

The RollCast

The eNews Letter of
Cape Cod TU Chapter 460
April 2010



April 25th Spring Banquet
Harborpoint Restaurant
3 to 7 pm
\$ 35 PP

Please join us for our banquet. This is our most important fund raising event. The \$35 covers the cost of the generous buffet and the hall. Send checks to Wayne Miller
P.O. Box 711, W. Barnstable, MA 02668.
Click here to see a list of this year's prizes.

http://capecodtu.org/SPRING_BANQUET.html

President's Note

Spring has arrived and I have some new directions for the Chapter to share. For the last several months the Board has been discussing a strategic plan. This plan is to give the Chapter goals as well as a plan to achieve these goals. While this plan is still a work in progress we have started to form some goals. The first step was to identify new positions not already part of the Executive board. These four new positions are Conservation Coordinator, Membership Coordinator, Fund Raising Coordinator, and Media/Communications Coordinator. The titles are pretty much self explanatory and are a vital part of the more vibrant Chapters. The important first step in making this plan work is a need for new and more volunteers to fill these new positions either as a chair person or joint chair person. Please consider helping with this work. We will also need a new President in December. My intention is to fill the Media/Communications position in December. So step up it is not hard and you will have support.

Another position is a Fishing Outing coordinator. This position has five volunteers from the board to get started. The goal is to have a social fishing outing on or very close to the Cape on a monthly basis. The coordinators are Scott Dietrich, Al DiCarlo, David Talmanson, Pat Grenier, and Tim Lynch. The first of these outings is in May on the weekend of the Fly Fishing School and also held at Camp Burgess. All members are invited to come and fish the pond. You will be able to fish a well stocked pond and see how the school is run. There are fire pits to cook and the Chapter will supply charcoal. So put it on your calendar May 14, 15, & 16. Look for more info next month.

The School is still in need of student and volunteers to help. Contact Tim Lynch @ cctuflyfish@comcast.net .We are also planning to have the September meeting, the 8th, as a picnic meeting like we did last year. The Chapter will provide food. We will have the picnic at Nickerson State Park. Save the date!

Starting with the October meeting the format of the General meeting will change a bit. We will have the return of the fly tying time. The Board will still meet from 6 to 7, Chapter tyers will be invited to tie from 7 to 7:30, and then we will have a short speaker program until 8:30. In May we have Tyer Mark Sedotti who is giving a small class on the afternoon of May 12th. Cost is \$25 PP and limited to eight. Contact me for details.

There is availability of the Baxter House in Roscoe NY for the first and second week of June if there is interest in fishing the Beaverkill. If you are interested contact Wayne Miller @ wandoc@verizon.net . River Day in Marstons Mills is on May 1st this year and the Chapter is planning to participate this year. If you can help contact me for details. It is just the one day. cctuprez@capecodtu.org . Chapter member Richard Harris has a collection of various fly fishing magazines form the 80's until now. If you are interested contact him @ richard.harris106@verizon.net .



MORE BALDERDASH

A mid-winter scouting trip! An idea from *Red Quill*

I know that some of you must have driven out along a stream or river looking for a nice, convenient place to pull over and fish and perhaps have secretly wondered just how many great angling opportunities you have passed by...never seen. For example: have you ever driven out to fish the Swift River and wondered about little Jabish Brook only a coupla miles away in Belchertown? Well, I have. And hypothetically speaking, you drive on by a road veering off the main drag and wonder where it goes. What's down there? At other times a roadside stream just meanders off into the woods and you "lose" it--some rivers "oxbow" and some do not. It may or may not reappear but what little you saw sure looked good to you. And close to home, how many people drive from Hyannis to Falmouth on Route 28 and never even know they traversed the Quashnet; have never driven down Martin Road; never seen the river, parking area & informational kiosk to say nothing of the brookies? Plenty, I bet! Well, now is the time to get out there and check out these potential hot spots that are, more or less, "invisible" to you in June.

