



THE RISE

From the Bank of the Stream May 2012



Richard Carter and Jeff Yates fishing the Norwalk River

Special Membership Raffle at Last meeting of the Season

Our chapter has been very busy in the last few weeks with Trout in the Classroom (TIC) releases, our annual youth education and Free Fishing Day events and our Recycling Fundraiser. Thank you all for supporting our chapter activities. We have one meeting left before the summer break and we want to go out with a bang.

Throughout the year, each person that attended our meetings this year was given a ticket to be entered into our membership raffle. If you attended all 8 meetings you may be entered up to 8 times. We will pull the tickets and give out a fly rod, a fly fishing vest, and a box of flies. There is no need to purchase tickets, but the more you attend, the better chance you have to win. Ed Albrecht also donated a bamboo spinning rod to be raffled off to a member in attendance.

The chapter will also present our Hammonasset TU Man of the Year Award to the member who has made the most outstanding contributions to the chapter.

We also encourage your attendance because we want a good turnout to vote on the chapter bylaws. We will also have hotdogs, drinks and desert as a light supper while it lasts for those who attend. A fly fishing film will follow.

We hope to see you there!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 17th Thursday 7PM (doors open at 6:30)
Chapter Meeting Wallingford Rod and Gun Club.
Free Membership raffle. By-laws will be voted on by the membership.

May 19th Saturday **Girl Scout 100 Year Jubilee** at the Durham fair grounds. We are assisting: casting, tying demonstrations and hands on exhibits.

A few volunteers are needed.

Last Month's Presentation

Bill Keister, a well known as a certified FFF casting instructor, rod maker and excellent nymphr did something that I had not seen someone do before. He opened up his fishing log notebook for us and showed a wealth of knowledge he has gained over years of record keeping of nymph and streamer fishing.

This is the peak of the season for nymph fishing and rainbows are hard-wired to eat egg patterns. Brown trout are instead hard-wired to be ambush eaters.



His records for the **Salmon River** show the top fly (for catching brown trout) is a white marabou streamer. The top nymph (for catching rainbow trout) was egg patterns. Of the egg colors Salmon with a blood dot were top, followed by Oregon cheese.

When water temps rise above 54 deg. egg patterns can stop working as effectively for rainbow trout; another explanation may be that all the rainbows have been caught out by the middle of May.

Bill said whatever rod you have is fine for nymphing, but longer is better. His outfit consists of 4wt. 10ft. Sage XP.



TU Activities



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 may be with up to 5000 girl scouts. The Girl Scout anniversary is partly a CARE event (backyard fishing) and alsoTIC & TU Youth Education exhibit. We 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 women to participate in Trout Unlimited activities.

**Contact Kevin if you can help
860-632-2171**

Health and Wellness Fair:

We assisted Vinal Technical High School of Middletown who hosted the event on April 26th Thursday 8:00am-12:30pm under the banner of **"The sharing of opportunities to improve awareness of good healthy lifestyles."**

TU members demonstrated fly tying, fly casting, TUC and Our Free Fishing Day Event, Two of the teachers at Vinal Tech were interested in having the TIC program in their classroom and several students were keen to hear about the Youth Education Free Fishing Day Event.

Northeast Regional Meeting Springfield Sheraton- Springfield,MA July 28 & 29 Registration \$100

Optional fishing on Friday, July 27th

- *Meet and Network with 100+ TU leaders from Maine to New Jersey
- *Learn from other's great work and gain some new ideas
- *Attend valuable seminars and workshops on
 - *Flooding
 - *Membership growth and engagement
 - *Communications
 - * Invasive species protections
 - *Best practices in chapter leadership
 - *and more...

TU Girl's Night & Day Out!

All women in TU, friends of TU members and female anglers across the state of Connecticut, let's get together and fish!

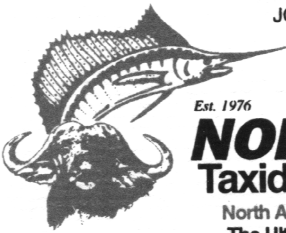
TU Girls Evening Fishing on the Farmington!

Sunday, May 20th-We'll meet at Matthies Grove at People's State Forest in the parking lot near the pavilion at 3 pm, break into smaller groups and fish until dark. Then we'll grab a bite to eat at Michael Angelo's in New Hartford. Hopefully the weather will be nice enough for a glass of wine on the patio overlooking the river!

TU Girls Early A.M. Fishing on the Salmon River!

Sunday, June 10th - We'll meet in the parking lot at the covered bridge off Route 16 in Colchester at 6 am, break into smaller groups and fish the morning away! Then we'll regroup for a riverside Brunch.

For more information and detailed directions, please contact Alicea Charamut at 860-416-7859 or alicea_ski@hotmail.com



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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 all membership and board meetings.

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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