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November 9th meeting will feature Joe O'Clair. Local professional fly tyer. Joe will talk about what it is like to take what is a hobby for most of us and make it a livelihood. This meeting will be @ 7:00pm Liberty Hall.

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 20th, Martin Rd gate 9:am.

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Board of Directors candidates

As is the custom every November we publish the candidates for the upcoming Board election next month.

**For President Steve Pickul
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**Wayne Miller, Dan McGovern, Tim Lynch,
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Pat Grenier, Howie Strathie, Mark Hattman.**

All Chapter members are encouraged to join the Board. This is your Chapter and if you want a say in the decisions that the board makes for the direction of the Chapter, we the board members encourage you to join us and serve on the Board of Directors. We always welcome a new face with new ideas. The time commitment is not much, we meet before the Regular meeting and rarely in a separate session. The above ballot is open to any one and nominations are welcome from the floor at the December meeting when the vote is taken. If you are interested in joining contact Steve @ cctuprez@capecodtu.org

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)
Don't confront miscreants afield...call the above number and get the EP involved!

A HEADS-UP HERE! NEXT MONTH is our annual Christmas Party, TU meeting & election combo. A triple-header! Come on down, mill about, sip sum wassail—*probably Hoods eggnog*—chat with fellow members and meet the new Officers & BOD members. And please don't forget to bring along an unwrapped gift in the \$5 to \$10 range for our annual **Toys For Tots** campaign to the **December CCTU** meeting. Let's help make it a gala holiday season for some deserving Cape Cod kids. This all happens NEXT month, December. The November meeting (the one coming up) is a regular speaker meeting.

Mark Hattman has recently expressed a desire to "retire" from his editorship of this little rag. That means that, once again, we will be looking for an editor. Could it be U? Contact Mark @ rollcast@capecodtu.org Mark & Red will be available to help you.

With that said...

Red has really lost track of the numerous articles he has submitted to the Rollcast over the past 20 years. Due to this little oversight he may well submit an article already published in these hallowed pages. So if you are reading a "Quill" article in the future and it seems familiar, please forgive his little *faux pas* and cut Red some slack will ya?

In case you were wunderin'......even tho there are regulations in place against using lead in some fishing rigs, **lead-weighted flies are still allowed**—at least as of now. However it pays to check the regs when you get your license as things do change! **Massachusetts fishing licenses are available online and take effect on January 1st.** Get yours ASAP.

A TIMELY REMINDER: There are tackle shops on the Cape that will take in your rod & reel repair work over the winter, work on your "stuff" when customers are sparse and return them to you "as new" in the spring. Oiling, loose ferules, bails & springs, new line, tip-tops, rewraps, new guides, in fact almost anything repairable can be done in the relaxed atmosphere of a local tackle shop in mid-winter. If your local shop does this kinda thingy let Red kno and he will publish it here. In this scribes experience **Eastmans in Falmouth** and **the Riverview in Yarmouth** can do a lot of this work in-house. Other shops like **the Powderhorn in Hyannis** or **the Goose Hummock in Orleans** may do some repairs in-house and/or outsource some stuff. Either way...just contact Red "Q" c/o strathie@aol.com and your shop will be featured here in Random Casts next month.

HAVE A HAPPY & DELICIOUS THANKSGIVING!

Olde Orvis cane rod for sale! Impregnated Deluxe rod (serial# 40***- circa 1965) for sale. It is a nice, 2 piece/2 tip, 6 weight, 7 1/2' rod with sliding band reel seat and a tiny yet elegant "Superfine" style cork grip with original tube, sock and instructions, It appears to be in excellent condition (impregnation means no varnish problems to contend with) with matching tips and could be used to angle or collect or both! Many years ago Orvis used to promote their impregnated finish as, "*the finish is in the rod not on it*".
→INFO? Contact: Fred Giampietro @508-540-7400 or fred@giampietroarchitects.com

The SF Mission Statement: *Stripers Forever advocates for the conservation and responsible stewardship of wild striped bass along the Atlantic Coast.*

