



From the Bank of the Stream April 2012

Hammonasset Chapter Man of the Year

Each year our chapter recognizes one of the active members for outstanding contributions and volunteer efforts that have improved our chapter. This year there were many people participating in our chapter activities, but one stood out.

This year's Man of the Year was involved in nearly every activity we ran. He tied flies for hours with the kids at our Trout in the Classroom exhibit at the Durham Fair, handled large crowds at the Hammonasset Festival teepee, and staffed the CT TU council booth at the Hartford Fishing Expo. He has been a chapter delegate at the CT Council meetings. He has given fly casting lessons at the DEP's No Child Left inside event, and set up a 9 hole casting course event at our meeting. He has provided the pizza and a movie programs at our meetings. He has led our chapters fly casting event at our Youth Education Day for years. On top of that he has done our monthly newsletter for almost three years now.

HCTU is proud to award the 2012 Man of the Year Award to Richard Carter.



Rich Carter landing a trout at our chapters trip on the Farmington River.

**THE HAMMONASSET CHAPTER
OF TROUT UNLIMITED
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at May meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May5th Saturday 9:00am-high12. **Electronic Recycling Drive.** All proceeds used to support our chapters TIC and Youth education day”. Strong School Route 17 Durham (Fundraising Activity- See Page 4)

May5th Saturday. **New England Spey Clave** gathering at Matthies Grove East River Road on the Farmington River

May12th Saturday 8:am- 2pm **Youth Education Event** as part of “No child left inside” we will be teaching fly casting, tying and entomology classes , Chatfield Hollow State Park.

May19th Saturday **Girl Scout 100 Year Jubilee** at the Durham fair grounds. We are assisting: casting, tying and entomology demonstrations and hands on exhibits.

The Hammonasset Chapter bylaws are required to be updated to be consistant with Trout Unlimited’s national policies. The bylaws will be voted on May 17 chapter meeting at the Wallingford Rod and Gun Club.

A draft of the Bylaws is attached on pages 5-8.



Volunteer Request

Contact Kevin if you can help
860-632-2171



Request for Help

We need some volunteers to help at the upcoming TU exhibit and the Girl Scout 100Year Jubilee at Durham fairgrounds on the 19th of May, 10AM to 6PM. There will be with up to 5000 girl scouts. The Girl Scout 100 year Anniversary is partly a CARE event (backyard fishing targets and fish identification) and also fly casting, fly tying, and entomology. I think the fly tying will be very popular and we need all the help we can get.

The Girl Scout event is important toward encouraging more young women to participate in Trout Unlimited activities.

TIC Releases



We need some volunteers to help with the TIC releases. On the following dates:

Cromwell	May 22	12:30 - 2PM
Middlefield	April 27	1PM
New Haven	May 11	
Hambden	April 27	9AM
Branford	May 22 ?	
Guilford	May 14	

All we really need to do is bring the aerator bucket (with a small net and some cups) to meet with the school and to transport the fish to the release site.

Let us know if you would like to help.

Chapter Fishing Invitation



Our next chapter group trip is to the Farm River on We will meet at Chatfield Hollow State Park at 2pmafter our Free Fishing EducationEvent.

If you have a favorite spot or a favorite river that you would like fish, please send any suggestions and Aidan Morgan. sadmorgan@yahoo.com

New England Spey Clave

The Spey Clave event will be at Matthies Grove picnic area on East River Road: Location is Barkhamsted, CT, American Legion and People's State Forest on the Farmington River. The facilities have a covered pavilion in case of rain.

You can expect to see demos and assistance with many two handed rods, spey rods and lines. Fly tiers will demo Steelhead/Spey and Atlantic Salmon flies,

The CT DEP will have a discussion on the Farmington River

Also Factory reps , demos and products from Temple Fork Outfitters / Rio / Sage / Reddington / Airflo / Echo / Scott / Hardy / Greys / Orvis / Upcountry Sportfishing, / Complet Angler / Bear's Den, and more.

No charge for the day, Matthies Grove will not have any fees.



Fund Raising: for TIC and Youth Education Day



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ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DRIVE

All proceeds will be used to support our chapters

"TROUT in the CLASSROOM" and "YOUTH EDUCATION DAY" Programs



*Saturday May 5, 2012 - 9:00 am to
12 noon*

Strong School, Rt. 17 Durham

***IF YOU HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR A WAY TO DISPOSE OF THAT PILE OF OLD
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!***

WE WILL BE ACCEPTING OLD AND BROKEN:

- COMPUTERS & MONITORS
- PRINTERS
- TELEVISIONS
- RADIOS
- GAMING CONSOLES
- AND MUCH MORE ...

