

President's Corner

Tony Ballato

I'm happy to report that we have received the 2006 Embrace-A-Stream grant check this past week; for the full amount we requested, which was \$8805. We are now starting on the 2006 work, since the tree planting work of this past week has effectively completed the work we committed in our 2005 grant request. We will be sending in our final report to TU headquarters this month, as required under the ground rules. We have already had a number of large disbursements, namely \$5500 for the trees and scrubs, as well as material for stakes, wire cages etc.

This is a good time to thank everyone who came out to help with the tree planting; there were a lot of trees to plant and cage, and happily we had some help from the middle school kids from Newtown. However, they can't take the place of our member volunteers; we really needed a few more extra grown up hands to move the work along. Please consider spending a half day or so assisting in this Spring and Summer events for the 2006 work on Deep Brook. More info. on the scheduling of these days will be forthcoming in the newsletter and at next Tuesday's chapter meeting

On Saturday, May 20th, the EMS Danbury employees will be running the Danbury/Brookfield Still River clean-up. For those of you not attending the Penn. flyfishing outing that weekend, you may want to give a helping hand. It only takes a half-day and you get to see a part of that system most people are totally unaware of. Anyone interested should call 203-482-1295 or stop in the EMS store in the Danbury mall for details.

At Tuesday's meeting we will chat about our local rivers and what's going on. Many of our members have been fanning out to our local streams and some not so local and should have the latest scoop on what's going on. We'll be doing some fly casting and fly tying as well as reviewing again our trip schedule. Please join us on Tuesday night!!!

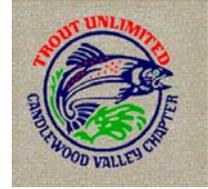
Macroinvertebrate Sampling

Volunteers needed !

We need 18 workers for about one half day on Saturday morning, May 13th to do our second macroinvertebrate sampling on Deep Brook and the Pootatuck River in Newtown. We will start the day at 8:30 with a training session run by Mike Beauchene from CT DEP followed by an in stream sampling of insects at 6 stations in teams of three. You will need to come prepared to be outside and wade in shallow water. It is a really interesting experience in learning the insects we are trying to imitate while fishing as well as contributing to an assessment of stream health. Meeting point is at the Newtown wastewater treatment plant at the end of Commerce Road off I-84 exit 10 in Newtown. Coffee/donuts will be provided. Please call Joe Hovious 203-270-1960 to volunteer for this event.

Why we're doing all this:





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Project Update

James Belden

Thank you to those who helped in our very successful tree planting project last week. There is more work to do so please volunteer if you can. We planted 405 trees and shrubs that will improve water quality, temperature, natural beauty and fishing for years to come.

We will have another volunteer activity June 19-21 when we will be conducting the 2006 Embrace-A-Stream grant projects on Deep Brook. A series of bank improvements will complete our habitat improvements on lower Deep Brook in the WTMA. Please check our website for updates and information or contact an officer.

In addition to our physical improvements, we are also installing thermographs to study thermal conditions within the Pootatuck and Deep Brook to compliment our macroinvertebrate study and efforts to clean up contamination from storm water sources and non-point pollution sources in the watershed. The next macroinvertebrate class and sampling will be held on May 13th at 9:00 at the Newtown Water Treatment Facility at 24 Commerce Rd, Newtown.

Also this week we are kicking off the new Pootatuck Watershed Association, a non-profit membership organization. CVTU is a permanent Board member of this group and will be involved in all aspects of watershed management for the Pootatuck and its tributaries.

May 9 Meeting

We'll be meeting at the Miry Brook Firehouse (south of the airport in Danbury) at 7:00 PM. See Jerry's Speaker Forum below for program. This will be our last meeting this spring until we start up again in September. Come, hear about our Banquet successes and project plans for the spring and summer and plan some fishing trips! Hope to see you there.

Speakers Forum

May '06

Jerry Rekart

May's meeting will be an informal get-together to work out the kinks in our casts, get answers to those fly tying questions you might have, talk about fishing and the upcoming summer plans, eat some pizza, washed down with a cold drink, and have as unobtrusive a business meeting as possible.

We'll start in the parking lot about six with a casting clinic. So if you want to learn how to double haul that line out 80' with pinpoint accuracy, come work with one of our "expert" casting members. (to save us both embarrassments, please don't ask me to help you)

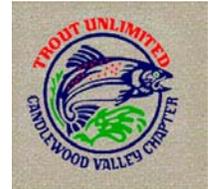
Between 7:00 & 7:30, we'll move inside where several of our members will have fly-tying stations set up for a fly tying clinic. So if you want to learn how to get your favorite emerger to sit slightly tail down in the water instead of horizontal on the water come work with one of our "expert" fly tying members. (to save us both embarrassments, please don't ask me to help you) If you would like to bring your equipment and show us how to tie your favorite fly, please do!

