



Trout Unlimited

Thames Valley Chapter Newsletter

Stream Lines

The Voice of Eastern CT Trout and Salmon Anglers

August 2020



President's Message....

After a lot of discussion, hopefully waiting for a better outcome, the board of Directors has reluctantly agreed that it is in the best interest and well being of our membership to not start up our chapter meetings in person this September. Instead, we are planning to resume those meetings in a virtual format via Zoom. The BOD has continued to meet via Zoom since March and it's a pretty effective tool and simple to use. We plan to keep the meetings pretty much the same format with a

guest speaker each month. More details will be provided in a separate communication.

October is our annual meeting when we vote on chapter business. Two items up for vote are 1) elections and 2) approval for an updated version of our bylaws.

According to our bylaws, officers are elected to two year terms and board members to three year terms. Because the board could not recall having reelected directors between three year terms, we decided to put them all on the ballot for reelection to be in compliance with our bylaws. Going forward, we will be more diligent in tracking the terms of board members and putting them up for reelection at the end of their terms. The following is the list those running for reelection. Any chapter member is welcome to run for any of these positions or an open board position. Please contact me or any one of the board members if you are interested in joining to help out in any capacity. We always welcome new people into the board. The influx of new people and ideas is critical to the future of the chapter. Note that we have two very critical open positions that we must fill. Ray Schaefer is stepping down as Vice President and Steve Gerling is stepping down as Conservation Chair. Both plan to remain on the board and continue serving the chapter.

TVTU 282 Board Of Directors - 2020/2021

Name

Position

Gary Lussier

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Membership Chair

George DeGray

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Pat Gaynor

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Vice President

Open

Conservation Chair

With all that said, we are confronted with the fact that we will not be meeting in person in October. We don't know how many people will actually attend the virtual meetings or know the logistics of how we could have an effective vote during a virtual meeting. The Board has discussed the option for approving all officers and directors to continue in their position until such time that we can have an effective vote either in person or virtual if necessary. We will continue those discussions as conditions change and bring it up during the September Chapter meeting. Meanwhile, feel free to contact me or any Board member in the interim if you have any input or suggestions regarding elections.

Finally, the bylaws needed to be updated to reflect the change by TU National of our fiscal year calendar. While we were making the required changes we also made a few very minor changes. These were more like refinements to reflect the way we actual conduct certain activities in the chapter. The revised bylaws will be posted along with the existing bylaws to give you all ample time to review them before the required vote.

Stay tuned for more details on Zoom meetings and instructions and I hope to see you all soon.

Tight Lines!

Gary Lussier

[email](#)

Items for Sale

HMH Spartan Vise w/ Omni and Micro jaws -Mint condition - ~~\$199~~ **SALE** (MSRP \$299)

Cabela's MTX 9' 6wt 4pc Fly Rodw/ graphite tube- Mint condition - ~~\$165~~ **SALE \$150** (MSRP \$400)

LL Bean Travel Fly Roc - 9', 7wt, 6pc w/ tube & bag, near excellent condition - ~~\$75~~ **SALE \$60**

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

Orvis Tacky Dry Side Fly Box (new) holds 367 flies 7"L x 3¾"W x 1¼"D - **SALE \$20** (MSRP \$45)

Various Wading Boots (Used) mostly sizes 10/11's - **Blowout SALE up tp 2/3 OFF our low prices**

Korkers Wading Boot -New Old Stock, Size11 w/ walking/hiking sole only -~~\$35~~ **SALE \$20**

Umpqua Toketee Vest - New, never used, gray, one size fits all -~~\$65~~ **SALE \$50** (MSRP \$159)

Bamboo Rod Oven (homemade) -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 items for sale, contact [John Preston](#)



"Volunteers Wanted"



Stocking Coordinator

The chapter still needs a volunteer for this position. The position entails working with the hatchery management to schedule the stocking times, locations and sending an email to the stocking volunteers to establish a rendezvous for the stocking.

We will be starting a new stocking season this spring and we could use the help. If you are interested, please contact Gary Lussier [Email](#)



Fund Raising Committee Assistants

Duke & John Preston will be stepping down as Fund Raising assistants soon. Therefore, we will need at least two volunteers for this critical position and program to help our new Fund Raising Chair Patrick Gaynor at chapter meetings and other fund raising events through out the year

If interested, please contact Patrick Gaynor [Email](#)



Program Coordinator Needed

We are looking to fill a board position of Program Coordinator.

Duties of this position include:

- * Coordinating who brings refreshments.
- * Finding and arranging speakers.
- * Bringing coffee supplies & replenishing as needed.

If you are interested in helping the chapter by filling this position, please contact Gary Lussier [email](#)



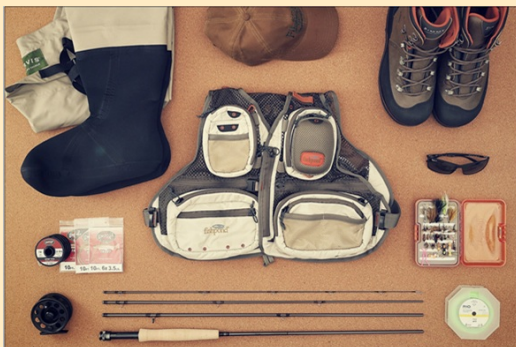
Fly Tying Coordinator Needed

We are looking for a Fly Tying coordinator to support chapter events. It is not a requirement to become a board member, but the coordinator is welcome to join the board.

Duties include:

1. Contacting and arranging for volunteer tyers at our chapter meetings
2. Coordinating tyers for our fly tying classes (usually one six week class at the Fish Connection).
3. Coordinating tyers for our outreach events.
4. Replenishing tying supplies as required.
5. Communicate with board to coordinate requirements. Please contact Gary Lussier or Ray Schaeffer for additional information

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 [John Preston](#) or call 860-546-6690 if you have something to donate or bring the item(s) to the next chapter meeting.

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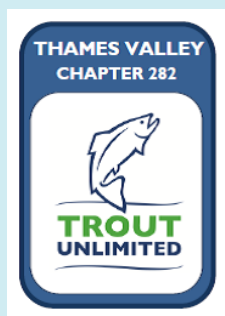
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TVTU Chapter's Mission

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](#)



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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](#).

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