

Trout Unlimited

Thames Valley Chapter Newsletter

Stream Lines

The Voice of Eastern CT Trout and Salmon Anglers

April 2022

April 19th Meeting Now an In-Person Meeting Register for the meeting [Here](#)

This is the annual Flies and Pies meeting. Plenty of pizza and other refreshments, raffles, fly tying and more!

By Buying a ticket, (free), it helps to plan on how much food to get. You do not need to print the ticket.

See below for more meeting info.



The April meeting, will be an in-person meeting again at the Franklin Firehouse.

Doors open at 6:00 PM for social hour and fly tying. Meeting gets underway at 7:00 PM.

Directions to the Franklin Firehouse:
Our meeting location will be at the Franklin Firehouse on 5 Tyler Drive (just off Rt 32) in Franklin. The meeting

entrance is on the left as you enter the facility. The Franklin Firehouse is located just north of Route 2, exit 27. Go 6 miles north on Rt 32 and Tyler Drive is on your right. [Google Map Link to Franklin Firehouse](#)

Event/Meeting Cancellations Due to Inclement Weather

In the event that we need to cancel a scheduled meeting due to inclement weather, an announcement will be published on the website (click [here](#)) by 4:00 PM on the day of the scheduled meeting or event. Additionally, it will be announced on WFSB (Channel 3) [WFSB](#)

Chapter Events

**March 25th - 27th
Connecticut Fishing and
Outdoor Show - Mohegan
Sun**

**April 19th - 6 to 9 PM
Annual "Flies and Pies"**
Franklin Firehouse
5 Tyler Drive
Franklin, Ct
Sign up [here](#)

**April 30th - 10:30 - Arbor
Day Tree Planting - click
[here](#) for more info**

**May 17th - 6:00 PM -
Monthly meeting at the
Franklin Firehouse**

**June 10th - 10:00 AM to
3:00 PM - Cookout and
fishing at the Konow Fish
Camp - sign up [here](#)**

President's Message....

It's finally here. Fishing prime time. A quick glance at the USGS site and it looks like the rivers are at pretty decent levels and the water temps hovering around 50 degrees. It doesn't get too much better than that in my book. I did manage to get out for the first time this year a couple weeks ago. Skunked. But that's not too unusual for me on



my first outing of the year. Pretty sure I was in an area not yet stocked. I never consult the stocking reports but the cars way up river was a pretty good indication of where the trout truck had visited. It was still great just to get out on the water and shake off the cobwebs. I'm expecting better results next time.

Don't forget this month is our Annual meeting combined with Flies/Pies. We are looking to fill the role of 3 officers: President, Vice President and Secretary. Of course the big

draw is pizza. Please use the link provided in the newsletter to sign up to help us get an accurate estimate of pizza to have on hand.

With the Covid situation generally getting under control, things are starting to come back to life with chapter activities. Attendance at last month's meeting was up almost 50% from what our turnout has been running all year and hopefully that trend will continue. Last month we had an information booth at the CT Fishing and Outdoor Show. We've got a few more events planned for the rest of the season. We'll be at the UConn Earth Day Spring Fling on April 20 to speak to people about TU and hopefully recruit some younger members. Coordinating with DEEP, We'll be doing a tree planting on April 30th on the Blackledge River (see the related article in this newsletter). Finally we'll be capping off the year with an outing at Sandy Beach on June 4.

There have been some recent clarifications made to TU's stocking policy. We have always followed the guidance that TU does not stock over any thriving native fish population with non-native species. That guidance has been updated and clarified to state that TU will not stock any waters containing wild native species or that directly connect to waterways that contain wild native species. After some research, it has been determined that all the waters we have stocked connect to tributaries with documented evidence of native brook trout. Therefore, we will be discontinuing our stocking assistance to DEEP, unless we find other waters that fit within the acceptable guidelines of TU policy. This change to our stocking policy will have absolutely no affect to the stocking policy and activities of DEEP. It only means that we will be unable to assist them. To all those that have helped TVTU with our stocking activities over the years, especially those that we could always count on to be there to help, I want to thank you for all of your time and dedication. It was certainly a lot of fun and I made some good friends through that program.

