

# THE ROLLCAST

THE eNews LETTER of CAPE COD TU CHAPTER 460

**JANUARY 2016**



**January Meeting**

**Wednesday January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Liberty Hall, Marstons Mills 6:00pm**

**Speaker at 7:00pm**

**Bob Romano**

**"Fishing Maine's Rangeley Lakes"**

Bob is the author of several books. He will be speaking on fishing the Rangeley Lakes region between Errol, NH and Rangeley along Route 16. Where and when to fish along with flies and techniques for catching trophy size brook trout and landlocked salmon will be discussed.

**Fly Tying Class with Bob Romano**

**4:00pm to 6:00pm January 13<sup>th</sup> before the meeting**

**Flies for Rangeley**

**\$25.00 includes pizza dinner**

**Call Scott Dietrich to reserve a seat**

**508-776-9667**

**ccflyfish@hotmail.com**

## **Presidents Message**

Happy 2016!!! Well the Holidays are winding down and we are finishing up the warmest December on record with a little reminder of what the white stuff looks like. I was actually fishing for striped bass into mid-December which is a first for me and a nice way to finish out 2015. As I look back on 2015 I want to thank some of the many people that make our Cape Cod Trout Unlimited Chapter such a great organization!

First off is Scott Dietrich who has just finished up serving on the Board of Directors and as Past President. Scott has served on the Board for 20 straight years and still remains fully committed to helping our Chapter. He's not going anywhere just taking a break from Board meeting but he will still be helping with our speakers and fly tying nights.

Our newsletter is not complete without the *Random Casts* section that is written in his own unique style by Howie Strathie aka Red Quill. Howie has been doing this main feature of the Rollcast for many years. He will be laid up for a couple months and we will try to get by but will be looking forward to seeing his writing and presence at our monthly meeting later this spring. Wishing you a speedy recovery!

Our Annual Banquet is a group effort from a lot of people. But we certainly benefit from the experienced help of Jerry Sutelman and Wayne and Barbara Miller. These folks really bring the facility plan and organization of the raffles that are the key to our most important fund raising event of the year.

The Fly Fishing School is another Chapter activity that requires a lot of planning and coordination to be as successful as it has been. I want to thank John Griener and Patrick Grenier for all the hard work making this happen.

The Quashnet River project has been the conservation focus of this Chapter since it was formed. We all owe the man that has been there from the start, Fran Smith a big thank you. His many years of hard labor and commitment to this river is evident in every river bend, undercut bank, J-dam, deflector and many of the trees you encounter wondering this tranquil special piece of the Cape.

I also want to thank all the members of the Board for all their efforts and hard work throughout the year to keep our Chapter on track and running smooth. Pat Grenier does things from making chowders to teaching fly casting. Tim Lynch keeps the finances in perfect order, helps manage the web site. Bret Bokelkamp records all our meetings and puts on a great saltwater presentation too. I also thank the other members Dan McGovern, Alan Alai, Roberta Mazzoli, Dave Palmer and John Griener. They manage the meeting raffle tickets, to having coffee and great food items at meetings, assisting with our online communication and helping with everything else.

Thanks so much for a great 2015 and looking forward to 2016,

Dan Tobin  
President Cape Cod Trout Unlimited



## *Random Casts* for January 2016

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

*New and archived Rollcast's can be read at the CCTU website: CAPECODTU.org  
(The Massachusetts Environmental Police Radio Room 1-800-632-8075—on alert 24/7)*

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# *HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

Red was “scooped” last month by an article in the CC Times on the problems down on the **Santuit River**. The lead line to the story was “Trout Limited”? *Trout Limited*?! It is hard to be cutting edge when creating a monthly newsletter. That said, it would have been nice to see some reference made to Fran Smith, CCTU it self, or the members of CCTU who have worked for over 35 years on the Santuit's sister stream, the Quashnet. We really need to get better “known” on the Cape by getting some positive PR published on CCTU, the Quashnet, Red Brook, and all the thingies CCTU has preformed locally to preserve the Capes salter brook trout streams and rivers. Here is a starter...*CCTU has been advocating for salters for 35 years now and counting.*

**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 Tuer's. Red Brook info? Warren “Windknot” Winders @ 781-878-1074. *CCTU-ers! It is highly recommended that you call “Windknot” before trekking to Red Brook!*

- √ **THE FLY FISHING SHOW — Marlboro, MA — January 22, 23, 24**
  - √ **The FLY FISHING SHOW — Somerset, NJ — January 29, 30 & 31**
  - √ **The BEARS DEN SHOW — February 20th (one day only)...FREE!**
- (Use Google for more up-to-date info on these shows)*

