



# THE RISE

## FROM THE BANK OF THE STREAM

### President's Message



Pond Hockey and Ice Fishing make a great combo - Brendan and Ryan Collins  
Jan 10th , At Guilford Mill Pond, Largemouth Bass caught on a Capt Morgan shiner.

We have just past the midpoint of the winter. The daylight seems to come earlier and last longer each day. There is just a couple weeks left before trout season closes on many rivers. In about one month the DEP will begin stocking the year round TMA's and fishing season will officially open in about two months. If you haven't stocked up on your fishing supplies, or tied those spring flies, now is the time to do it.

I would like to thank everyone who took the time to mail in your written testimony in support of the DEP's proposed **Stream Flow Regulations**. These regulations are a big step towards healthy trout streams, because dry rivers cannot support trout, and because the existing stream flow regulations do not protect the native and wild trout streams. The proposed regulations could be reasonably implemented over the next ten years because they include a classification system that provides a sliding scale of stream flow protections based on a number of criteria. The importance of the proposed stream flow standards and regulations, cannot be emphasized enough because it mirrors **Trout Unlimited's mission**, to preserve, protect and restore our coldwater resources.

This Thursday Mike Bartolomeo will present his **Saltwater Fly-Fishing Primer** for those who want tips on getting into Saltwater fly-fishing. Our meeting will start with group fly tying at 6:00, food and drinks will be available, while they last, and the presentation will begin after a few announcements at 7:00.

Please consider becoming more involved in the Hammonasset chapter. I hope to see you at our monthly meetings.

Kevin Fuller, President, HCTU

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**February 18 Thursday, 6:30 P.M.**

**Chapter Meeting** Wallingford Rod And Gun Club  
**Saltwater Fly Fishing Primer**

Featuring a slide show from New England and the Florida keys.

**March 18 Thursday, 6:30 P.M.**

**Chapter Meeting** Wallingford Rod And Gun Club  
**Mike Humphries-CT DEP, Wild Trout and Fingerlings**

**April 15 Thursday, 6:30 P.M.**

**Chapter Meeting** Wallingford Rod And Gun Club  
**Ed Ochman, Secret Flies and Hammonasset River**

**May 20 Thursday, 6:30 P.M.**

**Chapter Meeting** Wallingford Rod And Gun Club  
**Orvis 9 Hole Fly Casting Contest**

Details to be announced.

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# MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



## February Meeting

Our February meeting will feature Mike Bartolomeo's **Saltwater Fly Fishing Primer**:

You will learn what you need to know to fly fish our saltwater areas this coming season. Including: equipment, knots, flies, techniques, tides, weather, and the fish. Featuring a slide show from New England and the Florida Keys.

Mike Bartolomeo is an experienced lifelong fisherman in our local salt waters, both on foot and by boat, as well as in the Florida Keys.



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## March Meeting

Our March meeting will feature Mike Humphries of CT. Department of Environmental Protection and he will cover Wild trout and fingerlings.

Mike leads the state's program to reintroduce, protect and grow wild trout in rivers throughout the state. He will discuss recent successes and how protecting wild trout should be a priority to all anglers.



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# If you Missed the January Meeting, You Missed Something



**Ron Graziani** gave a presentation on the basics of ice fishing including the safety of wearing multiple layers to stay warm with a change left in the car; then checking in several places the thickness of the ice from the edge out to your location. The equipment covered various types of tip up and a jigging rod. The importance of letting someone else know where you are going and how long you plan on staying out on the ice went right along with keeping a cell phone dry inside a zip lock bag.

### Trout in the Classroom:

Everything is going well, **Bill, Walter, Bruce, Ed** and **Hugh** have been visiting the schools. The teachers have praised the way the program has motivated students. **Justin** gave an update on the DNA tests that the students have performed on trout. Also Ed recognized **Al Sonski** from the Kensington Hatchery who was in attendance for providing eggs to the Cromwell School last January when they got a late start to their tank. A \$15,000 grant will help three states purchase fishing rods for kids. This years Youth Education day at Chatfield Hollow will be to introduce kids from Trout in the Classroom to fishing.

### An hour of fly tying:

preceded the meeting with several members tying flies. Also a fly swap will be held each month so members can exchanged flies with other members.

The chapter will pay for all first year youth memberships, to keep the interest alive we are offering this to the youth that attend several meetings.

