



NUTMEG NOTES

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NUTMEG CHAPTER – TROUT UNLIMITED

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MONTHLY MEETINGS -- 3RD TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M.

FAYERWEATHER YACHT CLUB, BLACK ROCK, CT

Tues., Mar. 18 '08 – Ken Balog

Fishing the Mill River in Easton & Fairfield

SEE ARTICLE IMMEDIATELY BELOW

Tues., Apr. 15, '08 – E. Richard Nightingale

Lines, Leaders, Terminal Tackle

Tues., May 20, '08 – To be announced

About the presentation at our 3/18/08 meeting

Fishing the Mill River in Fairfield & Easton

Ken Balog, Nutmeg Chapter member, Fairfield, life-long fly angler and tyer guides us to the Mill River, our underappreciated jewel in Fairfield and Easton.

The upper Mill River, where a Class 1 Wild Trout Management Area was created a few years ago, is home to wild native brook char (which were reintroduced by the Nutmeg Chapter after a major chlorine spill) and wild brown trout. The lower section cuts Fairfield in half and has a TMA as well as a variety of fish species. Ken will reveal the best fishing spots, best flies, and more.

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.

See back page of this newsletter for directions to Fayerweather Yacht Club.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Sat., Mar. 29 – 31st Annual Nutmeg Banquet

Tashua Knolls Golf Course, Trumbull
RESERVATION FORM INSIDE THIS NEWSLETTER

Sat., Apr. 14—Annual Nutmeg Open House

Sat./Sun., Apr. 14-15 – Casting Clinic w/Ed Jaworowski

YMCA Camp Mahackeno, Westport

SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 3

Sat., May 3—TU New England Regional Meeting

CONTACT BILL BLAUFUSS FOR INFORMATION: prosit67@hotmail.com

Sat./Sun., Jun. 7-8—Annual Spring Outing [in planning]

TBD: Farmington River/CT, Westfield River/MA, or AuSable River/NY

DETAILS TO COME

Weds., Oct. 15 – Annual Trip – Connetquot River, L.I.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fellow Nutmeggers,

Please remember that our annual banquet is just a few weeks away on Saturday March 29th at Tashua Knolls Golf Course in Trumbull, CT. The reservation form is enclosed. Please mail it soon since the deadline is Friday, March 21st. With great fishing weather right around the corner, we have some great fishing equipment to raffle and auction. We will also have a significant increase in non-fishing items especially for women and kids. And since we don't want anyone to go home empty-handed we always have plenty of prizes in our red and blue raffles. This year we will offer a door prize which we know will appeal to everyone so everyone has a chance to win.

Some have asked us if you can make a donation if you can't attend. Of course! This is the chapter's primary fundraiser and by sending a donation, you can still support the chapter. Please see the special "donation line" on the reservation form.

I think all of us are concerned with getting kids connected to the outdoor world. The kids we teach today, whether or not they ever fish, are the key to getting others tuned-in to why we need clean water and why we need to protect watersheds. "Trout in the Classroom" [TIC] is TU's most important program to get kids involved with the environment. Clean water is in the public's interest, not just trout anglers. Through TIC, we reach the public because the kids tell their parents, their friends, and others about these important issues.

Nutmeg has seven classrooms wanting to start a TIC program, but we need people to be monitors for each school. The time required when the program begins is 2 or 3 hours the first 2 or 3 weeks. Afterwards very little time is required. When the fish are ready to be released in the spring another 2 or 3 hours are involved. The chapter has expertise to support the monitors if problems occur. There is also support from the state council TIC leader and the DEP. No one should be concerned about their ability to be a monitor. If you like kids, you're patient and interested in watching trout develop, you qualify.

We also need funds for TIC. Monitors can work with schools to find sources to fund the equipment. But we also need funds for incidentals we feel the chapter should provide. At last year's Banquet we set up a fund in memory of Tim Harwood so we did raise money for these incidentals. At this year's Banquet, we'll again ask for TIC donations in Tim's memory.

On April 12th is our annual Open House. Please see page 3 for the specifics. If you are interested in scheduling a private one hour lesson with Ed, please call me to reserve a spot on Saturday or Sunday.

