

Trout Lines



President's Corner James Belden

Our annual extravaganza we call the CVTU Banquet is upon us once again. It is a night for us to catch up with each other and enjoy ourselves, as well as an opportunity to give to our conservation and education efforts while obtaining some nice prizes to take home. As usual we will have fishing related items and a variety of non-fishing items such as wine baskets, spa services and artwork to name a few.

Time is running out so either contact Chuck Rich, James Belden or come to the meeting and pick up your tickets. They are also available at the Valley Angler in Danbury. We will highlight our expanding Trout in the Classroom program at the banquet this year, but as usual we have many programs we need to fund including several ongoing stream restoration and study efforts, a youth/family event this Spring and chapter trips to several destinations in addition to the great list of presentations being arranged for at our regular meetings. I hope to see many of you there on March 14th.

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.

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Clean and Sort your stuff – Soon it's time !!!
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TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM Jerry Rekart & Gary Whipple

Mar '08

Seldom are our TIC trout in more jeopardy than at Christmas and Spring break times! It seems the most bizarre things happen when no one is in the building.

We had one school where each room temperature is controlled by its own thermostat, which malfunctioned over spring break, sent the room to 95 degrees and sent the fish to fish heaven. Another school decided to save electricity over the school break. They remembered to leave the kitchen powered but pulled the plug on the classroom with the fish; they also pulled the plug on the fish.

The kiss of death is the little phrase, "Gee, I wonder if any one has fed the fish today?" The fish are fed on a formula that counts the fish, figures a gram weight of food for the day and then the food is distributed over three feedings a day. Overfeeding is one of the biggest causes of fish loss. As that handful of food went from the hand of the maintenance man to the bottom of the tank, the fish went belly-up. There is also the sanding and refinishing of floors or moving the tank for some reason and forgetting to plug it back in. We are in the middle of spring breaks now and I can't help wondering what ingenious ways we'll discover this year to put our fish in jeopardy.

Thanks again to all of the teachers whose time, effort and enthusiasm make the program work, and to the mentors who so ably assist me in administering the program.

Don't forget to buy your tickets for the annual fundraiser banquet on March 14, and if you can, make a donation for one of the auctions.



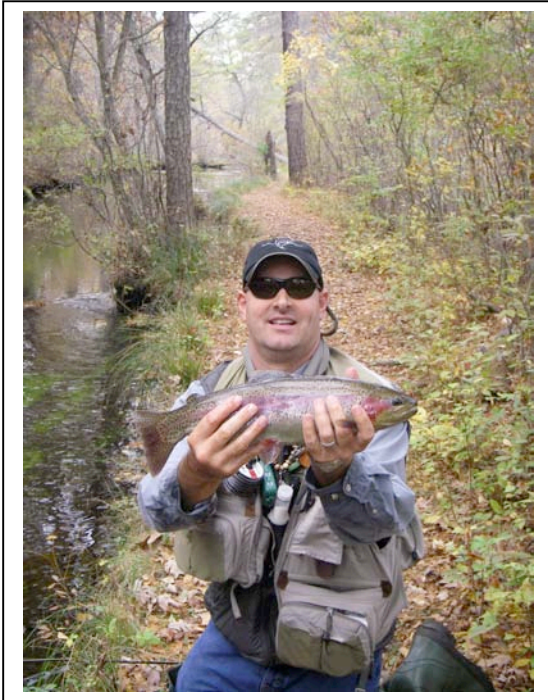
Kids enjoy starting the process



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, contact Joe Hovious at 203-270-1960 or jchovious@snet.net. A passport and early commitment will be required.



Tripping the Light Fantastic Gary Whipple

Our 2008 Trips Calendar is filling up. Look at Official CVTU Trips in the forum under www.cvtu.org if you forget some of the details and can't find your newsletter.

First up: After speaking to us at the May 13 meeting, George Daniel, a member of the US National Fly Fishing Team, is conducting a lecture and in-the-field nymph fishing seminar on May 14. Registration costs \$75.00. There are still 3 seats available as of publication. George also has two, hour-long private casting lessons available at \$50 each the afternoon of the 14th.

Our first scheduled trip is actually three trips to central Pennsylvania. Rocco Rosamilia's staff are guiding a group of three the week of May 5 (room for up to 6 more), and a group of 3 the week of May 12 (room for 6 more). We also have a group (room for up to 4 more) going to fish Penns Creek and stay in a cabin on the river's banks May 28-29-30. Contact Gary Whipple for details or to sign up.

Our other confirmed trip is a trip to the West Branch Angler the nights of September 10-11-12. Presently 6 members are signed up, but we can take as many as 14. We have the ability to all stay together in one large building if we get additional registrants soon. Otherwise, if registrants trickle in, they will be staying in groups of 3 by themselves. We'll probably fish the Esopus and/or Willowemoc during our travels to and from the west branch.

We have two prospecting trips scheduled to see if we have found places that we want to sponsor a CVTU trip in the future. Four of us are floating the Deerfield River in Massachusetts this spring to check it out. Two of us are hitting western NY in the fall to see if the lake Erie or Lake Ontario steelhead fishing warrants a trip also. We are also working on a one-day saltwater charter in June.

If there is someplace you'd like to visit, please let Gary Whipple know by forum private message, CVTU email, or even a telephone call.

Conservation Report Joe Hovious

We are in the process of planning Chapter Conservation projects for 2008. Plans for 2008 will be modified to reflect the Town of Newtown purchasing new access to Pond Brook, potential new access on the Halfway River, and continuation of previous work.

This year we are planning a fall macroinvertebrate sampling on a number of streams in the Chapter geographical area, primarily continuing stations from past years or new points in streams of interest. We will likely sample Deep Brook (5-6 sites), the Pootatuck (3 sites), Pond Brook (2 sites), and at least one other stream suggested by DEP Fisheries personnel. This will require a significant number of volunteers to complete. We can either do a major sampling date or gather and train small groups to sample during a particular period. This has been a fun and informative event for Chapter members and other volunteers in the past.

Temperature monitoring is planned for Deep Brook, the Pootatuck, Pond Brook, and one other stream. We could use volunteers to install the thermographs and to analyze the data from 2007. Expertise in EXCEL spreadsheets would be particularly helpful. Under the Embrace-a Stream grant a stormwater wampling event will need to be conducted near the junction of Queen Street and Wasserman Way in Newtown. A Newtown resident willing to participate in this on short notice would be particularly helpful. Some additional volunteer help will be needed in the completion of the work in Dickenson Park. Much of the work here is to be done by heavy equipment although some volunteer work will be required. James Belden will announce work needs in the near future.



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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:
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