



NUTMEG NOTES – April '06

NUTMEG CHAPTER – TROUT UNLIMITED

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Tuesday, 18 April 2006, 7:30 pm

Bob Knoebel

"Westslope Cutthroats, an American Treasure"

FAYERWEATHER YACHT CLUB, BLACK ROCK, CT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Nutmeggers,

At our meeting Tuesday, April 18th, Nutmeg's Bob Knoebel returns to CT to present "Westslope Cutthroat Trout, an American Treasure." Bob will give a slide presentation of native "Westslope Cutts" he's caught in backcountry trips in ID and MT. The Westslope Cutt was first discovered by a white man when Silas Goodrich, of the Lewis & Clark expedition, caught a number of them in the Missouri River, in what is now Great Falls, MT.

TU National has a keen interest in Westslope Cutts and is working very hard to preserve the wilderness areas that support them. Bob, former Nutmegger who retired to ID in '05, is active in this effort and is a Director of TU 's Hemingway Chapter in Ketchum, Idaho.

Nutmeg sponsors "Trout Open House" - for TU members & the Public - Sat. 4/29 - 10am - 3pm at YMCA Camp Mahackeno/Westport Nutmeg Chapter of Trout Unlimited will host an open house for the public and TU members who want to learn more about the sport, on Saturday, April 29, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at YMCA Camp Mahackeno, Westport. Admission is free and lunch is provided. All Nutmeg members and their friends are invited. YMCA Camp Mahackeno is located at the SE quadrant of Merritt Parkway Exit 41.

Purpose is to help Nutmeg members improve skills, and introduce the public to the sport. Fly casting clinics and demonstrations will enable participants to hone skills and try out new equipment. Seminars on flies and fly tying will inform what imitations to use when and where for best results. Knot tying instruction will teach basic knot tying as well as new ways to tie familiar knots. Local guides and tackle shops will be present to assist in skill building, and provide info on fishing locations nearby and around CT.

Saugatuck River Watershed Partnership On Weds., 4/5, leaders of 11 area towns signed the Saugatuck River Watershed Conservation [SRWP] Compact in a ceremony in Weston. The goal of the partnership is to protect and enhance the health of the watershed. The partnership will work collectively to link, maintain and restore habitats which support healthy populations representing the natural biological diversity of the system. The Saugatuck River watershed comprises 89 square miles and 11 towns: Weston, Westport, Fairfield, Redding, Ridgefield, Wilton, Bethel, Danbury, Norwalk, Easton, & Newtown.

Nutmeg's Annual Banquet, April 1st--a pleasant memory. It was great to see everyone together and having a good time. The prizes were abundant as usual and the dinner reservations and arrangements in order due to the generous efforts of Bob Eck, Ken Balog, and Pete Peterson. So many other members, as well as donors, contributed to the success that it is impossible to thank them all. On behalf of 350 members of Nutmeg Chapter, thanks go to all of you. As always, we seek constructive comment on any aspect of the Banquet--location, food, prizes, etc.--so if you have any, please email me at president@nutmegtu.org.

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Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

Second Tuesday, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

- September 13, 2005
- October 11, 2005
- November 8, 2005
- December 13, 2005
- January 11, 2006 [Weds. Mtg]
- February 16, 2006 [Thurs. Mtg]
- March 14, 2006
- April 11, 2006
- May 9, 2006

All members are welcome to attend
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 for directions

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NUTMEG CHAPTER FISHING TRIP BEAVERKILL & WILLOWEMOC RIVERS, CATSKILLS

Friday evening through Sunday, May 19-21, 2006

Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum [CFFCM], Livingston Manor, NY [2-3/4 hrs from Fairfield]

Heading West or East on Route 17, get off on exit 96 (Livingston Manor). At the end of the ramp turn right. At the stop sign make another right. That will put you on Old Route 17. From that stop sign travel approximately 2 1/2 to 3 miles. CFFCM is on the left side.

Reserve NLT May 5th

Nutmeg has arranged a 2 night stay and use of facilities at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum [CFFCM] located in Livingston Manor, New York. The fee for this trip is \$35.00pp—same price for one night or both nights. Included with this fee is the use of CFFCM's 2 bunkhouses accommodating 10 men each, the Education Building to accommodate women, the kitchen including its stove, oven and refrigerator, men/women shower and toilet facilities, the pavilion on their seven acre pond, access to the Willowemoc River, BBQ grill, 2 trailer hookups, and tentsites. Bring your own bedding and towels. *Ladies also please bring your own cot.*

This trip is open to Nutmeg chapter members as well as all TU members in CT. Space in the bunkhouses is limited to 20. Tents are permissible. All fees are to be paid in full NO LATER than May 5, 2006. Unpaid reservations cannot be accepted. Each person is responsible for his/her own meals as well as transportation. If you are staying in commercial lodging and not on CFFCM grounds, there is no charge.

This promises to be an exciting event for all who attend RAIN or SHINE. Fill out the form below and return it with your check for \$35.00 payable to "Nutmeg Chapter". More info: call Glen Gammill at 203 274-6434, email ggammill@optonline.net or Bill Blaufuss 203-856-2004, prosit67@hotmail.com.

NOTE: NY STATE Fishing License is required. Get yours by phone or on the web.

- 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

Detach and return the form below with your payment

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Kindly reserve: (Check one)

- Bunkhouse accommodation MEN ONLY--20 available [bring own bedding/sleeping bag]
- Education Bldg. accommodation WOMEN ONLY [bring your own *cot* and bedding/sleeping bag]
- Tent Site
- Hook up for travel trailer (2 available)

Name(s) _____ Chapter _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

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Mail this form and a check for \$35 payable to "Nutmeg Chapter" to:

Glen Gammill
C/o Catholic Charities
1 Park Street
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Directions & confirmation will be sent via email upon receipt of reservation form and check.

NO REFUNDS--please understand

PRESIDENT'S Comments, contd.

Nutmeg Slate of Officers/Nominations for '06-'07 In May, we hold our last scheduled meeting. For the '06-'07 program year, the Board of Directors of the chapter nominates the following for election as officers: Burr Brown-Pres., Bill Moskalski-Vice Pres., Bill Blaufuss-Vice Pres., Bobbi Kurmann-Treas., Pete Peterson-Asst. Treas., Gary Anderson-Secretary. Additional nominations are invited and may be made at the 4/18 Chapter meeting, or until the 5/9 Board of Directors meeting by writing to me at president@nutmegtu.org Elections will be held at the 5/9 Board of Directors Meeting.

Bill Blaufuss

EQUIPMENT WANTED & FOPR SALE--NUTMEG MEMBERS EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE

NO ADS WERE RECEIVED THIS MONTH. PLEASE EMAIL ANY ADS TO Bill Blaufuss at president@nutmegtu.org

NOTE: Nutmeg Chapter is not responsible for errors or omissions in these listings. Listings are free, fishing-related only. They will appear once, space permitting, and at the discretion of the Editor. Please send requests for new listings, or re-runs of listings to president@nutmegtu.org.

MEETING AND SPEAKER SCHEDULE

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

4/18/06----Bob Knoebel: *Westslope Cutthroats, an American Treasure*
5/16/06----Bob Turley *Light Tackle and Fly Fishing CT, NY, and Southern RI*

SPECIAL EVENTS

April "Trout Open House" 4/29 1-Sat.— Annual Nutmeg Banquet, Roberto's, Monroe
May 19-21, 2006— Fri.-Sun.----annual Nutmeg trip to fish the Beaverkill and Willowemoc [Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum]—Joint Trip with Candlewood Valley Chapter
PLEASE SEE RESERVATION FORM ON P. 3

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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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