



# NUTMEG NOTES

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### MONTHLY MEETINGS -- 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M. FAYERWEATHER YACHT CLUB, BLACK ROCK, CT

February 17th ---- The film "Red Gold" will be shown

Please see précis below and Bill Blaufuss' full-page article on page 4 about this fascinating and important film

#### Remaining Meetings

February 17, 2009      March 24, 2009 (NOTE CHANGE)  
April 21, 2009      May 19, 2009

### About the presentation at our 2/17/09 meeting

Instead of a speaker this month, we will be showing the film "Red Gold."



At the headwaters of the Kvichak and the Nushagak Rivers in Bristol Bay Alaska - the two largest remaining sockeye salmon runs on the planet - mining companies Northern Dynasty and Anglo American have proposed to extract what may prove to be the richest deposit of gold and copper in the world. Red Gold is a portrait of a unique way of life that would not exist if the salmon didn't return with Bristol Bay's tide.

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Please come hungry – we'll have fresh hot pizza!  
We meet at Fayerweather Yacht Club: 51 Brewster St., Black Rock, Bridgeport. Meetings are free and open to the public. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., and meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

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See back page of this newsletter for directions to Fayerweather

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Dear fellow Nutmeggers,*

*This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of TU. In the coming months I'll discuss various topics related to the accomplishments of TU that are cause for celebration this year. I'll also discuss the vision of TU for the next 50 years. In this edition of the newsletter I want to briefly discuss the history of TU.*

*During the week of August 17-22 TU will hold its annual meeting in Traverse City Michigan. This location was selected because of its proximity to the place where TU was founded.*

*In 1959, a small group of Michigan fishermen, united by their love of trout fishing and by their growing dissatisfaction with the state's practice of stocking its waters with "cookie cutter trout" were convinced that Michigan's trout streams could turn out far superior fish. They believed if left to their own devices, fish that are challenging and fun to catch could result if the fisheries could be restored and protected.*

*From the beginning, TU was guided by the principle that if we "take care of the fish, then the fishing will take care of itself." And that principle was grounded in science. "One of our most important objectives is to develop programs and recommendations based on the very best information and thinking available," said TU's first president, Dr. Casey E. Westell Jr. "In all matters of trout management, we want to know that we are substantially correct, both morally and biologically."*

*In 1962-63, TU prepared its first policy statement on wild trout, and persuaded the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to discard "put-and-take" trout stocking and start managing for wild trout and healthy habitat. On the heels of that success, TU chapters started appearing throughout the US.*

*The Nutmeg Chapter was founded by Pat Carroll in the late '60s. Pete Peterson, known to many of you for his fly tying skills and classes, became the first treasurer and later president and longtime chapter supporter. The goal of the chapter was to protect and improve fishing opportunities in southwest Connecticut by focusing on the mission of TU National, that is: to conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds.*

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**Board of Directors Meeting Schedule**

Second Tuesday; note holiday exceptions  
 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Fairfield Public Library

**Jan. 13, 2009 Feb. 10, 2009**

**Mar. 10, 2009 Apr. 4, 2009 May 12, 2009**

All members are welcome to attend

Contact Bill Blaufuss for directions 203-856-2004  
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**TU Commemorative Book**

**Rivers of Restoration: Trout Unlimited's First 50 Years of Conservation**

By John Ross

In addition to being the Chairman of the TU Virginia Council, John Ross is a writer and he was commissioned by TU to author a book on TU's first 50 years. He covers the TU world from coast to coast and included is a chapter on our Housatonic River and mention of the landmark accomplishment by TU CT in getting run-of-river restored to the Hous. This book is beautifully done, and will be a book to treasure. While the list price is \$40, it is available at Amazon.com for \$24. Here is the link:  
<http://www.amazon.com/Rivers-Restoration-Trout-Unlimiteds-Conservation/dp/1602392110>.

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*Since that time the chapter has been active and successful in helping to protect and restore local streams. Next month I'll discuss some of the success stories.*

*Please remember that our annual banquet will be held on April 4. I hope to see many of you there.*

*Good fishing,*

*Bill Moskalski*

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## UPDATE: CHAPTER VOLUNTEERS

The message is getting through. As mentioned in January's Nutmeg Notes, several members have stepped forward to pitch in. We still need more volunteers, however, especially as noted below.

