



NUTMEG NOTES

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MONTHLY MEETINGS -- 3RD TUESDAY, 7:30 P.M. FAYERWEATHER YACHT CLUB, BLACK ROCK, CT

Tues., Apr. 15, '08 – E. Richard Nightingale
Lines, Leaders, Terminal Tackle
SEE ARTICLE IMMEDIATELY BELOW

Tues., May 20, '08 – To be announced

About the presentation at our 4/15/08 meeting Lines, Leaders, and Terminal Tackle

E. Richard Nightingale returns to Nutmeg Chapter to educate us specifically on lines, leaders, and terminal tackle—hooks. Nightingale has been fishing most of his life. Ever challenging conventional wisdom, he wrote *Atlantic Salmon Chronicles: The Fish, the Rivers, the Fly-Fishing Techniques and Equipment* which gave the angling world totally new look at fly rods and lines, a critical evaluation of fly reels, new insights into how one chooses flies and a review of other fishing tackle and equipment

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./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

Fri.-Sun., Jun. 6-8--Nutmeg Spring Trip--Housatonic River,
Sharon, CT
SEE DETAILS THIS PAGE

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

WELCOME NEW TU MEMBERS

We welcome those who have joined TU since March:

Patrick Darby Jarvis Wilcox Donald Istvan

Michael Brownsell Edward Thulin

Please join us at chapter events & monthly meetings.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fellow Nutmeggers,

Our annual banquet was held this past weekend at Tashua Knolls Restaurant in Trumbull. We had a good turnout and a great selection of prizes. Thanks to all of the members who purchased tickets and bid on auction items. Thanks also to the many vendors that donated prizes and the Board members who worked feverishly to make the event a success.

As I mentioned in my opening comments at the banquet we are in dire need of new Board members to help with all of our projects. The chapter will not survive unless more of you step forward to help. A few hours of your time goes a long way in helping us accomplish our goal of being vigilant for any impacts on local streams and providing all of the other services we extend to our members.

On April 12 we will have noted fly casting instructor and author Ed Jaworowski giving lessons at Camp Mahackeno in Westport. There are still slots available so if you're interested please call me.

I try to keep all of you informed about local conservation activities by email. The Nature Conservancy recently asked
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Nutmeg Spring Trip--Housatonic River June 6-8

The Nutmeg TU Chapter Social Committee is coordinating a weekend fishing trip and campout at Housatonic Meadows State Park in Sharon, CT. The event will take place on Friday, June 6 through Sunday June 8, and is open to all Nutmeg TU members, family and friends. You can come up for one day, both days, camp out Friday and/or Saturday evenings, or just make day trips. The Housatonic River should be full of hatching insects at this time.

Here's how to reserve a camp site: You make your own camping reservation as soon as possible via [online at Reserve America](http://www.reserveamerica.com). Housatonic Meadows will only accept a two night reservation at that time of year. Your total cost will be \$35. All campsites will accommodate up to 6 persons and 2 motor vehicles, so hook up with a non-snoring fishing buddy and split the cost. NOTE: Housatonic Meadows is alcohol free. Try to reserve a spot within Sites 25-50 if you want to be near the Nutmeg TU gang.

After you reserve your campsite, please e-mail Gary Anderson at gande61211@aol.com so he can get a total count. That way we can look at opportunities for carpooling, meals, etc.

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Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

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

Fairfield Public Library

April 8, 2008 May 13, 2008

All members are welcome to attend

Contact Bill Blaufuss for directions 203-856-2004 prosit67@hotmail.com

TU's new TV show, On the Rise begins Friday, April 4 at 8 p.m on the Outdoor Channel.

Hosted by Frank Smethurst, accomplished Telluride fly-fishing guide, the show takes viewers to some of the best fly-fishing locations around the country and highlights places where TU's conservation work has made a difference.

From the first episode where Smethurst drives his trout-patterned Airstream trailer to Montana's Madison River, to the season's final episode where he stalks winter steelhead in Ohio, **On the Rise** is a 30-minute weekly adventure for people who appreciate fly-fishing and the beautiful places it takes them.

The show airs weekly on the Outdoor Channel on **Friday nights at 8 p.m.**, with encore airings of each episode on **Saturday at 2 p.m.** and **Sunday at 7:30 a.m.** Check with your local cable provider to see if it carries the Outdoor Channel.

