



## Central MA Trout Unlimited December 2008 Newsletter

December Chapter Meeting: Thursday, Dec 11.

**Presentation: Dean Clark**, a long time conservationist and outdoor educator/volunteer, will present the facts supporting the grass roots movement to have wild striped bass declared and managed as a gamefish. This is definitely a timely and hotly-debated topic.

**Where:** Mass Audubon, located at Broad Meadow Brook Preserve 414 Massasoit Rd. Worcester. For more info re: location/directions, see [www.massaudubon.org](http://www.massaudubon.org) Doors open at 6:30. Speaker @ 7PM. Nonmembers are welcome. Admission is free. Bring your fly tying tools and learn to tie. Raffles and door prizes each month.

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### **Upcoming Events:**

**January 16-18 (Fri-Sun): The Fly Fishing Show – Marlborough Royal Plaza**

See [www.flyfishingshow.com/Marlborough\\_MA.html](http://www.flyfishingshow.com/Marlborough_MA.html) for more information.

A limited number of tickets are available for CMTU members interested in attending a banquet sponsored by the Mass-RI Council of TU, on Sat Jan 17 at the Marlborough Holiday Inn. Reception precedes dinner/banquet.

**February 5-8 (Thurs-Sun) Eastern Fishing & Outdoor Expo - Worcester DCU Center**

See [www.sportshows.com/worc\\_main.html](http://www.sportshows.com/worc_main.html) for more information.

### **Upcoming speakers at Chapter meetings:**

January 8: Todd Richards, Mass Division of Fish & Wildlife

February 12: Don & Tom Harrison of Harrison Outfitters/Guides

**Novice Fly-Tying Lessons with Bob Thunberg**, will be held at The Lower Forty, fly fishing outfitter, in Worcester: Saturday Feb 7 (Session I) and 21 (Session II) from Noon to 4 PM. Cost = \$ 40.00. See [www.thelowerforty.com](http://www.thelowerforty.com) for more info.

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### **Copies of Revised Edition: An Angler's Guide to Trout Fishing in**

**Massachusetts** are still available. Where, when and how (flies, etc.) to fish 70 trout streams, rivers and lakes in Mass. Published by Ma/RI TU "experts." **How to Order:** send a check for \$22.50 (\$19.95 plus \$2.55 S&H) payable to: "Trout Unlimited- Chapter 148" to PO Box 96 Berlin, Ma. 01503. Allow two weeks for delivery).

Copies are also available for sale at chapter meetings.

## Central Mass Trout Unlimited Raffle

### *Bamboo Fly Rod*

H.L. Leonard 7'-0" 2 Piece 4 wt. Assembled by Phillip Horowitz on a Hal Bacon Blank. The rod is meticulously finished in the Catskills style with petite cigar cork, tiger maple cap & ring seat, ruby red silk, and bright hardware. This is a superbly performing rod with a medium dry fly action that will cast 50 to 60ft accurately and effortlessly.



**Drawing will be held May 2009**  
**Raffle Ticket Price: \$2.00 each; 3 for \$5.00**

Raffle tickets are on sale at chapter meetings and by mail. Send a SASE with check or money order (Payable to "Trout Unlimited - Chapter 148") to PO Box 96 Berlin, Ma. 01503. Even if you're not a bamboo rod aficionado or enthusiast, raffle tickets make great gifts and stocking stuffers.

**Photo Gallery**



(l to r): Mark Burns, Lori Mackeil, Phil Horowitz, Armand Courchaine (seated), and Peter Sterndale at the CMTU booth at the Lang's Auction, held in early November.



Tuna Unlimited? Paul Bakstran holds an "Alby," (aka "Funny Fish") a member of the tuna family. The North Carolina coast is in the background. (October 2008)

**Quotation of the month:**

"Every time I put my line in the water I said a Hail Mary, and every time I said a Hail Mary I caught a fish."

Fredo Corleone (from Godfather II)

## **Some links for your surfing pleasure:**

**Trout Unlimited (National):** [www.tu.org](http://www.tu.org)

**Mass-RI TU Council:** [www.ma-ri-tu-council.org/default.html](http://www.ma-ri-tu-council.org/default.html)

**Central Mass Trout Unlimited:** [www.centralmasstu.org](http://www.centralmasstu.org)

**Greater Boston Chapter of TU:** [www.gbtu.org/](http://www.gbtu.org/)

**National Resources Defense Council (NRDC):** <http://www.nrdc.org/>

**Blackstone River Watershed Council:** [www.blackstoneriver.org](http://www.blackstoneriver.org)

**Atlantic Salmon Federation:** [www.asf.ca/index.php](http://www.asf.ca/index.php)

**Stripers Forever:** [www.stripersforever.org/Info/index](http://www.stripersforever.org/Info/index)

**Real time Stream Flows in MA:** <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ma/nwis/rt>

**Massachusetts Dept of Wildlife – trout stocking info:**

[www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/dfw\\_trout\\_waters.htm](http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/dfw_trout_waters.htm)

**Lower Forty Outfitters/New England Surf &Stream Report (updated bimonthly):**

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

**Cote's Fly Shop (rod building service & supplies):**

[www.cotesflyshop.biz/pb/wp\\_6bb85b5f/wp\\_6bb85b5f.html](http://www.cotesflyshop.biz/pb/wp_6bb85b5f/wp_6bb85b5f.html)

**Concord Outfitters** [www.concordoutfitters.com](http://www.concordoutfitters.com)

**Bear's Den Fly Fishing Co.** [www.bearsden.com](http://www.bearsden.com)

**Ultimate Fly Fishing:** [www.ultimateflytying.com/](http://www.ultimateflytying.com/)

**Blue Ribbon Flies:** <http://blueribbonflies.com/index.shtml>

**100 Top Fly Fishing Sites:** [www.hitsunlimited.com/fish/100topflyfish/100top.html](http://www.hitsunlimited.com/fish/100topflyfish/100top.html)

**Fly Fishing Connection:** [www.flyfishingconnection.com/phorum/](http://www.flyfishingconnection.com/phorum/)

**YouTube (useful source of videos on fishing, fly-tying:** [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

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To conserve, protect and restore North America's coldwater  
fisheries and their watersheds.**