

THE ROLLCAST

THE eNews LETTER of CAPE COD TU CHAPTER 460
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January Meeting Wednesday the 11th.
Liberty Hall, Marstons Mills 7:pm.

Joint presentation on Fishing Red Brook & the Quashnet.
Join us for SETU's Warren Winders & CCTU's Scott Dietrich and Mark Hattman as we talk about the great local fishing resources that have resulted from the long years of restoration work. We will talk about the techniques and successful flies along with tying demos of the flies. We will also give current state of restoration on the rivers. Come on out and see what is our Local Fisheries!!

**Quashnet work day is Sunday the 22nd . Martin Road gate
9:am.**

The Quasnet work reached a bit of a milestone in December as we reached the Martin road bridge with the first pass of the sweet gale brush cutting. Consider joining us this Winter, this is the season when we get a lot of work done without any bugs!

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It's New Year's Day as I write this message. The sky is blue, without a cloud in sight, there's not a breath of wind, and the temperature is already 40 degrees and climbing! Not too shabby for the middle of Winter! As soon as I make breakfast for my wife and I, I'm going to head off to Scorton's Creek to try and catch a couple of "Salters" and maybe a few hold over stripers. The tide should be perfect by the time I put on my waders at the bridge on Rte. 6A. Those of us who love to fish are truly blessed on days like this, and I am so happy to be a member of our T/U Chapter and it's monthly programs that keep my love for piscatorial pursuits close at heart during the Winter months.

Our December meeting was a great success with lots of food and some great fish stories enjoyed by all. I want to thank everyone for participating, once again, in the "Toys for Tots" program. We collected a table full of toys and gifts for needy children on Cape Cod, and this is something that we can all be proud of!

I look forward to seeing our "regular's" at the January meeting, and our Board of Directors wants to encourage **ALL** of our members to attend our monthly meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Liberty Hall. Regardless of the time and effort put in to developing programs with great guest speakers, it's all for naught without your participation. So.....I'm asking that every chapter member consider this New Year's Resolution: Make a point of coming to our meetings throughout the rest of the year! It's a heck of a lot easier than trying to loose weight or quit smoking, and we promise that everyone will enjoy what our T/U Chapter has to offer.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all!!!!!!

Steve Pickul

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 E.P. involved.

Welcome to the new year! Coming up in CCTU-world: the “cabin-fever-reliever” **Fly Tying Nites**, the “New” **Spring Banquet** at Harbor Point, the **Fly Fishing School** and the annual red-meat char & BS session—read **Fall BBQ** meeting. INFO? capecodtu.org

A SPECIAL OFFER FROM JOE O’CLAIR! Our members really enjoyed the speaker at our November meeting, local salt-water tyer, Joe O’Clair. Joe has been in operation for about 25 years now down in Dennis and his flies can be found at numerous tackle shops. At our meeting he tyed with a fairly new material he calls “**Faux Fox Fur**” and the finished flies looked absolutely great. Joe has contacted Scott Dietrich and offers this special for our CCTU members. Scott will be available to take orders for both **Fox Fur & Yak Hair** at the January meeting and will accept payment, then and there, cash or check. **FYI:** Joe has also offered to conduct a “master-class” with a very limited number of participants (6 to 8) for our membership and friends. This class would be about 4 to 5 hours of medium to advanced tying. Sounds like fun. Interested? Let Scott kno.

SHOW SPECIALS! The FISHING THE CAPE FLY FISHING SHOW...you kno, the home-grown one! Put this not-to-be-missed event on your calendars now. The FTC Fly Fishing Show will be held at the **Chatham Bars Inn on Saturday, January 14th from 9am until 4pm**. Come on down, join the fun! *Guides! Clothes! Products! Flies! Materials! Demos! Local stuff!* For more info call **508-432-1200** and while you got ‘em on the horn ask about their ever-popular, weekly, **fly tying demo night** schedule too!

Also the Marlboro show...

LAST CALL! LAST CALL! The 2012 “**Fly Fishing Show**” will be held a week later in Marlboro, **January 20, 21 & 22**. MORE INFO? Just Google: The Fly Fishing Show.

The Bears Den Show...

the Bear’s Den will, once again, be hosting a nifty, thrifty, one day only, fly fishing show to be held at the **Taunton Inn from 11 to 6 on February 18th**. This is a great show and as good as it gets! Want times? Celebs? Tyers? More INFO? (By the way

the Den is now open in its new location.) Directions to show or shop?
www.bearsden.com

And finally...

