

# THE ROLLCAST

**The eNews Letter of Cape Cod T U Chapter 460**

**September 2018**



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## **President's Message**

"Picture Perfect" and "Picture Worth a 1000 Words" are common sayings. This edition of our Roll-cast won't disappoint, especially for those of us (like the fictional character Walter Mitty) that dream about future catches and fishing adventures or for those that simply want to fret about the outings that got away by seeing all our peers in action. Thanks to all for your submissions.

Summer and most of the traffic are now (soon to be) distant memories. The stocking trucks will soon be doing their assigned duties and pond fishing for trout will be picking up. Albies usually show around Labor Day and the Fall striper migration will begin shortly thereafter. Lots of fishing left to enjoy before we are back to the tying bench and dreaming about next year.

Even though the chapter took a summer break from chapter meetings, many of our programs continued uninterrupted. Volunteers met at the Quashnet River to advance the nationally recognized restoration project and at various Cape locations to cleanup lakes, ponds, and estuaries via the Kayak Cleanup. Both of these venues are a way to give back and they send a strong signal that CCTU cares about the environment and our fisheries. CCTU also applied for a grant from Trout Unlimited to move the Child's River Restoration Project forward and to reestablish a much more robust brook trout population. This month we will receive word about the grant's success. If approved, we will be purchasing, installing, and monitoring in-stream temperature and dissolved oxygen sensors. Our programs provide lots of opportunities to make a difference here on Cape.

The chapter experienced some great weather and excellent fishing for brown trout during the annual chapter, fishing trip. Moreover, the decision has already been made that Roscoe, NY (aka Trout Town USA) and fishing the various streams in the Catskills will be next June's CCTU destination. Put it on your calendar or at least your Bucket List!

"Embrace-a-Stream" photo contest had many participants and photos submitted for consideration. See a few of the exceptional entries submitted by Tom Kelly, Woody Mills, Ron Reif, and Josh Wrigley.

I am looking forward to another great year. We kick off this year with our Fall Picnic (Wed, 12 Sep, 1630 at Hamblin Pond). See you all in a few weeks.

Fish On!

Tim Lynch

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# Upcoming Events

## September Meeting: Wednesday September 12 at Hamblins Pond.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday September 12th. **This is our Kick-Off BBQ.** We will start around 4:30 and look to have dinner served at 5:30. See details further in the Rollcast.

## Kayak Clean-Up

Sunday September 9th

9:00AM –Noon

Bourne: Back River & Pocasset River

See details further in the Rollcast

## Quashnet River Workday: Sunday September 16th

We'll be meeting at the Martin Road gate at 9:. 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! Come and take a tour .



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## Upcoming Events continued...

### **Santuit River work with the Sea Run Brook Trout Coalition:**

Stay tuned for the next scheduled outing on the Santuit.

#### **Contact**

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### **Join the Southeast TU Chapter at the Westport Watershed Work Parties at Brookside Conservation area in Westport:**

Help restore Bread and Cheese Brook and protect the World renown Salter Brook Trout.

Meet us on the first Saturday of every month at the Brookside Conservation Area parking lot  
9AM.

The more the merrier.



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# CCTU September Meeting

Wednesday September 12th

## BBQ Meeting Hamblins Pond

**\*\*\*\* Wednesday September 12th is our Kick-Off BBQ meeting at Hamblin's Pond. \*\*\*\***

**We will start around 4:30 and look to have dinner served by 5:30.** If the weather doesn't cooperate, the BBQ Meeting will be held right up the street at Liberty Hall ,Marstons Mills. **Bring a friend and significant other...dinner around 5:30... fish or just enjoy stories, food, and drink. Bring a bag chair if you have one. We will have some tables and chairs.** \*This is a free event. Come on down!

### Hamblin's Pond

401 Route 149, Marstons Mills, MA 02655

Hamblin's Pond can be a little tricky to find. From Route 28 traveling north on Route 149, make a left just before the Marstons Mills Cemetery, across from 420 Route 149. This is the entrance to the town pond beach.

