

Non-members are always welcome at meetings. See back cover for details.

the Rollcast

DECEMBER, 2006

The Official Newsletter of the Cape Cod Chapter of Trout Unlimited

CCTU PRESENTS

Our Traditional CCTU

Holiday Party

- ✓ Bring a wrapped gift.....get a gift
(\$5 to \$10 / funny or practical!)
- ✓ Holiday treats - bring your appetite!
- ✓ Wayne, speaking on the off-Cape trips

December 13th
Liberty Hall
7:00pm sharp!

Two reminders!

- ✓ Leave room to access the rear of the parking lot.
Please leave at least a two car-width opening.
- ✓ The Board will be meeting at the hall directly before
the CCTU meeting so keep the noise to a low din.

The 2007 OFFICIAL SLATE of
Officers & Board Members
(Election held at the December 13th TU meeting)

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT - Mark Hattman
VICE PRESIDENT - Wayne Miller
CO-SECRETARY - Laurie Thwaites / Sandra Reid
TREASURER - Al DeCarlo
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT - Bob Bliss
(This is a non-elective office, the IPP just is!)

BOARD MEMBERS

Chris Bean Dennis Smith
Joe Branzitti Scott Dietrich
Howie Strathie

We will also be voting on a proposal to lower the
number of required Board members from 6 to 3.

SEE INSIDE

Info on the "NEW" CCTU Fly Tying Class
Info on the CCTU Fly Fishing Camp for 2007
A little info on Liberty Hall...our landlord
"Trolling" a fly....on foot yet? - Steve Pickul

plus

Random Casts - gossip, news & B.S
And sum funnin' and sum fishin'

★ *Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!*

Officers & Executive Committee

President	Mark Hattman (email) CCTUPREZ@comcast.net (cell) (774) 994-7319	362-3678
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Scott Dietrich (fly fishing camp)	775-8399
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Mary Ellen St George M-A-L	-----

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Send letters, photos, art, news, tips, gossip & articles to:
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✓ CUT OFF DATE is the 20th of the month prior to issue date.
Example: October issue cut off date September 20th
Take heed! We do not publish in June, July or August

Join TROUT UNLIMITED!

"The Action Organization"

MEMBERS! SHOPS! FRIENDS! If someone you know asks about TU all you have to do is hand them a copy of the "Rollcast"! Membership application below! Sign up a new member today!

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Fly Tying Class Begins Anew

An introductory class on fly tying will be held at 7pm at Liberty Hall on 6 consecutive Wednesday evenings (with CCTU meetings being the exception) starting on February 7th and continuing until March 28th. Cost? Only \$50! All are welcome member or non-member! See Scott Dietrich for more info! Six basic flies will be taught: a nymph, a dry, a classic wet, a woolly bugger, a Clouser and a Lefty's deceiver. **Instructors: Stan Moak, Al Brewster, Bob Bliss, Bob Nickerson, Dan Tobin and Scott Dietrich.**

The November Quashnet Report

An abbreviated report here as the water was running high at the mighty Quashnet and the four volunteers that showed up (Tony Capo, Dave Clark, Bob Nickerson & Bob McNeil - Fran being tied up up in Maine) could only resist being washed away for about an hour! However some trees and brush were removed from the stream around the Martin Road culvert area.

PROPOSED UPCOMING CCTU SPEAKERS

- ✓ JANUARY - Larry Kline / Alaska Salmon Fishing
Larry is planning a trip to Alaska in late summer, 2007.
Wanna tag along? See Larry at the January meeting for info.
- ✓ FEBRUARY - Fran Smith / Quashnet River
Our traditional work project. Why don't more Tuer's participate?
- ✓ MARCH - Warren Duncan??? Not sure just yet!

A FEW LIBERTY HALL TIDBITS

In the spirit of "one hand washing the other" we are presenting herein a fact sheet, a history, if you will, of the Liberty Hall Club. We rent our meeting space from the club. It is a privately owned and operated building; it is not a town facility as some seem to think. We recently had these enclosed fact sheets designed and printed as a gift from us to the club to use as give-aways for the nonmember public that attends various club functions at the hall. That includes us, by the way. The building itself dates from around the Civil War era so its beams and structure are very tired. However around 25+ years ago the club took out a mortgage and had the building jacked up and a new foundation poured. But, although the basement area is now modernized the upper floors are still "needy". A new roof was recently installed costing over \$10,000. A coffee house group has painted and restored the stage area. New tables and chairs have been purchased in the past few years. Last year CCTU donated \$250 to help with fuel costs and this year these fact sheets. ----->

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In business since 1977...we must be good! TU members- ask for 10% discount! 508-771-6118

