures on CVTU's website

We've recently added two new functions to our website -- a discussion forum and a photo gallery. These new tools provide an online meeting place for TU members and those interested in our chapter's activities. Web site is: www.cvtu.org

A place to talk

The discussion forum is a place where we can have discussions about fish, fishing, gear, conservation and practically any other topic (within reason) that our members find interesting. The great thing about a discussion forum is that many people can participate in the discussion without all having to be online at the same time. Each discussion thread is saved and visible to others. You can come and reply to a topic already posted or post your own topic to start a new thread.

Two helpful functions available on the forum is the "Watch this Forum" and the "Watch this Topic" functions. These functions send you emails when there is activity on the forum or topic that you're watching. Each Forum (e.g. Find a Fishing Partner, Fisher Reports, etc) can be watched for new topics. And each Topic can be watched for replies. There is a link below each forum and topic that allow you to toggle the "watch" function on and off. This is a very handy function if you aren't visiting the forums regularly.

A place to share photos

The photo gallery is just that -- a place where members can share photos of their fishing activities. You can either post in the topic related galleries (e.g. Deep Brook & Pootatuck, Saltwater, etc) or you can post in your own photo album in the gallery. Photos are limited to 512KB in size so you'll have to resize any that are larger. You'll find a link in the FAQ to a free utility that resizes photos.

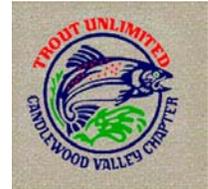
Registration Required -- it's fast and easy

In order to post your comments and pictures both the forum and the gallery require registration. The process is fast and easy. On the Discussion Forum, select "Register" from the top menu bar and fill-out the form. On the Photo Gallery, select the "Register" link at the top of the page and fill out the form. The Photo Gallery requires one more step in order to register. You must click on the link in an email that the gallery will send to the email address you included in your registration. Once you click on that link your account will be active.

Privacy Assured

While registration does require an email address, to ensure your privacy, the forums and gallery are set to hide your email address. The email address is only used by the system to either validate your registration or send you messages when you're watching a forum or topic. So, your personal information is not visible to users or spammers.

Take a moment to visit both the [forum](#) and the [gallery](#) and start contributing to the Candlewood Valley online community. You can find links to both the forum and gallery on the [CVTU homepage](#) at www.cvtu.org.



CVTU Fishing Trips for 2006

Gary Whipple

As of the end of January, we have scheduled our CVTU fishing trips for the year. While some of the trips are still in their early stages of planning, at least two of them are set and ready for member commitments, and a third, the trip to Long Island in November, is also now firm for November 2. Please mark your calendars for it.

By the end of February, we are looking for members to commit to the Central Pennsylvania and to Cape Cod trips. We are going to take these commitments in two steps; an emailed "early commitment" (to gary.whipple@cvtu.org), or a signup at the February Meeting, or a signup under the forums (www.cvtu.org/forums/trips) will hold your place on these two trips. A non refundable, money deposit is also due by the end of February to continue your participation. If at the end of February, we have inadequate sign-ups, we will cancel the trips and refund your deposits.

Additional details about the trip to Pennsylvania to fish from Rocco Rosamilia's fish camp (we are staying there the nights of May 18, 19 and 20; those of you who are still working may choose to come for the nights of May 19 and 20 only) will be covered at the February Meeting. Room charges are in the low \$40's per night, and guides are available. A deposit of \$25.00 by the end of February will hold your place on this trip. You also can get the latest details by looking at the Trips listing under the www.cvtu.org/forum.

For the Cape Cod trip, the group has reserved a block of rooms at the Green Harbor Inn at 134 Acapesket Road in East Falmouth, MA 02536. Their web site is <http://www.gogreenharbor.com/> and their toll-free number is (800) 548-5556. A deposit of \$10.00 by the end of February will hold your place on this trip. Participants will need to call the Green Harbor Motel by the end of February to reserve their place in the block of rooms being held in the name of CVTU.

Please drop an email to Gary.whipple@cvtu.org to give me a heads up on the number of you who are interested in fishing the Beaverkill area the weekend of May 3, and I'll reserve a block of rooms for us. Let me know your intentions by Feb 3 please. No commitments yet.

If you would like to influence the trip schedule, or arrangements, or locations, please fill out the trip survey form in last month's newsletter or request it by email, or download it from www.cvtu.org, and get your input into Gary Whipple.

A new forum entry called [Find a Fishing Partner](#) is available at www.cvtu.org/forum to help you find someone to go fishing with for your spur-of-the-moment trips.

