



January Meeting

We'll be meeting on Jan. 10 (second Tuesday) at 7:00 PM at the Miry Brook Firehouse, as usual. Jerry Rekart has arranged another great speaker who will be talking about the Rangely Lake area and the Rapid River in Maine (see Speakers Forum on page 2).

Don't forget the Flyfishing University Show held at the Western Conn. Univ. campus in Danbury Jan. 6, 7 and 8. (Show web site is: Jan. 6, 7 and 8. (Show web site is: <http://www.flyfishingu.net/>). We encourage all who can to get to the show and attend some of the great breakout sessions and visit the many fly tyers, and lodge owners who attend. Great bargains are always available for tying material, flies, reels - you name it. Plus, it's just at the right time of the year when we're all getting a bit stir crazy!

Our annual fund-raising Banquet will be held on March 24, at the Stony Hill Inn in Bethel. We are starting to collect material for our auctions and raffles. Please consider making a donation or contacting a business or shop to contribute some goods or services. We have a lot of non-fishing spouses that attend our Banquet and they are always looking for non-fishing related items. More on this at the meeting.

We'll also discuss our follow-on Embrace a Stream funding request which was submitted in December to TU national for continuation of our work on Deep Brook.

Also, we'll briefly discuss our plans for some fishing trips next year. Please come out and join us for our meeting - Get in the spirit !!

Project News

James Belden

To continue our effort to protect and restore Deep Brook, and follow up on the successes of last year's Embrace-A-Stream grant funded projects, the Chapter has submitted a new application for 2006 funding. Included in this application were five projects that all address important habitat and stability issues on the lower portion of Deep Brook. Working upstream from the previous bank projects and tree plantings we hope to restore four separate stretches of bank using various log and boulders structures, bio-engineering and bank sculpting. Also planned is a riparian buffer improvement project to remove invasive species and establish native riparian plants along 900 feet of streambank in the area of the other bank work.

In conjunction with our previous projects, the ongoing macroinvertebrate study and the planned installation and monitoring of thermographs in the area, by mid-year 2006 we could have a completely "restored" lower Deep Brook and the ability to monitor ongoing conditions that lead to healthier water with more wild trout. We continue to be a part of the effort to remove old threats and impairments, such as the former FFH wastewater treatment facility and FFH storm drain system, which are also necessary for the continued health of this fishery.

Why we're doing all this:



Photo: Steve Zakur



SPEAKER'S FORUM

Jerry Rekart

It's a seven and a half hour drive and three hundred and ninety-three miles North of our meeting house. The Rangely Lakes area of Maine is the topic of our January meeting. Our January guest speakers are Whit and Maureen Carter from Lakewood Camps. For years their facility has maintained the reputation of a great fishing and grouse hunting facility as well as a friendly family friendly resort.

Lakewood Camps, because of its ideal location, has the unique distinction of allowing guests the opportunity to either fly fish on the famous Rapid River or troll the waters of the Richardson Lakes.

One of the few remaining wild rivers in existence, Rapid River falls nearly 1,100 feet in less than eight miles and offers some of the finest Landlocked Salmon and Brook Trout (fly fishing only) in the Northeast. So anglers have the option to don waders and fish the many pools along the length of the river or anchor in a rental row-boat and fish "Pond in the River".

The nineteen mile long Richardson Lakes are the only bodies of water in the Rangely Lakes Region to hold Lake Trout (called Togue in Maine). Togue along with Landlocked Salmon and Brook Trout offer the lake fishermen a variety of possible fishing techniques. Guests may either rent a boat and motor at Camp or bring their own.

The Richardson Lakes Area, where Lakewood Camps is located, has always been known for its excellent fishing on Rapid River, however it also is known as the region that Louise Dickerson Rich made famous in her book

We Took to the Woods and is the site where Carrie Stevens created the Grey Ghost and other original stream flies.

Lakewood Camps, established in 1853 as one of Maine's premier sporting camps, has been one of the main focal points of the Richardson Lakes, thus preserving its colorful history and traditions has always been a priority with the owners since 1976. That's why everywhere in camp you look you will find reminders of the past, from the pictures in the dining room and lobby to the unique furniture in the cabins. So as its owners did nearly 150 years ago, the present owners of Lakewood Camps do today..... provide their guests with the truly unique Maine sporting camp experience.

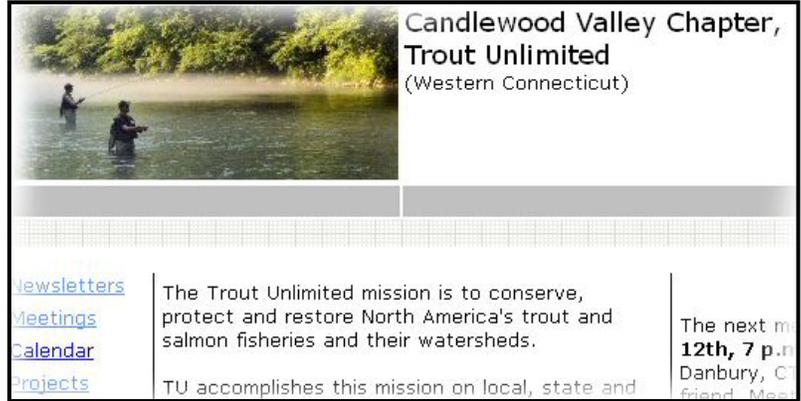
If you'd like to learn more, check out their web site at <http://www.lakewoodcamps.com>.





CVTU has a new presence on the web Steve Zakur

Three months ago, we created a new home on the web for the Candlewood Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited. This website includes all the content that we had on the old site but prepares us for an expanded role on the web. The site is fairly basic at this point but we're open to suggestions about where to go from here.



