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THE HAMMONASSET CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

THE RISE

From the Bank of the Stream

Welcome to HCTU

Our chapter has 27 new or renewing members since the start of the year. The Hammonasset Chapter of Trout Unlimited would like to welcome or welcome back the following new members:

Kenneth Backman, John Barry, Curtis Bennett, Amber Bombaci, Fred Camarra, Robert Carpenter, Michael Desnoyers, Scott Downs, William Gedge, Golas Golas, David Holstein, Daneil Lead, Lucas Karabin, Kenneth Koscinski, Jenn Lanzoni, Richard Latorre, William Lepper, Paul Liberty, Tom McGuigan, John Mihalov, Peter Naples, Beverly Perkins, Charles Shea, John Strillacci, Dave Tamaro, Doug Turbert and Bruce Zira.



Casting Instructor Jerry Jahn wading in high water.

This Month's speakers: **Fred Krowchenko** and **Jerry Jahn** are two of the old timers in the New England fly fishing community; they are currently teaching spey casting on the Farmington River. **Jerry** has been fishing for Atlantic Salmon for over 30 years and 25 of them have been with the two handed spey rod. **Jerry's** enthusiasm is infectious and very well received by all of his students. He is an excellent caster of single hand and two handed rods, **Fred** is the technical element of the group; he enjoys the details of rod design and line tapers and will explore any new equipment on the market. If you want charts, diagrams and technical details of casting, lines and leaders, this is his specialty.

Fred & Jerry will demonstrate Spey Casting at before our meeting at 6:15-7pm Followed by talk on how Spey casting can improve your fishing experience.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Apr 17th Thursday Casting Demo at 6:15-7pm
Chapter Meeting 7PM Wallingford rod and Gun Club.
Guest speaker **Fed Krowchenko** and **Jerry Jahn** on
Spey casting

May 10th Saturday 9am-3pm. **YED** Youth Education
Day Chatfield Hollow park Killingworth Conn. Contact
Paul Gray to reserve a place for your day of fun and
learning.

May 15th Thursday 7:00pm. **Chapter Meeting**
Wallingford rod and Gun Club. **“Grill and Chill”** For
All you folks who wanted to **learn how to fly fish**, we
will have the rods on the grass, hula hoop targets, other
activities and grilled burgers and dogs. Guest speaker
Ed Fowler talking about the Orvis 101 program.



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Group fishing: On Saturdays before our monthly
meeting we head out to some of the states trout rivers
(Hammonasset, Salmon or Farmington or any river that
interests you). Contact our fishing buddies to join a
friend on the river. Aidan Morgan and Richard Carter
phone numbers in the directors and committee list.
Our last trip was to the Salmon River where the
conditions were good but the fish weren't cooperative
possibly washed down river from the previous flood
conditions.

The Next Chapter Outing will be May 17.
Contact Aidan: sadmorgan@yahoo.com 203-213-5598

All photos provided by John Springer

Thanks John



Speaker Highlights:

If you missed the Last meeting, you missed *Something*



Upper Connecticut River NH

Kevin Fuller has been fishing with **Angus Boezman** our guest speaker and guide on the upper Connecticut River operating out of Pittsburg New Hampshire for the last 15 years. Trout fishing on the Connecticut River begins in the area at the outlet of the 3rd Connecticut Lake where there are many native brook trout in the 6-8 inch range and little fishing pressure due to difficult access and wading. But most fly fishing occurs below 2nd Connecticut Lake dam, which is mostly pocket water with a healthy population of brook trout and landlocked salmon. It is catch and release only from the dam to Magalloway Road bridge. Downstream from Magalloway Road Bridge to the inlet of the First Connecticut Lake is a very popular spot for landlocked salmon, which are generally active from ice-out to the end of may and again from September to the end of the season.

In the spring, the landlocks follow the smelt up the river and the fly patterns of choice tend to be the traditional New England streamer patterns- Gray Ghost and Black Ghost, as well as other streamers. As the water temperature warms and the first insects appear, dry fly and nymph fishing will produce landlocks in the 15-18 inch range. In the fall salmon will return back to the rivers to spawn. Like the magnificent colors of the fall foliage in the great northern woods, this time of year the salmon are attracted to streamers of more vibrant colors of red and yellow.

The section between the 1st Connecticut Lake and lake Francis is the most popular section on the Connecticut River. Known as the Trophy Stretch, it features 3 miles of pocket, riffle and pool water. Here it is possible to catch several species of trout- brook, rainbow and brown- as well as landlocked salmon, in a day. This section has special size regulations in place, including a two fish limit; although most anglers practise catch and release. Even though this section is stocked, fish do migrate from Lake Francis in the spring and fall. Being a bottom-release tailwater fishery, the water flows and temperature stay generally constant all season, Though New England does not get the well known stonefly hatches of the west, if you drop a big black stonefly behind a boulder in pocket water you may be pleasantly surprised.

