

Trout Unlimited

Thames Valley Chapter Newsletter

Stream Lines

The Voice of Eastern CT Trout and Salmon Anglers

May 2018



President's Message...

As you can see from our calendar April/May is our busiest time of the season. This year we have had much on our plate: several stocking dates; TIC trout releases and fly casting instruction; river clean-ups; Spey Casting Clinic; attending local organization meetings; get out the newsletter & update our website; and, of course, our monthly chapter meetings. All this and more is possible because of the time and dedication of our Board of Directors and our volunteers. These members have taken the time out of their busy lives to advance the ideals and values of Trout Unlimited. I want to thank all of them for their hard work and dedication during my three years as Chapter President.

I and along with a few Board members will be stepping down next October. We will need other members to step up and fill these positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Membership Chair, Fund Raising Chair and Conservation Chair (vacant). Therefore, if you have any interest in any of these positions, please let the Board of Directors know. Next August the Board will meet and propose a slate of candidates at our September meeting for our Annual meeting in October when we elect new Officers/Board members.

I will still be active in the Board as an "Ex-Officio" and support the chapter as much as I can but life's demands will limit me and my family's active time within the chapter.

Thank you all for your support and involvement in making this one of best TU chapters anywhere.

"Duke" Preston
President TVTU
[Email Address](#)

May 15th Chapter Meeting Featured Presentation: Steve Babbitt - "An Inside Look at the Willimantic River TMA"

Steve's presentation will provide an detailed over view of the Willimantic River TMA.

Including: types of water you will encounter, the hatches and the flies to use for them, the best approaches, the seasonal changes and history of the Willimantic TMA. If you never fished the Willimantic or you think you know all there is about it, Steve will have something to learn for everyone.

Steve Babbitt guides for JT's Fly Shop as well as teaching tying and fly fishing classes. He has been fly fishing since 1976 and tying since about 1980. Steve ties many of the fly patterns JT's sells and will do custom orders for you. Steve usually works the shop



on weekends and at big events as well as helping man the both at shows. He is currently on the Flymen fishing company guide pro staff.

Fly Fishing - Spring Creek (13 minutes); BIG SKY PMDs - Montana Fly Fishing (9 min); SPRING RUN - Steelhead Fishing (12 min); Fly Fishing for Cutthroat Trout(8 min) - All by Todd Moen

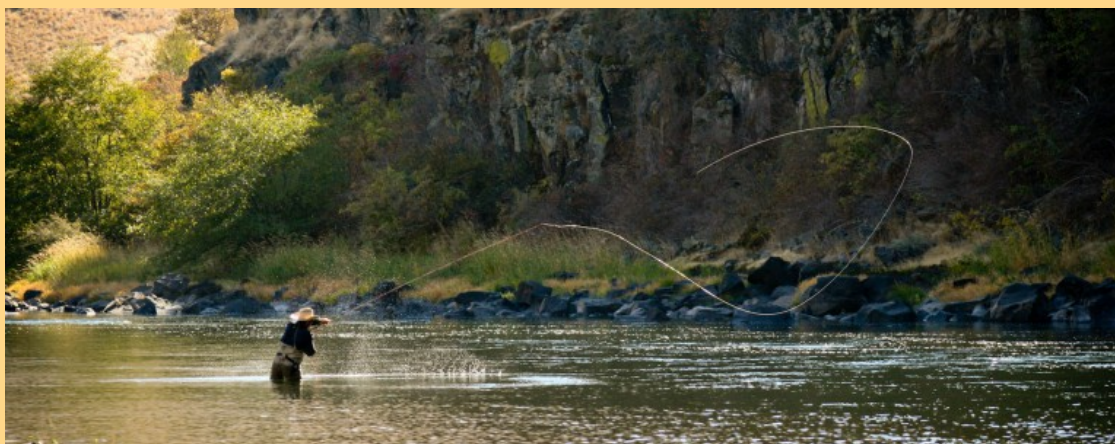
Four beautiful fly fishing videos by Todd Moen for your viewing pleasure will be displayed from 6 to 6:45 pm before the meeting.

