

# THE ROLLCAST

Newsletter of Cape Cod Trout Unlimited

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## November 2019 President's Message

Greetings!

Fall fishing is off to a great start. Massachusetts Fish and Wildlife completed their Fall Trout Stocking program a few weeks back and the fish in those ponds are now hungry and ready to take your best flies. The weather seems to be cooperating for the first part of the month, at least. Hope you can get out there and enjoy this wonderful time of year. The MA Fish and Wildlife web site has the latest stocking report posted here: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/trout-stocking-report>

Our October Chapter Meeting was lightly attended, but those who were able to make it enjoyed a great program from Tim Flagler on Euro Nymphing. There was a fly tying session before the meeting, where five attendees learned some of Tim's masterful techniques. These sessions are a great opportunity to learn from some of the premier tyers in the country, if not the world!

The end of 2019 is soon approaching. In November, we have the MA-RI TU Council meeting at Cabela's in Hudson, MA. CCTU is a member of the Council, along with the other 10 Chapters In MA and RI, and has voting rights based on membership. We have approximately 350 members on our roster, so that means up to 7 people from CCTU can participate in decision making at the Council level. Please reach out if you are interested in attending a Council meeting or becoming more involved. The CCTU Board Meeting will be held on November 6th at Liberty Hall. We are looking for new Board Members at large, as well as the Treasurer position. Charlie Orr, who has done a phenomenal job as Treasurer over the past years must now step down due to term limits in our Chapter By-Laws. Charlie is a great teacher and is happy to show any newcomer the ropes. Please see a Board Member at the Chapter Meeting if you are interested, or reach out via email. Our November Chapter Meeting will feature Geof Day from the Sea Run Brook Trout Coalition, who will tell us about the good work the SRBTC has been up to. Last, but certainly not least, our regularly-scheduled third Sunday of the month Quashnet workday is on November 17. We hope you can join us at one or more of these events.

Finally, I would like to ask for your participation in our 2019 CCTU Membership Survey. Please go to the following link and give us your feedback on how to better serve the needs of the Chapter and get more people involved. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XYVTKQQ>

Hope to see you in November!

Tight lines,

Roberta (Robbie) Mazzoli



# Events

## **Board meeting:**

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

## **Chapter Meeting:**

November 13, 6:30-8pm, Liberty Hall

Speaker: Geof Day from Sea Run Brook Coalition

Bring a friend

Details below

## **Quashnet River Restoration Workday:**

November 17, 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. Bring waders, gloves, bug spray, drinking water, etc. The work to preserve wild fish is very important here on Cape Cod! Please join us.



# **TROUT UNLIMITED**

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## November Speaker

Geof Day from the Sea Run Brook Trout Coalition will be our November speaker. Geof works with many coalition partners to further the restoration of coastal access streams and the native fishes that can live there. Geoffrey has devoted a good deal of his life to trout restoration. Trained as a human ecologist by Connecticut College in the late seventies, he worked in aquaculture, seafood and related industries in the summers on Cape Cod. On graduating he began a business developing alternative seafood products with hopes that this would help reduce fishing pressure on already overtaxed fisheries. In the early eighties he began working as a volunteer for Trout Unlimited where he learned about trout "hotels", large woody debris, water temperature and technology for monitoring fish habitat and behavior. Trout habitat restoration became a real way to "put wild fish back" - where one could not only monitor and measure progress, any small progress could be significantly multiplied if nature were allowed to take its course. By 2009, Day and friends decided it was time to start their own non-profit and the Sea Run Brook Trout Coalition (SRBTC) was formed to take the lessons they learned doing habitat restoration on Cape Cod and apply it to other states. Learn more about SRBTC via [www.searunbrookie.org](http://www.searunbrookie.org) or [Facebook.com/srbtc](https://www.facebook.com/srbtc).

Thanks to Dan Tobin for organizing this event.

## Photos from Geof Day:



## Quashnet River Updates from Francis Smith

On Saturday, October 26, while reconnoitering the upper sections of the project area I saw two different pair of brook trout spawning in Section 1, which is the upper end of the project area. I would like to recommend that from now until April 1 when visiting the Quashnet River, or any of the other brook trout streams in Massachusetts, that you refrain from wading in these streams as much as possible to avoid stepping on a trout redd. One wading boot on 800 eggs, (or not), could be very helpful to the overall population. Many boots could be disastrous.

