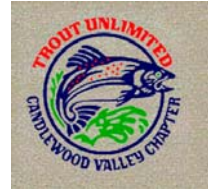




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Deep Brook/Pootatuck Project Updates

James Belden

With spring weather has come a great amount of activity. Opening Day unfortunately saw many poachers entering the WTMA, but the good news is that DEP Enforcement officers did visit and make their presence known. Our bog bridge construction project was a great success and we are getting many compliments on the job well done. Additionally we have kicked off our Embrace-A-Stream grant projects by completing the informational kiosk. You can see it by parking at the end of Commerce Road in the middle of the Pootatuck WTMA. Below is a link to a Newtown Bee article covering the projects. Also there is an article about our concerns regarding a Town-planned commercial development along Deep Brook and the inception of a watershed organization of which TU will be a part. (ed: see pictures, next page).

We also just took part in a remediation project along Deep Brook where the oil release recovery work has been taking place. In conjunction with Fleet Environmental, CVTU purchased trees and planted them along the banks where there was little or no tree cover. This work will count towards an overall stream improvement effort the Town will take part in in response to the oil release and satisfaction of the US EPA's penalties to the Town.

Macroinvertebrate studies, being conducted by Newtown HS through the DEP SEARCH program and aided by CVTU, may be showing significant impacts to the area below the two recent oil releases on Deep Brook. We will be devising a plan to continue in depth research on this subject.

The bank restoration project on Deep Brook is scheduled for the week of June 13th, rain date June 20th This is the second phase of the Embrace-A-Stream grant work and will be a substantial project and require many helping hands. Please reach out if you are interested in helping — we need hands !

Also of note is that our chapter was included in the TU Annual Report regarding the work we are doing along with a picture of our tree planting project from last September. This represents a significant acknowledgement by TU national that our chapter is making great strides in fulfilling our mission. So congratulations everyone and keep up the hard work!

Here are some recent articles relating to our work:

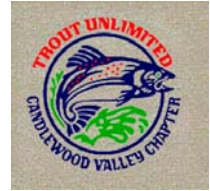
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May 10 Meeting—Our last one until September

We will meet on Tuesday night, May 10 at the Miry Brook Firehouse in Danbury (south of the airport). We won't have a speaker, but instead will be planning to have a casting clinic outside and a couple of us will be tying flies inside — starting around 6:30, with the business meeting starting sometime after 7:00 PM. Come on over and meet and greet friends and maybe refresh some skills.



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April 12 Meeting

We reviewed the final results from our March Annual Fund Raiser Banquet. Many donors and contributors and the large number of attendees who bid on items helped us raise over \$5,600 for project work. Congratulations and thanks to all. We will post a full list of donors in the September newsletter and we hope you will all remember them when shopping in the area.

More good news was announced — Our Embrace-A-Stream award from Trout Unlimited National was approved and the 50% matching grant of approximately \$7,600 will add to our project funding.

Recent completed projects were reviewed (the Bog Bridge on the Pootatuck, the kiosk at the end of Commerce Road in Newtown and more trees planted) and plans for June project work was discussed.

John Hillenbrand and Rob O'Neill from Anglers Den in Pawling presented an outstanding discussion of how and where to fish the Housatonic. We all learned much and will be using the info shortly !

We have had many great speakers and discussions at our meetings this year — We wish more of you would attend and help us enjoy !

TU Report out on New England Brook Trout

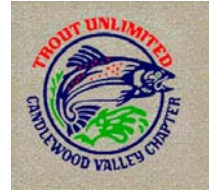
Read the Trout Unlimited report on New England Brook Trout. It's really interesting and informative. Access a copy by going to www.TU.org and clicking on the report title in the last column to the right (*Report: The New England Brook Trout*). It will open in Adobe Acrobat in your browser.

New Kiosk at TMA in Newtown:



Completed Bog Bridge on the Pootatuck:





Wanted—Member Input

Tony Mortimer

Notice that there is some “open space” in this issue? Wouldn't you like to pass on some of your experiences on or off the water to your fellow members ? Or how about telling us what equipment you would like to sell or trade ?? We can make this newsletter more interesting to more members if we share. Send me any comments, suggestions, content — or just “letters to the editor” type stuff and I'll be glad to fit it in. Makes it more fun for all of us !