TIC: In January, a member told us that he wants to get involved in Trout in the Classroom. We're getting him acquainted with what's involved in TIC before he becomes active next fall.

Now's a great time to consider TIC because we have one tank running this school year and interested persons can see what is going on in the next 5 months so that they are best prepared when we add more tanks next October.

TREASURER: In May, we will need a new Treasurer as Bobbi Kurman is relocating to another chapter. C'mon everyone, out there there's got to be someone who can be treasurer.

STREAM CLEANUP HONCHO(s): one (or 2 of you to work together) to organize the dates and locations, and make sure we have bags, etc.

HOLIDAY RAFFLE: the Board collectively does the work, but needs someone to oversee to make sure that everything gets done. A detailed procedure already exists.

### NUTMEG'S ANNUAL TAG SALE at FEB. 17<sup>th</sup> MEETING

Takes place before the meeting: 7pm to 7:30 pm

Opportunity for Members to sell stuff no longer needed

Fishing-related only items (please)

Member retains full proceeds of sales

### New Members of TU & Nutmeg Chapter

We announce the following new members:

ALLISON BROWN

GISELLE TRITCHONIS

Welcome to Nutmeg Chapter!

Please join us at chapter meetings and events!

Contact any Board member for more information

## NEWS FROM OUR SPONSORS

Westport Outfitters is moving, please check the website ([www.westportoutfitters.com](http://www.westportoutfitters.com)) for the status of the move. Also check the website for current info re WO's Spring Fly Fishing Schools, Spring Seminar Schedule, and Winter Fly Tying classes.

**Saturday, April 4, 2009 – 6:30p.m.**

## Nutmeg Chapter's 32nd Annual Banquet

TONS OF RAFFLE PRIZES & AUCTION ITEMS -- for Men, Ladies, Kids, Anglers and non-Anglers

TASHUA KNOLLS GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT -- 40 Tashua Knolls Lane, Trumbull, CT 06611

*Please see Reservation Form in this issue of Nutmeg Notes*

\* \* \* \* \* *IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL* \* \* \* \* \*

After years of being able to hold our dinner prices, due to increased costs that Tashua Knolls must pass on to us, it's been necessary to raise the member dinner from \$35 to \$40 and the spouse from \$25 to \$30. We're able, however, to keep the kids dinner at \$20 for 12 & under.

The Banquet's not just an opportunity to win prizes, it's a time for Nutmeg TU families to get together and be together.

We want to make it as possible as we can for members and families to attend and have a fun night out. So please know that we don't mark up the dinner price to make money—all we want here is to break even. It's important to say this, but especially so in view of current economic conditions.

So, come on out and let's all have a pleasant evening together!!!

SAVE BRISTOL BAY      SALMON FACTORY OF THE WORLD

Do the benefits of tapping into one of the planet's richest mineral lodes outweigh the risks to one of the world's last, great fisheries?

See the acclaimed film "RED GOLD" at our Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting

by Bill Blaufuss

**Red Gold depicts the struggle by local Alaskans and environmental organizations such as TU to protect the outstanding wild salmon fishery in Bristol Bay against mining development.**

**Threatened are the commercial and recreational fishery and the way of life for thousands of residents who have lived in its environment and who have made their livelihoods from it since time immemorial.**

**This film was shown at the TU Annual Meeting in September and I can testify that this is a MUST SEE. Joining forces with Trout Unlimited Alaska, Felt Soul Media - an award winning producer of fly fishing films – will reveal the beauty and bounty of the pristine Bristol Bay watershed and give a voice to the commercial, sport and subsistence fishermen together in the face of mining development and the proposed Pebble mine in their film "Red Gold."**

**It is an extremely well-produced film which won acclaim at the Telluride Film Festival in 2008. It is gripping and compelling. It underscores why we 150,000 members of Trout Unlimited coast-to-coast can never rest in our efforts to protect cold water fisheries.**

At the headwaters of the Kvichak and the Nushagak Rivers in Bristol Bay Alaska- the two largest remaining sockeye salmon runs on the planet-mining companies Northern Dynasty and Anglo American have proposed to extract what may prove to be the richest deposit of gold and copper in the world.

Filmmakers Ben Knight and Travis Rummel spent 70 days in Bristol Bay documenting the growing unrest among native, commercial and sport fishermen who oppose the proposed Pebble Mine as well as giving mine officials a chance to argue their case.