Hope to see you all at Flies & Pies

Tight Lines
Gary



Thames Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Flies & Pies

April 19th - 6 to 9 PM

Join us for annual Flies & Pies as we close out our fiscal year together. We'll share tall tales and simply enjoy each

other's company and good fellowship.

- Fly Tying demos – ask questions, get tips from our fly tying members
- Art demo – See member Charley McCaughtry creating his unique painting
- Woodworking demo – See Steve Gerling make carving look easy
- Movie Night – We'll have a movie playing that will get you itching to go fishing
- Annual Meeting – We'll be electing board members and officers and providing annual reports and updates
- Free Pizza!
- Free Door Prize & Fly tying materials
- April Door Prize



April Flies & Pies
Door Prize
Gift Certificate to
JT's Fly Shop

Special Drawing Section

- Fly Tying Station Value @ \$60
- Freshwater Flies with Fly Box 80 plus Value @ \$100
- Stripping Basket LL Bean Value @ \$45
- Saltwater Flies with Fly Box 20 plus Value @ \$60
- Orvis Reel Mach III Value @ \$100
- 24oz. Stainless Steel Water Bottle Value @ \$30

Plus, many more item's chances to win

Fly Tying Material at below wholesale prices

Book Sale

TU Embroidered Hats

Many more items



Silent Auction

- Orvis Silver Label TL Mid-flex Rod 2pc. 9wt with Case & Orvis Reel
Battenkill Large Arbor 9/10 wt. w/9wt intermediate line. Value \$550.00
- Flies with TU Fly Box Value \$30.00



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Thames Valley Chapter 282

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Free Item of equal or lower value

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Notice of Annual Meeting - Update

Thames Valley TU will hold its Annual Meeting on April 19, 2022 at our monthly chapter membership meeting at the Franklin Firehouse. During this meeting, we will:

- Hear updates from the various committee chairs and officers
- Vote on board members and officers
- Vote on revised bylaws.

Slate of Board Positions up for vote:
President Open – No Candidate
Vice President Open – No Candidate
Secretary Open - No Candidate
Board Marc Cardwell
Board Ryan Pike

We have a critical need to fill our officer positions immediately. Anyone interested in running for a board seat or an officer position should contact any board member for any information or questions.

The revised bylaws are posted on the [web page](#) for review.



So, last month I asked members what their favorite fly was. There were two responses:

Leigh Smith - **Thin mint woolly bugger**. Deadly on trout and bass.

Bruce Danielson - **Woolly Worm** - works on anything from panfish to large mouths.

"Catch and Release Project" news release

The Thames Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, along with the help and support of local sportsmen's clubs, are launching a campaign to encourage more catch and release fishing.

Gary Lussier, President of the Thames Valley Chapter of TU, states: "The intent is not to discourage people who like to enjoy a fresh trout now and then (who doesn't?) but to raise awareness of the benefits of catch and release with minimal harm to the fish."

According to Steve Gerling, coordinator of the project, "Connecticut has roughly 3 ½ million people living on 3 ½ million acres. In such tight space, fishing provides a truly great opportunity to enjoy the best of the outdoors. Figures from Andrew Bale of the DEEP show about 120,000 freshwater licenses and permits being issued. This includes about 80,000 trout stamps. Plus who knows how many younger kids who don't need licenses. At the same time the state stocks about 500,000 catchable size trout annually. So it's not hard to see why the lakes and streams are quickly depleted when many people keep their entire catch at every outing."





The main message of the campaign is that more catch and release will yield better fishing for more of the season. Especially in the case of trout, this also increases the possibility of more “holdover” fish and ups the chances for natural reproduction in our lakes and streams. The signs give tips on how to minimize injury to your catch, and will even have a small pair of pliers attached for those who wish to bend down hook barbs at waterside.

