



# Trout Unlimited

## Thames Valley Chapter Newsletter

# Stream Lines

*The Voice of Eastern CT Trout and Salmon Anglers*

May 2020



### ***President's Message....***

Hi everyone!

Here we are at the end of another year of chapter meetings. It's so unfortunate that the Covid pandemic had such an impact that caused us to miss our last three meetings. I'm sure you would have enjoyed the speakers that we had planned for you and hopefully, we'll be able to reschedule them for some time in our next season.

We have cancelled all remaining scheduled activities for the rest of the year including the campout and breakfast at Konow's and the Joshua's Trust family fishing day. We are planning to reschedule Joshua's trust for around the same date next year and will be considering rescheduling the campout/breakfast for September/October timeframe if people are interested.

The board of directors has been meeting as scheduled using Zoom – a video/teleconferencing service which has actually been working out pretty well. We will continue to meet during the summer months (which we don't normally do) so that we can hopefully get off to a good start in September or make any adjustment if necessary.

I'm sure you've all aware that many small businesses are struggling during these challenging times and that many of you are doing what you can to support them. In that spirit, keep your local tackle shops in mind and give them a little extra business to help them out. You can stock up on some of those things you'll eventually need or buy that one thing that maybe you've been thinking about but still on the fence.

So we sign off for another season and hope to see you all at our first chapter meeting in September. As always, if we need to let you know of any developments, we'll send out a special bulletin. Enjoy your summer.

Tight Lines!

**Gary Lussier**  
[email](#)

## ***"From the Editor "***

This is the last Streamlines for the season. The next Streamlines will be the September issue. Unfortunately, the cancelation of all our activities for the past 4 months has left us with very little to publish in this months newsletter. Hopefully, the next few months will provide some newsworthy activities for the September issue.

**Chapter Events**

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## 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 by 4:00 PM on WFSB Channel #3 and our website the day of the meeting or event. In addition an email will be sent to all members on our mailing list.

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### Thames Valley TU Meeting Location - Franklin Firehouse

Our meetings are held at the Franklin Firehouse on 5 Tyler Drive (just off Rt 32) in Franklin.

The facility houses the library, town garage and the firehouse. The meeting entrance is on the left as you enter the facility.

#### Directions:

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](#)

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## Items for Sale

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

**Cabela's MTX 9' 6wt 4pc Fly Rod**w/ graphite tube - Mint condition - ~~\$465~~ **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 to 2/3 OFF our low prices**

**Korkers Wading Boot** -New Old Stock, Size 11 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](#)

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## "Volunteers Wanted"



#### Stocking Coordinator

The chapter still needs a volunteer for this



#### Fund Raising Committee Assistants

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](#)

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](#)



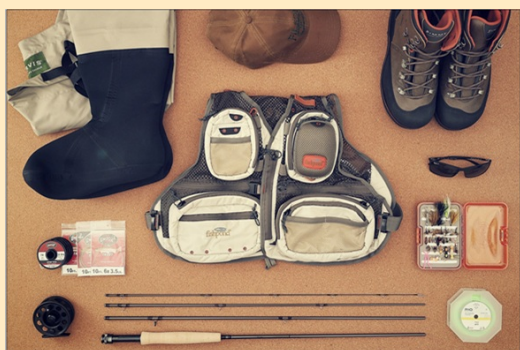
### Fly Tying Coordinator Needed

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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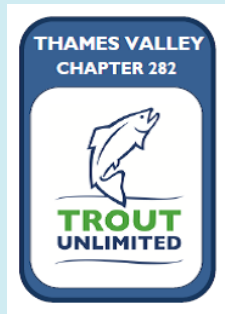
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#### TVTU Chapter's Mission

*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](#)



### 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!**

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