

THE ROLLCAST

THE eNews LETTER of CAPE COD TU CHAPTER 460
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**Yearend Christmas Party. 7pm, December 14th @
Liberty Hall.**

**Light snacks and refreshments provided by the
Chapter.**

**Bring an unwrapped child's gift for Toys for Tots!
Feel free to bring a sweet for dessert.**

Quashnet work day is Sunday the 18th, Martin Rd gate 9:am.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thanksgiving is just two days away as I write this message to all of our local T/U Chapter Members, and by the time we hold our next monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 14th, Christmas will be right around the corner. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone, including our hard working Board of Directors, and wish you all a wonderful Holiday Season! For the last several years, our December Meeting is a time when all of our membership is asked to give a little something back as we participate in the US Marine Corp “Toys for Tots” program. Please bring an unwrapped gift to Liberty Hall. Staff Sergeant J. J. Massi and Lance Corporal Tim Pickul will be on hand to pick up all of the presents for distribution to children throughout Cape Cod. Now, more than ever, is a time to do a little something to bring joy into the hearts of youngsters who otherwise would wake up to nothing on Christmas Day. Although there is no guest speaker in December, board member, Al DiCarlo will be out shopping for food and beverages , so in addition to your gift, please make sure to bring your appetite and a “fish story” to share! I’m putting together a box of flies that will go to the person who tells the best “yarn” of the evening! I asked Al to shop for 50 people, and I’m hoping that the food platters will be empty and the toy table will be full by the end of the meeting!

Steve Pickul
President

A thank you letter for our contribution to their river oil spill cleanup effort.



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Dear Steve,

Please pass on my thanks to the board of the Cape Cod Chapter of TU for its gracious contribution to Montana Trout Unlimited in support of our work related to last summer's oil spill on the Yellowstone River.

The enclosed newsletter includes a story summarizing most of what we learned about the biological outcome of the spill as of a couple of months ago. Near as we can tell, we dodged a bullet. However, chronic effects on the aquatic community could still emerge. Fortunately, fishery researchers from Montana State University had established a robust data set for the fishery in this reach before the spill. So, it will be possible to monitor radical changes in species composition or population demographics.

Nonetheless, it might be hard to establish solid causal relationships with any certainty if there are large changes, because besides the spill we had a near historical runoff in the river at the same time. This big water could very well effect distribution and mask some of the impacts of the spill. But we'll keep monitoring data as it comes in. Again, if there is a silver lining in this, it is that this reach of river is perhaps the least sensitive biologically along the 600-plus miles of the Yellowstone in Montana. I think we can say with some certainty few trout were adversely affected.

In addition, we have weighed in with recommendations to a state task force that is addressing pipeline safety. And we'll keep dogging that process to ensure our state agencies upgrade their requirements for siting and engineering at all crossings of live streams.

Let me know if you have any questions. And, as I've mentioned before, if you or any of your board find yourselves in Montana, give a call and we'll try and get you in a boat for a day of fishing on us.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bruce Farling".

Bruce Farling
Executive Director

Chapter News

Chapter Officer elections at December meeting.

After a year off the Trout in the Classroom @ the Quashnet school is up and running this year. The donated Brown Trout eggs provided by Wayne Miller hatched earlier this week. The students were excited with the process and the new science teacher is much more involved with the project.

The town of Mashpee is starting the process of restoring the Upper Quashnet at the source where the dormant cranberry bogs now cover the area. The town has formed a steering committee packed with four CCTU members. The funds mostly will come from the Air Force as part of the Otis clean up Super fund site. This is a long term project and we are just starting to form a plan for restoration that will benefit the trout, herring and other flora and fauna.

The Spring Banquet is on for April at the Harbor Point. Dates to be determined.

Free fly tying classes/get togethers are scheduled for January & February at Liberty Hall. Schedule is Jan. 18th, 25th, Feb 1st, 15th, 22nd, & 29th. Open forum with all levels welcome. 7 pm. Liberty Hall.

R A N D O M C A S T S

Featuring...Gossip, Extraneous News, B.S, & Assorted Twaddle

Compiled by "Red Quill"--- with reports in from "Mr. Nosey" & "The Upturned Eye"

GOT NEWS? Shops! Members! Friends! Email Red at: strathie@aol.com

The Environmental Police Radio Room 1-800-632-8075 (on alert 24/7)

Eschew confronting miscreants afield...call the above number and get the EP involved!

HAPPY HOLLANDAISE!

Red, Mr. Nosey & The Upturned Eye would like to wish you and yours a very **Merry Christmas, Haunukkah, Kwanza**, whatever, it's unimportant, just be merry in your demeanor. This month is our annual holiday party & TU meeting. *Ho! Ho! Ho! Bring an UNWRAPPED gift for Toy's for Tots in the \$5/10 range and we will take it from there.* And at this meeting we also vote in next years Officers & BOD.....the excitement builds! Tying open for all from beginners to pro, learn or teach--or just tye & BS for the fun of it.

