

# The RollCast

The eNews Letter of  
Cape Cod TU Chapter 460  
May 2010



Last meeting of the season!  
Mark Sadotti salt tyer  
Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup> 7:pm

September meeting will be a Picnic outing.

Look for a new meeting format in October.  
The return of the Fly Tying corner.  
Tying from 7 to 7:30.  
Guest speaker from 7:30 to 8:00  
Look for the upcoming schedule!  
Have a great & safe summer.

## President's Note

### Banquet

Thanks to all who either helped, donated, or attended our Spring banquet. We had a successful event. I want to mention our business donors and encourage you to visit them. Fishing the Cape, Eastman's in Falmouth, The Powder Horn in Hyannis, Orvis Outlet in Mashpee. Keurig Corporation. The board of directors is working on a new location and/or a new format for next years banquet.

The Chapter's next events are just a few weeks away.

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Fly Fishing School on May 14 – 16.

We still need some help and if you know any one who wants to attend email Tim Lynch [cctuflyfish@comcast.net](mailto:cctuflyfish@comcast.net)

Starting this month the Chapter is starting a new monthly event.

Once a month we are having a local fishing outing.

This month the outing is on the Sunday of the School at Camp Burgess on Spectacle Pond. Come on out for an afternoon of fishing in a well stocked pond, thanks Wayne!, and a picnic opportunity with Chapter members!

Speaking of picnics mark your calendars for the Chapters September meeting. We are planning on having a picnic outing like last year @ Nickerson State Park on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The Chapter will once again provide food and beverages for the picnic. I will send out more details as the summer goes on.

### Quashnet update.

Despite record high water levels in all the rivers in the last two months we have made good progress on the Quashnet. Our dedicated volunteers have spent the Sunday mornings placing last years Christmas trees along the banks to establish a narrower channel and firm banks.

Next workday is Sunday May 23. 9am at the Martin Road gate.

Come on down and see what we are working on.

### Meetings

As mentioned above we are reworking the general meeting format. To make the meeting more of a social event we are having open fly tying to start the meeting with a shorter speaker format to follow. Make your plans to do some tying this fall. This format will start in October.



## **MORE BALDERDASH!**

**The shape of the HOOK business** By *Red Quill* — AKA, Captain Hook

Before I start this little essay, let me state right up front that I know--and I suspect that you know too--that there is a dearth of standardization in the fishing hook industry worldwide. Neither you nor I can solve this issue and the hook makers ignore the problem. This lack of standards from one maker to another has been one result of the explosion of hook manufacturers in recent years. Thus the confusion in the nomenclature that was once confined to a relative few hook makers has blossomed in the past two or three decades. My premise below is strictly with flies that are to be used as pure "fishing flies". Flies that are tied for presentation purposes or displays?...well the skies the limit here. Sure, go ahead and use those handmade irons for those frame-worthy feather-wing salmon flies. Express yourself! With all that said, let's begin.

Many moons ago, when a whole lot of "olde timers" were just discovering the scintillating world of fly tying, Mustad hooks were about it! We kept it simple because we really had little or no choice. There was a Mustad hook for your every use: #1) dry flies, #2) wet flies, #3) nymphs and #4) streamers. And that was really about it for your day to day fishing flies, just four categories. Sure, there were always those "special" types around like: kirbed hooks, sneck bends, salmon doubles, and the like, but for our everyday use, we used the above four styles 95% of the time. The flies we made caught fish too...as countless thousands of tyers have discovered from the beginnings of the craft to about 25 years ago. Then things began to change.

