



NUTMEG NOTES

NUTMEG CHAPTER – TROUT UNLIMITED

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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Tuesday, 21 December 2004

Lou Tabory

New England Saltwater Fly Fishing

7:30 P.M.

FAYERWEATHER YACHT CLUB

BLACK ROCK, CT

Cash Bar

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Here we are already at December and the Holidays...

Our annual Holiday meeting on 21 December will feature renowned saltwater fly fisherman and author Lou Tabory. Lou was with us several years ago and packed the house! Doors open at 7 p.m. so come early to get a seat and get in on the purchasing of raffle tickets. Holiday Raffle winners will be announced, with the "Mystery" prize being awarded to a member, only if they are present that night! As always, refreshments will be served, and, bring a friend.

Hard on the heels of the holidays come 3 major fly fishing extravaganzas:

The Danbury, CT Fly Fishing Show, 7-9 January 2005, with more info found at www.flyfishingu.net

The Marlboro, MA Fly Fishing Show, 21-23 January 2005, with more info found at www.flyfishingshow.com, and

The Somerset, NJ Fly Fishing Show, 28-30 January 2005, with more info found at www.flyfishingshow.com

(Directions for the Danbury show are in the right hand "Upcoming Events" box on page 3)

Please see this month's insert, as Pete Peterson's Fly Tying Course is the December "Editor's Feature". We are looking for more features for this section and are looking for member participation in submitting ideas. You don't have to write it – just submit an idea to John Misty, newsletter editor. He'll do the rest. Thanks.

Does anyone know someone who...owns or manages a business of some kind, like a restaurant, market, retail store, dry cleaners, tire company, etc...? We are trying to broaden the array of prizes at our annual banquet to include more than just "fishing equipment", and make the event more appealing to non-fishing spouses, neighbors and friends. Restaurants are great for gift certificates for "dinner for two", markets can do grocery vouchers, dry-cleaners will donate free alterations and retail stores and florists are great places for donations also. The businesses in turn, will receive free publicity at the banquet.

We as the Banquet Committee need your help to broaden our prize pool without having to "cold call" on businesses I'm sure we have connections with businesses like the ones mentioned, through membership! You know the TU story and it's an honorable one worth telling. Please help. Be creative. Any questions or ideas, please contact Ben Chin, Bob Eck or myself.

Hope to see you all at the December 21st meeting. If you are unable to attend, I wish you the best for the Holidays and, as we look forward to the New Year, we realize how much we have to be thankful for, including our chapter – a vital, healthy and effective grass-roots conservation organization.

Tight Lines!

Bill Blaufuss

Happy Holidays!

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Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
 September 28, 2004
 October 12, 2004
 November 9, 2004
 December 14, 2004
 January 11, 2005
 February 8, 2005
 March 14, 2005
 April 12, 2005
 May 10, 2005

All members are welcome to attend. Call Bill Blaufuss at 212-672-1310 days, or 203-227-9085 evenings, for directions.

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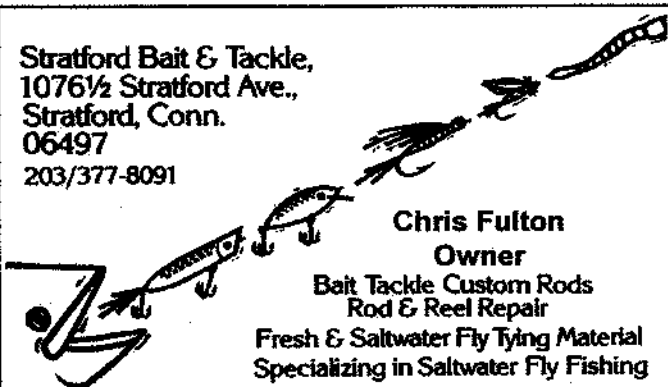
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Conservation News

A correction to the October Conservation Report....the line "*everything seems to be good for both the town and the river*" was meant to be tongue-in-cheek. It referred to claims at an Easton P&Z hearing for the proposed development adjacent to the Mill River WTMA, as the developer's attorney painted a rosy picture of how this 44-unit development would positively affect the river and town. I was not implying everything was positive. There will certainly be impacts on the Mill River and its wild trout if the proposal passes, however we did gain some protection for the river during the process. The proposal is still under consideration.

