

NUTMEG NOTES

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Tuesday, 15 March 2005

Sandy MacGregor

Fly-fishing Rivers & Lakes of Western Maine

7:30 P.M.

FAYERWEATHER YACHT CLUB

BLACK ROCK, CT

Cash Bar

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to March in Nutmeg Land! Here's what's happening:

Saturday, 19 March 2005 – Conservation Fundraising Banquet. Support the Nutmeg Chapter's biggest-ever annual banquet, our main fund-raiser of the year. Conservation! This is the reason we raise money! Conservation and advocacy are about 75% of our budget and the more we raise, the more conservation work we can do.

Bring your non-angling friends along as well. Their dollars are tax deductible and go for a great Conservation cause. We have plenty of prizes that are not fishing related so, again, bring those folks who don't fish and have a great time.

This is no longer a late night with long drawn out bucket raffles. No more yaaawwwwwning and wondering when you can leave. We have engineered all of that to go very, very quickly!

Can you or a friend donate a prize?? This can be anything from a load of topsoil for the yard or garden, a restaurant gift certificate, a new set of tires, liquor, movie passes, theatre tickets, anything you might think of which will provide value to someone. Use the imagination and, if you have an idea, contact **Bob Eck, Prize Chairman** at eckagog@aol.com. If you cannot attend, please consider sending a donation to **Nutmeg Chapter, c/o Ken Balog** (his address is on the enclosed banquet insert).

Introducing Kirt Mayland, TU's first full time staff in CT. Kirt is the new Director of the Eastern Water Project for TU. The Project is a TU program focused on improving water diversion and in-stream flow policy in the eastern states. Funding for Kirt's position is the happy result of a grant TU recently received for this purpose.

Kirt previously worked for an environmental law firm in CT. He also worked as a corporate attorney in NYC. A Dartmouth grad, he was a Fulbright Scholar in Monterrey, Mexico where he received a Masters in Finance, followed by a JD from UConn, then by a Masters in Environmental Law from Verrion Law School. He has already been very effective in navigating the landscape of issues and legislators – tasks with which TU volunteers previously struggled. We look forward to having a visit from him soon.

Fishing the Westfield River in Massachusetts June 3-5 this year instead of our traditional June trip to the Catskills is exciting. We are teaming with the Farmington Valley Chapter on their trip to the Westfield. No license is required for the weekend fishing (Sat/Sun). This should be a great trip and an opportunity to learn plenty about the Westfield River system from our friends of the Farmington Valley Chapter. If anyone is interested in camping, there is a great campground called Indian Hollow in Chesterfield, MA on the east branch of the river. The price is \$30.00/site for two nights minimum (no one-night price). Hot showers are on site. No electrical hook-ups. A 2-hour ride, the fish are extremely healthy and strong and there are three branches to the river. There are a few more details to work out and if anyone has an idea how to reserve sites, please let me know. More to come.

Calendar of Events – Please review for all upcoming events and also read this month's Editor's Feature which includes the Fundraising Ticket information.

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 25, 2005
 February 8, 2005
 March 8, 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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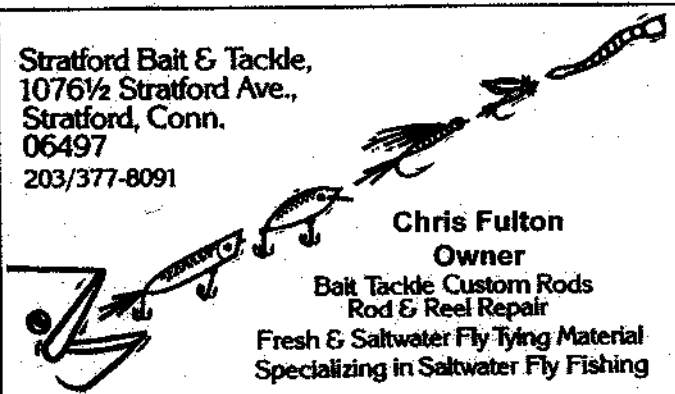
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Conservation News

Once again, a motorboat fuels bill is before the state legislature. The bill would send tax revenue collected from the sale of motorboat fuels to DEP fishing and boating programs, which is where it belongs – rather than to the state transportation dept. This is a great example of “user pays – user benefits”. Most states utilize revenues this way.

Without this bill and these monies, our fisheries program is in deep trouble. Please spend a couple of minutes to send a quick note to your legislator. Ask them to support “SB159” - “An Act Concerning The Motorboat Fuel Tax and the Conservation Fund”. A sample letter is available below. Feel free to add to the letter regarding what DEP Fisheries provides that is important to you. Go to the following website – <http://www.cga.ct.gov/maps/townlist.asp> to locate your local state senator and/or representative. Please support the DEP and contact your legislators as we have one of the most progressive DEP Fisheries Divisions in the East. They have given us natural flow to the Housatonic River, restoration of the Naugatuck River, new catch-and-release TMAs, wild trout areas, trophy trout streams, bass management areas, a sea-run trout program and the purchase of the Bridgeport Hydraulic lands with their soon-to-be-opened streams. Thanks for your help.

SAMPLE LETTER

Dear Senator/Representative....

I am writing to express my strong support for SB 159 - “An Act Concerning The Motorboat Fuel Tax and the Conservation Fund”. The money generated from non-refunded motorboat fuel taxes belongs with our fishing and boating programs. These funds are needed to support crucial environmental protection programs. The DEP Fisheries Division plays a key role in protecting our irreplaceable lakes, ponds, streams and rivers along with providing outstanding recreational fishing. Please support SB 159 to ensure our waterways will remain clean and available now and in the future.

Sincerely....

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 9; Fly-Tying Class at Pete Peterson's
- March 12; Woolley Buggers' meeting – Indoor Program
with Bob Knoebel – www.westportymca.org
- March 15; Chapter Meeting – Sandy MacGregor– Speaker
- March 17; St. Patrick's Day
- March 19; Nutmeg Chapter Fundraising Dinner
- March 20; Vernal Equinox (First Day of Spring)

- April 3; Daylight Savings Time Begins
- April 16; Trout Season Opens
- April 22; Earth Day

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EDITOR'S CORNER...

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MERRY MARCH - 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 THE FUNDRAISING DINNER SIGN-UP SHEET. 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**

March 15, 2005	Sandy MacGregor: <i>Fly fishing the rivers and lakes Of Western Maine</i>
March 19, 2005	TU Nutmeg Chapter Fundraising Banquet
April 19, 2005	Jeff Passante: <i>A Year in the Life of a Fisherman</i>
May 17, 2005	FBD

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.