NO BATTERIES OR FLORECENT BULBS PLEASE

***TROUT in the CLASSROOM is currently part of the curriculum at the several
Regional School District 13 schools***

10th ANNUAL
HAMMONASSET CHAPTER
TROUT UNLIMITED



FREE FISHING EDUCATION DAY

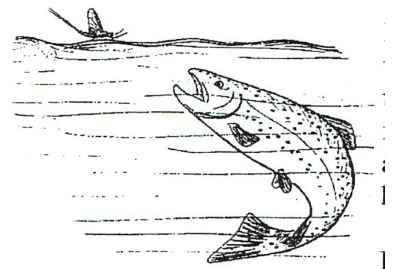
SATURDAY May 12, 2012

8:30am – 2:00pm

Rain or Shine

Free Admission / No License Needed

- FREE FLY TYING INSTRUCTION
- FREE FLY CASTING INSTRUCTION
- FISHING FOR TROUT IN STOCKED POND
- NO LICENSES REQUIRED
- LOANER RODS AVAILABLE
- FREE TROUT UNLIMITED YOUTH MEMBERSHIP
- INTERACTIVE ENTOMOLOGY EXHIBIT
- FIRST TROUT CERTIFICATES
- BAIT AND TACKLE SUPPLIED IF NEEDED



Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

This event will be held at Chatfield Hollow State Park,
on Route 80 in Killingworth, CT



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HAMMONASSET CHAPTER TROUT UNLIMITED BYLAWS

Article I. Organization and Purposes

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be Hammonasset Chapter, Trout Unlimited.

Section 2. The purpose of the Chapter shall be to conserve, protect and restore coldwater fisheries and their watersheds. The Chapter shall operate as a non-profit, non-political and non-sectarian organization. The Chapter shall function exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes.

Section 3. The Chapter is a subsidiary organization of Trout Unlimited, Inc., a Michigan non-profit corporation and is under its authority. The Chapter shall carry out the aims and purposes of Trout Unlimited and all policies, objectives and activities pursued by the Chapter and its members shall be in conformity with the Bylaws and policies of Trout Unlimited. The Chapter's use of the TU name, logo and Chapter affiliation with other organizations and businesses shall conform to TU policies.

Section 4. The Chapter and all members acting on its behalf shall not finance, promote or oppose the candidacy of any person seeking election to public office and shall not participate or intervene in any campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Section 5. The Chapter shall not conduct or carry on any activities, including the expenditure of funds, not permitted to be conducted or carried on by a tax exempt organization under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

Article II. Membership

Section 1. Payment of annual dues to Trout Unlimited is the only requirement for membership in Trout Unlimited and the Chapter. The Chapter shall not assess any additional dues or fees and shall not establish classes of membership.

Section 2. Payment of annual dues to Trout Unlimited shall automatically make one a member of the Chapter, if the member resides in the Chapter's geographical area. Any Trout Unlimited member in good standing from a different chapter's geographic area may elect to become a member of the Chapter.

Section 3. The By-laws of Trout Unlimited shall govern the suspension or expulsion of chapter members.

Section 4. No Chapter or chapter officer, director or member may transfer, sell, barter, or lease to any person or entity the membership list or the names, addresses, contact information or other personal information of the members.

Article III. Membership Meetings

Section 1. The Annual Meeting of the Chapter shall be held on a date set by the Board of Directors, to elect officers and Directors and conduct other business of the Chapter. The President and the Treasurer shall present annual reports to the members at the Annual meeting.

Section 2. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be sent to each member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. The meeting notice shall include the date, time, place and agenda of the annual Meeting and the slate of candidates nominated for election by the Nominating Committee.

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Section 3. The Chapter shall hold regular meetings at a date, time and place chosen by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Special meetings may be called by the President or Board of Directors or upon the written request of the lesser of ten percent (10%) of the members or twenty (20) members. Notice of all special meetings must be given to members at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting and shall include the date, time, place and agenda for the special meeting.

Section 5. *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* shall govern the meetings on all matters relating to order and procedure, including nominations and elections. Only current members of Trout Unlimited shall be permitted to vote at any meeting of the members and no proxy voting shall be allowed.

Section 6. Any officer may be removed at any regular or special Chapter board meeting by a 2/3 vote of the board members in attendance whenever, in their judgment, the interest of the Chapter would be served.

Article IV. Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors is responsible for the general supervision of the Chapter's affairs and finances.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall consist of no fewer than three (3) non-officer members and the officers pursuant to Article V, section 1 and no more than eleven (11) members. The immediate past President shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors for the term of his or her successor. All Directors shall be current members of Trout Unlimited.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet regularly, but no less than 6 times per year. Upon notice, the meetings of the Board of Directors may be conducted by telephone. The Board of Directors may also act by email vote, provided all members of the Board of Directors are permitted the opportunity to participate and all votes are shown to all Directors and reported in the minutes of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. A simple majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum and a simple majority vote of those present is required to approve any official action.

Section 5. Special meetings may be called by the President or any two (2) members of the Board of Directors. Unless notice is waived by all members of the Board of Directors, notice of any special meeting, including date, time, place and agenda, must be given at least seven (7) days in advance. Notice may be in writing or by electronic communication, including fax or electronic mail.