I hope to see all of you at the banquet,

Bill Moskalshi

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Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

Second Tuesday; note holiday exceptions, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
 Fairfield Public Library

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

WELCOME NEW TU MEMBERS

Nutmeg chapter welcomes those who have joined TU since our '07-08 Meeting Season began in Sept. '07:

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| Sean Hogan | Robert Creighton | Mark Christiano |
| Kevin Krois | Tom Renzuela | Ken Walker |
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| Patrick Carocan | | |

Please join us at our Mar. 29 Banquet & monthly meetings.

Know an angler who's physically-challenged?

FISHING WITHOUT FALLING

by Bobbi Kurman

Many individuals find that, in retirement when fishing is a primary goal, mobility on the stream becomes a problem. This is also true of returning military forces, who may not have the physical agility as before they left our shores.

I am leading a new project to identify fishing spots in CT where people with impaired mobility can safely fish. Easy access to these spots, and mobility on the stream, are the chief concerns and the goal is to identify 10 fishing spots per county (80 spots in all).

We ask your support for the initial two phases:

- Submit stream locations that might be applicable. A check-list form is available at monthly meetings, the banquet, and soon on www.nutmegtu.org to help you identify key areas of concern.
- Go to a spot with a handicapped person to test the viability of it – we need the input of those whom this project is to benefit.

Send forms, suggestions and comments to:

bobbikurman@sbcglobal.net or to:
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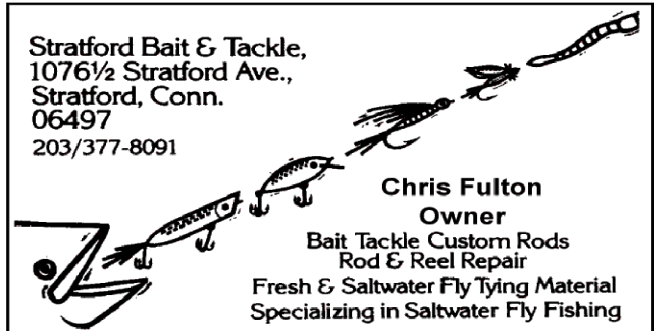
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NUTMEG'S 31st ANNUAL BANQUET**Sat., March 29th****DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS Friday March 21st**Reserve by mail — see Reservation Form enclosed
or

Reserve at 3/18 Chapter meeting

**CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED
VISA & MASTERCARD ONLY****“TIC TALK”**

Nutmegs first TIC project is taking place at Staples High School in Westport, CT. After the students finally settled into a comfortable routine to care for the fish we had about fifty fry that appeared active and healthy. But over the long President's Day weekend disaster struck and we lost all of our fish. The students were quite dismayed. The chapter and Neal Hagstrom from DEP jumped in to help remedy the situation. The support team is still wrestling with the problem with the hopes of getting fry from another school or DEP as soon as possible.

An event for all level fly anglers, beginners to expert**Nutmeg TU Open House, Saturday, April 12th**

This will be Nutmeg's third Open House, once again held at the YMCA's Camp Mahackeno in Westport. There'll be fly tying lessons and demonstrations, discussions on local fishing spots, knot tying instruction, reps from local fly shops, and lunch. This is a great event for all levels fly fishers from beginners to the expert.

Again this year, Ed Jaworowski (famed author and expert fly caster) will give a casting demonstration and open tutorial. Ed has will also provide private lessons for those members who would like some one-on-one casting instruction. [See Below].

PRIVATE CASTING LESSONS – Sat. & Sun., April 12-13 – special invitation for Nutmeg members

World renowned fly casting instructor **Ed Jaworowski** will offer private fly casting lessons on Saturday April 12 and Sunday 13 at the YMCA Camp Mahackeno in Westport.

Ed is author of *The Cast, Troubleshooting the Cast* and over 200 articles in every major flyfishing magazine in the world today. **Lefty Kreh** has said “I consider Ed to be the best teacher of fly casting that I have ever known.”

