



NUTMEG NOTES—Jan. '07

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Tuesday, 16 January 2007, 7:30 pm

JAMES BELDEN

"Grass Roots Conservation & Watershed Health"

FAYERWEATHER YACHT CLUB, BLACK ROCK, CT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear fellow Nutmeggers,

Happy New Year! I hope that your holidays were fun and relaxing. I wanted to express my thanks to everyone for making our December Holiday Meeting a huge success and congratulations to all the winners of the raffle. During the meeting the chapter presented a custom Winston fly rod to Bill Blaufuss in recognition for his six years as the Nutmeg Chapter President. Additionally, Pete and Barb Peterson, who recently moved to Newtown, Connecticut, were given a shadow box with mounted flies that we tied by students who have taken their fly tying courses over the years in appreciation for all they have done for the chapter during the past thirty years. Thank you Bill, Pete and Barb for all that you have done and given over the years!

Tuesday, January 16th Chapter Meeting

Be sure to attend next week's chapter meeting and hear **James Belden** speak on Grass Roots Conservation and Watershed Health. As in the past, come hungry as we will be serving PIZZA!

Mark your Calendars, our Annual Banquet is Saturday, March 17th

Wear something green and plan on attending our annual banquet (see *Reservation Form* accompanying this newsletter). This is our 30th anniversary for this fundraising event and I am assured that this year nobody will go home empty-handed as there is a "treasure trove" of prizes available, and we are "concocting" more ways to win things and have fun. The Banquet is one of only two annual fundraisers that we hold. Please support your chapter and join us for what will be a very fun evening.

Fly Tying Courses

We are offering a few choices for those who are interested in learning to tie flies as well as for those who are more advanced.

Beginning Tiers: This is a wonderful way to get started and learn the basic skills necessary to be successful. This will also improve your fishing skills as well as you will learn to be more effective in your fly selection and what works on our local streams. There will be five classes and will begin later this month—exact start date to be determined. For those who are interested please call or email Burr Brown (203-831-8185 or tuburr@aol.com) for more information. Class size is limited and the cost will be \$100 which will be donated to the chapter. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings at Westport Outfitters, 44 Calf Pasture Beach Road, Norwalk, CT 06855, www.westportoutfitters.com, p-203.831.8036.

Advanced Tiers: Glen Gammill has proposed a fly tying night for experienced tiers to be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Space is limited to 5 tiers and will be held in the offices of Catholic Charities (one Park Street, 3rd Floor, Norwalk, CT 06851) Those wishing to attend and participate, please contact Glen at ggammill@ccfc-ct.org or call 203-253-6695.

Trout Season Opening Day is Saturday, April 21st

Get ready now and be sure to visit your local fly shop or Town Clerk's office and get your fishing license!

Nutmeg TU Open House is Saturday, April 14th

Information will follow on our annual open house. This will be an excellent opportunity to hone your casting, knot tying and fly tying skills the weekend before opening day. We'll have experts there to answer questions, provide instruction and give advice on all aspects of our quiet sport. Lunch will be provided. This is a great event for all levels fly fishers from beginners to the expert.

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 Second Tuesday, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

October 10, 2006
 November 14, 2006
 December 12, 2006
 January 9, 2007
 February 13, 2007
 March 13, 2007
 April 10, 2007
 May 8, 2007

All members are welcome to attend
 Contact **Bill Blaufuss**
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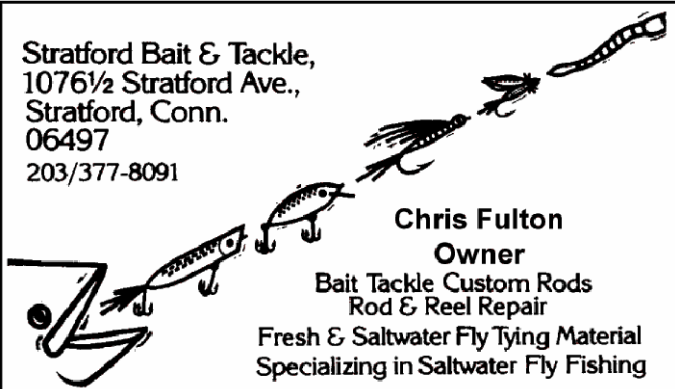


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NUTMEG CHAPTER/TROUT UNLIMITED

30th ANNUAL BANQUET—3/17/07

Saturday, March 17, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.—RESERVATION DEADLINE TUES., 3/13!

