



# NUTMEG NOTES

## *Special August '07 Edition*

NUTMEG CHAPTER – TROUT UNLIMITED  
P.O. BOX 1594, FAIRFIELD, CT 06825

### MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

WE MEET THE 3<sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY, AT 7:30 P.M.  
FAYERWEATHER YACHT CLUB, BLACK ROCK, CT

We resume our regular Fall/Spring meeting schedule  
On Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
Speaker To Be Announced

### SPECIAL EVENTS

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### *FROM THE PRESIDENT*

*Dear fellow Nutmeggers,*

Normally we don't publish *Nutmeg Notes* during our Summer meeting recess, but at this time there are several issues that need to be brought to all members attention, and so this "special issue."

**ELECTIONS OF '07/'08 CHAPTER OFFICERS** -- Our Chapter Bylaws specify that officers shall be elected by the Board for a one year term corresponding to the TU fiscal year, 10/1/07 through 9/30/08. They state that the chapter Leadership Development and Nominating Committee shall nominate members for each elected office and publicize the nominations one month prior to elections in our newsletter with the notice that the slate of nominated officers will be voted upon at the next Board meeting. The Bylaws further provide that additional nominations may be made by any chapter member at the Board meeting.

The Board of Directors schedule is as follows:

- hold elections at the Board's September meeting. [the date of this meeting will be Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.]
- announce nominations of candidates in this newsletter, the month preceding the election
- solicit any other nominations from any Nutmeg member from receipt of this newsletter through the September 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

The slate of nominees proposed by the chapter Leadership Development and Nominating Committee consists of:

- President: Bill Moskalski
- Vice President: Bill Blaufuss
- Secretary: Gary Anderson
- Treasurer: Bobbi Kurman

Please email Bill Moskalski with any further nominations at [twozacrowd@hotmail.com](mailto:twozacrowd@hotmail.com) prior to September 11th, or bring your nomination to the Board meeting on September 11.

**CONNETQUOT RIVER, L.I. ANNUAL TRIP will be on Weds., October 17** -- This river is an 'angler's dream.' Do NOT miss out on participating. To reserve, please use reservation form inside. Must be a member of TU—new members welcome to join!!!

**NUTMEG'S FIRST "TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM" INSTALLATION** -- This fall, Nutmeg will place a 55 gallon tank in Westport's Staples High School and students in teacher Mike Aitkenhead's Advanced Science class will raise them, culminating in their release in spring '08 in the Saugatuck River. Begun in CT only 2 years ago, Trout in the Classroom (TIC) is taking off like wildfire with approximately 30 classrooms participating in the '07/'08 school year, and another 30 or so teachers expressing interest in the '08/'09 school year. This includes about 5 more classrooms in Nutmeg's 11 towns. Heading up TIC for the chapter are Bobbi Kurman as Chair, Gian-Andrea Morresi as Vice Chair, and Gian-Andrea, Bill Moskalski, and Bill Blaufuss as mentors for the Westport Classroom. As we add more classrooms, we will be seeking additional mentors. Stay tuned for more news on TIC.

Tight Lines,

*Burr Brown*

**NUTMEG OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS 10/1/06 – 9/30/07**

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**Board of Directors Meeting Schedule**  
**Second Tuesday, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

September 11, 2007  
 October 9, 2007  
 November 13, 2007  
 December 11, 2007  
 January 8, 2008  
 February 12, 2008  
 March 11, 2008  
 April 8, 2008  
 May 13, 2008

**All members are welcome to attend**  
**Contact Bill Blaufuss**  
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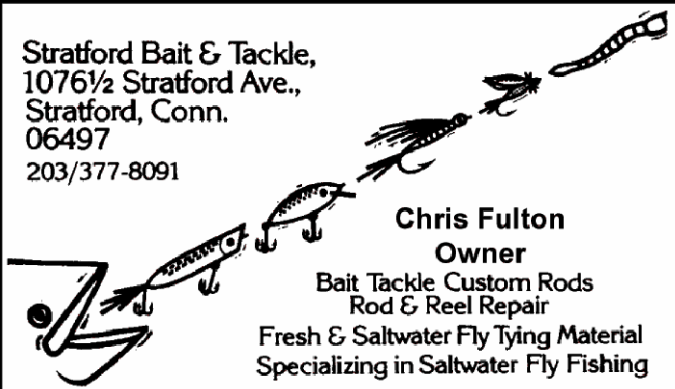


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# Nutmeg's annual day trip to Connetquot River on Long Island

## WEDS., 17 OCTOBER 2007.

The fee for this trip is \$60.00 and includes all day (2 session) registration at Connetquot Park. You must provide your own transportation. Those wishing to car pool will meet at I-95 Exit 18 Commuter Parking Lot in Westport at 6 a.m.