In addition to the Thames Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the following clubs added their endorsement and support to the effort: Putnam Fish and Game Club, Pomfret Rod and Gun Club, Eastern Ct. Sportsman’s Club (Ashford), Fin, Fur, and Feather Club (Chaplin) and Stafford Fish and Game Club.

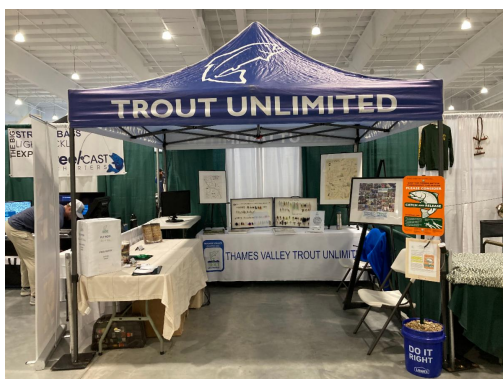
All of these groups ask you to please consider Catch and Release. It makes for better fishing for everyone.

CT Fishing & Outdoor Show



We had a great weekend at the CT Fishing and Outdoor Show at the Mohegan Sun Casino. Over the three days of the event, we got to talk to lots of people, most of whom seemed genuinely interested to learn about the TU organization and the work we do. The event was funded by the CT Council and was staffed by some of our chapter members as well as members from other chapters in the state. It was a great collaborative effort and a good opportunity to get to know and work with members from other chapters and exchange ideas. The event was successful beyond expectations. We signed up 48 new members,

28 of them for Thames Valley Chapter. Thanks to Charley McCaughtry, Ray Schaefer, Pat Gaynor, Ryan Pike and Mark Cardwell for all their work in setting up, tearing down and staffing the booth as well as to all members from the other chapters.





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TVTU CELEBRATION OF ARBOR DAY

by Marc Caldwell



Thames Valley Trout Unlimited (TVTU) will celebrate Arbor Day by planting white pine seedlings along an eroded bank of the Blackledge River in Colchester, Connecticut. The TVTU event is scheduled for 10:30 on Saturday, 30 April. The site is on state land just downstream of River Road. There will be signs posted to indicate the entrance to the event. The work site is a mix of level and moderate slope and there will be off-road parking. This will be a family and kid-friendly event open to the general public. Water, coffee and donuts will be provided.

Volunteers will conduct limited brush clearing and plant 40 white pine, a species known to thrive in the immediate vicinity. Each tree will be approximately three feet tall. Please bring gloves and tools suitable for digging in gravelly soil and cutting back invasive brush. Additional tools will be available at the event. Any further questions, please contact Marc Cardwell (marcrc@att.net).

Planting trees is a great way to take action on the local level, while still contributing to the global fight to manage excess carbon. On the local level, a well-sited tree provides cover and shade for trout. The roots prevent erosion and the insects that fall from the tree provide food. On the global level trees draw excess carbon from the air and sequester it in their roots and the surrounding soil. Every new tree makes the stream – and the planet - a bit more resilient in the face of climate change.

Arbor Day was first celebrated as a State Holiday in Nebraska exactly 150 years ago. It became a national event in 1907 when Theodore Roosevelt, a passionate conservationist, issued a Presidential proclamation. It is estimated that over the last fifty years more than 500 million trees have been planted during Arbor Day events. The Trout Unlimited National Organization goal is for more than 100 Chapters to organize tree planting events and is providing logistical and monetary support.

The Blackledge River is a lovely and productive tributary of the Salmon River. The work site is within sight of a historic railroad bridge that is now part of the Airline Trail.

TO PLANT A YOUNG TREE IS TO CHOOSE OPTIMISM OVER PESSIMISM

By Buying a ticket, [here](#) (free), it helps to plan on how much food to get. You do not need to print the ticket.

The celebration of life for Curt Nelson:

Date: Saturday, April 16, 2022

Time: 2:30-5:30 pm

Location: Westbrook Fishing Club, 272 Northwest Corner Road, North Stonington, CT

When proceeding on Northwest Corner Road we are located between Anna Farm Road and Button Road. Enter the gravel road, past the gate (will be open) and proceed to the clubhouse to get parking directions. The event will be held down the gravel road from the clubhouse at the pond area. Tents will be set up. Light food will be provided. Suggest wearing hiking shoes and bring a jacket.