Fifty years ago or so Red fished the **Pamet River** for trout east of Route 6. Back then there was no dune break-thru as yet and you cud drive down one side and back up the other. “RQ” did not use fly tackle as the meandering fishery was almost entirely surrounded by acres and acres of marsh grass and reeds which made backcasts, more or less, impossible. He used spin tackle but light weight stuff like 2# to 4# test lines, small Colorado spinners, an Al's Goldfish or salmon eggs, ultralite Orvis 50A reels and fiber glass rods...his “fav” being a 6' St Croix all dressed up with Aetna foul-proof guides. The fishing was tough as the banks were seldom “pruned” back by other anglers. I suppose those days are gone forever as the river has changed it's character—due to the barrier dune breaks we think. Any old-timers wanna comment? e-mail: [strathie@aol.com](mailto:strathie@aol.com)

## WEATHER CANCELLATIONS? QUASHNET UPDATES?

# CAPECODTU.org

**This will be up-to-date info. We do not use radio stations any longer for weather cancellations of CCTU meetings or Quashnet workdays. See website for changes.**



The town of Mashpee is looking for grant funds (about \$85,000) to plan and build a **walking trail** extending from roughly the Mashpee Library over to Mashpee High School...about a nice 10 minute stroll. The trail (running parallel with Route 151, more or less) will require a brand new 4' wide, 25' long bridge over the Quashnet to be built out of fiberglass and held in position by "screw technology". And while not anywhere near the building stage as yet, this bridge is obviously is not going to be on a par with the Old North Bridge, eh? Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote a poem that is chiseled on the Minute Man monument at the bridge in Concord starting, "*By the rude bridge that arched the flood...*" Now go back and substitute fiberglass for rude and see what a bad idea that really is. It grates. More planning needed Red thinks.

**The FLY TYERS RENDEZVOUS** sponsored by the **Catskill Fly Tyers Guild** will be held on April 2, 10 am to 3 pm at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center in Roscoe. Mark your calendars. For more info on the Guild or the Rendezvous simply GOOGLE: Catskill Fly Tyers Guild. Google the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce for where-to-stay info! It is getting harder to find.

## **FOREWARNED! *Get those fishing licenses & permits today.***

**2016 LICENSES AVAILABLE NOW.** Hunting, sporting, fishing, and trapping licenses are now available for purchase through [MassFishHunt](#), at a [license vendor location](#), or at a [DFW office](#). **Anyone 15 or older needs a license in order to fish in freshwater.** (*Except on Nantucket, it is rumored, no license is needed! Would someone please explain this to Red?*) ALL licenses are sold thru the internet only. DIY from home, but have your charge card handy.

**FISHING! HUNTING! TRAPPING! SALTWATER! SPORTING!**

## **TWO MONTH PLUS HIATIS FOR THE RANDOM CASTS COLUMN**

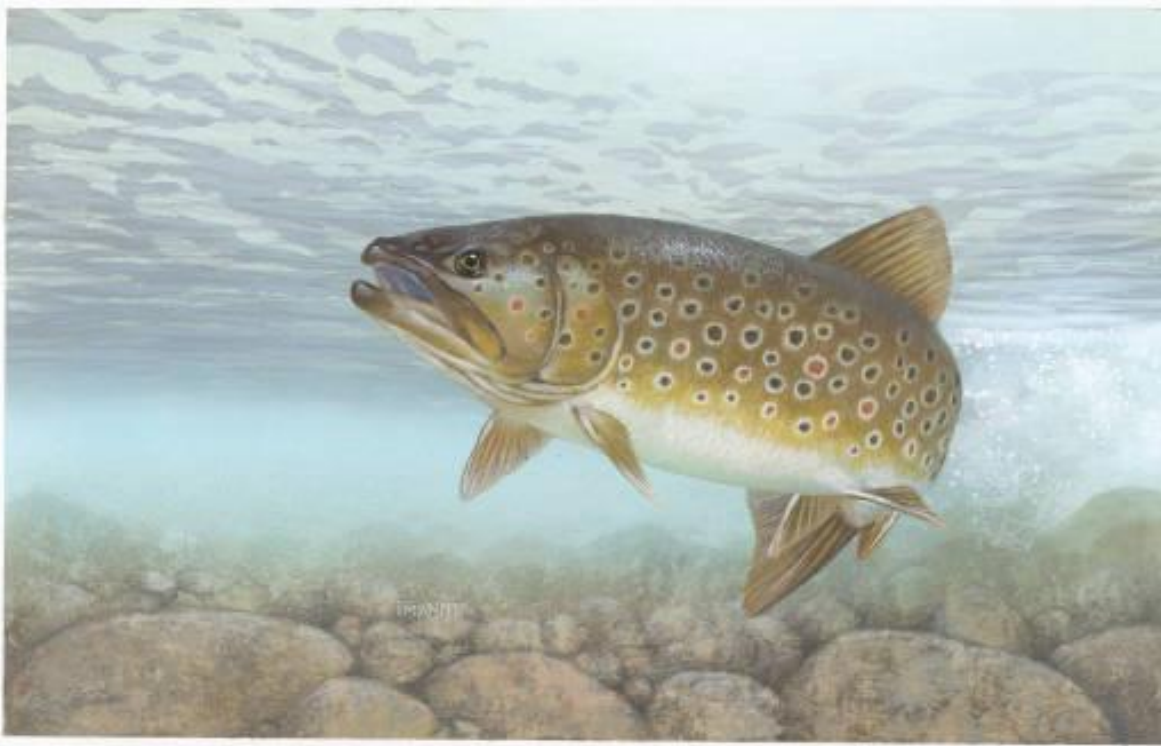
**Do not look for the Random Casts column afta this the January issue of the Rollcast...well, at least for a couple of months anyway.** Red has to have a medical procedure done which will prohibit him from walking for 2 plus months and he can get nowhere near his computer with that kinda deterrent. The sooner he has this orthopedic problem taken care of the sooner he will be back setting type. In the meantime Dan Tobin will be the sole staff member left on the Rollcast masthead. See him for newsletter submissions, letters to the editor, etc.. In a nutshell—the CCTU Rollcast newsletter will still ramble on but no Random Casts column will appear. Red hopes that afta 2 or 3 months or so he will be back again sorting thru the "P"s & "Q"s!