Door opens at 6pm.

Our meetings are free and open to members, guests and the general public. Social time, fly tying demonstrations, refreshments, raffle, door prize & more... Featured presentation starts shortly after short chapter business meeting at 7pm.

End of the Season Sale!

All our TU, TVTU merchandise and fly fishing items will be on sale. An extra 10% or more off our already low prices.



TVTU Chapter Spey Casting Clinic with Bill Keister

When: May 12th Sat. 9:30 am - 3 pm. Inclement weather date: May 13th

Where: Sandy Beach (Konow's Trout & Salmon Camp), Shetucket River, Sprague, CT

Cost: Only \$15 - includes lunch (outdoors & sheltered)

Bill Keister a Federation of Fly Fishers (FFF) certified Master Casting Instructor (MCI) will provide "words of wisdom" and a brief overview of Spey casting (single or two handed); ask for your clinic expectations; and followed with a demonstration. This is a hands-on clinic with plenty of time on the water with individual instruction and help as required. The clinic will be limited to 15 participants.

It is not necessary to have a two-handed rod, but if you have one, please bring it. All you need is a regular single hand fly rod equipped with a double tapered fly line to learn to Spey cast. There will be a limited number of two-hand rods available to try.

Lunch will be served (approx. 12-12:30pm) and there will be more time after lunch for additional practice.

Contact John Preston by May 10th to enroll or for more information.

**An Empty Space on the River:
"Ode to Joe Julian"**



by George Jacoby



Jay called me up this morning with the sad news that Joe had passed away. Spring had been slow getting going this year and I hadn't even gone out yet, but I was ready. Hendricksons were hatching here in eastern Connecticut and Pete said the Baetis Vagans (#18 BWOs) were going good at the Farmington. Coming out of the bottom of the dam, the Farmington runs colder than every river in Connecticut and everything happens later. Turns out that later can be too late.

Joe at the West Branch: courtesy Jay DeBella

I have trained myself (poorly, I admit) to get up at night when a decent writing idea comes along even if it means sacrificing sleep. Last night I pulled it off and scribbled down the following paragraph.

Every time you see a mayfly you think how fragile and short its life is. That magic little bug that means everything to us stream-focused humans, that delicate lifeform that dances above running waters for brief hours and then becomes trout food, returning its body to the never-ending cycle of nature...yes, THAT poignantly ephemeral creature. You don't know, the very moment you watch it, if it will outlive you. That's right. No matter how strong you feel, no matter how weak you feel, the next minute of your own precious existence is imaginary.

We have a limited perspective. In my limited perspective, I'd rather not be writing this now. I knew Joe was sick and they couldn't figure out what was wrong. We had cheerfully ranted about the past – and of course the future – in late fall alongside the water. And we shot the bull over the phone during the long winter. Was I prescient last night? Was I cosmic? Don't know, and it doesn't matter. This comes as a painful surprise.

In the '80s the Housatonic blossomed as a trout fishery, not that it wasn't good before. Newly made into a No-Kill Trout Management Area and full of millions of mayflies, caddisflies, and every other aquatic insect, it drew us in from wherever we lived. The state DEP worked hard at it. Spring water releases from the Falls Village Dam would get to the lower end of the Trout Management Area at noon or so, but were rarely high enough to prohibit wading. The water stayed just cool enough and the brown trout grew fat on that diet, a gift of the rich limestone valley. Thick hatches of Ephemereella Subvaria, the "Hendrickson" of classic fly fishing lore, were consistent and covered the afternoon pools with little gray sailboats. I started showing up regularly despite the 2 hour drive and found myself at the Sand Hole; you couldn't miss the many riseforms no matter how fast you drove by. Wide and easy to wade, the Sand Hole beckoned. Some of my happiest days fly fishing began then and there, and lasted for almost ten years.

