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Thames Valley Chapter Newsletter

Stream Lines

The Voice of Eastern CT Trout and Salmon Anglers

October 2020

Invitation to Chapter Meeting Via Zoom

Thames Valley Trout Unlimited October Chapter Meeting

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This Month's Speaker

Our guest speaker for the October meeting will be Amy Hunt, P.E. from EA Engineering, Science and Technology, Inc.,

PBC. Amy is the project Manager for our Papermill Pond Fish Passage design project and she will give an overview of the project and current status.

Ms. Hunt is a professional engineer and has a background in engineering disciplines such as fish passage and dam safety, water quality, abatement, demolition and construction, wetland restoration, solid waste, stormwater quality, and wastewater. She offers valuable knowledge of environmental regulations and law, permitting, site remediation, and environmental compliance and oversees remediation design projects. Ms. Hunt has worked on numerous successful projects relating to permitting, and construction of natural resource engineering projects including fish ladders, dam removal, and wetland creation/restoration.

President's Message....



Greetings all,

Can't believe that fall is here already. It seems like the leaves turned colors overnight last weekend and I've already done my first leaf cleanup of the year (one of the few things that I don't like about fall). This should be the time when we're getting in some good fishing, but most of the rivers are only a trickle on this side of the state. As you probably already know, DEEP has been doing some stocking as the water temps have come down, but aside from the Farmington and Housatonic, looks like mostly ponds around here. If anybody knows a good rain dance, now would be the time.....

We held our first virtual chapter meeting last month and I'd say it was a big success from a technical perspective and went off without any glitches. Attendance on the other hand was disappointing with far fewer people showing up than I had anticipated. I've heard no feedback from people who couldn't get in so I'm guessing that people either forgot, were busy or maybe just aren't

Ms. Hunt has managed fish passage feasibility assessments and evaluations and designed numerous fish passage facilities to pass American shad, Atlantic salmon, alewife, river herring, and American eel at numerous dams in New England and the Mid Atlantic Region. She has conducted consultation with US Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service regarding fish passage needs and designs at various dams in Rhode Island. Ms. Hunt has significant experience in evaluating upstream and downstream fish passage at old mill dams as well as existing and proposed hydroelectric projects. Upstream fish passage structures have included Denil fish ladders and natural step-pool (rock ramp) fish passage technologies.

Learning How To Cast: An Outdoor Fly-Fishing Program



On Saturday, Sept 26th, members of TVTU 282 assisted by Certified Fly Casting Instructors Jeff Perry and Raul "Ray" Ramos conducted a fly casting class at the Ledyard Highland Lake Park for the Ledyard Bill Library.



"Ray" Ramos and Jeff Perry are certified by Fly Fisher's International. Jeff is a member of the Rhode Island TU Chapter 225 and "Ray" is a member of CFFA.

There were 12 students from 9 years old to

keen on the virtual meeting concept. I'm planning to continue these for at least the next couple months and if people aren't attending, we'll reevaluate options then. As Connecticut enters Phase 3 of Covid response, I believe we'll be technically allowed to resume in person meetings with social distancing and mandatory mask requirements. As I watch the numbers increasing locally, I'm very hesitant to meet in person yet. This is discussed at every board meeting and we will continue to monitor and evaluate what is in the best interest and safety for all members.

For those of you who missed the meeting, even though we were meeting virtually, we did give away a couple of "door" prizes. By random selection, Ray Schaefer and Dan King each won a \$20 gift certificate to JT's Fly Shop and the Fish Connection. Thanks to John Springer for the slide show and co-presenting with his fishing buddy Eddie Hudon. It was a great presentation on several rivers in Eddie's home waters in North Carolina.

As I've mentioned in last month's newsletter and a separate bulletin, October is our Annual meeting where we vote for officers and board members. We are planning to do that via Zoom meeting only if we have sufficient attendance. If we do not have sufficient attendance, we will postpone that vote until we can get enough people.

Tight Lines!

Gary Lussier

TVTU 282 Board Of Directors 2020 Nominees

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
President	Gary Lussier
Secretary	Glenn Levasseur
Communications Chair	Bruce Danielson
TIC/Education Chair	Dave Parry
River Cleanup Coordinator	Jim Valuckas
Veterans Outreach Chair	Ron Bettez
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Membership Co-Chair	Charles McCaughtry
Fundraising Chair	Pat Gaynor
Social Media	Zach Novosad
Board Member	George DeGray
Board Member	Steve Gerling
Vice President	Open
Conservation Chair	Open

How to Attend a Zoom Meeting

As announced in the August newsletter, we will be holding our chapter meetings in virtual mode via Zoom until further notice. We will be keeping to the standard format as much as possible including having a guest speaker each month.

For those of you that are new to Zoom, it is actually very simple. You will get an email invitation to a



adults. Students learned the basic forward cast, false cast, roll cast and basic casting safety. Each student was given a fly (fresh or

saltwater of their choice) tied by Jeff Perry

TVTU volunteers that helped students with individual instruction were Bob Walsh, Gary Lussier, Duke Preston and John Preston.



Pat Gaynor photographed the event. Refreshments and fly casting equipment were supplied by TVTU.

The event was organized by Ledyard Assistant Librarian Lisa Murno.



meeting with a link to the Zoom session. All you need to do is click on the link. Zoom will prompt you to install their application and you just follow the prompts to complete the installation and enter the meeting. Once installed, the installation step is skipped for subsequent meetings and you'll be taken directly to the meeting. You will need a laptop, computer, smart phone or tablet with a camera and microphone along with a connection to the internet. Invitations will be sent out a few days in advance of each meeting.

It will take a few minutes to download and get set up with Zoom for the first time so I would suggest clicking the link and get started fifteen minutes before the meeting starts. Another alternative is that you can go to Zoom.com and at the bottom of the page, click download to install Zoom on your device(s). The Zoom client is free and very secure. It has been widely used by many companies, schools and organizations, especially since the pandemic, with great success.



Items for Sale

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

LL Bean Travel Fly Rod - 9', 7wt, 6pcw/ tube & bag, excellent condition - \$70

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

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"



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](#)



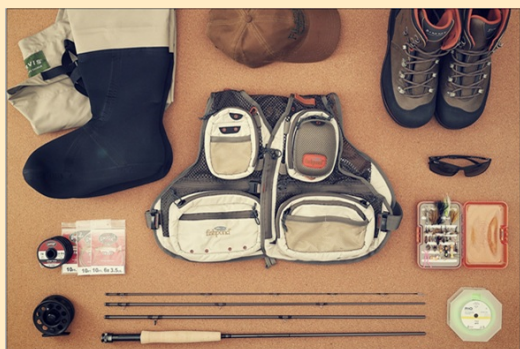
Fly Tying Coordinator Needed

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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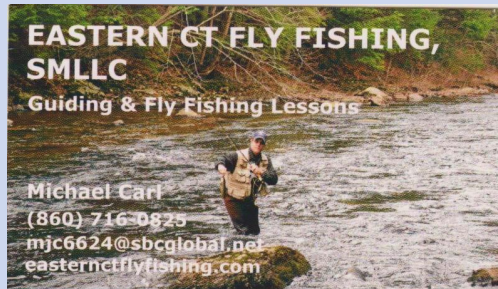
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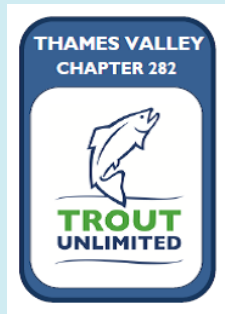
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TVTU Chapter's Mission

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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