



Thames Valley Chapter Newsletter

Stream Lines

"The Voice for Eastern CT Salmon and Trout Anglers"

Summer Edition 2014

Dear Member,

Just a short message until we all meet again in September. As you should all know by now our website is finally up and running. There are a few bugs to work out but please let us know how we can improve the content and quality of the site. I believe that communication is a key factor to any organization's success... which is why I have put a major emphasis on our newsletter and website. It seems that this effort is starting to pay dividends for the chapter. We have seen an uptick in meeting attendance, donations, volunteers, and in general, more enthusiasm from our membership. Our last campout and breakfast was a fine example of what I just said. As for the enthusiasm... if you had been there to see the "LeMans" start of the fly casting contest, the running of the bulls in Spain couldn't compare to it! In Spain, they don't run in waders!!!

The next step in our effort to reflect what the Thames Valley membership wants and needs to do in the future is our long awaited survey. The survey should be out shortly. After some stumbles and glitches we now have started to construct the online survey. Hopefully, it will be out in a couple of weeks. So please take the opportunity to provide your thoughts and input on what is important to you. The survey results will be posted in our September newsletter and it will be the tool for the board of directors to better serve our members and to plan short and long term goals for our chapter.

Thank you all for your continued support and I wish you all have a great summer and hope to see you all at next September's meeting. After mid-July it will hard to contact me since I will be on my annual pilgrimage to WY and MT so use the information below to contact me. But please make note, most of the time I will be on another line (fly type) and will get back you whenever it gets slow or have connectivity.....

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Calendar of Events

Saturday June 28, 9:00 am
Moosup River TMA Cleanup
(Details below)

Tuesday September 9th 6:00

**Chapter Board of Directors Meeting
Bozrah Moose Lodge**

(Members are welcome to attend)

**Tuesday September 16th 6:00
Chapter Membership Meeting
Bozrah Moose Lodge**

(Program details will be announced at a later date)

**Friday & Saturday, Sept 19 & 20
Housatonic River Fishing Trip
Housatonic Meadows State Park & Campground**
(Details on the TVTU website, www.thamesvalleytu.org)



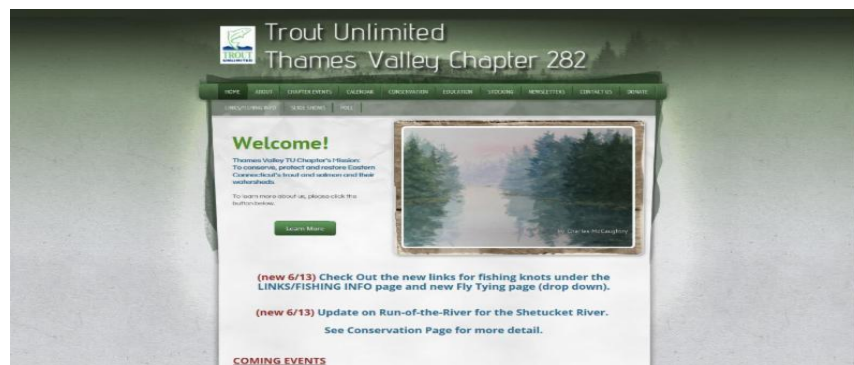
Thames Valley TU Has a New Website!!!

Thames Valley TU is pleased to announce the launch of its new and improved chapter website! The address is the same, www.thamesvalleytu.org. The old site served its purpose well over the years, however, we had very limited ability to make timely updates and change content. The new site is very user friendly and gives us the flexibility to upload information at a moment's notice. Please take a minute to visit the site and check out all the new features including the following;

- Timely information on chapter events and meetings
- Conservation news
- Educational programming
- Chapter newsletters
- Stocking information
- Fly tying videos
- Photo galleries
- And much more...

We'd like to thank our chapter president, John Preston, and his niece Samantha Barracca, for all of their hard work developing the new website. It's a much needed improvement in our continued effort to improve communicates with our chapter members. The new website is a work in process and we will continue to make improvements. Check out the new site by clicking here, www.thamesvalleytu.org

Screen Shot of "Home" page





Save the Date!

