

Trout Lines



President's Corner James Belden

A lot of effort goes into planning events, speakers, trips and of course our chapter projects. Anyone can find the latest information in our newsletters, on the website, at the meetings and in the events calendar. Whether you would like to learn how to fish or get involved with real conservation work, our chapter offers the opportunity.

What sets the stage for our ability to continue doing work is our ability to raise money and enlist new volunteers every year. So once again I encourage every reader to help by volunteering for any task and to attend or donate to the banquet. Every project we pursue is done by volunteers and any level of effort is appreciated and every talent is needed to make them happen.

Conservation-

Winter is time to prepare for this year's projects. We plan on continuing the Deep Brook/Dickinson Park Project with the help of the NRCS WHIP Grant, as well as the E. Aspetuck project at the Pratt Environmental Center. Other possibilities being pursued are work on Pond Brook, threats to the upper Norwalk in Ridgefield and development of survivor trout programs. Volunteer opportunities will be communicated as they are scheduled.

On a state level we continue to work with the DEP to develop a sound brook trout management policy as the Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture grapples with the issues of brook trout survival from Georgia to Maine. Also of note is the development of legislation in which TU and our Eastern Water Project has been instrumental in such as the upcoming Riverfront Protection Act. Please support this when you get the chance during the upcoming legislative session. A large coalition is forming in support of this bill but grass roots support is always critical.

February 12, 2008 Meeting Adam Taylor

Our next meeting will again be at the Miry Brook firehouse (southern edge of Danbury airport starting at 6:30 pm. We usually have some fly-tying going on before the meeting and we'll update on Trout in the Classroom projects, Youth/Family Day and our upcoming banquet plans. Come on over and get out of the cold for a couple hours !

February's speaker will be Jim Turecek. A guide, instructor, fly tyer and avid fisherman, Jim has over 40 years experience with the fly rod and has caught fish from coast to coast. His presentation will be focusing on the CT shoreline. The target species being striped bass and bluefish. He will have on hand a display of flies that best represent the prey species found in LI Sound. So scrape some of the ice off the windshield, bundle up and come join us at the Miry Brook Firehouse. We look forward to seeing you.



TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM

Jerry Rekart & Gary Whipple

Did you know that we have two fish programs at CVTU? We not only have "Trout in the Classroom" we also have "Salmon in the Classroom"

For several years Gary Whipple has coordinated the 'Salmon in the Classroom' program and he writes, "On January 24, salmon eggs from Burlington Hatchery were transported to New Fairfield Middle School and introduced into a salmon incubator in Mr. Jon Jagush's science class. Their new home is unique to our "Trout in the Classroom" project in a very important way; their neighbors who live in the incubator next to them on the same bench are trout! As far as we have been able to find out, this is the only classroom in Connecticut that has both trout and salmon incubators in operation, and CVTU was instrumental in setting up and funding both incubators. .

Mr. Jagush has plans to compare and contrast the development of the salmon and trout with his students this next semester. Mr. Jagush's students are on their 5th brood of salmon, but this is the first year they've had trout in their classroom, and they are adapting to the feeding and regular water changes to keep their fish healthy. If readers have questions about the salmon or trout growing up in Mr. Jagush's classroom, please send your questions to Jerry Rekart and he will forward them on to Mr. Jagush."

Most of our trout have lost their yolk sac and attained the status of parr. Although one school has experienced a chiller failure and another is having a problem that is claiming several fish a week, the rest are all healthy; swimming, feeding and performing other functions the produce nitrates, nitrites and provide a continuous challenge to the Ph, water quality and water cleanliness.

Barb Mancher and Rich Neeb at Reed School in Newtown invite you to enjoy their class website at www.newtown.ct.us/teachers/tlesson.php?view=t&lid=328, and Jocko McKean at The Wooster School has a blog at www.woosternet.org/blogs/trout where he keeps a daily activity log.

We have four mentors this year (one volunteer and three conscripts). Regardless of how you came to be a mentor, thank you for your time and interest.

If you have any questions or an interest in the program, call me at 775-2764. I really need someone with some New Milford academic roots! Don't forget to bring an inactive member to the meeting in December.



