

THE ROLLCAST

Newsletter of Cape Cod Trout Unlimited Chapter 460

April 2019



Plenty of spots available for May Fly Fishing School

Local ponds stocked with hungry trout

Last call for April Fundraising Banquet

International Fly Fishing Film Festival

A pool for a day

On the WEB: www.capecodtu.com

President's Message - April 2019

Happy Spring! As I sit at my kitchen table composing this month's President's message I hear the peepers outside, announcing that Spring is finally here. The herring and the osprey are back as well and the Cape is reminding us how incredible it is to live here.

We thank Scott Dietrich and Pat Grenier for their informative and entertaining presentation at the March Chapter meeting. Both Pat and Scott have thousands of hours of fishing experience and we really appreciate them sharing some of their "secrets" with us. It was so nice to see such a great turnout at the meeting... there were 40 people in attendance. If you haven't been to a Chapter meeting in a while, please consider joining us at the next meeting on May 8th before we take our usual summer break.

There is no Chapter meeting in April, but we hope to see you at the Annual Fundraising Banquet on April 7th at the Dan'l Webster Inn and Spa in Sandwich. We have had a great response for tickets for this event and look forward to a fun day with great food and friends, auction items, and the presentation of the Al Brewster Award for 2019. This important event provides the bulk of our fundraising efforts and allows us to keep working on and contributing to important conservation projects in Massachusetts, like the Quashnet and Childs Rivers right here on Cape Cod as well as Angeline Brook in Westport the North River in Heath. We will be doing final preparations for the banquet on April 3rd at 6 p.m. @ Liberty Hall. If you have any last minute donations, please stop by or contact Mike Howard or any of the CCTU Board members to arrange for us to pick up.

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

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

Tight lines,

Roberta (Robbie) Mazzoli

Events

Help prepare for April Banquet:

Last opportunity to provide donations and help prepare for banquet.

April 3, 6pm, Liberty Hall. Liberty Hall, Marstons Mills (2150 Main St, Marstons Mills, MA 02648)

CCTU 2019 Fundraising Banquet:

Daniel Webster Inn & Spa, Sandwich, MA

Sunday April 7, 2019 12:30-3:30PM

Details below

Quashnet River Restoration Workday:

April 28, 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.

Looking Ahead:

2019 CCTU Fly Fishing School: Details below



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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.ffi@gmail.com



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

Please Donate

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.

March's monthly meeting included: Presentation from Scott Ditrich and Pat Grenier...



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 follows:

4/14, 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

A Pool for A Day

The early morning...

Ack! Aaaack., Aaaaak! A blue heron proclaims his fishing rights. Fearlessly gliding to a graceful landing on the broad ledge across the river he shuffles his long wings, settling his plumage neatly around his body. His awkward appearance on spindly legs belies his stealthy approach. I jealously wonder how he plans to fish, standing on a craggy rock, peering into the deep pool. Maybe he's just trying to divert my attention, distract me from catching too many of "his" trout. Sadly, he needn't worry too much, and it seems to amuse him.



More often he slowly wades at the opposite end of this long pool, deliberating carefully with each long step, hesitating, turning his head to peer with one eye at a fish or frog. Like a deer, he now stares curiously toward me, his long neck straightening in disbelief, then nervously launches upstream, his wing beats audible across the river. Landing in more private territory, in the riffle at the head of the pool, he fishes with little regard for my presence. I enjoy his silent company, like a good friend, sharing a beer and a couch in front of a Red Sox game.

My thoughts return to the eddies before me. Dozens of trout cruise early this morning, dappling the mirror like surface, sipping caddis, or so it seems. Their food choices are not obvious in this pool, and more often, these days, defy aging eyes. The current's passage along the sloping ledge creates continually changing patterns of drift, challenging for the tiniest tippet cast with ample slack. Hooking a top feeder alerts the pod, sending them deeper into the current or drifting back downstream. They slowly return,

rising to sip from drifting patches of surface matter, ignoring clear stretches where their presence would be more obvious to a predator. My offerings are only infrequently taken, the surface currents introducing drag visible to me only when a breeze sends my fly skating upstream or across a current. Caddis of many sizes, midges, blue winged olives, ants, and countless other varieties of bugs float these currents. Fly changes are continuous and of short lived effectiveness.