I met new friends. Pete and Jay were ubiquitous, as were Joe, Tommy, and E.T. (Ed). Sometimes Joe's sons Jim or Jeremy tagged along. Between the group of us, we appeared to fill up the Sand Hole, so every other car or truck full of anglers would slow, then speed up again and pass by in search of some other spot to fish. Gleeful, we shared that pool freely, switching around so that each of us caught and released plenty of trout, our individual techniques working on fish that otherwise would have become stale and selective. We got to know each other. Pete always had a wide-brimmed white hat (still does), the one that made him into a postcard figure. He bought every one of those postcards with him on them; he'll send you one today if you ask. Joe was "Joe Redbeard" at first. He always had that camo jacket on and he called each of us "Little Buddy". I hope Jeremy and Jimmy knew while hanging out with their Dad what I too eventually knew – it doesn't get much better than this.

All of us retain a bond from those Sand Hole times, though nothing remains the same. The Housatonic, while still a fine fishery, has lost the glamour of that decade. Most of our time now is spent fishing in the Farmington River, or someplace else. Maine, Pennsylvania, and the Catskills are close. Stripers and False Albacore call out from the New England shore. Yellowstone and the Bighorn await our regular visits. One August day in the Nineties, who knows exactly when, I was fishing the difficult braided channels just upstream from 3-Mile Access on the 'Horn. You could get happily lost in there, lose track of where they were shallow enough to cross. PMDs were on the surface, and I hooked a pretty good brown on a dry. There were enough rocks and logjams for a fish to get into and I had to play the trout for real, using the rod as a lever, turning his head, keeping him off balance until he was spent. It took a while.

As I slipped the net under him and lifted, Joe's voice surprised me from behind. He congratulated me on doing it skillfully, that it had been a joy to watch. Nice going, little buddy. The same could be said for every time I watched Joe land a trout; he was good, really good. Joe showed up at the Farmington all the time despite having retired to Maine, and shared stories of the Mousam and other rivers. I can't think of anybody that was as full of enthusiasm for fly fishing, as appreciative of the joy spent on and in moving water.

Today the river went on by, oblivious to those of us on the bank with rods. Yet spring came with an explosion; Cowbirds showed up, Garter Snakes, Bumblebees, some Warblers, and those little tiny blue butterflies. No matter how late, spring always shows up. Always. Indigenous Americans have a philosophy that time is not a one-way street, a series of moments that cannot be relived. Time to them runs circles around us, a river that you can step in and out of at will. If so, somewhere we may still be waist deep in the Housatonic, swallows circling above. Hendricksons float by and disappear as fat trout, heads coming out of the water, eat steadily. The Mayflies are vibrantly alive, dodging death from above and below, flying fast toward sheltering Sycamores. We're laughing about the wonder of it all, just some guys on a river on a spring afternoon.



Meeting Our Local Fishing Guides

I know most of TVTU 282 members are familiar with Mike Carl from his active participation in chapter activities so I thought his journey into fly fishing and guiding would make an interesting story.

by Bruce Danielson

I have been fishing for as long as I can remember. My earliest memories were fishing Opening Day with my unde, brother, and our cousins on Highland Lake. The rest of them would tire or get bored and quit fishing soon after sunrise but, I would fish on long after everyone else. Like everyone else, I started with conventional tackle using lures and/or bait. I didn't switch over to fly fishing until I think around 14 or 15 years old. I now fly fish exclusively unless my son wants to use his spinning gear, then I will help him out with using it.

I grew up minutes from the Farmington River and consider it my home waters and training ground for my fly fishing development. In fact, it was the Farmington that pushed me towards fly fishing. Before I could drive I would be dropped off somewhere on the Farmington, or elsewhere, to fish for awhile. One evening, I was fishing above Church Pool in the riffles (The TMA did not extend above Church at the time) and was using my spinning gear. I was cranking lures at the time. I hung up on a rock and couldn't get the lure out. At that time I only had hip waders so I couldn't wade very deep either. Out of frustration from hanging up and constantly losing lures which was expensive for me, I ended up breaking the tip of my rod. Unfortunately, this happened shortly after my mother had dropped me off. So I had to wait until she returned to pick me up. Since there were no cell phones back then, I stewed on the river bank until my ride arrived. While sitting and waiting, I could see a few dry fly fisherman below the bridge casting away (oh and the fishing pressure back then wasn't as bad either - even in Church Pool). It was during the summer so there was a high fog that loomed over them. The scenery was captivating and convinced me that I had to learn fly fishing. I can't remember how soon after that life changing event, I got my first fly fishing outfit, but I do remember it was a Martin setup. Anyway, I vowed to learn all that I could about fly fishing.