It's April now and the leaves are off the trees and in some places snow is still on the ground. (Ya kno, Red has seen traces of snow out around the Deerfield River Catch and Release areas in June!) In this leafless scenario you can actually peer well into the woods and spot the small creeks, streams and brooks that will be hidden by vegetation in just a month or two. *Hmmmm*...that hypothetical road that veered off?...it crosses over a brook only 300 or 400 feet from the main road. LOOK! There is an old stone bridge over the brook with a plunge pool off to one side. A great spot for brookies but, for all intents and purposes, invisible to you in June. But, with no leaves on the trees and snow still on the ground, this brook and others like it stand out as if highlighted on a map!

Just for the fun of it you might even go down to the Quashnet River, any Herring River, the Pamet River or other local streams with the sole idea being to scout out parts of the stream that you have never fished, waded or, perhaps, even imagined before. I think that many times you will be surprised at what confronts you. Bring along a pair of field glasses, a topographic map, a staff and wear good sturdy hiking boots and just roam about...follow your bliss, see where it takes you. However, leave your fly tackle at home just this once. Concentrate on discovery! This may even be a good time to launch your canoe or kayak and see where the stream takes you. This exploration will pay off later.

A government or a DeLorme topographic map is a true necessity tho. For even with the lack of vegetation you simply cannot see around the various hummocks, hills, phragmites and things of that ilk. And a good topographic map can lead you to places you probably would never even have thought of going or knew existed. So, get down and dirty, check out those brooks, springs, hills, dales, valleys and ridges. The topo lines can give you a hint as to what lies just around the corner. This exercise may, indeed, surprise you, even in a place you may think you know well. *Hmmmm*...perhaps you had better bring along a compass and, to be on the safe side, a rescue whistle also...OK?

R A N D O M * C A S T S

Gossip, News, BS & Assorted Twaddle - Compiled by Red Quill
GOT NEWS? Shops! Members! Friends! Email: strathie@aol.com

√ **Quashnet Workdays: CHANGE IN MAY SCHEDULING**

Quashnet workday dates are held infrequently on the third Sunday of the month.

(HMMMM...is it just me or have we had a lot of scheduling changes this season?)

This is CCTU's main conservation project and has been for 30 plus years. For more info call Fran Smith @ 508-548-4087. We meet at the Martin Road access off Rt. 28 in Falmouth near the Mashpee line AT 9AM ...but you knew that didn't you?

These are the workdates as of right now: APRIL 18th, NEW→ MAY 23rd
(Cancellations? Changes? Err on the safe side—call Fran @ 508-548-4087 if in doubt.)

√ **Red Brook Workdays:** Red Brook workdays are held at **9am on the first Saturday of every month**. Meet in the Lyman Reserve parking lot, Head of the Bay Road in Wareham. This is an ongoing MA/RI Council conservation project staffed mainly by SMTUer's. INFO? Contact: Warren Winders: 781-878-1074
Workdates as of now: APRIL 3rd, MAY 1st (Same schedule caveat as above)

CCTU ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

3PM – 7PM, Sunday afternoon, April 25th @ Harbor Point
Bone Hill Rd. off Route 6A in Cummaquid / Still only \$35

√ ***Reservations are required...send 'em in TODAY!***

NAME: _____ AMT X \$35 = \$ _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: () _____

Check made out to Cape Cod Trout Unlimited— Wayne Miller / POX 711 / W. Barnstable, MA 02668

Tickets will be mailed to your address (as shown above) as soon as we receive your check.

For banquet INFO & raffle DONATIONS only: contact Mark @: 774-994-7319

LAST CALL FOR BANQUET! Send reservations in by April 14th!

Come one, come all to the...

2010 CCTU FLY FISHING SCHOOL & CAMP

Open to TU members (*from any chapter*) & non-TUer's too!

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\$30 off to any current, paid-up TU member of any chapter...just ASK!

Special parent with teen, with spouse or teen rates on request...just ASK!

At this writing some FREE teen scholarships are still available...just ASK!

