

THE ROLL CAST

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SPEAKER SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 9TH
PICNIC OUTING. NICKERSON
STATE PARK. 5:00 TO DARK.
FOOD, FISHING FLAX POND, FUN
SPEAKER BOB RIFCHIN / UFT

OCTOBER 14TH.
LIBERTY HALL 7:00 PM
DOUG LYONS. BATTENKILL
RESTORATION AND GREAT FISH
STORIES!!

NOVEMBER 11TH
LIBERTY HALL 7:00 PM
CAPT RAY STACHELEK
RI FLY GUIDE.

DECEMBER 9TH
LIBERTY HALL 7:00 PM
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
WAYNE MILLER ON OFF CAPE
OUTINGS. FOOD, FUN!
BRING A TOY FOR TOYS FOR
TOTS!!

WELCOME TO THE NEW eNEWS LETTER. NEW FORMAT BUT WITH SOME OF YOU FAVORITES LIKE " RED QUILL " & RANDOM CASTS WHICH YOU HAVE KNOWN FOR SO LONG! CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME. SEND TO cctuprez@capecodtu.org . NEW WEBSITE IS UP WITH ALL NEW FORMAT AND PAGES. VISIT @ www.capecodtu.org .

New Fund Raising Raffle!!!

Want to own a limited edition Orvis rod for short \$\$\$\$?

The Chapter is raffling an Orvis Limited Edition Superfine
Trout Bum Rod

This is a limited edition rod # 70 engraved with
TU 50th Anniversary

**We are offering two ways to get in on the action!!
Come to a regular meeting and for every \$ 5.00
worth of monthly raffle tickets you buy you get a
free ticket to the raffle!!**

**Want extra chances or cannot make a meeting?
Buy a chance by mail.**

**We are offering one for \$ 5.00 or three for \$10.
Mail a check to CCTU to
P.P. Box 405
Mashpee, MA 02649**

Rod winner will be drawn at the May Meeting!

Join in and help support the chapter!!

CHECK OUT THIS MONTHS CONTRIBUTIONS

SEPTEMBER CCTU MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT
**FLAX POND IN NICKERSON
PARK**

OFF ROUTE 6A IN BREWSTER NEAR THE ORLEANS LINE
LOOK FOR TU SIGNS & COME ON DOWN ON

SEPTEMBER 9TH - 5PM 'Till you quit
√ **HOT DOGS!** √ **BURGERS!** √ **DRINKS!** **ALL FREE**
And **TROUT PROVIDED BY MASS FISH & WILDLIFE**

BRING ALONG YOUR APPETITE, FRIENDS, SPOUSES & FISHING GEAR

Special guest: the lovely and talented loooong-time
Prez. of the Boston-based United Fly Tyers (*emeritus*)

Robert Rifchin

FISH, NOSH, CAST AND CHAT with Bob...*pick his brain!*

Some Red Brook History

Info below (in italics) provided by the Reserve

Formerly a private fishing camp dating back to 1867, the Theodore Lyman Reserve sits at the mouth of Red Brook on Buttermilk Bay. Red Brook is a 4.5-mile spring-fed, freshwater stream that flows from White Island Pond to Buttermilk Bay. It is home to one of the last remaining native sea-run brook trout (known as "salters") fisheries in the eastern United States. The brook gets its name from the red-tinted color of its waters that are influenced by the iron-rich soil deposits near its source.

In addition to Red Brook, the Lyman Reserve features freshwater wetlands, forested uplands, a sandy beach, and a scenic stretch of coastal shoreline with views of Buttermilk Bay and the iconic Cape Cod Canal vertical lift railroad bridge. The remains of a mud clam and oyster shell midden, taken together with the property's valuable water resources and landscape characteristics, suggest that the Reserve was an important encampment for Wampanoags.