Comin' up! Our annual FREE Fly Tying Nites start in January. For more info on this annual event see, **Scott Dietrich**, at any meeting or try our web-site: capecodtu.org (in fact for any Chapter info please use the above web-site---it's up to date....the latest!)

This is from Mr. Nosey! Taunton Fly shop on the move. The **Bears Den** to relocate to much larger quarters. Business hours remain unchanged. Want additional info?

Simply log on to the Den website. www.BEARSDEN.com **And YES!**

The shop will be hosting its annual Fly Show...see squib further On in this Random Casts column.

This may be the last reminder you will see here! Massachusetts fishing licenses (salt & fresh) take effect on January 1st. They are both now available online and freshwater is also available at selected tackle shops Cape-wide. Many tackle shops have computers and shop personnel should be happy to assist you. Remember back in the day when the town hall was really the only place to get 'em? And guess what? They were closed on Saturday & Sunday---none too convenient back then. Remember, the law requires that you have both these permits in your possession not...*at home or in the car or on the boat* but **IN YOUR POSSESSION!** Fishing in Mass? Well, you need your permits. **Caveat Piscator:** saltwater is FREE afta 60 & freshwater is free afta70, but ya gotta have 'em on ya...free or not! Our saltwater permit is reciprocal with RI & NH. **Please angle legally.**

The 2012 "Fly Fishing Show" will be held in Marlboro, MA. Jan 20th, 21st, & 22nd.

Want more INFO? Just Google: The Fly Fishing Show. Da best in da East!

DEMOS! TYERS! SHOPS! MANUFACTURERS! FLY FISHING GUIDES!

DESTINATION! BOOKS! ANGLING "CELEBS"! WORKSHOPS! LODGES!

The Cape Cod Salties, welcome you, yes YOU, as a member. Do you saltwater fish? *Hmmmm...* then one hand could be washing the other, eh? Ask any Saltie about membership info. Ya kno, quite a few Salties are also CCTU members, with Wayne Miller, Stan Kaczynski & Scott Dietrich being just three. See them at any TU meeting. Or you may also Google **Cape Cod Salties** then go to their membership page. Easy!

And that venerable Boston organization, **United Fly Tyers**, now meets out in Bedford. A long trip, we kno! Ten bucks at the door. More info? Directions? **Unitedflytyers.org**

The Bear's Den will be, once again, hosting a nifty, one day, free, fly fishing show. This is a great "local", home-grown show! All the details are still being worked out so stay tuned right here for info--but this much we do know: it will be held **February 18th at the Taunton Inn from 11 to 6.** More INFO? www.bearsden.com A little bit of the Jersey Shore in the form of Bob "*Thin Crust*" Popovics will be at this show. (*Poor Bob still thinks that draggin' a razor clam thru warm V-8 juice makes for real clam chowder.*)

→ The Den has one of the best selections of FF gear anywhere...bar none! Plus, they do mail order. So if you need sum #28 midge hooks this is where they are residing. And just try finding 28's Capeside, eh? Well, come to think of it, don't bother. The Den's website claims they stock over 7000 items. ***And mention that you are a CCTU member.***

The seafloor & coast surrounding Nantucket really "belong" to New York state so no Mass freshwater license is required? *Huh!?!?* Mr. Quill be sittin' & wunderin' about the fishing out on the isle. He has heard, anecdotally, various odd "things" (like the concept above!) about the freshwater scene out on that hot-bed of saltwater fishing, Nantucket--but nothing that anyone is ready, willing or able to state factually. The Quill cannot locate one single seller of freshwater licenses on the island--*but he has not tried all that hard either.* Are they required on the tight little hummock? Is there any trout or bass stocking goin' on? Are there even any trout, bass or any other freshwater fish on Nantucket? Is there a Fish & Wildlife presence there? And what about the Vineyard? Anyone out there in the aether wanna comment? Could this be a new RQ article in the emerger stage? Perhaps..... E-mail RQ your comments c/o: strathie@aol.com.

\$2394 Combos? Recently spotted in the various & sundry fly fishing journals by the ol' Upturned Eye--**\$99 fly lines** from Cortland, **\$950 reels** from Hardy and **\$1345 glass rods** from Tom Morgan Rods! Holy cow, are we headed in the right direction here or is "fly fishing nation" turning into a land of "techie gear-heads"?! Ya kno, in da good old days, 1970 or so, Red traded in an old glass fly rod to Orvis and for 85 bucks more got a brand new Madison "midge" 8', 5 wt. cane rod in return...directly from Orvis. You read that right...Orvis took trade-ins. About 5 years later he traded the 5 weight (plus \$145) for a used 7' T & T "Classic" out at T & T. Things were changin'. His first cane rod was an Orvis Madison 8' 8 wt. single tip rod (circa 1965) via mail order that required a small down payment and came with a monthly-coupon payment book! *Imagine that today.*