***Cape Cod TU* Fly Fishing Camp**

- ✓ To be held, once again, at YMCA, Camp Burgess in Sandwich
 - ✓ May 11th thru 13th, 2007. This is a sleep-over event!
 - ✓ **ROOM! MEALS! INSTRUCTION! FISHING!AND MORE!**
 - ✓ Adults (18 and up) \$249, other rates are available. TU members only \$219!
 - ✓ What a great CHRISTMAS PRESENT, eh Santa?
 - ✓ **WANT MORE INFO? Contact Scott Dietrich ASAP / 508-775-8399**
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TROLLING SANS BOAT

by Steve Pickul

Oftentimes when fishing from my boat, I'll drop a fly over the side, let out about 100' of line, and slowly troll along the drop offs in front of the flats. This is an effective method of locating fish, especially when there are no birds working or other visible signs of fish feeding.

You can employ the same method when fishing from shore, a good case in point being last Sunday when I fished the beach from Torrey Road to the mouth of Scorton's Creek.

I started at the parking lot using a more traditional method; fan casting a half dozen times in one spot, then moving a 100' or so down the beach and repeating the process. After an hour or so without success, I started back from the creek in the opposite direction. This time I cast out, let the fly settle a few moments, than started walking "slowly", parallel to the shore, giving my rod tip a twitch every now and then. When my fly line was finally dragged close to the beach I retrieved the line and repeated the process all over again.

On my third attempt, I finally picked up a bass. Marking the spot where the fish struck, I walked back a few yards and made several casts and caught two more fish. Repeating the same process all the way back to my starting point, I managed to catch several more fish, including a nice Hickory Shad that jumped several times before being released.

Just for the heck of it, I started back again towards the creek, using the traditional method of casting, then moving further down the shore. 600 yards, and zero fish later, I headed back towards the parking lot trolling once again. Fishing the same stretch of water, I managed to catch three more fish.

This system works because when the fish are spotty, you end up covering a lot more water with your fly, thereby increasing the odds of putting your fly in front of the fish.

Try it some time, and remember, this system works much better if you can cast out a full line. The further the cast, the longer your fly stays in the water. So practice, practice, practice!

 *Help the Boy Scouts
While Helping Ourselves*

info from Dennis Smith, CCTU Board member

Members of our Trout Unlimited Chapter can help the Scouts of the Cape Cod & Islands Council, Boy Scouts of America in several ways such as:

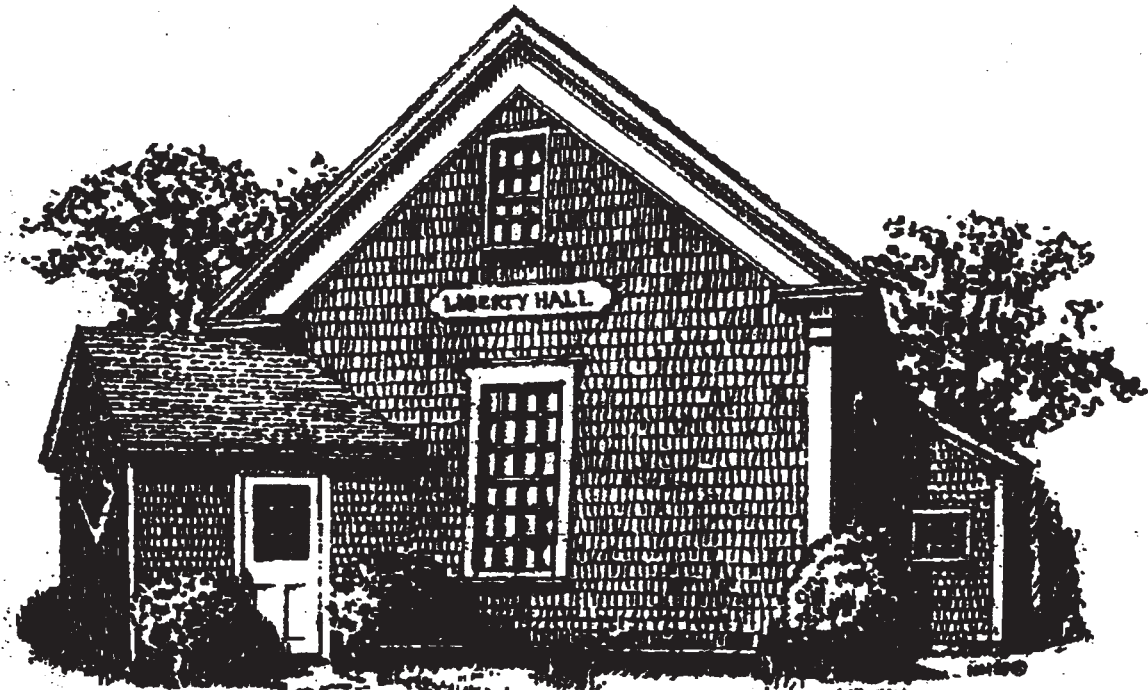
#1. Encourage Scouts and Leaders to attend our Fly Fishing Camp on May 11,12,13, 2007. Reduced rates and scholarships are available from CCTU.

