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Saltwater star Ray Capobianco with a striper. Summer, 2004.

President's Streamside Chat

The sultry days of summer gone, the lawn chairs put away and the kids bussed off to school; we can focus again on the important stuff: trout and GBTU.

As summers go, this one was more "trout friendly" than recent years. We started with an early, then protracted, spring, temps and hatches holding well. The Rockies enjoyed the wettest summer in decades, providing lots of opportunities. The Swift & Deerfield fished well all summer, as did the Connecticut tailwaters. And through it all, the pressure was light.

Your GBTU Board of was not idle however, kicking off the summer with a well-attended Council camp-out at Indian Hollow on the Westfield. Good fishing, good company, lots of TU business conducted. Two TU National staffers joined us, providing a broader perspective of the organization and a chance to show off our awesome

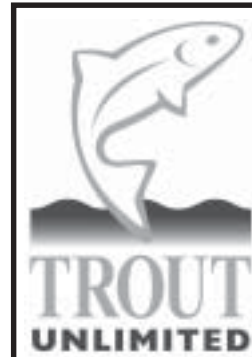
bonfire skills Saturday night. We've granted funds to TU's "Back the Brookie" program, Casting for Recovery and the Organization for the Assabet River. Members volunteered for the Lawrence fish lift in May & June and participated in the SUASCO anadromous stocking program. Red Brook sea-run brookies are flourishing under the stewardship of TU/ Mass Wildlife and The Trustees of the Reservations and Warren Winders will join us October 25th with a new Red Brook Show. A genetical survey of the Searuns of all Cape rivers amazed researchers. The Southeast and Cape Chapters are hosting a cook-out/auction September 19th at 10:30 AM at the Lyman Estate, Redbrook Rd. Bring the family. By the end of September Whites, Walden and the Nissie should be offering holdover fish. State stocking for September and early October can be checked out at

masswildlife.gov and, once the fish acclimate, it's midges till ice-in! See you September 27th at Drumlin Farm!

-GBTU President Brad Voigt



GBTU President Brad Voigt with a very nice fish caught on the Beaverhead in Montana, July 2004. It owe this fish to my Morell flyboxí, he reports.



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Rainbows in New Zealand ... John Salemi, Rotorura, New Zealand ... March 2004

A TALE OF TUNA CITY

Tom Largy, lucky guy

I was on the Mohawk River on a recent morning, a small stream near Dixville Notch New Hampshire, wading pleasantly from gravel pool to gravel pool, a little elkhair caddis popping ahead of me, frequently rewarded with a wild little brookie, up to about 8 inches long. If one didn't take the fly, he often jumped over it.

This was my best day on a camping trip to the Connecticut lakes with my fishing buddy, John, who managed a couple of fish at every spot. The little Mohawk, in spite of John's vocal doubts, made the whole trip for me. All the rain had made what is normally a trickle over rocks into a nice fly-fishing stream with deep pockets. The trout somehow survive through the trickle periods; they definitely seemed to be natives. I thought my summer fishing had reached its acme. We later moved to the Androscoggin and got a bunch of little salmon on stimulators and caddis below the Errol Dam.

The next week, 30 miles South of Martha's Vineyard, I was stalking sharks and, hoping perhaps, a football bluefin tuna. The skipper is not really a fisherman but has made this foray an annual event; I had never preyed on sharks or tuna before. On-board anglers included two intimidating guys from New Bedford; one had been a mate on a tuna boat, the other had actually harpooned a tuna and a swordfish in his youth.

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iTall Tuna Talei, continued from p. 1

I was armed with a heavy duty spinning reel spooled with 50 lb., very thin, strong line that I've been using for a few years. The others had traditional boat rods. The experienced guys told us tuna have extremely sharp eyesight and are sensitive to the feel of the hook as they grab the bait, so we buried the hook carefully in the butterfly's cavity.

My rod took a big dip a minute or so after my first cast. I was on to a football! We got it in the boat and I kissed the fish (too much TV!)! The skipper confessed it was the first actual tuna ever on his boat! I confessed it was the first actual tuna I had ever kissed. A big moment for me, and I graciously accepted the applause.

Soon our baits were back in the water and I was on right away again! And again! And again! About ten takes, two fish boated, and six fish on but lost. A shark severed one of my leaders, and, at one point, I had to rescue my hooked tuna from a ten-foot shark in hot pursuit! One heck of a day!