A couple pictures from last year.

# Quashnet River *News*

## **The next Quashnet River Restoration work day will be September 16**

Below is a report from our Quashnet Leader Francis Smith regarding the August 19<sup>th</sup> work conducted on the river.

“We had a grand ole time on the Quashnet yesterday where we placed two root wads in a large pool at the head of Section 6 and installed two ‘J’ vane logs in the lower/middle area of Section 5. The two 10-foot work boats we use were repositioned for easy access next month when we are planning to plant lots of trees. I will need all hands-on deck for this round of tree planting and if all goes as hoped we will plant again in October. Attendance in August and the work accomplished was volunteered by Jim Driscoll, Charles Orr, Justin Fleming, Tim Lynch and yours truly. While on the river we saw rising trout just feet from where we were quietly working with sludge hammers! I guess those fish were hungry!

Water levels in the river are good and the water was cool. We also saw a good number of brookies scooting around while going about our business.

I will contact Steve Hurley to see if he can provide the electroshocking dates for mid to late September.”



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# Quashnet River *News continued*



Francis Smith positioning a root wad . (photo by Justin Fleming)



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# Quashnet River *News continued*



Jim Driscoll strategically staging the root wad. (Photo by Justin Fleming)



Woody Debris making its way into place. (Photo by Justin Fleming)



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# Quashnet River *News continued*



Charles Orr hammering home the spike while Francis Smith holds the log into place. Jim Driscoll and Tim Lynch in the background. (Photo by Justin Fleming)



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# Conservation Corner

## Sea Run Brook Trout Coalition .

Check out their web-site (<https://www.searunbrookie.org>) and

Like them on Facebook.



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## Southeastern Massachusetts Trout Unlimited

Chapter Stream Team - Westport River Watershed

John Kokoska and Steve Angers, both of Red Brook Fame, have started a new restoration effort in the Westport River Watershed. The Westport River Watershed encompasses the towns of Westport, Dartmouth, Fall River, and in Rhode Island, Tiverton and Little Compton. We meet on the first Saturday of the month at the Brookside Conservation area off of Route 177 in Westport. This gives TU the access to Bread & Cheese Brook. B&C will be the initial restoration focus as there are 2 breached dams that need to be removed. All funds donated will be used for this effort. If you live on the South Coast and are looking for a dynamic project to join the Westport River Watershed will be the place to donate your time, effort, and money.

# Conservation Corner

## Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife Fall Electroshocking Schedule

Stay tuned for the Preliminary Fall Shocking schedule for sea run brook trout . The details will be sent out as soon as a schedule is set.

### **BARNSTABLE WATER QUALITY ASSISTANT**

Ron Lasko, CCTU member and Author of **A TALE OF TWO RIVERS**, has been working with the Town of Barnstable as a **Water Quality Assistant** collecting water samples from the town's freshwater Lakes & Ponds including the managed trout waters: **Lovells, Hathaway, Hamblins & where Ron resides, Shubael Pond**; along with conducting laboratory analysis. Ron says he is honored to be doing work in his own town that protects public health, the watersheds and the fish & animal life. The Town of Barnstable has 182 freshwater lakes & ponds of which 24 are classified as 'Great Ponds' and four are managed as trout fisheries. Ron finds that the knowledge & experience he is gaining in this endeavor will be of great value in his review of trout watersheds everywhere. Overall Cape Cod has more than 1,000 freshwater Lakes & Ponds and 30 managed trout lakes & ponds.

# “KEEPEMWET”

## June Photo Contest

Everyone had a chance to show off a fish along with your photography skills. We were looking for some of those catch and release techniques. During the month of **June** we took part in the “Keepemwet” contest, taking some photos of fish (fresh or salt) in the water or just above the water-dripping wet. Members submitted photos to our Rollcast Newsletter e-mail at [ccturollcast4@gmail.com](mailto:ccturollcast4@gmail.com).

