

# Trout Lines



## President's Corner James Belden

Happy New Year and I hope to see many of you at our first meeting of the year. As usual we will have news of chapter events, trips and activities in addition to Jerry Gourd with a detailed presentation on fishing the Housatonic River.

We are going into full swing mode for planning the Annual Banquet being held March 14th. We are currently setting up a section on the chapter website Forum section ([www.cvtu.org](http://www.cvtu.org)) where we will have information regarding donation ideas and auctions for the banquet. Please visit for input and to update us on any donations or ideas you may have. (Reminder – please email Joe Hovious on any donations you may get).

In the absence of a volunteer for meeting setup duties we will be discontinuing the coffee at meetings. This requires some time prior to meetings to brew the coffee and someone to regularly maintain and manage the inventory of supplies. Anyone interested in volunteering would be appreciated.

We are also moving along on planning our Youth/Family day along the Pootatuck River in April. Anyone interested in volunteering to help should contact Steve Zakur. There is also a section on the website for this event. Another opportunity for someone wishing to be involved in conservation and fishery restoration issues can volunteer to help manage an effort to focus on Pond Brook along the Newtown and Brookfield town lines. Possible new public access, DEP interest and cooperative landowners may enable us to pursue restoration and fishery enhancement there. I am looking forward to a fantastic and successful 2008 for our organization and Connecticut's waters.

## January 9, 2008 Meeting Adam Taylor

Jerry Gourd will conduct a presentation about fly fishing the upper TMA on the Housatonic River. Topics covered will include:

- + Where to fish in low, medium, and high water flows.
- + Major Spring hatches and how to fish them.
- + Small mouth bass fishing
- + Prime places to find high densities of trout.
- + Prime places to find MONSTER trout.

Jerry has been fly fishing for more than 40 years, has fished the Housatonic for more than 20 years, has been a Guide on the Housatonic and Farmington rivers for more than 5 years, and holds a BS in freshwater ecosystems. He serves on the board of the NW CT chapter of TU, the TU State council, and the Northwest Sportsman's Council.



## TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM - Jan '08

### Jerry Rekart & Gary Whipple

We made it through 2007 and are now ready for the challenges of 2008. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I know I did. I spent two weeks in December visiting a son in St. Louis and a daughter in San Francisco.

It appears that all of the eggs have hatched and the alevin are transitioning to parr. Feeding will start with the beginning of school and hopefully I'll have a better report for next month. Feeding is the next big hurdle. The food must be determined by the number of fish in the tank, then measured out and distributed over the course of the day. Since food means waste, keeping the tank clean and the water fresh now become the main problem.

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](http://www.newtown.ct.us/teachers/tlesson.php?view=t&lid=328). I know that is a cumbersome website, but it is worth the effort. The website records the trout year with narratives, comments and a bunch of pictures.

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.