Like most people, I started off with dry flies and was largely self taught. I would pick up some pointers from other fly fisherman on the water and in UpCountry (when it was a tiny shop with a few fly rod and one or two bins of flies) but, that would be the extent of any kind of actual tutoring, etc. I would slowly and gradually improve. As the years past, I would also start to use streamers and wet flies but did not do much nymphing. When I started to try nymphing, I immediately felt the same level of frustration(s) that I felt hanging up all the time with my lures and spinning rod. I was getting discouraged but was determined to learn it, too. One day I happened to pick up a book by Joe Humphreys in the Collinsville Fly Shop called " on the Stream with Joe Humphreys ". I read through it in the shop and immediately realized the he was the " real deal " in terms of knowing and understanding fly fishing for trout (it also helped out that he is left-handed, too-for visualizing casting, mending, etc.). It was that purchase that changed everything!

I spent thousand and thousands of dollars (embarrassingly) trying to learn the game by myself. I really didn't know it at the time but I was also learning and teaching myself a whole ton of misinformation and " bullshit " from every so-called expert in the industry ! However, that changed when I took my first dinic with Joe. Let me tell you it was eye opening ! From that point on, I had to " un-learn " almost everything and relearn it correctly. I proceeded to take some more of his clinics and learn as much as I could from a true master of fly fishing. I can't really say when or how but over a period of time, Joe and I fostered a friendship. I guess our

personalities matched and he trusted me. Anyway, I mentioned to him that I couldn't teach my girlfriend (Stacey- now my wife) how to fly fish. He suggested that I take her to Kinzua Fly Fishing School, in Pennsylvania where he does a longer clinic. She ended up going with me to this school. Through Joe, I met Steve Skvarka and Carl Zandi who co-owned and operated KFFS. I took their courses several times and ended up developing close friendships with them, too. About 12 or 13 years or so ago, they offered me an opportunity to help them teach at the school as an instructor. From that point on, I have been going to Pennsylvania each May to help Steve, Carl, and Joe teach at KFFS.

A friend of mine, Preston " Pat" Torrey is one of the oldest and longest working guides on the Farmington to date. He and I fished a lot together before I started a family and he was the one that encouraged me to start my own guide business. So in 2010, I started Eastern CT Fly Fishing, LLC. I felt that I needed to help teach people how to fly fish so they didn't feel the same frustrations I did. Further, by primarily focusing on teaching clients the fundamentals, I am thereby offering something a little different from most other guides who are only interested in getting clients fish and collecting their money.

Although guiding and owning my own business is rewarding, it is still largely only a part-time adventure right now. My professional career for the past 22 years has been in EMS with 20 of them as a paramedic for AMR, in Hartford, CT. In addition to that, I have a family with two children. My daughter is not quite the fisherman I was hoping for but she is slowly getting more involved. My son likes to fish more but it is still hard to pull him away from the video games ! I try and take them along to various groups I belong to like Thames Valley TU meetings and Broad Brook Angling Club events. My wife , isn't a fisherman but she is the most important person of the whole operation because she is the foundation that supports all of my fishing adventures. Since being in EMS in some capacity for 29 years, I require lots of time fishing to de-stress, etc., so she supports my passion to its fullest. I am probably on average fishing 150 -200 days per yr. I have traveled to places like Montana and Wyoming to fish as well as regular trips to different areas of Pennsylvania and Catskills , NY. I still regularly make trips to the Farmington but since moving to Coventry in 2006 and switching my TU affiliation to TVTU, I mostly enjoy exploring new waters throughout Eastern CT.