Moosup River Cleanup

-Followed by a cookout & fishing

What: River Cleanup, Cookout, and Fishing

When: Saturday June 28th, 9:00 am

Where: Moosup River TMA
(Meet at the Quinebaug Hatchery in Central Village)

*Directions - See below

Come join Thames Valley TU on Saturday, June 28th at 9:00 AM and help volunteer for a river cleanup of the Moosup River Trout Management Area.

- Join us for a cookout after the cleanup.
- Bring your fishing gear and fish the afternoon.
- Meet fellow members and learn the river.

We will meet at the Quinebaug Hatchery at 9:00. The hatchery is located at 141 Trout Hatchery Rd in Central Village (Plainfield).

Cleanup materials (bags gloves, etc.) will be provided through a grant from The Last Green Valley (TLGV). [Link to TLGV Website.](#)



To volunteer or discuss river stewardship opportunities, please contact: Gene Cyr, River Cleanup Coordinator, Tel: 860-376-3350, Email:

gcyr@thamesvalleytu.org

***Directions:** Take I-395 north or south to exit 89 (Route 14); Go west on Route. 14 through Central Village to a light; turn right and go about 1/2 mile; bear left at fork (stay on Route. 14) and go about 1/2 mile; turn right into Cady Lane to the hatchery. Lost? Call (860) 564-7542



Conservation News

Shetucket River

- Scotland dam now operating at run-of-river flows
- FERC issues extension to FirstLight Power

As of Sunday, June 15th 2014, the Scotland Dam on the Shetucket River will operate at instantaneous run-of-river mode eliminating pond-and-release operations. What does this mean? Essentially, the cubic feet per second (cfs) output from the dam must equal the cfs input coming into the reservoir above the dam.

FirstLight Power, the owners and operators of the dam, must comply with this requirement under the new license they recently received from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

In related news, FirstLight Power was recently given a 60 day extension or until July 20, 2014, to file its freshwater mussel relocation and water quality management plans above and below the dam. The operational change to run-of-river was the trigger mechanism for these plans.

For copies of the Order to issue the new license and the Order to grant the extension, please visit the Thames Valley TU website and go to the "Conservation" tab;

www.thamesvalleytu.org



Moosup River

- Improved fish passage
- Dam removal

The CT DEEP Inland Fisheries Division in partnership with American Rivers, Inc., the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Town of Plainfield has been working to initiate efforts to remove barriers to fish passage in the Moosup River. In 2012, the Town of Plainfield removed an abandoned sewer line adjacent to the railroad crossing at Water Street that was a partial barrier to fish passage.

DEEP recently received regulatory approval to remove remnants of the breached Moosup River dam #1, which is located just upstream of Route 12. The removal work is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of June 23. The work involves removing all the broken concrete within the river and repositioning large boulders to open up fish passage and restore in stream habitats. Since this is basically a clean-up project, the work is expected not to take more than 3-4 days.

Brian Murphy, DEEP, Inland Fisheries



Thermal Refuge Areas Now Closed on the Shetucket River

Anglers are reminded that the thermal refuge areas on the Shetucket River are now closed to fishing. From June 15th through September 15th, all fishing is prohibited within 100' of the mouths of tributaries including the Merrick Brook in Scotland, Waldo Brook in Sprague, and Beaver Brook in Baltic (Sprague). Anglers should also avoid the mouths of any other tributaries and feeder streams they come across.

The temperature and oxygen levels at the mouths of tributaries offer much needed refuge for trout this time of year as the temperature climbs and oxygen levels decline. On hot days it's best to avoid trout fishing altogether especially during the heat of the day. Limit your fishing to early morning and evening time. It's also a good idea to pack a thermometer in your vest and monitor stream temps. As stream temps approach 70 degrees it's best to avoid fishing altogether.