The property honors the naturalist who, in 1867, first experienced Red Brook during a site visit for the Massachusetts Board of Inland Fisheries. For the next 30 years, Theodore Lyman III (1833-1897) worked to protect Red Brook by purchasing parcels of land on both its sides from source to mouth. His legacy is preserved in the form of the 638-acre Red Brook Reserve, which is comprised of the 210-acre Lyman Reserve and the 428-acre Red Brook Wildlife Management Area (Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife). Management for the entire Reserve is overseen by The Trustees of Reservations, Mass DFW, and our conservation partner, Trout Unlimited.

So as you can see there are really TWO Reserves here. The whole area is referred to as the Red Brook Reserve (638 acres) which is further broken down into two parts: the Lyman Reserve (210 acres) and the Red Brook Wildlife Management Area (428 acres). We in TU usually refer to the whole shebang as simply, Red Brook however.

With all this in mind remember that Red Brook Family Day is the MA/RI Council fund-raiser for our \$5000 yearly contribution to the Reserve. Originally TU was to be the sole "operator" of the area but TU's expertise is not in property management whereas the Trustees is. When the Trustees came on board the Council made a pledge to provide a \$5000 donation to the Reserve on a yearly basis. And, while the annual Red Brook Family Day may be fun, food, tours, fishing and auctions, its basic purpose is to help raise this annual the bucks for this \$5000 donation.

So come on down and enjoy yourself all the while remembering that whatever you "spend" is going to a great cause. Bring family, neighbors and friends...the more the merrier! Let's make this 2009 Red Brook Family Day the best yet! Chicken B-B-Q only \$5! Property tours! Silent auction! Raffles!

Head of the Bay Road, Wareham, Plymouth line – Sunday, September 13th - from 11ish to 3ish.

For more info and directions contact, Warren Winders: @ **781-878-1074** / redbrook@verizon.net

Invasives Revisited *or* Balderdash - Part II

By *Red Quill*

OOOOPS! Well, sooner or later it was bound to happen! And you knew it! That much-feared invasive, the Zebra Mussel, has found its way into western Massachusetts waters and is causing quite a dust-up out in the Berkshires. And, while it was initially found only in lovely, 175 acre, Lake Laurel on the Lee/Lennox line, it is expected to be found elsewhere...and lotsa elsewheres we hear. But this discovery was not altogether a surprise, especially to this author.

As I have previously stated in these pages we, as humans, are not particularly well equipped to re-engineer Mother Nature. These invasive species are absolutely ingenious in finding themselves homes in otherwise pristine areas. And it does not take much to establish a colony of invasives whether they be animal or vegetable--there are no mineral invasives that I am aware of, but who knows. I mean, does Didymo have a brain? NO! but somehow it finds its way here from New Zealand nonetheless. Now the Zebra Mussel, that of clogged intake pipes, outboards and dams in the Great Lakes states, has found a home in tranquil Lake Laurel. *FYI:* These ZM's came to the Great Lakes from the orient 20 years ago in freighter ballast tanks, tons of them pumped in the lakes. It is now a given that the Housatonic River is likewise infested, or soon will be, and, at last glance, a boat launching moratorium at the huge Quabin Reservoir, Boston's water supply, has been put in place. This, coupled with the news of Didymo in the Battenkill, upper Connecticut and perhaps the Hudson rivers, is bad news for our, so-called, native fish and aquatic life. This movement of invasive plants and animals throughout our region is to be expected though, as we are really quite powerless to stop it.

As a preventative measure officials from the state of Massachusetts have put up signs asking the public to voluntarily stop using the boat launching ramps at Lake Laurel while it accesses the danger to surrounding waters. Recreational boaters, kayakers and canoeists are a major concern of officials trying to halt or slow the invasive species takeover of new waters as are fishermen. *FYI:* a kayaker was spotted putting in at the very ramp that was recently posted as, please do not use, and was asked by a concerned bystander not to use the ramp. His reply was something along the lines of, "*I know all about the Zebra Mussel problem and I am just here for the sun anyway,*" and proceeded to launch his craft. I mean, with people like this jerk around, just how effective can these postings and warnings possibly be?