At the end of the month a contest committee chose the winning photos. There were a total of 6 fishing clubs on Cape Cod participating in the event.. They are as follows: Osterville Anglers Club, Cape Cod Salties, Cape Cod Flyrodders, My Fishing Cape Cod, Cape Cod Trout Unlimited, and the Buzzard’s Bay Angler’s Club.

Research has shown that keeping fish you plan to release in the water as much as possible goes a long way. Back in 2015, Bryan Huskey started Keepemwet, an organization that is spreading the word with some very basic principles and tips for better handling of fish that you plan to release. You can check out the details of the Keepemwet Movement at the following site:

<https://www.keepemwet.org/#home>

**Our CCTU winning Pictures are posted on the following few pages.**



Woody Mills keeping a very large Striper wet!



Tom Kelly with a beauty!



Schoolie pre-release—Tim Lynch



From the Beeverkill—Tim Lynch



Cool photo of a Largemouth Bass during the height of pollen season—Tim Lynch



Ron Reif's Daughter keeping a striper wet until release.



Josh Wrigley with a nice late night Keeper/release!

**Below is the Judges favorite.**

**The overall winner of the June KEEPEMWET photo contest is Tom Kelly's Largemouth Bass.**



# THE FEATHER THIEF – A Book Review

By Joseph D. Swaluk

Who amongst us (avid fly-tyers) has not salivated over a perfect blue dun hackle cape...or possibly purchased an illegal jungle cock neck from out of the trunk of a car...or maybe found an entire blue heron carcass only to let it lie, afraid of getting caught with a protected bird. Alas, it is a fact of life that serious fly tying many times requires feathers of rare or endangered species. Where this leads a committed tyer is dependent on the person's individual moral compass. This is precisely what faced Edwin Rist in the true story THE FEATHER THIEF by Kirk Johnson.

This lively and entertaining book is really a crime drama with the added interest of being about the thievery of exotic feathers. Along the way, we meet a host of interesting characters from historical figures to the present day detectives who eventually solve the case and bring the perpetrator to justice. Of equal interest is the defense that is used by the lawyers to attempt to win an acquittal.

Edwin Rist is a passionate salmon fly-tyer whose desire for authentic materials brings him into contact with a collection of exotic bird skins. Alfred Russell Wallace, a contemporary of Charles Darwin, collected these. It is interesting to note that this collection led Wallace to the same conclusions about evolution as Darwin. Unfortunately, Darwin beat Wallace to publication and Wallace never received any credit for his work on the theory. The bird skins in question had been lying in repose in a stately English museum for over 150 years. This is the scene of the crime.

I found myself significantly more interested in this crime than I would be about the thievery of some crown jewels or gold bullion---treasures to which I could not possibly relate. Perhaps too, it shows that as a fellow fly-tyer, there is a little larceny in my soul.

THE FEATHER THIEF by Kirk Wallace Johnson

Viking, 2018

(Available through the Clams Library System here on the Cape)

## 2018 CCTU trip to the Catskills



Dave Burkitt, Tim Lynch, and Dan Tobin

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Fishing until you drop. Tim Lynch and Dan Tobin taking a break.



**CCTU/Osterville Village Library (OVL)**  
**Summer Festival Event**  
**July 11, 2018**

On July 11 CCTU participated in the Osterville Village Library's (OVL) Summer Celebration event "Up A Stream, Under a Tent".

CCTU provided demonstrations/instructional tips for fly tying and casting, as well as information about our chapter and the cold-water conservation mission of TU. Representing CCTU were Tim Lynch, Pat Grenier, Ted Patlen, Scott Dietrich, Joe Swaluk, Steve Petruska, Mike Howard and Tom Planert.

Attendance at the event was light, with the mid week afternoon timing perhaps a deterrent. However, our group was able to perk up some interest in fishing and conservation. Pat Grenier's fly casting area was particularly popular. Joe Swaluk displayed his outstanding fish artwork.

