

# THE ROLLCAST

THE eNews LETTER of CAPE COD TU CHAPTER 460  
FEBRUARY 2012



**February Meeting Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Liberty Hall, Marstons Mills 7:pm.**

Join us for a "State of your Chapter" meeting where we want to have an open discussion from all members as to what you think about your Chapter and where you want it to go!! Panel discussion from Conservation, Fly Fishing School, Media matters and winding up with some good ol' fly tying by Scott Dietrich, Pat Grenier, and Dan Tobin. Come on out and give us your two cents worth!!

**Quashnet work day is Sunday the 19<sup>nd</sup>. Martin Road gate  
9:am.**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Can you believe this weather? We're already into February, the baitfish and Striped Bass have turned their noses north, nymphs are maturing, and by the look of my forsythia bushes, the Hendricksons will probably start to emerge in late March! And all of this is going on with hardly a hint of cold weather, at least on Cape Cod.

Our February meeting is one not to be missed, and includes an open forum where we want to talk face to face with our general membership and discuss our programs and what YOU think could make our T/U Chapter even better!

There will also be fly-tying demonstrations by some of our own "home grown experts" and feature fresh and salt water patterns that really work on our home waters.

Our Spring Banquet is just over two months away and will once again be held at the beautiful Harbor Point in Cummaquid. Donations for our bucket raffles and silent auctions are already being sought, and we hope that this will be the best banquet in years. All we need is your active participation. Please remember that this yearly event is our primary fund raiser, and helps to support scholarships, monthly guest speakers, our fabulous and nationally acclaimed fly-fishing school led by board member Tim Lynch, and finally, T/U's participation in various events and programs that help support clean water preservation and enhancement which is the primary goal of Trout Unlimited.

I could go on and on, but I'll end here so that you, our members, can enjoy the rest of this monthly Roll Cast Newsletter. Looking forward to seeing everyone @ Liberty Hall on February 8th!!!!!!!

Steve Pickul, President  
Cape Cod Trout Unlimited

## CHAPTER INFO

### Al Brewster award

The annual Al Brewster award nomination time has rolled around again. This is a recognition by the chapter of an individual who has been active in the Chapter for five years and made a significant contribution to the operation of the Chapter. Nominations will be collected until the March board meeting where the winner will be announce and then receive the award at the April banquet. Get your nominations to the President Steve Pickul @ [cctuprez@capecodtu.org](mailto:cctuprez@capecodtu.org).

### Spring Banquet

The Annual Spring Banquet is scheduled for Sunday April 22nd. This is the most important fund raising event for the Chapter. We need to be self supporting and have expenses of rent and support for Liberty Hall, funding the Fly Fishing School, the free Fly tying classes, Trout in the Classroom on going expenses, we needed to by a new chiller this year!

This year it Banquet will be at the at the Harbor Point over looking Barnstable Harbor. The talk is that there is a new Chef at the restaurant .

See the ticket order form in the Random Cast section.

We do need donations for banquet prizes. Any fishing or non fishing item are welcome. Email Steve Pickel @ [cctuprez@capecodtu.org](mailto:cctuprez@capecodtu.org) to arrange a the donations.

### Help Wanted!

Your help that is! There are several positions that will be open and need of volunteers next season. Editor of this RollCast. This will be the last season I will be editing the RollCast. You can make it have your own personality! No hard and fast rules except once a month from Sept to May.

The Fly fishing School will also need a Director for 2013.

Contact Steve Pickul if interested, you do not have to be a board member to do these jobs! Thanks for considering the jobs!

## RANDOM CASTS

*Featuring, Juicy Gossip, Extraneous News & 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](mailto: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 E.P. involved.

### ***THIS IS IT! LAST CALL FOR THE BEAR'S DEN FLY FISHING SHOW!***

The 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Bears Den Fly Fishing Show is coming up real fast!  
√ One day only--**FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>** at the Taunton Inn & Conference Center  
Doors open from **11am 'til 6pm**--come early, have lunch, stay late. It's all good!  
For more info (times & directions etc.) check the website: [www.bearsden.com](http://www.bearsden.com).

**The Falmouth Rod & Gun Club is holding another fund-raising raffle.** Tickets are available at **Eastman's Sport & Tackle** on Route 28 in Falmouth...ask for Jim Young. Jimmy can explain the prizes & rules better than we can here. **Drawing will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>** and you do not have to be present to win. Stop in and drop a buck or two!

The **CCTU FLY FISHING SCHOOL** will be off & running in May. Want more INFO? Contact Tim Lynch @ [cctuflyfish@comcast.net](mailto:cctuflyfish@comcast.net) Some scholarships still available for teens. Plus, a \$35 discount to current TU members...from any TU chapter. **And Tim is also looking for an apprentice to learn the ropes.** This is his last year as director of the school and he would like to leave it in the hands of an experienced CCTUer. Perhaps U?

