



THE RISE

FROM THE BANK OF THE STREAM

President's Message



First Connecticut Lake , Pittsburg New Hampshire.

I hope the New Year is treating you all well. My goal for the New Year is simple, "Fish more often". You only get to fish so many seasons in your lifetime. In 2009, too many other things kept me from getting out on the water enough, but I hope to make up for it this year. I also hope to make our chapter activities a little more enjoyable too.

January's monthly meeting at the Wallingford Rod and Gun Club will begin with group fly tying at 6:00. Anyone who would like to tie with some of our more experienced tiers is welcome to join or just come to watch and learn. The meeting will begin at 7:00 as usual. Rich Carter will be organizing a new idea called "**Fly Grab Bag**". Anyone who donates one or more flies can pick from the Fly Grab Bag. Bill Glueck will have a great assortment of flies and gear at our raffle, and Ron Graziani will present a program on **Ice Fishing**. We will also have food and drinks (while they last) for members who don't have time to stop for dinner before the meeting.

The chapter directors are planning the new years activities so please give us your input on the activities that would interest you, and programs you want to see at HCTU.

Please consider becoming more involved in the Hammonasset chapter and experience all we have to offer. I hope to see some of you at our monthly meetings.

Kevin Fuller
President, HCTU

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 21 Thursday, 6:30 P.M.

Chapter Meeting Wallingford Rod And Gun Club
Ron Graziani, Ice Fishing 101

February 18 Thursday, **6:30 P.M.**

Chapter Meeting Wallingford Rod And Gun Club
Saltwater Fly Fishing Primer

March 18 Thursday, **6:30 P.M.**

Chapter Meeting Wallingford Rod And Gun Club
Mike Humphries-CT DEP, Wild Trout and Fingerlings

April 15 Thursday, **6:30 P.M.**

Chapter Meeting Wallingford Rod And Gun Club
Ed Ochman, Secret Flies and Hammonasset River

May 20 Thursday, **6:30 P.M.**

Chapter Meeting Wallingford Rod And Gun Club
Orvis 9 Hole Fly Casting Contest
Details to be announced.

Visit our Website for More Details and Updates.
www.hammonassettu.com

Adventures Wanted !

Please contribute a story or photos from your fishing trips. The newsletter would be MORE ENJOYABLE with more stories from our members.

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



January Meeting

Our first meeting of 2010 will be **Ice fishing** presented by year round fisherman Ron Graziani. Ron will give a demonstration on the basics of ice fishing including equipment, safety, and techniques. Ron will also describe some local fishing locations.

Doors will be open for monthly meeting at 6:00 pm. Fly tying will start at 6:00 bring your things and share your ideas. The Actual meeting begins around 7:00 and our program starts after the announcements

This month we are starting our **Monthly Grab Bag**. So bring or tie a successful fly and put it into the grab bag. The number of flies you put in is the number you take out. Donated flies will be also be collected from members to be used as door prizes for future meetings.

Proposed Stream Flow Regulations Presentation

Betsey Wingfield, Chief of the DEP Bureau of Water Protection, will be giving a presentation on the proposed Stream Flow Regulations on Wednesday, January 20, 7-9 PM, at the Wallingford Public Library, 200 N. Main St. This will be the last presentation prior to the public hearing on the 21st.

Members are encouraged to attend on Wednesday night and show your support for the new regulations.

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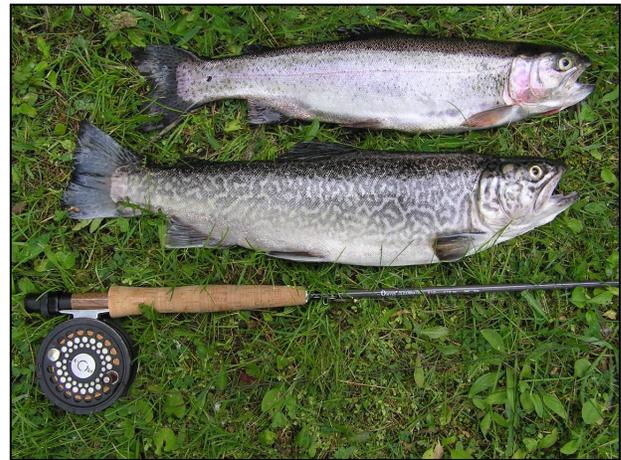
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February Meeting

