



THE RISE

From the Bank of the Stream



Pres. Jim Woodworth showing everyone a reminder of why you should join Aidan Morgan and your other friends of TU for the monthly group outings.
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November 15th Chapter Meeting **Special speaker Neil Hagstrom** **Road Culvert Assessment &** **Native brook trout recovery**

With enough technical jargon to fill your hat: barrel slope, critical depth, flow line, invert and free outlet; this very basic problem of how does the fish cross the road has an important implication for all of us and Neil will wade through the jargon for us. Statewide the culverts under our roads are being reviewed for upgrade and all TU chapters are getting involved in locating/photographing them for the state assessment. Hammonasset TU covers many towns which will all be included in the project. We may need to contact several high schools for student assistance who are looking to complete their community service hours requirements.

Neil will also be covering reintroduction of brook trout into streams that have been in recovery from various ills.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 3rd Saturday 9:00am **Fishing the Naugatuck for Salmon** Naugatuck: **Linden park** southern entrance "Riverside drive" off of "North Main St." see page 5.

Nov.7thWednesday 6:00-9:00pm **Farmington Valley TU fishing tag sale** 321 New Britain Ave. Unionville see page 6.

Nov.10th Saturday 9:30am. **Fishing with Aidan on the Farmington.** New Hartford: **Upcountry Sports fly shop** see page 5.

Nov.15th Thursday **7pm**, doors open at 6:15 for tying. **Chapter Meeting** Wallingford Rod and gun Club. Speaker: Neil Hagstrom **Road Culvert Assessment & Native brook trout to assist stream recovery**

Nov.17th Saturday 9:00am **Rain date if Nov.3rd is a wash out on the Naugatuck**

Jan, 17th Thursday **7pm**, doors open at 6:15 for tying. **Chapter Meeting** Wallingford Rod and Gun Club. Jim Plante **Nymphing Strategies**

Feb.21st Thursday **7pm**, doors open at 6:15 for tying. **Chapter Meeting** Wallingford Rod and Gun Club. Ben Bellilo **Traditional Methods for Brood stock Salmon**

Mar.21st Thursday **7pm**, doors open at 6:15 for tying. **Chapter Meeting** Wallingford Rod and Gun Club.

Apr. 18th Thursday **7pm**, doors open at 6:15 for tying. **Chapter Meeting** Wallingford Rod and Gun Club.

May 11th Saturday 8:30am-2:00pm **YED (Youth Education Day)** Chatfield Hollow Park Killingworth **Free Fishing Day** (more details coming soon)

May13th-16th Monday-Thursday **Group trip Fishing the Delaware**

May. 16th Thursday **7pm**, doors open at 6:15 for tying. **Chapter Meeting** Wallingford Rod and Gun Club.

June 1st Saturday **Boy Scout Jamboree**

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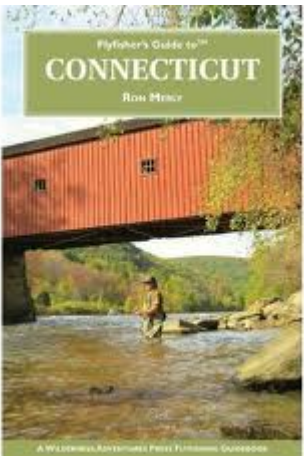


Meeting Highlights: If you missed the Last meeting, you missed *Something*



September Speaker Ron Merly

Author and record holder for sea run Brown Trout 10lb-8oz caught in the Saugatuck River in Westport, Ron Merly was both informative and entertaining. "Flyfishers Guide to Connecticut" was this night's subject with the state broken down by Counties. Many of the fishing areas weren't restricted to fly fishing only, but all were worth a visit. Pick up a copy for yourself and go see for yourself what the state has to offer.



Closer to home in New Haven County the Farm River is noted for the first home for brown trout in the U.S. and is home to the healthiest sea run population in the state.

Trout in the classroom exhibit at the Durham Fair on September 25th-28th



Rick and Jim getting another youth started.

October Speaker Frank Plona

Member of the Farmington Valley TU chapter and keen fisher of the Farmington River covered how to catch big survivor brown trout in Burlington from the Avon-Collinsville dam and south for 4 miles.



Fishing is restricted to high water with visibility of at least 2 feet. High water because big survivor trout are forced out of their normally protective home of snags and other inaccessible areas into calmer pools. The displaced fish may also move into the first 100 feet of tributary streams normally too small for such fish. His flies are short palmered streamers with big eyes glued in place. Hooks are 6-4 nymph palmered red and mallard flank. Leaders are 4x and 3x for cloudy skies. Never fish over trout that are paired up, these are spawning fish.



("Cool Waters" Waterbury community Mosaic conceived by Joanne and Bruce Hunter covering 30' x 30')

Care (Connecticut Aquatic Resource Education)

"Care" is currently looking into having the first day of trout fishing season moved earlier into April to allow school vacations to coincide with opening day.