CCTU became involved with the OVL with the start of a Fly-Fishing Collection, which currently includes over 70 books. CCTU President Tim Lynch explained "CCTU members were looking for a good use of valuable books from their sometimes-extensive personal collections, and we are thrilled that OVL shared our vision for such a collection". Our intention is to grow the collection in coming years through further CCTU member donations of books in excellent physical condition from top authors.

The books are located in the Fireside Reading Room, sponsored by Carolyn Crossett Rowland. OVL Executive Director Cynthia Cotton noted, "Ms. Rowland was an avid fly fisherman herself, both on the Cape and also traveling many miles throughout the world in pursuit of trout. This attractive collection is very appropriate in this space."

Submitted by Mike Howard

# 2018 KAYAK CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE

## Kayak Cleanup 2018 Schedule

March 25<sup>th</sup> Spectacle Pond, Sandwich 9AM to Noon, Directions will be sent for each trip the month before, in the Rollcast. This is the first 2018 event, no tides to deal with and we are simply cleaning any garbage from the pond. We will check that all cleaning equipment, safety equipment and forms for each kayaker are ready. Don't forget to bring fishing gear for after the cleanup, as well. Again a map with directions and instructions will be sent for the event in March to give everyone plenty of time to prepare. I kept the meetings in the morning on Sundays starting at 9AM to noon. Cleanup areas were spread out on the Upper and Lower Cape, as well as on both the North and South sides of the Cape as shown below.

March 25, Spectacle Pond, Sandwich. 9AM to Noon

April 29, Wequaquet Pond, Barnstable, 9AM to Noon

May 13, Herring River, Harwich, 9AM to Noon

June 10, Pamet River, Truro, 9AM to Noon

July 1, Sheep Pond, Brewster, 9AM to Noon

August 5, Ashumet Pond, Mashpee, 9Am to Noon

September 9, Pocasset River and Back River, Bourne, 9Am to Noon

October 7, Gull Pond, Wellfleet, 9Am to Noon

The time it takes for an estuary/river to empty or fill may be more or less than 1 hour, we will adjust after each event in case we are not accurate. We kept the tides high for the rivers in general to maximize the area we could access and clean. More ponds were added as they generally had more garbage to clean than the rivers.

Important Note: Waiver forms must be signed to be part of the event, also a parent/guardian must sign for anyone under 18 years of age.



## May 13th Kayak Clean-Up Herring River Harwich

Report from Tom Planert

Kayak Cleanup completed for May, the person in the photo is Alan Swartz, who is from the Cape Cod Salties. Alan and I collected lots of plastic, bricks, a few roof shingles, etc., as shown on the photo. Not a good day for golf, a great day for fishing though, the people at the river were catching stripers, one guy had his hook bent and another I talked with had 16 stripers with a few keepers the previous day, so the fish were there. We are still battling 1000 as a small striper was caught before we ended the cleanup, my first striper of the year. Most important is that Alan and I had a blast, we are talking about fishing further upstream later on a separate trip, when the wind is not a factor. By hugging one side of the river, the wind did not effect us as much as we expected and we managed to complete both sides without too much trouble!



## August 5th Kayak Clean-Up Ashumet Pond

Tom Planert and Patrick Grenier took part in the August 9<sup>th</sup> Kayak Clean-Up at Ashumet Pond. Lots of trash- plastic, beer cans, etc... were collected. A few fish were caught as well during the outing. Meet up next month on September 9<sup>th</sup>. See the following page for details.



# KAYAK CLEAN-UP September 9th

## Kayak Cleanup

Bourne, Pocasset River and Back River , September 9

### Directions:

Go to the Rotary at the Bourne Bridge, take the Trowbridge Road exit off the rotary, follow signs to Gray Gables, and look for sign to Monument Beach, follow sign to Monument Beach, pass the Lobster Trap Restaurant on the right, pass Monument Beach on the right, go about 5 miles, look for Tahanto Road sign on the right and the parking area is on the left of the sign, just before a bridge overpass with light blue colored guard rails.