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Dastardly eco-invader rears it's ugly shell. *Lenox, MA The tiny, little-fingernail sized, scourge of Laurel Lake, the zebra mussel, was found this summer in the Housatonic R. This exotic visitor from the Black Sea had apparently wandered down from the lake, via lovely little Laurel Brook, to the river. Now, this feat poses some interesting questions. Is anyone really surprised here?—as it was found in Laurel Lake in 2009. Just how did it get into Laurel Lake to start with? Is "Rock Snot" next? And finally...wanna bet an errant angler will be blamed for all this? When this wee mollusk was first "discovered" in Laurel Lake in 2009 a short-lived panic ensued. For one thing you could not launch your boat in Quabbin unless you had the boat, motor & trailer sanitized at an official state wash site and got a certificate saying so. This gambit lasted a month or so and the minute marauding mollusk was soon be forgot—as Robert Burns, might have said. And now, at least to Reds semi-discerning eye, everything at Quabbin is back to pre-zebra, business-as-usual mode—except, of course, for access across the dam...but that's thanks to 9-11.*

→ **This scoop just in from ol' bud, Gene Chague— Red's "eye in the sky" out in the Berkshires. The C & R section of the Housatonic is currently infested with these noxious little zebra critters.**

The 2012 "*Fly Fishing Show*" will be held in **Marlboro, MA, Jan 20, 21 & 22**. Can't make those dates? Well, the same basic show will be held in **Somerset, NJ, Jan 27, 28 & 29**. WANT MORE INFO ON EITHER SHOW? Just Google: The Fly Fishing Show.

And yes...

the Bear's Den Fly Shop will be hosting their annual fly fishing show in February. Details are still being worked out so stay tuned right here for info when Red gets it but this much we do know now, **February 18th, from 11 to 6 at the Taunton Inn.** This will be the 13th annual Den show...whooda thunk, eh?! Why, the Quill remembers that the 10th show was gonna be it...but the Dens owner held tough. Congrats on the 13th edition!

LAST CALL--for the INTERNATIONAL FLY TYING SYMPOSIUM!

Show will be held at the **Doubletree Hotel in Somerset, NJ** on **November 19th & 20th**. Over 100 tyers from all over the world will be there. MORE INFO? Easy, just Google the show. This is the 20th edition so they must be doing sumthin' right down in Jersey.

**DEMOS! TACKLE! MATERIALS! TOOLS! BOOKS! ART! DEALERS!
SEMINARS! 100+ TYERS! FLY SHOPS! TYING "CELEBS"! and much more!**

Thru his far-flung "*Mr Nosey's BS Network*" a New Jersey fly shop employee has touted "the Nose" with this juicy little tid-bit! A few of said employee's customers have taken advantage of the current trend in the nonsensical world of women's beauty and **sold off their xtra saddle hackle capes to hair salons**. And why not we ask? Have we tyer-types not been using Sally Hanson products for years? (*Does Sally not make the best ~~hat~~ overcoat, er, head cement in use today?*) In fact did the fly tying material business itself not spring, fully formed, from the British millinery trade? (*Why, those classic, 100+ year old, feather-wing Jock Scotts came from materials sure to be found in any typical turn of the century British hat-makers materials kit.*) Ya kno, most of us have tying thingys that languish, unused, unlamented in a shoe-box for years, so better this way than moth food.

And locally...

the "Upturned Eye" has noticed Whiting saddles showing up lately in some CC fly shops pre-packaged for salons, not tyers, and labeled...*Salon Packs*. Well, pardon my dander! → We hope Dr. Whiting comes to his senses soon & does not forget us, his true bread & butter.

The autumn **Fly Rod & Reel** magazine had a nifty article written by CC Times fishing columnist, **Bob Connery** (a past CCTU speaker) about Steve Swain and his Frying Pan Gallery up in Wellfleet and **Chris Kokorda** (a past CCTU speaker) manager of Fishing the Cape. F R & R spelled his name 3 different ways! Good editing, eh? *Nice pic tho of Chris with a fly-caught striper*. And another article photo was credited to one, **Bob Mahoney** (not yet a CCTU speaker...but he could be as he lives in Orleans). Then, in a separate article, **Tom Keer** (a past CCTU speaker) played a featured role. Tom now lives up in Wellfleet afta a loooong time with the Orvis Co., both Manchester & Boston.

Meanwhile...

ex-CCTU Prez., **Matt Patrick**, made the pages of the Falmouth Enterprise this September when he was featured in an article on "green" Cape Codders. His, now 13 year old, Prius was mentioned as Matt was one of the first on the Cape with a hybrid car. It has clocked 221,000+ miles with the batteries still changing 100%. New, the car cost about 20 grand—expensive back then, but a great commuter car for a "green" state Rep.

