

Trout Lines



November 6, 2008 Meeting Adam Taylor

Bob Weslowski from the Croton TU chapter will be discussing the Croton Watershed system at the November 11 meeting. He will have copies of the guide to the streams and reservoirs of the Croton Watershed that was written by members of their Trout Unlimited chapter. It is full of useful information, such as:

- Maps of all the rivers
- Where the good holes and runs are
- Techniques and flies to use
- An entomology section
- Rules and regulations
- Information on fishing the reservoirs

Copies of the guide will be available for purchase at the meeting.

P.S. this is Adam in his spare time !!





Conservation Report

Joe Hovious and James Belden

Our maintenance of past restoration projects, as well as planning next year's, continues in places such as Deep Brook, the East Aspetuck and the Pootatuck. Both the second phase of the Dickinson Park project and the Pratt Center/E. Aspetuck project have been postponed to 2009, but some maintenance and planting work is continuing.

Water quality assessment work on Deep Brook and the Pootatuck is still underway with thermal, macroinvertebrate and chemistry sampling expanding along with stream flow, precipitation and DEP Fisheries sampling data being utilized to understand conditions and need for remediation. We have been awarded a grant for water quality and habitat assessment for brook trout in Deep Brook from the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The approximately \$11,000 grant will help pay for the data collection and assimilation costs pertaining to the above-mentioned work.

Potential Fly-Tying Class

Pete Peterson

We are trying to determine interest in fly tying class(es) this coming winter. If enough people express interest, we can present:

- a basic class for novices or for tyers who would like a tune up on the basics and/or
- an advanced class for more experienced tyers

However,

- class size is limited
- participants would be expected to provide their own tools and materials
- a fee for each class in the form of a donation to the chapter would be charged

In order to determine interest, please contact Pete Peterson at the meeting or by e-mail at cpeterson3004@charter.net . Please let him know which class(es) interests you.

The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum

The Arts of the Angler Show

The 'go to' show for fly fishing enthusiasts in a sophisticated setting: Flytying, bamboo rods, fine fishing tackle, guides, destinations, and classic and collectible art, books, tackle and accessories. Classes, Seminars, Programs, and Live Auction.

November 15 & 16, 2008

Featuring demonstrations, seminars, classes, and a fine group of purveyors at the Danbury Plaza Hotel (formerly the Sheraton), 18 Old Ridgebury Road, Danbury, CT, located off exit 2, Route 184, in Danbury, CT

Saturday, November 10,

9:00 - 5:00 Show open

Both Days-Programs 9:30-4 and Antique Tackle Roadshow Appraisers

5:45 - 7:00 Special Buffet Dinner Available

7:00 PM Live auction of flyfishing and sporting collectibles

Sunday, November 11,

9:30 - 4:00 Show open

10:30-Noon – Fly Tyers Garage.

Free Seminars include: Selecting a Bamboo Fly Rod, Refinishing Bamboo Rods, Fishing the Catskills Streams, Lake Ontario Tributaries Salmon and Steelhead, For Beginners in the Salt, Creative Fly Tying and others. **Special Book Release and Signing by Keith Fulsher Sunday Noon-2PM**

Fly Tying Classes. *Catskill Dry Flies*-David Brandt, *Streamers and Baitfish* for Fresh and Saltwater-Mike Martinek, *Make A Mead Lady Bug*-Bob Mead, *Deer Hair Management* and Bug Making, and others. Call 845-439-4810 for registration information, fees apply.

Vendors providing the finest in hackle to tackle include: Baker's Bamboo Flyrods, MC Flyfishing, Housatonic River Outfitters, Badger Creek Fly Tying, Richard Bradley Reels, Housatonic Valley Rods, Bamboo Mike Longuil, Belvoirdale, Jerry Girard, and others.

Non Stop Tying Demonstrations by America's best tyers. Simply the best of the best in the USA including: Dave Brandt, Jay 'Fishy' Fullum, Mike Martinek, Bob Mead, Ralph Graves, Bruce Marino, Paul Rossman, Bill Hrinko, Roger Plourde, Harold Williams, Jack Pangburn, Peggy Brenner, Leslie Wrixon, Bill Newcomb, Thomas Farmer, Bruce Corwin, Joe Soma, John Klemm Jr., George Cherundolo, Greg Belcamino, Shawn Davis, and more.