**"UNDER WESTERN SKIES"
-OR-
"BIG CHUCK AND STEVIE'S
EXCELLENT ADVENTURE"**

**Story and paintings/sketches by
Steve Gerling**



"Call me Ishmael."

Nope.

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times"

Nope.

"In a hole in the ground there lived a Hobbit"

Okay, that's about right.

The following is a true-ish account of a most excellent adventure with my friend Big Chuck (Wilson) this past summer. There are no photos because you've all seen better pictures of bigger trout and grander scenic photography. I did, however, have some illustrations rendered by some hack who lives next to my workshop/studio to at least get a little flavor. The guy's been sleeping with my wife; figure he at least owes me that.

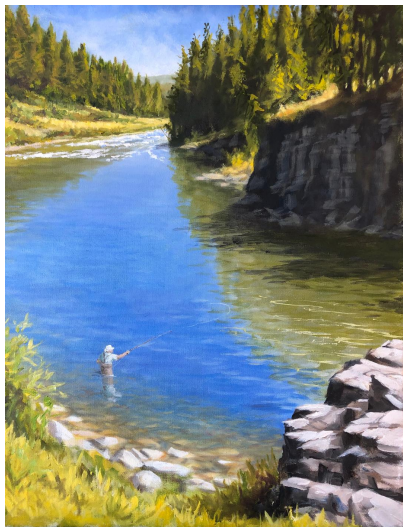
Big Chuck and I go back 40+ years. Ever since his park ranger nephew coerced him into helping him do a fishery survey in a bunch of lakes and ponds in the back country of Yellowstone some years back with spinning rods as the surveying tools (I'm not making this up) he's been begging me to do a trip out there. I finally agreed, provided there would be none of that spinning nonsense.

So off we go last June with a marginal and mostly clueless plan-fly to Bozeman Montana, rent a car, stay six nights in St. Anthony's, Idaho because it's near some rivers that at we've heard of and it's sixty dollars a night. Then drive to Nye, Montana for a few more nights on the Stillwater River, just northeast of Yellowstone. The only real plan was to drive down to the first rental, take the next day to scout the lay of the land, do a pre-arranged float trip the following day, and make up the rest as we went along.

On the ground in Bozeman, then heading south along some famous river for the 3 hour drive to St. Anthony's, promising each other no fishing stops til we get there. By this time I've already realized that Big Sky Country (yeah, I know, technically Montana) is an understatement. Well, an hour or so down, we decide to at least stretch our legs, eat a snack, and just look at the river. HOLY C**P! LOOK AT THEM! Run back to the car, rod up, throw everything we can think of at them for twenty minutes before we realize we're sight fishing to a pod of suckers. Refer to "clueless" previously.

At St. Anthony's we meet Glenn Whitlock, our VRBO host. He is literally ½ mile from fishing access on Henry's Fork. Furthermore, he has a couple of guideboats, and if he likes you he'll guide for \$200 a day. He says he likes us, and would we like to go out the next day? Um, Hell yeah! Especially knowing we're going to pay three times that the following day. Turns out Glenn is our age, one hell of a good fisherman, and really just loves guiding people on his cherished river. Bunches of trout (for us), with Glenn apologizing for the lack of trout, lack of the usual hatches, and no big trout. My biggest was "only" an 18" brown, which was my biggest brown anywhere ever, and while Glenn was into a couple in the 24" range, he "only" landed one that would have gone 20.

The next day is our reserved float. It's our only day of the trip under 90 degrees. In fact it never reaches 50. Rainy, with 25-45 mph winds all day. Long johns top and bottom, jeans, flannel shirt, heavy hoody, rain jacket, cap and waders just trying to not be too cold. No hope of "warm". But still caught fish, 20-25 each! Amazed to see heavy hatches coming off in that weather! Casting? Hah! But a truly grand time nevertheless! Driving away afterwards, Chuck reminds me that I owe him \$60, as he paid Brad The Guide the full tip. I tell him, what we have is a failure to communicate, I also paid Brad The Guide the full tip. S**t.