So what's different from the prior site? First, we have our own domain now – www.cvtu.org. Not only does this make it easy for someone to find us on the web but having our own hosted domain allows us lots of flexibility in putting up content. No advertisements. No limitations on how many pages we have. All the information we need to support our chapter.

There are two primary reasons to have a web site. The first is to communicate with our membership. To that end you'll find meeting information, reports of events and the monthly newsletter posted on the site. I'll be updating the site as often as possible to keep members abreast of what's happening and what's coming up

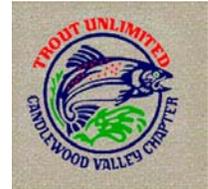
We will post newsletters on our website for access by all. We'll also continue to send our newsletter monthly to chapter members by email (and to members without an email address in the TU national data base for a few months to see if this increases member interest and participation). The newsletter contains the most in depth information on chapter activities, official announcements regarding chapter business and, of course, good articles like those we've seen in the past.

The other reason to have a web site is to publicize our good works. The site can serve as a place where we highlight events like the bank restoration efforts that we're undertaking on Deep Brook, the macroinvertebrate study and our participation in Casting for Recovery. The website serves as a reference resource for members and non-members alike.

The "Home Waters" section was recently added to the site. The purpose of this section is to give a brief overview of the waters that are the primary waters near the chapter's members. I've started this section with Deep Brook, the Housatonic River and the Farmington River as those are the water with which I'm most familiar. Please review those entries and feel free to add new ones. You can email me your additions at the email address below.

In order to make our site meet your needs I'd like to hear from you with your thoughts about what else you'd like to see online. Feel free to send me an [email](mailto:webmaster@cvtu.org). If there are pictures or reports that you'd like to include on the site you can send those to the same address: webmaster@cvtu.org.

[FLASH: Just constructed and added to the website by our ace webmaster is a FORUM section. Check it out ! (ed.)]



Trips Chair Wants Your Input

Gary Whipple, our new Trips Chair, wants your input to guide him on setting up fishing trips for the coming year. Please provide answers to the questions in his survey below and send to him at his email address:

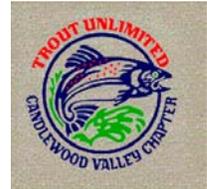
Gary.Whipple@cvtu.org (or call him at 203-746-5982 or send to him by snail mail to: Candlewood Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, P.O. Box 3795, Danbury, CT 06811)

- 1) Of the TU-sponsored fishing trips that have been scheduled over the past two or three years, which ones would you like to **not** have offered again this next season? ?why?
- 2) Of the TU-sponsored fishing trips that have been scheduled over the past two or three years, which ones would you like to have offered again this next season? ?why?
- 3) What new locations would you like to have a trip arranged to? why?
- 4) What would make a trip memorable to you? bold any that apply :
 - lots of large fish
 - lots of caught fish
 - wild fish
 - dumb fish
 - all of the above
 - good digs
 - good food
 - Camaraderie
 - group function at overnight site
 - your criteria.....
5. what should we do the same as we always have?
6. what should we do differently then we have historically?
7. would you prefer fishing with a guide or without a guide, or a mixture?
8. other. Please provide any input that you think is important that I should have asked you but didn't



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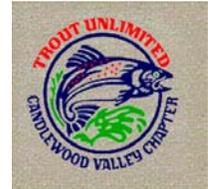
Web site: www.castingforrecovery.org

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CVTU Calendar - Jerry Rekart

2005/2006 EVENT CALENDER					
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCALE	INFORMATION
Jan. 6,7,8	F,S,S	see website	FFU - World of Fly Fishing V	O'Neill Ctr - WESTCON	www.flyfishingu.net
Jan. 10	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Whit Carter - Rapid River, ME
Feb. 14	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Peterson - Fishing NM,AZ,UT
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	Belden & Ballato
Apr. 11	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Ballato - Fishing N. Quebec
Apr. 8	TBA	TBA	Public Beginning Fly Fishing Clinic	Danb. F&G	Chuck Rich
May. 9	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Skills Clinic - Casting & tying
Tentative TRIPS - 2006					
May	Tentative		Catskill Trip - Roscoe, NY		
May	Tentative		Pennsylvania		
June	Tentative		Cape Cod Trip		
July	Tentative		Ausable		
July	Tentative		Rapid River		
Fishing trips are tentative, subject only to the enthusiasm of the members. So get enthused and sign up with Gary Whipple!					
					Jerry Rekart 12.28.05

Newsletter Distribution

The Board has decided to run an experiment to see if receipt of the newsletter encourages members to join in our activities. We will mail hard copy to all current members of the Chapter for a few months and see if we get more active interest in our meetings and project activities — It's more fun when more members gather !

Web Links to Visit, a selection:

<http://www.flyfishinginmaine.com/>

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

<http://www.cvtu.org>

All around fishing information, tutorials, covers many areas with links to conditions, etc.:

<http://www.flyfishingconnection.com/>

Fly fishing in Maine information:

Patterns, tactics, rod-building, lots more:

<http://www.flyfisherman.com/>



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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 any-

Advertisers Section

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

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

English Angling Trappings at Angler's Den

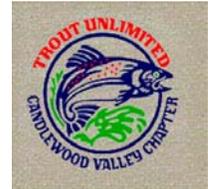
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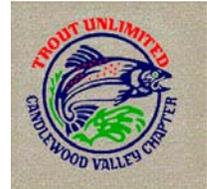
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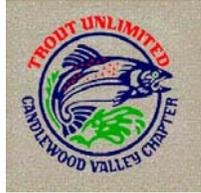
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