



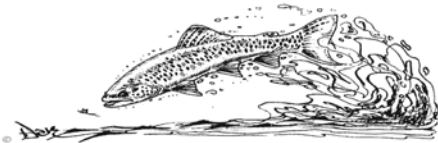
# Taconic Chapter established 1974 The Backcast

November 2005

## Membership Meeting

**Wednesday  
November 16,  
2005**  
6pm social hour  
7 pm Dinner

## Member Trip Reports



Who are these guys and where are they fishing?

Answer- some honey hole, somewhere in Alberta

At the membership meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2005, you'll hear of their adventure. At least you'll know who, what, where and how much; though the how many and how big.....hmmm now that will be interesting.



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## ***Crooked Staff Nominations***

Recognizing a deserving member, our Chapter will award this coveted award to the member who best represents the ideals of the Chapter and TU. This award will be presented at the December 2005 meeting.

Please submit nominations to Paul Knauth.

[pknauth@verizon.net](mailto:pknauth@verizon.net)

### ***Taconic Chapter***

#### ***Crooked Staff Award Recipients***

Gene Chague

Jerry Zink

Ted Giddings

Ernie Long

Francis Conroy

Ken Welch

Paul and Homer Ouellette

John Kastrinakis 1991

Cy Henry

Mike Shepard

Tony Lorio

Clem Ferris 2000

Dick Bordeau 2001

Paul Knauth 2002

Fred and Marylyn Moran 2003

Herb Rod 2004

Dave O'Clair 2005



*Now we know, Herb Rod passed "The Crooked Staff" and entrusted its care with Dave O'Clair. Now the early word is the staff is in "original condition". In our newsletter next month, we will have the tale of the "Crooked Staff" as told by Homer Ouellette.*

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### **Officers**

President - Paul Knauth	term expires October 2006
Vice President - Len Gigliotti	term expires October 2006
Treasurer - Herb Rod	term expires October 2006
Secretary - Marc Hoechstetter	term expires October 2006

### **Directors**

Charles Wohl	term expires October 2006
Paul Ouellette	term expires October 2006
Ron Wojcik	term expires October 2006
Allen Gray	term expires October 2007
John Kastrinakis	term expires October 2007
Dave O'Clair	term expires October 2007
Steve Booth	term expires October 2007
Fred Moran	term expires October 2008
Marilyn Moran	term expires October 2008
Karen Karlberg	term expires October 2008
Larry Newmark	term expires October 2008

### ***From the President***

Dear Friends,

It was so nice to see everyone at the October 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, we had 31 members in attendance. At the meeting, I delivered the fiscal 2004-05 Annual report and secretary Marc Hoechstetter presented to the membership a new slate of Officers and Directors after receiving one additional nomination from the floor. The slate was elected unanimously by the membership.

Eric Hammerling, the Executive Director of the Farmington River Watershed Association, was our guest speaker. His presentation was wonderful. The FRWA focuses on the areas of Research, Education and Advocacy. He spoke to us on the studies completed to collect information on the water quality, impediments to flow, and other stressors on the River and its tributaries. The "bugs" or benthic organisms like mayfly, caddis fly nymphs are good biological indicators of water quality. By monitoring benthic organisms, one can get an excellent picture of life in the stream over time. The Farmington is one of seven rivers in New England with a section federally designated as Wild and Scenic.

We have received many positive comments regarding the accommodations at Berkshire Hill Country Club and the dinner. On the flip side, the hall is large and not as cozy as we have been use to, we will take a look and see what we can do. We try our best to meet the needs of the Chapter and welcome all suggestions and help to make our Chapter better.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> at Berkshire Hills Country Club, please travel safe and take care.

Paul Knauth

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### ***Our Wish List***

#### **Laptop Computer**

We are looking to purchase a laptop computer for our Chapter. If you can help, we are accepting cash donations. Please send check payable to Taconic Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Paul W Knauth  
Box 41  
Hinsdale, MA 01235

## *Taconic Chapter 2005-06 Calendar*

### **October**

- 20 - Directors Meeting 7pm @ Crane & Co Inc. Research and Development Center*
- 26 - Membership Meeting @ Berkshire Hills Country Club 6:45 pm Dinner 7pm*
  - *Annual Meeting*
  - *Election of Officers*
  - *Guest Speaker Eric Hammerling - Topic Farmington River*

### **November**

- 9 - Directors Meeting 7pm @ Crane & Co Inc. Research and Development Center*
- 16 - Membership Meeting @ Berkshire Hills Country Club 6:45 pm Dinner 7pm*
  - *Member Trip reports*