Easy roll casts fall short of the rising pod of trout, and the overhanging willows to the east of the pool eagerly snag my overhead casts. Frustration builds, becoming annoyance, with lost flies, tangled tippets. A few steps downstream, the casting room improves, but, predictably, the pod moves upstream. Further down the pool the surface bulges from a larger fish, so I move slowly to extend my reach, carefully slide stepping, avoiding surface disturbance, concerned that an approach from upstream will telegraph my presence.

My thoughts drift to a similar experience on the Yellowstone. My wife, daughter and I, on a long road trip, started in the Columbia River valley, visiting our son, skiing the glacier on Mount Hood during a summer racing camp. We toured the Columbia River, marveling at the waterfalls, the windsurfing, the sprawling hydroelectric dams. We left the valley, toured the high desert in western Oregon, and headed toward Yellowstone, passing the site of Evel Knevil's jump over the Snake River. We stopped wherever our curiosity beckoned. A weather beaten old sign summoned us to visit the Shoshone Ice fields, the site of a fascinating volcanic lava tube. Once in Yellowstone our senses filled with the natural wonders, the sights the smells, the gurgling pits of mud, the bottomless shimmering volcanic pools.



With but a few hours to fish, I was surprised, as I waded into the Yellowstone River, how cold the water seemed. But two or three rises, 30 feet away beckoned, so wading in I was quickly waist deep, shivering from cold and anticipation. Obviously, these trout had seen similar offerings, and with each cast they moved a few inches further away from me. Finally, with cold water to the top of my waders, a cutthroat cooperated and I was able to marvel at his beauty.

Now, with ripples subsiding on the Farmington, I rest the pool, while changing flies, offering a pheasant tail nymph below my caddis. The big trout continues to bulge and sip, each rise seeming a few more feet away.

I slowly unfurl my line, trying to estimate the distance. My first cast, a little short, drifts by, untouched. Extending a foot or so, the caddis dry is pulled under as my pheasant tail nymph is engulfed. The trout surges deep, my rod pulsing with his head shakes, I worry about the tippet, my surgeon knots. Thirty feet away he surges upstream, I have no way to follow into the dark green water. At last he tires and grudgingly swims to my outstretched net, a beautiful brownie, a wonderful reward, returned to challenge another angler, another day.

A little hungry, I rest and snack on my PBJ. The sun has moved over the pool now, quieting the surface action. Across the pool, the mountain laurel cascade up the hillside to the road above, a flood of white and pink reflections mirrored back to me. I'm awed by



nature's offerings

To be continued...