My take on these invasives is this, as it always has been: if these invasives can live and prosper in this climate they will come! To think that we, as humans, can effectively halt the spread of Purple Loosestrife, Didymo, Zebra Mussels or whatever the invasive *du jour* turns out to be, is utterly unrealistic. Yes, modern science can slow down the spread of invasives and can contain somewhat the area of infestation but it cannot halt it unless we go the Agent Orange route! No way. To think so means playing God and we are not very adept at that are we?

So get rid of your felts if you must, just do not expect miracles. *FYI:* these Zebra Mussel embryo are so tiny that wildfowl can pick them up on their feet and feathers and distribute them everywhere they alight--which is just about anywhere they please really. And, as I said before, all it takes is one slip-up and the Gypsy Moth is out the window and mating. Woe is we!

Save Some GREEN With Tip's From RED

...*Red Quill* that is—a parsimonious son-of-a-gun

For many years I was a fan of Tap Tapply and his “Tap’s Tips” column. Hardly a month went by that I did not glean something from Tap. Some months it may have seemed like old news but other months, well, let’s just say I learned a lot. In that spirit I have put together a few money savers here. If you have been around a long time perhaps you will be bored with all this but read on anyway.

Tip #1 - Paste type fly floatants usually come in half ounce plastic bottles with a nozzle that is big enough to let you squeeze out a tad of floatant which you then liquefy it by rubbing it between your thumb and index finger. When liquefied you can apply it neatly to fly bodies, hackles, and tails. One other thing, these floatants usually cost about \$3.95 for this half ounce. Check out Albolene unscented facial cleansing cream. It contains, mineral oil, petrolatum and paraffin, looks opaque until used (just like the brand name ones) and the last jar I bought (at OSCO) cost less than \$10 for 12 ounces. It is made by Norcliff Thayer Co. of Tarrytown, NY. You can repack into your own container. This large jar will last me a lifetime and, at about 10 bucks for 12 ounces, it is a bargain.

Tip #2 – Ever since the “green tube” dubbing wax has become unavailable an almost unbelievable assortment of substitutes has tried to fill the gap. However, none has managed to surpass the popularity of the original, Ovington’s Wonder Wax. (*I am now “wondering”, however, just how much of this Wonder Wax lore is myth?*) So, in the absence of any front-runner in the dubbing wax field, I submit the following tip: try using the wax from a wax toilet-bowl mounting ring. The wax in the ring is fairly tacky. It is made that way to conform, under little pressure, to the toilet/soil pipe connection at the base of your crapper. It may even be mostly beeswax, it sure looks like it! A fairly cheap tying item from your local hardware store and, once again, probably a lifetime supply for a coupla buck’s. Repack it into Altoids tins for easy use...and perhaps gifts even! By the way you can take old Altoids or Sucrets tins, open them up and spray paint them matte-black, inside and out. Two coats should do just fine, three a tad better. Then line them with plastic foam and use them for “give-away” fly boxes. *Hmmmm...* just call this Tip 2.1 OK?

Tip #3 - Do you use Fleximent? Ever heard of Goop? Well Household Goop can be thinned with either Toluene or Xylene and all three of these items are available at any well-stocked hardware store. Goop can be thinned slightly and substituted for Softex or thinned a lot and be comparable with Fleximent. And any glue that can be thinned with alcohol (not Goop however) can be thinned with vodka, if need be. Just don’t breath the fumes from the Toluene or Xylene and don’t drink too much of the vodka. It will show in your flies!

Tip #4 - I think everyone out there probably knows about the next tip, but just in case you don’t, you might try using Sally Hansen’s Mega Shine nail polish for a head cement. Actually the old Sally Hansen’s Hard As Nails has worked quite well for me for 25 years now and is easy to find and a little cheaper. This nail polish brand is ubiquitous and is probably lurking in your home as we speak.

Tip #5 - To sink your fly, various options have been tried from spit to mud but any liquid dish soap will work by breaking the surface tension of the water thus allowing the fly to break through quickly and sink like a rock. Just rub it on to the fly body. Try Joy, Ivory or any other mild dish soap. Photographers wetting solution was popular at one time but the dish soap trick works just as well and will cost you next to nothing. However try to stay away from lemon scented or other soaps with aroma, OK?

