

# THE ROLLCAST

The eNews Letter of Cape Cod T U Chapter 460

February 2017



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## President's Message

We had a great turnout at the January's monthly meeting and presentation on *Atlantic Salmon Fishing in Massachusetts*. Concord Outfitter's owner and guide Andy Bonzagni gave us an insider's perspective on fishing for Atlantic salmon and brook trout on the Stillwater River located up near Wachusett Mountain and Reservoir. Look for info and pictures of the go-to flies in this Rollcast before giving this fishery a try.

Congratulations to Ted Patlen who won the first annual Cape Cod Pond Challenge. His closest competition was not even close. I suspect that the competition will get fiercer now that we all got a look at the winners Certificate and Bear's Den Gift Card. Rumors are already swirling about one of our members just adding a 4<sup>th</sup> pond to his 2017 Pond Challenge List. Look for updated Entry Forms and new Rules on our website.

Fly Tying Nights are off to a whip-finish success. Scott Dietrich led off the first night and demonstrated how he ties a Green Caddis Pupa that landlocked salmon loved during CCTU's last trip up to Grand Lakes Stream. Pat Grenier instructed during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tying Night and taught two of his favorite striper flies (sand eel and bunker versions); ask him how many fish he catches in a season on these two flies! Thanks in advance to all of the 2017 instructors for sharing their expertise and materials to make this program a key component of making the winter season not so long.

Al Brewster Award Nominations are now being collected. Al Brewster was the first recipient and Fran Smith was most recently recognized in April 2016. Criteria for this recognition are to select a Cape Cod Trout Unlimited member who has actively served our chapter over a minimum period of 5 years. As of today, I have two nominations but know of others that have surpassed our criteria. So please do submit your nominee(s). The winner will be announced at our next annual banquet (23 April).

Save the dates...Our three signature events are all on the horizon. 1. "Back to the Quashnet" is our annual Quashnet Conservation Riverday and Chowdah Fest (19 March). 2. Banquet and Annual Fundraiser is booked at the Sandwich Hollow Golf Course (23 April). 3. CCTU's annual Fly Fishing School will be conducted at the Oak Crest Lodge on Peter's Pond (5-7 May). I challenge all active members to make it to these outstanding events.

This month we will be entertained by Bob Rifchin who will enlighten us on the *History of Brown Trout Stocking Program on Cape Cod*. He has an impressive resume as a writer, tyer, and fisherman. This is another must see presentation for where to go and what flies you should try first if you want to get into big trout.

Tim Lynch

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## *Random Casts* for February 2017

**Gossip, News, B.S. & Assorted Twaddle from Red & the Staff of Random!**

*New and archived Rollcast's can be read at the CCTU website: [CAPECOTDU.org](http://CAPECOTDU.org)*

**Cover Photo** is from Sunday Jan 15th in the Quashnet River Falmouth / Mashpee. Our work crew that day:

L to R: Charlie Orr, Tim Lynch, Fran Smith, Dave Burkitt, Dan Tobin, Brett Bokelkamp, Fred Monahan, \*Ted Patlen. Missing from the work crew picture Tom Planert and Dave Palmer. \*Please excuse Ted's hat.

### **Fly Tying Class with Bob Rifchin.**

Bob Rifchin will be having a fly tying class prior to the February 8th meeting from 4:00pm to 6:00pm. We will have the hall open earlier at 3:30pm to set up. The fee is \$25 and includes Pizza and soft drinks. Interested members can contact Dan Tobin to confirm a seat. 774-353-7066 or [tobe72@yahoo.com](mailto:tobe72@yahoo.com)

### **2017 Fly Fishing Shows**

✓ **The BEARS DEN SHOW 19th Annual**— Taunton, MA —February 25th...FREE!

✓ **FLY FISH NEW HAMPSHIRE SHOW**— Manchester NH — February 25, 2017

*(Use Google for more up-to-date info on these shows)*

### **Kayak Clean Up: coming soon**

According to Tom Planert it won't involve getting out the hose, soap, and sponges. Look for details in future issues of the Rollcast.

## *Random Casts continued. .*

### **Trout TipsTROUT Magazine presented by**

Trout Tips from Trout Unlimited. Check out their videos on Vimeo.

“Trout Tips | False Cast” from Trout Unlimited on Vimeo.