Thanks.

Interested in Salmon Fishing ?

Carl Knobloch sent the following:

<http://www.gogaspe.com/salmon>

This is a very pleasant camp on the York River in Quebec. They have one of the more remarkable home pools for private fishing for Atlantic Salmon that I have ever .

For those interested in fishing other water in the area, Bruce and his staff are very helpful in getting you through the ZEC draws, and escorting you to some of the most unique riverbed I have seen.

The only reason I am skipping this trip this year is that I am doing some Alaskan wilderness fishing in the same time period.

Casting For Recovery Scheduled

Len Carrescia

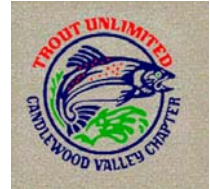
It's a pleasure to let you know that Casting For Recovery's 2005 retreat for Connecticut breast cancer survivors has been scheduled for the last weekend in July (the 29th, 30th and 31st). This will be our third Connecticut / Rhode Island retreat in as many years. Each retreat weekend, including lodging, meals, and professional instruction, is provided at no cost to a maximum of 14 participants - - but costs Casting For Recovery over \$10,000.

We need to develop a base of in-state financial support to make the Connecticut Retreat a permanent part of CFR's calendar. If you have any connection to a foundation or corporation that will consider taking a lead role in that support by donating a significant portion of the \$10,000, please find out how they would like us to present our case to them. Call me any time at (203) 431-4436 or e-mail lencarrescia@snet.net if there's something you'd like me to do to assist you.

The Orvis Company will match your donations to Casting For Recovery dollar for dollar! If you would, add a note on or with your check to have CFR apply your donation to the CT / RI Retreat. Contributions (tax-deductible) can be made payable to:

Casting For Recovery
c/o The Orvis Company
P.O. Box 798 - Dept AP
Manchester, VT 05254-0798

Thanks for your support of this wonderful organization.



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CVTU Calendar - Jerry Rekart

2005					
May.10	Tues.	7:00PM	Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	
May 13, 14 & 15			Beaverkill & Willowemoc Trip*	Roscoe Motel	Gene Rinaldi
June 6, 7 & 8			Cape cod Trip*	Green Harbor Inn	Gene Rinaldi
July	TBA	TBA	Maine Trip*	Lakewood Camps	Gene Rinaldi
Aug. 6 - 13			Alaska*	TBA	John Comisky
Aug. 19 - 27			Montana*	Sportsmans Retreat Lodge	Tony Mortimer
Sep	TBA	TBA	Ausable River*	Hungry Trout	John Comisky
Oct	TBA	TBA	Rhode Island*	Westerly Area	Gene Rinaldi
Nov. 13			Connectquot River*	N/A	Tony Ballato

Web Links to Visit, a selection:

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

http://www.geocities.com/a_ymous/CVTUnews.html

Fly fishing in Maine information:

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

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

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

Patterns, tactics, rod-building, lots more:

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

Thames Valley TU chapter web site:

<http://www.thamesvalleytu.org/>



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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:

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 \$300.00 for all. I really don't want to split them up. Please call me with any questions - (203) 746-2798

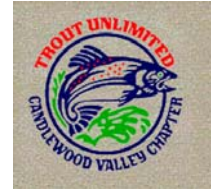
Advertisers Section

We will list an advertiser for \$50 a year (which will provide at least 8 monthly listings). We will need text listings (pictures or business cards take up too much data space for many of our email members to download and

	<p>The Dry Fly Gallery is a custom picture framing studio located in Ridgefield Connecticut specializing in shadow box framing of Art, Photos and Flies for the Fly Fishing enthusiast. To schedule an appointment please call Taylor Hay at (203) 431-1878. www.dryflygallery.com</p>
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<p>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)</p>
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<p>English Angling Trappings at Angler's Den 11 East Main St. Pawling, NY 12564 Located in the Historic Village of Pawling</p> <p>845-855-5812 WWW.Anglers-Den.com Info@Anglers-Den.com</p>	
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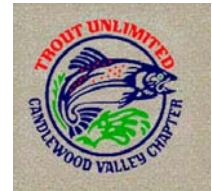
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Visit our web site for copies of recent newsletters, trout fishing links and more: http://www.geocities.com/a_ymous/CVTUnews.html



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