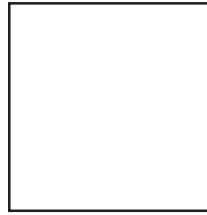


"Currents"



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SPECIAL PASTAFEST ISSUE! - YOU'RE INVITED!



2003 TU PastaFest: President Jim Miller presents three \$1,000 donations to Charles Gauvin, TU CEO and guest speaker, to support TU conservation efforts.

President's Streamside Chat

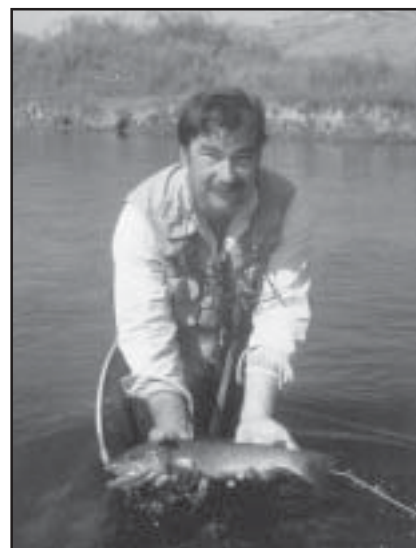
The other day some fellow anglers and I were discussing a phenomenon we all seem to experience each March, not at all akin, perhaps, to basketball's "March madness", but eligible for the title just the same. It manifests in convincing oneself that spring has indeed arrived, then investing the time and effort to drive to your favorite trout stream only to find high, steely grey water, devoid of life. Even if the water has holdover fish they will seldom begin to show activity before the water temperatures are in the high forties. And, aside from midges and little stoneflies, the same holds true for most insects. If you are relying on stockers, the trucks usually rumble out the third week in March and do the ponds first. Some

rivers don't receive their first stocking until mid-April. So, am I going to be patient this year and wait for the trees to bud, resisting the urge to make my annual madman's misadventure? Heck no. After all, somebody has to be first!

All TU members should look for signs of wild trout this summer, particularly brookies, on their property or places they fish, walk the dog, etc. The two campaigns being driven hardest by TU National this year are *The New England Brook Trout Initiative*, and *Back the Brookie*. TU offers strategies and remedies we can utilize to improve and secure fish habitats and populations, but we need to identify areas needing specific projects in order to qualify for the assistance. Your link to TU after this issue of *Currents* and until next fall will be our fine website, www.gbtu.org, so please check it often and share with us your adventures, thoughts,

musings or anything else you think might be of interest to GBTU.

-Brad "iCaptain Hooki" Voight
President, GBTU



iCaptain Hooki himself, doing what he does best, but, he says, not often enough: Gently holding a fresh-caught trout. This time on the Beaverhead River in Montana, July 2004.



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Consider Yourself Invited!

Well, it's almost time again. The Ides of March bode not only little early Stone Flies, but also our popular *PastaFest*. Many chapter members rely on this event to gear up for the coming season be it with rods, reels, fly selections or booking guided trips. Others come just to enjoy the wonderful Italian food, courtesy of the Salemi family, or just to socialize. A three-dollar ticket can win you a beautiful thousand-dollar rod-reel-line set and silent auction items typically sell well below their wholesale value. Perhaps the most spirited event is the live auction featuring trips guided by well-known NE Guides, both fresh and salt. If you've been before then I'm confident we will see you March 20th. If you have not attended our banquet before, this is your year to participate in what has become a much-looked-forward-to tradition for many.

The past year offered fun, informative meetings with the focus, most appropriately, on trout. Almost a year ago Fran Smith showed us the way the devotion of chapters and the clout of the council could get things done. Fran and his volunteers spend thousands of hours hip-deep in the coastal streams of Cape Cod improving habitat, and have also lobbied for, and were ultimately granted, millions of dollars for acquiring land that buffers these waters to protect them from encroachment.

In April we got the State Fisheries perspective from Ken Simmons, who helped debunk some of the myths surrounding hatchery capacities etc. Before summer break we had the very special May meeting featuring lots of fly tying and twenty years' worth of slides by yours truly.

The first fall program featured Jim, Brad & John's July 2004 two-week expedition in Montana, as well as our christening of the new Drumlin Farm parking lot. Warren Winders came up from Southeast in October to update us regarding ongoing work at Red Brook, and to share how things are looking up for its rare salter brookies. Following our lead, TU National profiled Warren and Red Brook in the winter issue of *Trout*. In November, the Green Mountain State's noted guide Brad Yoder delivered an inspired presentation on the White River and its tributaries. Besides the

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 strong trout for which it's famous, the White has become a world-class smallmouth fishery as well. After a December respite January brought a show on fishing western Maine. Alas, the speaker, after getting lost and arriving very, very late, was plagued by itechnical difficulties. Hangers-in did get a glimpse on the screen of some beautiful fishing and some equally gorgeous countryside. Our Feb. meeting featured Jim Rusher, well known to those who seek large game fish, on either the tributaries of Lake Ontario or Canada's Matapedia. This is fishing that separates the casual angler from an elite few.



Volunteers are always welcome and always have a great time! Tom Lary is selling popular iCard Rafflei.



