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THE HAMMONASSET CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

THE RISE

From the Bank of the Stream

Bill Keister

Our November guest speaker
Effective Nymphing Techniques

Join certified FFF Casting Instructor Bill Keister for a nymphing clinic. Is nymphing a mystery? Could your nymphing be more effective? The presentation is conducted as a workshop where interaction is encouraged. The program starts with definitions and explanations of long line and high stick nymphing. Particularly effective flies are described. Rods, lines, leaders, strike indicators and methods to get flies down are covered. The importance of drag free drifts is explained and the causes of drag are covered.



Ed Albrecht landed several rainbows on the Farmington River Chapter Trip last week

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov, 21st Thursday 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:15
Chapter Meeting Wallingford rod and Gun Club.
Guest speaker Bill Keister
Effective Nymphing Techniques.

Jan 16th Thursday 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:15
Chapter Meeting Wallingford rod and Gun Club.
Guest speaker TBD

Feb 20th Thursday 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:
Chapter Meeting Wallingford rod and Gun Club.
Guest speaker TBD

Mar 20th Thursday 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:15
Chapter Meeting Wallingford rod and Gun Club.
Guest speaker Angus Boazeman
Upper CT River NH

Apr 17th Thursday 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:15
Chapter Meeting Wallingford rod and Gun Club.
Guest speaker TBD

May 10th Saturday 8:30am-1pm. **YED** Youth Education
Day Chatfield Hollow park Killingworth Conn. Contact
Paul Gray to reserve a place for your help or a child's
day of fun and learning.

May 15th Thursday 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:15 for fly
tying **Chapter Meeting** Wallingford rod and Gun Club
Guest speaker John Springer

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Speaker Highlights: If you missed the Last meeting, you missed *Something*



Marla Blair, Public speaker at various events, Guide and author of “Positive Fly Fishing” spoke at our October meeting. Her fly fishing guiding services and instruction are tailored for private, group, and or kid lessons. She offers either full or half day in **CT** on the Farmington River or **MA** on the Swift, Deerfield, Westfield or Farmington Rivers.

Our show was a modification of a presentation she had given for a group of boy scouts.

First off, when handling trout make sure that your hands are wet and never gill a fish that you plan on releasing. Fish will bite for hunger, territory or curiosity. Your fly choice when imitating life, important points are: size-shape-color-and behavior; so keep in mind that subtle copies of food are better than exact copies. First choice for trout will be bottom feeding; think safety and all insect emergence can be seen as starting on the bottom. On bright sunny days first thoughts should be nymphing along the bottom. A case in point is the comfortable temperatures Hendrickson hatch at is 48° F. Trout need 50°-52°F and they won't actively rise if the water is too cold. Indicator nymph fishing was covered; enhanced with 2 spaced sinkers the flies are more active in the currents. When cast, mend the line immediately and during the drift mend twice

up stream.

Subsurface feeding can be splashy takes for insects about to leave the water. For these times a dry fly with the hackle trimmed across the bottom actively twitched across the surface can attract the trout's attention.

Surface feeding is sipping ripples and will mean that a collection of rusty spinners from size 20-10 will need a look through; the Hendrickson will need a yellow egg bundle and the sulfur spinners (yellow of course) will be the choices.



Marla from the cover of “Positive Fly Fishing”





How I got to the Nolichucky River By John Springer



In the late fall of 2012 my wife and I were in Nashville Tenn. In the downtown area the state has quite a bit to see with water fountains granite monuments to define all the time that has gone by and telling you what happened during the different time periods. There is also a cement map of Tennessee that is one block long and beautifully done. And there was a state information office. Sandy and I walked in and the 2 employees there were very excited to have someone to talk to. The young lady asked if there was something I was interested in, I told her how the state information centers on the highway had each part of the state broken down and plenty of brochures' to read on everything. Except state campgrounds and fresh water fishing. The young lady very excitedly asked me if I wanted to know her favorite place to fish where she would catch big fish, immediately I said YES! She told me to get a map and proceeded to write down some streets and areas I should make my way to when I got to eastern Tenn. Needless to say I put that map in a safe place till Thanksgiving week when I was fishing the South Holston River and took a day to find my way to the Nolichucky river. When I got to a nearby town of Irwin I went into the library and asked the librarian if she knew anything about fishing she said no, when I asked the second one she told me to get back on the highway and go to the next exit and go to the local hotel. So that's what I did and that's where I met Melissa. When I walked in she jumped up and asked me if she could help me with a room, I smiled and told her I felt foolish coming in but what I was trying to find out was where to fish the Nolichucky river. Mellissa beamed got all excited and said do you wade fish? Do you wear those rubber pants? I said yes to both questions, she said you must fish with my grandpa! And gave me his number. I felt a bit awkward about that and smiled and said perhaps you should call grandpa and ask him if he wants to take me fishing? She said sure and did it was so funny listening to her describe me and tell him how I fished in rubber pants and like to wade. She smiled at me and said he wanted to take me fishing, at that I took the phone and said hi to grandpa and introduced myself and reminded Tom I was a Yankee, he said he knew that and it was not a problem. He also said it was a bit cold and asked me to call back in a few days when it warmed up a bit, no problem I said. A week later I called and got to speak with Tom and set up a day. As always I brought lunch for my host and got there a bit early. Tom wanted to show me 2 spots in case he left I would know another spot to fish. What happens here is the hatchery in the fall stocks the older breeder rainbows that are no longer needed; they do this when the water is cold as this river is a smallmouth fishery in warmer weather. Tom and I fished a big pool together he with a lure me with woolly bugger. My host did much better than I in that he landed all of the fish he hooked while I hooked and lost most of mine. The fish were all big and beautiful, lunch on the side of the river was great as it always is and Tom and I got to know each other a bit more. A week later we fished again and this time my reflexes were much better and we worked our way through the pool several times. It was early December and the temperature hit close to 70 so it was like an early fall day in New England. I stayed with a woolly bugger and did very well knowing that my old best friend Terp was watching me. Back in 1987 Terp and I met and he introduced me to the woolly bugger and it has never failed me that December day was my last day of trout fishing for 2012 and it was very memorable. Tom and I had another great streamside lunch shared some stories and he invited me to fish for Red's in Florida in winter when he goes. I said that would be great and another fishing friendship was formed. My friend Teddy calls the way I meet people and have great fishing good Karma from some of the things I have done in my life. Whatever it is, I'm sure glad I have it