## **PLANS RESUME FOR 2012 SPRING BANQUET!**

The BOD has decided to once again reserve an afternoon at **Harbor Point** for the Spring Banquet. Put Sunday, **April 22<sup>nd</sup>** on your calendars now and get those reservations in to Wayne Miller ASAP. He may be reached at [wamdoc@aol.com](mailto:wamdoc@aol.com) for more info. Price still only **\$35pp!** Advance reservations?—YES! Raffle items needed. Bring friends.  
→ **Raffle & auction donations? Contact Steve Pickul: [cctuprez@capecodtu.org](mailto:cctuprez@capecodtu.org)**

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**\$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--**\$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"?! Is a \$950 Hardy truly 800 bucks better than your \$150 Orvis? Ya kno, in da good old days, 1970 or so, Red traded in an old glass fly rod to Orvis (a \$39 Fenwick, 8'/6wt.) 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'/8wt. 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.*

**REEL BUILDING CLASSES, IN THE CATSKILLS, DURING TROUT SEASON!**

What could be better? Ever wonder how a reel is made? Here is what you can expect. Three days of **one-on-one lessons in reel building** with master builder Rich Bradley. Then relax afterwards with **guided trips** in search of the native brook trout & **walk away with the reel YOU BUILT** and enuf memories to last a lifetime! Classes are held in Livingston Manor, NY beginning May 1st thru July 1st and resume for the month of September. **\$875.00** INFO? CONTACT: Bradley Reels at: [rich@bradleyreels.com](mailto:rich@bradleyreels.com) (While you got Rich on the horn ask him about the brookie fishing on Fir Creek in May & June.)

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√ **ADDENDA TO LAST MONTHS SHAD REPORT ("POOR MANS SALMON")** To correct an oversight on RQ's part last month with his "shad-tips squib" he now submits the following update: **Red did, indeed, cut his eye-teeth on shad with spinning gear**--but he eventually found fly fishing for 'em much more fun. But for those of you who still prefer Mitchell 300's & 8# test, here are a few pointers. **Use the red beads!** It really can't hurt even if it is an old wives tale. Any medium fresh-water rig can handle shad but if your drag "stutters" you are in for trouble! Fish **shad darts** or other sinking and/or flashy baits like **small spoons**...lose the trebles tho as it tough to remove those suckers from a 6# thrashing fish! Other than that it's all about the same. Red has had his most productive fishing at dusk and early evening but watch your step wading at night...use a buddy system. These fish can really run when hooked and may even go out of sight on small rivers like the Indian Head with it's many bends, twists & turns. However attempts to hold 'em back will surely lead to some break-offs. Hang on tho for an old fashioned "**Pembroke sleigh-ride**" on occasion as it's well worth it! *Caveat*...about 95% of Red's shad fishing experience occurred in the 60's & 70's on the good ol' Indian Head River but this above info should be applicable to all smaller waters in which shad are found. The fishery out on the Connecticut River? well...that may be a different story altogether. Boat anyone? And don't forget--practice "Catch & Release".

The **LLBean Spring Fishing Expo** will be held on **March 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** at the flagship store in Freeport, ME. This year the Expo will be featuring those New England favorites, **Dave Klausmeyer & Lou Tabory**. MORE INFO on this show? [www.llbean.com](http://www.llbean.com) FYI: Beans does not use “Fly Fishing” in the title but it is traditionally a fly show. Plus the entire Bean catalog is on display--kayaks, optics, clothing, skis, canoes, packs, bikes...just you name it! Make it a weekend. Schmooze with Dave & Lou and spend a few \$\$\$\$. You deserve it!

The **Anglers Reunion dinner** will be held on **March 31**, 2012 (a Saturday) at the Rockland House (in Roscoe, NY) sponsored by the **Catskill Fly Tyers Guild**. Social hour at 6 pm and dinner at 7 pm. Contact the Rockland House at 607-498-4240 for reservations ASAP and also join us fishing at Junction Pool on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, the opening day of the fishing season in NY. It can be a tad chilly so dress accordingly OK? FYI: Lodging? Try the Rockland House, Baxter House, Roscoe Motel or Reynolds House.

**And a nice write-up in the Catskill Fly Tyers Guild newsletter, “the Gazette”, on Al Brewster’s recent FFF award.** Basically it was Wayne’s letter, a photo of Al at the tying bench and a few comments from RQ. Lotsa people in the Catskills remember Al even tho it has been quite awhile since he has been an active Hedrickson’s Pool habitu . And the FFF magazine, “*the Flyfisher*”, also had a nifty write-up on Al’s award in the autumn/winter edition...*but who the heck was that guy in the accompanying photo?!?!*

Word out on the stream is **Asian Big Head Carp** have breached the hi-tech, electronic barrier the feds erected on the Chicago S & S Canal to keep them out of the Great Lakes. Experts say these carp may change the ecosystem of the lakes before too long. Funny, we can send men to the moon but we can’t stop the migration of a damn carp up a river! Well at least felt soles can’t be blamed for this debacle--or can they? *We wait and see.*

(In the meantime RQ suggests either getting a pair of those new “sticky-rubber” wading boots or religiously performing the treatments below--as futile as they are knowing Mother Nature et al.)

