

# THE ROLLCAST

**Newsletter of Cape Cod Trout Unlimited**

**Chapter 460**

**May 2019**

**Last Call for May Fly Fishing School**

**Brook Trout Stream PIT Tagging**

**May Speaker: Atlantic Salmon DIY**

**A Quiz From Ted**

**On the WEB: [www.capecodtu.com](http://www.capecodtu.com)**

## President's Message - May 2019

Hoping that this issue of the Rollcast finds you all well and enjoying the beginnings of Spring here on Cape Cod. The ponds have been stocked -- some multiple times now -- and the warmer days have brought on bigger midge hatches and more active fish. Longer days give us all more time to get out there and enjoy the vast number of fishing options we have close by.

The Annual Fundraising Banquet in April was a great success. Participation was at record levels with 84 tickets purchased. The Dan'l Webster Inn provided us with an elegant venue for the event and a delicious buffet. Thanks to the generosity of the attendees and those who donated items for the silent auctions and raffles, we raised more than \$4000! These monies will be used to fund all the great projects the Chapter already participates in and gives us the ability to consider new opportunities that may come our way.

Many, many thanks to our Banquet Chairperson, Michael Howard, who did most of the heavy lifting with regard to organizing the event. Thanks also to the CCTU Board and friends of the Chapter who were on hand to help organize the donations, handle the raffles and payments, and assist with clean up and promotion for the event. Your help is greatly appreciated. Members from the Narrangansett (Glenn Place/Susan Estabrook), Greater Boston (Jim Miller/John Salemi), Nor'East (Fred Jennings) and Pioneer Valley (Council Chair Paul Beaulieu) Chapters came to support us as well. Many thanks to all of you for making the trip to join us for the day.

The Al Brewster Award winner is traditionally announced at the banquet. (Read more about Al in the article that follows in the Rollcast.) This year's winner is Dave Palmer. Dave has been a member of CCTU for over twenty years and has made many contributions to the Chapter. Most recently, Dave was the Rollcast Editor from 2016 to 2018. He is a frequent attendee at the monthly Quashnet Workdays, served on the Board, and is always willing to lend a hand. Thank you Dave for all you have done for the Chapter and we are looking forward to your continued support! Dave was not able to join us at the Banquet, therefore we will be presenting the award to him at the May Chapter meeting on the 8th. Please stop by to congratulate Dave and hear about Atlantic Salmon fishing from our speaker, Ben Carmichael.

The winner of the CCTU Pond Challenge for 2018 was also announced at the Banquet. Scott Dietrich took the prize this time and received a Bears Den gift certificate for fishing the most ponds with a CCTU buddy in 2018. This year's Challenge is underway... make sure to fill out your entry form and turn it in at the December meeting for a chance at the 2019 prize.

### Key dates for May:

- Board meeting, May 1, 6pm, Liberty Hall, Marstons Mills
- Fly Fishing School, May 3-5 (details below)
- Chapter meeting with speaker, May 8, 6pm, Liberty Hall Marstons Mills (details below)
- Quashnet Workday, Quashnet River Workday, May 19, 9am-12pm, Martin Road Gate, E. Falmouth

I'd also like to remind you that the Massachusetts-Rhode Island Council is hosting the 1st Annual Caddisfly Festival from May 30-June 2 on the Deerfield River at the Country Aire Campground in Charlemont. This is a great opportunity to meet members from other chapters and fish the Deerfield River. Information on how to sign up and other details can be found on the Council website: [www.ma-ri-tu-council.org](http://www.ma-ri-tu-council.org)

Thank you so much for your support! Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Tight lines, Roberta (Robbie) Mazzoli

# Events

## Board meeting:

May 1, 6pm, Liberty Hall, Marstons Mills (2150 Main St, Marstons Mills, MA 02648)

## CCTU Fly Fishing School:

May 3-5, Oak Crest Lodge, Peters Pond, Sandwich, MA

Register by May 1

Details below

## Chapter Meeting:

May 8, 6-8pm, Liberty Hall

Speaker: Ben Carmichael on Atlantic Salmon Fishing DIY

Details below

## Quashnet River Restoration Workday:

May 19, 9am-12pm

We'll be meeting at the Martin Road gate at 9:00. 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.



