



Trout Unlimited

Thames Valley Chapter Newsletter

Stream Lines

The Voice of Eastern CT Trout and Salmon Anglers

April 2023



Presidents Message

from Gary Lussier

Greetings all!

Well it looks like it's finally here. The perfect weather and ideal river levels should make for some great fishing. I'm actually writing this just a little bit early this month because I'm leaving tomorrow for two weeks. As I was driving across the Lisbon Bridge yesterday on a gorgeous day looking down at the Quinnebaug flowing at what look to be a perfect flow and level, I couldn't help but think my timing to leave couldn't be too much worse. This looks like the week to be home fishing instead of leaving. Hope you all get out and enjoy some great fishing – just leave a few for me.

We had a good weekend at the CT Fishing Show at the Mohegan Sun last month. While a little light on Friday and Sunday, Saturday was very busy with lots of people stopping by the booth to hear what TU was all about. We gave away 4 spinning rod outfits and collected many email addresses for the CT chapters to add to their mailing lists. We had 26 new people sign up with TU including 13 for Thames Valley. All in all, a successful weekend and our new pop-up looked great out there.

On April 22, we'll be participating in an Earth Day event

Chapter Events

Upcoming Events

You may have noticed that many TVTU events now have a click function to "register". By Buying registering (it is free), it helps to plan on how many folks will be attending. You do not need to print the ticket

April 15th, Yantic River Cleanup - meet at Barstow rd @ 9:00 AM
click [here](#) to register

April 18th - 6:00 pm Meeting at the Franklin Firehouse Membership Appreciation Night
click [here to register](#)

April 22nd, 9 am to 12 pm Earth Day Market at River Park, Baltic
TVTU will have booth and fly casting demo

May 27th - TVTU Joshua's Trust Family Day
click [here](#) to register

June 3rd - Annual Cookout & Fishing Day at Nickerson's Campground
click [here](#) to register

Event/Meeting Cancellations Due to

at Sprague Park. We'll have an information table and plan to do some fly casting demonstrations and lessons for anyone interested. We are looking for volunteers who'd like to help out. If interested, please contact Ray Schaefer.

Finally, don't forget that April is our annual meeting where we'll be holding elections of officers and board members. See you all at the firehouse.

Tight Lines!
Gary

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**

Notice of Annual Meeting - Update

We will be holding our Thames Valley TU Annual Meeting on April 18, 2023 during the 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

Treasurer Open No Candidate

Board Bruce Danielson

Board Charley McCaughtry

Board Jim Valuckus

Board Mike Carl

Board Pat Gaynor

Board Ray Schaefer

Board Steve Gerling

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. Click [here](#)



Thames Valley Trout Unlimited Monthly Meetings

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](#)

We are always looking for fly tyers at our meetings.

If you would like to volunteer to tie flies, contact Ray Schaefer @ 860-617-9948 or [email](#).

April 18th Meeting is "*Membership Appreciation Night!*"

A night to recognize TVTU membership. An evening of socialization, embellished fish stories as well as the Door Prize and Raffle.

Free hot dogs for all!!

Please register for head counts [here](#)



APRIL DOOR PRIZE

Thames Valley Trout Unlimited
Magnetic Fly Box



Sign in to get your
Free Door Prize Ticket

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Thames Valley Trout Unlimited and Joshua's Trust

A Family Day on the Fenton River

The Gurleyville Grist Mill
Chaffeeville and Stonemill Roads
Mansfield, Connecticut

10am - 2pm Saturday, May 27, 2023

Tours of the Historic Gurleyville Grist Mill
Fly casting instruction
Fly fishing / casting game
fly tying demonstrations
A hike on the Nipmuck trail
River insect collection and evaluation
Trout Unlimited information table
Joshua's Trust information table

Open to the public
No Charge

Join us for a fun day on the river

No rain date

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:

President – *The President shall serve as general executive officer of the Chapter and shall appoint the chairs of all Chapter committees. The President shall oversee all activities of the chapter, preside at all membership and board meetings, manage the business and affairs of the Chapter. The President may sign and execute in the name of the Chapter all contracts, agreements, and other obligations of the Chapter subject to approval of the Board. The President shall have general supervision of all the other officers of the Chapter and shall see that their duties are properly performed. The President shall report to the members of the Chapter and to the Board on matters which may be of interest or concern. The President shall receive and review all bank statements of Chapter accounts and shall pass them to the Treasurer after review.*

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.*

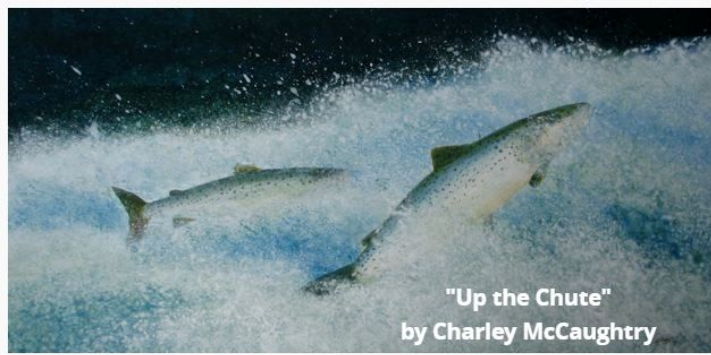
Fly Tying Coordinator - *Board of Directors membership is optional. Maintain the chapter fly tying class material and schedule fly tying classes. Also coordinates fly tyers for monthly chapter meetings.*

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.

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

Are you a budding photographer or inspired writer? Are you interested in conservation and

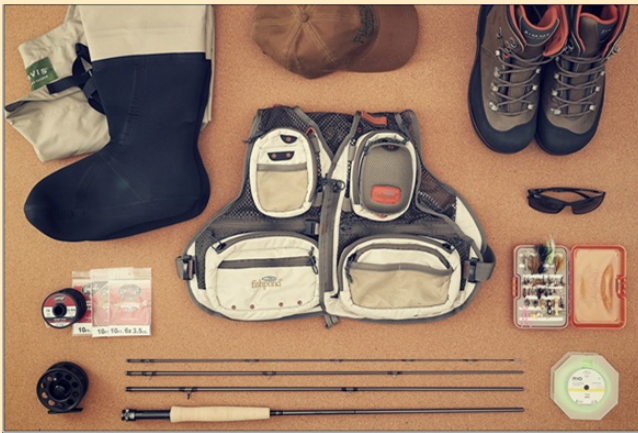
have news to share? We would like to include your work in Stream Lines, the TVTU newsletter. Don't be bashful, any and all related content will be considered, including, poems, stories, gear reviews, photographs, paintings, conservation news, fishing & tying tips, etc. Visit Charley McCaughtry's [website](#)



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](#) 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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TVTU Chapter's Mission
To conserve, protect and restore Eastern Connecticut's trout and salmon and their watersheds.

Our Vision
By the next generation, Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and wild cold-water fish once again thrive within their North American range, so that our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.

Questions or comments on the Newsletter contact Editor [Bruce Danielson](#)



Place an Advertisement in "Stream Lines"

Looking to reach a new and diverse audience? Presently we have over 450 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" and website. The cost is only \$50 for the entire year (9 Issues).

For more information and to place an ad, contact [Daniel King](#).

Thanks for your support!

Board of Directors

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