JT's Raises \$435 for TIC

Lana Trinke of JT's Fly Shop during their April 21 & 22 "Open House" graciously created a number of "baskets" to be raffled off with all the proceeds going to our Trout in the Classroom program. In two short days Lana managed to raise \$435 for TIC. TVTU is very grateful to Lana and JT's for their wonderful donation and unsolicited efforts for supporting a very deserving program.

The next time you are at JT's be sure to thank them on behalf of all the children and ultimately the environment that will benefit from their gift.



TVTU April 17th Meeting Recap

by Mike Carl

I can't say it enough but our Trout Unlimited Chapter (Thames Valley) is really becoming vibrant again. In just a few years that I have been a member (I was previously in Farmington) I've seen attendance of meetings rise from 15-20 to the 40's and low 50's each meeting. We also have a decent amount of people show up for stocking events, etc....all great signs especially when volunteering is on the decline and many other TU chapters are struggling. Even organizations like FRAA only have 15-20 people at any given meeting.

Tonight's presentation was by Neal Hagstrom of DEEP. His presentation focused on the state's new fishing regulations as well as the outlook for 2018 trout stocking and what the future might look like....it isn't all bad!



Neal always brings great presentations with lots of hard data to discuss. I'm not a data cruncher nor a person who really likes analyzing graphs, etc., but he is able to make sense of it all and present it in a way that the common fisherman can understand. It can be tough to do at times (I have to do it for current trends in emergency medicine) so, I fully understand some of the complexity of presenting " data". What I can say is that he does it well. Also, I can confirm some of what he is collecting for data in my daily fishing. For instance, I see some small streams that I fish being hurt by multi-year micro droughts and warm temperatures at critical times of the year with trout being stunted, low reproduction or outright fish kills.

There are people within the DEEP that truly care about our state's natural resources and are doing their best with very little staff and even fewer dollars to work with.

As for the discussion of new regulations, I really don't feel that Connecticut is all that bad. Yes, another \$5 added to my all waters and guide registration starts to add up but, it is just as bad in other states. Case in point is Pennsylvania. They are in the midst of some REAL big problems- too many to enumerate. They also have far more regulations!

The immediate future may seem poor for trout fishing in Connecticut but if we get some lucky breaks with weather at the right times and our hatcheries are able to rebuild themselves, then fishing for the next generation(s) may not be so bad after all. And, my kids made out like bandits tonight at raffle time...another good thing !



TVTU Chapter Fund-raising Raffle 2018

Only 50 tickets to be sold... \$15 ticket

Cabela's Theorem Fly Rod & Ross Evolution LT Fly Reel Outfit
(Value \$655)



Cabela's Theorem Fly Rod (9ft, 4pc, 5wt) - With Generation-II nano-silica resin and a high modulus graphite blank, Cabela's Theorem Fly Rod produces the accuracy, distance and sensitivity you need to help solve the fly-fishing equation. Four piece high modulus graphite blank features lightweight, corrosion resistant REC recoil guides that always return to their original shape. Tapers increase feel yet recover quickly for exceptional accuracy. Burl wood reel seat with high-polish aluminum hardware and a modified western cork handle. Rod case & Lifetime Guarantee

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hand retrieves; Quick release locking spool. Rated for freshwater or saltwater duty. Manufacturer's lifetime warranty. Made in USA.

Includes: [Cortland Precision Finesse WF5F Fly Line](#)

Thames Valley TU is continually working on our Mission of conserving, protecting and restoring our cold water fisheries in the Eastern CT. This takes a lot of resources... man-hours and money. Please help us raise funds for current and future projects

Raffle tickets are only \$15 each. The drawing will be held once we have sold 50 tickets. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are available at our monthly meetings and through the Chapter's Board of Directors members. Or, send a check payable (with name, address & phone#) to: Thames Valley TU Chapter 282, P.O. Box 211, Hanover, CT 06350. A ticket will be mailed back to you and recorded.