Glenn insists on wade guiding us a couple more times on a few different stretches of "his" river. One day he steers us to Upper Mesa Falls on the Henry's Fork, a beautiful 114' drop coming off the, um, mesa. Chuck and I hike in another 1 ½ miles to fish what is probably the most scenic and spectacular pool either of us is likely to ever see, where we fish hard and unsuccessfully for trout that are rising for salmonflies the size of B-26's that are about 20' further out than either of us can cast. But damn, was it glorious!

The next night, Chuck's life of torment began. Wading near Glenn's place, near sunset, beautiful clear evening, the river is low and we're having no luck. In desperation I bounce a big streamer off a gravel bank on a curve. The instant it touches the water, it simply explodes. No time to react, a gigantic crash of water, a quick enormous yank and the fly is gone. Never even glimpsed the beast. Chuck and I are walking out, it's getting darker, and I'm recounting this to him. Where

we're parked is a banking shorn up by boulders on the outside edge of a long sweeping curve. Chuck decides as a last ditch effort he wants to throw on a big, wishful-thinking mousey thing and cast down along the rocks. It's barely light enough for him to tie it on; I wait a hundred feet below by the car; I can only vaguely make him out. On his second cast I see and hear a huge splash followed by a lot of loud random grunting exclamations..."Ah! Whu! GuhGuh! Unh!" Followed by a very eloquent burst of language from the more colorful end of the English spectrum. It's over in three or four seconds. Well, not for Chuck. I will leave out the expletives here; insert your own where you deem appropriate. Feel free to insert lots of them. "I saw it! I SAW it! It came out of the water! Well part of it did! Its head! Its head was as big as my fist! I saw it! Did you see it? I saw it!" You get the idea. Only worse. His eyes only got wilder looking for the rest of the night.

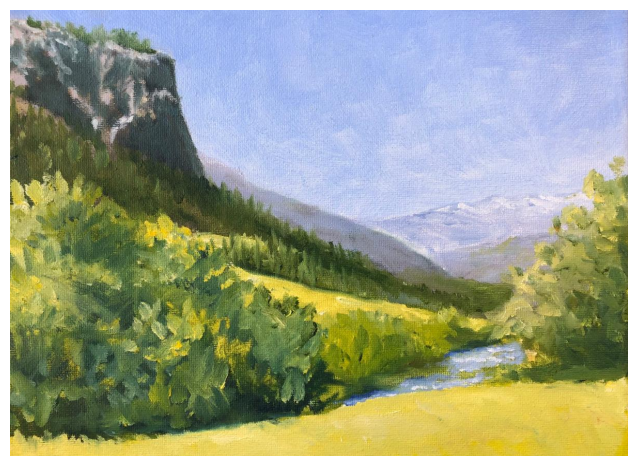


The next day was our last before heading to Montana; we headed an hour and a half to Wyoming just to say we went to Wyoming. Tried Gray's River-thanks for the tip, Mike. Really high, but caught a few small ones, including my only pure cutthroat of the trip. A lunker of about 7". But Chuck's eyes now had a haunted look to them; he had become Ahab, and the giant brown had taken on a mysterious white shade in his mind's eye. He wanted-nay, I say, NEEDED another shot at the Evil Leviathan. So off we went, and got back to Henry's Fork for evening, saving THE SPOT for just before dark. Fished around upstream for a while, Chuck trying to remain cool, but we both knew what we were there for. I got no interest in my pool from the night before, so we headed down to THE SPOT before it got too dark. Chuck took his time getting set up. I took my watching post downstream (I might have also tied on some big stupid mousey thing. Maybe. I forget.) Big Chuck began his cast, seeming cool and collected. But his eyes...dear god, the eyes!