Antique Fishing Tackle Roadshow Is it TRASH or TREASURE? This is the place to bring attic discoveries and find out just how much it is worth. A panel of museum appraisers will be on hand each day to help you find out just what you have in lures, hooks, magazines, rods, reels, or other fishing related items. **Live Auction, Saturday 7PM**

NEW>>>Fly Tyers Garage Need a tune up? Crowding heads, bent wings, floppy tails, poor thread performance, working with new tools? Our top notch mechanics:*Fishy*, Pangburn, Klemm, Farmer, Williams, Marino, Brenner will provide diagnostics to tune up your tying. Bring your tools and materials. No estimates involved, all tune ups are free. Sunday morning 10:30-Noon.

For more and updated information : www.cffcm.net or contact the CFFCM phone 845-439-4810

Exhibitor set up Friday, November 14, 4-8 PM, Saturday from 7-9:00AM.



Fly Fishing Book Exchange at CFFCM's Arts Show Nov. 15 & 16, 2008

Livingston Manor, NY. The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum has added yet another component to their diverse fly fishing show, The Arts of the Angler to be held at the Danbury Plaza Hotel in Danbury CT, on November 15 & 16, 2008; a fly fishing book exchange.

The Fly Fishing Book Exchange is open to all attendees. Attendees are encouraged to bring their used books they would like to sell to the show. The CFFCM will have a 'Book Exchange' area set up to display used books for sale and CFFCM to get a 10% commission for sold books (an additional 5% for credit card purchases). The process is simple: 'book sellers' are required to put their selling price and initials on the top right hand corner of the inside right hand front page in pencil. Books can be dropped off at the CFFCM table upon entrance to the show and picked up on their way out with on the spot payment for any sold. Attendees get to enjoy the show while their books maybe earning them some money.

This Book Exchange will give attendees the opportunity to sell their old and used outdoor sporting books or pick up some to fill their library.

For more information Contact the CFFCM at 845-439-4810 or via email flyfish@catskill.net

Doug Peterson In his spare time !

(Doug, that's not the same stuffed fish you showed us last year, is it ?)



Jerry Rekart & Gary Whipple

All is quiet on the "Trout in the Classroom" front. All of the previously used units are up and running with only one chiller casualty. All of the new units are up and running. The bio systems are developing in the filters and the rocky bottoms of the tanks. Slowly, the temperature in the tanks is being lowered to the optimum 42 degrees.

This is our third year, and as I have previously noted the learning curve is steep. Each year we learn more and make changes in the tank unit. This year we have done away with the ultra-violet lamp and gone to a rock bottom in the tank. We found the lamp lost its sanitizing ability after about three months and we could develop a better bio-system using just the rocks and the filter system. We are also trying a plastic versus a cloth birthing basket, because we often lost eggs and alevin in the frame of the basket.

I use the term "we" generously because all of the changes are the result of teacher input. It is their suggestions and comments that make this program better each year, and their enthusiasm and commitment that makes it work.

I have a full compliment of volunteers to help with the egg distribution this year, and expect that task will happen around mid month.

Again, I'd like to thank all of the volunteers who keep the program going and invite anyone else who would like to be a part of a great program to call me at 203-775-2764

Kids enjoy starting the process



Trout and kids enjoy release part of the process





**Candlewood Valley Trout Unlimited Chapter
PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS
Trout in the Classroom - 2008-2009**

Whisconier M. S. (Brookfield)

Brookfield High School

Rockwell Elementary (Bethel) (2 units)

Reed Intermediate (Newtown) (5 units)

Danbury High School (2 units)

Broadview Middle School (Danbury)

New Fairfield Middle School (2units)

Ridgefield High School

East Ridge Middle School (Ridgefield)

Ridgefield Academy

St. Rose (Newtown)

Rumsey Hall (Washington Depot)

Washington Montessori

Wooster School (Danbury)

Hotchkiss School (Lakeville)



2008-2009 Trip Calendar

Gary Whipple

The 2008-2009 Trips Calendar is complete as far as dates, guides, and places to stay. A few details remain to be defined. We have plans for four trips.

