

THE ROLLCAST

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March Meeting
Wednesday March 9th
Liberty Hall, Marstons Mills 6:00pm

Bob Rifchin
Fishing the "Worm Hatch"

Bob will be discussing the worm hatch, how to fish it and its importance to stripers. This will be an informative presentation that will have you ready to plan and fish for stripers effectively when the stripers are feeding on worms

Also

A Fly Tying Class with Bob Rifchin

Learn a basic and effective worm pattern for spring stripers, as well as bunker, sandeel flies, and silversides all useful for the spring season. We will go as far as time allows in our two hour session. Basic skills are required for these patterns, so bring your vises and tools. Bob will have materials and will introduce UV sensitive varnish in some of the flies (if you have any of that or a brand you like, bring it along but Bob will have some as well).

4:00pm to 6:00pm March 9th before the meeting

\$25.00

Call Scott Dietrich to reserve a seat

508-776-9667

ccflyfish@hotmail.com

Presidents Message

We are nearing the end of winter and it is time to start thinking about the coming spring, with better weather, some fishing and all the many other activities that are ahead. At Cape Cod Trout Unlimited we have many activities planned and we hope that many of our members will be involved and support the Chapter.

Our speaker this month is Bob Rifchin. Many of you may have met Bob in the past as he has been active in the fishing scene for many years as a writer, and at the fishing shows. Bob has been an active member in the Southeast Mass Chapter and in the Greater Boston Chapter of Trout Unlimited but has more recently moved to the Cape.

Bob has written for many publications beginning in the early 70's that you may be familiar with including: United Fly Tyer's Roundtable Magazine, On the Water, Massachusetts Wildlife, American Angler, Fly Fisherman, Fly Fishing Saltwater and others. His degrees in both Education and Wildlife Biology make him a good teacher of fishy things. His presentation will be on fishing the "*worm hatch*" which is a unique and challenging fishing when it happens on saltwater ponds and estuaries here on the Cape and elsewhere. Come learn more about fishing this annual phenonemum. Bob will also be teaching a fly tying class before the regular meeting. This is a great opportunity to learn some new flies and techniques so sign up today!

The Quashnet Rive workday is Sunday March 20th this month. This is our annual "Back to the Quashnet" day at the River. Fran Smith will be leading the activities as usual and we will be preparing for a tree planting in April. We hope to have many members turn out for this workday and we will have some very good chowder and beverage for all participants after the workday in the parking lot. This is a great time to help our important Chapter conservation effort and share some time together with other CCTU members.

We are also preparing for our annual banquet being held again at the Riverway Lobster House in Yarmouth on Sunday April 17th beginning at 3:00pm. There is more information and registration information further on in the newsletter. If you would like to donate an item to the auction that is very much appreciated too and the information is there also.

The annual CCTU Fly Fishing School is happening from May 13th to the 15th on Peter's Pond in Sandwich. This is a great opportunity for someone to learn fly fishing from the many very talented members of our Chapter. The school will be held at a new location the "*Oak Crest Lodge*" which should be a great place to learn fly fishing. Please let someone that might be interested in this know about this affordable learning opportunity.

I really hope you will get involved in one or more of these activities that we have going on at CCTU! Our Chapter has over 300 members and we are looking to have activities that will benefit our members and sport we all enjoy.

Tight lines,

Dan Tobin
President Cape Cod Trout Unlimited

The North Woods



Sunrise over the lake was, as always, a glorious display of nature at its finest. Loons in the distance yodeled eerily through the morning mist which rose from the mirrored surface of the water. Sugar maples were ablaze in their autumn glory as they stood watch like sentinels around the edge. Their unspoken duty was to protect this pristine image of natural splendor from intrusion by the “real” world of brick and concrete. A faint breeze stirred, and an unmistakable hint of sweet pine and fresh earth was carried through the air. All in all, it was a beautiful morning in the north woods, and it was good to be here to drink it all in.

No cottages could be seen, and the only sign of life came from the occasional tiny rings which appeared on the water. Below these ripples were unseen turtles, frogs and perch sipping at floating midges or tasting the sweet morning air.

The boat drifted along not far from the small, tree covered island near the northern end of the lake. Boulders of all sizes surrounded the island and spilled into the water, making it necessary for one to take care in moving about. The shallow hull allowed for easy maneuvering into just the right spots for casting a line into this prime smallmouth habitat.

