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THE HAMMONASSET CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED

THE RISE

From the Bank of the Stream

This months guest speaker is **Angus Boezeman**

On March 20 Angus Boezeman will give a presentation on "Strategies for Fishing the Upper Connecticut River". Angus has been guiding in the Pittsburg area for over 20 years. Angus is the man to call if you are planning a trip on the Upper CT River.

Angus will give a game plan to strategically approach the river. This approach can also be applies to any river you want to fish. Angus's presentation will also include information about the various stretches of river between the Connecticut Lakes in the Pittsburg New Hampshire area, including the various seasons, species, hatches, flows and more.



Angus Boezeman with an Upper CT River Landlock Salmon.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
Chapter Meeting Wallingford rod and Gun Club.
Jerry Jahn and Fred Krowchenko.
Spey Casting Northeast / Improve your 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 day of fun and
learning.

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

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Speaker Highlights:

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



Pizza and a movie night was **“Wet Fly ways”** by **Davy Wotton**. First I would like to go over Davy’s leader set up: **For floating line leader overall length 11’**, start with 6’ of straight mono filament, his favorite was sunset amnesia clear 15 lb with a “Uni-knot”. To this he connects 26” of 8-6 lb fluorocarbon with a special knot he developed called the Davy knot with the 8-6 lb and a simple overhand on the 15lb to keep the Davy knot from slipping off. The next knot will be 6” above the bitter end of the 8-6 lb with a 3 turn surgeon knot. This 6” left over is to tie on the top dropper fly with another Davy knot. Below the surgeon knot is another length of 26” of 8-6 lb fluoro, 6” above the bitter end another 3 turn surgeon knot to tie in the last length of 20” of 6-4 lb fluoro. The 6” left over tag is for the second dropper fly or middle fly; again tied in with the Davy knot. The point fly is attached at the end with a improver clinch or Davy knot as well. **The idea is that the flies hang at 20” from knot to knot.** The 3 lengths of tippet material are only to be stepped down in strength one time at the most or at a constant strength. When fishing size 16 or smaller flies, the tippet sections can be down to 6x tippet size. The purpose of connecting the flies with a Davy knot is so that the flies hang right side up below the leader and reduce the amount of snarls.

For intermediate sinking line leader overall length of 11.5’, start with 4’ of the sunset amnesia and **droppers set up to give 30” from knot to knot** as above with the floating line.



Invicta wet fly

On to the movie, Davy starts off with short casts up river with 1 rod length of floating line past the rod tip and a methodic fan coverage of the water above him moving his cast after cast deeper into the river until he is 45degree off up river. The drift of the flies can be re cast after the flies are stationary downstream or when even with your position. After the fan coverage is done move up river the length of your leader and start again.

For occasions when longer casts are needed up river and therefore floating line has to sit on the surface “mucilin” is rubbed on the last 2-3 feet to assist lift off for recast, the forward stroke of the cast has the rod tip tilted toward the nearest bank so that as little of the fly line as possible covers the fish on the drift.

His next method covered is across river with an immediate soft mend up stream to slow down the drift and then to lead the flies into a position below his. By pointing his rod with a slow sweep he can change how fast the flies move past the stationary fish below him.

The third method was more across the river at greater distances and to understand how it is done ...well you will just have to watch the video again.





Youth Education Day



11th ANNUAL
HAMMONASSET CHAPTER
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YOUTH EDUCATION AND
FREE FISHING DAY
FAMILY EVENT

SATURDAY May 10, 2014
8:30am - 2:00pm
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!

- CONNECTICUT FREE FISHING DAY ***No License is required.***
- FLY TYING
- FLY CASTING
- RIVER ECOLOGY & ENTOMOLOGY
- ASSIST WITH A TROUT STOCKING
- FISHING FOR TROUT IN STOCKED POND
- AND MUCH MORE ...FROM DEEP & C.A.R.E.

This event will be held at Chatfield Hollow State Park, on Route 80 in Killingworth, CT. "CT Free Fishing Day". Bait, hooks & rods will be supplied to those who need them. Seen on **Connecticut's dEEP website** our event is listed as a **special fishing classes and events**.
http://www.ct.gov/dEEP/cwp/view.asp?a=2222&q=320736&deepNav_GID=1630



FARMINGTON VALLEY TROUT UNLIMITED



16th ANNUAL BANQUET



MARCH 21, 2014

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6 to 9:30 p.m.

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HCTU's guest speakers for April Jerry and Fred From Spey Casting Northeast!



Learn how spey casting can improve your fishing.

Fred Krowchenko and Jerry Jahn are two of the old timers in the New England fly fishing community, The currently teach casting on the Farmington river. Jerry has been fishing for Atlantic Salmon for over 30 years and 25 of them has been with the two handed spey rod. Jerry is an excellent caster of single hand and two hand rods, his enthusiasm is infectious and very well received by all of our students. He is focused on getting the student to understand Spey casting and only pleased when they have success. Fred is the technical element of the group, he enjoys the details of rod design and line tapers and will explore any new equipment on the market. If you want charts, diagrams and technical details of casting, lines and leaders, this is his specialty. email fkrow@yahoo.com



HCTU News



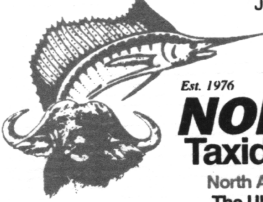
Youth Education Day

This years (YED) does not require any sign up of interested children, it will instead coincide with the Connecticut free fishing day (state wide no anglers are required to have fishing license on this day) and the state's **Connecticut aquatic resources Education (CARE)** event will be held at Chatfield Hollow park concurrently. To learn more about how you can get involved stop into a meeting or call any of the phone numbers on pg 2.

James Prosek Trout Print

In 2008 the Hammonasset Chapter commissioned James Prosek to paint a Farm River brown trout to raise awareness of a 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 2015 and we have fewer than 20 prints remaining.

Contact Ted Gardziel or any of the HCTU Directors on page 2.



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March is the "Month of Giving"

At Jersey Mike's in Branford. "**Take a Vet Fishing**" is his designated charity. All month long when you eat at Jersey Mike's you can buy a \$1 or \$3 coupon and that goes to TAVF and the purchaser will get \$1 off their order on their next visit and with the \$3 they will receive free soda and chips on their next visit.

The really good part is on Wednesday March 26, 2014 Jersey Mike's has it's day of giving and TAVF will receive 100% of the days sales, yes sales not profits!!! Please put this on your calendar get your company to buy lunch that day, tell your beauty salon, spa, barber shop to buy lunch that day and pick up dinner on the way home. Tell your kids school and anyone else you can think of. You and they will be getting a great sandwich and you will be helping TAVF.

Jersey Mike's has been a partner with TAVF for several years now providing discounts so lets step it up and support him. Please mention TAVF when you go in.

Regards,
"Take a Vet Fishing"

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Directions to our Meeting



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, At end 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.

2014 New England Spey Clave III

On Saturday May 17 Fred and Jerry at Spey Casting Northeast will be hosting another event at Mathies Grove on the Farmington River.

This will be the third year that Fred and Jerry put this on. It's a great day and there are a bunch of rod companies and lots of people there to show you how to spey cast, they have reels and fly tying also. . . and free food!

This is held on the Farmington River so after spending some time casting you can fish as well.

Date: Saturday May 17, 2014

Location: Mathies Grove on the Farmington River

No Fee,

Free Lunch provided by The Complete Angler, Darien, CT

For more information about the Spey Clave III email fkrow@yahoo.com