School to be held at (YMCA) Camp Burgess in Sandwich, Mass

From Friday evening, MAY 14th thru Sunday afternoon, May 16th

- √ The school is open to all, TU member or not--so..."come on down"! Have some fun.
- √ This is a sleep-over event including room, meals, classes, casting instruction & fishing.
- √ Classes include: Knots, Tying, Insect ID, Tackle Selection, Stream Etiquette & more.
- √ This modern camp is located on the shores of beautiful Spectacle Pond on the Cape.
- √ We generally field at least 2 FFF Certified Casting Instructors at our casting classes.
- √ Check out our web site for an updated, online color "brochure" at: capecodtu.org
- √ Our CCTU instructors collectively have 100's of years of fly fishing experience.
- √ Molly Benjamin (late CC Times fishing writer) gave us a..."Two Thumbs Up"!

**For more info on rates, teen scholarships and/or sign-ups contact
Director, Tim Lynch at: cctuflyfish@comcast.net or 508-274-0936**

LIMITED TO 30 STUDENTS SO DON'T PUT IT OFF—CALL TODAY!

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To refresh your memory...*the Chapter neither meets in June, July or August nor does it publish a RollcasT in these months.* May effectively ends the CCTU spring season only to be picked up by the fall version in September...refreshed, renewed and invigorated! We hope! The September RollcasT is due out September 1st...watch for it! *Quashnet Workdays ARE held over the summer months tho; please call Fran @ 508-548-4087 for latest schedules.*

FYI! NO CCTU MEETING THIS MONTH! COME TO THE BANQUET

Traditionally we do not have an April speaker meeting at Liberty Hall as we are deeply involved with the Spring Banquet. ***Consider the Banquet the April TU meeting and... come on down.*** NO SPEAKER MEETING THIS MONTH.

LEARN FROM THE VERY BEST! At the MAY 12th CCTU speaker meeting we will be featuring renowned saltwater fly tyer, caster instructor and columnist, **MARK SEDOTTI**. Mark is an expert tyer and **we have prevailed upon him to teach a class prior to the meeting from 3pm until 5:30pm**. This class is **\$25** and will be **limited to 8** attendees. If interested contact President, Mark HATTMAN @ 774-994-7319 or CCTUPREZ@CAPECODTU.ORG ASAP! *√ Sedotti will then do his "regular" program for CCTU members at 7:00PM. Come on down!*

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR STATE REPS AND SENATORS! Simply go to www.mass.gov On the left side of the homepage, you will see *State Government* (4th section down). Click on *Legislative* and choose either State Representatives or State Senators. Click on any name on the left and that person's bio will come up. You will then see a link on the left that says "Legislative districts by city and town". Click on that and the next screen will have an alphabet bar on top. Click on the first letter of your city or town name and you will find your Reps and Senators with all vital contact information. You can then have your voice heard. *But acted on? Hmmmm....*

Congrats to **Stan Kaczynski** on being selected as the 2009 "ENVIRONMENTAL HERO" by the Cape Cod and Islands Chapter of the American Red Cross. The award was given at their annual Heros Breakfast in Hyannis on March 4th. This is the 8th year of these awards which are called the "Everyday Heroes Awards" and recipients range from firefighters to police officers to educators to community leaders and on and on and on. ***Once again, congratulations Stan!***

Yet another Stan in the news! **The Bogdons to call it quits.** Stanley Bogdon (the father) and Steven Bogdon (the scion) are closing their storied reel business afta their current orders are shipped. Stanley started the business back in the 40's and made **the absolute best Atlantic salmon reels available...ever**—and later his elegant trout reels. Steve "inherited" the company when Stan went "retirement" 15 years ago. Steve now wants to retire but can't find a buyer. *There's a book out about Bogdon reels , check it out!*

FYI: FLY TYERS RENDEZVOUS TO BE HELD APRIL 17th!

Judie Darbee writes: "Howie, maybe you can give this event a little PR in the next RollcasT." *Well, Judie here it is!* Come, join us for the annual **Fly Tyers Rendezvous to be held on April 17 at the Rockland House, Rt 206, Roscoe NY**. Doors are open from 10 to 3 and lunch is available at the Rockland House restaurant. Over 45 tyers will be demonstrating. This event is sponsored by the **Catskill Fly Tyers Guild** and the **Rockland House** and it's free to everyone. If any CCTU'er is interested in tying at the Rendezvous they can contact Fly Tyers Chairman, Leslie Wrixon

lesliewrixon@yahoo.com Contact her ASAP...if not sooner! And for info on accommodations, restaurants, shops, events, etc. in the area simply Google: Roscoe, NY.