On his third cast, Moby Trout surged up from deep in the bowels of the river. I was too far to see the details in the dying light, but I heard another huge splash, bigger than the night before, and Chuck yelling frantically. More monosyllabic grunting noises and Chuck yelling "He's on, he's on!" Then another enormous sloshing splash, then....nothing. I got there just as Chuck was frantically retrieving line, hoping against hope the monster was still on. But it was not to be.

No blistering oration like the night before. Just quiet shock. He just kept saying "I had him on. He came all the way out of the water. He was as long as my arm. Bigger around. I saw him. He came all the way out! All the way out! He was on. I saw him." Quietly. For the rest of the night.

The next three nights we spent in a rental that actually had a deck out over the Stillwater River in Montana. Not so well known because rafting it is difficult (the name is a misnomer, it definitely ain't still), which makes for pretty light fishing traffic. A beautiful river, full of rainbows, it runs from the Beartooth Mountains to the Yellowstone 70 miles downstream. We were up on the last 30 miles of road in a stunningly scenic ranching valley tucked between mountains. The heat had really accelerated the snow melt, and the river was high enough so that just putting on waders would have been deemed suicidal. So wet wading in ankle deep icewater was the way to go, still managing to catch trout in the



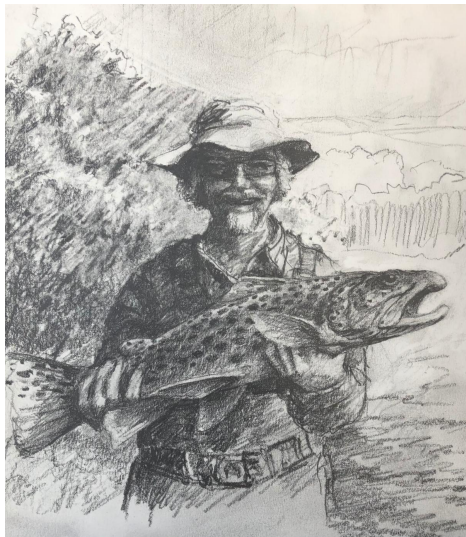
pockets near shore. Our host there, also a fisherman, confided that, yeah, the usual hatches are okay, but the time to hit this river is the end of summer for the grasshopper “hatch”. I’d go back just for that.

A bizarre event on our first morning there: we were gearing up at a pull-off when a rescue vehicle with a raft on a trailer pulled in. The rescue guys went down to the river for a few minutes, looked around. Came over to us, asked, “Did you guys happen to see a body?” “Um, no.” “Someone called in seeing a body in the river up here.” “Nope, but we’ll keep our eyes out.” “We’ll keep looking around, don’t want to take the raft unless we have to. We only got one report of it.” We went our way, they went theirs, but ran into them 45 minutes later when they were about to leave. “Did you find it?” “Nope.” They turn and walk away. Then one of them turns back again. “Are you sure you guys didn’t see a body?”

Yep, he really asked us that.

So the last few days were pretty laid back; it was getting pretty hot, so now we’re just lazy puttering fishing, exploring, and usually ending up at day’s end at Carter Camp, an honest-to-god roadhouse up near the platinum mine near the end of the road, for eight ball and beers. But at every unguarded moment, the sunken Ahab eyes return, and Chuck is agonizing again as to what he might have done differently, and that the White Trout was still out there, waiting for him. “I had him on! He came all the way out of the water! I saw him!”

And you always will see him, Chuck!



Big Chuck and his monster brown.

Or how Big Chuck might have looked with his monster brown. If he'd caught it.

But he didn't!

Stay tuned next year for **UNDER THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY: IN PURSUIT OF LARGE TOOTHY THINGS IN THE NORTHLANDS.**

"What's Going On in the World of Trout Unlimited"



Connect with the TU community across the country at these local in-person and online events hosted by TU staff, state councils and local chapters. You'll find fun, engaging activities like tree plantings, trash cleanups, fishing trips, community science projects, youth education activities and veteran and first responder programs close to you. All TVTU events are scheduled on this webpage. Check it out at [TU Events!](#)

By **buying a ticket** for TVTU events (they are free), it helps the event planners know how many people to

expect.