We will also have a short business meeting covering the summer activities; the Deep Brook Embrace-a-Stream Project, the East Aspetuck (Pratt Center) stream restoration project, macroinvertebrate sampling, the bog bridge kiosk, trout in the classroom. We may not meet in the summer, but the work goes on!

And finally, we will be serving pizza and cold soft drinks during the fly tying clinic and probably during the meeting, so bring your appetite, bring the rods and reels you want to work with, or you can use ours, and enjoy the last meeting before summer break. (you have now arrived at my area of expertise. I can answer any question you have about eating pizza).



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Arbor Day Tree Planting on Deep Brook a Big Success Thanks to multiple group cooperation

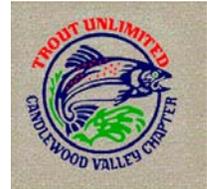
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The photos below are from the tree planting done by a multi-group effort of nearly 100 students in two waves to work together with members of the Lions, Trout Unlimited, Town and Country Garden Club, and AI's Trail volunteers. They helped us plant the trees along the banks of Deep Brook to finish up our first Embrace-A-Stream project. Getting this coalition together was key to our being able to get this done on time. Our members will finish the protective tree caging and watering this coming Saturday morning (May 6) and we'll move on to the next phase of our Deep Brook/Pootatuck projects.





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Talk about fishing and share your pictures on CVTU's website

We've recently added two new functions to our website -- a discussion forum and a photo gallery. These new tools provide an online meeting place for TU members and those interested in our chapter's activities. Web site is: www.cvtu.org

A place to talk

The discussion forum is a place where we can have discussions about fish, fishing, gear, conservation and practically any other topic (within reason) that our members find interesting. The great thing about a discussion forum is that many people can participate in the discussion without all having to be online at the same time. Each discussion thread is saved and visible to others. You can come and reply to a topic already posted or post your own topic to start a new thread.

Two helpful functions available on the forum is the "Watch this Forum" and the "Watch this Topic" functions. These functions send you emails when there is activity on the forum or topic that you're watching. Each Forum (e.g. Find a Fishing Partner, Fisher Reports, etc) can be watched for new topics. And each Topic can be watched for replies. There is a link below each forum and topic that allow you to toggle the "watch" function on and off. This is a very handy function if you aren't visiting the forums regularly.

A place to share photos

The photo gallery is just that -- a place where members can share photos of their fishing activities. You can either post in the topic related galleries (e.g. Deep Brook & Pootatuck, Saltwater, etc) or you can post in your own photo album in the gallery. Photos are limited to 512KB in size so you'll have to resize any that are larger. You'll find a link in the FAQ to a free utility that resizes photos.

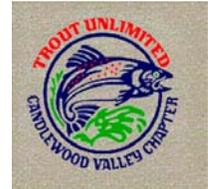
Registration Required -- it's fast and easy

In order to post your comments and pictures both the forum and the gallery require registration. The process is fast and easy. On the Discussion Forum, select "Register" from the top menu bar and fill-out the form. On the Photo Gallery, select the "Register" link at the top of the page and fill out the form. The Photo Gallery requires one more step in order to register. You must click on the link in an email that the gallery will send to the email address you included in your registration. Once you click on that link your account will be active.

Privacy Assured

While registration does require an email address, to ensure your privacy, the forums and gallery are set to hide your email address. The email address is only used by the system to either validate your registration or send you messages when you're watching a forum or topic. So, your personal information is not visible to users or spammers.

Take a moment to visit both the [forum](#) and the [gallery](#) and start contributing to the Candlewood Valley online community. You can find links to both the forum and gallery on the [CVTU homepage](#) at www.cvtu.org.



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CVTU Fishing Trips for 2006 (and CVTU clothing for the fashion conscious)

Gary Whipple

Here is an update on our plans for CVTU-sponsored trips for 2006. More information is available in the Forums at www.CVTU.org, but this will summarize where things are as of February 28.

The CVTU-sponsored trip to the Catskills in May has been cancelled, but there is a joint trip with the Nutmeg Chapter the weekend of May 20. For information about the joint trip, please contact Bill Blaufuss (Bill's email address is prosit67@hotmail.com his telephone number is 203 856 2004)

CVTU is hosting trips to Rocco Rosamilia's Fish Camp in central PA the nights of May 18-20 and to Cape Cod the nights of June 9 and 10. Contact Gary Whipple (Gary.Whipple@cvtu.org) to sign up. Presently a group of 7 anglers is going to Rocco's, and a group of 5 is going to Cape Cod. Former CVTU member Steve Grover is going to be joining us in Cape Cod.

