



Central MA Trout Unlimited January 2009 Newsletter

January 2009 Chapter Meeting: Thursday, Jan 8.

Happy New Year!

A few 'subtle' suggestions for New Year resolutions:

1. Attend CMTU chapter meetings
2. Get involved in CMTU activities
3. See the above.

Presentation: Todd Richards, Fisheries Biologist with the Mass Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, will make a presentation, "Wild Trout Habitat Restoration in Hamant Brook, Sturbridge." Some offline discussion about the nearby Quinapoxet River, one of our home streams, is anticipated, as well.

Where: Mass Audubon, located at Broad Meadow Brook Preserve 414 Massasoit Rd. Worcester. For more info re: location/directions, see 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.

Upcoming Events:

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

See www.flyfishingshow.com/Marlborough_MA.html for more information.

Tickets are still 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 for more information.

Upcoming speakers at Chapter meetings:

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

March 10 (NOTE: TUESDAY) Andy Bonzagni of Concord Outfitters

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 for more info.

At our November 2008 meeting Gerry Crow and Jim Norton, of NH Rivers Guides, presented and described excellent trout fishing on three rivers in NH. All-inclusive cost for the trip is \$250/day per person, a pretty good deal. The following dates below are still available:

June 22-23
June 24-25
June 28-29
June 30-July 1
July 2-3

They have extended their \$25/person discount for CMTU members through January. Anyone who is interested should contact: Gerry Crow gerry@nhriversguide.com
Tel: 603-889-5611 Mobile: 978-884-7545 OR Jim Norton jim@nhriversguide.com
Tel: 603-432-3254 directly.

Concord Outfitters are hosting several events between January and March of 2009. See their website for more information: www.concordoutfitters.com

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.

Quotation of the month:

"Scholars have long known that fishing eventually turns men into philosophers. Unfortunately, it is almost impossible to buy decent tackle on a philosopher's salary."

~Patrick F. McManus

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 tix make great gifts and stocking stuffers.

Some links for your surfing pleasure:

Trout Unlimited (National): www.tu.org

Mass-RI TU Council: www.ma-ri-tu-council.org/default.html

Central Mass Trout Unlimited: www.centralmasstu.org

Greater Boston Chapter of TU: www.gbtu.org/

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

Blackstone River Watershed Council: www.blackstoneriver.org

Atlantic Salmon Federation: www.asf.ca/index.php

Stripers Forever: 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

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

www.thelowerforty.com

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

www.cotesflyshop.biz/pb/wp_6bb85b5f/wp_6bb85b5f.html

Concord Outfitters www.concordoutfitters.com

Bear's Den Fly Fishing Co. www.bearsden.com

Ultimate Fly Fishing: www.ultimateflytying.com/

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

100 Top Fly Fishing Sites: www.hitsunlimited.com/fish/100topflyfish/100top.html

Fly Fishing Connection: www.flyfishingconnection.com/phorum/

YouTube (useful source of videos on fishing, fly-tying: www.youtube.com

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