

# THE ROLLCAST

**Newsletter of Cape Cod Trout Unlimited**

**Chapter 460**

**December 2019**

**Holiday Party**

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## December 2019 President's Message

Fellow TU members,

The end of 2019 is in sight. Hoping that it has been a good year for all of you. CCTU had a great year, with a delightful Spring Fundraising Banquet in April, a well-attended Fly Fishing School in May, Chapter BBQ in September, as well as many conservation days on the ponds and estuaries with Tom Planert during Kayak Cleanups and, of course, on our home river, the Quashnet during our (mostly) monthly workdays. November's Quashnet workday was a very productive session where the wonderful effort of our volunteers consisted of cutting brush in preparation for the planting of some 270 trees along the banks of the Quashnet River this Spring. The cutting took place in Section 6. Many thanks to those who participated and to Fran Smith for his stewardship of this precious resource.

Looking forward to the Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 11th at Liberty Hall. There will be snacks and a light dinner buffet (sandwiches, salads), along with cold drinks, coffee and dessert. At the party, we will also be collecting unwrapped toys for needy children. Please keep them in mind during this holiday season if you are able.

The remaining Quashnet workday this year will be held on Sunday, December 15th at 9 a.m. Meeting point is at the Martin Road Gate. Please bring waders, gloves, safety gear, and dress warmly so you can remain comfortable during our morning session on the river. We will again be cutting brush to facilitate the planting of trees this spring. If it is possible to drop the Quashnet's average water temperature during the summer months we will see better brook trout survival and growth rates. We only need to drop that temperature by 4 or 5 degrees and shading the river should accomplish that goal. Please come on down and get involved, It would be greatly appreciated and Fran hopes to provide an interesting morning in many more ways than just cutting brush.

A quick reminder to please fill out the Chapter Survey, if you have not done so already. The link to the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XYVTKQQ>. The survey officially closes on December 3rd. Many thanks to those who have responded thus far.

Best wishes to you and your families this Holiday season.

Tight lines,

Roberta (Robbie) Mazzoli

# Events

## **Board meeting:**

December 4, 6pm, Liberty Hall, Marstons Mills (2150 Main St, Marstons Mills, MA 02648)

## **Chapter Meeting (Holiday Party):**

December 11, 6:30-8pm, Liberty Hall

Toys for Tots: Please bring an unwrapped gift

Bring a friend

## **Please Complete Chapter Survey by December 3:**

**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XYVTKQQ>**

## **Quashnet River Restoration Workday:**

December 15, 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.



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## Quashnet River Updates from Francis Smith

We had a very productive session on November 17 cutting brush in preparation for the planting of some 270 trees along the banks of the Quashnet River this Spring. The cutting took place in Section 6 with the effort of Charles Orr, Ted Patlen, Tim Lynch Dan Tobin. Thank you for the wonderful effort.

We have an Eagle Scout Project coming up on the River this December where Dillon Cakebread has proposed to cut enough brush to allow for the planting of a minimum of 10 Red Maple trees approximately 6 feet tall with spacing at least 8 feet apart. The project is awaiting approval from the local Boy Scout Council and will likely be scheduled in December and will take place over the period 2 days on during a weekend. Dillon is providing the trees for the project.

Our next scheduled Quashnet River Restoration session will take place December 15. We meet at Martin Road in Falmouth where we proceed to the restoration work site at 9:00 am. Please bring waders, gloves, dress warmly so you can remain comfortable during our morning session on the river. We will again be cutting brush to facilitate the planting of trees this spring. If it is possible to drop the Quashnet's average water temperature during the summer months we will see better brook trout survival and growth rates. We only need to drop that temperature by 4 or 5 degrees and shading the river should accomplish that goal.

Please come on down and get involved, It would be greatly appreciated and I think you will have a interesting morning in many more ways than just cutting brush. Please mark your calendars for the future Quashnet River Restoration Dates: December 15, January 19, February 16, March 15, and April 19. See you on the river!



November meeting featured Geof Day from the Sea Run Brook Trout Coalition. Geof works with many coalition partners to further the restoration of coastal access streams and the native fishes that can live there. 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 coordinating our meeting speaker.





## 2019 Striper Season Winds to a Close



## Take Kids Fishing



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