Planning has started for a September trip to fish the Ausable and Boquet rivers in upstate New York. The weekend is likely to be that of the 16th, so save the weekend on your calendar, and let us know of your interest. **(See page 7 for updated information and reservations detail).**

The Chapter has arranged to provide a number of CVTU logo-embroidered clothing articles for sale. Fleece (the turtle fur kind), windshirts, polo shirts, and long-sleeved denim shirts can be ordered at the meetings or by contacting Gary Whipple. The clothing will be embroidered with the CVTU logo, and custom embroidered with the person's name for the price shown below. Payment will be due at delivery.

Fleece	\$35.00
Short sleeved golf shirts	\$30.00
Windshirt	\$50.00
Long sleeved denim shirt	\$32.00

CVTU-logo baseball caps will be available for sale at future meetings.

Valley Angler store has reopened !

Congratulations to John Kumisky, as he has his fishing store back up and running at the same location. Stop in and see the progress and say hello to John.

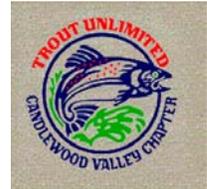
Compleat Angler Store has Moved

A fishing store in Darien that is known and frequented by some of our members has moved.

The Compleat Angler is now located at 172 Heights Road in Darien (exit 10 off 95). Their phone number and email address remain the same: 203-655-9400 and scottbennett@worldnet.att.net.



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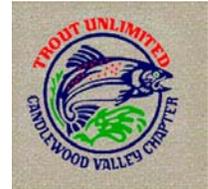
Web site: www.castingforrecovery.org

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CVTU Calendar - Jerry Rekart

2005/2006 EVENT CALENDER					
DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCALE	INFORMATION
Dec. 13	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Dick Harris - River Watch
Jan. 6,7,8	F,S,S	see website	FFU - World of Fly Fishing V	O'Neill Ctr - WESTCON	www.flyfishingu.net
Jan.7	Sat	9:00 AM	Ct TU Meeting		Belden & Hovious
Jan. 10	Tues.	4:30 PM	Mtg. w/ Rep. Julie Wasserman	Wasserman Residence	Belden & Hovious
Jan. 10	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Whit Carter - Rapid River, ME
Jan. 11	Wed	2:00 PM	Mtg w/ Russell Bartley	Edmond Town Hall	Belden & Hovious
Jan.17	Tues.	2:00 PN	PWA Steering Cmty.	Edmond Town Hall	Belden & Hovious
Jan. 18	Wed	9:00 AM	HVEOC & NewtownArea Traffic Cmty	Edmond Town Hall	Belden & Hovious
Jan. 25	Wed	10:00 AM	CVTU Board Meeting	Steven's Diner	
Jan. 25	Wed		CT State BOD Meeting		
Feb. 11	Sat.	9AM-3PM	All CT TU Day	Yale University	Rekart
Feb. 14	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Ballato - Fishing the Arctic
Feb. 16-19	T-S	Var.	Northeast Fishing & Hunting Expo.	CT Expo Ctr. Hartford	Rekart
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	Peterson - Fishing NM,AZ,CC
Apr. 11	Tues.	7:00 PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Ballato - Fishing N. Quebec
Apr. 8	CNX	CNX	Public Casting Clinic	Danb. F&G	Chuck Rich
Apr. 24,25	M&T	9AM-4PM	Tree planting	Deep Brook	Belden & Hovious
Apr. 29	Sat	9AM-4PM	"	"	"
May. 6	CNX	CNX	Pratt Center Fly Fishing Clinic	Pratt Center	Peterson
May. 9	Tues.	6PM	CVTU Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House	Skills Clinic - Casting & tying
May. 13	Sat	9AM-4PM	Invertbrate sampling	Deep Brook	Belden & Hovious
May. 13	Sat.	8AM-5PM	Candlewood Lake Cleanup Day	Candlewood Lake Auth.	860-354-6928
May. 20	Sat.	8AM-5PM	Still River Cleanup Day	Still River	E0077ST@EMS.Com
Jun 19/26	M-T		Deep Brook Tree Planting	Deep Brook	Belden & Hovious
Aug. 21	M		Auspetuck Restoration	Pratt Center	Peterson
Sept. 18	M		Auspetuck Restoration	Pratt Center	Peterson

TRIPS				Cut-off date / Deposit
May. 13	F,S&S		Catskill Trip - Roscoe, NY	
May. 20	F,S&S		Pennsylvania trip	Feb. 28 / \$25.00
Jun. 3	F,S&S		Westfield Gorge. MA	with Nutmeg Chapter
Jun. 9	F,S&S		Cape Cod Trip	Green Harbor Motel Feb.28 / \$10.00
Jun. 24	F,S&S		Ausable	tentative
July	Tentative		Rapid River	tentative
Sept	Tentative		Battenkill	tentative
Nov. 2	Thurs		Connequot State Park, LI,NY	

