

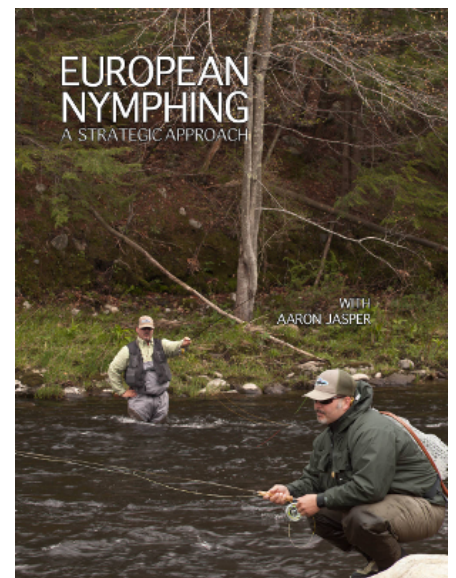


# From the Bank of the Stream February 2012

## *Featured Movie - European Nymphing a Strategic Approach*

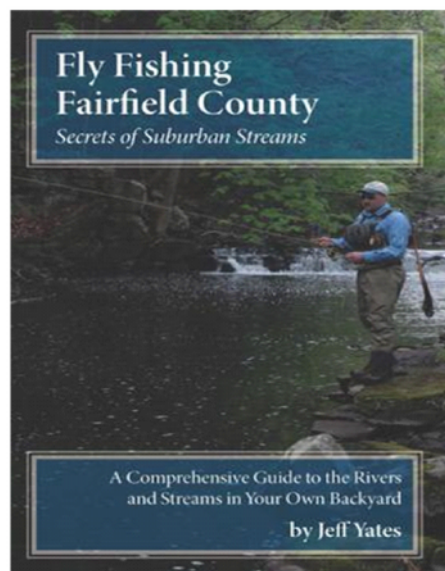
### February Video Highlights

This month our program will feature, European Nymphing- a Strategic Approach, the second in Aaron's Jaspers European Nymphing series, Aaron shows you how to apply all the fly fishing techniques learned in his first video. Through ten unique scenarios and conditions, Aaron shows you how to approach the water, target the fish, and bring the fish to net. Aaron's DVD also includes over an hour and a half of fly tying, leader formulas, graphics, classroom, and on stream instruction, this video is sure to exponentially increase your catch rate. After viewing this video you will understand how to use the various methods of Czech nymphing, Polish nymphing, French nymphing, and Spanish nymphing to target fish in almost any set of conditions.



### March Guest speaker

**Jeff Yates:** Author, guide, Mianus TU board member and fishing associate for the Darien Orvis shop and Communications Manager at Fairfield Community Foundation. His interests are varied and his insights clear. He has come to speak about his recent book publication covering the many rivers and small waters around Fairfield County. His work as a fishing guide covers Long Island Sound, Major western rivers in Connecticut and trips farther afield into Vermont.



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**February 16<sup>th</sup>** Thursday 7:00 pm **Chapter Meeting**  
Wallingford Rod and Gun club. **Movie "European Nymphing a strategic approach"** by Aaron Jasper and Pizza

**February 17-20<sup>th</sup>** **Fishing and Hunting Show.**  
Connecticut Convention center

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** Thursday 7:00 pm. **Chapter Meeting**  
Wallingford Rod and Gun Club. **Jeff Yates** topic:  
fishing around Greenwich Ct. and the **Mianus Chapter of TU**

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## Last month's speaker and Fishing with Friends



### January guest speaker

Last month **Peter Aarrestad** of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Director of Inland Fisheries division spoke for us about his work. The Inland Fisheries has a staff of 47 people that includes the state hatcheries: Kensington, Quinebaug and Burlington. In addition to fish production Inland Fisheries also handles permitting issues: including bridges, pipelines and usages. Guidance is given for pond owners. The division also handles fisheries management and **CARE (Connecticut Aquatic Resource Education)** introducing people to the wonders of water, fish, and fishing. **Several Hammonasset TU members recently volunteered to become certified CARE instructors.**