The Catskills took another hit this summer when H. Irene swept thru the area. This time, however, Roscoe and Livingstone Manor were spared a major deluge and the rivers did not come up quite as high as in the past. However more north-easterly towns—like Margretville and Prattsville—were inundated! Major flood & mud conditions. Poor little Prattsville will probably never again be the same again, thanks to the wild, rampaging Schoharie River. Why, one of Reds favorite "*coffee and*" joints on the annual Catskill Angling & Fine Dining Tour, is an elbow-worn Formica countered, 12-stool, 4 booth

(with stylish duct tape accents), genuine 50's era diner in Prattsville. So, RQ went online and guess what? There it was—in tact, in fact!—with a serious looking NY Gov. Cuomo holding a press conference out front. The hardy little diner had survived Mother Nature!

Our annual Fly Tying Classes & “social” tying nites start in January. You are welcome aboard at any stage of your tying career—from tyro to pro. Held right at Liberty Hall...bring a lamp and extension cord if you need ‘em. For more info on this annual event see lead tyer, **Scott Dietrich**, at any meeting...or just go to: **capecodtu.org**

FYI: SUM MASSACHUSETTS FISH & WILDLIFE NEWS!

Mass Fish & Wildlife would like to remind you respect the water and to remember this: **canoeists and kayakers are REQUIRED to wear life jackets from September 15 to May 15.** But all water enthusiasts, especially anglers who wade in larger waters, would be wise to wear PFD's now that water and air temps have cooled down. Remember now, that's **REQUIRED to wear** and not should wear. It's da law! Put ‘em on! ‘Nuf said!

And...

autumn anglers will be pleased to learn that the fall trout stocking is finished. This fall, **62,000 rainbow trout** have been allocated among the five wildlife management districts across the state. The rainbow trout will average over 12 inches in length. The fish are grown at **DFW hatcheries** in Belchertown, Montague, **Sandwich**, and Sunderland. **Stocking began the last week of September and planned completion was by mid-October.** A full list of all 2011 stocked Massachusetts trout waters can now be found online and *all bodies of water that are stocked in the fall are underlined.* Just go to: www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/recreation/fishing/trout/trout_stocked_waters.htm. For more information anglers are advised to contact the Southeast District Office (508) 759-3406.

Plus...

A great little stocking stuffer! “**Massachusetts Wildlife**” magazine. Each issue is packed with award-winning articles and outstanding b/w & color photos on just about anything relating to wildlife & the outdoors in Massachusetts. *Price? Info? Subscriptions?* Call 1-800-289-4788 or www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/publications/mwma/mwmag_home.htm Leave your name, mailing address and your choice of a 1 year or 2 year subscription. Or send above info to Mass Wildlife Magazine @: Massachusetts Wildlife - 251 Causeway Street - Boston, MA 02114. You will be billed by snail mail. Happy reading!

Wouldn't a gift certificate to our **CCTU FLY FISHING SCHOOL** next May make a great gift? Contact Tim Lynch @ cctuflyfish@comcast.net Some scholarships still available for teens. Plus, a \$35 discount to current TU members...from any TU chapter.

And speaking of discounts...

the **Orvis Outlet in Mashpee** (next to Marshall's) will give CCTU members an additional **10% off any purchase!** *They now sell some tying materials too!*

First (& only) call! *The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum Presents: The Arts of the Angler Show—November 12th, 9-5 & November 13th, 9-4.* This is a full-service fly-fishing show focusing on the arts of the angler: fly tying, rod building, collecting, and destinations. Proceeds to the museum! Show is being held at the Ethan Allen Inn in Danbury, CT, Exit 4 on I-84 INFO? Erin @ 845-439-4810 or flyfish@catskill.net

And

The ol' Upturned Eye reports that **Fishing the Cape**—in Harwich, 16 Route 28, at the West Harwich/Dennisport line - 508-432-1200—has traditionally hosted a small, yet classy, fly show at the Chatham Bars Inn and may again this season. Call the shop or drop in for info...or watch right here next month. And they may also have their ever-popular, weekly, “winter blahs”, fly-tying, demo schedule by now...just ASK!

EXTRA! EXTRA! Taunton Fly shop on the move. The Bears Den to relocate to a much larger quarters. Business hours to remain unchanged. Want additional info? Simply log on to the Den website www.BEARSDEN.com <<http://lists.serverhost.net/link.php?M=2762396&N=30212&L=29740&F=H>>

Congratulations Scott!

Native Trout talk kicks off Coffee House Series at WBNERR — CCTUers invited!