Google: Shore Road and Tahanto Road, Pocasset, MA

Start: 9AM to Noon

Launch is in the river at the parking area in a sandy area.

### Length:

½ mile in the river, we can clean the surrounding area as well as the Back River which is about 1.5 miles from the Pocasset River going East along the shore.

### Tidal:

Yes, strong currents at times.

### Parking:

Yes, at un-paved parking lot off Shore Road.

### Notes:

Bring PFD for each person, cover whole body for ticks near weeded areas taking Kayak to shore, for example. Bring water, sun screen, sun glasses, whistle and compass, bring plastic garbage bags and fishing equipment, as we can fish if there is not much garbage to clean up. Each Kayak must have a throw-able rope and an extra paddle.

Contact Phone Number – 774-521-9629 if any problems finding the parking area, etc.

# **Cape Cod Trout Unlimited**

## **2018 Officers and Board Members**

**President: Tim Lynch**

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**Board Member: David Palmer**

**Board Member: Brett Bokelkamp**

**Board Member: Pat Grenier**

**Board Member: Alan Alai**

**Board Member: Tom Planert**

**Past President: Dan Tobin**



# Classifieds

## **BAMBOO ROD RESTORATION**

CCTU Member Ron Lasko & author of **A TALE OF TWO RIVERS** advises he completed the full restoration of two **Granger** 9' Bamboo rods of the 1920's vintage models similar to those portrayed in the movie **A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT** along with a high quality **Asian Bamboo Rod** that is a 8' 3 piece rod that converts into a 6' 3" rod. Ron reports that the owner used the restored 6' 3" rod successfully recently on the Quashnet River fishing the dry fly upstream. Ron is near completion of a quality 9' **Montague** rod, circa 1915, and will then move on to final work on a 9' 1900 **Fred Devine** and a 8.5' 1930 **Hardy Deluxe** currently in various stages. Once these are completed Ron will be next restoring a 10.5' **FE Thomas** Salmon Rod. Ron Lasko is offering **free estimates** for repair or restoration to any TU member. So if you have a heirloom rod you want restored and preserved or would like to be able to fish a bamboo rod that is in need of TLC or restoration contact Ron Lasko at phone 508-428-2128 or email him at [rflasko.author@gmail.com](mailto:rflasko.author@gmail.com)

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for full list and pictures



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## *Random Casts* for May 2018

**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](http://CAPECODTU.org)*

**Cover Photo:** Scorton Creek August 28th. Looking North from the Route 6A bridge.



# Summer Fishing Photos



A fat n sassy late June Deerfield rainbow.  
John Verani

# Summer Fishing Photos



Bret Bokelkamp took some folks from DC out in early August to get Stripers. Fished the Monomoy Rips & it was rock in' and roll in' out there. Managed to boat 6 fish & returned 20 Minutes before the rain arrived. Whew!

# Summer Fishing Photos



One of Bret Bokelkamp's clients from DC enjoying the Monomoy Rips .

# Summer Fishing Photos



July Striper caught at  
the Canal. A bike is a  
good thing.

Tom Planert

# Summer Fishing Photos

A few pictures of the Green River, Flaming Gorge, Utah.  
From David Burkitt 's August trip.

Dave with a couple of beauties.



# Summer Fishing Photos

A few more pictures from Dave's trip.



TU Members: Bill Dickey and Dave Burkitt in "Big Fly Country"



Dave's friend Bill Dickey with a nice 23" Brown .Bill attended our fly fishing school a few years ago



An early morning Josh Wrigley "Keepah" Striper



Tim Lynch with a very nice Striped Bass



Along the ME Hut Trail System (Photo by Tim Lynch)

# 2018 CCTU Pond Challenge

	Date	Pond	# of Trout	Flies Used	TU Fishing Partner
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