Fishing memories shared with friends



By John Springer

I left home July 16th headed west for the Big Horn River in eastern Montana. On Friday July 20th I set up at Cotton Wood Camp located at 3 mile access. If you're not going to float the river there are several good places located here, don't let all the cars in the lot where you park throw you 95% of them are floating. If you get there late in the day fish the pool below the boat ramp, everyone by late afternoon is coming from up river and won't bother you. There are many fish in the pool including the largest amount of suckers I have ever seen. Lots of trout mixed in with them and with the bushes right there lots of caddis flies. The next day I fished up river where there are several channels BWO's come off in the morning size 20 tough fishing, but rewarding. Nymphing was not going well and I became friendly with Dave who is the campground host. Dave is from back east and we spoke about food that they do not have in Montana, one of the things I spoke about was Brooklyn Kielbasa he mentioned how much he liked it also. He told me to stop by the shop in the morning and he would set me up, and he did! New leader, several flies I did not have, and with some instructions I was out the door. But not before I went to my camper and got him some Kielbasa. The olives did come off and after that I nymphed a channel and did very well, thanks to Dave. I went back to my home and took out a piece of olive Italian bread from Boston and gave that to him also, they don't have good Italian bread in eastern Montana. I was lucky enough to find one spot that all bugs were passing through a scum line and picked off more fish on Caddis pupa right up to mid day! So should you go make sure you stop in and see Dave at the shop at Cottonwood camp and if you have something good to eat from back east share it with him, it will be worth it I assure you. Good flies to have are scuds and all stages of caddis and BWO's if you go earlier have PMD's also. The general rule for the Big Horn is the best fishing comes later in summer but this year not much snow and they are having a terrible drought so things happened early.

By Al Sonski

I went to Valdez, Alaska August 4-15 to visit my good friends Dave and Lois. I am also very lucky to have made friends with Dave's bud Larry, an adamant fisher /hunter who kept us on fish. During my stay I caught beautiful Dolly Varden and silver (Coho) salmon from the local stream, the Robe River, a halibut, a yellow eye rockfish, and a silver salmon from Dave's boat in the bay. The 3 of us floated 50 miles on the Gulkana River in Larry's inflatable 16' Soar craft over 4 days. We camped 3 nights, and caught lots of grayling and some rainbows. We bumped off rocks in the rapids but our captain was steady at the helm and kept us dry. Camp food was great. The weather was perfect with little rain; temps were in the 40's-60. It was a fantastic trip.





HCTU Meeting Highlights & Events



Salmon stocking so far this fall: Naugatuck-500, Shetucket-400, MT Tom Pond-100, Crystal Lake 200. There will be about 400 more per district to be stocked post spawning. I don't know when that will be. This is **THE** year to fish for Atlantic Salmon in Connecticut.

Directions to Naugatuck (Linden Park)

Salmon fishing trip Nov.3rd

9:00am/Nov.17th rain date

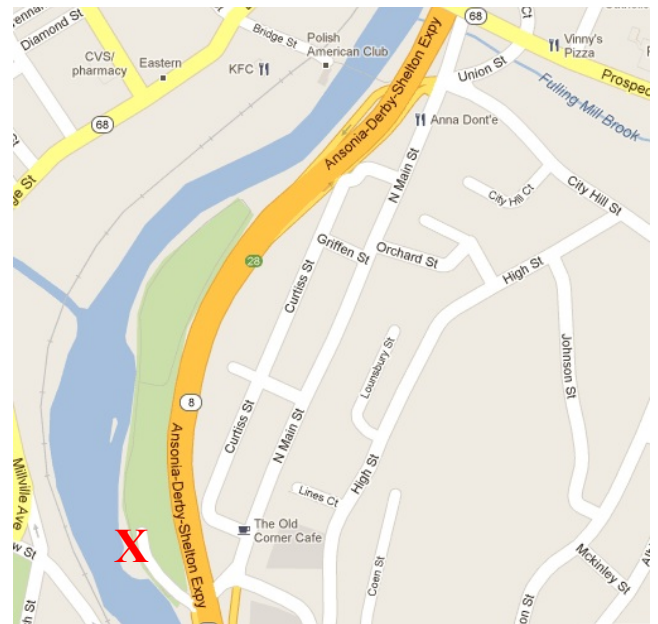
If you are on Route 8 either north or south bound use exit #28 (Route 68). Drive south on "N Main St" You will be approaching the entrance ramp for Route 8 South, just before entering the ramp take a hard right onto "Riverside Dr", this is the entrance to Linden Park; it is marked by a red x on the map page 1. We will fish that stretch do lunch at noon, pickup a grinder at Nardelli's and head to the ball field. You can fish the ball field and then head south later to Beacon falls and fish the steel bridge and then the bend of the river after that if you are not tuckered out. I would suggest at least a 7/8 wt rod with a decent reel and at least a 12lb tippet.

Outing with Aidan Morgan on the Farmington River Nov.10th 9:30am

We will meet up at "Upcountry sportfishing" fly shop #352 Main St. (Route44) in New Hartford. Fishing will run from 10:00-2:00



Aidan Morgan with a great salmon



November 3rd the chapter next trip is to the Naugatuck for Broodstock Atlantic Salmon. We will meet Ed Albrecht in Naugatuck. See map

Jesse Gardziel and TU Youth

A group of kids from across the U.S. including Texas and Maine, some 14 in total met in Pennsylvania at "fisherman's Paradise" to cover possible streams of engagement programs to keep youth involved in TU. One idea is to start fly tying groups at their schools. Another is to focus the use of school graduation requirement of community service hours toward things such as the culvert assessment covered in the above article. A third option is maintaining a community through Facebook and Twitter feeds.

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Casting with kids

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6 – 9 p.m.
Farmington Community Center
321 New Britain Avenue
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FREE ADMISSION**

ANGLING GEAR TAG SALE

Sellers Welcome – Tables Limited – Call Bill Case at 860-678-7245 to reserve a table or for any questions.

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.