### **December**

- 8 - Directors Meeting 7pm @ Crane & Co Inc. Research and Development Center*
- 14 - Membership Meeting @ Berkshire Hills Country Club 6:45 pm Dinner 7pm*
  - *Holiday Celebration*
  - *Award Crooked Staff*

### **January**

- 19 - Directors Meeting 7pm @ Crane & Co Inc. Research and Development Center*
- 25 - Membership Meeting @ Berkshire Hills Country Club 6:45 pm Dinner 7pm*
  - *Guest Speaker TBA*

### **February**

- 16 - Directors Meeting 7pm @ Crane & Co Inc. Research and Development Center*
- 22 - Membership Meeting @ Berkshire Hills Country Club 6:45 pm Dinner 7pm*
  - *Guest Speaker Pat Higgins - Fly Fishing the Green River in Utah*

### **March**

- 23 - Directors Meeting 7pm @ Crane & Co Inc. Research and Development Center*
- 29 - Membership Meeting @ Berkshire Hills Country Club 6:45 pm Dinner 7pm*
  - *Guest Speaker Walt Geryk - Steelhead Fishing*

### **April**

- 20 - Directors Meeting 7pm @ Crane & Co Inc. Research and Development Center*
- 26 - Membership Meeting @ Berkshire Hills Country Club 6:45 pm Dinner 7pm*
  - *Guest Speaker - Andrew Madden - Division of Fisheries & Wildlife*

### **May**

- 11 - Directors Meeting 7pm @ Crane & Co Inc. Research and Development Center*
- 19 - 22 Indian Hollow Weekend*



## *Chague's Place*

Your MA/RI Council has been quite busy these days. By the time you read this, it will have had Red Brook Family Day, one normal Council meeting, a New England Regional Meeting in Concord, NH and a council banquet so far this fall. We have a couple of meetings scheduled for December.

The Southeast Chapter put on the Red Brook day in September which was well attended. Funds raised from this event helps to cover the costs of maintaining the Red Brook sanctuary, one of the few streams on the Eastern Seaboard that sustains a population of sea run brook trout. This land is managed by the Trustees of Reservation and is open to their members and TU members. Our council must pay the Trustees \$5,000 annually to manage the property. Several of our members traveled to Wareham to attend.

At the normal council meeting, we discussed the many ongoing projects. The Greater Boston Chapter is taking the lead in getting the new *Anglers Guide to Trout Fishing in Mass* published. The cover will be of a brook trout which was drawn by Alan James Robinson. The Council authorized up to \$25,000 to get that out. You may recall that the first edition of that book provided lots of funds for the council and the various chapters which sold them. I think the Taconic Chapter sold nearly 250 of them and it received \$4 for each book.

The Council, Pioneer Chapter, our own chapter and TU National is closely watching the biomass wood burning power plant being proposed along the banks of the Westfield River in Russell. Meetings have been attended and letters have been sent to MEPA expressing our concerns dealing with the 850,000 water withdrawal out of the river. On November 6, thanks to our and other environmental organizations, the EOEA announced that it is requiring a full environmental impact report (EIR) on the project.

At the same time, the Council is heavily involved with the Bring Back the Brookie campaign. Recently, we petitioned the Fish and Game Board to adopt a wild trout policy. Thanks to our own Paul Knauth for taking on a leadership role in that. Now we are working on setting up a meeting with Dr. Mark Tisa (DFW) sometime in December to set the groundwork for our anticipated partnership with them on that project. The Council is taking a serious look at the Trout in the Classroom (TIC) program which TU national is endorsing. There are Embrace-a-Stream (EAS) projects going on all over the state, and much, much more.

The Council Banquet took place on Nov 6, complete with auctions/raffles, two guest speakers (flyfishing writer Paul DiNolo and Kirt Mayland from TU National) and home made tasty spaghetti cooked by John Salemi (Greater Boston) and our own Marc Hoehstetter. We had a fair turnout and took in over \$4,000 in much needed funds to cover our expenses. Some 5 of our members traveled to Marlborough, MA to attend that event.

The Council welcomed a new chapter called the Northern Rhode Island Chapter. The Narragansett Chapter is busy working on projects on the Wood-Pawcatuk River.

Yes, there are lots more things going on at the Council, too. I am so pleased and proud to inform you that your delegates (Paul Knauth, Marc Hoehstetter and Herb Rod) are great supporters of the Council and have taken on many leadership roles. Marc is Vice Chair for the Environment and Paul is instrumental on the Brook Trout Committee as well as maintainer of the Council Directory. The Taconic Team is an integral part of the Council.

Gene