The video is available for your viewing pleasure at <https://vimeo.com/195999314>

### **Short Film for the Nor'easter**

A few high school kids from CT did this 14 minute film on fly fishing for stripers for a school project...they did a great job...check it out

<https://vimeo.com/196994312>

### **The Marlborough Fly Fishing Show**

A note from Scott

Just a note to say that I really enjoy the time in the car with fellow TUsers on the way to and from the show in Marlboro. The camaraderie, stories and jokes ( Dave Burkitt ) pass the time and along the way you gain knowledge about all aspects of fly fishing with stories of fishing destinations, rods, and flies.

Our TU chapter has years of accumulated knowledge and we can always learn something new.

Every year we have a group that meets for breakfast and then drives up to the show.

Thanks to Tim Lynch for driving Dan Tobin, Dave Burkett, Ed Farrell-Starbuck .

Scott Dietrich

# *Random Casts continued*

A few CCTU Faces in the crowd: Marlborough Fly Fishing Show



# Upcoming Events

## February Meeting: Wednesday February 8th 6:00 pm Liberty Hall.

A reminder that our next meeting will be held on Wednesday February 8th. Our guest speaker will be our own Bob Rifchin . The topic will be on Sea Run Brown Trout. See details later in this issue.

## Fly tying class—prior to our February 8th meeting.

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### A note from Bob about the class:

I'm planning on two patterns that were both exceptional sea-run patterns and still work today both for trout, and I use them for stripers as well. They are my modified versions of Tom Pero's Mummychog Muddler and **Al Brewsters** Silverside (which also is a good sand eel imitation) I will have materials to tie other flies as well should we have time to do so. I will supply hooks and materials. I will be using #4 bronze hooks as appropriate for trout, but have made them as large as 1/0 for bass.

Bob

## Winter Fly Tying Nights: **Bring a friend.**

The CCTU fly tying nights are underway. If you have never tied a fly before or have been tying for many years come out and join in. There is no cost for this and equipment and materials are available if needed. Tying will be from 6:00pm to 8:00pm or even later if there's interest to stay. Doors will open at 5:30 with instruction beginning at 6:00 . These events will be held at Liberty Hall on the 3rd and 4th Wednesdays of the month starting in January: January 18th, 25th **February 15th, 22nd** March 15th, 22nd

## Quashnet River Workday:

Our next meet-up will be **Sunday February 19th**. We'll be meeting at the Martin Road gate at 9:00AM. Come on down and join the gang as we continue to work to improve the habitat for wild native brook trout in this river. The work to preserve wild fish is very important here on Cape Cod!

# Upcoming Events continued...

## Spring Banquet:

Plans are underway for the CCTU Annual Banquet. Thanks to Brett Bokelkamp for taking the lead and setting this up. The CCTU Board unanimously approves. The Banquet and Annual Fundraiser is booked at the Sandwich Hollow Golf Course for **April 23rd**. We're still seeking folks to help plan the event. Let someone on the Board know if you can help out.

## Fly Fishing School: **Spread the word!**

The date for Our 2017 annual CCTU Fly Fishing School has been announced. It will be held at the Oak Crest Lodge in Sandwich from Friday May 5th to Sunday 7th. This is our great school that includes lodging and meals with the same low price. Look for more details ahead and think about someone that you might know that would really enjoy learning to fly fish at this school. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

**May 5th, 6th, and 7th 2017**

## CCTU Spring Fishing Trip:

Our CCTU spring fishing trip will be going back to Grand Lake Stream in Maine. The dates are **June 4th - 9th**. Some folks are staying for the entire week and others for part of the week. I believe there are a couple spots left. If interested please contact Wayne & Barbara Miller [wamdoc@verizon.net](mailto:wamdoc@verizon.net) for availability and to secure a spot.