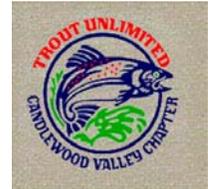
All fishing trips are tentative and subject only to the enthusiasm of the members. So get enthused and sign up!
 Check TRIPS at www.cvtu.org/forum or contact Gary Whipple at 203-746-5982 or gary.whipple@cvtu.org

Jerry Rekart 05.04.06



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Memo from Gary Whipple regarding plans for the Ausable fishing trip.

Contact Gary thru the website (cvtu.org - trips forum -- he's "garthman")

I have reserved a block of 5 rooms at the Hungry Trout for the nights of September 22 and 23 under the name "Whipple". Just a note, but the weekend of September 16 was already sold out, so there is a good chance rooms will not be available if you call on your own after the block expires on April 31.

We will fish the West Branch of the Ausable, the Boquet, and other waters of interest. Members will need to call and reserve their own room against the block after April 1 but before the end of April .

Rate is \$207 per person, based on shared occupancy, 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts, 2 nights lodging.

Private access to East Branch of Ausable is available through Hungry Trout. 8 person limit/day. \$50 additional. reservations well in advance.

I will arrange for guide service if there is a desire for same. So far, no one has requested same.

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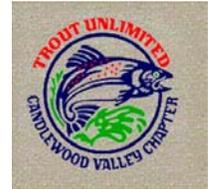
The leader in providing recreational activities in the Adirondacks, The Hungry Trout is headquarters for fly fishermen and women in the Spring and Fall, skiers in the winter, and in the summer, mountain bikers, swimmers, canoers, boaters, runners, lovers, kayakers, birders, walkers, honeymooners, leaf peepers, and generally, grownups wanting to be kids again.

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hungrytrout@whiteface.net

Hot Topics on our Website:

Some of you may not have visited our website (see the write up on page 3 of this newsletter). You really should visit the site. Our webmaster and fellow member, Steve Zakur, is now listing "Hot Topics" of current and upcoming events on the first page — an easy way to get up to date and find out what's going on and how you could help. Also, the forums are now actively used by members to communicate fishing and other news between members. Visit it and let us know how we can make it better.



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CVTU List of Accomplishments—2005

James Belden

Recently, we were asked for a list of accomplishments for our Chapter activities during last year. Here is the list James Belden put together. You will see that this is a pretty long list of stuff — and we have only a small fraction of our membership active in these projects. Think what we could achieve if we had more of you participating with us! Take a look at our scheduled activities, consider what you might find fulfilling and come on out with us !!

Conservation:

Deep Brook/Pootatuck Wild Trout Management Area Stream bank restoration and trout habitat enhancement projects. These included Deep Brook and Pootatuck bank restoration projects, riparian buffer improvements, water quality analysis/studies such as water sampling and macroinvertebrate studies and public outreach.

-Board position in the new Pootatuck Watershed Protection Association.

-Presence at various public hearings pertaining to environmental and development issues. Meetings with State representatives and local officials.

Outreach:

-Participation at the Flyfishing University show in Danbury.

-The creation of an interactive website at www.cvtu.org.

-Regular media outlet coverage of our meetings and events in addition to news articles on restoration projects and environmental news.

-Construction and maintenance of an informational kiosk at the Deep Brook/Pootatuck WTMA.

-Advertising of the Annual Banquet at local businesses.

Youth:

-Aid and funding for CT DEP's SEARCH program at Newtown HS.

-Aid and consultation for an annual independent NHS student project on water quality issues.

-Pratt Environmental Center flyfishing clinic.

-New Fairfield HS Salmon egg incubator program with the Ct. River Salmon Federation.

-TIC egg incubator at Newtown Middle School and/or Reed 5-6 School.



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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 anyone looking for good quality reels at an affordable price.

Advertisers Section

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

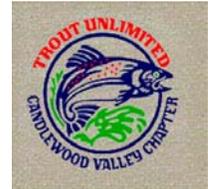
Capt. Paul Koopmann of **Salty Flies Charters** (Orvis endorsed fly fishing guide with 25 years experience fishing Long Island Sound) who has a Custom 23' boat out of Rowayton, CT 203-561-9683 (email: captkoop@saltyflies.com)

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
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Newtown, CT 06470

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Pawling, NY 12564
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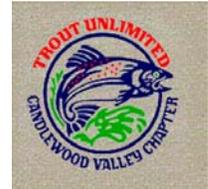
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