

RIFFLS & RUNS

President's Message

March 2008

Even though it's still pretty chilly outside, the sun is starting to warm things up with its rays. That must mean one thing: banquet time. We are all keenly aware of the current economic situation. Being our only fundraiser of the year and the only time we ask for your financial support, we hope you can all find the ability to purchase a ticket and come out and support this event. The banquet committee is working hard again this year to bring you another quality event with a myriad of raffle prizes and auction items. We're positive that The Chowder Pot will present another delicious spread for us. If for nothing else, come out and have a good evening of dining, drinks and friends. We hope that you keep the date open, March 27th. See the insert in this newsletter for more info on how to get your tickets.

I want to throw out a big thank you and congratulations to Frank Plona and William Case for a fantastic job setting up and running the All TU day at Cabeles. What a great time we had. I can't describe it as anything less than a huge success. 4 out of the 8 CT chapters participated in one way or another and over 80 individuals passed thru our kids fly tying room. The Cabela's fly fishing department reported that they sold out of beginner fly tying kits and had to discount their next kit to cover requests. Please take the time to give Frank and Bill a pat on the back next time you see them.

We'll have a number of volunteer opportunities this upcoming season. Besides the Rock Brook project we

have in progress, looks like Frank may have another project in the works. Keep an eye on our website and email alerts for more info. I would like to ask all our members to check out the www.meetup.com/The-Connecticut-Trout-Fishing-Meetup-Group. Sponsored by FVTU. We have created this site as a way to promote our sport and values. Designed to get new and younger individuals involved in fly fishing and cold water conservation, we are looking for our veteran members to sign up as hosts to help instruct newer members. It is also a time just to come out as an organization and enjoy fishing together.

We'll see you all on the water.



Carl Swanson
President

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March Meeting

Please join us on Wednesday, March 4th at the Stonewell Restaurant in Farmington for our monthly membership meeting. Our guest speaker will be Rob Nicolas who will be presenting on fishing the Housatonic and Farmington Rivers and conclude with fishing in Chile and Argentina. Please see page 2 for details.

Join us early at 6:30 for fly tying!

**YOUR BANQUET
TICKET ORDER FORM
IS ON PAGE 3! RE-
SERVE YOUR SEATS
NOW! DON'T MISS
OUT!**



Farmington Valley Chapter of



March's Guest Speaker



As we all look forward to the arrival of warmer weather, our speaker for Wednesday, March 4th will be Rob Nicholas from Housatonic Anglers LLC. Rob will focus his presentation on fishing the Farmington and Housatonic Rivers, and then conclude with a brief discussion of fishing in Chile and Argentina.

Rob began operating the Housatonic Anglers Guide Service in 1993 and as a full time guide now spends approximately 50 days each year with clients on the Housatonic and around 50 days guiding on the Farmington. He offers full and half day excursions. Although he is usually able to offer float trips on the Housatonic from late April to mid June (depending on water conditions), wade fishing is usually the only option on the Farmington. A full day of fishing may include stops on both rivers. While trout may be the primary target, there is excellent smallmouth bass fishing on the Housatonic.

Further information on Rob is

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available at www.housatonicanglers.com and www.anglingintheandies.com.

Please join us for an informative evening on fishing the best large rivers in Connecticut. Doors open with fly tying at 6:30.

Chapter News

Did you get your e-newsletter?

Did you get this issue of Riffles and Runs via e-mail? If you signed up and did not receive an e-mail, if you received BOTH and e-mail copy and snail-mail copy, or you would like to receive R&R via e-mail Please e-mail Alicea Charamut at alicea_ski@hotmail.com. We're still trying to work out the bugs and need your help! Thanks!

DECLUTTER!

Want to unload your unwanted back issues of TU's *Trout Magazine*, *Flyfishing*, *American Angler* or other Fly Tying magazines? Please bring them in to any of the chapter's regular meetings!

Upcoming Events

Mar 4 Membership Meeting

Mar 17 Board Meeting

Mar 27 11th Annual Banquet
Chowder Pot, Hartford

No membership meeting in April!

Apr 18 Opening Day of Fishing
Season

Apr 25 Newington Youth Fishing
Derby

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings begin at 7:00 pm and are held at the Stonewell Restaurant, 354 Colt Hwy (Rt 6), Farmington, CT.

