



NUTMEG NOTES

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NUTMEG CHAPTER – TROUT UNLIMITED

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MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

PIZZA SERVED!

3RD TUES., 7:30 P.M.---FAYERWEATHER Y.C., BLACK ROCK, CT

Tues., Feb 19, '08 –

7:00 pm - Annual Members Tag Sale (fishing equip. only)

7:30 pm - Mike Beauchene, River Insects (Macroinvertebrates)

Tues., Mar. 18 – Ken Balog, *Fishing the Mill River in Easton & Fairfield*

Tues., Apr. 15 – E. Richard Nightingale, *Lines, Leaders, Terminal Tackle*

Tues., May 20 – To be announced

OTHER CHAPTER EVENTS

Sat., Mar. 29 – 31st Annual Fundraising Banquet [see res. form inside]

Sat./Sun, Apr 12/13 – TU Nutmeg "Open House" & Casting Instruction

Sat., May 3 – TU New England Regional Meeting, Leominster, MA

KEVIN FRENCH JOINS NUTMEG BOARD!

In January, Kevin has volunteered to help the chapter by joining the Board of Directors.

Welcome Kevin! Thanks for stepping up!

DAVE BUDDS IS NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIR!

Dave Budds, who joined the Board last Fall, has volunteered to head up the chapter's Membership Committee.

Thank you Dave!

A LITTLE HELP FROM EVERYONE MEANS A LIGHTER WORKLOAD FOR EVERYONE.

PLEASE HELP THE CHAPTER ANY WAY YOU CAN.

FLY TYING CLUB WELCOMES YOU

When: 1st & 3rd Wed. of the month, 7-9 pm

Where: Monroe Elementary School - teacher's lounge
375 Monroe Tpke (CT 111), Monroe
Merritt Pkwy, exit 49N onto CT-25 N,
Right at CT-111, on left after 1.7 miles

Cost: It's FREE

-not a class, you must have some fly tying experience
-you are responsible for your own tools and materials

Info: Ray Kunz (raykunz@snet.net)

Fred Lord – Nutmeg member (203 261-8282)

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fellow Nutmeggers,

In this month's newsletter you will find the reservation form for our annual banquet. Again we will be at Tashua Knolls and we are trying some new ideas to encourage more members to attend. We are offering a buffet this year so that members can try different entrees and this enables us to hold costs and offer a discount to spouses and children. We feel that this is important because we want families involved especially young people. To encourage the participation of both ladies and the younger set we have enlisted the help of some members' wives to purchase prizes more attuned to their tastes. We will also offer a door prize that gives everyone a chance to win a special prize of their choice including separate items that appeal to each gender and age group. We hope that you'll take time to spend the evening with fellow chapter members and help support our commitment to a healthy environment.

On April 12th we will have our open house and Ed Jaworowski will present a free casting demonstration and give individual casting lessons for a modest fee. Ed is a superb instructor and his years of experience and association with Lefty and Bob Popovics make him a treasure. To spend time with one of the all time greats is an opportunity you shouldn't miss. Please email or call me and I will give you specifics of time and date for the private casting lessons.

I attended the fly fishing show in Marlboro, MA in January. There were a lot of interesting presentations but I sympathize with those folks who are just getting started. It's inevitable that some presentations seem to contradict others. It's probably because we *really* have no idea what's in a fish's mind and so there are innumerable theories as to what works best. Of course this is also what makes fishing so interesting. If you're confused and a bit frustrated about techniques and tackle, don't worry, you're not alone. I know that even some of the high profile guys occasionally spend time just wandering in the wilderness. Of course for me that seems like a perpetual state of mind. But if you keep asking questions and listening, I think you eventually come up with some basic rules of thumb. That's why we hope our monthly meeting presentations are of value. But as they say, you have to be in it to win it. Please think about joining us at our next membership meeting in February when Mike Beauchene will talk about macroinvertebrates.

One complaint that seemed to plague the show was the lack of attendance. I'm hoping that this show doesn't go the way of many others when the attendance dwindles. We know for a fact that the number of fishing licenses has decreased just about every year in recent memory. And the folks attending the show seemed to be heavily weighted toward a more senior crowd.

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Trout Unlimited Membership Service - 800-834-2419 or email at trout@tu.org

Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

Second Tuesday; note holiday exceptions, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
 Fairfield Public Library
 February 12, 2008 March 11, 2008 April 8, 2008 May 13, 2008

All members are welcome to attend
 Contact Bill Blaufuss for directions
 203-856-2004 prosit67@hotmail.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, cont'd.

I'm dismayed that so few young people are interested in angling and I fear that goes hand in hand with a general lack of interest in the environment.

TU recognizes the need to get the younger generation involved and so we have hopes that the Trout in the Classroom program (TIC) will help to reverse this trend. We really need volunteers to act as monitors so if you are interested please speak to any Board Member.

