

THE ROLLCAST

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a calm body of water, likely a river or lake. In the foreground, several tall, thin reeds with seed heads are visible, some leaning over the water. The water reflects the sky and the surrounding landscape. In the distance, a line of trees and some buildings are visible on the opposite shore under a clear sky.

The Newsletter of Cape Cod Trout Unlimited Chapter 460

March 2019

2019 Kayak Clean Up Program Starts

Spring Banquet Needs Your Support

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President's Message - March 2019

February's Chapter Meeting was well attended, where we were "all-ears" -- listening intently to our vibrant and well-informed speaker, Ryan Collins of My Fishing Cape Cod. Ryan gave the audience information on fishing opportunities for every month of the year, both around the Cape and a wonderful adventure destination, Costa Rica. My Fishing Cape Cod is an online community where you can interact with other fishermen/fisherwomen via forums, get access to podcasts featuring local experts, view videos of fishing trips, get regular reports on local fishing conditions, as well as access courses and tutorials on a variety of effective techniques and tutorials. We thank Ryan very much for his presentation and look forward to seeing him out on the water.

CCTU received some great press as part of Rob Conery's regular column in the Cape Cod Times on February 21st. If you missed it, the article can be found online: <https://www.capecodtimes.com/sports/20190220/wintering-around-cape-has-its-share-of-trout-fanatics> Rob is a friend of CCTU and a graduate of the CCTU Fly Fishing School, which is coming up soon on May 3 - 5.

Fly tying Wednesdays continue through March. Stop by Liberty Hall on Wednesday, March 20th and 27th to tie with fellow CCTU members. If you are new to fly tying, there are hundreds of years of experience in the room and plenty of people to help you get started. If you are experienced, come down for some camaraderie and fish stories.

Spring is right around the corner! Take advantage of the spring weather to join us at some of the fun and important CCTU events we have coming up in the next few months:

March 13 - Chapter Meeting - 6 p.m. @ Liberty Hall, Marstons Mills

March 17 - Back to the Quashnet workday @ Quashnet River, Martin Road Gate

April 7 - CCTU Annual Fundraising Banquet @ Dan'l Webster Inn, Sandwich

May 3-5 - CCTU Fly Fishing School @ Oak Crest Lodge, Peters Pond, Sandwich

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Roberta (Robbie) Mazzoli

Events

Cape Cod Trout Unlimited (CCTU) Board Meeting:

March 6, 6pm, Liberty Hall. Liberty Hall, Marstons Mills (2150 Main St, Marstons Mills, MA 02648)

CCTU monthly members meeting (bring a friend):

March 13, 6-8 pm, Liberty Hall.

Fly tying (bring a friend):

March 20 and 27, 6pm - 8pm, Liberty Hall

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.

“Back to the Quashnet” River Restoration Project Workday:

March 17, 9am-12pm

We'll be meeting at the Martin Road gate at 9:00. Food and refreshments will be served. 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! Please join us.

Looking Ahead:

2019 CCTU Spring Fundraising Banquet: Details below.

2019 CCTU Fly Fishing School: Details below



TROUT UNLIMITED

CONSERVING, PROTECTING AND RESTORING NORTH AMERICA'S COLDWATER FISHERIES AND THEIR WATERSHEDS



CCTU 2019 Fundraising Banquet
Daniel Webster Inn & Spa, Sandwich, MA
Sunday April 7, 2019 12:30-3:30PM

The banquet will be held at the Dan'l Webster Inn in Sandwich and feature a delicious luncheon buffet with plated salad and dessert. A cash bar will be available.

Buy Tickets- *just \$35 each*

Online- Go to <http://www.Capecodtu.org>, and follow the links under Fundraisers

Checks- Payable to Cape Cod TU, drop off at meeting or mail with attendee names to:
Charles Orr, c/o CCTU, 23 Harriette Road, East Falmouth, MA 02536

Donate- *bring to a meeting or contact us*

Fishing stuff (Rods, reels, flies, books, much more)

Guided fishing trips, use of vacation homes

Merchandise from local shops- esp. non fishing items

Gift baskets (food, spirits, sweets)

Other attractive items

Cash (always welcome)

For more information contact

Mike Howard, Banquet Chair

howard533@gmail.com or 412-418-7636.