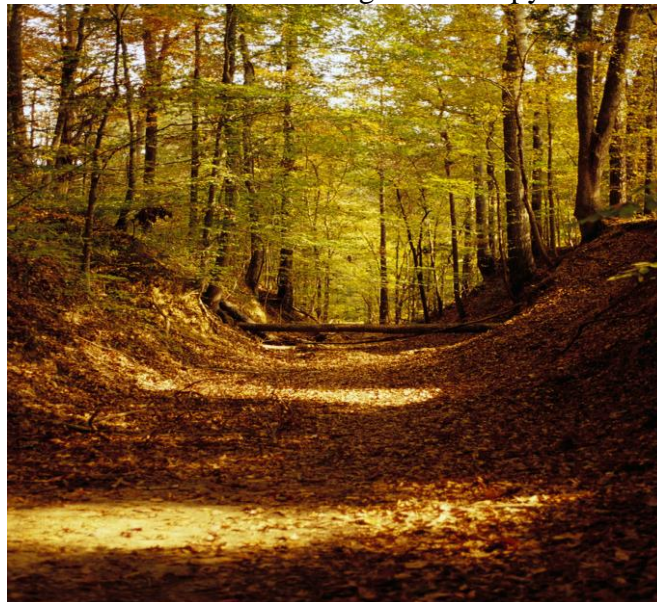
When the anchor was lowered, the fisherman began his slow, arcing cast. Behind him the line stretched and flowed in a graceful crescendo of practiced rhythm. Then he released the line and it shot forward towards the deep pool, where it gently alighted, carefully depositing the delicate fly to a perfect location. There the bits of fur and feather drifted momentarily, followed by a twitch, barely perceptible. One could almost sense the fish suspended below, suspiciously eyeing the tempting treat, evaluating it with its tiny fish brain and relying on millennia of evolved instincts to enable this species to survive. Finally, the fish’s hunger became so overwhelming that it threw caution to the wind. In one quick move, it rose up and snatched the fly from the surface. Instantly it sensed its mistake, but by then the fisherman felt the line tighten and lifted the rod to set the hook. A struggle ensued as the fish did its utmost to free itself. It

flailed and leapt until nearly exhausted. The fisherman began to retrieve line, bringing the fish closer to the boat. Reaching down, he lifted the impressive creature, carefully handling his prize so as to not fatally injure it. He proudly inspected his catch – its firm, plump body and glistening scales made it a fine specimen.

The fish's fight was a thrilling reward to the fisherman. Now it was time for this creature to return to the safety of its watery home. The fisherman gently lowered his catch into the water, holding it just below the surface to ensure that it was fully revived before letting it go. When the fish felt the surge of oxygen through its gills, it darted off to hide under a tangle of rocks and branches beyond the reach of other human predators. The fisherman sat back in ultimate satisfaction.

As the day wore on, many more encounters between man and fish took place, and all were resolved in the same way. The fish learned to be more wary and the fisherman learned to appreciate his prey's ability to survive. A peaceful coexistence was reached between man and nature.

Dusk came to the north woods like a welcome friend bearing gifts. Long, golden streams of light bathed the landscape, stretching its fingers deeply into the stands of fir trees. Even ordinary objects took on a new dimension when engulfed by the glow of early evening. Mere stumps of old trees were transformed into radiant pediments. The red and orange leaves became illuminated – as if a lamp had been turned on to brighten a dark room. Streaks of scarlet, violet and turquoise appeared across the sky, dotted with the dark shapes of flocking birds winging their way towards their evening roost in some distant grove. The trilling and warbling of daytime birds gave way to a chorus of crickets, frogs and an occasional hoot from an owl. If you listened closely, you could almost hear the earth sigh as if sleepy from the exertion of the day.





Into the cove near the cabin, the fisherman steered the boat until it reached the timbers of the dock. He rose stiffly and stretched his legs while climbing out of the boat. He carried his gear up the path to his front porch, piling them neatly near the door in anticipation of repeating his activities the next day. Entering the log structure, he was greeted by the warmth of a fire in the field stone hearth and the smell of dinner on the stove lovingly prepared by his wife. They enjoy the meal and pleasant conversation about the day, followed by some quiet time to read and dream by the glow of the fire. Life is good in the north woods.

