

Trout Lines



Banquet Alert !!

All hands on deck for the March 23rd 2007 Banquet! In order for our annual fund raising event to be a success we need your participation. Please solicit donations for auctions and raffles while not forgetting that you may have a valuable talent or an item to offer. Just contact James Belden (contact info is on the last page) regarding anything you may have. We also need attendance at the banquet, and that includes members as well as non-members, so please buy a ticket for yourself and convince others that this is a worthy and enjoyable event to attend. Prize and auction items include many non-fishing items, as well as fishing related prizes. Tickets to museum, parks, events are good ideas. Gift certificates to popular stores for goods or services. Wines, baskets, other things with a special touch. A free service from someone with a special talent or service to offer. Artwork and antiques are good too. Our Chapter is doing so many good things and depends upon this evening to remain vital.

Donation flyers are available on our website, while flyers and tickets will be available at meetings or directly through James. Tickets are also available at the Valley Angler in Danbury.

Feb. 13th Meeting

We will meet at the Miry Brook Firehouse south of the airport in Danbury at 7:00 PM. We should have a fly-tying session, coffee and snacks at 6:30 PM with the meeting starting at 7:30 PM.

Speakers Forum Jerry Rekart

Have you ever wondered what happens to those pharmaceuticals that you flush down the toilet? What about the hospitals and nursing homes that do the same, or the effect of the effluent that streams from the plants that manufacture them? Our February speaker is Dr. Marc Taylor. Dr. Taylor lives in Southbury, CT and first became aware of these problems with the realization that the 4,000 resident Heritage Village and two other nearby retirement communities were doing just that.

This realization, followed by additional research, study and investigation, has made him a leading conservationist in the area of pharmaceutical pollution. His presentation will discuss how prescription drugs enter the environment, the potential consequences of their presence in the environment, how these pollutants affect us as well as fish and other species, and informative and frightening information gathered from the Pomperaug River and other watersheds.

As a physician, teacher and environmentalist he is concerned with understanding the connections linking environmental and human health. He has a particular interest in the fate of prescription drugs entering the environment.

Mark February 13th on your calendar to hear Dr. Taylor's informative presentation. To read his entire article "drugging the waters" check our web site at www.cvtu.org.



**CANDLEWOOD VALLEY
CHAPTER
TROUT UNLIMITED**



ANNUAL BANQUET

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FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2007

6:30pm

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(Email – jbeldenflyfish@yahoo.com)

(TICKETS IN ADVANCE ONLY, WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR)

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Books for Winter Reading

Member Bruce Rigby writes to tell of his enjoyment lately reading the classic fishing book, *The Compleat Angler* by Izaak Walton with quaint illustrations. He says the book is available through public libraries and inter-library loan services. (A paper back version is also available on Amazon.com for \$12 or \$13 – ed.).

Bruce has also uncovered another interesting source of bargain fishing books available on the internet - fishing Bargain Books from Edward R. Hamilton Bookseller, Falls Village, CT 06031-5000. Order forms - Edwardrhamilton.com/300X. This site is fun to review – there are sections for fly-fishing and fly-tying and many books for \$4 or \$5 at deep discounts.

Fly Tying at the January Meeting

We've been tying flies prior to meetings for the last few months and it's proven to be a good time for members to gather around and share techniques, kibitz and just plain shoot the breeze about fishing. Here are a couple shots from the January meeting

when Tony Ballato and Doug Peterson brought their gear and tied a few flies. Join us at the meetings so we can get to know you better and have some fun.