TASHUA KNOLLS GOLF COURSE RESTAURANT, 40 Tashua Knolls Lane, Trumbull, CT 06611
Merritt exit 49N—go 5.9 miles N on Rt 25, left onto Tashua Road and go 4/10 mile, then left onto Tashua Knolls Road/Golf Course Entrance

Auctions

Cash Bar

Raffles

Visa & Mastercard accepted

Purchase BANQUET TICKETS by mail using the form below. Tables seat eight people. If you wish to reserve a table for eight, please remit \$280.00 for the entire table. Please list the names of all of the people who will be sitting with you.

Banquet Seating is limited, so purchase your Banquet Tickets early to avoid disappointment. Reservation deadline is Tues., 3/13

You can purchase RAFFLE TICKETS also by mail using the form below. More Raffle Tickets will be available at the Banquet.

- Blue Tickets are \$2 ea. Buy a \$50 Blue Bonus Pack and get 5 FREE tickets for a total of 30 blue tickets.
- Red Tickets are \$1 ea. Buy a \$50 Red Bonus Pack and get 10 FREE tickets for a total of 60 red tickets.

Pick-up your tickets at the door at the Banquet.

Send to: TU Nutmeg Chapter, P.O. Box 1594, Fairfield, CT 06825-1594

Questions: Bill Blaufuss: prosit67@hotmail.com or 203-845-2004

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Name(s) _____ If possible please seat us with: _____

Address _____ City _____ ST ____ Zip _____

Evening Phone _____ E-mail Address _____

Banquet Tickets:

No. of: ____ Prime Rib ____ Broiled Sole Almondine ____ Chicken Cordon Bleu @ \$35.00 ea. TOTAL\$ _____

Raffle Tickets: (More tickets will be available at the banquet)

Red Raffle: \$1.00 each or 60 for \$50.00 (10 FREE) TOTAL\$ _____

Blue Raffle: \$2.00 each or 30 for \$50.00 (5 FREE) TOTAL\$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

I can't attend but I'd like to participate in this fundraising event with a contribution of \$ _____

PAYMENT:

____ Cash (in person only, please do not mail cash) _____ Check [payable to "Nutmeg Chapter"]

____ VISA Charge # _____ Verif. #* _____ Exp. Date _____

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*--Card Verification Number = 3 digit non-embossed number following your card number on signature panel on back of card

SIGNATURE: _____

For Nutmeg Use Only - Receipt No. _____ *Ticket Number(s)* _____ *Table No.* _____

President's Comments, cont'd...

Congratulations to Ron Merly for Catching a State Record Sea-Run Trout!—Our own Ron Merly caught a Sea-Run Brown Trout on 12/30/06. She was a hen of 10.5 lbs. and was 31.5 inches long and 15.5 inches in girth, and was caught using an ultralight four foot six inch rod with four pound test in the Saugatuck River.

Social Outing Sunday, January 21st Saugatuck River Westport (Ford Road)—Record holder Ron Merly and Gary Anderson will be at the fly area at 10:00 AM rain, snow or shine for any and all who want to get a little fishing in. Pack a lunch and bring your flies, there have been some nice hatches of blue-winged olives but stoneflies, helgramites, hares ears, zug bugs and bead head nymphs are regularly producing fish. Ron assured me that "trophies are possible" and for a small fee, he'd be happy to show you where he caught his monster and what he caught it on. (Ron's probably just kidding about the "small fee," but he's probably also kidding about showing you exactly where he caught the monster! We'll see.) Questions? Directions? contact Ron at 203-558-2787. See you there!

Upcoming Fly Fishing Shows

I have it on high authority that you can never have enough stuff. It's that time of year again and the Fly Fishing Shows are back to the East coast, on January 19th – 21st in Marlborough, MA and on January 26th – 28th in Somerset, NJ. These are wonderful events to get your fix and a great way to get back that loving feeling! For more information and directions please visit the following website: www.flyfishingshow.com

Quote of the Month—*"Fly-fishing is the most fun you can have standing up."* -- Arnold Gingrich

Happy New Year and see you next Tuesday!

Tight lines, *Barr Brown*

MEETING AND SPEAKER SCHEDULE

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

**February 20, 2007—Frank Plona—*Atlantic Salmon in Nova Scotia*
March 20, 2007—Jeff Yates—*Fishing the Mianus, Norwalk, & Saugatuck Rivers***

SPECIAL EVENTS

**3/17/07—Sat.—Nutmeg's Annual Fundraising Banquet,
Tashua Knolls Golf Course, Trumbull, CT**

**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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