

President's Streamside Chat

Color starts to tint the forests, thoughts of baby blue winged olives revive, GBTU returns to Drumlin Farm for a new season on September 22nd. An opportunity to reunite with friends, and to enjoy an evening with one of our chapter's favorites, Marla Blair. Given my own lackluster trout fishing this year, I can use all the advise Marla might share!

If it wasn't for largemouth bass on surface poppers, I would actually be glad summer is over! River bass fought more like small mouths, with multiple jumps and runs for the weed line. These fish see a lot of plastic and hardware, but rarely a blurping deer hair frog. *What fun!* Back to business.

Our chapter enters a new season strong on multiple levels. Membership has held

steadily, maybe even increased. We've provided superb programs, communicated more frequently with our *Currents*, continued strong fund-raising success and expanded our outreach on behalf of fishery and environmental conservation.. Funds raised through volunteer efforts at shows and our PastaFest enabled us to invest in numerous local and national causes. For solid involvement by our members, I want to thank the many folks who contributed to the success of the chapter. We encourage others to jump in and help out as well. It is fun.

Check out our new website (www.gbtu.org), which is now on line and evolving. Help us achieve our growth goals for educational outreach and a new trout guide through MA/RI Council. We are about to elect officers at our November meeting; I invite each of you to consider taking part in the nominating committee, volunteering to be considered for an office, or

recommending another for a position of leadership.

Finally, I reiterate that which I said a year ago, as we started another new season: Preoccupied with war and terrorism around the globe, the current administration has become markedly indifferent to, perhaps even assaulting the issues of clean water and clean air. As members of a preeminent conservation and environmental organization in the U. S., we have an obligation to take a stand against this relentless and short-sighted degradation. My circle of friends is not a band of itree-hugging dirt-worshippers. They are typical of pragmatic, foresighted, conservation-minded outdoorspeople. They are, to a person, outspoken in their concern when our great country is going in the wrong environmental direction. It is *our* responsibility to see that the course is corrected.

See you all September 22nd at Drumlin Farm!

-Jim Miller

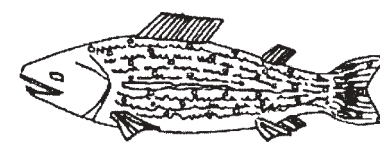
2001 - Photo courtesy John Salemi
TU member and past president Tom Fay lifts a Stripper off Monomoy,
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GBTU President Jim Miller hands TU CEO Charles Gauvin \$1,000. icheck! at 2003 PastaFest

BRASS JOINS OUR BAND PastaFest Hosts National Head

March 23rd, Watertown:

Charles Gauvin, president and CEO of Trout Unlimited National, was honored guest and keynote speaker at our annual PastaFest fund-raising dinner in Watertown. Whether it was Gauvin's well-articulated speech, or the Salemi family's excellent cooking, the crowd was larger than normal and we were able to raise a significant amount of money for GBTU causes.

Attendees eagerly bought raffle tickets and participated in silent and live auctions for fishing-related and other items donated by members and sponsors. Banter, fishing stories and general fun abounded among the mixed-company crowd. Frank Flowers was, as usual, an attraction all by himself.

President Gauvin spoke in foreboding terms about TU's reaction to the Bush Administration's policies regarding conservation and the environment. Acknowledging controversy within the polarized political situation of today, the energetic young executive described programs with which TU hopes to defend the environmental protection advances made during previous administrations.

It was a setup. When he was through, Jim Miller asked Mr. Gauvin to say a few words about TU's iShared Enterprise Fund, which the genial speaker did. When he finished, Jim said iWe like what we hear. In fact, here's Greater Boston TU's contribution to the Shared Enterprise Fund for one thousand dollars, and handed him a special symbolic icheck. But we weren't through with Mr. Gauvin yet. iCan you tell us a few words about the iColdwater Conservation Fund? Mr. Gauvin was catching on. Smiling, he described the program, followed by Jim handing him another symbolic check for \$1,000 pay-

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able to iTU Coldwater Conservation Fundi. Members applauded Gauvinis speech, TU Nationalis advocacy of conservation efforts and our own generous support of TUis programs.