Fly Fishing School

3, 4, 5 May 2019 Weekend

***Oak Crest Lodge, Peters Pond
Sandwich, Cape Cod, Massachusetts***



Cape Cod Trout Unlimited (CCTU)

Additional Info and application at www.capecodtu.org

- *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 instructions, food, & lodging for one very reasonable fee

For information contact:

Fred Monahan
Cell 203-213-9419
Email: cctu.ffa@gmail.com

February's monthly meeting included: Ryan Collins presentation, 2018 Pond Challenge Results, raffle...



Fly Tying (Photos from Tim Lynch):



March Kayak Cleanup

Wequaquet Pond, Barnstable, March 10, 2019

Directions: Route 6 from Sagamore Bridge to exit 6, take ramp to Hyannis on Rte. 132, turn right onto Shoot Flying Hill Road, follow road until you see the parking area on your left at the pond.

Google: Wequaquet Pond and Route 132

Start 9AM to Noon

Length:

Good sized pond, should be stocked by then, also Northern Pike and Largemouth Bass caught a few weeks ago in this pond.

Tidal:

N/A

Parking:

Yes, plenty at paved parking lot on the left side of the street.

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, good time for Northern Pike. Dress for cold weather.

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

Kayak Cleanup 2019 Schedule

March 10, Wequaquet Pond, Barnstable, 9AM to Noon, Directions will be sent for each trip the month before, by e-mail and in the Rollcast. 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. Cleanup areas were spread out both North and South, as well as East and West on the Cape, as shown below.

3/10, Wequaquet Pond, Barnstable, 9AM to Noon

4/7, Gull Pond, Wellfleet, 9AM to Noon

5/5, Swan River, Dennis, 9AM to Noon

6/2, Gray's Beach, Yarmouth, 9AM to Noon

7/7, Ashumet Pond, Falmouth, 9AM to Noon

8/4, Coonamessett Pond, Falmouth, 9AM to Noon

9/1, Herring River, Wellfleet, 9AM to Noon

10/6, Spectacle Pond, Sandwich, 9AM to Noon

The time it takes for an estuary/river to empty or fill, may be more or less than 1 hour, we have adjusted for this time change. Important Note: Waiver forms must be signed to be a participant in the event, also a parent/guardian must sign for anyone under 18 years of age. Lots of fun for beginners and experts alike, all welcome, do not have to be a member of Trout Unlimited to participate, the scenery alone makes this trip worth it!

For questions, updates, cancelations: contact Tom Planert, 774-521-9629, if any problems finding the parking area, etc.

Juvenile Foundation Fund Raiser

In the last few years, CCTU has supported the efforts of the NMD FOUNDATION (No More Diabetes) to raise money for the JUVENILE DIABETES FOUNDATION.

We have donated flies tied by our members. Our last donation raised about \$750.

We are, again, planning to be involved in the 2019 fund-raising effort of the NMD FOUNDATION. The event, in Hilton Head, SC, will be held on November 1-3, 2019.

If you would be willing to donate one or more of your favorite hand-tied flies, please bring them to our monthly meetings and place them in the fly box near the raffle table. I will bring them to the NMD event in November, and donate them in the name of CCTU..

This past September, 31 Massachusetts supporters of NMD flew South to support the fund-raiser, and we have a similar commitment for 2019.

Thank you for your help.

Al DiCarlo

Quashnet River Restoration Project

After working on the Quashnet River Restoration Project on February 17th, Dan Tobin and Dave Burkitt are seen getting ready for some fly fishing. A special thanks goes out to all of the volunteers that work on the Quashnet River Restoration Project each month.