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2006/2007 EVENT CALENDER					
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCALE	INFORMATION
Sept. 09	Sat	8:30-3:00	Microinvertebrate sampling	Newtown Water Treatment	Hovious 203-270-1960
Sept.12	Tues	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Capt. Bob Turley, Speaker
Sep18-21	M-T	3-Sep	E.Aspetuck Stream Restoration	Pratt Ctr. New Milford	Peterson 203-775-0655
Sep 22-24	F-S-S		Ausable Trip		Whipple 203-746-5982
Oct.10	Tues	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Mike Goodwin, Speaker
Oct.24	Tues		Newtown P & R Comm.		Belden 203-426-6039
Oct. 25	Wed		CT TU State Council Meeteng		Hovious 203-170-1960
Oct. 25	Wed.		NW Conservation Dist. Annual Mtg.		Belden 203-426-6039
Nov. 2	Thurs	all day	Connequot State Park, LI NY Trip		Whipple 203-746-5982
Nov. 15	Tues		PWA Board Meeting		Hovious 203-270-1960
Nov. 14	Tues	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Mike Tougias, Speaker
Nov. 23	Thurs.		Happy Thanksgiving		
Nov. 28	Tues		Newtown Rams Pasture Mtg.		Belden 203-426-6039
Nov. 30	Thurs		NRCS WHIP Submitted		Belden 203-426-6039
Dec. 1	Fri.		Natives Grant subm. to F&W Found.		
Dec. 1	Fri.		Pratt Center Banquet & Auction	Candlewoo Lake Inn	Peterson 203-775-0655
Dec. 12	Tues	7:00 PM	PWA Board Meeting		Hovious 203-270-1960
Dec. 12	Tues	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Frank Plona, Speaker
Dec.18	Mon		EAS Grant Deadline		Belden 203-426-6039
Dec.25			Merry Christmas		
Jan. 9	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Jerry Bannock
Feb. 13	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Dr. Marc Taylor
Mar. 13	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Bill Hyatt - CT DEP
Mar. 23	Fri.	6:30 PM	CVTU Annual Banquet	Stonyhill Inn - Bethel	Belden 203-426-6039
Apr.10	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	TBA
May. 8	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Casting & tying clinic - PIZZA
May17-20	T-S		PA	Rocco Rosamilia Lodge	Whipple 203-746-5982
Jun. 4 - 8	TBA	TBA	PA - Green Drake hatch	Rocco Rosamilia Lodge	Whipple 203-746-5982
Jun 15-17	F-S		Cape Cod - Stripers		Whipple 203-746-5982
July	TBA	TBA	CT River headwaters	Lopstick Lodge, NH	Whipple 203-746-5982
Sept	TBA	TBA	Ausable river	Hungry Trout	Whipple 203-746-5982
Nov	TBA	TBA	Connequot River	Long Island, NY	Whipple 203-746-5982
Fishing trips are dependent on membership participation. Contact Whipple as soon as you can commit!!!!					
Contact Jerry Rekart with any additions or corrcions to the calendar.					
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CVTU Sponsored Trips

Gary Whipple

A near final trip calendar for 2007 is posted on the forum, and reproduced below for those of you who do not use the internet:

May Trip to central PA to fish with Keystone Anglers. Weekend of May 19. Max of 9 people. Guides available.

June 1,2,3 Trip to Fish Westfield River with FVTU. No Massachusetts license required. \$35 fee to FVTU. Camping overnight.

June Trip to central PA to fish Green Drake hatch with Rocco Rosamilia weekdays between Jun 2/3 and 9/10 ; max of 9 roomers and 6 guided fishermen.

June Striper Fishing on Cape Cod weekend of June 16 (Note: there is an Elks Convention on Cape Cod the weekend prior, when we would normally have gone) . Make your own reservations by the end of March against a block of 8 rooms at the Green Harbor. Rooms are \$142 per night for two people on the weekend; extra weeknights are \$94 per room for two people.

July (weekend to be determined) fishing on Connecticut River headwaters in northern NH; make your own reservation against a block of rooms at Lopstick Lodge in the name of CVTU.

September 29 Ausable River Trip. Make your own reservations by (deadline to be determined) against a block of rooms at the Hungry Trout in the name of CVTU.

November Connetquot State Park Outing first Thursday in November.

There are two remaining trips still to be defined. First, Nutmeg chapter will be sponsoring a trip to the Catskills in late May or early June, and our members will be invited; details will be announced when I find out what is happening. Second, I am arranging a July trip to fish the headwaters of the Connecticut River, but I do not yet have a date to announce.

We will start signing people up for trips at the February chapter meeting. Deposits of \$40 will be required to hold your spot on either of the central Pennsylvania trips because the number of attendees on each trip is limited to 9. When you register, please be prepared to tell me if you wish a guide on Friday, Saturday, and/ or Sunday on the May and June Pennsylvania trips. Rocco is currently doing some guide scheduling for the week of June 4-8 (the green drake hatch trip) , and we will set the exact fishing dates that week shortly.

If you wish to sign up for a trip, and will not be at the February meeting, please mail your deposit check and reservation note (include your name, telephone number, an email address, which trip you are signing up for, and guide desires) to Gary Whipple at 121 Route 37, New Fairfield, CT 06812.

Check the forum periodically for updates, and if you have any questions private message or email Gary Whipple.

ALL CT Trout Unlimited DAY and Trout in the Classroom

Jerry Rekart

On February 17th, the CT Council of TU will sponsor an **ALL CT TU DAY**. The subject this year is “Youth Outreach and Education”. After the keynote address, “Investing in the Future – Connecting Young People to the World Outdoors”, by CT DEP Commissioner Gina McCarthy, the rest of the day will be dedicated to the youth programs conducted by DEP and TU. Several sessions will be dedicated to Trout In the Classroom (TIC) and all teachers are invited to attend. The program will start at 10:00 AM at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies at 205 Prospect Ave. in Hew Haven. Registration, with coffee and pastries, starts at 9:00 AM. RSVP and get directions: actud07@cttrout.org.

The CVTU TIC program seems to be back on track after a bumpy start in January. The Danbury and Brookfield fingerlings are doing well but we have lost the Newtown hatch and have only about fifteen left at Bethel. This is not an unusual event and was not unexpected as this is our first year sponsoring the program and there is definitely a learning curve involved. Experiences such as these will be addressed at the **ALL CT TU DAY**, in an attempt to cut next years losses.