#2. Volunteer to become a Merit Badge Counselor for the Fly Fishing, Fishing, Fish & Wildlife Management, Environmental Science (required for rank of Eagle,) Soil & Water Conservation merit badges. You do have to register with the Boy Scout Council and make out an application for those of you that want to participate. Just contact CCTUer, **Dennis Smith, 508-428-7373**, or dennismsmith@comcast.net for an application. There are no fees involved with this process.

#3. Help the Chapter provide group instruction for fly tying, fly fishing, etc.

Let's get the Scouts their Leaders and Trout Unlimited Members together.

Welcome to the Liberty Hall Club



MARSTONS MILLS
LIBERTY HALL
1859

In 1946 The Marstons Mills Athletic Club was founded by a few Marstons Mills men interested in starting a softball team to play in the Centerville/Osterville Softball League. With no field available to them, Lloyd Hadley, owner of the Clear Lake Duck Farm on Hamblin's Pond and Bob Hayden, owner of a local salvage yard, built one at the Marstons Mills Elementary School, complete with a backstop, "dugout" and bleacher seats. Soon the club expanded to include any men from the village, not just ballplayers and Liberty Hall became the club house for this group.

However, the building was actually owned by the Marstons Mills Methodist Church and was needed more and more by the Church so the Club was moved to a WW II Quonset hut that was once used for Navy training at Barnstable Airport. This hut was towed to River Road up by the cranberry bogs and situated on land donated by "Lolly" Jones. In this building the Club put on suppers, chicken BBQ's, turkey shoots, family picnics and kids Halloween & Christmas parties.

But after a few years at the River Road location the church decided they no longer needed Liberty Hall so the Club purchased it and we moved our club (and activities) to where you see it today. As you may have gathered by now, the building is privately owned and not a town property.

About 25 years ago the Club members took out a mortgage to try to restore Liberty Hall. The building was jacked up, a full foundation added, club rooms were built downstairs, the building was insulated and, in general, modernized. We began to function as a *de facto* community center.

By that time the Club was known as **The Marstons Mills Athletic & Civic Club**. Note the word civic added to the name as the "athletic" activities of our club slowly began to dwindle and we became more and more involved with village improvement projects, as we still are today.

The last chapter of this historical saga occurred in 1992 when we officially changed our name to **The Liberty Hall Club** to better reflect our credo of, "*The care and maintenance of historic Liberty Hall.*" This, indeed, is what we now do. We care for the building as best we can!

We actively seek donations and new members. For info call 428-5662 and leave a message.

√ The design and printing of this sheet was donated by the Cape Cod Chapter of Trout Unlimited a Liberty Hall renter

Random Casts.....Gossip, B. S. and assorted twaddle!

BIG TACKLE BLOWOUT!

Sorbus, you know, "Under the Clock in Mashpee Commons", is having a gigantic tackle sale starting oh....as soon as you read this until December 31st! **All fishing tackle is 25% off.** I recently asked, shop owner **Simon Bates**, just what he meant by all and he said, all means all...nothing held back! So now's the time to stock up on rods, reels, lines, fly-boxes, and gadgets, Also meet new shop salesman, **Standish Bradford**. And let him (and Simon too) know you are from CCTU.

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Christmas is coming

Yes it is! And we are determined to hold a **Fly Fishing Camp** this spring afta last years cancellation. Contact Scott Dietrich for more information. This will make a great Christmas gift for any budding fly fisher. While perhaps not for the more advanced angler almost anyone can learn something at this school. For example we try to have at least 2 FFF Certified Casting Instructors available, and even more if we can. Call Scott for info. Also **wouldn't a gift membership to TU or the Salties** be a great gift for a fishing buddy? And another great gift idea would be the following: We are going to hold our traditional winter **Fly Tying Class** this year. Full info can be had by contacting Scott Dietrich but it will be \$50 and held 6 consecutive Wednesday nites starting on February 7th with time out for the CCTU meetings in February & March. Call Scott for more info. We will continue to have the informal free tying nights both before and after the classes on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Quashnet Workdays

Quashnet workdays are held on the **third Sunday of every month.** Meet at the Martin Road gate to the river at 9am. Lunch usually served. This is CCTU's main conservation project and has been for 25 years.

