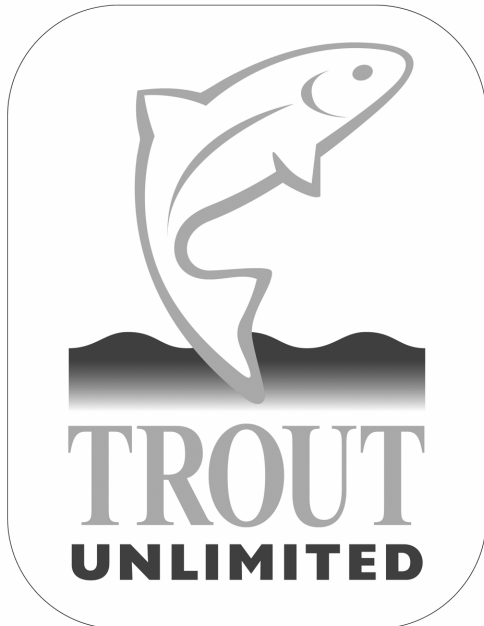


In The Trout's Window

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Pioneer Valley TU Chapter 276



May 9, 2006 Meeting

Our next chapter meeting will be held at 7PM on Tuesday, May 9th at the West Springfield/Agawam Elks Lodge, 422 Morgan Rd., West Springfield, MA.

Eagle Restoration at Quabbin

Our guest speaker will be our own Jim Lafley whose presentation is the successful eagle restoration program at Quabbin. This, our last program until the fall will be a good one to bring your family to. Not only will you learn about eagles, but also you will learn about the Quabbin.

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Fly Tyers Corner

Tying starts at 7. Guest tyer TBA.

Swift River Volunteers Needed

Paul Beaulieu has requested that any members interested in helping the replanting of the river banks disturbed during the rubble pile removal can call him at 413-467-3507. Tentatively the removal is scheduled for late May, with replanting to follow.

Leave a living conservation legacy on the banks of this beautiful river, call Paul and volunteer!

Fly Fishing Clinic For Youth

On Saturday, May 13th, the Westfield River Watershed Association is sponsoring a fly fishing clinic for youth on the banks of the Westfield River in Huntington from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The location is the turnout across from the medical center on Route 20.

Hands on instruction in fly casting and fly tying will be offered. For more information, or to volunteer to represent your chapter, contact Bill Rose at 786-0195.

Fishway Open House

On Sunday, June 4th, there will be an open house at the Westfield River Fishway on Front Street in West Springfield, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. This is a pretty neat family activity as you are sure to see some shad and maybe a salmon in the observation room. For more info contact Bill Rose.

Annual Youth Fishing Day

On Saturday, June 3rd, from 10-3 at Trout Brook Park, the Central Mass TU Chapter is having its 4th Annual Youth Fishing Day. The day is comprised of individual fly casting instructions, fly tying instructions, stream ecology (i.e. macro invertebrates and the food cycle for trout), fly fishing for trout in the freshly stocked pond. There will be refreshments, and several prize drawings including a "starter kit" of fly rod, reel and line. It is free and equipment is provided. Call Paul Bakstran at 978-838-7345 for more details.

Chapter Finances

As of the last board meeting in April the finances were: CD-\$10,271.82, Checking-\$550.69, Savings-\$11,496.25.

Women's Logic

A little humor from the "North Woods Call"

One morning, a husband returns after several hours of fishing and decides to take a nap. Although not familiar with the lake, his wife decides to take their boat out. She motors out a short distance, anchors, and takes out her book.

Along comes a game warden in his boat. He pulls up alongside the woman and says, "Good morning, Ma'am. What are you doing"?

"Reading a book," she replies, thinking isn't that obvious.

"You're in a restricted fishing area," he informs her.

"I'm sorry, Officer, but I'm not fishing, I'm reading," she tells him. "yes, but you have all the equipment. For all I know you could start at any moment. I'll have to take you in and write you up."

"If you do that, I'll have to charge you with sexual assault," says the woman.