By Joan for Paul Richards
Sept. 19, 2007

This story was provided to us this month by Paul Richards. I appreciate his contributions while usual scribe "Red Quill" is on the mend. And by the way he is making improvement and we look forward to having his Random Casts section back in the Rollcast soon. If anyone would like to contribute a story to the Rollcast please drop me an email.

Thanks,

Dan Tobin
Rollcast Editor
ccturollcast@gmail.com

2016 Cape Cod Trout Unlimited Spring Fundraising Banquet

We are pleased to announce that our 2016 Spring Fundraising Banquet will be held on Sunday, April 17th at the Riverway Lobster House on Route 28 in Yarmouth, MA starting at 3 p.m. The cost for dinner, including appetizers and dessert, will be \$35 per person. There will be a cash bar available. In addition to dinner, there will be many silent auction and live auction items, bucket raffles and a special raffle for the Jim Stewart Memorial fly box -- a hand-crafted, large display box filled with hundreds of flies tied by CCTU chapter members. We will also be presenting the Al Brewster Award to the 2016 Recipient.

This is the main fundraising event for the Chapter, so please keep that in mind when bidding on auction items and purchasing raffle tickets. There will great selection of items to bid on and raffled, both fishing-related and not. If you are unable to join us at the banquet, please consider purchasing tickets for the special raffle by sending in a check with the form below.

For more information and directions, please see <http://www.capecodtu.org> or contact Wayne and Barbara Miller at wamdoc@aol.com. If you would like to donate an item or service please contact Dan Tobin at ccturollcast@gmail.com

Thanks for your support and looking forward to seeing you at the banquet.

----- (Clip and send with your check) -----

Please send _____ tickets to the **2016 Cape Cod Trout Unlimited Spring Banquet** to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I can't make the banquet, but please send me _____ raffle tickets for the Jim Stewart Memorial Fly Box (\$???? Each).

Make checks payable to **Cape Cod Trout Unlimited**. Mail your check with this form to: **Barbara Miller, P.O. Box 711, West Barnstable, MA 02668**

Cape Cod Trout Unlimited

Annual Banquet Menu

April 17, 2016

Upon Arrival

Cheese, Fruit & Crudités

Bruschetta

Seafood Stuffed Mushrooms

Coconut Chicken with Honey Ginger Dipping Sauce

To Start

(Served to each guest)

Caesar Salad or Quahog Chowder

Buffet

Baked Cod Palmer

(Baked Cod topped with fresh basil, tomato, mozzarella & crumbs)

Chicken Françoise

Carved Prime Rib of Beef

Roasted Potatoes

Vegetable Medley

Dessert

Chocolate Caramel Cake

Coffee, tea & soft drinks included

CAPE COD TROUT UNLIMITED - UPCOMING EVENTS

Quashnet Workday: The workday on the Quashnet River will be Sunday March 20st this month. We will meet at the Martin Road gate in Falmouth at 9:00am and work to about 12:00noon. This is the *"Back to the Quashnet Workday"*. Bring waders, work gloves and dress for the weather. This is a nice time of the year to see the river. Come by and join in with other CCTU members.

For questions and/or additional info contact Tim Lynch at cctuflyfish@comcast.net or call him at: 508-274-0936.

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 17th from 3:00pm to 7:00pm**. Look for more details and to purchase tickets in future Rollcast Newsletters. Always good raffle and auction items so plan to come and support the Chapter for this important annual event. If you would like to donate an item for the raffle or auction please contact: Dan Tobin: ccturollcast@gmail.com or 774-353-7066

Fly Fishing School:

Our 2016 annual CCTU Fly Fishing School will be held at the Oak Crest Lodge in Sandwich from Friday May 13th to Sunday 15th. This is our same great school at a new location. Look for more details ahead and think about someone that you might know who 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 Monday June 6th and leaving on Friday June 10th. We are planning on staying at the Riverside Café and Lodge in Roscoe, NY.

Contact the Riverside Café directly to make your reservations:

16624 County Highway 17
Roscoe, NY 12776
(607) 498-5305

Fly Tying Nights

We will be tying flies at Liberty Hall on Wednesday March 16th, 23rd and 30th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. This is a great time to learn new patters and techniques or even learn to tie a fly if you never have before. Equipment and materials are available if needed.



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 or contact:

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