Meet our Sponsors

Many of you have seen framed artwork donated to FVTU over the years by Scott Goldman. His work allows anglers to frame a special photo, painting or print that captures a marvelous day on the water forever.

After having his own art supply and framing shop for 20 years, Scott is now doing custom framing by appointment. You may reach him at either (860) 243-9630 or (860) 543-2553, all framing appointments will be at EBK Framing at the Cross Roads Plaza, Bishop's Corner West Hartford, behind Food Mart. You may reach him via e-mail at SCOTTMGOLDMAN@AOL.COM, but he suggests you note FRAMING APOINTMENT in the message area.

Scott is a member of FVTU and other local fishing organizations. With guidance from their father, he and his brother Jonathon have become avid fisherman who enjoy fishing for bonefish in Abaco and tying flies while it is snowing in the Northeast. Together they have created the Robert Goldman Memorial Library of Fishing Books, which is a great resource for all fishermen.

Please visit www.flyfishingart.net.

Banquet Corner

We are looking for new or lightly used equipment of any type that you don't need and would like to donate for the banquet. That could be fishing gear, fly tying equipment, materials or other items that you no longer need. Don't forget that donated items are tax deductible. Contact Bill Case at 678-7245 or Alicea Charamut.

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F A R M I N G T O N V A L L E Y C H A P T E R
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11th Annual Banquet

Friday, March 27, 2009

The USS Chowder Pot IV Restaurant

165 Brainard Rd. Hartford, Ct.

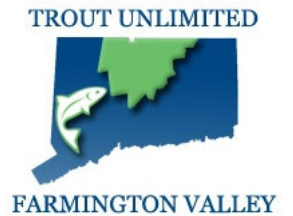
6 P.M. Reception (cash bar) 7 P.M. Buffet Dinner

Fantastic Live Auction Great Bucket Raffles Special Raffles

Angling and sporting equipment Guided fishing trips Goods for your home

Artwork Custom Rods Flies, Flies, Flies!

And much, more!!!!!!



\$40 per person

No tickets will be sold at the door

YOU MUST RESERVE YOUR SEATS NO LATER THAN MARCH 20th

Questions? Contact Alicea at alicea_ski@hotmail.com or at (203) 440-0854

Complete form below, cut here and return with payment - \$40.00 per person

Make check/money order payable to T.U. Farmington Valley

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FVTU c/o Jerry Bannock, 38 Dunham Pl., Southington, Ct. 06489

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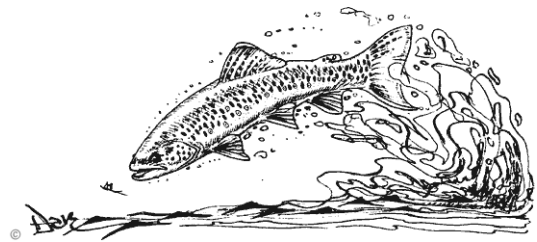
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Visit us on the web at www.tufv.org!



Equipment Corner

Fishing Tag Sale and Swap Meet

The April Hammonasset TU monthly meeting will be a Fishing Tag Sale and Fly Swap 6:00 PM -9:00 PM.

Members who tie can bring their flies in and swap them with others. Bring your slightly used equipment that you want to sell or swap something else with fellow TU members.

This is a great opportunity for new fishermen to get some very good deals so don't miss this meeting. You will be able to find deals on used angling gear, fly tying materials, fly fishing items, maybe some salt water gear, extra rods and reels, camping and outdoor gear...all at tag sale prices.

This also could be a great opportunity for TU members to lighten up on gear that is not being used and in the closet. Even if you have only one or two items, just bring them in to the sale then mingle and

see what else is for sale. Other chapter members will be present so this will also be a special social event and a chance to meet new anglers. Hot-dogs, snacks and refreshing beverages will be available too.

You may also donate flies and gently used fly fishing gear to the chapter for a silent auction (highest bidder wins) and then everyone wins!

Cash only, swap or trade. Bring plenty of cash. This should be a real fun meeting.

April 16 at Wallingford Rod & Gun Club 411 N Branford Road Wallingford.

* Doors Open at 5:30 P.M. for Setup
* Tag Sale opens from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

* Donated Items will be Sold by Silent Auction.