Thank You for Your Support



"Angler's Pantry" Brined Smoked Salmon

by Jenn & Duke Preston

Brined smoked salmon

Ingredients:

1-4 salmon fillets

Brine:

2 tablespoon Pickling spice
3 tablespoon brown sugar
2 tablespoon sea salt
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1 1/2 bottle dark ale beer

Dry rub:

1 1/4 cup flour
2 tablespoon brown sugar
2 tablespoon Onion powder
2 tablespoon garlic powder
1 tablespoon black pepper

Pour beer into a small saucepan and combine rest of brine ingredients, bring to a good simmer until salt and brown sugar dissolve. Remove from heat and let cool to room temperature. Once cooled submerge salmon in brine overnight.



Rinse fish with cold water and Pat dry. Combine dry rub in a large bowl, rub salmon with the dry rub. Using apple wood chips heat smoker to 150 degrees F, cold smoke for 1.5 hours then hot smoke for 1.5 hours at 210-230 degrees F.

Then is ready to eat!

Share one of your favorite recipes with us! Please contact [Duke Preston](#).

FirstLight's Inaugural Run and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony of the Scotland Fish Lift on World Fish Migration Day

Thames Valley TU representatives Ray Schaefer, Gene Cyr and John Preston attended the April 21st presentation and ribbon cutting ceremony of the Scotland Dam Fish Lift featuring Firstlight representatives, Robert Klee, Commissioner, CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Mayor Victor Funderburk of Windham and other local conservation organizations.

Unfortunately no fish were lifted during the demonstration of the fish lift at the Scotland Dam. According to Steve Gephard Supervising Fisheries Biologist (DEEP IFD) who oversees the Diadromous Fisheries Program and the Habitat Conservation and Enhancement Program there won't be much movement of diadromous fish until the water reaches 50 degrees... as we all know the water temps this spring are just starting to warm-up. But hopes are high with the now run-of-the river and fish lifts along the Thames River watershed. Looking forward to the next report of it's progress and impact.

For more photos of the ceremony visit our website. And for some interesting reading and insight on the diadromous fishery in CT - see the [CT Diadromous Fish Restoration and Enhancement Report 2016](#)



New Variable Speed Turbine that makes run of the river possible



DEEP Commissioner Robert Klee & Mayor Victor Funderburk opening the fish lift



Inaugural Run of Fish Lift - "Water Park Slide for Fish"

Items for For Sale

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.

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

LL Bean Travel Fly Rod 9' -7wt, 6pc w/ tube & bag, near mint condition - \$75

Dan Bailey XL Waist-Hi breathable stocking-foot wader NIB - \$80 (MSRP \$200)

For the above items or to place items for sale, contact [John Preston](mailto:John.Preston@860-917-4485) 860-917-4485

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"Beginner's Corner"

by Bruce Danielson

The Elk Hair Caddis is a very popular dry fly which also has become well known as an emerger.

This video demonstrates how to tie an elk hair caddis dry fly and illustrates how to stack and apply hair. It also illustrates the differences between dry fly materials and wet fly materials, specifically the differences in hackle and dubbing.



Fly of the Month

"KISS Green Caddis Emerger"

by John Preston



As most of you know by now I am proponent of simple, impressionistic, easy to tie flies. If it has more than four materials and five steps... its complicated. In short, keep it simple silly (KISS).

This one is mine. I don't claim to have invented it because by just using a couple of materials and placing it on a hook to suggest an emerging Green Caddis... any novice tier with limited skills could have created it. But it works (fools & catches fish) and you can bang out a dozen of these in minutes. Come May on the Shetucket and on other waters this fly will produce... just simply cast it out slightly downstream and let it swing and wait for the TUG!

KISS Green Caddis Emerger Recipe:



Dad! We need more fly tying material!

Hook: Standard dry fly or wet fly hook, size 14-16.
Thread: Danville Brown or Black 6/0
Body: Green Hareline or Green/Olive Squirrel dubbing
Thorax: Dark Brown Squirrel dubbing.