We had a good turnout for our **BBQ at Hamblins Pond** in October thanks, in part, to the number of Salties who showed up! We had a total of about 40 gather at the cool damp shores of the pond but a good time was had by all. Bob Bliss caught 4 or 5 fish from a float tube before venturing in to the burger bar! (A dozen CCTUers, in turn, went to the Salties October striper dinner, delish! *ed.*) **Trivia alert:** Red got kinda beat up over the following issue at the BBQ: a common knot that we fly fishers use really has two or even more names; it is most commonly called by two names, the *Clinch Knot* and yes, the *Cinch Knot*--ahhh...but it's also called the *Fisherman's Knot* and if you make two loops thru the hook-eye before starting (instead of just one) the knot then is called the *Trilene Knot*. Basically, one knot; four names. Plus...if we also have the Improved Clinch Knot so then we should also have the *Improved Cinch / Fishermans / Trilene Knot* too.



Red does get asked this question periodically: "**Were Harold Gibbs** (Al Brewster's long-ago mentor) **and Stan Gibbs** (renowned saltwater plug maker) **related in any way?**" *Hmmmm...*Well, Red does not really think so--actually he highly doubts it--but if you kno fer sher let him kno @: strathie@aol.com will ya. Thanx!

Olde Tyme Orvis bamboo fly rod for sale! Orvis Impregnated Deluxe bamboo rod (serial# 40***- circa 1965) up for sale. This is a 2 piece, 2 tip, HDH (6) wt, 7 1/2 ft rod, sliding band cork reel seat morphing into a tiny yet elegant "Superfine" style grip. Comes with original tube and instructions. Rod appears to be in excellent shape with straight tips and could be used to angle or collect or both. (The "impregnation" designation means you have no shaft varnish problems to worry about however the guide wraps may be finished with a dab or two of varnish.) Want more information? Want to inspect the rod or test drive it? Just email: Fred Giampietro at fred@giampietroarchitects.com or phone: 508-540-7400 (D) / 508-888-1458 (N). \$\$\$? Call Fred--make an offer!

HDH (6)? SUM MORE RELATIVELY USELESS INFORMATION FROM RED!

Old Silk Line Ratings to Modern PVC Fly Line Equivalents—Deciphering the old line weight classifications is easy. The old letter designation is a measure of **diameter** the newer numerical classification is a measure of **actual weight**. To determine the fly line weight for which the fly rod was designed, simply look at the middle letter. This letter dictates the line weight. For instance, a D means 6 wt. The first and last letter determine line profile--whether the rod is recommended for use with a Double Taper or Weight Forward fly line. If the first and last letter are the same, a Double Taper fly line is in order. If the letters are different, a Weight Forward fly line is best. An HDH then would be a Double Taper 6 weight, while a Weight Forward 6 weight might be HDF. So here are the weight (number) to diameter (letter) conversions below, taken from the internet. **2 wt = H / 3 = G / 4 = F / 5 = E / 6 = D / 7 = C / 8 = B / 9 = A / 10 = AA**
→ *This nomenclature changeover occurred in 1959 but even by 1965 it was not used (or even understood) by all anglers, hence the "HDH (6)" line rating on Fred's rod tube.*

EXTRA! EXTRA! The Sports Port on West Main Street in Hyannis (near the Melody Tent) does tackle repair. This venerable Cape Cod shop has been doing reel repairs for as long as we can remember--however it does send out its rod work. Red is assured that the rod repair work is top-notch tho, just not done in-house! Stop by and say HI to CCTU member Ben Emory--YA, that's him, behind the register on Mondays & Thursdays. → **The Sports Port** now joins with Cape stalwarts, **Eastman's**, the **Powderhorn**, the **Riverview** and the **Goose Hummock** on the Random Casts list of shops doing rod & reel repair and maintenance work like: *oiling, cleaning, guides, tip-tops, re-lining, backing, grips, bail-springs & much more.* Ya kno, one hand washes the other when you bring in your tired tackle for an expert over-the-winter rehab in the relaxed atmosphere of an off-season CC tackle shop. You get your refurbished stuff back in the spring when you need it and the shop manages to stay busy over those looong winter months. This is also a reason why it is a good thing to **patronize your local tackle shop**...service afta purchase.



QUASHNET WORKERS APPLY HERE! To get your name on the CCTU Quashnet Workday E-mail List simply notify Mark Hattman: rollcast@capecodtu.org → ALSO: **Treasurer needed!** And rather quickly, as our esteemed Treasurer, Dave Talmanson, is leaving CCTU for Greater Boston TU as it is closer to his home. And, as we said before, we will also be **needin' an Editor** and also a computer savvy **web-master**. Could these two jobs be combined? Yes! For more INFO: prez@capecodtu.org (The new editor and/or web-master does not have to be on the BOD, if that eases your mind any!

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