We have an Eagle Scout project pending on the Quashnet which will happen at some point in November. Dillon Cakebread will be cutting brush in the lower portion of Section 6 just upstream from the 6/7 dike boundary and then planting ten Red Maples in that area with 8 foot spacing between the trees and a 5 foot cut brush boundary around the planted trees. At that site there are several other well developed trees which were planted 5 years ago. Those trees are black ash, silver maple, gray birch and swamp white oak. The latter has grown the most of all the swamp white oaks we have planted thus far, it is about 12 feet tall. All of our area wildlife species love the acorns these trees deposit. Our last session on the river was October 20, where we removed two collapse willow trunks from the upper end of Section 6 and visited that entire section to look for any large obstructions impinging on the downstream flow and causing bank erosion. We found only one such condition and removed it to a sand flat. The lower rivers' bed load is slowly decreasing and as the sand moves out more and more gravel is being exposed. The river is also dropping in stage height and higher banks are starting to show. This condition is important to prevent continuous wet root on the trees we have planted in the past. The root will not rot and will seek a deeper depth helping to prevent wind throw. The plan moving forward will be to continue to cut brush on the banks of Section 6 which will help us to plant some 270 plus more trees in that section this coming March or April. Following the tree plant we will continue to place more large woody debris into the channel which will provide great cover for the wild brook trout in the river. This cover will help the brook trout escape from its most successful predator, the River Otter. Future Quashnet Restoration Dates are as follows: November 17, December 15, 2019. For 2020 the dates are: January 19, February 16, March 15, April 19, and May 17. I sincerely hope you can help. We need all the help possible to pull off the spring tree planting.



## Coonamessett River Update from Coonamessett River Trust

The restoration of the Coonamessett River continues apace! Join us for the Groundbreaking Ceremony for Phase 2 was held on Monday, October 28 from noon to 1pm. Watch this gorgeous video by Alison Leschen on the results of the Phase 1 restoration. Phase 1 encompassed what was once known as Lower Bog.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NFX03Qx1vn4&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1qKwtjhCVI4zZTJUEvire-BnIAIm\\_NQct8z1\\_uuPjLvDLAYSlo\\_jLKNBQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NFX03Qx1vn4&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1qKwtjhCVI4zZTJUEvire-BnIAIm_NQct8z1_uuPjLvDLAYSlo_jLKNBQ)

Phase 2 will move north to what was known as Middle Bog and Reservoir/Upper Bog to just south of Pond 14. The large berm separating Middle Bog and the lower river will be removed and replaced with Swift's Crossing, a bridge similar to the one that replaced the lower dam. For the first time in over a century, the river valley will be reconnected!

Also, the awful rusting, partially collapsed culvert under John Parker Road will be replaced. It has been a huge problem for migrating herring. The replacement will also help other animals such as otters as they will be able to follow the river under the road rather than risk getting hit by a car. Just a warning - this section of the road will be closed during the construction which will take place over the winter.

Many, many THANKS to all of the volunteers who volunteered by counting herring, leading field trips, investigating invertebrates, identifying plants and/or measuring the river cross sections. All together we worked 2,860 hours equal to \$102,750! All of this important work counts as matching funds for the Federal grants the Town receives for the restoration.

### Photos from October Chapter Meeting with Tim Flagler:





## CCTU Welcomes Your Donations Year Round!



Many of you know each year our club (Cape Cape Trout Unlimited, a 501c3 non profit organization) uses auctions and raffles of in kind donations from to fund local stream conservation and education efforts.

Most of our donations are received in the March time frame to support the Annual Fundraiser held in the spring (next one Sunday April 5, 2020). And yes, we will have a big push for the same closer to April.

But we want to let you know that we accept donations throughout the year, which can help you clean out some space at your house or lodge right now, smooth out our receipt and management of donations, and also make some of those donations available for our monthly meeting raffles.

So as the 2019 fishing season winds down, and inclement weather starts to push us inside more often, consider taking some time to review your fishing and conservation inventory (rods, reels, flies, materials, waders, accessories) to identify any excess items in good condition that you might consider donating to CCTU.

You might also check you fishing bookshelf to see if there are any high quality books for possible use in our library program or in the raffles.

To donate, just bring your item(s) along to a monthly meeting, give them to a Board member, or call or email me to arrange for a transfer of the item(s). It's that simple.

Thank you very much

Mike Howard

Chapter Secretary and Chair Annual Fundraiser

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## Kayak Cleanup Notes From 10/7/2019

No fish, lots of garbage at Spectacle Pond on 10/7/2019. Two nasty moldy life jackets, one unbroken large bottle of wine and at least 20 beer cans. A guy near me caught a nice trout that put up a good fight. Nice sunny day and last Kayak Cleanup of the year.

Thanks for your help all year long, getting the information go the fishing clubs!!!

Tom Planert



## Fishing Trip with Tim Flagler

We still have some spots left for Tim Flagler's summer of 2020 hosted trip to the Kootenai River in NW Montana at Linehan Outfitters, owned by Tim & Joanne Linehan. (<https://fishmontana.com/>)

Dates: Sat, July 25 - Fri, July 31st, 5 days/6 nights

Cost: \$3,632 per person, double occupancy and shared guide\*

Includes: accommodations at the Riverlodge and all meals cooked by owner Joanne Linehan

Cost doesn't include transportation or guide/staff gratuities. There are spots for up to 7 people on this trip, first come, first served! If you'd like to join Tim Flagler on his hosted trip, please email Linehan Outfitters ([linehan@fishmontana.com](mailto:linehan@fishmontana.com)) or call them at 406-295-4872.

Be sure to tell them that you're part of Tim Flagler's trip! Feel free to email or call us with any questions.

Kind regards,

Joan & Tim Flagler

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The Cape's Ponds Have Been Stocked. Check out the [MA trout stocking report](#).



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