Open Positions

TVTU is in need of some volunteers to help keep the chapter active. We need volunteers for the following Board of Director positions:

Vice-President - *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 such other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors and the President.*

Secretary - *The Secretary keeps the minutes of all meetings of the Board and the membership, and is the custodian of all official records of the Chapter*

Program Director - Coordinates monthly meetings including meeting speakers and other chapter activities.

Fly Tying Coordinator- *Board of Directors membership is optional. Maintain the chapter fly tying class material and schedule fly tying classes. Also coordinates fly tyers for monthly chapter meetings.*

Please contact Gary Lussier at gelconn@yahoo.com or 860-861-9344 if you would like to help out the chapter and volunteer for these needed positions.

Note: For the "Flies & Pies" event I'll be tying the Sawyer's Killer Bug ([see the May 2019 newsletter](#)), the KISS Green Caddis ([see the May 2018 newsletter](#)), and the Iris Caddis or a soft hackle spider. I'll have extra vises for anyone who wants to tie... these three patterns are very easy to tie and I guarantee they will catch fish for you this season!!

If after reading about Sawyer's Killer Bug you're interested in obtaining a 5 yd. card of Patons and/or Jamieson's (Oyster or Leprechaun) yarn, we will be selling them for \$2 ea. All proceeds will go to the TVTU chapter.

In addition, the Preston's will have the following "stuff" and more for sale at great prices. **See you April 19th at Flies & Pies...**



Cabela's CGR 7' 3pc, 5wt Fiberglass Fly Rod (New) - Sale \$50 (Original Price \$129.99)

Slow down your fast-paced life and enjoy a casting rhythm straight from the golden age of fly fishing using our Cabela's® CGR Fiberglass Fly Rod. There's nothing quite like a fiberglass

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- Full-flexing, slow action
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HMH Spartan Rotary Vise w/Omni and Micro jaws (Mint cond.): \$195 SALE (MSRP \$308)

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LL Bean Travel Fly Rod - 9' -7wt, 6pc w/ tube & bag, near mint condition - **Sale \$65**

Duke's Ultimate Dubbing Brush (new) Dual purpose dubbing brush - **Sale \$3 (MSRP \$4)**

Bamboo Rod Oven (homemade) - **FREE** The heat gun (not included) oven is FREE for the cane rod maker who will pass it on FREE to the next rod maker.

For the above items or to place your items for sale, contact John Preston [email](#)

A Call for Newsletter Content... Contribute to "Stream Lines"

Are you a budding photographer or inspired writer? Are you interested in conservation and have news to share? We would like to include your work in Stream Lines, the TVTU newsletter. Don't be bashful, any and all related content will be considered, including, poems, stories, gear reviews, photographs, paintings, conservation news, fishing & tying tips, etc. Visit Charley McCaughtry's [website](#)



Our goal is to get the membership involved in the newsletter and provide an outlet for creativity and sharing information. We have some very talented members in our chapter and Stream Lines is a great way to share information, stories, and art work.

To submit content, please contact Bruce Danielson (Editor) [email](#)

Donations Wanted

You can help our TU chapter by donating your unused fly fishing and fishing equipment including rods, reels, flies, books, fly tying and other reusable items. We will auction or raffle the items off and used the money raised to support our chapter's programs including conservation projects, stream



clean up, stocking, TIC, speaker fees, and other operating expenses. Email [Pat Gaynor](mailto:Pat.Gaynor@ctfish.org) or call 860-319-1690 if you have something to donate or bring the item(s) to the next chapter meeting.

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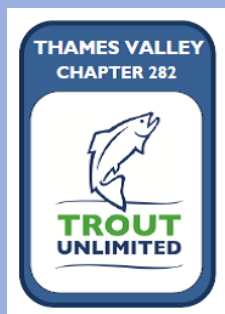
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To conserve, protect and restore Eastern Connecticut's trout and salmon and their watersheds.

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