Felt Sole Treatments to avoid the spread of Aquatic Nuisance Species:

→ **SHORT TERM: if you are using your boots on a daily basis.**

√ Soak in white vinegar--straight up, no water--for 20 minutes...or

√ Soak in a (1 part) chlorine bleach (to 5 parts) water solution for 10 minutes.

(Be sure to get solutions under the laces and tongue bellows and rinse with clear water.)

→ **LONG TERM: if you are only using your boots once a week or so.**

√ 5 days of air drying—some even suggest storing your boots in your home freezer.

**More on Stan Gibbs: via email from Geoffrey Day, editor of the Council webpage.**

*Hi Howie, Always love reading the RollCast! I think that Stan Gibbs was the father of Bruce Gibbs – scalloper out of Chatham. And, yes – that is confirmed here: <http://www.anglersattic.net/gibbs/article2.html> I've visited with Bruce and he has lots of (presumed) original Stan Gibbs plugs festooned across the wall in his office.*

*If you should run into that Red Quill guy and he wants to resolve any of the Gibbs genealogy, Bruce would be the guy. I think he is in the phone book. Geof Day*

**A DAY AT THE MUSEUM!** To ring in the New Years Eve in high style the ol' "Upturned Eye" spent a coupla hours at the **American Museum of Fly Fishing** in Manchester, Vermont--a mere double-haul away from Orvis on Route 7A. While the current exhibit is on women fly fishers, past and present, in 2013 a yearlong exhibit is being planned that will feature saltwater flyfishing and flyrodders--right up our alley, "Eye" say. Museum info: [www.amff.com](http://www.amff.com) And are you wunderin' just what to do with all that "heirloom" tackle you have stashed away in your attic or garage? Donations are always needed at the AMFF and while some artifacts are displayed in exhibits others are auctioned or sold outright for much needed operating fund\$. Memberships start at 50 bucks and go up...and cash donations are always welcomed. Info? Contact Deputy Director, Yoshi Akiyama 802-362-3300. (Vermont fishing info: [www.vtfishandwildlife.com](http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com))

Nifty writeup on the **Red Brook Project, Warren Winders & Steve Angers** in the latest edition of **Trout magazine**; also an article on Red Brook by the above boys with a tip-of-the-hat to CCTU and the Quashnet Project! All in all about 5 pages of glowing text and snappy color photos. Great PR for Red Brook, Quashnet River and the Salter Brook Trout. And, in case you missed the January meeting, Warren & Steve were two of the speakers and they did a marvelous job along with our **Mark Hattman & Scott Dietrich**.

#### **A CLASSIC HOMEMADE NEW ENGLAND CHICKEN PIE DINNER**

Tie the ol' feedbag on at the **Liberty Hall Club's World Famous Chicken Pie Din/Din** held right at--you guessed it--Liberty Hall on Saturday, **February 28<sup>th</sup>, from 5 to 6pm**. Only 10 bucks and that includes entree, dessert & beverage! **INFO? TICKETS? Call Charlie 508-420-3147**. Live nearby? Takeouts available. Eat heavy. Come on down.

*Liberty Hall is a privately owned building keeping its doors open via \$\$\$-raising events like this.*

**Robert Romano**--remember Robert?...he was a CCTU speaker this past fall--has a book out there in literature-land entitled, "**West of Rangely**". It is a novel with a lotta fly-fishing woven into the story. Robert knows his Rangely region and his fly fishing. This is not a review obviously, just a heads-ups that it is available. Paperback/224 pages. Send \$26 (includes shipping) to: Andora & Romano, 15 Essex Rd, # 406, Paramus, NJ 07652.

Enclose your shipping address and ask for an autographed copy...you just might get it!

Many thanks to **Madeline Virbasius** for donating about 40+ fishing books to CCTU to use as we see fit. Some tying, some, fishing, some angling literature. They all belonged to her late husband Pete who passed away about 7 years ago. Pete was a loyal and talented CCTU member whose hobby was making fanciful birdhouses. Could it really be that long ago.....? Well anyway, thank you, Madeline for remembering us as we remember Pete.

**The Fishing The Cape Fly Tying Demo nites** will be starting on February 7<sup>th</sup> w/ **Dave Ruddock**; February 14<sup>th</sup> w/ **John Morin**; February 21<sup>st</sup> w/ **Bob Mahoney**; & February 28<sup>th</sup> w/ **Richard Hentz**. For more info call the shop 508-432-1200. The Series continues on into March. Tyers? Dates? All, TBA...so watch right here next month or call for info.

→ *And don't forget the Chapter also has winter (February & March) fly tying sessions held right at Liberty Hall. See Scott Dietrich at the February CCTU meeting for details.*

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