Section 6. If a director is unable to serve for any reason or if a director is appointed to fill a vacant officer position, the vacant director position shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by election at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Chapter members or at a special meeting called for this purpose.

Article V. Officers and Duties

Section 1. The officers of the Chapter shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be voting members of the Chapter's Board of Directors. All officers must be members in good standing of Trout Unlimited. No person shall hold more than one (1) office at any time, except for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2. The President shall serve as general executive officer and shall appoint the chairs of all Chapter committees. The President shall oversee all activities of the chapter and preside at

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all membership and board meetings.

Section 3. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President if the President is absent or unable to perform the President's duties. The Vice President shall perform the duties assigned by the Board of Directors and the President.

Section 4. The Treasurer has the responsibility for the management of the Chapter's finances and regular reporting to the Directors. The Board of Directors may impose such alternate authority or limitations of authority to execute contracts, sign checks or use other forms of payment as the Board of Directors deems appropriate and may require that the Treasurer be bonded. The Treasurer shall also:

- A. Keep full and accurate accounts of monies received and paid on account of the Chapter, give a financial report at each meeting of the Board of Directors, and whenever required by the Board of Directors, render a statement of the Chapter's accounts and report to the membership.
- B. Submit a complete Annual Financial Report (AFR) for the chapter to Trout Unlimited prior to the deadline set by Trout Unlimited. The AFR will be in compliance with the policies and requirements of Trout Unlimited and will contain a complete and accurate accounting of all revenues, expenses, volunteer hours by members of the Chapter and any additional items prescribed within the AFR form.
- C. The Treasurer will also make all necessary filings with the Internal Revenue Service and state and local authorities.
- D. Upon request, permit access to the Chapter's books, records and accounts by any Chapter Officer, Director or designated representative of the State Council and/or Trout Unlimited.

Section 5. The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors and the general membership and keep an accurate and current record of all Chapter memberships. The Secretary shall assist the Treasurer in preparing the AFR form. The Secretary shall send all required notices to members of the Chapter, as required by these bylaws or otherwise. Notice may be in writing or by electronic communication, including fax, electronic mail or by posting on the Chapter's web-site. The Secretary shall also maintain the correspondence of the Chapter.

Article VI. Election, Term, Vacancy

Section 1. The Chapter officers shall be elected for two-year terms. No officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive two-year terms in the same office. An officer may again hold the same office after one year out of office. If no one steps forward to fill the position the officer may continue another term.

Section 2. In the event of a vacancy in any office, the Board of Directors shall appoint an individual to serve until the next regularly scheduled election.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall nominate members for each elected office. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Article VII. Committees

Section 1. The Chapter may establish standing committees, whose members shall be appointed by the chair of each committee:

- A. Communications: This committee is responsible for the chapter web-site and newsletter.

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- B. Membership: This committee is responsible for membership services, membership lists and efforts to recruit and retain members.
- C. Education: This committee is responsible for education programs and youth activities.
- D. Conservation: This committee is responsible for activities and projects that directly support Trout Unlimited's conservation agenda.
- E. Financial Development: This committee is responsible for chapter fundraising.
- F. Trout in the Classroom: This committee oversees the Trout in the Classroom programs in the schools.

Section 2. Additional standing or ad hoc committees may be established from time to time by the President or the Board of Directors.

Article VIII. Fiscal Year

Section 1. The Chapter's fiscal year shall be the same as that of Trout Unlimited.

Article IX. Amendment of By-Laws

Section 1. These Chapter bylaws may be amended at any Annual Meeting or Special Meeting if at least the lesser of 20 chapter members or 10% of the Chapter's members are present. Amendment of the bylaws shall require a two-thirds vote of those present and voting. Only current members of Trout Unlimited shall be permitted to vote. Any amendment to these bylaws shall be consistent with the bylaws of Trout Unlimited. All proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall require at least 30 day's notice to the members, with the notice specifying the proposed amendment.

Section 2. If any amendment of these bylaws is required in order to make them consistent with the bylaws of Trout Unlimited, a vote of a majority of those present and permitted to vote shall be sufficient to pass the amendment.

Article X. Assets and Dissolution

Section 1. No part of the income, earnings or assets of the Chapter shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, any member, director or officer of the Chapter or any private individual, except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Chapter in effecting one or more of its purposes. Chapter members, officers and directors may be reimbursed for expenses incurred for or on behalf of the Chapter.

Section 2. All Chapter expenditures shall be broadly consistent with the mission of Trout Unlimited.

Section 3. The Chapter may not acquire or hold any new interest in real property, including easements, except with prior written approval from Trout Unlimited.

Section 4. Upon dissolution of the Chapter, all assets of the Chapter shall revert to the State Council. These assets will be held and/or redistributed in consultation with Trout Unlimited.

Adopted this 17th day of May, 2012

Secretary