On Thursday, **November 3**, at 7 pm, Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve kicks off the program, “Community Coffee House Series: Research at the Reserve” with “Trout Tag Tales”. This program will focus on current studies tagging native Eastern Brook Trout in the Quashnet and Child’s Rivers. Doors open at 6:45 with a chance to view the exhibits in the visitor center and sample some homemade sweets and coffee and tea. Participants are encouraged to bring their own mug. Registration is preferred but not required at www.waquoitbayreserve.org or 508-457-0495 x 107 or 108.

And speaking of the Quashnet...

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In order to promote more member interest in our **Quashnet River Workdays** look for articles here in the RollcasT about this delicate, meandering little stream starting with one by Steve Hurley in this issue of the RollcasT (see below). Perhaps a few of you are not aware of the history of the river or our conservation project—for which the Chapter won TU Nationals “Golden Trout Award” back in the golden year of 1988. Why, at one time we would get as many volunteers at a workday as we get at CCTU meetings now! The work on the river started with involvement by Southeastern Mass TU in the mid-70’s and then a few Cape Cod members splintered off and started CCTU. The work on this pretty, little brook trout stream has been going on for over 35 years now. Sign on to the Quashnet Workday email-notice network by emailing Mark at: Rollcast@capecodtu.org

SALTER BROOK TROUT STREAMS

Penned by Steve Hurley circa 2005.

About 10,000 to 15,000 years ago, as the glaciers receded the natives colonized Cape Cod from their refuge areas in the hills and valleys of what is now the fabled fishing grounds of Georges Bank. Crossing the salt and brackish waters, they found their new homes along spring fed streams formed in valleys carved in glacial sands by raging ice melt waters. These weren't native American tribes such as the Wampanoag but the native brook trout populations of Cape Cod and the Plymouth area. Long thought of as freshwater fish, adult brook trout have the ability to swim in salt water like their cousins the Atlantic salmon and become "Salter Trout". In Wampanoag lore, one of these fish called the "great trout" carved the valley of what is now the Santuit River and to this day the smaller relatives of the great trout still inhabit the Santuit River.

During the 1800s, Cape Cod was a favorite fishing destination for Boston area anglers. The rapid development of the Boston area and the damming of coastal streams to power mills had already decimated most of wild brook trout streams near the Boston area. Traveling by stagecoach and horseback, anglers such as Daniel Webster arrived seeking the wild native brook trout of Cape Cod. They stayed at inns in Cotuit and Sandwich, spent their days casting for trout and their nights spinning fishing yarns over pints of ale. Cape Cod was a lightly settled area back then and brook trout thrived in the cold clean streams feeding into estuaries and salt marshes. With easy access to the salt water, some of these brook trout became the fabled "salters", highly prized for their size and culinary qualities.

The onslaught of pollution from factories, sawdust clogging streams, mill dams that blocked fish passage and mill ponds and forest clearing that warmed the water spelled the end for many wild brook trout streams in southeastern Massachusetts. In the latter half of the 1800s and the early 1900s, development of streams into cranberry bogs hastened the demise of even more coldwater stream resources. One noted Cape Cod salter trout river, the Monument River, is now gone forever, having been transformed in 1914 to the Cape Cod Canal. This decline in the area's brook trout was paralleled by that occurring throughout the eastern United States and today brook trout are thought to occur in only 5% of its former historic habitats.

Due to the depletion of our native brook trout populations, after the Civil War, private trout hatcheries were developed in Plymouth, Barnstable and Sandwich. Concern over depleted fish stocks led to the formation of the Massachusetts Fish Commission, one of the first state fisheries agencies, and the direct ancestor of my employer, the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife). This agency purchased hatcheries from the private Sandwich Trout Company to replenish depleted brook trout stocks and introduced new species of trout such as rainbow trout from the Pacific Coast and brown trout from Europe. The Sandwich State Fish Hatchery on Route 6A is still functioning and providing quality fish to Cape Cod anglers. While Cape Cod has some tremendous freshwater fishing in its stocked trout ponds and sea run brown trout fishing in Scorton Creek due to its catchable trout stocking programs, some trout anglers and

their allies have been toiling away protecting and restoring the remnant native trout populations of area streams.

To help protect the limited populations of wild salter brook trout, the Division of Fish and Game purchased some abandoned cranberry bogs along the Quashnet River in the early 1950s. By the 1970s, overgrowth of the bogs by a shrub called sweet gale had resulted in a braided stream channel and not much trout habitat left in the river. In 1975, a local plumber named Fran Smith with other volunteers from the Cape Cod Chapter of Trout Unlimited started to improve the habitat of the river to rebuild the brook trout populations of the river. Under Fran's leadership, the volunteers spent tens of thousands of hours cutting back the sweet gale, rebuilding the stream banks and installing deflectors and overhead covers. This ongoing habitat restoration has received national recognition and the brook trout population has flourished.