**RED BROOK** workdays are held on the 1st Saturday of the month meet @ the Lyman Reserve parking lot, Head of the Bay Road in Wareham 9am-ish. Those of you who cannot make the Quashnet Workday due to it being held on Sunday can get your conservation "fix" on a Saturday! This project is an ongoing MA/RI Council conservation project staffed mainly by Southeastern MA TUers. Red Brook info? Warren "Windknot" Winders @ 781-878-1074. CCTU-ers! It is highly recommended that you call the "Windknot" before trekking all the way to Red Brook. Cutting edge **QUASHNET** info ? [Capecodtu.org](http://Capecodtu.org)



## Upcoming Events—continued

**Speaker for our February Meeting Wednesday February 8th 6:00PM**

### **Bob Rifchin**

#### **Sea Run Brown Trout**

Bob Rifchin, who holds degrees in Education from Michigan State University and Wildlife Biology from Framingham State College, started his career as a writer in the early 70's as a columnist for Massachusetts Out-of-Doors (which later became New England Out-of-Doors), and shortly thereafter took over the Editors chair for The United Fly Tyer's Roundtable Magazine, then the only US publication devoted exclusively to fly tying. Since that time he has been published in many magazines including On The Water, Trout and Salmon (UK), Massachusetts Wildlife, American Angler, Fly Fisherman, Fly Fishing Saltwater, Fly Fishing in Salt Waters, and was the Northeast Regional Editor for Fly Fish America. He is currently being published as a freelancer in Tail Flyfishing Magazine online. He is also an active/retired member of the New England Outdoor Writer's Association and has served as their treasurer. He has been an active member of Trout Unlimited involved in starting the Southeast Mass Chapter serving as their treasurer, was Council Treasurer for a year , then moved to the Greater Boston Chapter, and recently to the Cape Cod Chapter.





## February Meeting    Sea run Brown Trout -continued

Sea Run Brown Trout were the result of a happy accident in several places around the globe, naturally occurring in the European ancestral home of the brown trout. In the UK this fish is the quarry of choice for many anglers as it is in Denmark and other locations. Here, it was hatchery fish stocked in coastal rivers that allowed these fish access to the sea, and noticed only by a few provided an unusual place to find larger trout. When the Mass. Division of Fisheries became involved in a selective breeding experiment the fishery grew, and a vestige of it remains though more like it's early days. It is a fishery that has remained hatchery dependent here due to the lack of suitable spawning habitat. Patagonia, on the other hand, had the ideal situation and is a destination fishery for the worlds largest sea trout.



Fly patterns used in the Northeast imitate the baitfish and other foods the trout utilized, many of which became the basis for striper patterns used today. Tom Pero's Mummychog Muddler, and Al Brewster's Silverside are two of the best .



## Upcoming Events—continued



### MIRAMICHI SALMON ASSN-63rd Annual Boston Dinner-

**Saturday, February 4th, 2017**

The 63rd ANNUAL BOSTON DINNER for support of the MIRAMICHI SALMON ASSN will be held Saturday, February 4th, 2017 at the Burlington, MA Marriot, Burlington, MA. A Forum of four speakers will make presentations from 3:00 to 5:00 pm followed by cocktails, dinner and fund raising auctions.

Our own Ron Lasko, CCTU Member, Author & Lecturer, will be one of the four presenting speakers at the Forum 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Ron will speak on how the Sea Run Brook Trout & Atlantic Salmon have migrated together historically across New England and still do so today in the Canadian Maritimes. Ron is the author of 'A TALE OF TWO RIVERS' which is the first full length book written about Sea Run Brook Trout (the Quashnet & Mashpee) & has received Editorial acclaim from TU National HQ; the American Museum of Fly Fishing; other Editors across the USA and in the United Kingdom. Other speakers will be presenting issues impacting the Miramichi River system such as Striped Bass, invasive Smallmouth Bass & various Salmon and Watershed River Restoration efforts.

#### **Tickets for the entire event :**

Please order your tickets by contacting ; Linda Guild

at [msa@guildassoc.com](mailto:msa@guildassoc.com) or 781.397.8870.

Or

Kate Flanagan at [kate@miramichisalmon.ca](mailto:kate@miramichisalmon.ca) or 506.622.4000;

For more information on the MIRAMICH SALMON ASSN Boston Forum & Dinner Event :

[www.miramichisalmon.ca/boston-dinner/](http://www.miramichisalmon.ca/boston-dinner/)

# Miscellaneous.....

## Share a Story with Our Readers:

We are looking to see if some members would want to share a short story of experiences they have had. This can be anything from a couple of paragraphs to a couple of pages. If you have something to share please email it along and it will be included here. Email to: [ccturoll-cast4@gmail.com](mailto:ccturoll-cast4@gmail.com)

Fly Tying Wednesday's  
Picture is from January  
18th Liberty Hall



Stillwater River Sterling Ma



# Fly of The Month

## Dave's Neon Herring

Neon Herring - tied by Dave Burkitt



\*The below material list is meant as a guideline. I seldom have or can find all that a pattern calls for. I have been tweaking this herring fly for a few years now, and this latest version has been working well on the trout in ponds, especially those with young alewives in them. What is most important about this pattern is that it be 2 1/2-3" long and 3/16" or so thick when looking at it from top.