The annual **CCTU Christmas Party/Meeting** was a rousing success for the 30 to 35 odd people in attendance. A trying material sale (**Stan Moak's** old stuff) was held as well as a fishing book sale. Traditional refreshments were a big hit...thanks **Robbin**. And an old friend put in an appearance...past RollcastT editor, **Bob Golder**. The new BOD was voted in and Dan Tobin retained his "presidentness". Many thanks everyone! And oh ya, **Wayne & Barbara** announced that they are now comfortably ensconced in their new house in West Barnstable.

**Linda Nelson** recently donated several, fine quality, cane and graphite rods to the Chapter for its fundraising campaign. A few just may remember years ago when Linda (Golder back then) was the CCTU Prez. She is now leaving the Cape for good and moving to a Boston suburb. No more angling in her future it seems. Good luck on your move Linda.

### **GOOD NEWS / BAD NEWS DEPARTMENT!**

As reported in the Mashpee Enterprise: **Good news:** the towns of Falmouth and Mashpee, who traditionally did not have a master plan in place to guide them on a joint conservation work effort on the Quashnet/Moonakis River corridor (each having it's own agenda) have agreed to work together...join forces. **Bad news:** an algae bloom was spotted in the Mashpee River in mid December! A December algae bloom? Well it has been rather warm, eh?



### **Winter Fly Tying Nights:**

The CCTU fly tying nights will start in January. 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 interest to stay at Liberty Hall on the following Wednesday evenings:

January 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>

February 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

March 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Quashnet River Workday:**

The January Quashnet River workday will be on Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00am and meeting at the Martin Road gate. Come on down and join the gang as we continue to work to improve the habitat for wild native brook trout in this river. As you may have read recently it appears that the native brook trout population in the nearby Santuit River seems to have been wiped out this past summer. The work to preserve wild fish is very important here on Cape Cod!

### **Spring Banquet:**

Mark your calendar and make plans for the CCTU Annual Banquet this which will again be held at the Riverway Lobster House in Yarmouth. The date will be on Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm to 7:00pm. Look for more details in future Rollcast Newsletters.

### **Fly Fishing School:**

Our 2016 annual CCTU Fly Fishing School will be held at the Oak Crest Lodge in Sandwich from Friday May 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>. This is our same great school at a new location. 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.

### **CCTU Spring Fishing Trip:**

The CCTU group fishing trip this spring will be returning to the rivers of the Catskills. The trip is scheduled to take place during the week known as "Bug Week" in that area and should have conditions for lots of rising fish and dry fly fishing. The dates will be in early June with exact dates to be posted soon. We are planning on staying at the Riverside Café and Lodge in Roscoe, NY.

### **Share a Story with Our Readers:**

As Red Quill reported in the *Random Casts* section he will be off his feet for a bit and unable to provide in us with his wit and entertaining wisdom for a couple of months. So 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: [ccturollcast@gmail.com](mailto:ccturollcast@gmail.com)



## **The 2016 CCTU Executive Board:**

### **Officers:**

Dan Tobin – President

Patrick Grenier – Vice President

Tim Lynch – Treasurer

Bret Bokelkamp – Treasurer

### **Board Members at Large:**

Dan McGovern

Alan Alai

Dave Palmer

Roberta Mazzoli

Charles Orr

Steve Williamson

### **Classified Ads:**

Two fly reels for sale. Both in near mint condition. No backing.

Redington RS2 3/4 wide arbor. Orig retail \$109

Redington SV II (4-6 wt lines). Orig retail \$79

Each \$55 or both for \$99. Pick-up only.

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



Thanks for looking this month's issue! Let me know if you have any comments or news or articles to share. Dan Tobin – Rollcast Editor. [ccturollcast@gmail.com](mailto:ccturollcast@gmail.com)



**Cape Cod Trout Unlimited (CCTU)**

# ***Fly Fishing School***

***May 13-15, 2016***

***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:*

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