

Central MA Trout Unlimited

March 2009 Newsletter

March Chapter Meeting: **Please note: TUESDAY (Not THURSDAY),
March 10th.**

Presentation: "*Discovering British Columbia.*"

By Andy Bonzagni, of Concord Outfitters. According to Andy, Fernie British Columbia has some of the finest trout fishing in the world. Fernie is a city in the Elk Valley area of the East Kootenay region of southeastern BC. Eager cutthroat and aggressive Bull trout fill these waters. This area can be fished with a guide from a drift boat or for the budget angler there's plenty of accessible water without a guide. Come join us to learn more about this untapped resource.



Where: Mass Audubon, located at Broad Meadow Brook Preserve 414 Massasoit Rd. Worcester. For more info re: location/directions, see www.massaudubon.org or www.mapquest.com Doors open at 6:30 PM. Speaker @ 7:15. Nonmembers are welcome. Admission is free. Raffles and door prizes each month.

Fishing Trips to Nearby and Not-so-Nearby Trout Waters. We are in the progress of organizing one, two, and three day trips to Mass, NH and CT watersheds. In case you missed our February meeting please complete the questionnaire at the bottom of the this newsletter and bring it with you to the chapter meeting. If you are unable to make it to the chapter meeting, please fill it out and email it to Jim Portesi at hralliance@comcast.net.

Upcoming Events:

March 7, 8 - Sat (9-4), Sun(9-3) Annual Fly Fish New Hampshire (NH's only fly fishing show). Sponsored by Pelham Fish & Game Club and Merrimack NH chapter of TU. **Where:** Pelham Fish & Game Club, Pelham. NH.

For more information & directions: www.merrimacktu.org or www.pelhamfishandgame.com

Upcoming speakers at Chapter meetings:

April 9: Peter Schilling (President of MA-RI Council of TU): The Russell (MA) Biomass Power Plant and its possible effects on adjacent Westfield River)

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

Concord Outfitters are hosting several events between in March. See their website for more information: www.concordoutfitters.com

Central MA TU Family Outing & Barbeque. Mark your calendars. **Saturday, June 6** at Trout Brook Pond, in Holden, MA. From 10 AM to 4 PM. Fly-tying and casting lessons, volleyball, and other outdoor activities. Rain or shine. Trout Brook Pond will be stocked with trout, so people can test their fly casting abilities. Raffles prizes. Please note: this not a Youth Day, per se, the event has elements similar to Youth Day events, held previously. Kids are very welcome (as indicated above “Family Outing”). Admission is free to all CMTU members and their family members.

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:

“There he stands, draped in more equipment than a telephone lineman, trying to outwit an organism with a brain no bigger than a breadcrumb, and getting licked in the process.”

~Paul O'Neil, 1965

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.

Photo Gallery



Swift River on a recent afternoon, viewed from power line crossing, looking upstream toward the Y Pool. Winsor Dam is in the background. Flow was ~ 300 cfs, mostly from the spillway.



Yeah,I'd like to order a pizza for.....delivery.....to the DCU Center. A man can work up a hearty appetite tying flies and selling raffle tix. Armand Courchaine is shown manning the CMTU booth recently at the Outdoor & Fishing Exposition, held on Feb 5-8 at the Worcester DCU center.

Useful links:

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): www.nrdc.org/

Blackstone River Watershed Council: www.blackstoneriver.org

Nashua River Watershed Association www.NashuaRiverWatershed.org

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

Harrison Anglers www.harrisonanglers.com

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

Mass Audubon Society www.massaudubon.org

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.