Sure there were various English hook brands available (Partridge, Sealey & Allcock--once fine old English companies) along with a few American and fewer French brands, but you really had to seek them out as the general run of mail order catalogs usually had only Mustad's available. Why even your local fly shop--if indeed you had one back then--probably stocked only Mustad. More than likely your general tackle shop had Universal Vise products on gondolas and pegboard displays with small selections of Mustads, threads, materials and little else. A few shops like Stoddards in Boston and Wm. Mills in NYC might

have other brands of hooks and better materials, but geeez they were not exactly around the corner, eh? In the 60's & 70's for our mail order sources we had Herters and the nascent Cabellas--Herters had Mustads and their own brand of hooks (probably Eagle Claw) and Cabellas stocked only Mustad. As a result most of us grew up on, and into, fly tying using those "traditional" Mustad hooks. And these Mustads are basically the same hooks available today...you know, the same big four categories from above. They still work and work well--and have for years and years and years and.....

However, there was a renaissance in the hook world when the Japanese hooks came along about 25 years ago. All of a sudden we got those "chemically sharpened" hooks--super sharp little buggers that would bite into your fingernail with little to no pressure. We got hooks pre-bent into the then exotic shapes, the likes of..."swimming nymphs", "twin-shank nymph hooks "scud hooks" and "hopper hooks". We also began to use those previously little-known and, yes, little-used, ring eye hooks (which, by the way, you can get today in either horizontal or vertical flavor). We now could obtain 5X long, 2X fine, 3X short, 2X stout and almost everything in between for our hook arsenals. We tried wide-gap hooks and stinger hooks and Big Eye hooks and Fly Body hooks..... And forget bending down your barbs, we now could get manufactured barbless hooks from a catalog. And Partridge even went so far as to actually make a pointless hook with an eye on both ends. Remember? No? Well, I kid you not, as Jack Paar might say!

But, as tyers and anglers, are we any better off today? I don't think so and, at any rate, it is certainly a tad more confusing when it comes to choosing our hooks. Before the hook explosion, when we were tying a Leadwing Coachman say, we would have chosen a Mustad hook designed for wet flies. Biggest problem we had then was what size. Simple, eh? We used this hook because, yes, it was all we had but it also turned out killer patterns. Just ask Ray Bergman. (Whoops!...fast forward here--you can't ask Ray can you?) In any case, there are now many, many wet fly hook choices and, unless you are a tying fanatic, this is not always a good thingy.

I recently bought some size 30 Gamakatsu dry fly hooks (C12-BM) in a futile attempt to relive my fly tying youth (read, to see if I still had it!) and I notice that they are a sorta...well, wide-gap hook. A wide-gap 30!? Now in my opinion these might even be better fish hookers (and they may even be easier to tie a pattern on) than a Mustad...but are they a true size 30? Not in my book! Why they look like miniature little circle hooks. The shank is actually a tad shorter than the gap. The body of the fly tied on one of these will be less than eighth of an inch long but the gap is way out of proportion to the body. They are all gap and eye! The finished fly does not begin to fit my notion of a size 30 dry fly--and probably not yours either. I mean, I could tie a size 30 fly body on a size 24 hook and call it a--*snicker here*--low-water style pattern but would it be a true size 30 fly? Nah!...I don't think so...and neither would you I bet.

So before you read of some esoteric hook in a pattern bible or magazine article and decide to purchase a hundred or so let me warn you that the hook is merely the armature on which you build the fly. And said hook should be not overtly apparent to the fish, if at all possible. The old Mustad lo-tech styles accomplished this subtle fraud very, very well indeed. However, this aging angler did invest in some Orvis "Big Eye" dry fly hooks a few years ago, caving in to his failing eyesight! If you can pull it off visually my suggestion to you?...well, hoard your \$\$\$ to buy some grade A dry fly necks and forget about jumping around from say, hook maker, to hook designer, to hook style, to hybrid bendage. Remember the good old K.I.S.S. adage and...*"keep it simple, stupid!"*