Keep warm especially if you go ice fishing,
Bill Moskalski

"TIC TALK"

Staples High School, Westport—

Nutmeg's first TROUT IN THE CLASSROOM site

Shortly after the holidays we experienced some problems with temperature control of the tank which might relate to temperature fluctuations in the classroom. We lost a number of fish which was at first alarming.

We were able to stabilize the population by increasing the temperature slightly (removal of some of the insulation) and transfer of those fish that can't seem to figure out where the food is to the hatching basket. The last count was around 75 which according to the hatchery biologist is on target.

We are starting to think about a release date and the type of event that this momentous occasion demands.

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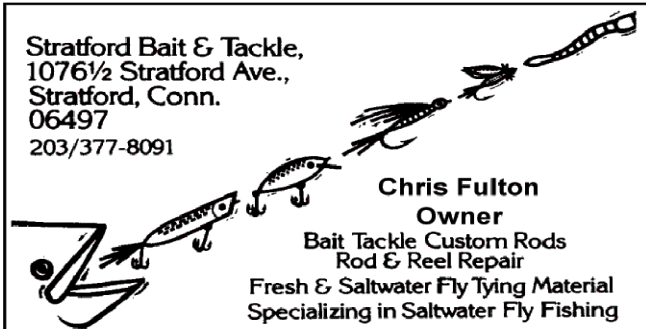
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Nutmeg Chapter TU—3 1st Annual Banquet

Saturday, March 29, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.—RESERVATION DEADLINE Friday 3/21/08 !

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

Visa & MasterCard accepted

Use form below to purchase DINNER TICKETS by mail. DINNER TICKETS are \$35, \$25 for SPOUSES and \$20 for CHILDREN 14 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.

BANQUET SEATING IS LIMITED, SO PURCHASE TICKETS EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT. RESERVATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, 3/21/08

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

- Blue Tickets are \$2 ea. Buy a \$50 Blue Bonus Pack and get 5 FREE tickets for a total of 30 blue tickets.
- Red Tickets are \$1 ea. Buy a \$50 Red Bonus Pack and get 10 FREE tickets for a total of 60 red tickets.

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

RESERVATION FORM BELOW

Cut on dotted Line & Send to: KEN BALOG, 47 Dell Dale Road, Fairfield, CT 06824

Please circle if Guest is SPOUSE or CHILD & INDICATE AGE

YOUR NAME _____ GUEST _____ [SPOUSE] [CHILD'S AGE _____]

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YOUR ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EVENING PHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE SEAT US WITH: _____

DINNER TICKETS: NO. OF: DINNERS _____ @ \$35.00 EA. = TOTAL \$ _____

SPOUSE NO. OF: DINNERS _____ @ \$25.00 EA. = TOTAL \$ _____

CHILD 14 OR UNDER NO. OF: DINNERS _____ @ \$20.00 EA. = TOTAL \$ _____

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 \$ _____

PAYMENT:

_____ CASH (IN PERSON ONLY, PLEASE DO NOT MAIL CASH) _____ CHECK [PAYABLE TO "NUTMEG CHAPTER"]

_____ VISA CHARGE # _____ VERIF. #* _____ EXP. DATE _____

_____ MASTERCARD CHARGE # _____ VERIF. #* _____ EXP. DATE _____

*--Card Verification Number = 3 digit non-embossed number following your card number on signature panel on back of card

SIGNATURE: _____

For Nutmeg Use Only - Receipt No. _____ Ticket Number(s) _____ Table No. _____

January Nutmeg Board Activities

This past month Board Members discussed suggestions relating to ads in the newsletter. With the new financial format developed by Bobbi Kurman we were better able to discuss the finances of the chapter and decide how to maximize volunteer's time.

We discussed the banquet and monthly raffles and prize selection. We have also started to explore options for social events this spring including trips and conservation efforts. We are especially interested in doing a clean up of the Saugy ASAP since lower water levels afford opportunities to collect debris.

Monroe Parks & Recreation offers beginner/intermediate Fly-Tying Course – Mar 12 - May 7

Instructed by Nutmeg member Fred Lord and Ray Kunz, the course will begin Wednesday, March 12 at Monroe Elementary School from 7:00-9:00pm. The class will meet every other week on: March 12 and 26; April 9 and 23; May 7, and is open to a maximum of six participants of high school age or older.

The goal of the course is to teach the basic techniques used in tying fishing flies. In addition to learning how to duplicate popular patterns, students will be encouraged to develop their own designs through experimentation. Although the course is primarily for beginners, individual attention will be given to those with some expertise who would consider themselves as "intermediate".

All materials and tools will be provided. Cost of the course is \$50 plus a refundable deposit of \$25 for the use of tools in class as well as at home. Call the Parks & Recreation office at 452-2806 to register with credit card payment or mail two separate checks [at \$50 and \$25] made payable to the "Town of Monroe" to:

Monroe Parks and Recreation Department Fly Tying Course Monroe Town Hall 7 Fan Hill Rd. Monroe, CT 06468

Deadline to register is Friday, February 8. Pre-registration is mandatory. For more info call the Monroe Parks & Recreation Department at 452-2806.

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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