The **LLBean Spring Fishing Expo** will be held on **March 17th & 18th** 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



To sign on as an official **“Quashnet Helper”** go to: rollcast@capecodtu.org and leave your name & phone # and request to be put on the Quashnet **email** hot-line. In addition the BOD is also looking for a new **Webmaster and/or Editor**. And Tim Lynch would like **someone to learn the Fishing School ins & outs** as this is his last year and he is hoping for an apprentice to work with him this spring and learn the ropes. To get info on any of the above “jobs” contact Steve Pickul @: cctuprez@capecodtu.org

Now don't tell me...**you somehow forgot to get your new fishing license didn't you?** Licenses are available **online** at some big box stores & F & W offices or do it yourself **online** 24/7. You will need both a freshwater license and a saltwater permit and now both are available **ONLINE only**. **(No more handwritten licenses from any source!)** So...*Get on that computer! Get legal! Get 'em both! Get licensed! And... Get fishin'!*

→We know we said you would probably not read this warning again but that was then, this is now.

Stripers Forever. Join today...It's FREE! but internet only. stripersforever.org
Log on and check out their monthly raffle prizes! Great stuff!--great organization!
And don't forget the Cape Cod Salties, the FFF and UFT. All deserve your support.

While nosing ‘round a local tackle shop this past fall *“Mr. Nosey”* saw something that really took his breath away! Articulated striper plugs on sale for \$49.95! One plug, 50 bucks! (*“Da Nose”* bought his first fly rod, a Fenwick, circa 1962 at the much-lamented, Lechmere Sales, for \$39,95 and while there picked up a dozen or so Al's Goldfish spoons for only 49 cents a piece! (It is apparent that *“Mr. Nosey”* was not yet a full-fledged fly fisherman and his spin tackle still held considerable sway back in the early 60's. *ed.*)

LAST REMINDER: Speaking of tackle shops...get that dinged, rusty & loose tackle to your local shop for repairing, oiling & cleaning...and HEY! would some new line hurt that much? When was the last time those hard working reels were refurbished?...Worn stripper guides and (especially) tip-tops checked out?...Loose corks replaced or glued? Why wait 'til the last minute? Do it now and your stuff will be ready to go in the spring.

“EYE” see said the Eye—BOD members, **Steve Pickul, Pat Grenier & the Upturned Eye** recently checked out the facilities at the old HP property on Peters Pond for future event use. This area is now owned & operated by the town of Sandwich and the fee is veeeeeery reasonable. Guess what? We liked what we saw. The modern meeting building can accommodate 110 people and it’s directly on the water. Have you got any ideas along these lines for a possible CCTU event? If so let Steve know: cctuprez@capecodtu.org

And any thoughts on future speakers or programs?

A good speaker can really pull in members, friends and the “simply curious” to CCTU meetings and we are always open to your suggestions. We would like both *conservation types* and *angling types*—*salt or fresh*. IDEAS? Email Steve: cctuprez@capecodtu.org

Our dear readers from the “tomato-based chowder” areas of this vast country (you know who you are) should be aware of the fact that altho the menhaden, does indeed have various regional names—such as **“bunker” & “pogy”**—on Cape Cawd it is usually **“POGY”**. We hate to have to break the news to you but this is really...pogy country. And it’s not pogy either, but pogy (*po-gie*)...alas, no Gershwin lyrics for pogy.

Interested in what’s going on down at WBNERR? (Waquoit Bay National Estuary Research Reserve) The Visitor Center is located at 149 Route 28 in Waquoit. Website: www.waquoitbayreserve.org. or call Laurie Tompkins @ **508-457-0495 x108**.

→Do you find WBNERR to be a tongue-twister? Us too, so in the future it’s gonna be

WBR here in Random Casts. And that’s just fine with WBR, check out their web-address above!

<p>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 14th and you do not have to be present to win. Stop in and drop a buck or two!</p>
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MYSTERY SURROUNDS LOCAL “SHAD” CATCH!

Scott Dietrich managed to catch, what he believes was, a rather thinish, 22” American Shad in Scorton Creek in late November. The fish seemed to be rising at sand eels, Scott said. Meanwhile, local Scorton fly fishing guru, **Pat Grenier**, thinks it must have been a Hickory Shad; however according to the experts we consulted they only grow to 14” to 16”—18” tops. And **Red** still remembers—YES he does!—his shad fishing days in Pembroke’s spring-swollen and shad-ripe, Indian Head River and recalls the runs being in the early spring (mid-May actually), not late fall. Ya kno, the shad is a member of the large herring family and there are lotsa members of this extended family including: tarpon, pogy & alewife. So our question today is — *what, indeed, was Scott’s fish?*

FYI: Scott was using a bright, sorta flashy, #4 wooley-bugger & fishing at Game Farm Pool.