Tips: I blend the white synthetic fibers, color the thread head to match the back, and pinch the sides of the fly when light curing the glue coating the head and eyes. Wipe off glue tack with alcohol and coat head with clear nail polish.

- \* #6 mid length streamer hook with fairly wide gap
- white Danville 210 denier flat waxed nylon thread
- silver body braid,
- white DNA frosty fish fiber
- Steve Farrar's off- white flash blend
- \* DNA holo chromosome flash
- \* peacock Krystal Flash
- \* 3/16" flat prism eyes,
- \* light cured clear epoxy



# January's Fly Tying Nights

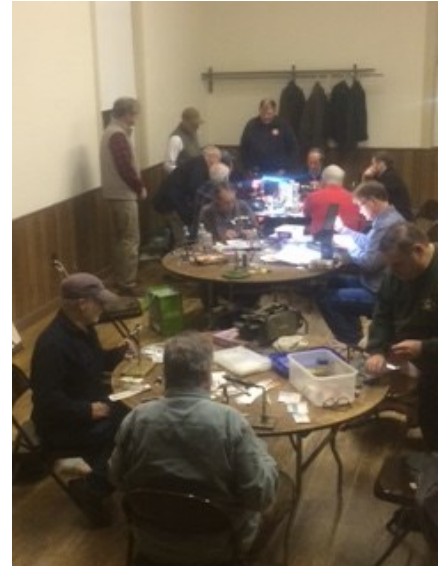
We kicked off the "Fly Tying Wednesdays" season on January 18th.

**Scott Dietrich** led the group tying a size 14 Green BH Caddis Pupa.



**A very successful fly on Grand Lake Stream.**

- \*12-14 caddis bend hook
- \*Gold Bead to match hook size
- \*Black Thread
- \*Gold wire
- \*Caddis Green sparkle dubbing
- \*Black dubbing w/ guard hairs.



Great turn out .



Scott under the watchful eye of our fellow members and friends



Bob Rifchin and Patrick Grenier tying up some Bunker patterns.

# January's Fly Tying Nights

On Wednesday January 25th **Pat Grenier** lead the group tying a couple of his saltwater favorites. A Sand Eel and Peanut Bunker were tied by all . Another great turn out



Patrick going over the materials



Instruction time. Members and friends start to gather around.





# January's Fly Tying Nights

Wednesday January 25th continued....



Robbie and Peter spinning a few.



# Conservation Corner

## Loss of Santuit River Brook Trout

The Santuit River in Mashpee has suffered a long history of degradation, from dams in the early 1600s to cranberry bogs in the 1800s and on to more complex influences in the 20th Century. Our more recent impacts have included pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers, all compounded by significant water withdrawal due to increased development. Chemicals of Emerging Environmental Concern (CEECs) include hormone disrupting elements found in medications, personal hygiene products and household chemicals have led to lower fertility and altered reproductive rhythms. The final result of all of this has only recently come to our attention, the loss of the native sea run brook trout strain unique to the Santuit.

Steve Hurley, Fisheries Manager for the Southeast District of MA FnW, has been out on two separate occasions to electro fish for trout in the Santuit and has come up empty handed both times. This was hugely disappointing because "The Santuit River was one of the three streams on Cape Cod with intact and self-sustaining, stream specific, salter brook trout populations" (Winders). "Well-intended" removal of woody debris to increase herring runs may have been the last straw as this cover is so essential for trout food and habitat and thus trout survival. The few remaining rivers along our coast with sea run brook trout populations are critical gene banks to keep open options in future management decisions.

Though this paints a bleak picture for the Santuit, there is the remote chance that a few of these trout are surviving out in our bays and will return to prove us wrong. Though not very likely, we need to recognize the significance of this news and get involved to preserve what we still currently have. To take action, get involved with and support The Sea Run Brook Trout Coalition. You can learn a whole lot from their website.

[www.searunbrookie.org](http://www.searunbrookie.org)

Above article is from the MA-RI TU  
Council web-site. Thanks Tim Lynch  
for sharing .