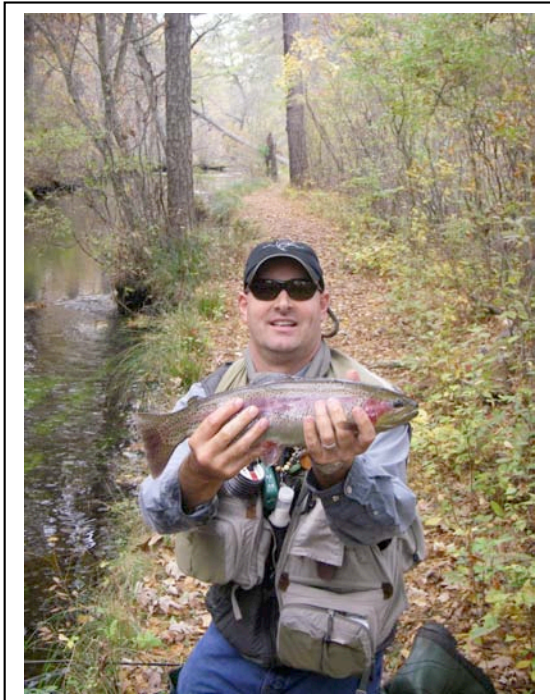
Kids enjoy starting the process



Trout enjoys release (end) part of the process



Your President at work on the Connetquot (it's a tough job, but somebody's got to do it ?)



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.

CANDLEWOOD VALLEY TU FLY TYING CLASS



The first annual CVTU fly tying class is half complete. "Professor" Pete Peterson, his six mentors and thirteen diligent novice fly tyers are meeting at Pete's home on six consecutive Wednesdays

After a discussion of tools, feathers, furs, threads, hooks etc. the first Wednesday, the fly tying got serious the next week with the introduction of three flies per session. The fifteen flies introduced during the class will offer a cross section of the categories and types of types of flies the students will wish to tie on their own after the class.

Check out the pictures, as "Professor" Pete demonstrates the proper fly tying technique and then the novices attempt to copy his instructions.



Central Pennsylvania Trips, and Cabbages and Kings, Oh My Gary Whipple

We have locked up two trips to central Pennsylvania in May. The first trip is open for reservations until ten days after the next meeting (February 22). Up to nine occupants can stay at the Keystone Anglers' Lodge near Loganton any time the week of the 12th of May. Right now there is one group of 4 staying the nights of the 12, 13 and 14, and a group of two staying the nights of the 15, 16 and 17.

Keystone Angler staff will guide these fishermen on a variety of area waters, depending on what is fishing well at the moment. In past years, they have fished Penn's Creek, Fishing Creek, White Deer Creek, and Kettle Creek and some others whose names I do not know. If you are interested in attending, please contact Gary Whipple by February 22 and let him know what nights you plan to stay and how many guide days you wish to use.

A cabin on the banks of Penn's Creek has been rented for the nights of May 28, 29, and 30. Four anglers have already signed up, but there is room for two more. We will use guides from Keystone Anglers, and fish Penn's Creek for the two days and three nights we are there. With good luck, we may be fishing over green drakes and coffin flies. If you are interested in this trip, please contact Gary Whipple for details.

We are working on a late April trip-early May to the Catskills, a salt water trip to Long Island Sound to fish for stripers from a charter boat, and a trip to fish the west branch of the Delaware in the fall. If you have some place you'd like us to go, please let Gary Whipple know your suggestions.



**CANDLEWOOD VALLEY
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TROUT UNLIMITED**



ANNUAL BANQUET

**AUCTIONS, RAFFLE PRIZES
FOOD, DRINK AND FUN FOR ALL!**

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2007

6:30pm

THE STONY HILL INN

Route 6, Bethel, CT

COST: \$40.00 PER PERSON

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OR THE VALLEY ANGLER**

OR

CALL James Belden at (203) 426-6039

(Email – jbeldenflyfish@yahoo.com)

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



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DONATIONS NEEDED!

**RODS, REELS, FLYS, OUTDOOR GEAR,
ARTWORK, GIFT CERTIFICATES,
ELECTRONICS, TRIPS, BOOKS, ETC.**

**For Raffle Prizes and Auction Items at the
Annual CVTU Chapter Banquet
3/14/07, *Stony Hill Inn*, Bethel, CT**

All Donations are **Tax Deductible**. All Funds raised go to
support local and state TU Conservation Projects.

Donations accepted at Chapter meetings, by any member or
the *VALLEY ANGLER* (56 PADANARAM RD., DANBURY) or call
James Belden, (203) 426-6039 (email –
jbeldenflyfish@yahoo.com)

Thank you for your support!



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

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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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