"But I haven't touched you," says the game warden.

"That's true, but you have all the equipment. For all I know, you could start at any moment."

"Have a nice day, ma'am," he said... and quickly left.

THE MORAL: NEVER ARGUE WITH A WOMAN WHO READS. IT'S LIKELY SHE CAN ALSO THINK.

Welcome New Chapter Members

Welcome to our newest chapter members: Rene Houde, Robert Jendrysik, Dennis Priog, Paul Cusson, Mark Placzek. Hope to see you at one of our meetings or events.

Swift River Cleanup

Stan Gula reports that a tentative date has been set of Saturday, June 3rd for this cleanup. This is a collaborative effort with the Belchertown Land Trust, new owners of the Bondsville Dam. It will be a great way to cement an ongoing partnership with another conservation organization. If you are interested please contact Stan at 413-783-8381 for more details.

Conservation Banquet Roundup

Our Annual Conservation Banquet was a great success, which raised over \$5000.00.

However, in oversight, the following Chapter member and business donors were missed in the banquet program: John West, Rick Kelley, Dana Charbonneau, Al Miller, Eastmount Custom Framing. The banquet would not have been as successful without their generosity.

Indian Hollow Picnic—Chesterfield

The Mass/RI Council of TU is hosting the Annual Family Campout at the Army Corps camp ground at Indian Hollow in Chesterfield on the weekend of May19-22. This is a free event for all Massachusetts and Rhode Island TU members. The camp ground is right of the bank of the East Branch of the Westfield River in a beautiful

location. Yes, flush toilets and hot showers are available.

Anyway, the picnic is held around noon on Saturday, and is a great way to take a break from fishing the Westfield C&R. Les Jones and his helpers will see that the river is well stocked prior to the event, so no excuses for going fishless!

Directions: In Chesterfield, take South Rd off of Rte. 143 (Chesterfield Rd.) for several miles until you come to Huntington Rd on your right. Take Huntington Rd. directly to the campground.

Red Brook Family Day

Keep September 17th open on your calendars as the annual fundraiser will be held for Red Brook at the Lyman Preserve from 10am to 3pm. A barbeque will be followed by bucket raffles, silent auction, and a kayak raffle.

Also, there will be a short ceremony to dedicate the Charles Lyman and Henry Lyman Memorial Angler's Shelter.

September Newsletter Submittal Deadline

Cutoff for submittals for the September Newsletter will be September 1st.

Chapter Classified

Paul Beaulieu has a Great Lakes Steelhead Rod for sale. It is a Reddington Red Start, 10', seven weight, 2-piece with case for \$100.00. Call Paul at 413-335-9128.

We will try this as a regular item in September. Editor not responsible for accuracy of ad.

Cancer Connection Fishing Day

On Saturday April 29, Pioneer Valley TU members assisted the Cancer Connection to hold a flyfishing day out for a group of cancer survivors at Look Park. The weather was beautiful and the event was rewarding for the group as well as the volunteers. The event was organized and hosted by John Sinton, assisted by Tom, Les, Gary and Chip.

Summer Vacations

This is just a reminder that Pioneer Valley TU

does not publish newsletters or hold meetings during the month of June, July or August. Look for a newsletter in the first week of September, and plan on attending the first meeting of next year on September 12. We will have lots of news of projects on the Swift River.

Tight Lines Everybody!

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Chapter Meetings

Meetings are held at 7PM on the second Tuesday of each month from September through May. We meet at the West Springfield/Agawam Lodge of Elks, 422 Morgan Rd., West Springfield, MA. The general public is always welcome with no admission fee.

EVENT CALENDAR

May 13, 2006	Fly Fishing Clinic for Youth Westfield River, Huntington
May 19-22, 2006	Indian Hollow Picnic
June 3, 2006	Swift Cleanup Day
June 3, 2006	Annual Youth Fishing Day Central Mass TU Chapter
June, July, August	NO MEETINGS
September 12	Next PVTU meeting
September 17, 2006	Red Brook Family Day