# Quashnet River *News*

Ten CCTU members came out on Sunday January 15th to support our restoration efforts. It was a bit chilly to start but turned out to be a beautiful morning. We started out with a quick meeting. Our Quashnet leader Fran Smith provided an updated forecast of the planned events for the next few months. Then gave a run down of the mornings agenda and we were quickly off to work.

We broke off into groups to work the different segments of the project. Some cut brush to clear a path for easy access to the river. Others prepared the cedar logs for transport. Another group transported the logs. In the end we all came together moving the logs into the river, floating them down into place, and then tying them up to soak for a few months. The logs will later be used to build double wing deflectors, J-veins, etc.. Do you want to learn more about these projects? Come on down to our next work day. It's not all work. We actually do have some fun. It's great camaraderie including a few laughs.

We ended the morning by installing a Wood Duck box at the side of the river.



Loaded log dolly headed for the access between Sections 5/6. The log is to be placed in the river to soak for several months before it is used as part of the Quashnet River Restoration Project to benefit the sea-run brook trout population. Dave B. And Tom giving a Thumbs up!





Fran drilling /prepping the cedar logs.



The good looking (from a far ) Quashnet Crew posing under the newly installed Wood Duck box.



Some of the cedar logs tied up and soaking



The new Wood Duck box.



Dan, Fred , and Charlie cutting brush.



# January CCTU Meeting

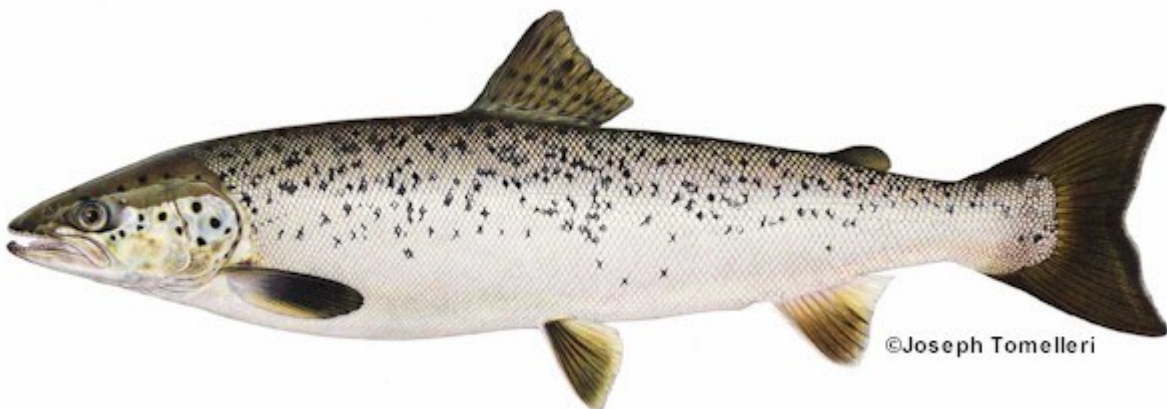
(Thanks to Ron Reif for taking / sharing notes /picture)

**Our guest speaker in January was Andy Bonzagni owner of Concord Outfitters. Andy described the various fishing destinations he runs throughout the year. They include British Columbia, New Zealand, the Bahamas, Belize, Patagonia, Montana etc... More notably Cuba where he highly recommends. The main topic of the evening was fishing the Stillwater river right here in Massachusetts for Landlocked Salmon.**

**The Stillwater river is well stocked with rainbows and browns in the spring, and good angling is available, but the river's attraction is the run of Landlocked Salmon that come from Wachusett Reservoir. Lake Trout also make their way from the reservoir and can be caught. Some of the small tributaries hold native Brook Trout.. The Massachusetts State Record for Landlocked Salmon is 10lb 2 oz. The Salmon was caught in the Wachusett Reservoir back in 1985. \*The Wachusett Reservoir is a protected watershed. Strict regulations are enforced. If you plan to fish the reservoir make sure you know the laws/regulations.**

## **Andy's Tips:**

- 5 Weight Rod , Floating line, 4x—6x Tippet    -East branch of the Swift river has Salmon
- Bright colored streamers, some weighted
- Best time is October through November early morning and late in the day into the evening are best.
- Water flow fluctuates, best fishing is after the high water. Check in with the crew at Concord Outfitters to confirm ( 978 318-0330 ) before heading up. Make sure to stop by the shop and say hello..