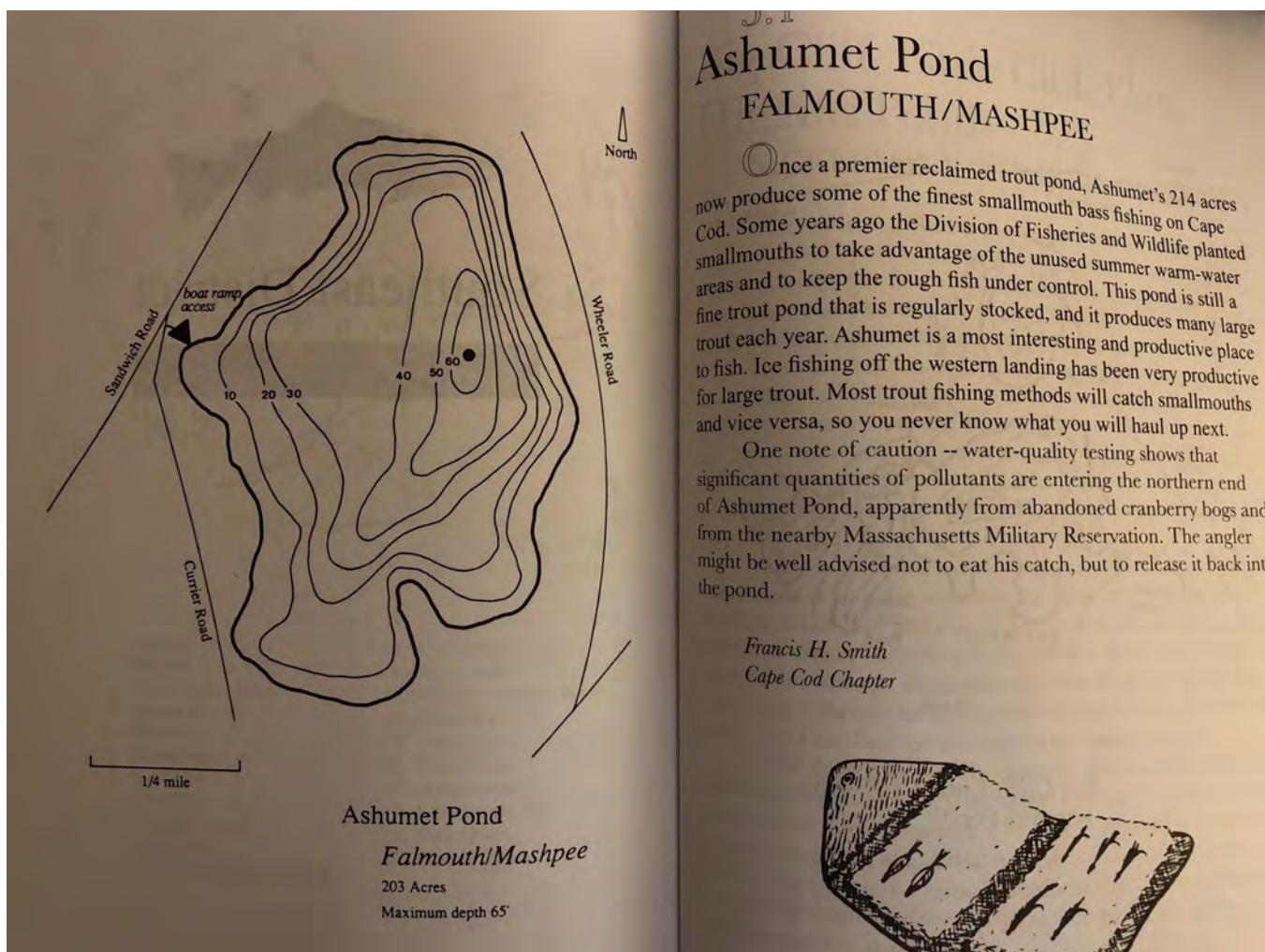
Submitted by Norman Holcomb

ANGLERS GUIDES AVAILABLE, Submitted by Peter Schilling

Now that it's Spring and Chapter members are just itching to get outside and hit the local ponds, one really good way to have a resource for navigating rivers and streams throughout Massachusetts is with a copy of TU's Anglers Guide. The Anglers Guide contains descriptions of rivers, streams and ponds across the state, tips on how to fish them, flies to use, and the best part, access points and maps. Originally the brainchild of Fran Smith and members of the Southeast Chapter of TU --- before the Cape Cod Chapter split off and became its own chapter --- the Anglers Guide was designed as a handy tool for TU members. The funds raised benefit the MA/RI Council, statewide umbrella organization for TU, and the local chapters, including CCTU. A must for the glovebox in your truck.

Guides are available for \$20 plus \$5.00 postage from Peter Schilling, 16 Hummingbird Hill Road, Falmouth, MA 02540.

Sample page:



DEERFIELD RIVER MAP

Also available, in very limited quantity, is a great map for the Deerfield River watershed. The map was commissioned originally by the Appalachian Mountain Club, with participation by local TU chapters as they were interested. \$5.00 each, same address as above.

Back to the Quashnet – March 17



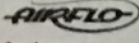

Message and photos from Tim Lynch: Thanks Pat, Dan, and Robbie for providing all the excellent post workday, stream-side lunch. We have a great core group of folks that care about our chapter's primary restoration project.



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I have an Orvis impregnated custom "99" bamboo rod signed by Dick Bonner - 7' 4 piece, 3 1/8 oz. in metal case. Used only a few times. Not sure of the actual worth as it was given to me many years ago. Would like to find a new home for this very nice rod,

Fran Kelly
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Fish a Local Pond

Our local ponds have been stocked. Cover photo and shot below are from an upper Cape pond that has been stocked twice. Both rainbow trout (male and female) were caught on a wooly bugger fly (weighted fly) and full sink line. Both fish hit the fly very aggressively as I was letting it sink. I was fishing from a canoe. If you fish from a boat during the early spring, please wear a PFD. The water is very cold and hypothermia could set in before you can self-rescue.

To see which ponds have been stocked and when:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/trout-stocking-report>



Tight lines,

Ron Reif

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

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