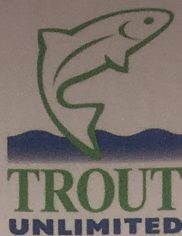
# TROUT UNLIMITED

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

## **Al Brewster Award**

Al Brewster was a founding member of the Cape Cod TU chapter. Born and raised in East Providence RI he grew up fishing, hunting and enjoying the outdoors in every way possible. At an early age he was introduced to fly-tying when famous fly tier Rube Cross began attending the meetings at Al's local sporting club, the South Seekonk Rod & Gun Club. This led to long term friendship and collaboration with many members of the Catskill tying community -- Art Flick and Al shared many hours together at the bench and on the water. Al and Harold Gibbs began the Rhody Fly Rodders in 1963. It was the nation's first saltwater fly fishing organization and remains a leader in promotion of the sport. In addition to his skills as a fly tier and a fly fisherman Al developed into an extraordinary bird carver. When he retired to Cape Cod the closest fly-fishing club was the Southeast Chapter of TU. After a number of years travelling to meetings off-Cape, Al, Mike Arritt and others from that chapter who lived on Cape decided it was time for a flyfishing organization to be based on Cape. Thus began the Cape Cod TU chapter. For the rest of his life Al remained an active member and avid supporter of the Chapter, participating in the Chapter's activities and being a major donor for its fundraising activities. He gave duck decoys every year to the Chapter, which were among the most financially rewarding gifts received by the organization. He was always more than generous with his time – willing to answer a question or provide guidance on any topic related to flyfishing. He took an especially keen interest in introducing women and youth to the sport. It is in recognition of these contributions to the Chapter the Al Brewster award was developed to honor individuals who support the Chapter in the manner exemplified by Al.

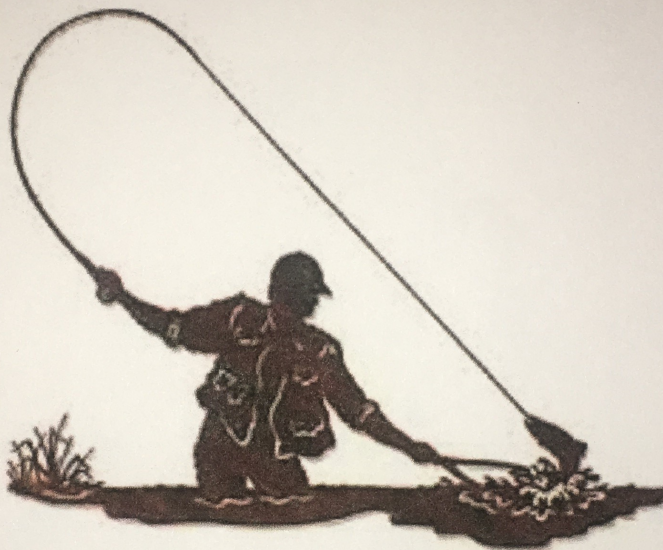




# ***Fly Fishing School***

***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](http://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.ffs@gmail.com](mailto:cctu.ffs@gmail.com)



## **The 2019 Fundraiser- THANK YOU!**

To Our CCTU Board, Members and Friends,

***Thank you*** for supporting the successful Cape Cod Chapter of Trout Unlimited's 2019 Fundraising Banquet that was held on April 7 at the Dan'l Webster Inn.

Your numerous contributions ranged from donations of merchandise, trips/services and cash, promotion and registration, accounting, and preparation for and execution of the raffles and auctions. Plus of course your attendance and active participation in the event was essential, and made the Banquet a lot of fun.

I want to share that from my perspective as a first year Chair of this event I was overwhelmed by the collective efforts, particularly on the donation side and in the final week of preparation and execution. Special shout out to Robbie, the Board and their families, but so many pitched in. Just an awesome job!

Since the Banquet is main fundraising event for the chapter, its success is critical to continuing our conservation projects including the Quashnet and Childs River restorations, as well as enabling the Annual Fly Fishing School, monthly meeting presentations, fly tying evenings, kayak clean ups and much more.