To see the show's schedule, go to www.tu.org/ontherise

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:

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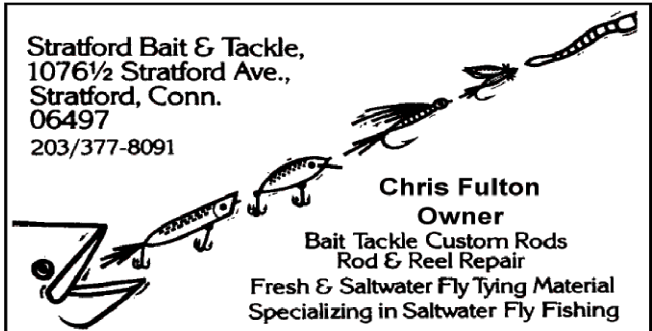
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Nutmeg Fishing Report by Ron Merly

Spring of 08 has finally arrived and, although it doesn't much feel like it, it's time to get out and catch some fish. The TMAs have been stocked with plenty of trout and the cascades in Fairfield received an additional 100 fish last Friday. I spent some time fishing the Hammonasset TMA last weekend after working the tidal area for sea-runs. It is an extremely nice river with a lot of stocked fish and some beautiful hold-overs as well.

Good stonefly and blue-winged olive hatches have been bringing some trout to the surface but your best bet is with nymphs and streamers right now. Sea-runs are being caught in the Farm and Hammonasset Rivers, so don't forget your local tidal areas to get a shot at one. Striper fishing is red-hot in the Housatonic River below the Derby dam with some keepers already being caught and Atlantic Salmon are occasionally giving anglers there a thrill.

Good bass fishing has also been reported at the Bridgeport power plant. Scattered reports of winter flounder are trickling in and those fish should arrive in full force at any time.

TU REGIONAL MTG, SAT., MAY 3, 9AM-5PM

TU members & state agencies throughout New England are welcome. For info & RSVP contact Bill Blaufuss 203-856-2004, prosit67@hotmail.com (Please state serious food allergies, i.e. peanuts, etc).

DOYLE CONSERVATION CENTER

464 Abbott Avenue Leominster, MA 01453 978-840-4446
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Central MA location a 2.5 hour drive for Nutmeg members.

AGENDA

Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture (EBTJV)

- Nat Gillespie & Bryan Moore

Legislative Action – Kirt Mayland – Director, TU Eastern Water Project

- How councils can position themselves on water policy items, and other conservation issues.
- What TU can and cannot do. A dry run on legislative action -- How to set up the legislative coordinators to best respond

Youth Education

- Youth Camps, TIC, & EBTJV's new Service Learning Program.

Strategic planning for New England – open discussion.

- Understanding each council's objective
- Discuss key regional items, water policy, & the brook trout campaign

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: ***Send ads to prosit67@hotmail.com Ads run for 2 months, subject to space & at discretion of Editor. Fishing-related only please.***

Orvis Battenkill III Mid Arbor Reel, 5/6 WT, NIB, retail \$119 +tax, will sacrifice \$75. Ed Ahern 371 8380 [3&4]

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NEWS FROM OUR SPONSORS

COMPLEAT ANGLER of Darien—HAS NOW REOPENED!—at its new location 555 Post Rd., Darien—same phone 655-9400

Scott Bennett and his staff offer a complete line of fly-fishing gear and clothing, including rods from Winston, Thomas & Thomas, Sage, G Loomis and Temple Fork, and reels by Abel, Islander, Ross, and Lamson. Visit this new location and support Scott who has been a long time donor to Nutmeg Chapter meetings and Banquets supporter. In spite of the difficulties of restarting a business after being devastated by flooding last year, Scott again donated a rod for our Banquet as he has done for many years. (Thank you Scott!) The location at 555 Post Road is about halfway between I-95 exits 12 and 13. Heading southbound on I-95, get off at exit 13 & turn left onto Post Road. Store is less than 1 mile on rt.

WESTPORT OUTFITTERS—

Please log onto <http://www.westportoutfitters.com/> and click under the "NEWS" tab to see the entire list of upcoming FREE seminars! Nutmeg extends thanks to Eric Johnson of Westport Outfitters for a rod and other merchandise donated for our Banquet on March 29th.

President's Message cont'd

...for volunteers during the first week of April to help with activities on the Saugatuck. TNC also needs volunteers for helping with the fish counters on the Saugy in the coming months. If you are interested please contact Board member Ron Merly or Sally Harold at TNC.

This month we are introducing a fishing report by Ron Merly which we hope to include every month. We would also like to include recipes for flies or other information that might interest you. If you would like to contribute something please contact either me or Bill Blaufuss.

Good fishing,

Bill Moskalski

"TIC TALK"

With great dismay I have to report that we lost the single remaining fish at Staples. The students were upset as was teacher Mike Aitkenhead who worked tirelessly at trying to make this project successful. Mike said he hopes for better luck next year. Both Mike and those of us from the chapter feel we have learned a great deal so we will start fresh next September with experience under our belt.

MARCH NUTMEG BOARD ACTIVITIES

The Board spent most of the time discussing plans for the upcoming banquet. A committee also met with other CT TU members and Bill Hyatt from DEP to discuss stocking of the Housatonic and the possibility of initiating a survivor trout program. The goal of this program is to rear trout genetically favored to tolerate the warmer water that characterizes the Hous.

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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