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THE HAMMONASSET CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

THE RISE

From the Bank of the Stream

This Month our guest speaker is John Springer

A Montana Adventure Fishing the Madison and Missouri Rivers

Clinton's adventure traveler and fulltime fisherman **John Springer** will be presenting his slide show of his latest **trips to Montana**. John has fished in Montana for over twenty years and recently took fellow member Kevin Fuller and showed him the best places to go.

Places visited included the Madison and the Missouri Rivers. The trip will be loaded with great shots of beautiful places.



Fishing from a steep bank on the Missouri River requires only a short cast to get the fly to where the big ones are holding.

These tips and many more will be shared at our January Meeting.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 16th Thursday 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:15
Chapter Meeting Wallingford rod and Gun Club.
Guest speaker John Springer. **Missouri River**

Feb 20th Thursday 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:15
Chapter Meeting Wallingford rod and Gun Club.
Pizza and a movie: Davy Wotton **"Wet fly Ways"**

Mar 20th Thursday 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:15
Chapter Meeting Wallingford rod and Gun Club.
Guest speaker Angus Boazeman **Upper CT River NH**

Apr 17th Thursday 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:15 for fly
tying **Chapter Meeting** Wallingford rod and Gun
Club. Guest speaker Jerry Jahn **Spey Casting**

May 10th Saturday 8:30am-1pm. **YED** Youth Education
Day Chatfield Hollow park Killingworth Conn. Contact
Paul Gray to reserve a place for your help or a child's
day of fun and learning.

May 15th Thursday 7:00pm. Doors open at 6:15 for fly
tying **Chapter Meeting** Wallingford rod and Gun
Club. Guest speaker TBD

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An average 18" Missouri River Brown trout



Speaker Highlights:

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



Effective Nymphing Techniques,

by: Bill Keister.

Any rod will work, with a choice longer is better than shorter. 5 and 6 weight rods are better for moving the weight and strike indicator.

Fly line- either the weight forward or the double taper profile is fine. Nymph specific lines are usually front loaded. In a similar fashion you can overweight a 4 wt rod with a 5 wt line to increase control at short distances associated with nymphing.

Leaders with a standard taper profile are useful for streamers and dry flies. For nymph fishing steel-head, a 6-8 feet of level leader is the norm; made up of fluorocarbon." Fluoro" has two traits that make it a better material than nylon; **first** it has a specific density of 1.7 as compared to fresh water s-density of 1. This makes it sink without weight attached to it. **Second** based on fish reactions in a Penn State study, fish reactions to fluoro vs, nylon showed 1x increase in diameter for the same reaction.

Bobber can be made of fluff or thingamabobber.

Bill's preference for fishing the **Salmon River** (Connecticut) is 200-300 cfm. Tungsten bead 1/8 or bigger on size 10 hooks. Soft hackle flies size 14-18 hook and egg patterns size 14 hook colored apricot, sometimes in the fall yellow is a good option.

Styles: high sticking is the use of 1 rod length of line out the tip of the rod.

Long line requires pulling in the fly line as the upstream drift is approaching to limit slack.

Czech style is similar to high sticking with droppers and a colored tag within the leader to show more takes.

French style is similar to long line for low flows and tiny flies.

Tactics: "To dead drift the nymph" there are complications in variations of cross currents

and different speeds from the surface to the bottom. The best way to prevent drag is to not cast across current seams; instead cast upstream and keep the fly and line in one current seam. For crossing current seams use a **reach cast**. This is done while casting, before the line lays on the surface point the rod tip upstream.

Mending after completion of the cast the line is thrown forward and upstream. How often mending is needed in a drift can be looked at with the thought that 6 feet of drag free drift is ok for stocked rivers.

Tuck cast is an over powered cast angled up higher than normal, the line tightens up in the left hand before the fly hits the water so that the fly kicks back before hitting the surface.

Curve cast is an overpowered side cast much like a tuck cast.

Notes: Tuck casts are very tough with a fluff bobber because of the wind resistance, substituting a thingamabobber allows further and faster casting. As the user practices using an indicator the more subtle the bites are noticed. The fly needs to be right by the bottom where the fish are. When a bite/strike is noticed, lift the rod to get the hook to move 1/4 inch into the fishes lip. When releasing a fish, grab the fly not the fish.

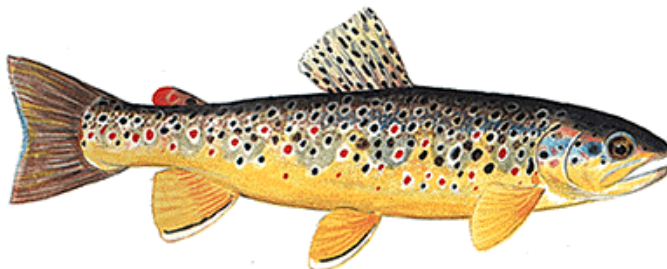


The Madison mountain range near the Three Dollar Bridge.



Youth Education Day

11th ANNUAL
HAMMONASSET CHAPTER
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YOUTH EDUCATION DAY

SATURDAY May 10, 2014

8:30am - 1:00pm

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!

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- FISHING FOR TROUT IN STOCKED POND
- CONNECTICUT FREE FISHING DAY
- FREE RAFFLES & PRIZES
- AND MUCH MORE ...



To register for this FREE event just email RON GRAZIANI at **rongraz70@sbcglobal.net** to reserve your child's spot. Please be 100% sure that you can attend this event prior to registering.

Space is limited to 36 children that must be at least 8 years of age to participate.

Don't be late and miss out on this great day of learning and fun.

This event will be held at Chatfield Hollow State Park, on Route 80 in Killingworth, CT. The day will start promptly at 8:30. Children should wear old sneakers for wet wading and bring a pair of dry socks and sneakers for afterwards. Parents are required to stay for the entire event with their children and are encouraged to fish with their children as part of "CT Free Fishing Day". Bait, hooks & rods will be supplied to those who need them.



HCTU News



Farm River

Grant received for the Farm River fish ladder project from “National Fish and Wildlife Foundation”. The amount received was \$21,000. The project should be shovel ready by spring. The next round of grants should commence in the spring.

Trout In The Classroom

TIC (trout in the classroom) state wide distribution of trout eggs to 103 aquariums was 22,000 was done on November 17th.

The program has increased in size annually by 5-10%. 102 schools in Connecticut are participating in the program with 8,000 kids directly involved.

HCTU supports 9 schools for TIC.

In Massachusetts 30-40 salmon in the classroom programs will be converting to

TIC. Massachusetts expecting to raise brook trout with their salmon equipment. Ed Albrecht will be assisting the schools with their conversion.

TU State Council

HCTU past president Ted Gardziel was elected as the Chairman of the CT TU Council.

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.



This fishing spot on The Missouri River was perfect place for a postcard photo.

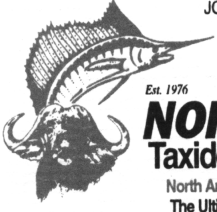




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Directions to our meeting place:

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.



Sharing lunch with friends, and fishing on the Missouri River,
what could be better?