

THE ROLLCAST

THE eNews LETTER of CAPE COD TU CHAPTER 460

May 2016



May Meeting

Wednesday May 11th

Liberty Hall, Marstons Mills 6:00pm

Francis Smith

The Quashnet River

Come out to see, hear and learn about the history of the Quashnet River and the involvement of the CCTU in the rivers' restoration. Fran Smith (our recent Al Brewster Award Recipient) and the river guru, has been there from the beginning! He continues to lead the efforts of the CCTU and others for the last 40 years!!! He will take us through the history of the river from a wild steam, to a cranberry bog, and back to its more natural condition. See the dramatic improvements that have taken place over the years. This is a rare and unique opportunity to see and learn how the improvements are made and how this has greatly improved the habitat and the fishing. The Quashnet is now a premier wild brook trout fishery in the State.

This will be our last meeting until September so don't miss it!



Francis Smith
Cape Cod Trout Unlimited 2016 “Al Brewster Award” recipient

Presidents Message

Welcome to the month of May and I hope you are outdoors enjoying all the beauty that starts to unfold this month. Trout are rising to midges on all our local ponds and striped bass have returned to our beaches and estuaries and the leaves will be on the trees soon.

We held a successful Annual Banquet and I want to thank the many people who made that possible again this year. There were 59 attending and we were able to raise about \$3,600 for the Chapter. Thanks Barbara Miller for handling the ticket sales! Thanks to the many donation items received from so many of our members and friends of the Chapter! There was truly quite a selection of great items available for the bucket raffles, silent auction and even live auction items this year. Thanks to Bret Bokelkamp for arranging for our "Auctioneer" this year.

We also awarded the "*Al Brewster Award*" to a most deserving chapter member Francis Smith! Fran is a founding member of this chapter and past president not only this Chapter but also the Trout Unlimited Regional Council in his many years of service. We know him also as the guy who has keeps the restoration efforts on the Quashnet River moving forward. I want to thank Matt Patrick who has known and worked with Fran in the Quashnet River and on Beacon Hill for attending and speaking about Fran.

The May Chapter meeting will be a look at the history and ongoing efforts by the CCTU led by Fran Smith restoring the Quashnet River. Don't miss the opportunity to hear him discuss and see the pictures of the process of bringing back this wonderful little river. There will also be plenty of talk about how the native brook trout have responded, the aquatic life improving and how to fish this unique little gem.

This is also last call if for the Fly Fishing School. Alan Alai, Pat Grenier and others have been working hard to put what will be a terrific program. Look for information below in this newsletter on how to sign-up or volunteer to help.

I hope to see many of you at our meeting this month and volunteering at the school.

Tight lines,

Dan Tobin
President Cape Cod Trout Unlimited



Random Casts for May 2016

Gossip, News, B.S. & Assorted Twaddle from Red Quill & 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)*

*Hi, guys & gals—Red “Q” is semi-back in action. First some sad news....***Jerry Sutelman** passed away in March and will be sorely missed at CCTU events. Jerry was a regular at the CCTU tying nites, the Chapter Banquet, the FF School and was a loyal attendee at our monthly meetings. He also served on our BOD. Previously a member of the CC Salties and the CC Flyrodders. An all-around good guy. Our thoughts go out to his widow, Pat Sutelman.

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 the “Windknot” before trekking all the way to Red Brook. Cutting edge **QUASHNET** info is to be found at our website Capecodtu.org

This is the month to consider your very first foray up to the Indian Head River for shad! No word yet on activity but from past experience now is the time to oil that reel and get started to Pembroke. The Indian Head River is located on the Hanover/Pembroke border and is 3.7 miles long. The Indian Head River was probably a fishing and travel spot for Wompatuck Indians. The river runs through the Luddams Ford Park. In November 1873, Eugene H. Clapp bought the property from George Curtis and built the Clapp Rubber Factory on the river. The factory is no longer there, but the mercury pollution from the factory still clings to the rocks and fish making it unsafe to drink the water and eat the fish. (a great reason to practice “Catch & Release”!) There is an area of earth and tree covered rubbery scrap pits along the river on the Pembroke side which people seem to get a kick out of by bouncing on when walking along. The river now has a man-made dam and fish ladder. Besides the spring shad migration the river is stocked with trout and at one time coho but no longer. There is a historic plaque that is embedded in the wall on the bridge that crosses the river at Elm Street. (Actually two bridges, the newer built at an angle atop the older so both are viewable.) And, altho we now look at the river recreationally as a shad & trout fishery, there is actually quite a long history of manufacturing activity at the site. FYI: The original anchor for the “Constitution” was made right here from local bog iron.

2016 Boaters’ Guide to Tides and Pump-out Facilities: This wallet-sized pamphlet from the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries Clean Vessel Act program contains information on the locations of pump-out facilities along the Massachusetts coastline and a June-September tide chart. Limited hardcopies are also available from Cecil French at: cecil.french@state.ma.us

Junction Pool--Roscoe, NY

NY Opening Day April 1st 2016

Air temp 62 degrees

Water temp 52.....NICE!



NEED A CATSKILL GUIDE?

Rick Miller, Phil Eggleton and Dick Smith

Red knows only one of the above guides (Dick) so he simply can't vouch for Rick & Phil but they must be good guys or they would not be arm-to-arm in the photo. Dick is on the right the one in the non-traditional baseball cap. I got hold of him recently; we talked and the following are his "creds". Dick has 40 years of experience and has guided for years on the B'kill, the Willow, all other Roscoe area waters. Bamboo rods bought, sold & traded as well. He lives right on the banks of the Beaverkill too!

