



NUTMEG NOTES

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MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Tues., Oct. 16, '07 – *Jerry Bannock*
"Fishing for CT Salmon"

Tues., Nov., 20, '07 – Tom Gilmore –*Northeast Grand Slam*
Saltwater flyfishing for most popular gamefish

Tues., Dec. 18, '07 – Holiday Meeting, Holiday Raffle,
& Special Speaker [to be announced]

Tues., Jan. 15, '08 – To be announced
Tues., Feb. 19, '08 – To be announced
Tues., Mar. 18 '08 – To be announced
Tues., Apr. 15, '08 – To be announced
Tues., May 20, '08 – To be announced

SPECIAL EVENT -- Weds., 10/17/07

Annual Trip to Connetquot River, L.I.--res. Form inside

Bill Moskalski is new Nutmeg Pres.

At the September Board meeting, the following Nutmeggers were elected/re-elected as officers of the chapter, with Bill Moskalski leading the chapter for the fiscal year 10/1/07-9/30/08.

We welcome Bill and these officers:

President: Bill Moskalski—elected
Vice Pres.: Bill Blaufuss—re-elected
Secretary: Gary Anderson—re-elected
Treasurer: Bobbi Kurman—re-elected

NEWSFLASH

The Connecticut Council was selected by TU as "State Council of the Year" from among 44 state councils that comprise TU.

Connecticut Council unites CT's 8 chapters and 3500 members in matters of advocacy of state-wide interest, and advice to DEP on state fisheries policy.

The award was made on September 14th at the TU Annual Meeting in Boise, ID. Congratulations to Bill Blaufuss, Chairman, and all the other hard-working members of the Council. Watch for an article in an upcoming issue of TROUT magazine.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear fellow Nutmeggers,

Thank you for the vote of confidence and support in accepting me as President for the coming year. We face many challenges in the coming months in achieving our goals and attracting volunteers to support our efforts. We have new programs and new ideas that we hope will energize the chapter and further the mission of TU and I hope that many of you will decide to lend a hand.

As you can see we have made room in the newsletter for special sections summarizing topics we feel are important to members. We believe it is important for you to know about the activities and decisions reached by the board, and how the money that we receive from you is spent. We have added a section outlining these activities called "Recent Board Activities." As needed, I will offer additional information about certain topics so you are aware of our concerns. We will also include important activities and decisions that are reached by the CT Council.

A new section called TIC Talk has been added because we firmly believe the Trout-in-the-Classroom program is important to the mission of TU and to future generations. Hopefully the hands on experience of raising trout and the recognition of the extreme sensitivity they have to their environment will foster the student's appreciation for the natural world. We also hope they will understand the need for stewardship of our environment and how TU addresses that need.

The chapter will continue to sponsor all of the activities that many of you look forward to. We will try our best to find interesting speakers for our meetings and we will continue to have pizza for those members who need to miss dinner to spend time with fellow Nutmeggers.

Our holiday raffle will be held on December 18th. As always we'll have some exceptional prizes. Our annual banquet will be on March 29th in an attempt to avoid bad weather and holidays and we will return to Tashua Knolls since we received many positive comments from the attendees.

On April 12 we will have our annual open house and we are planning to have Ed Jaworowski return to give a free casting demonstration and individual lessons for a nominal fee.

On a more serious note, the affordable housing development known as Running Brook which is on the banks of the Mill River in Easton has again become contentious.

Permits based on the original plan submitted by the

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OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS 10/1/07 – 9/30/08

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Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

Second Monday; note holiday exceptions, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Fairfield Public Library

September 11, 2007 October 9, 2007
 November 13, 2007 December 10, 2007
 January 7, 2008 February 11, 2008
 March 10, 2008 April 7, 2008
 May 12, 2008

All members are welcome to attend
Contact Bill Blaufuss for directions
203-856-2004 prosit67@hotmail.com

"TIC TALK"

Staples High School in Westport is the site of Nutmeg's first TIC [Trout in the Classroom] program.

The program is taking place in teacher Mike Aitkenhead's Advanced Placement Environmental Science course, and the project was entirely funded by the Staples PTA.

TU guidance for the program is being provided by Gian Andrea Morresi, Bill Moskalski, and Bill Blaufuss. We installed the aquarium, chiller, and filtration equipment in late September and eggs will arrive in November.

So strongly has Staples embraced the program that it granted extra class credit to all students for participating in the annual macroinvertebrate sampling presented by the Nature Conservancy on 9/29. Two dozen students went out on the Saugatuck to do sampling and learn something about the environment into which their TIC trout will be released in spring '08.

The macroinvertebrate sampling was a wonderful experience for all and overall TIC is an excellent way to get young people connected with the natural world.

Statewide, TIC is taking off like wildfire. We now have some 50 tanks/classrooms going on this school year and there were only about 3 tanks/classrooms just 3 years ago!

Your chapter is limited in doing TIC classrooms only by the number of volunteer monitors we have to do them! Teachers from all over Nutmeg's 13 towns are registering interest in the program for next school year '08/09.

We do not do all of the work, and what we do is terribly gratifying. If interested, please contact any Board member.