Youth Education Day



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YOUTH EDUCATION DAY

SATURDAY May 10, 2014

8:30am - 1:00pm

Rain or Shine

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To register for this FREE event just email RON GRAZIANI at rongraz70@sbcglobal.net to reserve your child's spot. Please be 100% sure that you can attend this event prior to registering.

Space is limited to 36 children that must be at least 8 years of age to participate.
Don't be late and miss out on this great day of learning and fun.

This event will be held at Chatfield Hollow State Park, on Route 80 in Killingworth, CT. The day will start promptly at 8:30. Children should wear old sneakers for wet wading and bring a pair of dry socks and sneakers for afterwards. Parents are required to stay for the entire event with their children and are encouraged to fish with their children as part of "CT Free Fishing Day". Bait, hooks & rods will be supplied to those who need them.



HCTU News



Culvert Assessment Training: Neil Hagstrom of CT DEEP spoke to a group at the Wallingford Public Library concerning a training session of the **Culvert Assessment** for towns across the state. Groups are starting to look at towns near you to document issues for local trout population's migration range. It is an important issue because if fish don't have adequate space to deal with low water flow, feeding and spawning territory and heat refuges populations can disappear. **Rick Huntley** is heading up the project and has produced an improved data sheet for everyone to use. Please contact him to help put together data for your town.

Fishing with Aidan Morgan, join us for monthly fishing on some of the better rivers across the state; from the Farmington to the Salmon or any river that you enjoy. Held on Saturdays:



Wayne Gustafson netting a fish on the Farmington

James Prosek Brown trout Print

In 2008 the Hammonasset Chapter commissioned James Prosek to paint a Farm River brown trout to raise awareness of our fish passage project on the Farm River. The project is moving forward to the fund raising stage. We have fewer than 20 prints remaining. Contact Kevin if you want one.



Ed Albrecht fighting a fish on the Farmington



Trout in the Classroom (TIC)



TIC State wide: 102 schools in Connecticut are participating in the program with 8,000 kids directly involved.

TIC Massachusetts: will be expanding with the state wide ending of the salmon in the classroom. The program is expected to hatch and raise Brook trout using the equipment already on hand.

Durham Fair / Hammo festival results promoting TIC: Durham Fair had attendance of +200,000 people and more than 200 flies tied by kids over the four day event. Next year this will be a better event only if you want it to be; so join us at the fair and make it better.

Hammo festival was two days bait rod “back yard bass “ casting and fly tying for +130 kids.

DEEP Hunt /Fish appreciation day promoting TIC: Ed Albrecht spent the day at the event with his state map showing all of the locations across the state of active TIC schools to the attendees.

TIC egg distribution took place on November 17th with 22,000 eggs sent out to all of the schools in the program.



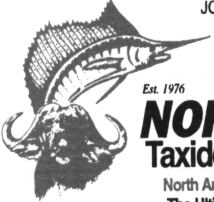
Several kids tying flies with HCTU at the Hammonasset festival last month.



Directions to the Meeting



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Directions to our meeting place:

Where: Wallingford Rod and Gun Club, 411 North Branford Road Wallingford, CT 06492

When: Third Thursday of the month, From September through May at 6:30 PM.

Coming from the I-91

From I-91 South take exit 15, Turn LEFT onto CT-68 East / Barnes Rd (1.7 Miles)
Turn RIGHT onto N BRANFORD RD. (0.6 Miles) Turn Right into Driveway at 411 North Branford Rd.

Coming from the Shoreline through Route 17 in Durham

Follow Route 17 to junction with CT-68, Turn onto CT-68 West, follow CT-68 (3.5 Miles)
Turn LEFT onto N BRANFORD RD. (0.6 Miles) Turn RIGHT into Driveway at 411 North Branford Rd.