The iBucket Rafflei are always a favorite! Put in an inexpensive ticket and win cool stuff!



George Holmes and his lovely wife, enjoying a previous PastaFest.

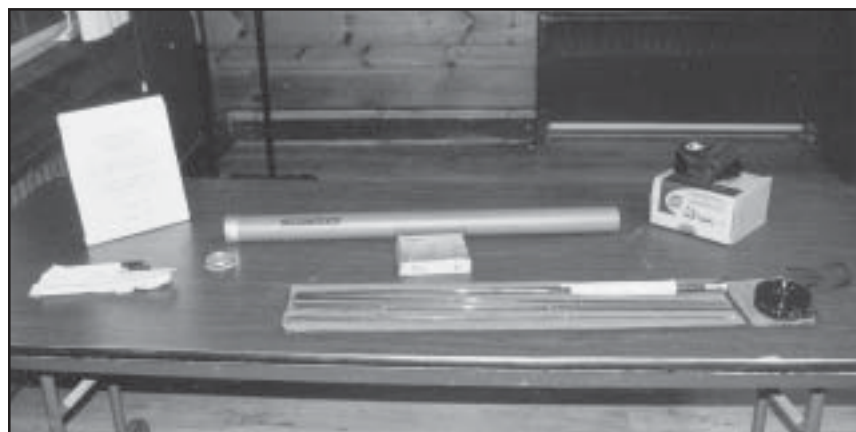


The winners' smiles seem the most broad! Tom Fay and John Salemi congratulate TU National CEO Charles Gauvin on winning one of the coveted rod/reel outfits.



Everyone at the PastaFest will meet Frank LaGambina

.....
 • An infamous man once said *iThe Trout Unlimited PastaFest is the most fun you can have with dry feet!*
 • Please accept our invitation to come and see for yourself! Great dinner, lots of fish stories, new and old friends and acquaintances, wonderful prizes and a worthy cause! It just doesn't get any better than this!
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Greater Boston Chapter
 Trout Unlimited
 Raffle 2005
 Rod : Sage model SLT 9' 5 wt. 4 pc
 Reel : Abel Creek Series AC2 4-5
 Line: Orvis Wonderline 5wt
 Almost a \$1,000.00 at retail
 1 Ticket \$3
 2 tickets \$5
 5 Tickets \$10

This is what you've been waiting for: The grand prize in the GBTU PastaFest Raffle - Sage Model SLT 9', 5 Wt., 4-piece, with Abel Creek Series AC2 4-5 Reel and Orvis 5 Wt Wonderline! Such a deal at \$3 per ticket, two for \$5, five for \$10!

Greater Boston Chapter of TROUT UNLIMITED

Sage 5 wt Rod and Able Reel w/5 wt Line

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Send tickets with your check payable to: GBTU, 51 Hawthorne Avenue, Arlington, MA 02476



John Salemi and Curt Peterson; two on iKPi duty; the food is great!



Jim Miller just netted this big one in time as it floated by on its back. The Missouri River, MT July 2004.

**CAPTAIN HOOK'S
NOTES**

A Place to Make Notes on Your
Bidding ...

Greater Boston Trout Unlimited

Pastafest 2005

Sunday, March 20th, 2005

Knights of Columbus

Watertown Street (Rte.16)

Watertown

Directions

Coming South from Watertown Square:

**Cross the Charles, turn right on to Rt. 16 and bear left;
K of C is on your right.**

Coming from MA Pike:

**Exit 17 on to Galen Street, turn left on Rt. 16 before the
Charles River bridge**

Coming from the West:

**Rt. 16 or Rt. 30 on to Washington Street in West Newton,
bear left on Rt. 16 into Watertown, watch for K of C on your left.**

Doors open at 4:00

Cocktail, Social & Raffle Ticket Sales - 4:00 to 5:30

Dinner from 5:30 to 6:30

Cash Bar

Sausage, Meatballs, Ziti, Salad, Desert, Coffee

Catered kindly by the John Salemi Family

Speaker 6:30 to 7:00

ëDocí Cohen

with Dave Kaplan

ìTroutstreams of GBTUî

Last Chance to Bid 7:00 to 7:30

Silent and Live Auction and Raffle Drawings

**April 25th 2005:
Drumlin Farm, Lincoln
MA**

**Doors Open at 6:30,
Show at 7:00**

ì MEMBERSí NIGHTî

**A kind of talent show.
Fly tying demonstra-
tions and slide shows
by our favorite taletell-
ers:**

**Peter Schilling - *ìA year
with Peter Schillingî*
John Salemi - *ìKey
Man, Fishing the
Florida Keysî***

**May 19 - 22
MA/RI TU Council**

**Camp-Out at
Indian Hollow**

**Westfield River
Cummington MA**

- √ Cook - Out
- √ Raffles
- √ Camping
- √ Fishing, Fishing, Fish
ing
- √ No Entry Fee - Family
Fun!

