



Trout Unlimited

Thames Valley Chapter Newsletter

Stream Lines

The Voice of Eastern CT Trout and Salmon Anglers

May 2022

Chapter Events

May 17th - 6 to 9 PM Chapter Meeting at the Franklin Firehouse
Trout Unlimited Film Festival feature film

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

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](#)



The May Chapter 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](#)



President's Message....

IWe're coming up on the final chapter meeting of the season. This will also be the last newsletter until our next season starts up again in September. We had a decent turnout for Flies & Pies/Annual Meeting with some new people, including some that we had met at the CT Fishing and Outdoor show. It's always great to see new people attending

our meetings, whether they are new to fishing and looking for help, or new to the area and looking for information or just looking to socialize with fellow anglers or conservationists.

Congratulations to Mark Cardwell and Ryan Pike who were voted in by chapter members to server on the Board of Directors. Unfortunately we didn't do so well with the election of officers. Technically, the positions of President, Vice-President and Secretary are currently open. This does not bode well for the chapter. It is critical that we fill these positions and we need people to take on these roles to lead the chapter forward.

Since our last meeting, we had an information booth at UConn's Earth Day Spring Fling Event. It was encouraging to talk to a number of young people who were interested in TU and the conservation work that we do. We also got to talk to a few fly fishing enthusiasts who bring their gear to school and do some fishing in the area between classes. We also had a great tree planting event on the Black Ledge River. We had a number of non-TU members people show up including young couples and kids who all showed a lot of enthusiasm and had a fun time planting 52 white pines under the supervision of Marc Cardwell and Bruce Williams of DEEP. With a few trees left over, we did an additional planting along the Fenton, below the bridge near the Gurleyville Grist Mill. Our last event planned for this year will be a fishing day and picnic at Sandy Beach on June 4. Hope to see a lot of you there with your friends and family.

Until the next time,

Tight Lines!
Gary

May Meeting May 17th - Last meeting of the season!

Feature film from Trout Unlimited "*Trout Unlimited Film Festival*"

May Meeting Free Giveaway Raffle

Fly Tying Station without Tools



May Meeting Door Prize

DOOR PRIZE



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Earth Day Spring Fling



Charley McCaughtry, Ray Schaefer, Steve Gerling and Jim Valuckas represented Thames Valley Trout Unlimited at the annual Earth Day Spring Fling event at the University of Connecticut.

From: Maggie Singman
University of Connecticut

Honors Environmental Health and Human Rights Intern, Office of Sustainability, Institute of the Environment

On behalf of UConn's Office of Sustainability, I wanted to thank you and Trout Unlimited for tabling at our event and bringing your enthusiasm! We hope that you enjoyed educating our students about your conservation efforts and we are looking forward to collaborating with you for future events.



As an intern, part of my job last Wednesday was to take photos! I took a few of you all and wanted to share them. I have attached them below.

Thames Valley TU Chapter Blackledge River Tree Planting



On 30 April TVTU celebrated Arbor Day by planting 52 white pine trees along a stretch of the Blackledge River in Colchester. The event was the result of collaboration between TVTU, the Salmon River Watershed Partnership, and

DEEP. Some twenty volunteers, including four children, planted the trees along a bend in the river that is being restored after heavy erosion. Many hands make light work, and, despite some rocky soil, the entire project was completed in a little over four hours.

TVTU participants included Gary Lussier, Ray Schaefer, Bruce Danielson, Steve Gerling, Pat Gaynor, John Gaynor, and Rich Tompkins. Special thanks to Patricia Young of the Salmon River Watershed Partnership and to Bruce Williams and Joe Cassone of DEEP

Adequate foliage is essential for a healthy stream and, as they grow, these trees will contribute to moderating water temperatures in the Blackledge, a beautiful and popular trout stream and an important tributary of the Salmon River.

Since its founding in 1959, TU has been guided by the belief that people who fish have an obligation to take care of the habitats our quarry call home. The Thames Valley Chapter has a proud history of leading and supporting meaningful projects that improve the fishing opportunities for everyone.



Partnering with other organizations with similar goals allows TVTU to increase the impact of our efforts and draw on a larger pool of potential volunteers. If any member knows of a group pursuing a project that will improve the habitat of our local trout, please bring it to the attention of Marc Cardwell, the TVTU Director of Conservation (marcrc@att.net) or another member of the BoD.

Thanks again to everyone who heled make Arbor Day a success.



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.



Additional Tree Planting

Since the Arbor Day planting was such a success and there were 8 trees leftover, TVTU volunteers and voluteers from the Joshua Trust met at the Gurleyville Christ mill on the Fenton river for a tree planting.



The 8 additional trees plus some donated by the Joshua Trust were planted to restore an area of erosion along the stream.



"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:

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.

Items for Sale

~~Gabela's CGR 7' 3pc, 5wt Fiberglass Fly Rod (New) - Sale \$50--SOLD~~

Diamondback Flex 9' 4 wt, 4 pc Fly Rod (New) - SALE \$155 (MSRP \$315)- SOLD

Cabela's MTX 9' 6wt 4pc Fly Rod w/ graphite tube - SALE \$150 (MSRP \$400) SOLD



HMH Spartan Rotary Vise w/Omni and Micro jaws (Mint cond.) \$195 SALE (MSRP \$308)

HMH's Spartan Vise may just be the best value in a precision machined vise today, with full rotary action and adjustable head angle plus an easy and versatile interchangeable jaw system. Omni Jaw for hook sizes 20 to 2/0; Micro Jaw for hook sizes 32 to 18.



Sage Performance Taper II Fly Line: New in box, (2) WF 4 wt. and - SALE \$25 each (MSRP \$65). The Sage Performance Taper II (manufactured by Rio) floating fly fishing line is a smooth handling, high-floating fly fishing line that provides enhanced line feel through your cast for greater distance, accuracy and consistency. Color Lt Yellow. These are great fly lines & save \$40!!

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.



Hardy Marquis Disc Spool #5 (new in box) - Sale \$50 (MSRP \$106.95)

**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](#) 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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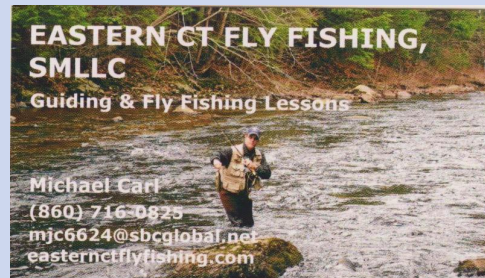
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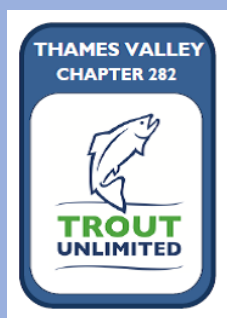
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TVTU Chapter's Mission

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](#).

Thanks for your support!

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