Compleat Angler Store has Moved

A fishing store in Darien that is known and frequented by some of our members has moved effective February 1st. The Compleat Angler is now located at 172 Heights Road in Darien (exit 10 off 95). Their phone number and email address remain the same: 203-655-9400 and scottbennett@worldnet.att.net.



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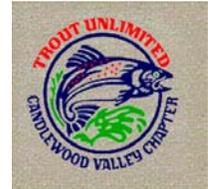
Web site: www.castingforrecovery.org

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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.	10:00AM	Tree Planting	Deep Brook, meet at end	Belden & Hovious
Oct.1	Sat	9:00AM	Tree Planting	of Commerce Road	" & "
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.3	Thurs	8:30-4:30	Connetquot River	Bayport, LI, NY	Ballato
Nov. 8	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Rob Lewis - Rob's Realistics
Nov.12-13	S&S	see website	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	Dick Harris - River Watch
Jan. 6,7,8	F,S,S	see website	FFU - World of Fly Fishing V	O'Neill Ctr - WESTCON	www.flyfishingu.net
Jan.7	Sat	9:00 AM	Ct TU Meeting		Belden & Hovious
Jan. 10	Tues.	4:30 PM	Mtg. w/ Rep. Julie Wasserman	Wasserman Residence	Belden & Hovious
Jan. 10	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Whit Carter - Rapid River, ME
Jan. 11	Wed	2:00 PM	Mtg w/ Russell Bartley	Edmond Town Hall	Belden & Hovious
Jan.17	Tues.	2:00 PN	PWA Steering Cmty.	Edmond Town Hall	Belden & Hovious
Jan. 18	Wed	9:00 AM	HVEOC & NewtownArea Traffic Cmty	Edmond Town Hall	Belden & Hovious
Jan. 25	Wed	10:00 AM	CVTU Board Meeting	Steven's Diner	
Jan. 25	Wed		CT State BOD Meeting		
Feb. 11	Sat.	9AM-3PM	All CT TU Day	Yale University	Rekart
Feb. 14	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Ballato - Fishing the Arctic
Mar. 14	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Michael Beauchene, Ct. DEP
Mar. 24	Fri.	7:00 PM	Banquet	Stony Hill Inn	Peterson - Fishing NM,AZ,CC
Apr. 11	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Ballato - Fishing N. Quebec
Apr. 8	TBA	TBA	Public Casting Clinic	Danb. F&G	Chuck Rich
May. 6	Sat.	10AM-1PM	Pratt Center Casting Clinic	Pratt Center	Ballato
May. 9	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Skills Clinic - Casting & tying
2006 Potential Fishing TRIPS					Cut-off date / Deposit
May. 13	F,S&S		Catskill Trip - Roscoe, NY		
May. 20	F,S&S		Pennsylvania trip		Feb. 28 / \$25.00
Jun. 3	F,S&S		Westfield Gorge. MA	with Nutmeg Chapter	
Jun. 9	F,S&S		Cape Cod Trip	Green Harbor Motel	Feb.28 / \$10.00
Jun. 24	F,S&S		Ausable	tentative	
July	Tentative		Rapid River	tentative	
Sept	Tentative		Battenkill	tentative	
Nov. 2	Thurs		Connequot State Park, LI, NY		
All fishing trips are tentative and subject only to the enthusiasm of the members. So get enthused and sign up!					
Check TRIPS at www.cvtu.org/forum or contact Gary Whipple at 203-746-5982 or gary.whipple@cvtu.org					
					Jerry Rekart 01.26.06



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 - Price Reduction !

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 now \$200.00 for all (I really don't want to split them up). These reels are in new condition and would be great for anyone looking for good quality reels at an affordable price.

Advertisers Section

We will list an advertiser for \$50 a year (which will provide at least 8 monthly listings). We will need text list-

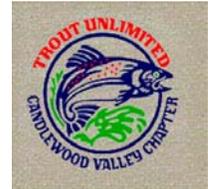
Capt. Paul Koopmann of **Salty Flies Charters** (Orvis endorsed fly fishing guide with 25 years experience fishing Long Island Sound) who has a Custom 23' boat out of Rowayton, CT 203-561-9683 (email: captkoop@saltyflies.com)

The Board has been holding our meetings at Stevens Diner in Newtown over the last couple years and found them to be cheerful, efficient hosts and their food to be excellent. We encourage chapter members to visit and enjoy, as well.

Steven's Diner & Restaurant
43 South Main Street
Newtown, CT 06470

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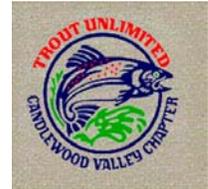
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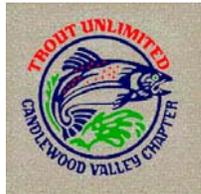
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