A few of RQ's early season Roscoe tips:

If you go up to the Rendezvous remember, mid-April is still a tad early for good dry fly angling but if you want to give it a shot while at the Rendezvous you might try a size 12 Quill Gordon or a size 16 BWO and fish these afta, oh say, 2PM or so. (BWO's are ubiquitous & hatch in most months...some months better than others tho.) A general rule of thumb on these rivers is: the earlier the hatch comes in the year the bigger the fly. For example in the very early spring size 10 & 12's abound and as summer approaches the sizes go down to about 18's in August. Also the larger the river usually the larger the fly. So a river like the big Delaware might call for size 10 Quill Gordons in April while on the Willow a size 12 may be more appropriate. Or HEY! try streamers, buggers, generic nymphs (light, medium or dark) or "traditional" wet flies...a dampish Quill Gordon perhaps? For an attractor pattern you just cannot beat an Ausable Wulff or a Stimulator. However leave your ants, beetles and size 20 dries at home. Ya kno, the best fly is really the one that's on your tippet and in the water. If the water is running high and fast either stay out of the water entirely or fish streamers and buggers near the bank. However those "good-ol'-boys", the Rendezvous tyers, will probably have their own ideas (these not necessarily being Red's) and may gift or sell you some of their very own favorite early spring flies. *A little local knowledge can be a righteous thingy!*

The **2010 Al Brewster Award** selection committee (read Mark Hattman) has exhaustively read thru all of the written nominations and has chosen to present this most prestigious CCTU award to—*the envelope, please*—**Wayne Miller!** No one in CCTU deserves it more than Wayne with the exception, perhaps, of his lovely wife, Barbara! (100% of the nominations were for Wayne, by the way!) The Al Brewster award will be presented to him at the Annual Spring Banquet this coming, April 25th. He gets to keep it for a year and then hand it off to the 2011 winner at next years TU Banquet. *Congratulations, Wayne and many thanks for all your hard work for TU.*

FYI: In case you have never seen it, the award is a glass domed, fly presentation with many beautiful Al Brewster flies artfully mounted on a vertical driftwood branch with an engraved plate on the hardwood base listing of all the previous winners, starting with Al Brewster. Artwork worthy of displaying in your home.

Join the **New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance (NECWA)** for an **all day marine excursion** to view seabirds, whales, dolphins, basking sharks and ocean sunfish along the Mass coast on **Sunday, June 13th, 8 am until 4 pm**—leaving from the Plymouth Town Pier. All trip proceeds go to support marine wildlife research, education and conservation. Enjoy our guided wildlife commentary by David Clapp (Natural History Services), Jim Sweeney (South Shore Bird Club) and Joanne Jarzowski (Capt. John Boats). Voyage aboard the "*Tails of the Sea*", a 110' luxury whale-watch vessel. **Tickets: Pre-Sale \$90pp and then \$100 after May 31, 2010.** Go to www.necwa.org to download the registration form. Want more INFO? Call Krill Carson at 508-566-0009

The 12th **Bears Den Fly Fishing Show** in Taunton in February was, as usual, a rousing success. All kinds of fishing and tying products, art works and gear manufacturers were in evidence as were these tyers demo-ing and selling their wares: *Jimmy Ellis, Ted Patlen, Stan Fudala, Mike Martinek, Joe Codeiro, Paul DiNolo, Rich Murphy, Bob Popovics, Larry Dahlberg* & on & on! Many of these ProAm tyers have promised to donate flies for the 2010 Jim Stewart BIG Fly Box. A lot of these tyers have been CCTU presenters in the past and will be in the future I'd bet. See YOU at the 13th Bears Den show next year perhaps? Watch here for info, when and if available!