In the 1980s, the Mashpee River was a focus of a major land protection effort to help protect its fisheries resources. The Mashpee River is one of the least disturbed rivers on Cape Cod due to the town of Mashpee's status as the historic home for the Wampanoag tribe and its quasi reservation status until the late 1800s, a time when much of the development of the area's rivers and streams for mill power had already peaked and started to decline. The Mashpee River was later protected as a private fishing preserve by wealthy anglers but by the 1980s was threatened by rapid development pressures. A consortium of groups including the Town of Mashpee, MassWildlife, The Trustees of Reservations and the Nature Conservancy stepped in and purchased most of the land bordering the river to help protect its resources for the future.

Another historic salter brook trout river had also been protected by private parties since the 1800s. This river, known as Red Brook for its iron stained waters, was protected by the Lyman Family for over 100 years. Theodore Lyman, one of the first commissioners of the Massachusetts Fish Commission, started purchasing land along Red Brook while in the area helping set up the first state fish hatchery at Maple Springs in Wareham. In the 1990s, the family decided it was time to pass the trusteeship of the river onto the public. The family property is now managed under a cooperative management agreement between Trout Unlimited, The Trustees of Reservations and the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. An ambitious restoration project to remove small dams on the river and restore fish habitat is now underway with help from the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game's Riverways Program, American Rivers and the A. D. Makepeace Company. Volunteers from Trout Unlimited help monitor the river along with students from Massachusetts Maritime Academy and other schools. What was once only the Lyman Family legacy and vision is now a shared and cooperative project involving state and local government agencies, private conservation groups, school, a prominent cranberry company and the public.

DNA analysis is not just being used to identify criminals it is also being used to help identify and protect our local brook trout populations. A recent study by Brendan Annett, now supervisor of the Waquoit Bay Estuarine Research Reserve, tested the hypothesis that our local wild brook trout populations were related to the existing

hatchery stocks of brook trout at the Sandwich State Fish Hatchery. Brendan tested the DNA from four local wild brook trout streams, the Sandwich State Fish Hatchery strain and salter brook trout from a Long Island stream and found that the stream brook trout were very different from the hatchery strain of brook trout and each stream appeared to have a distinct population of brook trout. This may indicate that the streams still harbor their native and separate populations of trout. Thus modern research using genetic testing is confirming the careful observations of a noted angler back in the early 1800s, who was reported to be able to tell from which stream a trout came from by looking at it and noting the distinct body shapes and color patterns.

River restoration efforts are underway on the Coonamessett River in Falmouth but the efforts have developed into a major controversy in town between proponents of cranberry bogs and river restoration advocates. This controversy is nothing new for this river, echoing a battle back in the 1806 between mill dam operators and herring advocates and Dr. David Belding's comment in the early 1900s of "the principal place where fisheries and cranberries conflict is the Coonamessett River in Falmouth". A similar proposal to restore brook trout habitat on town owned cranberry bogs on the Eel River in Plymouth is underway without the turmoil that ensued in Falmouth.

Brook trout populations have been the subject of interest throughout the eastern United States and a major initiative called the [Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture](#) has targeted a goal of restoring brook trout populations to their former range. Here in Southeastern Massachusetts, we have already made good efforts to restoring local brook populations and many areas offer historic habitats for brookies. A potential river for future brook trout restoration is the Childs River in Falmouth, once noted for its salter brook trout fishery. Recent surveys have documented no wild brook trout remaining in the river but habitat restoration and expanding brook trout populations in the Quashnet River offer potential hope for recolonization and restoration of the Childs River brook trout. Other potential areas for brook trout restoration on Cape Cod include the upper Quashnet River and the Marstons Mills River. River habitat restoration projects currently underway or planned that may benefit historic brook trout streams include dam removal projects in Town Brook in Plymouth, the Acushnet River and Third Herring Brook.

With the help of coalitions of anglers and other people concerned about our aquatic environments, Cape Cod' scarce salter trout resource can be preserved for future generations. Anglers are encouraged to practice catch and release on the areas wild brook trout and to help on restoration efforts. While the areas wild brook trout populations are being enhanced, anglers can take advantage of the tremendous stocked trout fishery we have in the Cape Cod and Plymouth area.

(Reprinted with the permission of Steve Hurley who promises RQ an update in the near future!)

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in joining. Rollcast contributions are welcome, send
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