Individual one hour sessions will enable Ed to analyze any casting problems and improve your ability to cast farther and more precisely. You'll be able to focus on specific casting needs or learn different techniques like double hauls, curve casts, slack line, etc. Private instruction is the fastest way to improve your casting abilities and **working with Ed is a once in a lifetime experience.**

Each one hour session is **\$125.00** and can be reserved by calling Bill Moskalski @ (203) 445-8143. **The number of spaces is extremely limited and are on a first come first serve basis.** Call first to check availability. **Payment must be received before a reservation can be accepted** and may be arranged by credit card over the phone or by email (twozacrowd@hotmail.com) or by mailing a check which must be received within 5 days of scheduling. Sessions can be cancelled and will be reimbursed up to two weeks before the event. After that time refunds will be available if the slot can be filled. Lessons will take place rain or shine.

FOR SALE BY MEMBERS:

Orvis Battenkill III Mid Arbor Reel, 5/6 WT, NIB, retail \$119 +tax, will sacrifice \$75. Ed Ahern 371 8380 [3/08]

6 Metz Necks & 3 Saddles #1's. All still in packages unused. Necks: cream, dun, brown, black, lt. blue dun, ginger. Saddles: black, cream, brown. I want to sell them as a lot and for \$200. Current necks go for \$65. Winston 8' for 5wt. two piece IM6, I am asking \$250. Tom Petruny 203-729-1631 or 203 305-0653 tomtroutman@juno.com [3/08]

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NEWS FROM OUR SPONSORS**COMPLEAT ANGLER of Darien—**

Most of you know that the Compleat angler was dealt a couple of heavy blows from Mother Nature by way of the store getting flooded. The last time was last fall, and the store has been closed since then. Scott Bennett has informed us that he is relocating the store and targeting the re-opening of it for mid-March—exact date TBD. The new location is at 555 Post Rd, Darien. The location on the Post Road is about halfway between I-95 exits 12 and 13. Heading southbound on I-95, get off at exit 13 and turn left onto Post Road.

WESTPORT OUTFITTERS—

Seminar: March 8th- 11:00 a.m. sharp! --**Successful Techniques of the Tube and Worm Approach-Back by Popular Demand!!**-Here is a great early season chance to learn how to fish the Tube & Worm from the originator of the T-Man Striper Tube & Quick Change Keel System. Great for beginners and experienced tube draggers, Capt. Pat will cover all aspects of tube & worm fishing in Long Island Sound. Capt. Pat will also be available for a Q&A session after the instructional presentation.

Please log onto <http://www.westportoutfitters.com/> and click under the “NEWS” tab to see the entire list of upcoming FREE seminars!

EMAIL

GETTING EMAILS FROM THE CHAPTER

Nutmeg chapter uses **Google Groups** as an email server to make it easy to communicate chapter business and activities to members via email.

We limit the content of emails to matters that are TU-specific.

Chapter policy is not to share members' email addresses with anyone. **Google Groups** enables us to assure privacy of your email address.

You can—and should—update your email address with the chapter by going to **Google Groups** at <http://groups.google.com/group/nutmegt>. Log in and follow the directions. In the event you don't want to receive any emails from the chapter, you can opt out.

Important Message from Steve Gephard, DEP Fisheries Biologist

DEP continues to release marked trout into the Saugatuck estuary as part of its sea-run brown trout program. TU Board Member Ron Merly and a couple of others have been pretty good about providing catch reports back to Tim Wildman of my staff. It would be good if all TU members were aware of this and reported catches to Tim (Timothy.Wildman@po.state.ct.us).

This awareness should not be limited to the estuary. With functioning fishways at Wood and Lee's Pond dams, sea-run trout could be accessing the TMA upstream of the Merritt. Anglers who catch (1) wild looking brown or tiger trout, (2) silver brown or tiger trout, or (3) unusually large brown or tiger trout that do not appear to be the typical hatchery broodstock, should examine the fish carefully for clips of adipose and other fins. Photos are helpful and if the fish is killed, scale samples are also helpful. I will defer to Tim for additional information.

FEBRUARY NUTMEG BOARD ACTIVITIES

The Board spent time discussing plans for the upcoming banquet. Mike Piquette also reported on changes in the flow rate from Easton reservoir as Aquarion has reduced the flow because the reservoir level is down. We also discussed local conservation projects reported by Steve Gephard.

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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