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The upper Connecticut River also has some great fishing for anglers who do not fly fish. The stretch of water below Lake Francis to Washburn family forest has general regulation fishing rules that can be enjoyed by all. This section holds some very nice brown trout including some that are record size. Visit fishnh.com for more information.

The final fly-fishing and single hook artificial lure only section of the Connecticut river starts at Lyman Falls dam- the river's first catch and release section- and continues down to the bridge in the town of North Stratford. This section offers anglers the opportunity to catch brook, rainbow and brown trout, along with some very nice holdover fish.

Leader set up for Angus: Amnesia Red 12"-25lb, 18"-20lb, 18"-15lb,,,,,Maxima camo 18"-12lb, 10"-10lb, 10"-8lb, 10"-6lb





Youth Education Day



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YOUTH EDUCATION DAY

SATURDAY May 10, 2014

9:00am - 3:00pm

Rain or Shine

IF YOU HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR A WAY TO TEACH A CHILD ABOUT FLYFISHING AND COLD WATER CONSERVATION THEN YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS ONE!

- FLY TYING
- FLY CASTING
- RIVER ECOLOGY & ENTOMOLOGY
- ASSIST WITH A TROUT STOCKING
- FISHING FOR TROUT IN STOCKED POND
- AND MUCH MORE ...FROM Deep and C.A.R.E.

This event will be held at Chatfield Hollow State Park, on Route 80 in Killingworth, CT. "CT Free Fishing Day". Bait, hooks & rods will be supplied to those who need them. Seen on **Connecticut's dEEP website** our event is listed as a **special fishing classes and events**.

http://www.ct.gov/dEEP/cwp/view.asp?a=2222&q=320736&deepNav_GID=1630

Set up starts at 7:30 on the north end of the beach

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON CURRENT PROPOSED LEGISLATION ON DISPOSAL OF HYDRO-FRACTURING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT

There are currently two bills circulating regarding “fracking” waste. Put simply, one bill proposes to regulate the spent fluids used in hydrological fracturing, known as “fracking, to extract natural gas from shale deposits; the other proposes to ban such waste from being disposed of in Connecticut. The waste fluids contain multiple toxic substances before going into the ground and often emerge with radioactive elements when they are removed as waste. There are methods for recycling and re-using such wastes.

We strongly favor SB237/File #125 which proposes to ban fracking waste on the grounds that hydrofracking waste is highly toxic and its release can jeopardize surface and groundwater (drinking water) resources.

1. The waste is not produced in Connecticut. Connecticut does not have gas bearing shale deposits, so hydrofracking is not a method used here.
2. The communities and states where hydrofracking occurs are benefitting economically from the extraction industry one could argue at the expense of the public trust in their natural resources). Therefore, it is appropriate that those states and communities develop a way to handle the hazards of the choice they have made.
3. While some argue that Connecticut utilizes gas in its energy mix and thus encourages or benefits from hydrofracking (without the dangers inherent in transporting the waste), that is like saying that because Connecticut citizens purchase goods made with Japanese energy, that we should accept Fukushima’s nuclear waste. It is flawed logic. In fact, by banning the waste from storage or disposal in Connecticut, we are encouraging those who use methods that produce this waste and benefit from that methodology to properly develop methods to handle the waste, reduce its production, recycle it onsite with the dangers of transport or to find alternative, safer methods of extraction.
4. Some argue that the ban is unconstitutional in that it violates the Commerce Clause because Connecticut would somehow be prohibiting the free flow of goods in interstate commerce. This is a straw man. SB237 does not, and cannot, ban the transport of the waste through Connecticut. It merely bans the substances from being deposited here. That kind of prohibition, based based on public health, safety and welfare is not Constitutionally offensive.
5. The alternate proposal to regulate, rather than ban, fracking waste poses an additional problem. The CT DEEP is underfunded and understaffed for the mission that has been assigned to it. If the regulation bill passes, it will add yet another regulatory enforcement burden on CT DEEP on top of other duties which the department is not appropriately equipped to handle. Without significantly increasing CT DEEP resources, the regulation bill would exacerbate existing environmental under-enforcement and create a new threat to drinking water.

We strongly urge our membership to consider passing the ban on fracking waste (SB237/File#125) rather than accepting such hazardous substances for disposal in Connecticut.

There are three bills currently in the legislature that impact our coldwater fisheries resources in Connecticut. Two relate to hydraulic fracturing waste. This waste has the potential to pollute our surface water and fish habitat. SB 237 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE STORAGE OR DISPOSAL OF FRACKING WASTE IN CONNECTICUT would keep fracking waste out of Connecticut. HB 5308 AN ACT CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF FRACKING WASTE AND FRACKING BY-PRODUCTS would essentially be a green light for our state to accept and dispose of this waste within our state.