LIVE ART OF FLY TYING AT HISTORIC LINGFELLOW'S WAYSIDE INN

The art of fly tying and bamboo fly rod exhibit will take place at the Wayside Inn on Sunday March 17th from 10 am to 4 pm in the 2nd floor historic ball room. Traditional fly tying and fishing was taught by fathers, mothers, uncles, friends etc. to children. Returning veterans from wars were taught fly tying to recover from injuries. A license is not necessary to learn about fly tying. People from all walks of life learn to tie; from presidents, doctors, students, mothers, fathers, tradesmen, sons, daughters, grandkids, priests, teachers, housewives etc. take up the hobby. Some of the best fly tyers in the world are women. It doesn't matter what your marital status is.

The public is invited and it's free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This is the 12th Annual Fly Tying and Bamboo Fly Rod exhibit at the Inn. The first year was 2007. It was the late Doug Bugley idea to stock Josephine's Pond built by Henry Ford who owned the Inn in 1920 with trout. Doug wanted a program where children and adults could learn about fly tying and fly fishing for trout. Mr. Bugley was the Beverage Manager at the Inn for 35 years passed away from cancer on 2009. It was his request to have event to continue.

Fly tyers from Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine will be on hand teaching about tying flies for Trout and Salmon. Armand Courchaine and Ray Capobianco have been leading the event since the beginning. Professional Tyers are Ken Walrath, Rick Little, Dick Brown, Peter Simonson, Scott Biron, Steve Cullen, Clem Lanza, Ted Patlen. New England Fly Tyers are Joe Simone (president) members Rich Soriano Jr., Dan Spedding will be tying. Scot Greb from United Fly Tyers. In addition to this line up will be Fred Kretchman owner of Kretchman Bamboo rod Company from Maine will have rods on exhibit and offer free rod appraisal for antique bamboo fly rods

A live exhibit of Aquatic Insects will be on display, a favorite for children, adults especially teachers.

GPS users the Inn is at 72 Wayside Inn Road, Sudbury, MA 01776.

For more information:

Armand Courchaine

Chairman

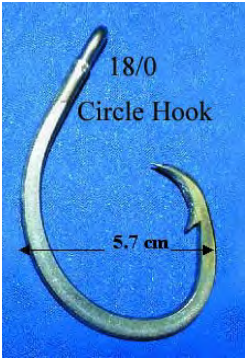
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CHANGES CONSIDERED TO PROTECT DROPPING STRIPER STOCKS



The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries is considering significant changes in the regulations for striped bass this year, to protect dropping numbers of striped bass. The changes considered are designed to limit mortality rates of fish caught, particularly among recreational anglers and fish that are caught and released.

One of the changes is to require circle hooks for all recreational anglers who use whole or cut bait. Circle hooks are designed to prevent fish from swallowing a hook and have more hookups in the corner of the jaw. They are a requirement for game species in Florida and have been for some time, including fly anglers. There is no proposal at this point to require fly anglers to use circle hooks for striped bass.

According to comments by Mike Armstrong, Assistant Director of Marine Fisheries, lowering fish mortality is the best way to increase the stock of fish. He states that almost a million fish a year are killed through hooking mortality, while only 200,000 to 300,000 fish each year are taken home to eat.

There is also a proposal to eliminate the use of gaffs when landing fish, and to start the commercial fishing season two weeks earlier, either on June 13, 2019 or shortly thereafter. The commercial quota last year was set at 847,585 pounds, but was never met. The commercial landings last year were 753,731 pounds, even with a mid-year extension of the season, according to figures cited in the Martha's Vineyard Gazette from the Division of Marine Fisheries. The earlier start this season would help make up for the fact commercial anglers did not meet their quota last year, according to comments by Mr. Armstrong in the Martha's Vineyard Gazette.

Massachusetts is one of several states along the East Coast still maintaining a commercial season for striped bass. To date, efforts ongoing over the last ten years to make stripers a game fish in Massachusetts and along the entire East Coast have been unsuccessful. This contrasts with efforts in Texas to make redfish a game species, which took place in the late 70s and early 80s in response to dramatic overfishing of redfish.

There will be two public hearings held on the proposed rule changes. The first will be at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay on February 25, 2019 starting at 6 p.m. The second hearing will be in Gloucester on February 27, 2019.