Our February meeting will feature Mike Bartolomeo's **Saltwater Fly Fishing Primer**:

You will learn what you need to know to fly fish our saltwater areas this coming season. Including: equipment, knots, flies, techniques, tides, weather, and the fish. Featuring a slide show from New England and the Florida Keys.

Mike Bartolomeo is an experienced lifelong fisherman in our local salt waters, both on foot and by boat, as well as in the Florida Keys.



Some good size trout from the Limestone Trout Club.
Photo by Ed Albrecht.

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HCTU ANNOUNCEMENTS



Tying with the Vets:

This January, February and March the Branford Congregational Church will be working with military Vets fly tying mostly salt water patterns for the upcoming season. If you would like to help, please contact Ed Ochman fatalbertandernie@yahoo.com

Farm River update:

The Farm river fish passage won't be built in 2010 but the project still may go through in 2011.

TU National Meeting in September:

Waterville New Hampshire will host the 2010 National Meeting from Sept. 17-19

The chapter is considering a trip on the 3rd or 4th week of June to the area.

Salmon on the Naugatuck:

In the upper Naugatuck the fish holding at the Thomaston dam (seem beat up) and on the lower Naugatuck the fish are in Shelton at Tinley dam and into the pond below.

Fishing Trip for this Spring:

Bill Glueck is planning another trip to the Catskills area in New York the 3rd week in May. For those interested in joining him for maybe the best part of the year contact Bill and don't forget your mahogany mayfly patterns.

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In support of our Farm River Fish Passage project and conservation programs, James Prosek has signed 50 limited edition prints. There are ONLY about 20 prints remaining.

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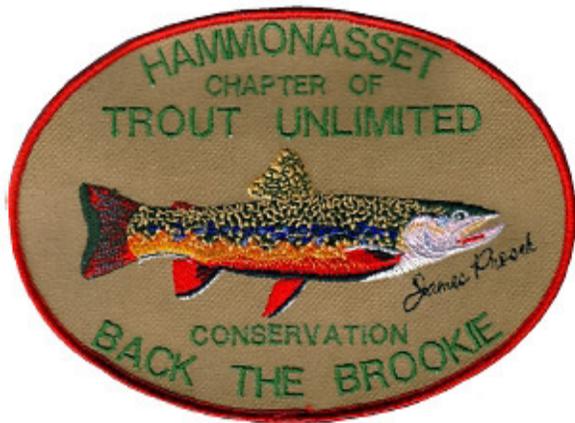
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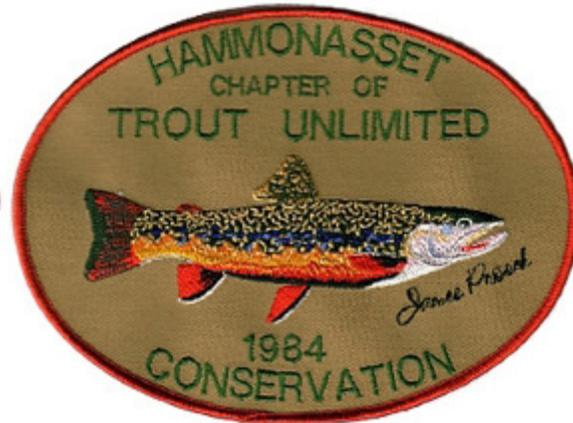
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The Chapter Patch



Chapter patches are still available: \$20 each
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Choose either the Back the Brookie or the Conservation Since 1984 patch.

Hammonasset Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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 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.

Monthly Meetings

Third Thursday of Each Month

September Through May

The Wallingford

Rod and Gun Club

411 North Branford Road

Wallingford, CT 06492



This Month's Program

Ron Graziani

Ice Fishing