TU National has authorized complimentary TU membership for all of the teachers involved in TIC. We are currently collecting home addresses of all the teachers involved in our program so that they can become active TU members as well.

New Fairfield received their salmon eggs in January. This is their fifth year conducting this program.

Our webmaster has put a TIC topic under Conservation on the CVTU website Forum. It is for the use of all TU members and TIC teachers for any questions or information they would like to enter. Please use it freely! If you have any questions, call me. Keep up to date with www.CVTU.org.

The Chapter Has Lost a Good Friend

In December, we lost Don Leyden, one of our longest members and friends. Some excerpts from his obituary follow. We'll miss him.

Donald Foster Leyden, 87, of Brookfield, husband of Marian (Flink) Leyden, for 64 years, died December 12, 2006, at Filosa Convalescent Home, Danbury. A veteran of World War II, Don was a lieutenant junior grade in the U.S. Navy in the armaments division. In 1975, Donald and his wife moved to Brookfield and started Donmar Studio. His unique way of combining artwork and fishing artifacts in three-dimensional mounts can be seen in museums throughout North America. Extensive exhibits of his work appear in the Catskill Fly Fishing Center Museum in Livingston Manor, N.Y., and the American Museum of Fly Fishing in Manchester, Vt.

For more than 50 years, Donald traveled extensively on fishing trips to Alaska, Canada, Iceland and the many islands in the Caribbean. He and Marian shared their adventures with the public through lectures and slide shows at the conservation organizations he cared so much about. These included Theodore Gordon Fly Fishing (where he was a founding member); Trout Unlimited (Candlewood Valley Chapter); Atlantic Salmon Federation; Connecticut River Salmon Association; and Miramichi River Salmon Association.

SEP Study Update

Joe Hovious

Candlewood Valley Trout Unlimited (TU) is conducting a Supplemental Environmental Study for the Town of Newtown and EPA as a result of the Oil SPill at the Reed Intermediate School.

During the fourth quarter of 2006, the datda collected from temperature monitors in Oil Creek, Deep Brook, and the Pootatuck were downloaded and analyzed. Results indicate that significant temperature spikes occur in Deep Brook and Oil Creek as the result of summer showers on hot surfaces. In some cases these spikes are significant, approaching levels which could be lethal to trout. In particular, elevated temperatures immediately downstream of Route 25 and Wasserman Way are of concern.

In addition, the impact of heated runoff from the Fairfield Hills campus on Oil Creek is of concern. A presentation of the temperature data, preliminary rainfall data, and suggested actions was made to the Pootatuck Watershed Authority and to the Newtown Inland Wetlands Commission to share the findings and concerns. Poster boards of the presentation were displayed at a Chapter meeting. Given the impact of warm runoff on the cold water fishery, additional grant funding proposals were submitted for additional monitoring in the future.

One set of additional macroinvertebrate samples is planned under the SEP program for the second quarter of 2007. Chapter member volunteers will be solicited to help with this interesting and important project in the next few months. A final SEP Completion Report will be prepared after the spring sampling.

Winter on a Very Small Stream

(we're not all home sitting by the fire)

Jonathan Atherton

My stream is partially frozen now, the medium sized pond that it flows through - where I often account for half a dozen brooks - 75% iced over. The fish seem less willing to chase a surface fly. If anything they have more cover with extended overhangs of ice affording an added hiding place. Food must be very scarce though, I wonder how they survive such a barren home. Today only one fish (compare 9 last week), a nicely coloured one of 8" on a black W Bugger. Part of the enjoyment of this stream is getting to know the woods that it flows through. Signs of turkeys and the obvious paths taken by deer. There is a resident hawk too - big orange tail and a huge wingspan.

Items for Sale:

Bamboo Rod: 8 1/2', **Jay Harvey-Jackson #7 1/4 D by Heddon**, 3pc/2tips, 5wt. moderate action, green wraps with gold trim, bright nickel silver ferrules, Heddon nickel/silver/Bakelite reel seat. Comes with replacement bag and original paper covered aluminum rod tube. Rod is the same quality level as a Heddon #20. Has one agate tip top, and agate stripping guide. Very good condition **\$250**

Call Doug at 203 775-0655 or cdflyfish@att.net

Send me an email (tony.mortimer@cvtu.org) or see me at a meeting for any items you want to sell or swap and I'll list them in the newsletter.

Advertisements

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

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English Angling Trappings at Angler's Den
11 MEast Main S.
Pawling, NY 12564
845-855-5812 www.Anglers-Den.com



A Spawning Brown in our local stream

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:

<http://www.cvtu.org>

This newsletter is for you, our members. Let me know how we can improve it or make it more useful to you. And think about dropping me a note with some content, items for sale, stories, etc. It makes it more interesting to all of us!

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