**SUM HOOK TRIVIA!** Back in the "classic years"-- WWII and prior--Harry & Elsie Darbee used British hooks made by Allcock...as did many of the professional tyers back then. Now, some English hooks including these Allcocks were just a little different than their American counterparts in that they came in both even and odd sizes! You could get Allcocks in sizes 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 etc.. The Darbee's used the odd sizes so their finished "size 12" Light Cahill was really a tad smaller, size 13, Light Cahill really, although sold as a size 12. When a customer bought these British/American hybrid flies he just might "sense" something a tad "off" about them but usually, until Harry or Elsie told them the truth, it was hard to spot exactly what it was. These Darbee flies, tied on hooks just a bit smaller than normal, weighed less and floated better than the standard flies. Harry & Elsie used to say that this little quirk made their flies stand out from the crowd and helped sell the product. Perhaps...but the Darbee quality, style and reputation probably had more to do with it than the "odd" size. Both Harry and Elsie were "astonished" (when they could no longer get these British hooks after WWII) at how easy it was to actually tie a legit size 12 fly on a size 12 hook...lots more shank!

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

*Scandalous (?) Gossip, Extraneous News, a little BS & sum Assorted Twaddle!*

Compiled by "Red Quill" with reports from "Mr. Nosey" and "The Upturned Eye"

→ HEY! GOT NEWS? Shops! Members! Friends! Email: [strathie@aol.com](mailto:strathie@aol.com)

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√ **Quashnet Workday:** → MAY 23<sup>rd</sup> —ya, we kno...this is the 4th Sunday!

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

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?

*(Summer scheduling? See squib further on or simply call Mark @ 774-994-7319)*

√ **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

**THIS MONTH → MAY 1<sup>st</sup>** *(Summer scheduling changes? ... call Warren)*

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**FYI:** Unless there is some urgent, mid-summer news **this is the last communiqué you will receive** until the September digitization. *We are all eagerly awaiting the summer hiatus. Afta the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting no CCTU meetings until SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>!*

*"Massachusetts Wildlife"* Subscriptions for this quarterly publication are an incredible value: \$6 for 1 year, \$10 for 2. Each issue is packed with award winning articles and outstanding photos on just about anything relating to wildlife & outdoors in the state. To subscribe go to: [www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/publications/mwma/mwmag\\_home.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/publications/mwma/mwmag_home.htm). Or call: 1-800-289-4788 and leave your name, mailing address and your choice of a 1 or 2 year subscription. You will be billed via US mail. Or you can also send a check payable to Massachusetts Wildlife Magazine and mail it to: Massachusetts Wildlife 251 Causeway Street (4th floor) Boston, MA 02114. Any way you choose this is a great deal.

**Dave Goulet set to close his Classic & Custom Fly Shop!** We remember when C & C was in Holyoke and Dave had a handmade sign on his door stating: **"NO BAIT"**! Dave eventually moved to Westfield & finally down to Connecticut on the Farmington River. He was (and is) a **renowned fly tier, well-spoken** and a true **ambassador of our sport**. No bad info from Dave—ever! He was also an early **mentor and friend of the Chapter**, fortifying us with tying supplies & rod building materials—albeit from afar. *Best wishes in your retirement Dave and perhaps we will see ya streamside somewhere, sometime!*

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The spring **Fly Tyer magazine** has a veeery interesting article indeed. Finally! ...the Frank Sawyer **Pheasant-Tail Nymph** as Sawyer tyed it. It's simple really, just a hook, a few pheasant tail fibers and some small copper wire—no thread even...and no Mylar, flashbacks, legs, eyes, gills, ribs or Crystal flash either! Better yet, get the magazine or read Sawyers book, *Nymphs and the Trout*. The book is probably long out of print tho as the (British) 1<sup>st</sup> edition was in 1958 and Red's (USA) reprint the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition from Crown is dated 1970...e'gadz that's 40 years ago! HEY!...*tempest fugit and all that jazz, eh?* → Red sez: "This 'original' Sawyer Pheasant-Tail is a killer over at Hamblins."

*The Quashnet Angling & Single Malt Scotch Society* has been ever so mum these past few months. It seems that once society founder, Steve Donaldson, left the Cape for the wild, wild, west, enthusiasm waned. A few of the charter members still linger about but the spark, the zest, seems to be gone. On more than one occasion the ubiquitous character known far and wide as the "Upturned Eye" would get wind of a QA&SMSS get-together and pop on in on the gala event...but alas, no more. *Too bad—it was fun!* And "Eye" says he certainly misses Dave Talmanson's home-smoked fishie fillets too.