- ✓ **December 17th**
- ✓ **January 21st**
- ✓ **February 18th**
- ✓ **March 18th**
- ✓ **April 15th**
- T✓ **May TBA***

*Date undetermined as yet due to Fathers Day!
For more information you may call either Fran Smith @ 508-548-4087 or Bob Nickerson @ 508-428-8320

Red Brook Workdays

Red Brook workdays are held on the **first Saturday of every month.** Meet in the Lyman Reserve parking lot across the street from the little yellow house around 9am. This is an ongoing MA/RI Council conservation project. Some fishing opportunities in the fall & spring!

- ✓ **December 2nd**
- ✓ **January 6th**
- ✓ **February 3rd**
- ✓ **March 3rd**
- ✓ **April 7th**
- ✓ **May 5th**

For more information just call Warren Winders @ 781-878-1074.

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The MA/RI Council camping trip to **Indian Hollow** will be held next **May 18-19-20-21.** Watch right here for more info when available. This is a free event for all TUser's and is held on the banks of the Westfield.

AL BREWSTER AWARD

Well it's time to start your brain working. Believe it or not the Board has to pick an outstanding Chapter member for the **4th annual Al Brewster Award** and we need your help! The only criteria is five years of ACTIVE CCTU service...with active being the operative word here. So sharpen those pencils and write up a short paragraph featuring your choice and send it to Mark Hattman or see him at a meeting. **Your nomination must be in writing (email OK) and by February 1st.**

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Put the following 2007 dates on your calendars now:

✓ *Please note the change in the Spring Banquet date below! Last month we had April 22nd. That has now been changed to April 29th.*

Spring Banquet

April 29th - 3pm to 7pm
Harbor Point / \$35
Contact Wayne Miller
CCTU Fly Fishing Camp

May 11th, 12th, 13th
Camp Burgess

Contact Scott Dietrich
Roscoe NY Fishing Trips

2 trips / 12 person limit each trip

#1—**May 29th, 30th, 31st**

#2—**June 5th, 6th, 7th**

Contact Wayne Miller

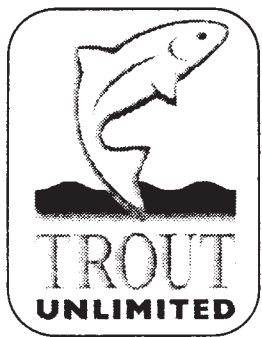
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Many thanks to **Ann Trautner** and **George Heimerdinger** for donating books for the once-flooded Roscoe, NY Library. The Library apparently now has enough donations so from here on out if you donate any books we will see that they get put to good use perhaps as raffle prizes and/or the Cape Cod Salties fishing book collection at the Dennis Library.

GOT NEWS?

Contact **Howie Strathie**, 8 Bishop's Park, Mashpee, MA 02649

508-539-3461 or strathie@aol.com Deadline is the 20th of the month prior to publication.

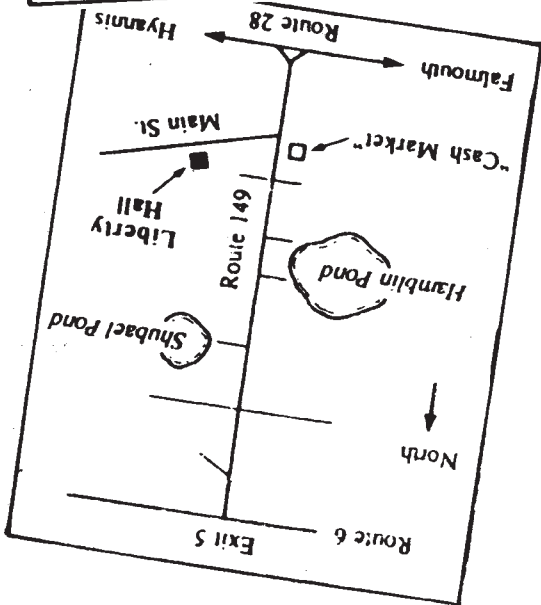


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NEXT QUASHNET WORKDAY
DECEMBER 17TH @ 9:00AM
 Meet at the Martin Road gate off Route 28
 Workday will be held rain or shine!
 ✓ Call Bob Nickerson for info: 508-428-8320

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After all these years, I still feel like a boy when I'm on a stream or lake.
Jummy Carter



December 13th
Annual Christmas Shindig!
 BOARD MEETING @ 6PM SAME NITE!

NEXT MEETING:
 Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, except for June, July & August, at historic Liberty Hall right on Main Street, next to the library, in Marstons Mills at 7pm. ALL ARE WELCOMED...MEMBER OR NOT!

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