Sum tips for YOUR next Scorton shad safari from Red Bead Quill...

Red suggests adding a red bead or two to the leader. Back in the 60's he never went anywhere near the Indian Head without his little container of crimson beads. Supposedly shad do not eat when spawning, except for shad eggs—ergo, the red beads! Slip 'em on the leader before tying on the fly and they will slide down to the hook eye when fishing. Also, somewhat bright and shiny attractor flies are called for here, like the *Connecticut River Shad Fly* or an *Alaska Mary Ann*...and a little “flash” goes a long way. While there may be some shad in the rivers in April (and some diehard anglers too) please wait 'til May as the shad likes water temps closer to 60 degrees than 50. Not for nothing are shad called “poor mans salmon” so you may use your light saltwater tackle, that being, 6, 7 or 8 weight rods. The American shad, can hit the scales at 6 to 8+ pounds with the Hickories coming in lighter. Fish wet-style and be prepared for some long runs. **Two caveats:** (#1) the shad's mouth is very soft so hook tear-outs are common and (#2) if you crank in and find a shad scale impaled on your fly...then you had a foul-hooked fish on 'ol friend.

With a surname kinda familiar* to some local olde timers, Cotuit native, **James Joiner** has fired up a new bi-monthly outdoor magazine (fishing is just part of it) called “***the Highly Acclaimed***”. It's a freebie and has national distribution. His mom, **Cindy Joiner** is a contributor as is the talented **Chris Korkoda** from Fishing the Cape. It is a tad “quirkie” and will appeal to the more adventure loving among us, I think. Locally, this pocket-sized journal is available at Fishing The Cape, the Mashpee Orvis Outlet and Eastern Mountain Sports and *perhaps* other spots as well. Drop in to one of the above and grab a copy if available...HEY! it's a bi-monthly remember? James is also looking to enlarge his stable of outdoor writers, photographers, adventurers and advertisers!

**The word on the pond is that James' dad, Jeff, designed that old Cape fave, the P-Town Special and he was also a charter member of the informal Hamblin Pond Fly Flingers back in the 80's!*

The annual **AL BREWSTER AWARD** will be presented to a CCTU member once again this year...but we need your suggestions. Award will be given at the Annual Spring Banquet in April. ***The only criteria is five years of service to the Chapter***...and good, hard, honest work should be rewarded! Got anybody in mind? You must ***submit a short written note*** (a paragraph or two will do) on just why you think your selectee is deserving of this award and get it to Prez. Steve Pickul, ASAP. **Email is just fine but please do it before February 1st.** CCTUPREZ@capecodtu.org Time is short but give it a whirl.

FYI: A short answer to a question posed in a previous Random Casts column by RQ: A granddaughter of **HAROLD Gibbs** has recently said that as far as she knew **STAN Gibbs** was not related to Harold. In fact, she said, she had never even heard of Stan Gibbs. How fleeting fame, eh? So that puts that idea to bed for another decade or two I guess...or not, we'll just hafta wait see! *(This info emailed to Red by Robert Caron, thanx.)*

Broodstock salmon stocking began in mid-December and was completed by the end of the year. Each district received 60 fish, all from the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's Roger Reed State Fish Hatchery in Palmer. The fish will range in size from 5 to 18 pounds, with an average weight of about 10 pounds. There were no salmon available from the White River National Fish Hatchery in Bethel, Vermont, this year due to the extensive damage to the hatchery from flood-waters caused by Tropical Storm Irene earlier last fall. To find out which nearby lakes & ponds are stocked, contact the DFW District office in Bourne (508) 759-3406. The [full list](http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/fisheries/anadromous/broodstock_salmon_stocking.htm) of stocked water is also on: www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/fisheries/anadromous/broodstock_salmon_stocking.htm
FYI: *Cape waters include: Sheep & Cliff Ponds in Brewster and Peter's Pond in Sandwich.*

MA/RI COUNCIL BANQUET! If you are going to the **Marlboro Fly Fishing Show** keep this in mind. The annual MA/RI Council Banquet will be held at the **Royal Plaza Hotel** in Marlboro on Saturday, **January 21st**...right after the show closes for the day.

Auction & raffle items needed...cash donations accepted too!

This banquet has turned into a major Council fundraiser—the goal is to raise \$5000.

(Remember now, we do not have Red Brook Family Day as a Council fundraiser any longer!)

→ INFO? DONATIONS? RESERVATIONS? Contact: gloriabraun@verizon.net

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