Some ideas for you to employ when teaching tweens & teens the fly fishing fine arts. "**Small Fry**" a book by Ron P. Swegman The Whitefish Press, Cincinnati, OH 2010 - 116 pages, soft bound, illustrated, B&W, price \$25. "**Tomorrow's Fly Fishers**" a DVD by Fanny Krieger & Friends. Krieger Enterprises, www.fannykrieger.com, 2009 - 43 minutes + bonus materials, price \$30. And a great book that has been around for a while, "**First Cast**" by Phil Genova. Stackpole, 1998. Available @ Amazon \$22. And for the older teen try, "**Positive Fly Fishing**" by fishing diva, Marla Blair, Lyons Press, \$25

**FYI:** The concept of attending our Fly Fishing School and just coming to the classes and not partaking of the "Room & Board" feature—for a reduced \$\$\$ rate, *natch*—has been broached to, and nixed by, the CCTU brain trust. The basic premise of the Fly Fishing School is the **total fly fishing "concept"...**and that includes the camaraderie as well as the basics. Anyway, the school is run at a YMCA camp and they charge us by the student so if anyone wants to "audit" the school, well, OK...but the rate remains the same in fairness to the camp. *We much prefer you to stay overnight, mingle, chat and dine at the camp anyway.* Ya kno, the food is really quite yummy at Chez Burgess!

**Well it has been 15 years since Hamblin Pond was "alum-ed" in 1995.** This was sorta controversial back then as it caused a major (?) fish kill due to an improper application of the alum treatment, mostly on one day. However afta all these years there is talk of using alum again... in Mystic Lake this time. Locals now seem to think of the Hamblin Pond treatment as a **success story**. However, if you, as an angler, have any comments why not just write 'em up and send on to Mark for publication here. CCTUPREZ@comcast.net FYI: *Shubaels Pond was "limed" years ago too with no apparent loss of fish life.*

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*Hmmmm...have YOU thought about attending but have not yet signed up for the*  
**2010 CCTU FLY FISHING SCHOOL?**

*Well, this is it...this is the LAST CALL for attendees & helpers!*  
School dates: Friday, **MAY 14th** thru Sunday, **MAY 16th**. Wanna go? Wanna help?  
√ Contact **Tim Lynch** immediately @ [cctuflyfish@comcast.net](mailto:cctuflyfish@comcast.net) or **508-274-0936**

***DING- DING! DING-DING! ALL ASHORE THAT'S GOING ASHORE...***

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***SUM BOARD OF DIRECTORS JOBS OPENING UP SOON and one cud be yours!***  
***Something to think about as you laze away those hazy, crazy days of summer....***the Chapter will ~~probably~~ be without Mark Hattman as President in 2011 as he will have been at the tiller (either “officially” or as “acting”) for 5 years come January. We must come up with a candidate for the job to continue the concepts envisioned by Mark. We had an informal CCTU meeting in March in which we jaw-boned about the new **CCTU Strategic Plan** (being drafted by Tim Lynch) along with the idea of **expanding the CCTU job search**. This was batted about and we have come up with 4 “new” positions. Give something back to the sport by helping out here. If you can spare a few hours a year we can use you! Simply contact Mark or any CCTU BOD member.

The “Up Turned Eye” has just recently “discovered” that the lovely and talented, **Sheila Hassan**, has been the **Director of the Wulff School of Fly Fishing** up in Lew Beach, NY (the Catskills) for about 4 years now! You may already know Sheila as she has long been a fixture & demo caster at the fly fishing shows. She is one of a small group (only 150 or so world-wide) of fly casters who have achieved the FFF’s “**Certified Master Casting Instructor**” status—with only a handful of these *uber*-casters being women! Her extensive angling ability, casting knowledge, teaching skill and outgoing personality has made her long tenure at the world-famous Wulff Fly Fishing School a true success story. “*Eye*” say...*just don't get lured in by the neon lights of downtown Lew Beach, Sheila!*

