



NUTMEG NOTES

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Tuesday, 18 January 2005

Bob Knoebel

Atlantic Salmon & Brown Trout via Ireland

7:30 P.M.

FAYERWEATHER YACHT CLUB

BLACK ROCK, CT

Cash Bar

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Nutmeggers,

Welcome to 2005! It won't be long until we're back on the water. As of the Winter Solstice on December 21st, the days are getting longer. Soon we'll have enough light and warmth to have insect hatches and, well...you know the rest...

The Holiday Meeting on 21 December was a blockbuster! Lou Tabory drew a record crowd of 79 attendees and he served up a solid hour of techniques and advice for capturing our quarry in salt water. We also enjoyed a most bounteous spread of refreshments – thanks to Marty Vasas. I am also pleased to announce the winners of the Holiday Raffle as follows:

- Ken Olshan of Redding won 1st Prize, a Powell "Tiboron II" fly rod; Tim Harwood of Fairfield won 2nd Prize, a Temple Fork Outfitters fly rod; Lincoln Schoenberger of Shelton won 3rd Prize, the Lee Stroncek print "Magic Hour"; Rich Rosen won 4th Prize which was a brunch for 2 at the Peppermill Restaurant; Slater Kirby of Southport won the Mystery Prize, an Orvis 5/6 wt. Battenkill bar stock reel.

A hearty "Thank You" to all whose Holiday Raffle Ticket purchases made this the most successful holiday raffle ever! We would also like to thank Glen Ganunill for taking the reins of the event in 2004, and our heartfelt thanks goes out to our outgoing raffle chairman, Hal Wood, for all his years of running a successful event for the Chapter. I would also like to thank the many of you who did not make it to the event but who never the less supported us with ticket purchases and sales. Hope to see you on the 18th of January!

State of the Chapter – As we start a new calendar year, I am pleased to say the Chapter is stronger than ever. We have many new members as well as our bedrock of "founding fathers". We have had some changes on the BOD and I am pleased to say we remain strong here as well. I realize that not everyone may be interested in volunteering for the BOD of other Chapter operations, however there are many ways to serve the Chapter as a volunteer and it's good to remember that "a workload shared by many is a lighter workload"! Board meetings are open to everyone as our business is Chapter business and we welcome the insight many of you may have to share. We meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month, so please, let me know if you would like to attend.

Conservation News – Some interesting things are happening at the Saugatuck TMA on Ford Road in Westport so please see the Conservation News and Notes for this and a few other important pieces of conservation information. Please also read the important information about the new booklet TU National has just released about the plight of the New England Brook Trout.

Calendar of Events – Please see this month's Editor's Feature which discusses all the happenings at the upcoming trade shows.

Hope to see you all at the January 18th meeting. Member Bob Knoebel will regale us with his stories of fishing for Salmon and Browns in Ireland in 2004!

Tight Lines!

Bill Blaufuss

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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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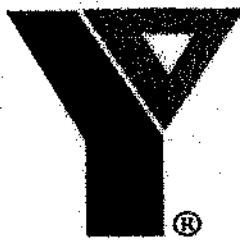
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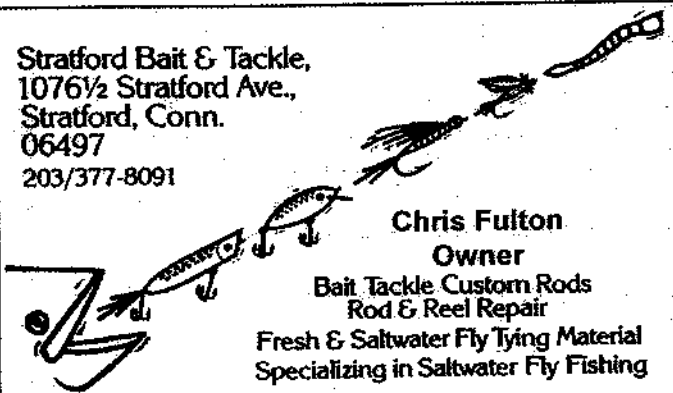
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Conservation News

The Saugatuck TMA on Ford Road in Westport – The owner of the property on the right bank of the river (when facing downstream) has received approval to subdivide the property into four lots to sell. With the influence of several Nutmeg Chapter members attending the P&Z hearings, the owner has happily included a 30' – 100' Conservation Easement on that bank. This does not mean we can walk on that particular side, and really, we probably all fish from the left side on Ford Road anyway. However, this does mean we now can walk across the island and fish the water between the island and the right bank. The Conservation Easement will also keep the foliage already there, intact.

TU National – has recently published a booklet called "*The New England Brook Trout – Protecting a Fish, Restoring a Region*". This is an excellent piece being used as a public relations tool to raise awareness of the plight of the Brook Trout in New England. The Brookie is an "indicator species" of wildlife that reflects environmental quality. It is also the catch-symbol of the "Back the Brookie" campaign. The booklet is probably the best single source of points you can raise when people ask about TU and what we do. Please go to the Nutmeg Chapter website to download your copy! The website is www.nutmegt.org. The site contains valuable information about the Chapter, what we've been doing, links to other important web sites and much, much more. Gian Morresi has done yeoman's work in launching it this year and he seeks feedback, suggestions and more photos!

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

A preservation group is forming for the Mill River WTMA Land under discussion for the Running Brook Farm development. The developer has proposed a zone change for this development and it includes changing zoning in public water supply watershed lands from 3 acres to 1 acre, to allow more dense developments there. One selectman has proposed acquisition by the town and the other two have come out against acquisition, however this is still under consideration. There was a meeting a few weeks ago at the home of the woman who led the successful Trout Brook Valley effort in order to get the fundraising ball rolling. It looks like a long shot, but these people have been successful before. Any updates to this story are welcome for timeliness to the February Newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 1; Happy New Year
 January 7-9; Danbury, CT Fly Fishing Expo
 January 11; BOD Meeting at Pete Peterson's
 January 12; First Fly-Tying Class at Pete Peterson's
 January 18; Chapter Meeting – Bob Knoebel speaker
 January 21-23; Marlboro, MA Fly Fishing Expo
 January 28-30; Somerset, NJ Fly Fishing Expo
 February 2; Ground Hog Day (Candlemas)
 February 7; Croton Watershed Chapter offers its annual fly fishing course – www.crotonwatershedtu.org

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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HAPPY NEW YEAR 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 A CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE UPCOMING FLY FISHING SHOWS. HOPE YOU CAN ATTEND.

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**

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

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**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.