Tip #6 - For those of us with aging eyes threading a small fly with a leader can be a real hassle. Orvis (and perhaps others) has utilized needle threaders to help with the threading. However you can visit a sewing shop, \$1 store or craft store and get Singer needle threaders for about 3 for a buck fifty and they are just as good. You can also whip finish your flies or rod guides with ‘em.

Tip #7 – Break your tying thread often? Try inserting the broken end into the bottom of the bobbin tube and simply suck it though. This works about 50% of the time. Or get some dental floss threaders at your CVS, Rite Aid or similar store. A pack costs about a buck and they work.

Tip #8 - This is the last tip for now (and perhaps it goes without saying) BUT you might try visiting your local arts & crafts store for tying materials. This includes, chenille, Mylar, thread, fabric paint, magic markers, glues, sparkly stuff, craft fur—why the list could go on and on! Not only can you get the same stuff the tackle shops offer but it is almost always cheaper. Try AC Moore or Michaels or your local craft shop. You may be surprised at the bargains...**plus you just might discover a “new” material.**

RANDOM CASTS!

Assorted, Gossip, News, BS and
Twaddle
Got news? strathie@aol.com

Quashnet Workdays!

Quashnet workdays are held at 9am on the third Sunday of every month. This is CCTU's main conservation project and has been for 30 plus years. For more info call Fran Smith @ 508-548-4087. Meet at the Martin Road access off Rt. 28 in Falmouth near the Mashpee line.

Come on down!

√ **SEPTEMBER 20TH**
OCTOBER 18TH
NOVEMBER 15TH
DECEMBER 20TH
JANUARY 17TH

(This is the *proposed* schedule but it may change. To be on the safe side check with Fran or watch this space regularly. *ed.*)

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Red Brook Workdays!

Red Brook workdays are held at 9am on the first Saturday of the month. Meet in the Lyman Reserve parking lot, Head of the Bay Road in Wareham, across the street from the little yellow house around 9am. This is an ongoing MA/RI Council conservation project. Some fishing opportunities in the fall & spring. INFO? Warren Winders: 781-878-1074 or redbrook@verizon.net

CCTUer's invited to attend!

√ **SEPTEMBER 5th**
OCTOBER 3rd
NOVEMBER 7th
DECEMBER 5th
JANUARY 2nd

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Eel River Workdays!

The Southeastern Mass TU Chapter conservation project in nearby Plymouth. For more info on this project contact: Peter Motyka 508-888-2907 or peterbigbass@aol.com

SEPTEMBER CCTU MEETING SEPTEMBER 9TH FLAX POND / 5-ish

(In Nickerson Park, off 6A, Brewster)

FREE! Hot dogs & burgers & bring along your fishin' gear

There will be NO meeting at Liberty Hall in September
Bring friends! BS! Eat! Angle!

The Southeastern Mass Chapter suggests carrying a **disposable camera** with you when you are out fishing, kayaking, hiking or hunting as most excellent evidence can be recorded IF you happen to notice environmental laws being broken. Your cell will also do the evidence trick and then use it to call the Environmental Police at the number below--it IS current and it IS 24/7. However, for your health, *please eschew confronting miscreants!* In May, two CCTU members--who shall remain nameless--were rudely dismissed upon confronting two spin-fishers up at the "Y" pool on the Swift River. This section of the river is "*catch & release, fly fishing only*"...perhaps they should have simply called in the EnviroCops @ 1-800-632-8075

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Shops, members and friends of the Chapter: Do you want to get something into these pages? Simply contact the compiler of the Random Casts column, Howie Strathie at strathie@aol.com with any "camera ready" items. We do not (nor did we ever) take ads but we will publish anything of interest to our CCTU members...commercial or otherwise. Remember too, items get onto our website which goes out nationwide!

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Red Brook \$\$\$ News!

Back in May, **Southeastern Mass TU** (SMTU) got a grant of \$8800 from MA/Riverways to place woody debris back **into** Red Brook for, one can only assume, improved brookie breeding habitat. *Hmmmm...*and all this time we have been clearing the woody debris **out** of streams. Oh, well, congratulations on the grant!