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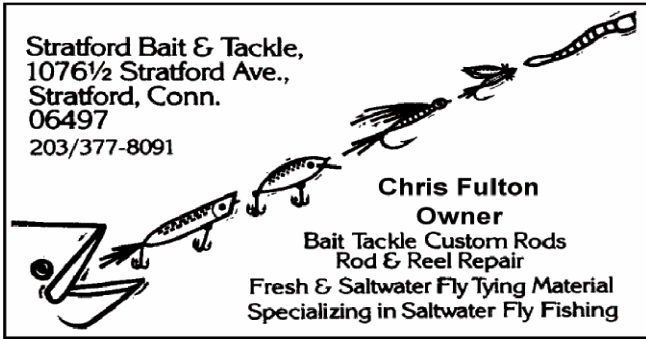
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Nutmeg's annual day trip to Connetquot River on Long Island WEDS., 17 OCTOBER 2007.

The fee for this trip is \$60.00 and includes all day (2 session) registration at Connetquot Park. You must provide your own transportation. Those wishing to car pool will meet at I-95 Exit 18 Commuter Parking Lot in Westport at 6 a.m.

TU Membership—This trip is organized by volunteer members of Nutmeg Chapter. We respectfully require all participants become members of TU if not already. Membership is only \$17.50 and may be made using the trip reservation form below.

This trip is open to members of all CT TU Chapters. NUTMEG Chapter members *will not* have priority. All reservations are first come, first served. Fill out the form below and return it with your check for \$60.00 payable to "Nutmeg Chapter". All fees are to be paid-in-full NO LATER than 9 OCTOBER 2007. Unpaid reservations cannot be accepted. BRING YOUR OWN BAG LUNCH. Connetquot regs and driving directions will be supplied upon receipt of paid registration.

This promises to be an exciting event for all who attend RAIN or SHINE. SPACE IS LIMITED. Any questions should be directed to Bill Blaufuss at prosit67@hotmail.com or 203-856-2004 days/eves.

NOTE: NY STATE Fishing License is required. Get yours by phone or on the web. DO THIS RIGHT AWAY, DON'T DELAY.

- 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

*****IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ*****

DUE TO A VIRUS INFECTION IN THE HATCHERY, NO FELT-BOTTOMED WADERS/WADING SHOES ARE ALLOWED IN THE PARK WHETHER YOU WADE OR NOT. WADING IS NEVER ALLOWED UPSTREAM OF THE HATCHERY, ONLY DOWNSTREAM.
NEW INFORMATION 10/4/07--IF YOU WISH TO WADE, YOU MUST WEAR RUBBER-SOLED, RUBBER HIPERS. NO WADERS!!
THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

DETACH & RETURN

YES! I want to participate in the 2007 Nutmeg Connetquot River Trip on 10/17/07.

Enclosed is my check payable to: NUTMEG CHAPTER for [check one]:

- [] \$60.00 for Trip Reservation only
- [] \$77.50 for Trip Reservation AND membership in TU *[new members only, no renewals!]*

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Email _____

Phone _____ Cell phone _____ Chapter _____

Please make check payable to "Nutmeg Chapter" and mail it and this form to:

Glen Gammill
c/o Catholic Charities
1 Park Street, 3rd Floor
Norwalk, CT 06851

NO REFUNDS –It is not possible to offer refunds. Please be understanding.

FROM THE PRESIDENT cont'd

developer for age restricted housing were denied by Easton's Conservation and Planning and Zoning Boards last year. The denials were based on the sensitivity of the site which is on a critical stretch of the Mill River. The lack of confidence in the reliability of the package wastewater treatment plant servicing the development, potential damage to the banks and the impact of increased runoff were reasons for concern. The developer then proposed to construct 72 affordable housing units and resubmitted his applications. Permits were again denied; however, the denials are being contested in court. The Protect Easton coalition has funded legal opposition to the developer's plan. Interested parties are expected to submit briefs supporting their positions in the coming weeks. The judge will later hear arguments before reaching a final decision. Since the Protect Easton coalition has depleted all of their funds, the Board offered a matching grant up to a maximum of \$1700 to support the legal fees to oppose the developer's affordable housing plan. Hopefully this effort will enable another precious resource to be protected.

Good fishing, *Bill Moskalski*

Recent Nutmeg Board Activities

Most of the money we raise at our annual holiday raffle and banquet goes to running monthly meetings, paying for speakers, publishing the newsletter, conducting chapter operations, and doing conservation projects and supporting Trout in the Classroom.

We also support other organizations whose objectives complement our own., with recent donations to the following: American Museum of Fly Fishing, American Rivers, Aspetuck Land Trust, Atlantic Salmon Federation, Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum, Coalition of CT Sportsmen, Ct. Rivers Alliance, Ct. Salmon Association, Ethel Walker Property, Mill River Wetlands Committee, Saugatuck River Watershed Partnership, Redding Land Trust, Save the Sound, Shelton Land Trust, Theodore Gordon Flyfishers, Trumbull Land Trust, TU-Embrace-a-Stream, Whirling Disease Foundation.

Last month the Board donated \$100 to the CT Council to support the September colloquium for CT teachers involved in TIC. Chapter TIC funds were also used to purchase a back-up chiller to be used for present and future TIC projects.

The Board pledged a maximum of \$1700 to support the legal fees in the civil case regarding the affordable housing development endangering the Mill River in Easton.

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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