## January CCTU Meeting continued...

Below are Andy's "go to flies"





## Stillwater River: Sterling MA

The Stillwater River is part of the Nashua River watershed. This river is part of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority system that supplies drinking water to the greater Boston area.

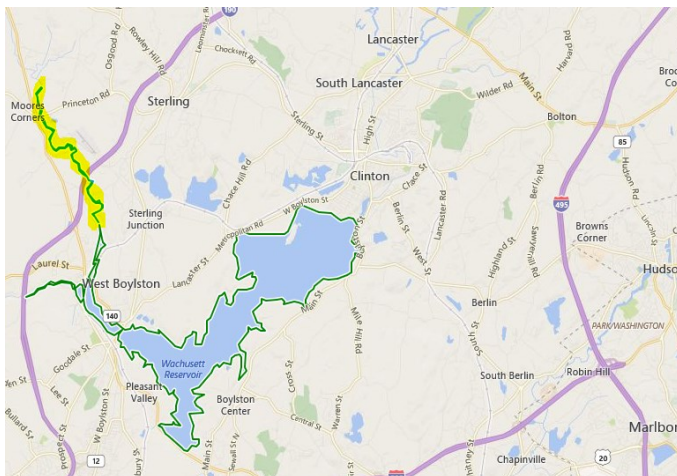
The Stillwater River heads in Princeton, Massachusetts, the watershed generally known as the Upper Worcester Plateau, or the Monadnock Upland. This watershed tops at Wachusett Mountain, the highest feature in the area. Water flows east of this area feed the Nashua River Watershed and water flows west of this area feed the Ware River Watershed or the Millers River. This river flows through portions of Sterling, Rutland, and Holden before entering the confluence of the Quinapoxet and Nashua Rivers at the Wachusett Reservoir.

The Stillwater and Quinapoxet Rivers are the two major tributaries to the Wachusett Reservoir.

About 47% of the Stillwater sub-basin is permanently protected open space.

Cover/Structure: Coves, inlets, brush, ledges., beaver dams

Spot Access: Parking (car/truck), Cartop boat launching area, Shore fishing access, Fly Fishing,



## January CCTU Meeting continued...





# **Cape Cod Trout Unlimited**

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Brett, Tim, and Dave B. hauling a log down to the river.



# 2016 CCTU Cape Cod Pond Challenge Winner

## Ted Patlen

Ted caught trout in 15 different ponds throughout Cape Cod to take the 2016 CCPC. He'll take home a \$35.00 gift certificate to the Bears Den . Congratulations!



\*\*\*The 2017 CCTU Cape Cod Pond Challenge tracker is at the end of this newsletter. Forms will also be available at our monthly meetings.



**Cape Cod Trout Unlimited (CCTU)**

# ***Fly Fishing School***

***May 5, 6, 7, 2017***

***Oak Crest Lodge, Peters Pond***

***Sandwich, Cape Cod, Massachusetts***



- Experienced, enthusiastic instructors
- Hands-On Learning with lines, knots, fly tying & fly casting
- Techniques for fly fishing streams, ponds, and saltwater
- Trout stream entomology, conservation, and restoration

**All instruction, meals and lodging for one very reasonable fee**

*Additional information and application at [www.capecodtu.org](http://www.capecodtu.org) or contact:*

**Alan Alai**

Cell: 508-468-5194

Email: [CCTUflyfish@aol.com](mailto:CCTUflyfish@aol.com)

# Classifieds

**\*I have a beautiful framed Atlantic Salmon print by Michael Cove**

**#282 of 500. Barn-board frame 19"W x 16"H**

**\$75 cash & carry**

**Contact: Paul Richards [striper239@gmail.com](mailto:striper239@gmail.com)**



**\*I have a 9' Orvis Silver Label 9 wt saltwater rod, reel, line with hard carry case for sale. Cash of \$295.00 . Can view at our February (2/8) meeting Liberty Hall, Marston Mills,**

**Jim Driscoll or call 508-398-9277**



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# January's Fishing Photos



Dave Burkitt's Scargo Smallmouth



Scott Dietrich's Rainbow



Dave Burkitt's Rainbow



Scorton Creek



Dave Burkitt's other Rainbow

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Contact David Palmer at ***ccturollcast4@gmail.com***

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***[www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/licensing](http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dfg/licensing)***

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