Thanks for your cooperation.



A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!!!

Shetucket River Campout 2014

Thames Valley TU would like to thank the Konow family and everyone who participated in the annual Sandy Beach campout and breakfast along the banks of the Shetucket River on May 30th & 31st. TU members and guests enjoyed fishing to nice sulfur hatch in the evening and relaxed around a barn fire at night. Thanks to the Preston clan the hungry fisherman and campers were fed a hardy breakfast in the morning of pancakes, French toast, sausage, eggs, coffee, tea, OJ, and more...

To cap off the outing John Preston held a casting completion complete with a LeMans start. It was a site to behold!

To see more pictures of the event go to TVTU website home page and take a look at the slide show, www.thamesvalleytu.org





TU Youth Membership Information

Have you discovered the surprise in the newest issue of TROUT magazine? Right inside is a sample of Stream Explorers, TU's publication for kids. TU wanted everyone -all 150,000 subscribers of Trout- to learn about our youth membership, and the benefits we offer. Stream Explorers is for kids 12 and under, and is offered as part of a [Go Fishing | Stream Explorers](#) for \$12.

A Trout Unlimited [teen youth membership](#) (which also only costs \$12) comes with a subscription to TROUT rather than Stream Explorers. TU Teens also have other great opportunities as part of TU, including our summertime events! For example, this summer, TU is hosting 22 [Fly Fishing Camps and Academies](#) - the most ever. These camps are great places for enthusiastic, motivated youth to learn all about fly fishing and coldwater fisheries. Visit the TVTU website to sign-up a youth in your family, www.thamesvalleytu.org



Fly of the Month *The Isonychia Parachute*

Video by Tim Flagler, Tightline Productions

Although Iso's don't typically hatch in abundant numbers, they are sparsely present from late May well into the fall and trout are almost always willing to eat them! They can be fished at all times of the day as a prospecting pattern in the riffles and tail-out of pools. They are also great as an indicator fly when placed in front of smaller offerings. Here author, fly tier and blogger Matt Grobert is going to tie an Isonychia Parachute using tying materials that complement each other exceedingly well and result in a pattern that's easy to tie, elegant and functional. Click the link to learn how to tie the Isonychia Parachute; [Link to Tying Video](#).

Fly Tying Recipe

Hook: 1X-long dry-fly hook (e.g. Dai-Riki #300), sizes 10-14.
Thread: Olive, 6/0.
Post: White calf-body hair, cleaned and stacked.
Tail: Moose body hair.
Abdomen: Burgundy, black, and gray rabbit fur, mixed.

Thorax/head: Burgundy, black, and gray rabbit fur, mixed.

Link to Matt Grobert's Blog; Caddis Chronicles, www.caddischronicles.com

Dear TVTU Members...



Brown Trout, by Charley McCaughtry

As you may have noticed, we're working hard to maintain communication with our chapter members via the newsletter and other announcements. Please help us spread the word! Forward this email to a buddy or family member and encourage them to attend a meeting and perhaps join our chapter.

Also, if you know someone interested in joining TVTU for a limited time they can join at half price or \$17.50. Have them visit our website and use the "Join TU" link on the "About" tab of the website, www.thamesvalleytu.org.

For a limited time, each new member will receive a free TVTU published book "Trout Streams of Eastern CT" when they attend their first TVTU monthly Membership meeting. A \$15 value for members and a \$20 for non-members.



Place an Advertisement in "Stream Lines"

Looking to reach a new and diverse audience? Presently we have over 470 members in Eastern CT and the newsletter is published September through May (9 issues). If you have a service or product and would like to reach out to our outdoor and conservation minded readership, consider placing an advertisement in the chapter's newsletter "Stream Lines". The cost is only \$50 for the entire year (9 Issues). For more information and to purchase an ad contact Jim Smith via email at, jsmith@thamesvalleytu.org. Thanks for your support!

To join Thames Valley TU or for more information please visit our website, www.thamesvalleytu.org
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