After dressing the hook with the thread from slightly behind the eye to the bend, spin on some green dubbing somewhat loosely to form 2-3 inch noodle (you can add more as needed). Form a bulky but slightly tapered body about 2/3 the length of the shank. Next loosely spin on the dark brown squirrel dubbing to form a thorax that's larger in diameter than the body. Form a small head with the thread and whip finish. Next pick-out with your bodkin or brush out the thorax to imitate emerging wings and legs... your done.

If you want to get "fancy" add a speckled soft-hackle collar.

Believe me, the above explanation sounds much more complicated than it actually is. You can tie this in tan or olive too.

"On the Lighter Side"

One day a rather inebriated ice fisherman drilled a hole in the ice and peered into the hole and a loud voice said, "There are no fish down there." He walked several yards away and drilled another hole and peered into the hole and again the voice said, "There's no fish down there." He then walked about 50 yards away and drilled another hole and again the voice said, "There's no fish down there." He looked up into the sky and asked, "God, is that you?" "No, you idiot," the voice said, "it's the rink manager."

**"The man who coined the phrase
 "Money can't buy happiness", never
 bought himself a good fly rod!"
 ~Reg Baird**

Mark your Calendar...

Annual Camp-out and Breakfast June 1 & 2



What: Camp-out, Breakfast, Contest* & Prizes, and Fishing!

**When: Friday, June 1st, Camping & Fishing (starts 12 noon) to Saturday, June 2nd, 1pm.
 Breakfast Served (7:30am-10:00) Saturday morning.**

Where: Sandy Beach (Konow's) Shetucket River

Please RSVP for Breakfast so we can have enough food available. Contact [Duke Preston](#).

Come join us for the annual Campout at Sandy Beach along the banks of the Shetucket River.

This private property is kindly made available by the Konow family. This is an overnight camp out with a Hotdog cookout Friday evening June 1st; and, an open air breakfast (sheltered picnic tables) the following morning.

Members and guest are welcome to camp out (and go fishing, of course) or just come to the breakfast and fish. There should be some great fishing in one of the best fishin' holes on the Shetucket! It is a great place to bring the family or someone new (young and old) to the sport and learn how it's done. I'm sure the "experts" will be willing to give you some pointers. And for you seasoned anglers, well... you know how good it can be.

Breakfast will be provided by Preston family. The Breakfast Menu will consist of: Pancakes, "Duke's" famous French toast, Sausage, Hash Browns, Eggs (to order), Donuts, Hot Coffee, Tea, Orange Juice and more....

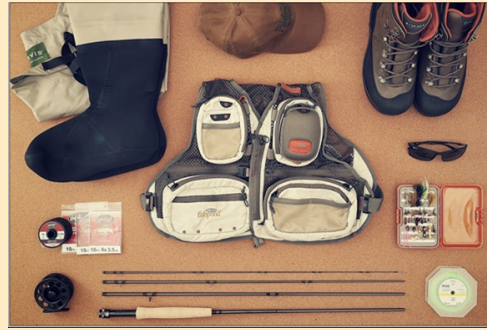
Breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 10 AM. So come join us for the fun, hardy breakfast, good fishing, and meet some great Thames Valley TU people.

Old Fly Lines Wanted

A company called "Flyvines" located in Missoula, MT recycles fly line and makes them in to a number of accessory products that are carried in Orvis retail stores, and fly shops across the country. They asked our chapter if we would be interested in recycling any of our old fly lines. If you are interested in participating we plan to collect donated lines at our meetings and bulk send the collected fly line to them. You can check out their website at www.flyvines.com for more information about what they do! Thank you..



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](mailto:John.Preston@cttu.org) 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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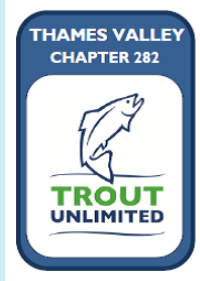
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About Us

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

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