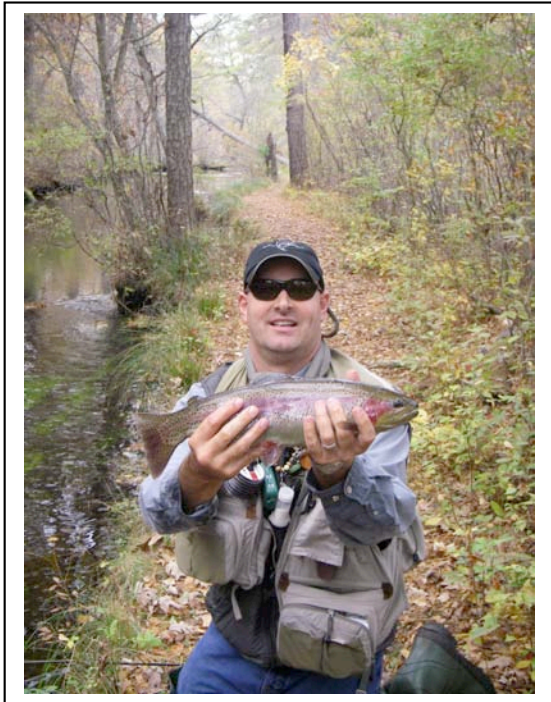
Kids enjoy starting the process



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 ?)**



**Couple Browns from the Croton – Dec. 30  
(Midge dries size 28 on top) *editor***





## CANDLEWOOD VALLEY TU FLY TYING CLASS



*This coming winter we will present our first entry level fly tying program. It will consist of six classes to be held in January and February. All classes will be held at Pete Peterson's home in Newtown. Presently, Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 2008 at 7:30 is being considered for the starting date.*

For the first class, the only thing you will need is writing material to take notes. It will be a detailed discussion of tools, equipment, and materials with a demonstration and participant exercise on thread handling and knots for which the needed equipment will be provided. For the remaining classes participants are expected to provide their own tools, equipment and materials. The Chapter will provide the hooks. In each successive class we will learn progressively more challenging flies and eventually cover bucktails, wet flies, nymphs, and dry flies (duns and spinners). In addition, we will discuss selected aquatic entomology as it pertains to fly tying and fishing.

These classes will be a fun and fruitful learning experience which will add a tremendous dimension to your fly-fishing enjoyment and success.

The fee for the course is \$100.00 payable to the Candlewood Valley Chapter - Trout Unlimited. This fee will be used to buy materials for the course, with any left over funds being donated to the chapter.

To register, or if you have any questions, please see Pete at a chapter meeting, call him at (203) 426-3004 or e-mail him at [cpeterson3004@charter.net](mailto:cpeterson3004@charter.net). Class size is limited, so sign up ASAP to guarantee a seat.

### ***And for a Follow up Session ?***

The Connecticut Rhode Island Coastal Fly Fishers (CTRI) <http://www.connri-saltfly.com/> extends a warm and open invitation to the members of the Candlewood Chapter of Trout Unlimited to attend and participate in our Fly Tying Consortium to be held on Sunday March 2, 2008.

The intent of the CTRI hosted consortium is to bring fly tiers of all levels and interests together to share patterns, techniques and stories about this special aspect of the sport we love. Whether your interest is trout, bass, saltwater or carp, all fly tiers are welcome. Non fly tiers and beginners are encouraged to attend. It's a great opportunity to learn to tie a fly with an experienced tier. CTRI members will provide hands on basic instruction.

There is no charge or fee. Fly tiers need only to bring their vises, materials and equipment.

The consortium will run from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the South Kensington Firehouse hall located in the South Kensington section of Berlin, CT.

For directions and additional information, please contact Bob Salerno at [Captbob317@comcast.net](mailto:Captbob317@comcast.net) or 860-916-1026.

(P.S. If any of our members are interested in car pooling to this session, send me an email and I'll see if others are interested in sharing ride(s):

***Tony.Mortimer@cvtu.org***



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# **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**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE AT CHAPTER MEETINGS  
OR THE VALLEY ANGLER**

**OR**

**CALL James Belden at (203) 426-6039**

**(Email – [jbeldenflyfish@yahoo.com](mailto: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	
<b>Thurs THANKSGIVING DAY</b>					
Dec. 11	Tues	1830	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	
<b>Dec. 25 Tues MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>					
<b>Jan. 1 Tues HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>					
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. 16	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	
<b>Mar. 14 Fri 1830 Annual Banquet Stony Hill Inn, Bethel, CT Belden - 426.6039</b>					
Apr.8	Tues	1830	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	
May. 13	Tues	1830	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	
May 14-18	W-S		Penns Creek	PA	Whipple - 746.5982

### Some Web sites to check out

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[www.midcurrent.com/](http://www.midcurrent.com/) (a great on-line fly fishing magazine)

[www.flyaddict.com/](http://www.flyaddict.com/) a local based site that provides great references and tools and a very active forum

[www.wildtroutstreams.com/CT.htm](http://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](http://cvtu.org)**

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