



NUTMEG NOTES

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Tuesday, 18 October 2005

Dick Harris / Peter Fraboni – River Watch/Harbor Watch

“Health of CT Rivers”

7:30 P.M.

FAYERWEATHER YACHT CLUB

BLACK ROCK, CT

Cash Bar

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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Greetings Nutmeg Members:

Our Next Meeting is on Tuesday, October 18th

It will feature Dick Harris and Pete Fraboni from “River Watch/Harbor Watch” speaking on the health of rivers in our area—most notably the Saugatuck, Norwalk, and Aspetuck. River Watch/Harbor Watch is a not-for-profit agency that uses volunteers to measure water samples in rivers and in harbors. Under contract by our DEP, River Watch just started a sampling program of the Saugatuck and Aspetuck Rivers. Come hear these guys speak—and learn just how “chemically healthy” these rivers are – or NOT.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. at Fayerweather Yacht Club in Black Rock, as usual. Please bring a guest!

Annual Connetquot River Trip—Wednesday, October 19th

This is our annual bus trip to fish the Connetquot River on Long Island. **See details on flyer in this newsletter.** This is an astounding trip—big brookies, browns, and rainbows galore, and an exquisite river in which to fish. **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS TUESDAY October 11th. YOU MUST HAVE AN ‘05/06 NYS NON-RESIDENT LICENSE. CALL THE TOLL FREE NUMBER IMMEDIATELY.** By the time you receive this, you should have just about enough time to get your license by mail--VISA AND M/C ONLY.

DEP’s “CARE” Program to teach kids how to fish

I don’t know where I’ve been all these years, but I just learned that CT DEP has a program called CARE--meaning CT Aquatic Resources Education. CARE is a program to teach kids (age 9 thru high school) how to fish. CARE runs courses around the state, but they will also put on special courses, tailored to specific groups’ interests. DEP administers the program, but volunteers do the actual teaching. Check it out at www.dep.state.ct.us/burnatr/fishing/care/care.asp, or contact George Babey, CARE Coordinator, or Tom Bourret, Asst Coordinator, at 860-424-FISH. (*I’m sure they’ll always accept new volunteer teachers!*)

Report from TU Annual Meeting in Denver, CO, September 8-10

I attended my first TU Annual Meeting last month in Denver. I met nearly 200 TU people – volunteers from 40 states plus national office staff. Here some fascinating facts:

- For every dollar that a TU member pays in dues, the resultant flow of revenue to TU is 3 times that. How? TU National Headquarters has a staff that seeks donations from private donors and foundations, going well beyond fund raising appeals to members like us. The bottom line is that your dues pay for 1/3 of what TU accomplishes.
- The caliber of our national staff is impressive. We have qualified folks in all functional areas of TU, including biologists, legal professionals, scientists or government liaisons. We truly have a grass roots organization as every effort is made by the staff to know the volunteers personally.
- 10 years ago, TU was about 50,000 members and a budget of \$2.5MM. Today it is 130,000, with an annual budget of \$25MM. Unfortunately, about 150 chapters out of 500 are dormant. TU is intent on getting these chapters revitalized and if not successful, de-chartering them. Once again, I’m proud of our strong Nutmeg Chapter! Keep the comments and suggestions coming as we should not take our vitality for granted!

www.tu.org - I keep discovering really neat things on the NEW national website.

President’s Message continued below....

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Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM
 September 13, 2005
 October 11, 2005
 November 8, 2005
 December 13, 2005
 January 10, 2006
 February 14, 2006
 March 14, 2006
 April 11, 2006
 May 9, 2006

All members are welcome to attend. Call Bill Blaufuss at 203-856-2004 days, or 203-227-9085 evenings, for directions.

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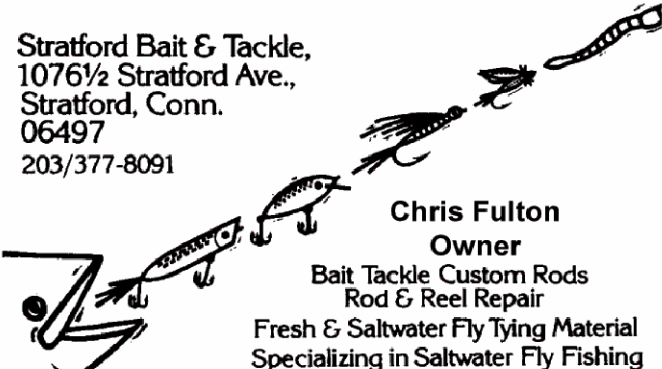
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President's Message (cont.)

Did you know that... When you log into TU.org and access the "TAKE ACTION" section, you automatically get the names and addresses of your federal and state legislators? You can easily generate a letter right from tu.org, and tu.org gives you a sample to follow. Not only that, but you can email right then and there...or you can print it out and mail a hard copy. Awesome and quite simple! It will even tell you to whom you should be sending the letter.

Welcome AGAIN to new Chapter Officers and Chairs

The Chapter Board of Directors has elected the following new officers: Burr Brown and Bill Moskalski as VPs as Bucky Reed steps down as VP, and Bobbi Kurman as Assistant Treasurer to current Treasurer, Pete Peterson. Heading up the Youth Outreach is Todd Stenz, and Bill Moskalski takes over Programs, both having been chaired by Bob Knoebel.

Looking forward to seeing you at our October 18th meeting. Be sure to email, call, or collar me at the meeting if you have any comments, suggestions or helpful ideas.

Tight Lines,

Bill Blaufuss

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 3; Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown
 October 8/9; Hammonasset Festival
 October 9; Orvis Days – Darien, CT
 October 10; Columbus Day Observed
 October 11; Nutmeg Chapter BoD Meeting
 October 18; Nutmeg Chapter Reg. Mtg. - TBD
 October 19; Connetquot River fishing trip
 October 30; Daylight Savings Time Ends – 2:00 a.m.
 October 31; All Hallows Eve (Halloween – Samhain)
 November 11; Veterans Day
 November 24; Thanksgiving Day Observed

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EDITOR'S CORNER...

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HAMMONASSET STATE PARK FESTIVAL

PLEASE COME OUT TO THIS ONE-OF-A KIND CELEBRATION OF NATIVE AMERICAN DANCE, MUSIC, ARTS/CRAFTS, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND EXHIBITS.

THE MAIN ORGANIZER IS THE "FRIENDS OF HAMMONASSET" AND THEY ARE EXPECTING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE. THE HAMMONASSET CHAPTER OF TU IS ORGANIZING A "TU BOOTH" AND THEY ARE INVITING OTHER CHAPTERS TO JOIN IN STAFFING THIS "JOINT BOOTH". THEY ARE PLANNING FLY-TYING DEMONSTRATIONS, CASTING DEMOS AND PASSING OUT EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING TU AND BECOMING A MEMBER.

THE FESTIVAL RUNS FROM 10-5 EACH DAY, OCTOBER 8 AND 9. CHECK OUT WWW.FRIENDSOFHAMMONASSET.ORG AND/OR EMAIL TED GARDZIEL TO SIGN UP FOR THE BOOTH AT TED.L.GARDZIEL@COMCAST.NET

BILL BLAUFUSS

MEETING & SPEAKER SCHEDULE

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

- September 20, 2005 — **Sally Harold:** *Fisheries of the Saugatuck River Watershed*
- October 18, 2005 **Dick Harris/Peter Fraboni:** *Health of the CT Rivers*
- November 15, 2005 **TBD**
- December 20, 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.



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