CARE volunteers have taught over 1,000 family fishing courses in partnership with municipal park and recreation departments. Another 500 classes have been taught for free through partnerships with schools across the state. The 2011 report, *Effectiveness of Hunting fishing Recruitment and Retention Programs*, which is based on a National survey, rated CARE efforts highly. When compared to 13 other programs across the country, which included water, fish, and fishing on their agendas, CARE was in the top five in many of the categories. After participating in a Family fishing course, CARE students:

- Identified themselves as anglers(#1 among 14 programs);
- Had an increased interest in fishing (#3);
- Had an increased likelihood in going fishing (#2);
- Actually increased their fresh and salt water fishing participation(#1 and #4);
- Said they learned a lot about tackle and methods(#1);”  
(CARE info taken from Connecticut wildlife Mag. Nov/Dec2011)

### Chapter Fishing Invitation

Aidan Morgan has volunteered to organize some group fishing trips for our chapter and he is also looking for your feedback. Group fishing trips will take place on Saturday mornings from 8am until noon (on the second Saturday each month) and that way we can give a report at the monthly chapter meetings. We will also organize lunch at a nearby venue after the fishing.

If you have a favorite spot or a favorite river that you would like included, please let us know.

A meeting place and carpool will be arranged, announced and relayed to interested members. We will try to do this in March, April, May and again next fall. Please send any suggestions that would help make this work to Aidan Morgan. [sadmorgan@yahoo.com](mailto:sadmorgan@yahoo.com)



Hugh and Bill on the river bank.

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## TU State Council News



### National Leadership Council of TU

**Jeff Yates** our Connecticut representative reported on the NLC guidance on TU's stocking policy. The national level interest of protection for native trout/char species is to prohibit TU chapters from any assistance for stocking of non native species into streams that are designated as native trout streams. Chapters can be de-chartered by the national TU if they do not abide by that policy. This stocking restriction is limited to streams that contain native trout waters. This relates to native sustainable populations, not to streams that contain some odd fish that move into an extended area. Locally only brook trout are listed as native trout/char. DEEP is in agreement with this policy and no conflicts are foreseen in Connecticut.

### Connecticut Council of Trout Unlimited

The CT TU council will have a Trout in the Classroom exhibit at the Hartford Fishing and Hunting Expo, from February 17 thru 19 at the Connecticut expo center. The Hammonasset chapter will provide the TIC equipment and will help staff the exhibit.

The recently passed stream flow regulations make Connecticut the only state making new legislation progress in this area. There is also a prospect of future rate restructuring for commercial interests that will allow lower cost of large consumers that conserve conservation. What this means is removing a previous policy of lowering per unit rates to customers that used more water, a bulk discount if you will. This means different rate structures for different water usages. Looking forward this new regulation could bring accelerated implementation of stream flow regulations.

Part of the stream flow regulations is the classification of local rivers. Every river below a dam will be classified as a class 3 river unless contested. The review process should progress from the west to east throughout the state. In time we will need to know which rivers in our district are affected by dams and contain trout.

**TU Workshop for the webmasters and best communication trends in newsletters** Saturday, February 25 from 9:00am-lunch Connecticut park and forest assn, building at: 16 Meriden road Rockfall just west of Middletown on Route 66, will provide trends for newsletters a workshop for the webmasters and best trends in newsletters - included will be how to tract performance and why it is important.

**Connecticut women anglers** in conjunction with **TU Women** is interested in state level organization to promote an event in conjunction with New Hampshire to visit the fly fishing museum in March as part of female focused events.

**Northeast TU** councils of the New England area is planning a **Regional meeting** the last weekend of July in the Springfield/ Holyoke area to hold meeting and fish some local water. The last regional meeting was held on the Farmington River last fall 70 TU leaders attended from 9 states.