***I will close by again extending my appreciation for your help and participation this year, and wishing everyone a happy and healthy fishing season.***

Mike Howard, 2019 Banquet Chair



## May speaker: Ben Carmichael

### *Atlantic Salmon Fishing DIY: How the King's Men Can Chase the Fish of Kings*

Ever wanted to chase Atlantic salmon but felt like it was too expensive, too remote, and too unfamiliar? In this presentation by Ben Carmichael, we'll cover how you can chase Atlantic salmon for less with the rods you already own. Ben is a writer, photographer, and videographer focused on fly fishing. He is the editor of New England on the Fly, a website about fly fishing across New England. Ben has contributed articles to The Drake, The Atlantic Salmon Journal, The Boston Globe, On The Water, Eastern Fly Fishing, and On Earth, among others, and worked for both The New Yorker and New York magazine. He has edited a few books about Atlantic salmon fishing, and is on the U.S. Board of the Miramichi Salmon Association, and is a former member of the American Museum of Fly Fishing Angler's Circle. You can find out more about Ben at his website and he welcomes your emails. Ben's photography website displays a beautiful collection of photos.

[www.bencarmichaelphotography.com](http://www.bencarmichaelphotography.com)

<http://newenglandonthefly.com/>



## The draft spring Brook Trout stream PIT tagging schedule is:

Total pickups of all species at 4 or 5 sites on the Childs River on May 9 and May 10 as a preconstruction baseline survey followed by the regular Childs River PIT tagging run on May 15.

Red Brook is May 16 and May 17

Coonamessett River on May 20

Quashnet River on May 21, 22 and May 23

Santuit River on May 28.

Volunteers should have waders. We usually meet at 9 am, If you would like to assist you should email Steve Hurley at [steve.hurley@mass.gov](mailto:steve.hurley@mass.gov) for meeting locations. Electroshocking will be cancelled if there is heavy rain.

### Steve Hurley

Southeast District Fisheries Manager  
Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife  
195 Bournedale Road, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532  
p: (508) 759-3406 | f: (508) 759-0381

## FIRST ANNUAL CADDISFLY FESTIVAL MASS-RI COUNCIL



WHEN: 3 PM, 5/31 – 11 AM, 6/2

MA FREE FISHING WEEKEND

WHERE: COUNTRY AIRE CAMPGROUND, 1753 MA-2, SHELBURNE FALLS, MA 01370 [HTTPS://COUNTRYAIRECAMPGROUND.COM](https://countryairecampground.com)

EVENTS: HOSTED FISHING OR FISH ON YOUR OWN

FRIDAY NIGHT: SOCIAL GATHERING WITH FLY-FISHING MOVIE

SATURDAY: BAR-B-QUE, BUSINESS MEETING, LIVE/SILENT AUCTIONS, RAFFLE, CROWNSHIELD CONSERVATION TOUR

The Campground is on Route 2 on the Deerfield River. The Council has reserved a number of different camp sites to meet most needs. There is a covered pavilion for the group events planned. Bring yourself, bring your family, bring some friends! Campsites are \$70 for the entire weekend.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND to RESERVE YOUR SITE, CONTACT: Horace Taft-Ferguson 763-221-4233 email: [hotaft@mac.com](mailto:hotaft@mac.com)



## **Quashnet River Restoration – April 28, 2019**

Volunteers: Fran Smith, Dan Tobin, Charlie Orr, Michael Howard, Stan Kaczynski, and Tim Lynch (photographer)



## Questions and Answers submitted by Ted Patlen

1) The originator of the Black Ghost streamer fly is credited to:  
Carrie Stevens, Herb Welch, or Art Brodie

2) The Battenkill River's most famous fly tyer is Lew Oatman. One of his most successful patterns is called the "Shushan Postmaster", Lew's fishing buddy. Who was the postmaster?  
Al Prindle, Lew Oatman, or Jack Atherton

3) Who is credited as the originator of the Woolly Bugger?  
Bob Jacklin, Dave Whitlock, or Russell Blessing

4) What is the Paterson Rod and Gun store most famous for?  
Joan Salvato, Leonard bamboo rods, or Home of the latex wader