Well, the **annual spring stocking has been completed** and over 540,000 feisty brook, brown, rainbow & tiger trout were released according to figures by the Mass Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. Like every other year, stocking begins as soon as the ice, sno and mud conditions allow the trucks access to the waterways. The annual fall stocking is not as comprehensive as the spring one so contact the S.E. Mass District office (508-759-3406) for future “when & where” updates. *No ice or snow in the fall tho, eh?*

**ENVIRONMENTAL POLICE RADIO ROOM 1-800-632-8075 *Save this number***

Another successful series of mid-winter fly tying demos was held up at **Fishing the Cape** in Harwich this year. The shop somehow managed to make the necessary room available even tho **Aarons of Eastham** and FTC now utilize combined showroom space. Mr. Quill

ran into his old bud **George Ryan**—the storied, *Land Captain*—tying one evening in March. My God!...he hasn't seen George in many a year! Good times! Good people! ✓ *Thanks Bruce, Ruth, Chris, Dave, et al*, and we be seeing you guys next year, eh? Oh ya!...the store now stocks the **Hardy/Grays** line of fly tackle plus **Global Flyfisher** and **Barbour** clothing and the traditional **Orvis** lineup. Plus you will find one of the largest, if not THE largest, selection of saltwater flies anywhere. And, while they last, you can buy those elusive, **Hank Marcucella**, saltwater patterns. *Local favs!*

The new **Catskill Fly Tyers Guild DVD, Fly Tyers, Volume 2: A Guild Sampler**—a two-disk set featuring **Larry Duckwall, Agnes Van Put, Bob Osburn, Bill Leuszler, Ralph Hoffman, Dave Brandt, Tom Mason, Dave Pabst, Ralph Graves, Keith Fulscher, Allan Podell, and Ken Zadoyko**, is now available to guild members only for a donation of \$20.00, with a limit of three DVDs per member—(**\$30.00 for nonmembers, which includes one DVD and a membership.**) Then add **\$3 for shipping & handling** whether you order one, two, or three DVDs. Make check payable to the Catskill Fly Tyers Guild and send it, with your name and mailing address, to Erin Phelan, Catskill Fly Tyers Guild, P.O. Box 586, Westbrookville, NY 12785. *The \$33 non-members price includes a full years membership in the Guild...PLUS the DVD. Waddadeal!*

✓ *Chapter info?* (Pres. Mark Hattman) [CCTUPREZ@comcast.net](mailto:CCTUPREZ@comcast.net)

There's a rumor gently wafting thru the air down near the Mashpee rotary that the **Orvis Outlet Store** (next to Marshalls) has some refurbished and/or demo Helios Rods on sale at about half off the catalog price! Now, these do NOT have the Orvis lifetime warranty but they are a great value nonetheless. The rumor also has it that if you show them your TU membership card—or if you can “convince” ‘em you are a CCTU member ;-)—you get an additional 10% off. Also the store is having a “**Fishing Day**” *event on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>* at the shop. Demos, guides, tyers, lure makers, rod casting area, food—all in all a nifty way to spend the day & get the TU 10% off deal! Come on down—*starts @ 10.*

In March, the “Up Turned Eye” spotted road-tripping CCTUer's, **Howie Strathie** and **Pat Grenier**, at the **LL Bean store** in Mansfield where they had spent the best part of a delightful spring Saturday passing out CCTU Fly Fishing School brochures...among other things! The crowd at Beans was, well let's just say, sparse (it may have been the nice weather) *but the store personnel were simply great.* This is a full-serve LLB, not an outlet, so everything available in Beans-Freeport is available here, either in stock or by direct phone link to the flagship store. “Eye” do say...onward & upward, piscators.