TU Membership—This trip is organized by volunteer members of Nutmeg Chapter. We respectfully require all participants become members of TU if not already. Membership is only \$17.50 and may be made using the trip reservation form below.

This trip is open to members of all CT TU Chapters. NUTMEG Chapter members *will not* have priority. All reservations are first come, first served. Fill out the form below and return it with your check for \$60.00 payable to "Nutmeg Chapter". All fees are to be paid-in-full NO LATER than 9 OCTOBER 2007. Unpaid reservations cannot be accepted. BRING YOUR OWN BAG LUNCH. Connetquot regs and driving directions will be supplied upon receipt of paid registration.

This promises to be an exciting event for all who attend RAIN or SHINE. SPACE IS LIMITED. Any questions should be directed to Bill Blaufuss at [prosit67@hotmail.com](mailto:prosit67@hotmail.com) or 203-856-2004 days/eves.

**NOTE: NY STATE Fishing License is required.** Get yours by phone or on the web. DO THIS RIGHT AWAY, DON'T DELAY.

- 1—BY PHONE: 1-866-933-2257 By far, the *easiest* way. Allow at least two weeks before trip. Have valid ID number handy, ex. Drivers License no. Have credit card no. handy--Visa or Mastercard only
- 2—ON THE WEB: [www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr](http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr)

### IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ

DUE TO A VIRUS INFECTION IN THE HATCHERY, NO FELT-BOTTOMED WADERS/WADING SHOES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE PARK WHETHER YOU WADE OR NOT. WADING IS NEVER ALLOWED UPSTREAM OF THE HATCHERY, ONLY DOWNSTREAM. IF YOU WISH TO WADE, YOU MUST WEAR RUBBER-SOLED WADERS/SHOES.

*THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.*

### DETACH & RETURN

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YES! I want to participate in the 2006 Nutmeg Connetquot River Trip on 10/17/07.

Enclosed is my check payable to: NUTMEG CHAPTER for [check one]:

[ ] \$60.00 for Trip Reservation only

[ ] \$77.50 for Trip Reservation AND membership in TU *[new members only, no renewals!]*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to "Nutmeg Chapter" and mail it and this form to:

Glen Gammill  
c/o Catholic Charities  
1 Park Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Norwalk, CT 06851

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**NO REFUNDS –It is not possible to offer refunds. Please be understanding.**

**\*\*\* TU CONNECTICUT COUNCIL NAMED "COUNCIL OF THE YEAR" \*\*\***

As you may know, TU CT Council is the state organization that binds all eight CT TU Chapters into a cohesive whole. Each year at TU's Annual Meeting in mid-September, awards are given out for significant achievement. The highest of these is awarded to the state Council which best exemplifies achievement and effectiveness as a Council. I just received advance notice that CT will be receiving this award at the meeting.

Connecticut is being recognized for its many accomplishment and they date back to the Housatonic Run-of-River, the more recent Streamflow Bill, the massive implementation of Trout in the Classroom programs in the state in just the past two years, the considerable influence we have accumulated with DEP and other state agencies by speaking with a unified, rational, and carefully-considered voice, several successes in protecting land in the state from development which would have threatened trout streams, and many many other chapter accomplishments too numerous to mention in this space.

It might be said that CT Council was "in a ditch" as recently as 5 years ago. Meetings were erratic, disorganized, and poorly attended. CT's 8 chapters were not always working well—not working together—toward the common good. So the achievements being recognized predate my tenure as Council Chair but go back to my predecessors Al Chase and Jerry Bannock—for his part, Jerry was the catalyst that began to drag us out of the ditch five years ago and make us the thriving organization that we are.

One of the best companies I ever worked for had a motto: "we can accomplish more by working together than the sum of each of our individual efforts working by ourselves." Did you know that in CT, we are 3500 members? Certainly, not all are active, but their membership signifies likemindedness and unity of purpose in conserving our coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. Be assured that there will be an article in the next issue of Trout Magazine, so watch for it.

Congratulations to all of us!

*Bill Blaufuss* Chair, TU CT Council

**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 either side of road or in the lot in front of the condos.



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