PastaFest: Keith Weinstein makes sure Charles Gauvinis draw is ihonesti



PastaFest: Peter Schilling shilling raffle tickets



Fishtograph #1: Captain Pete Greenan snaps Peterson with a iprizei snook. Little Gasparilla Island FL 07/03



Fishtograph #2: Pete Rietzl snaps Peterson and Greenan at the same moment. Does the camera lie?

FISHTOGRAPHY

iLies and the lying liars who photograph fishi

It happened off a very private spot in Southwest Florida called Little Gasparilla Island. It was mid-July in one of the hottest summers in Boca Grande history. Water temperatures, exaggerated by an unseasonal Red Tide greenhouse effect, had reach well over ninety degrees. Fishing was tough. The tough got going with Captain Pete Greenan, iguide with an attitudei. GBTU members Keith Weinstein, Peter Rietzl and Curt Peterson were casting minnows into a cloud of tiny iglassfishi which had been corralled against the white sandy beach by a

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Fishtography, continued

dozen good-sized clever snook. One by one, the voracious predators charged the beach, engulfing as many of the trapped baitfish as their mouths could intake, often running right up onto the dry soft sand. The fishermen watched as the beached snook flipped their way back into the water and repositioned themselves for another sortie. As soon as a minnow splashed into the melee the clear green water exploded and a head-to-head with up to two feet of angry fish began. Boys were having fun.

Of course part of an exciting and exotic adventure in Boca Grande is recording it for posterity, and to assure oneis spouse that the trip really was about fishing. Captain Pete, temporarily in a relaxed mood, offered to photograph Peterson holding up one of his victims (purely a turn of phrase ... snook were out of season, and the iboysi are a icatch and releasei gang anyway). The angler held the fish in front of him and smiled. iClicki and all was right with the world.

Coincidentally, Pete Rietzl had his Canon in hand, and caught the exact same moment, fisherman and catch from a different angle. In the two photois above, one can see the effects of iFishtographyi, or the art of lying, on film, about the size of the fish we catch. If there is a moral to this episode, it isnit to hold oneis fish closer to oneis body in front of a camera ... it is to make sure your friends arenit taking pictures from the wrong angle.

All stories should have happy endings. Each of the fishermen caught a half dozen or so monster snook, or so they seemed head-on, and a couple of gigantic redfish (known to some among the uneducated as ispeckled trouti, although that is another member of the drum family) before the day was done. In fact, one of Weinsteinis reds was so big he couldnt hold it out in front to make it look larger!

LOOKING FOR ONE GOOD MAN OR WOMAN

Needed: One membership chairperson

At a recent board meeting GBTU folks acknowledged that we have the technology, the attractive organization and the product and service which should easily make us one dynamic, growing chapter of TU.

What we are missing is one person who will assume leadership and coordinate our membership drive efforts - a iMembership Chairpersoni.

Each of us knows one, two or three folks who would be interested in joining our merry band, and know they would get a lot out of it. Certainly we would present a more gratifying audience for quality program presenters if we could muster more attendees for our meetings. The new membership chairperson would, we hope, 1) Supervise the design of a brochure describing our chapter and its benefits for members, 2) Solicit names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of people who are good prospects, 3) Make sure prospects are added to our Currents mailing list, and 4) Get prospects individual invitations to attend meetings, following up with membership information and applications.

Are you a candidate for this leadership position? The pay is nonexistent. There are no tangible benefits. Unless you are looking for fishing buddies, it is not a great way to meet women, or men. Why should you stick your neck out and take this thankless job? Because, like Everest, it is there. Call Jim Miller at 781-641-1028.



Lest we forget: Lincoln and Carolyn (Salemi) MacDonald, PastaFest!

ONE LARGE (LARGY) SMILE!



Our own Tom Largy with a 26i striped bass taken from Judith Pond RI in May 2002 on a iDeceiveri

Submit your ideas, articles and letters for publication in Currents:
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Tom Fay Announces Upcoming Events!

September 22nd:

MARLA BLAIR!

Chapter favorite, Marla will present her well-known and exciting program on fishing for the big ones in Labrador!

October 27th:

RAY GAGNON!

Stalking the wonderful trout and landlocked salmon in the Rapid River in Maine!

Mark your calendars NOW!
6:45PM
Program at 7:30
Drumlin Farm, Route 117
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