**We have been having our Spring Banquet at Harbor Point for 4 or 5 years now and some think it's time to mix it up.** The BOD will be seeking suggestions for possible future Banquet sites and the sooner we get them the better. We need room for say 75 +/- people and space to display all the raffle items. The quality of the food service, a Cape central location, ambience, all of this must come into play. *If you have been to any past Banquets you will know the requirements.* Any ideas? If so Contact Mark Hattman.

*And speaking of food...*

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**the Liberty Hall Club will be having another delicious CHICKEN BAR-B-QUE on Sunday afternoon, June 27<sup>th</sup> at the hall at 2pm.** This is a fund-raiser for the Club. *They have treated us fairly over the years and it would be a nice gesture to attend, eh?* Tickets are still only \$10 a pop. Takeouts available too! For tickets or info just call **Ron Beals @ 508-428-8605.** And when you call mention TU please...it's good PR.

**Some of our elderly, yet still loyal, members cannot drive afta dark** and as a result infrequently attend our CCTU meetings. YOU could, perhaps, drive an aged angler now and then, eh? We will try to match up our older members with somewhat younger drivers. We could then have riders contact drivers...or vice versa. So, if you are in need of a ride, or if you could drive, contact Howie @ 508-539-3461 or [strathie@aol.com](mailto:strathie@aol.com) *If we do this over the summer then all will be in place for the fall/winter CCTU season.*

The "Upturned Eye" has been nosing around sum local tackle shops this spring and it seems that most shops—if they offer repair service at all—send tackle off premises to be repaired. Shops on the Cape that do their own in-house repairs are: **the Riverview** in Yarmouth, **the Goose** in Orleans & **Eastman's** in Falmouth. "Eye" was talking to **Jim Young @ Eastmans** and, yes, ***he can still do your spring clean, oil, reline and rod & reel repair jobs!*** Why didn't you do this over the winter!!! Oh well, next year perhaps?

*And...*

while at the Riverview talking with owner Lee the "B" about his repair service, Lee just happened to show the "Eye" some video footage *he took of himself*, from the cockpit of a boat, while he was actually fishing for swordfish off the coast of Costa Rica recently. Stop in and ask him too show you the new **I-Kam Xtreme Sunglasses** that house both a **video camera & an audio recorder** in the temples with the lens and mic in the bridge. These video/audio sunglasses can take spectacular color videos that let you keep both hands on the rod & reel! ***Everywhere Lee looked so did the camera.*** Powered by a rechargeable 3 hour battery and 3 lenses...2 Polaroid (outside), 1 clear (inside). Camera automatically adjusts for glare & exposure and the **sound & video** are synchronized. About \$200 but worth it especially if you are an "early adopter". And while roaming about soliciting for CCTU Spring Banquet auction items we happened to see these very same video/audio sunglasses at the **Powderhorn in Hyannis**. Same specs, same price! If you stop in to see 'em tell Andy you saw this in the RollcasT. Andy Little & Mark Cohen (Powderhorn owner) have been generous contributors to our Banquet auction and raffle for years now and Andy has his own clothing line...the "***Little Fish Company***".

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**Going to Roscoe this spring?** Below are two favorite patterns from a noted Catskillian that are great flies to use in spring. Local fav's! ***But note the size!***

**Isonychia**

Hook: Mustad 79580, **size10**  
Tail: Dark dun Microfibbets  
Body: Mahogany Superfine dubbing  
Post/wing: Dark dun Hi-Vis  
Hackle: Dark gray dun

**Coffin Fly**

Hook: Mustad 79580, **size 10**  
Tail: Moose body hair or peccary  
Body: Cream Superfine dubbing  
Post/wing: Gadwall or teal  
Hackle: Grizzly

**From olde friend, Al Himmel—the Ancient Mariner Angler ;-)** *(edited to fit)*

**Q:** Who really wins the battle of wits between a trout and a Ph.D.? *Hmmmmmm...*

**A:** As in most battles of wits, both could claim victory. But if the fish is caught and released, the Ph.D. *has a bigger vocabulary in which to stretch the truth & even if the fish is never hooked, the Ph.D. still has the bigger vocabulary in which to stretch the truth.*