Alternatively, comments can be sent by email until March 1, 2019 to the Division of Marine Fisheries Director David Pierce at marine.fish@state.ma.us. Comments by regular mail can be sent to:

David Pierce

Division of Marine Fisheries

251 Causeway Street

Suite 400

Boston, MA 02114

The Childs River Restoration Project

The Problem

The Childs River flows south through the Garner and Farley bogs passing through Mashpee and East Falmouth, through Eel Pond, Waquoit Bay and into Nantucket Sound. An earthen berm, failed fish ladder and undersized culvert under Carriage Shop Road are preventing fish from traveling

upstream. What was once a route for brook trout, American eel and herring is now blocked and too warm and shallow to allow for migration and spawning. No brook trout have been detected north of the dam since 2012.

The cranberry bogs have been abandoned and are no longer farmed. Invasive plants have begun to spread



Dam and Impoundment



Dam (to be removed)

and take over the landscape. Water control structures and

ditches used for flooding the bogs for farming prevent fish passage and alter water flow through the area compounding the problem of warming stream temperature. Meanwhile, several feet of sand from the farming activities sits atop the natural peat soil, smothering the opportunity for native wetland plants to thrive and allowing upland species to take over.



The Solution



The Falmouth Rod and Gun Club, which owns much the surrounding land, is working together with partners and associates to rehabilitate the upper Childs River. Restoration will include:

1. Removing the berm that creates two shallow ponds on the Childs River and replacing the culvert under Carriage Shop Road.

2. Recreating the stream channel through the ponds and bogs, filling in the old fish ladder, removing old farming water control structures that are barriers to fish passage and restoring the natural stream flow and floodplain.



3. Restoring the cranberry bogs to natural wetlands by removing sand and ditches, adding native plantings and woody material for wildlife habitat and creating nearby ponds for waterfowl within the bog complexes.

The Benefits

- Re-creating cold water fish habitat in the upper Childs River to foster the **return of brook trout**.
- Removing barriers to fish passage to provide **brook trout, American eel, river herring and other fish access to habitat** upstream of the existing berm and failed fish ladder.
- Restoration of the cranberry bogs to wetlands to **create habitat for migratory birds, songbirds, and other wildlife**.
- The wetlands, which act as a **natural filtration system for water resources in both towns**, may help to meet **nutrient reduction goals in estuaries downstream**.
- Land is protected through Conservation Restrictions to ensure the **area will remain undeveloped**.
- **Continued and improved public access** will be provided to the area for hiking, hunting and enjoying nature. Schools and scouts could use the project as an **educational opportunity to study the value of river and wetland restoration**.

Project Cost and Timeline: Estimated cost \$2.2 million. Design and permitting will be complete in 2019 with construction anticipated to begin in late 2019.

This project has been supported with funding from: the Falmouth Community Preservation Committee; the Falmouth Fund of the Cape Cod Foundation; the Falmouth Rod and Gun Club; the Massachusetts Environmental Trust; the Sporting, Safety, Conservation and Education Fund; the Southeast New England Watershed Grant Program through collaboration with Restore Americas Estuaries; and Trout Unlimited.

Tim Lynch and Ron Reif at the 2019 Bear's Den Fly Fishing Show. A special thanks goes out to Pat Grenier for setting up our booth. We introduced many new friends to CCTU, our mission, and our activities at this show...and some of us brought home new fly fishing gear and fly tying materials. It was a great show and the Bear's Den does a great job.



2019 CCTU Pond Challenge

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Rules:

1. **Catch a trout in 7 or more Cape Cod Ponds** and you earn one chance for a Gift Certificate.
2. Catch a trout in seven or more Cape Cod Ponds **while fishing with a TU buddy** and earn a 2nd chance.
3. Challenge ends 31 Dec 2019; Pat Grenier is POC and will collect all entries.
4. Two names will be drawn out of the hat for the Bear's Den gift certificates.
5. Winner/Award Ceremony will be at January 2020 CCTU Chapter Meeting. Happy fishing!

Cape Cod Trout Unlimited

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Board Member: Tom Planert

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Please submit your materials to Ron Reif: ccturollcast5@gmail.com