Speaking of the Mill River, DEP, with help from Nutmeg volunteers, transferred 162 wild brook trout to the WTMA in Easton on 1 October. According to DEP's wild trout biologist Mike Humphreys, "*The brook trout transfer project went well. We collected 162 wild brookies from a small tributary to the Naugatuck River on the state forest land in Thomaston. This small stream has a few barrier waterfalls and has no record of ever being stocked. This population may even have an uncontaminated native gene pool. We collected the target 50 breeding pairs of fish that appeared to be ripening for the fall spawn, as well as 62 yearling and young-of-year fish that appeared immature. We left plenty of fish of all sizes in the section of the donor stream we electrofished. We had help from 5 or 6 Nutmeg TU volunteers and the sampling next summer should be interesting.*" I saw trout redds (areas in the stream where gravel is scooped out by trout so they can lay their eggs) in this section of the river in late October /early November, including a brookie actively working a spawning site. We're hoping that the brook trout will become established, while wild brown trout numbers are down due to the April fish kill. DEP found some wild brookies in the Mill River this summer that were probably survivors of the September, 2002 transfer project, and their offspring.

*****NEWS FLASH*****

The town of Easton is considering taking the land along the Mill River WTMA by eminent domain for a town park. Easton P&Z is already currently considering a proposal to build 44 units of age-restricted housing on the same land, as you know. We fully support the taking of the land if the stream is protected and public access is ensured. The town will consider the taking at the 2 December Selectman's meeting. (This has already taken place, so please look for more information through e-mail)

Conservation report by Mike Fiquette

***** Please support your chapter's Annual Holiday Raffle Fundraiser *****

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 8 – First day of Hannukkah
 December 21 – Lou Tabory at Nutmeg TU Meeting
 Holiday Raffle
 First day of Winter (Solstice)
 December 25 – Merry Christmas

January 1 – Happy New Year
 January 7-9; Danbury, CT Fly Fishing Expo
 January 21-23; Marlboro, MA Fly Fishing Expo
 January 28-30; Somerset, NJ Fly Fishing Expo

DIRECTIONS TO DANBURY FLY FISHING EXPO

Directions from Route 7 heading North to I-84
 At I-84 junction, bear right at fork and head east on I-84, Exit immediately at Exit 4 and turn right at the light at the end of the ramp., then pass under I-84. About ½ mile down (across from a Super Stop-N-Shop) turn right into the entrance of S. CT State University campus. The Expo is in the Feldman Arena, a modern blue and white building set back from the main drive (possibly the 2nd or 3rd right off of the main drive).

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EDITOR'S CORNER...

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM THE EDITOR - JUST A FEW NOTES AND REQUESTS TO MEMBERSHIP ...

NOTE: "CASTING FOR RECOVERY" IS SEEKING DONATED FLIES TO BE USED BY LADIES WHO ARE GOING THROUGH CFR THERAPY. COME EARLY TO THE MONTHLY MEETING AND LEARN ONE OF THE 9 VARIOUS PATTERNS SOUGHT BY CFR. BRING YOUR TIED FLIES TO THE NEXT MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING AS A DONATION TO CFR. IT'S THAT SIMPLE.

NOTE: THE EDITOR'S FEATURE THIS MONTH IS OUR VERY OWN PETE PETERSON'S FLY TYING CLASS BEGINNING IN JANUARY AND CONTINUING THROUGH FEBRUARY. PLEASE SEE THE COLORED INSERT FOR MORE DETAILS .

I STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY INPUT FROM MEMBERS ABOUT SPECIAL FEATURES FOR THE NEWSLETTER, EXCEPT THE FLY TYING CLASS. PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT WRITING SOMETHING UP. I WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT. I AM LOOKING SIMPLY FOR SOME SUGGESTIONS. PLEASE GET INVOLVED AS THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER. THANKS...JM

MEETING & SPEAKER SCHEDULE

**NUTMEG MEETINGS: 3RD TUESDAY AT 7:30 PM
SEPTEMBER – APRIL AT THE FAYERWEATHER YACHT CLUB**

December 21, 2004	Lou Tabory: <i>New England Saltwater Fly fishing</i>
January 18, 2005	Bob Knoebel: <i>Atlantic Salmon & Brown Trout Fly fishing in Ireland</i>
February 15, 2005	Mark Torello: <i>Steelhead & Brown Trout Fishing In Western New York</i>
March 15, 2005	Sandy MacGregor: <i>Fly fishing the rivers and lakes Of Western Maine</i>
April 19, 2005	Jeff Passante: <i>A Year in the Life of a Fisherman</i>
May 17, 2005	TBD

TROUT UNLIMITED MISSION:

**TO CONSERVE, PROTECT AND
RESTORE NORTH AMERICA'S
COLDWATER FISHERIES AND
THEIR WATERSHEDS**

**Directions to Fayerweather Yacht Club
Brewster Street, Black Rock**

I-95 (N or S) to Exit 24. South on Black Rock Tpke, past Sym's and BJ's Wholesale Club, to Fairfield Avenue. (Black Rock Tpke becomes Brewster) Go across Fairfield Avenue and from that point, go 0.3 miles to a stop sign at a flagpole. At the stop sign, Brewster Street takes a 90-degree turn 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 the road or in the Yacht Club lot in front of the new condos.