### A ten weight fly rod:

will be raffled off this month; it was donated by **Lindsey Suter** who owns the property on the Farm River where the fish ladder will be built.

### Clinton town hall Meetings:

**Darby Hittle** gave an update and provided a map of the work that he has been doing for the town of Clinton wastewater treatment project. Meeting on the second Tuesday of every month. The effluent may effect the Hammonasset river quality.

### Fishing trip for this Spring:

The annual Delaware River trip is scheduled for May 17, 18, 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to attend should contact **Bill Glueck**.



# HCTU ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Farm River update:

The fish ladder will not be built until September 2011.. So far \$2,500 has been raised and donated by our chapter. The materials will also be donated by Tilcon. An additional \$60,000 needs to be raised to fund the construction costs, Ted expects to get additional grants and donate the proceeds from the remaining prints as well as the original Prosek painting.

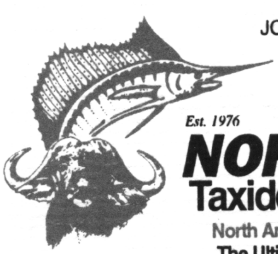
## Tying with the Vets:

The 2010 kick off of this program began with a fly tying class for Veterans from the West Haven Veterans Hospital's Eastern Blind Rehabilitation Center on Saturday, Jan 16,2010. The ten Vets who participated were assisted by many volunteers (some from HCTU) . In addition to tying, instruction in fly casting was also presented. This activity will be repeated on February 20 and March 13, 2010 and will be followed by fishing trips for the vets in both fresh and salt water. A desire to participate is more important that the level of skill you may have and additional volunteers from HCTU would be welcomed. Please give Bruce Tubby a call at 860 349 8405 for details.

## TU National Meeting in September:

Waterville New Hampshire will host the 2010 National Meeting from September 17-19 The chapter is considering a trip on the 3rd or 4th week of June to visit the area.

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## James Prosek Prints

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Brown Trout - Salmo trutta

In support of our Farm River Fish Passage project and conservation programs, James Prosek has signed 50 limited edition prints. There are ONLY about 20 prints remaining.

If you would like to purchase one of the remaining prints for \$200 and support our chapters conservation project, please contact Hugh McCutchen at 349-3122 or [hmac3737@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hmac3737@sbcglobal.net)



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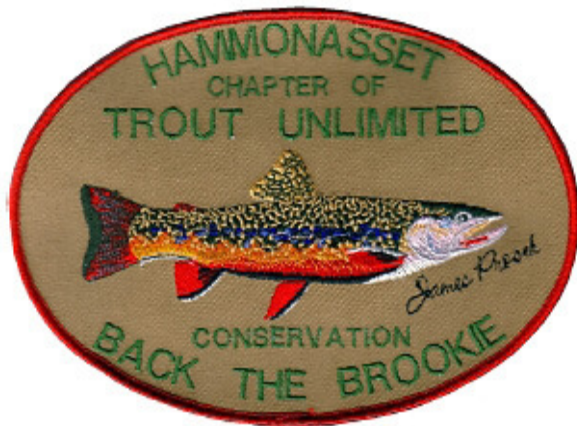
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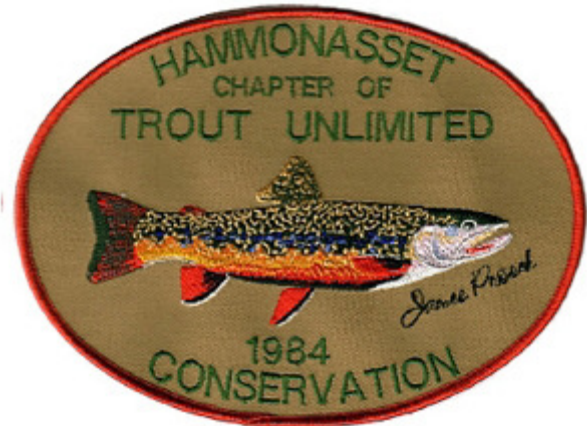
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## Hammonasset Chapter of Trout Unlimited

### 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 onto CT-68 East / Barnes Rd (1.7 Miles)

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### Monthly Meetings

Third Thursday of Each Month  
September Through May  
The Wallingford  
Rod and Gun Club  
411 North Branford Road  
Wallingford, CT 06492



### This Month's Program

**Mike Bartolomeo**  
**A Saltwater**  
**Fly-Fishing Primer**