The open-pit and underground Pebble Mine could require the largest dam ever constructed to contain toxic runoff from mine waste. Red Gold is a portrait of a unique way of life that would not exist if the salmon didn't return with Bristol Bay's tide.

A preview of the movie can be seen at TU's website at  
<http://www.tu.org/site/c.kkLRJ7MSKtH/b.3022971/k.BC16/Alaska.htm>

TU also has a special website devoted to Bristol Bay, <http://www.savebristolbay.org>  
You can enter your email address in order to be alerted for calls to action. Bristol Bay is not saved yet!



# Nutmeg Chapter TU—32nd Annual Banquet

Saturday, April 4, 2009 -- 6:30 p.m.—RESERVATION DEADLINE Friday 3/27/09 !

TASHUA KNOLLS GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT, 40 Tashua Knolls Lane, Trumbull, CT 06611

Merritt exit 49N—go 5.9 miles N on Rt 25, left onto Tashua Road and go 4/10 mile, then left onto Tashua Knolls Road/Golf Course Entrance

***BUFFET DINNER: Green Salad, Roast Beef au Jus, Chicken Picatta, Seafood Scampi, Penne a la Vodka***

***Door Prize***

***Auctions***

***Cash Bar***

***Raffles***

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BANQUET SEATING IS LIMITED, SO PURCHASE TICKETS EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT. RESERVATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY.,  
3/27/08

Use form below to purchase DINNER TICKETS by mail. DINNER TICKETS are \$40, \$30 for SPOUSES and \$20 for CHILDREN 12 OR UNDER. Tables seat 8 people. Please list all those who will be sitting with you, and indicate SPOUSE *or* the age of the child.

You can also purchase RAFFLE TICKETS by mail. More Raffle Tickets will be available at the Banquet.

- Red Tickets are \$1 ea. Buy a \$50 Red Bonus Pack and get 10 FREE tickets for a total of 60 red tickets.
- Blue Tickets are \$2 ea. Buy a \$50 Blue Bonus Pack and get 5 FREE tickets for a total of 30 blue tickets.
- Gold Tickets Introducing a new ticket category for a limited number of special prizes. Gold tickets will only be sold at the door in order to allow members to see these special prizes before purchasing tickets.

*Pick-up your DINNER TICKETS and RAFFLE TICKETS at the door.*

RESERVATION FORM -- cut on dotted line above and send to: KINSEY LAMB, 183 Fairfield Place, Fairfield, CT 06824

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RAFFLE TICKETS: (MORE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE BANQUET) RED RAFFLE: \$1.00 EACH OR 60 FOR \$50.00 (10 FREE) TOTAL\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 BLUE RAFFLE: \$2.00 EACH OR 30 FOR \$50.00 (5 FREE) TOTAL\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

*I can't attend but I'd like to participate in the success of this fundraiser with a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

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*For Nutmeg Use Only - Receipt No. \_\_\_\_\_ Ticket Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Table No. \_\_\_\_\_*

**Nutmeg Fishing Report** by Ron Merly

January 26, 2009

The deep freeze has slowed the fishing and limited access to many rivers in the state however anglers are still doing well with the stripers and Salmon in the Housy from the Derby Dam down. The Naugatuck is still full of Atlantics and is at a great level for fishing right now. Herring are still biting in the harbors and the ice-fishing has been great around the state with many anglers weighing in large trout and pike. Steelhead fishing in the Lake Ontario region has been extremely productive with a strong run coming into most of the tributaries this year. Check the web for weather reports before heading up. That's all for this month.

All contributions are welcome for this report. [rjmerly@yahoo.ca](mailto:rjmerly@yahoo.ca)

R.M.

**Directions to Fayerweather Yacht Club --- Brewster Street, Black Rock**

I-95 (N or S) to Exit 24. South on Black Rock Tpke, Go past Sym's and BJ's Wholesale Club, to Fairfield Avenue. (Black Rock Tpke becomes Brewster)

Go across Fairfield Ave., then go 0.3 miles to flag pole At stop sign at flagpole, Brewster turns 90-degrees to the left.

Stay on Brewster Street and go another 0.3 miles (just past "Port 5") to the Fayerweather Yacht Club. Park on either side of road or in the lot in front of the condos.



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