



## Central MA Trout Unlimited February 2009 Newsletter

February Chapter Meeting: Thursday, Feb 12th.

**Presentation:** Tom and Don Harrison, of Harrison Anglers, will make a presentation featuring the Millers and Deerfield Rivers, in north-central and northwestern Massachusetts.



**Monster brown caught from the Deerfield River last November by one of the Harrison brothers.**

**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) or [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com) Doors open at 6:30 PM. Speaker @ 7:15. Nonmembers are welcome. Admission is free. Raffles and door prizes each month.

### **Other February meeting agenda items:**

**1. The chapter enters a new chapter:** Inspired by Todd Richards' presentation at our January chapter meeting, along with our brethren Southeastern Mass TU's success with their Red Brook restoration, which now has sea-run brook trout, CMTU is getting involved in stream restoration. One target on our radar screen: the Blackstone River and its tributaries. With help from several other concerned agencies, other MA-RI chapters, and spearheaded by past President Paul Bakstran, CMTU's stream restoration efforts will begin this spring. There are many opportunities for chapter members to get involved in this very worthwhile cause, which is at the heart of TU's mission (see bottom of this newsletter).

**2. Fishing Trips to Nearby and Not-so-Nearby Trout Waters.** At our Feb and March chapter meetings we will discuss options for one, two, and three day trips to Mass, NH and CT watersheds, including (but not limited to) the Swift, Millers, Deerfield, Farmington,

Connecticut, and Androscoggin Rivers. Although the price of gasoline has declined substantially from July 2008 highs, sharing a ride saves a few bucks and it's greener, too! Besides, the fun of catching trout, such as the one shown above, is enhanced by good company (especially someone with a camera handy). Help out by volunteering to organize a trip and/or suggest other destinations, e.g., in NY or PA.

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### **Upcoming Events:**

**February 5-8 (Thurs-Sun) Eastern Fishing & Outdoor Exposition - Worcester DCU Center.** See [www.sportshows.com/worc\\_main.html](http://www.sportshows.com/worc_main.html) for more information.

We need volunteers for the CMTU Booth – Thursday afternoon; Fri afternoon/evening and Saturday. Email us at [otter\\_001@hotmail.com](mailto:otter_001@hotmail.com) or call 508-755-4645 to volunteer.

**Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>** 5:30 PM Providence Marriott Annual Dinner & presentation of the John H. Chafee Heritage Awards and the Corridor Keepers' Silent Auction, sponsored by the Commissioners and Staff of the John H. Chafee Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor Commission. TICKETS: \$30 per person - reservations requested by February 17.<sup>th</sup> For more information, contact: Barbara Dixon at 401-762-0250

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

March 10 (**NOTE: TUESDAY**) Andy Bonzagni of Concord Outfitters –  
Subject: Fly Fishing in British Columbia.

April 9: OPEN

May 14: An evening devoted to fly tying. Stay tuned.

**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.

**Concord Outfitters** are hosting several events between January and March of 2009. See their website for more information: [www.concordoutfitters.com](http://www.concordoutfitters.com)

**Central MA TU Family Outing & Barbeque.** Mark your calendars. **Saturday, June 6** at Trout Brook Pond, in Holden, MA. More info to follow in March and April newsletters.

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**Copies of the 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.

### **Quotation of the month:**

**"Our tradition is that of the first man who sneaked away to the creek when the tribe did not really need fish."~**

Roderick Haig-Brown, author of *A River Never Sleeps*, 1946

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## 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.

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### Photo Gallery



**At our January chapter meeting, Todd Richards, of the MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, discusses an initiative to remove dams on the Hamant Brook, a tributary of the Quinebaug River, in Sturbridge, MA.**



**Jim & Gina Portesi enjoy a laugh with Phil Horowitz while operating the CMTU booth at the recent Fly Fishing Show, in Marlborough. Despite cold temps and snow, the meeting was well-attended.**

### **Useful links:**

**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):** [www.nrdc.org/](http://www.nrdc.org/)

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

**Nashua River Watershed Association** [www.NashuaRiverWatershed.org](http://www.NashuaRiverWatershed.org)

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

**Harrison Anglers** [www.harrisonanglers.com](http://www.harrisonanglers.com)

**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)

**Mass Audubon Society** [www.massaudubon.org](http://www.massaudubon.org)

**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)

## **TROUT UNLIMITED'S MISSION:**

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