5) What was the "Orange Pit"?  
A famous fly pattern originated in the Ken Lockwood Gorge, NJ  
A deep pool in the Ramapo River in Sloatsburg, NY  
A hot dog/hamburger stand in Hackettstown, NJ

6) Who is known as the "Sage of the Schoharie"?  
Preston Jennings, Ray Smith, or Art Flick

7) The Catskill Fly Center and Museum opened its door as a museum in:  
1968, 1972, or 1983

8) This author was a favorite of Theodore Gordon but also referred to as the "Ray Bergman of his time":  
Thaddeus Norris, Francis-Francis, RB Marston

9) What is Bernard "Lefty" Kreh's real middle name?:  
Vernon, Leonard, or Val

10) Today's tippets and leaders are listed by numbers and letters such as 5x which refers to the silk gut used before the advent of nylon. "5x" tippet stand for  
A tippet 5 times thicker than 1x  
A tippet measured at 5 pounds breaking strength  
A tippet thickness of .006 of an inch

11) What is the proper name for a "spinner":  
Sub Imago, Imago, or Pupa

12 To paraphrase a famous author, "a fisherman goes through various stages. First he wants to catch a fish, then lots of fish, then a big fish, then many big fish then a special fish." Who said this?

Lee Wulff, Frederick Halford, or Edward R Hewitt

13 A "Pheasant Tail" nymph is usually tied differently from how Frank Sawyer originated it. How so?  
He didn't use pheasant tail, He didn't used thread, or He didn't intend it as a sub-surface pattern

14 The first time it was recorded that a fisherman made a "fly", as we know it today, was reported by writer from what country?

## Answers to Questions from Ted Patlen

- 1) Herb Welch
- 2) Al Prindle
- 3) Russell Blessing
- 4) Joan Salvato Wulff
- 5) This was intentionally added for any of the *OLD* guys who fished Jersey. It was the name of a hot dog stand. I didn't expect too many people to get this right.
- 6) Art Flick
- 7) 1983
- 8) Francis-Francis
- 9) Vernon , although I have also seen Victor...
- 10) 0.006 " these measurements date back to the era of silk gut. Simple math which is easier shown than explained finds the value of X with .011 "as the constant value...(don't ask why, that point I just don't know).  $5x = .011$ ";  $X = 11 - 5$ ;  $X = 6$  or 0.006". Now the question arises what the hell is the diameter of 12 x tippet !!!!!
- 11) Imago
- 12) Edward Ringwood Hewitt
- 13) He didn't use thread; he used very fine copper wire
- 14) Aelian, an Italian historian from the 3<sup>rd</sup> century wrote about the Macedonians tying a flies to imitate an insect.





## Classifieds



“Free Spirit” by Dave A. Footer

#1394/2000

25” x 22”

\$175 cash & carry



Four crease flies.....\$25 cash & carry

Paul Richards, 978-868-8004

Kayak Cleanup

May 5

Dennis, Swan River

Dennis Herring Warden Brian Everett, 508-760-6123

Directions:

From Cape Cod Canal take Rte. 6 to Exit 9A, go South on Rte. 134, turn left onto Upper County road and after crossing over the Swan River take the second left, Indian Road/Indian Trail Lane (it is called both names), turn left and follow to house #67, turn right onto a dirt road at the Town Landing.

Google: Swan Pond, Indian Road and Upper County Road, Dennis, MA

Start

At launch at boat ramp in river, 7AM to 11AM

Length:

1-2 miles in river.

Tidal:

Yes, strong currents at times.

Parking:

Yes, Dirt Parking Lot

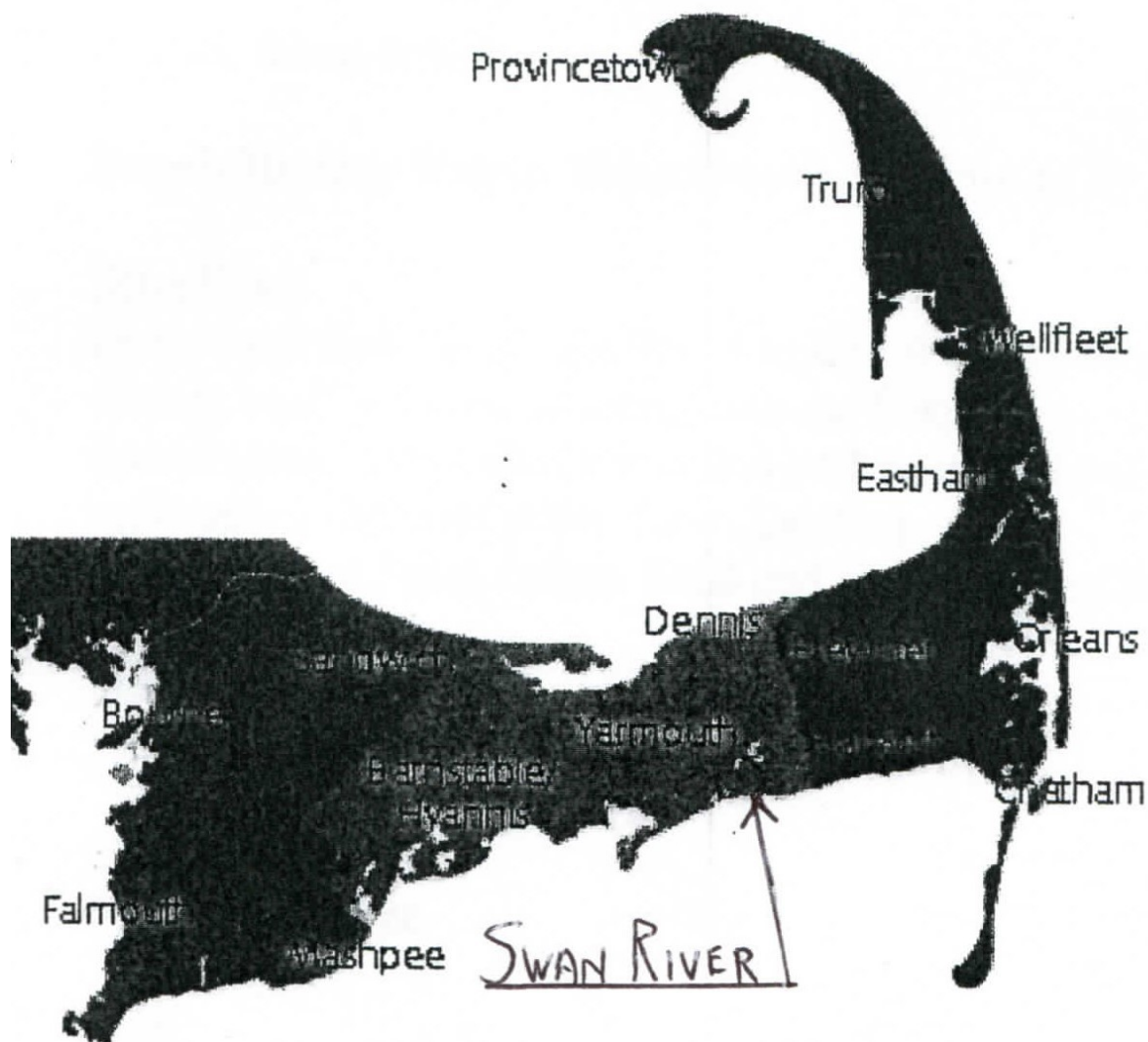
Notes:

Strong currents possible. Safety First, bring PFD for each person, cover whole body for ticks if near weeded areas taking kayak on the 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.

Backup Pond @ Town Landing  
Parking @ Town Landing. as well  
10 out of 10 - excellent location





# 2019 CCTU Pond Challenge

	Date	Pond	# of Trout	Flies Used	TU Fishing Partner
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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**  
**2019 Officers and Board Members**

**President: Roberta Mazzoli**

**Vice President: Alan Alai**

**Treasurer: Charles Orr**

**Secretary: Michael Howard**

**Board Member: Fred Monahan**

**Board Member: Tom Planert**

**Past President: Tim Lynch**

**Rollcast editor: Ron Reif**

***The Rollcast Newsletter will resume in the fall.  
Have a great summer.***

***Tight lines,***

***Ron Reif***

***Rollcast editor***