Future Adventures with Captain Hook

March 12-13

World of Fly Fishing show
Wilmington

March 20

GBTU PastaFest
Knights of Columbus Hall
Watertown
(See Directions)

April 25

Final Meeting of the season
Don't Miss *iMembers Night!*

✓ Fly-Tying Demonstration

✓ Slide Shows:

i A year in the life of Peter Schilling, Mastersalmoner!

i Key Man - John Salemi Fishing the Florida Keys!

And **Food!** Bring your vise, bobbins, your guests and your stories, for an old fashioned send off.

Drumlin Farm (Audubon HQ)

Rt. 117, Lincoln Ma.

Doors open at 6:30, Program at 7



Peter Schilling shilling Bucket Raffle Tickets, PastaFest 2004

PASTAFEST 2005

Plan Now to Attend
Sunday, March 20th
Knights of Columbus Hall
Watertown - See Directions
Doors Open at 4PM
Dinner at 6PM

PastaFest 2005 Prizes

Grand Prize- Sage 9í 5 wt., 4 piece, SLT rod, Abel Spring Creek reel & Orvis line. From 24ís to hoppers, this is the outfit to have, a true prize for a lifetime of fishing! You can enter by using Raffle Tickets in this Special PastaFest Edition of Currents.

(The following are just samples of quality equipment up for grabs!)

Rods

Orvis PM-10 top-of-the-line Rod 9í, 5 wt, 2 pc. donated by GBTU.
Sage SP+ Rod - 9í 4 wt 3 pc One of Sageís most popular models in this length & Line wt., donated by GBTU.
Temple Fork 8 wt. Fly Rod donated by Curt Peterson, Realtor.

Reels

Orvis Battenkill Wide Arbor 111 & Extra spool, donated by GBTU.
L. L. Bean Sreamlite Reel donated by Jim Miller.

Crystal River Rim Fly (5-7wt)

Crystal River Rim Fly (3-5wt)

Wading

Patagonia SST Wading Jacket donated by Concord Outfitters.

Neoprene waders donated by Tom Largy.

2 pairs ëMarl Walkersí donated by Firefly Outfitters, Boston.

(Patagonia has promised to match Fireflyís generous donation with fishing gear of equal value)

Accessories

Float Tube donated by Keith Weinstein.

Assorted Flylines 2 wt. to 10 wt., floating, intermediate and sinking.

Tying Materials

Plus

Toys, gifts things for the home, the camp, golfing and others too numerous to mention.

Flies Selections:

(All selections come in appropriate high-quality Morell Co. flybox donated by the Morell Company)

Style	Units	Donated By
Hares ears sz.12	1 Doz.	GBTU
Compara dun Olive sz. 18	1 Doz.	GBTU
Rusty Spinners sz.18	1 Doz.	GBTU
Stonefly nymphs sz.10	1 Doz.	GBTU
Streamers	1 Doz.	Hank Northridge

There will be many more fly selections from which to choose! See more next page.



Patagonia SST Stretch Wading Jacket; Hi-Tech, waterproof yet breathable material w/Patagonia quality)



Jim Miller draws the winning ticket for a quality float tube

Prizes, continued

Style	Units	Donated By
Saltwater	1 Doz.	T.Fay
Saltwater	1 Doz.	J.Salemi
Saltwater	2 Doz.	P.Schilling
Freshwater	1 Doz.	F.Flowers
Freshwater	1 Doz.	G. Holmes

10 dozen trout flies all in high-quality Morell boxes and professionally tied. Many more coming in each day and commitments for even more on the day of the PastaFest.

Trips:

Fred Jennings -iPeak Dawn Anglersí light tackle fishing in Northshore estuaries. A chapter favorite!

Ted Lewis - Trout fishing Western Ma. Another favorite!

Bill Cottle - Wade fishing for Cape Cod stripers.

Tom Largy - Smallies on Quabbin. Boat trip.

Special Books:

The second half of the Charles Shane book collection. From late 19th century editions to current, books collected over a 60 year period and generously left to our chapter;

Selected Titles:

<i>Greased Line Fishing</i>	1934	Jock Scott
<i>The Trout Fishermans Bedside Book</i>	1963	A. Macdougall
<i>A Fly Fishers Life</i>	1965	Charles Ritz
<i>An Anglers Entomology</i>	1973	J.R.Harris
<i>Art of Tying the Wet Fly</i>	1971	Leisenring/Hindy
<i>The Spawning Run</i>	1970	W. Humphrey
<i>Dry Fly Fishing</i>	1973(RI)	F.M. Halford
<i>A Modern Dry Fly Code</i>	1974	V. Marinaro
<i>Telling on the Trout</i>	1930	Ed. Hewitt
<i>The American Anglers Book</i>	1865	Thaddeus Norris

This is just a sample of the books from this large collection!

Other Books- Old, middle aged and contemporary

Miscellaneous:

Picture Frames
Hook & Knife Sharpener
Cue stick & case
Sun Shelter
Auto wash/care kit
Bird Bath
Kitchen knives
Telescoping rod/reel
Sportsbottle/poncho

And many other items

**Buy your Raffle Tickets
in Advance
See Ticket Page**



Patagonia Marl Walkers, donated by Firefly in Boston. Don't let these get away!



Vermont guide Brad Yoder talking about fishing the White River and its tributaries