*And while at the big shew.....*Red talked with an angler (one who shall remain a mystery at his request!) who, in mid February, **caught and released 18 trout in the Swift River** down by the infamous, Hatchery Pipe Pool. (FYI: *I say infamous because, yes, this is the very same pool where the lovely and talented Massachusetts/Chilean fly fishing guide, Marla Blair, was waylaid by those two Neanderthal sphincter muscles last fall.*) However, no amount of arm-twisting or water-boarding will persuade Red to divulge this anglers name (or his fly, for that matter) but let's just leave it at this: he was an extremely capable and credible fly fisherman visiting from an alien state...*a very alien state indeed where the people drink a bitter and brownish liquid they call...quaffee!*

Harwich Conservation Trust Star Dates Spring 2010 — Astronomy Nights at Bank Street Bogs: Join Harwich Harbormaster, Tom Leach, for a telescopic look at the night sky. Bring your own binoculars. From Harwich Center go south on Bank Street. Park in the Harbormaster Parking Lot at 203 Bank St. **CLOUDS CANCEL THE EVENT!**
All @ **9PM** —> Thursday, **April 15** / Tuesday, **April 20** / Thursday, **April 22**
All @ **9:30PM** —> Thursday, **May 13** / Tuesday, **May 18** / Thursday, **May 20**
All walks are **FREE** and sponsored by Harwich Conservation Trust. **508-432-3997**
√ Red knows this is not fishing related but it might get you outta de hoose afta this long winter.

Well here goes again...the tri-monthly beg for a new editor/publisher for this rag!
The old editor (Howie) has very little expertise in online publication. None actually!
So, the job of nurturing the electronic RollcasT fell to Mark Hattman...*but he shies away from the title "editor"*. So, let's just say he compiles the items for the RollcasT and, as if by magic, they appear on our computer screens. What we need is someone with enuf computer savvy to step on up and act as editor (*compile, write and edit*) and publisher (*the capability to get all this crapola out online*). Howie began as editor in 1992 with the now arcane print edition and Mark has been Chapter Prez for over 4 years now and Rollcast compiler since last September —both are RollcasT weary. With that said, Mr. Quill assures us he will continue doing his monthly "Random Casts" column and an occasional article. The new editor/publisher can build from there. Do you wanna be the first "official" CCTU geek?...Or is it nerd? Whatever...call Mark at: 774-994-7319.

BOOK & MEDIA REVIEWS

Reviewed by: Bruce E. Harang (reprinted from the FFF Clubwire)
Google: Federation of Fly Fishers for more info on the organization.

Twenty Salmon Flies by Michael D. Radencich

Stackpole Books, Mechanicsburg, PA 2010

214 pages, hardbound + DVD, illustrated, Color, suggested price \$69.95

Fly tyers take note! Michael Radencich has produced yet another exceptional classic salmon fly tying instruction book. Here are instructions for tying ten types or styles of classic salmon flies given by tying two examples of each type. Specifically, the reader finds detailed step-by-step instruction for tying Simple Strip-Wings; Simple Upright-Wing Flies; Simple Full-Feather-Wing Flies; Simple married-Wing Flies; Complex Full-Feather-Wing Flies; Complex Married-Wing Flies; Multiple-Body-Division Flies; The Traherne Patterns; Modern Flies with a Classic Look; and Free-Form Artistic Flies.

The text is superbly written and edited. The photography is simply the finest you will see in a fly tying book. The editing is faultless, the design and production top notch.

All of which makes this a very easy volume to follow. And just as importantly the pattern selection provides the reader with some of the **most artistically beautiful Salmon flies ever created**. Any tyer with the necessary thread handling, materials selection, and general tying skills of an intermediate or advanced tyer will certainly find this volume a wonderful tool box for taking their tying to a completely new and higher level. The author presents everything in a detail seldom seen in fly tying. There are not only the instructions for tying the particular pattern, but tips and hints on how to accomplish desired operations. There are no missing steps, hidden tricks, or forgotten basic manipulations. It is all here in loving attention to detail.

And if that is not enough, the book is accompanied by a 128 minute running time DVD containing tutorials covering many of the classic Salmon fly techniques in a movie like production. The DVD is, like the book, superbly produced with excellent sound, lighting, and camera angles. This book and DVD are simply a tour de force in classic Salmon fly tying. At the asking price it is also one of the least expensive fly tying courses from a true master of the craft. Bravo!

(Hmmm.... The Bogdon book, you may well ask?
***Bogdan** by Graydon R. Hilyard.*)