Dick can be reached at: darbee1@juno.com or 607-498-602

Endangered species are just that—endangered! If you are saltwater angling and hook a fish that is endangered release it as soon as possible...handle it carefully please. If you catch a fish that is a “foreign species” to you, take the safest route and release it. And do not even think of harassing a whale especially a whale that is acting strangely as it may be sick or dying. Get help from the Coasties ASAP! *Have U ever thought of changing out those trebles on your lures for singles*

BUG WEEK! The Annual **CCTU Spring fishing trip** will be, once again, to Roscoe, NY. The room reservation is up to you however a few CCTUer’s already have reservations made at the Riverside Motel/Cafe, 16624 County Highway (Route 17), Roscoe, NY, 12776. **(607) 498-5305**. Are there any rooms left, you may well ask? Well who knows—if there are try to get ‘em **between June 6th and 10th**. Be aware that the Riverside is about a 15 minute haul from Roscoe off the highway (Route 17)...it’s not in downtown Roscoe. The Riverside Cafe and Bar is a tad pricey \$\$\$—but very good indeed. Situated right on the banks of the Beavertail.

and...

The Dette fishing report is updated & posted every day during the season @ 8am by Joe Fox at the Dette Fly Shop. (FYI: Dette rhymes with Betty.) The report is brief, accurate and available 24 hours a day. Shud any unusual conditions erupt the report will be updated at 6pm. Web: www.dettetroutflies.com or call: 607-498-5350. Active April 1st thru October 15th.



Mass F & W stocked over 500,000! trout beginning on the first of March. *Hmmm...*it seems to Red that we used to see stockings of somewhere nearer 350,000 stockies. If indeed true then we are getting a bigger bang for our buck. But I digress! The ponds usually get quite crowded about then—at least until the word spreads about the first local striper being caught. *Hmmm...*the “spring blitz?” More trout stockings can be expected sporadically thru fall albeit fewer ponds & lakes. Don’t forget your freshwater license and/or saltwater permit! And even if you get the so-called “free” permits, @ \$1.50 service charge each, you will need your credit card.

The Chapter was recently gifted with a cache of **fly fishing/tying books**, (perhaps 75!) donated to the Chapter by Ann Trautner. Ann is downsizing and these are her deceased husband's (Jay) collection. Jay and Red were long-time friends and fishing buds making numerous trips to the Catskills over the years. Thanks Ann for thinking about the Chapter and it's members.

One of the foremost cane rod craftsmen of our time, **Ron Kusse**, passed away in March at age 82. Ron worked for the Leonard Rod Company at one time and left to go out on his own years ago. His rods are some of the best examples of bamboo rod building craftsmanship & artistry.

The Chapter takes the summer off. With the exception of the Quashnet workdays there will be **NO CCTU MEETINGS HELD IN JUNE, JULY & AUGUST!** So don't come down to the Hall looking for a TU meeting this summer—however we do fire things up again in September.

The Southeast Mass TU chapter and **Project Healing Waters** meet with veterans on the third Wednesday of every month for fly tying at 5:30p.m. Building #4, Brockton V.A. Hospital. All are welcome. The address for the Brockton V.A. Hospital is 940 Belmont St. Brockton. That is route 123 just off route 24. Check the SEMTU website for more details.

Our congrats go out to Quashnet guru, **Fran Smith**, on being selected by the BOD as this years **AL BREWSTER AWARD** winner. Loyal CCTU members will say..."*What took yah so long?*" Whatever...Fran was presented with the prestigious award at the Annual Spring Banquet. CCTU vets, Brian Tucholke and Matt Patrick, were on hand with the kudos for Fran.

The Liberty Hall Club (our long-time landlord) has infrequent dining events thru-out the year. These are fundraisers for the Club to help in maintaining the Hall. ***FYI: the building is privately owned by the Liberty Hall Club and is not a town property.*** Look for Chicken Pie suppers, Ham & Bean dinners, Chicken BBQ's, things like that. The next delicious dinner is a...

CHICKEN PIE SUPPER!

Served right at Liberty Hall on Saturday,
MAY 7th from 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Delicious Dinner only \$10pp

(Salad, Chicken Pie, Coffee & Dessert!)

Eat In or Take Out / CCTU-ER's Welcomed

(Reserve your tickets ASAP as a sellout is not unusual)

Contact: Charlie Thifault @ 508-420-3147



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:

Alan Alai

Cell: 508-468-5194

Email: CCTUflyfish@aol.com

Quashnet River Workday:

The workday will be on a **Saturday** this month. We will be meeting on Saturday May 7th at 9:00am at the Martin Road gate. Come with waders, work gloves and dressed for the weather. This is a great time to see the river with Fran Smith and other CCTU member in advance of his presentation at the May Chapter meeting. Also think about trying some fishing there after the work is done.

Fly Fishing School:

Still time to sign up if you or someone you know is interested. We have several students already registered and it will be a real good school this year May 13th to 15th being held at the Oak Crest Lodge on Peters Pond in Sandwich! Also if you would like to help out at the school and have not spoken with Alan Alai give him a shout, he would be happy to hear from you! Alan can be reached at 508-468-5194 or CCTUflyfishschool@aol.com



Attendees at the 2016 CCTU Banquet at the Riverway Lobster House

Classified Ads:

For Sale: Temple Fork Outfitters 8' 6", 4pc, 3wt fly rod for sale. It's an in excellent condition \$99 shipped.
Paul Richards