→ **NATIONAL SALTWATER ANGLER REGISTRY—Ya just GOTTA be on it!**

The, inherently flawed and amateurishly informal, “*Mr. Nosey Poll*” finds only about a 50% compliance here on the Cape...bad that, eh? This free permit is required by law for the remainder of 2010. However in 2011 the “NEW” \$10 State Saltwater License will be required...but NO Federal one! **Want to apply online?** [www.countmyfish.noaa.gov](http://www.countmyfish.noaa.gov)

Our *Fearless Leader*, Mark the “H”, has started a “**QUASHNET EMAIL TREE**” to notify members and non-members alike of the latest updates on Quashnet workdays. If you wish to be included please just send Mark your email address and a request to be put on this list. *Be among the first to kno da skinny!* → [CCTUPREZ@comcast.net](mailto:CCTUPREZ@comcast.net)



**Red sez—we are still hoping for a new editor/publisher to step forward.** This is one of those “new” positions mentioned herein earlier. Ya kno, you CAN give something back to the sport! Become the official Chapter geek! Think about it over the summer, then let us kno *and this coveted position is all yours.* **Other CCTU “management” slots are also open. WANT MORE INFO?** Just ask our very own chapter head-hunter, CCTU Pres, Mark Hattman @ [CCTUPREZ@comcast.net](mailto:CCTUPREZ@comcast.net)

*With all that said...*

have a nifty summer and remember...“**nothing makes a fish bigger than almost being caught.**” *(author unknown)* So, ta-ta ‘til September 8<sup>th</sup>, @ Nickerson State Park!

## **NOW & THEN BOOK & MEDIA REVIEWS...** Reviewed by Bruce E Harang of the FFF

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***BUG WATER*** by Arlen Thomason

(Stackpole Books - 211 pages, hardbound, illustrated, color, suggested price \$39.95)

This is one of the most interesting and fun to read books on aquatic entomology as it pertains to fly fishers in the Northwestern. However the info, on the science and of the actual observations of the author, about these insects is the same worldwide. And it is this information that is so beautifully presented on several levels. The text is easy and fun to read presenting both science and story in a conversational manner that encourages the reader to continue. The photographs are simply stunning. *There are very few published*

*photographs of aquatic insects as well done as these and even fewer that show the insects going about the business of being bugs.* In addition there are absolutely lovely photographs of waters that will evoke pleasurable memories. The illustrations by William Marshall are stunning and compliment the book. The fly patterns are also beautifully photographed/illustrated. There are a few glitches, for example, calling an after-shaft feather a filoplume but they do not detract in any significant manner from the importance of this volume. The editing and production of this book, its photographs and illustrations is excellent. Clearly this is required reading for every trout fly fisher and naturalist.

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**FLY TYING MADE CLEAR and SIMPLE** by Skip Morris

(Amato Books - 151 pages, spiral softbound, illustrated, color, suggested price \$24.95)

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment of the author's very popular beginner fly tying instruction book. This second volume presents 18 patterns of 4 types; nymphs, streamers/wet flies, emergers, and dries. The particular patterns are selected to illustrate particular tying techniques and materials. These include the use of glass beads, CDC feathers, Klinkhamer style emergers, and epoxy covered wing cases for example. The writing is clear and easy to read. And the author not only provides the tying and materials information but also a "hints" section for each procedure or material to help with the most common problems encountered with tying the particular pattern. The text is illustrated with top quality color photographs of the tying steps and the finished flies.

There are also a number of very well done color illustrations showing procedures that are difficult to illustrate with photographs alone. While none of the patterns or associated procedures is new, they are all very important to have a mastery of for the trout fly tyer. However, the tying step photographs are very small in size for a book of this format size. And they are located around the edges of the pages more on the order of margin notes. This may make using them at the tying bench a bit difficult. Overall the author presents a very good fly tying course in the commercial fly tyer style of tying. While there is nothing new the material presented does represent some of the most popular fly patterns and current styles of tying. *[Not exactly a glowing tribute, eh? RQ]*

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