Trip to central PA to fish with Keystone Anglers. Trout fish one day on each of **Penns Creek and Little Juniata**. We have found a Comfort Inn in Huntingdon for the nights of May 13, 14 and will camp out the night of the 15th at Poe Paddy State Park. We have guides reserved for days of May 14 and 15. Maximum number 9 anglers, 3 per guide. \$100 to hold your seat. See writeup on the CVTU Forums for details.

Trip to float the **Deerfield River** in northern Massachusetts on guided rubber rafts. Fishing on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays dictated by no guarantee of water releases on Mondays and Tuesdays, and excessive plastic boat hatches on Saturdays and Sundays. Fish for rainbows on June 24 and 25 and stay in the Oxbow Resort Motel on June 23 and 24. Return home on the 25th. Maximum number 10 anglers. \$100 to hold your seat. Reservations must be made by Dec 31, 2008.

Guided float trip on the east outlet of the **Kennebec River** in Maine for land locked salmon and brookies. Fishing Oct 1 and 2, 2009 with a travel day before and a travel day after. Stay at Moose head Lodge in Greenville, Maine for three nights. See CVTU Forums for details about motel we'll use. \$100 to hold your seat. Reservations and deposits required before year end, 2008; guides not reserved by January 1 will be released.

Cattaraugus Creek steelhead camp November 4 and 5, 2009. Two guided days of steelhead fishing, room and board at a scout camp for \$525 plus gas, guide tip, and one night out at a brewpub in Fredonia. Maximum six anglers. Verbal commitment needed by end of 2008, and deposit check required by TBD.

The Bug Chasers were at it again

Editor

Our hardy team of macroinvertebrate samplers were out in force again on the Pootatuck and Deep Brook on October 18th. For a really great article in the Newtown Bee chronicles, copy the following url into your browser and read the whole story, which was on the front page. I will list a portion of the first page of the article below to tweak your interest. Note the intensity and dedication displayed by our heroes, Joe Hovious and Sandy Pease in the pictures! Come and join us next time we sample – you'll be surprised how much you learn of our streams and the life within them.

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Riffle Dwellers Tell 'Good' Tale About Stream Life— Volunteers Sift Through Rivers, Brooks, Looking For A Hopeful Future

By KENDRA BOBOWICK


Gary Whipple and Steve Coelho peered at the debris in Mr Whipple's palm. Poking at tree bark, crumbled leaves, pebbles, the men uncovered a stonefly — a small insect that would tell them a story about the Pootatuck River, Deep Brook, Pond Brook, or the Halfway River that runs into Eichler's Cove and eventually Lake Zoar.

At the entrance to AI's Trail toward the end of Commerce Road Saturday morning, October 18, the men stood in their waders they used minutes earlier in the stream, and sifted through the samplings they took along a stretch of Deep Brook.



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Harrison Pease rids his tray of leaves to look for remaining macroinvertebrates. --Bee Photo, Bobowick

Pleased with the signs of aquatic life that overturned leaves revealed, they noted each of their discoveries. Collecting samples at another site, Conservation Commission Chairman and



[Enlarge image](#)
Joe Hovious fishes for debris with his net as Harrison Pease creates disturbance on the Pootatuck River's streambed. Along with leaves and organic sediment among the rocks are macroinvertebrates, river-dwelling insects that are sensitive to water quality, and good indicators of stream

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2008/2009 CVTU EVENT CALENDAR