The last bill will give citizens a voice in securing state lands that allow public access to and protect many of our pristine rivers and streams. SB 70 AN ACT CONCERNING THE GRANT OF PROPERTY INTERESTS IN PROPERTY HELD BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE AND ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC USE AND BENEFIT LAND REGISTRY would require a public hearing for the proposed transfer and sale of state lands. Some legislators do not want this bill to pass because they want to continue to have the authority to transfer land purchased by taxpayers in back room deals. It is very important that we speak up.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Please call your state Senator and Representative with the following message (to find your local legislator, [click here](#)):

Give the aid your name and address and identify yourself as a Trout Unlimited member if you wish.

Ask them to please support SB 237 in order to protect our freshwater resources in Connecticut. And please support SB 70 to ensure the public is informed of and has a voice in how our lands are disposed.

Then ask them to oppose HB 5308 because passage of this bill would essentially be a green light for Connecticut to accept hydraulic fracturing waste.

You may also email your legislators with the same message.

I hope you will take just a few minutes to help protect our trout habitat in our state.

The link out for "(to find your local legislator, [click here](#)):" is:

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/CGAFindLeg.asp>

If you would like to link out to each individual bill:

237:

http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&bill_num=237&which_year=2014&SUBMIT1.x=0&SUBMIT1.y=0&SUBMIT1=Normal

5308:

http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&bill_num=5308&which_year=2014&SUBMIT1.x=0&SUBMIT1.y=0&SUBMIT1=Normal

70:

http://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&bill_num=70&which_year=2014&SUBMIT1.x=0&SUBMIT1.y=0&SUBMIT1=Normal



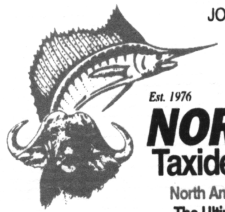
HCTU News



Youth Education Day

IF YOU HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR A WAY TO TEACH A CHILD ABOUT FLYFISHING AND COLD WATER CONSERVATION THEN YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS ONE! **YED** (youth education day) does not require any sign up of interested children, it will instead coincide with the Connecticut free fishing day (state wide no anglers are required to have fishing license on this day) and the state's **Connecticut aquatic resources Education (CARE)** event will be held at Chatfield Hollow park concurrently. It will also feature the **“No child left inside”** annual fishing event. Set up on the north end of the beach starts at 7:30. The event runs from 9:00 to 3:00 Come out to the event bring your fishing gear and have some fun.

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 need to raise money this year for construction in 2014 and we have fewer than 20 prints remaining for just \$200. 2 framed prints are available for \$250 each. Contact Ted Gardziel or any of the HCTU Directors on page 2.



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This May 10 will be our chapters **12th Annual Youth Education Day** at Chatfield Hollow State Park. This year will be a new format since our event will coincide with the state of CT “No Child Left Inside” event and the annual Free fishing Day.

MAY 10th FREE FISHING DAY – SAVE THE DATE!

The annual CARE FREE Family Fishing Day partnership with the No Child Left Inside® program will be May 10th at Chatfield Hollow State Park in Killingworth! Last year, we hosted over 1,000 new anglers for a day of fishing, trout stocking, and educational activities. Please mark this date in your calendar, as we will need as many helping hands as possible. The day will kick off at 9am, so Tom and I will plan on arriving around 7:30am to begin setup. Hope to see you then, if not sooner! Our chapter will be offering **fly tying**, an **entomology** station, maybe a **casting** station and also just helping out the staff from DEEP with kids fishing. We have no signups so please just stop on by. We will meet at the north end of the beach area at 7:30 and the day runs from 9 – 3 pm. If food lunch is not supplied by the DEEP then the Chapter will bring in food and drinks for all our volunteers! Feel free to join us for part of that time or the whole day if you can. It should be fun and we can sure use the assistance.

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Directions



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.



2014 New England Spey Clave III

On Saturday May 17 Fred and Jerry at Spey Casting Northeast will be hosting another event at Mathies Grove on the Farmington River.

This will be the third year that Fred and Jerry put this on. It's a great day and there are a bunch of rod companies and lots of people there to show you how to spey cast, they have reels and fly tying also...and free food!

This is held on the Farmington River so after spending some time casting you can fish as well.

Date: Saturday May 17, 2014

Location: Mathies Grove Park on the Farmington River

No Fee, Several professional casters will be there to demonstrate.

Free Lunch provided by "The Complete Angler" Darien, CT

For more information about the Spey Clave III email fkrow@yahoo.com