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The **CCTU Spring Banquet** attendance was down by around 20 thrill seekers and the buck\$ by about 10% to 15%! Fortunately we do not (now) need the \$3500 or so this RollcasT used to cost when it was printed and sent out by mail, so this downturn is not a disaster but let's all hope for a recovery next year, eh? And our "*thank you's*" go out to all attendees, volunteers and donors.

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The **CCTU Fly Fishing School** was attended by **16 students** this past spring and despite the cloudy, sometimes rainy weather a great time was had by all. The schools 2009 "*Top Rod*" was...the envelope please--John Farrington. And, as usual, the date of the school was shared by (#1) an FFF NE Council meeting in RI and (#2) the Indian Hollow

MA/RI Council camping trip in Chesterfield, MA. Seems like it is always this way.

Hank Marcucella and Red Quill spent the first week in June up in Roscoe on their annual "**Catskill Fishing and Fine Dining Tour**". While there. they were joined, off & on, now & then and here & there by BOD and TU member, **Dan Tobin**. And a grand time was had by all once again. Fish! Food! Fun! The big winners though were the local restaurants and tackle shops who were certainly glad to see the boys once again. ;-)

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For your consideration...

√ **Marla Blair** "the fishing diva" is considered one of the finest fishing guides in the New England area. She not only guides on the Deerfield River, Farmington and other rivers in the region but she conducts trips to Chile, Alaska and Montana. Marla has been a CCTU speaker and frequent exhibitor at the Bears Den and the Marlboro fly shows. She has written a beginners fly fishing book entitled: **Positive Fly Fishing** (\$25 from Lyons Press. I'd highly recommend this one even if you are NOT a beginner.

√ **Terry Tessien**, a Sandwich resident, columnist, book author and CCTU member has written a book that has been around for a while now but is a great read if you plan on fishing our local waters. It is tad badly titled methinks as **Fly Fishing Boston** really encompasses all of the Massachusetts coastline plus the New England waters of RI, NH & southern ME. Perhaps this is because it is published as a Boston "guide" by Backcountry Guides. Available for around 20 bucks.

PS OR LAST BUT NOT LEAST

OFF CAPE OUTING?

IS THERE ANY INTEREST IN AN OFF CAPE FALL OUTING TO THE BAEVERKILL RIVER? A TRIP CAN BE ARRANGED BUT THERE IS NOT MUCH TIME TO DECIDE!! NO SET DATES YET. LET WAYNE MILLER KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED. wamdoc@verizon.net

NEW RESTORATION PROJECT?

THERE IS A GATHERING INTEREST IN A NUMBER OF STAKE HOLDERS IN STARTING A RESTORATION OF THE FRESH BROOK IN SOUTH WELFLEET. THIS IS A VERY SHORT STREAM THAT STARTS IN THE NATIONAL SEASHORE AND EMPTIES INTO CAPE COD BAY. THERE IS HISTORICAL EVIDENCE OF NATIVE BROOK TROUT.

INTERESTED PARTIES AT THIS POINT ARE THE NATIONAL SEASHORE, MASS FISHERIES & WILDLIFE, MASS AUDUBON, AND SOME PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE TOWN. MICHEAL HOPPER OF THE SOUTH EAST CHAPTER, A WELFLEET NATIVE NOW LIVING IN THE REPUBLIC OF CAMBRIDGE IS VERY ACTIVE IN THIS PROJECT AND WILL SPEAK BRIEFLY ABOUT IT AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. OUR CHAPTER NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED AS IT IS IN OUR GEOGRAPHIC AREA AND WILL GIVE OUTER CAPE MEMBERS A CLOSE PROJECT TO VOLUNTEER FOR. MUCH OF THE LAND IS ON FEDERAL PROPERTY AND IT IS POSSIBLE TO PARTNER WITH OTHER AGENCIES TO PROVIDE FUNDS & MANPOWER IF THIS PROJECT DOES INDEED COME TO BE. LET ME KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS MATTER!!

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THANKS AND TIGHT LINES.

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