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT	LOCALE	INFORMATION
9-Sep	T		Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	presenter: Aaron Jasper
10-Sep	W		West Branch Resort	West Branch - Deleware River	Whipple - 746-5982
11-Sep	T		West Branch Resort	West Branch - Deleware River	Whipple - 746-5983
12-Sep	F		West Branch Resort	West Branch - Deleware River	Whipple - 746-5984
13-Sep	Sat		West Branch Resort	West Branch - Deleware River	Whipple - 746-5985
16-Sep	Tues		TIC Teacher Orientation	Reed I.S. (Newtown)	Rekart - 775-2764
25-Sep	Th	TBA	Housatonic River Walking Tour	Housatonic River	Whipple - 746-5982
25-Sep	Th	1700?	BBQ & Fishing	Housatonic River	Whipple - 746-5982
27-Sep	S	TBA	Youth Day	Pratt Center - New Milford	Zakur - 994-0627
14-Oct	T		Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	presenter:
16-Oct	Th	TBA	Saltwater Fishing Trip with Jim Turacek	Long Island Sound	Whipple - 746-5982
18-Oct	S	TBA	Microinvertebrate Sampling	Deep Brook	Hovious - 270-1916
6-Nov	Th	TBA	Connequot River	Oakdale, LI,NY	Whipple - 746-5982
11-Nov	T		Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	presenter:
15-Nov	Sat	9:00-5:00	CFFCM Arts of the Angler Show	Danbury Plaza Hotel	see flyer
16-Nov	Sun	9:30-4:	CFFCM Arts of the Angler Show	Danbury Plaza Hotel	see flyer
22-Nov	Sat	see web	Somerset NJ Fly Tying Expo	Somerset NJ	see web
23-Nov	Sun	see web	Somerset NJ Fly Tying Expo	Somerset NJ	see web
Nov. 20	Thurs		THANKSGIVING DAY		
9-Dec	T		Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	presenter:
Dec. 25	Tues		MERRY CHRISTMAS		
Jan. 1	Tues		HAPPY NEW YEAR		
13-Jan	Tues		Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	presenter:
10-Feb	Tues		Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	presenter:
10-Mar	Tues		Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	presenter:
3/28or29	SorS		Farmington Walk-about	Farmington River	Whipple - 746-5982
TBA	Fri	1830	Annual Banquet	Stony Hill Inn, Bethel, CT	Belden - 426.6039
14-Apr	Tues		Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	presenter:
2-May	Sat	TBA	Youth Day	Pratt Center - New Milford	Zakur - 994-0627
11-May	M		Geo. Daniel Clinic - Drag free drifts	TBA	Whipple - 746-5982
12-May	Tues		Monthly Meeting	Miry Brook Fire House, Danbury	presenter:
5/14&15	T&F	TBA	Happy Valley, pa	Penns Creek & Little Juanita	Whipple - 746-5982
4-Jun	Th	TBA	Reading Streams with Tom Rosenbauer	Housatonic River	Whipple - 746-5982
6/25/25			Deerfield River Float	Deerfield River, MA	Whipple - 746-5983
10/1&2			Landlockde Salmon Trip	East branch of the Kennebec River	Whipple - 746-5984
11/5			Connequot River	Oakdale, LI,NY	Whipple - 746-5985



Member Education

Gary Whipple

This spring, as a number of you know, we had George Daniels do a presentation at our meeting, and then he stayed over to do a half day nymphing class and then he finished up with private casting lessons. Based on the feedback from his class, we have begun to focus on a series of classes for our members.

Master Class Schedule - 2009

Fishbugs with Mike Beauchene January 24 2009

Farmington River walking Tour March 28, 2009

Drift Free Drag Clinic with George Daniel May 11, 2009

One-on-One casting instruction with George Daniel May 12, 2009

Stream Reading with Tom Rosenbauer June 4, 2009



Tankerhoosen River—best Trout Water in CT!

Let's save it!

by Bill Blaufuss

The Tankerhoosen, in northeast CT (Vernon) is tops in the state for wild brook and brown trout. In summer, its natural water flows are abundant and cool because its aquifer is virtually unexploited—at least for now.

All this could change soon. The family who owns 458 acres of the river's 730 acre watershed has it up for sale.

The price tag is around \$3-4 million and DEP is trying to buy the property. While DEP *really really* wants this land and there are budgeted funds for land acquisition, there's not enough. This fall, we expect that DEP will appeal to organizations and the public to assist in the funding. However, the less the shortfall that DEP would ask the public to cover, the better the prospect for acquisition. Hence, while negotiating the purchase price, DEP is pulling out all stops to leverage funding from the Feds and foundations, beyond internally-generated financing.

Considering how much of every TU Chapter's fundraising and labor normally goes to fix up rivers, to seize this opportunity to protect the Tankerhoosen from ever needing restoration is a no-brainer. Here's an opportunity for us to be *proactive* for a change, instead of being *reactive*.

TU Chapters, TU members, and friends of members will be encouraged to donate and it looks like our goal will need to be \$100,000. for sure, this is a long reach, but it can be attained. Please think as generously as your means may permit. Please mention this to non-TU friends/businesses who are environmentally sensitive and may be in a position to share.

Indeed, every donation will count. More to come. Stay tuned.



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.

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