My companions had a few hits, one other landed tuna and a small blue shark.

There was some discussion as to whether I was a master fisherman or just lucky. My theory is that I was lucky to be using a very thin line with virtually no weight, drifting the bait near the top and out a long way beyond the chum, while their heavier, visible lines slanted deep into the water. Other nearby trollers were also taking fish. My thought is that the fish were roaming around chasing bait near the surface, and that's why I did well.

If these two experiences were just lucky days, I'll take some more of that kind of luck. (A more detailed version of Tom's story can be found on our website: www.gbtu.org)

DON'T MISS THE FIRST FALL MEETING! DRUMLIN FARM SEPTEMBER 27TH!



Jim Miller earned the nom d'istream of iTroutslayeri on this trip. Beaverhead River, MT, July 2004

ON LOCATION

GBTU members travel to Montana to produce September Program!

Past presidents Jim Miller and John Salemi, current president Brad Voigt, and past member Jack Hill traveled to Montana in July for some fishing and filming. Brad has filed a detailed report on our website (www.gbtu.org) for those who might wish to follow in their wadersteps, and John, Jim and Brad are staging the program at Drumlin Farm on September 27th with slides and flexible statistics. Don't miss it!



Which looks more surprised, John Salemi, or this MT trout?

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SHOW BUSINESS! Schedule Announced

November 13-14 2004

Arts of the Angler

Jim Krulis show featuring Fine Arts, Collectibles, Books and Fly Tying Exhibitions - Danbury CT
Info: info@flyfishingu.net
Also: Fly Fishing University 01/7-9/05, same info source.

January 21, 22, 23 2005

Marlboro Show

Friday 10:30-6, Saturday/Sunday 9-6.

February 10, 11, 12, 13 2005

Worcester Show

Thursday/Friday 12:30-9:30, Saturday/Sunday 10-7

March 12, 13 2005

Wilmington Show

Saturday 9-6, Sunday 9-4

*Editor's note: GBTU often operates a booth at these sporting, outdoors and fishing events, at which we tell the TU story, enlist new members and sell raffle tickets to raise funds for our Conservation projects and programs. It is a worthwhile investment of members' time, and, speaking from experience, it is a lot of fun. Volunteers willing to help work a booth should call **John Salemi at 508-481-3034 or Peter Schilling at 617-484-9903. You will be glad you did!***



Jack Hill, now fortunate to be living in Lambertville NJ, with a Beaverhead River fish, MT July 2004.

COUNCIL DINNER SET

Peter Schilling

Resident salmon fishing expert Peter Schilling has confirmed this year's Massachusetts-Rhode Island TU Council Dinner has been set for November 7th. Guests may arrive at the Marlboro Rod and Gun Club beginning at 3PM for the silent auction and to enjoy the cash bar until 7PM.

The always delicious dinner will be served between 4:15 and 4:30, including pasta with meatballs, sausage, turkey, garlic bread, salad and dessert. Lots of auction items, silent and live, and prizes galore! Tickets are \$20 each. Contact **John Salemi at 508-481-3034** to reserve your seats NOW!

Tom Fay's Predictions for the Future

RED BROOK DAY

September 19 2004

Bring the family, eat, camp, fish
Info: Brad Voigt 781-455-6905
Info: Tom Fay 617-731-5213

FIRST CHAPTER MEETING

Drumlin Farm, Lincoln
September 27 2004/7:30
Speakers: Three Stooges
(John, Jim, Brad)

Note: Currently parking is tricky

MA-RI TU COUNCIL DINNER

Marlboro Rod and Gun Club
November 7 2004/3:00 - 7:00
Tix: John Salemi 508-481-3034

OCTOBER MEETING

October 25th, Drumlin Farm
iThe Red Brook Show!
TU/MA Wildlife and the Trustees of Reservations and Warren Winders



Jim Miller, John Salemi (leaning on Miller), Brad Voigt and Jack Hill at Izaak's, Craig Hill MT, on the Missouri River.

GBTU SPIDERMAN REPORTS WEB GROWTH

Keith Weinstein

The Greater Boston Trout Unlimited Website is simply growing ... lots of new, interesting content, and many member contributions! Webmaster Keith Weinstein reports gleefully. A marvelous achievement of which our membership can be very proud, the professional grade GBTU website includes the following features:

- ✓ Meetings/Events Schedule
- ✓ Photo Contributions
- ✓ Fishing Reports
- ✓ Book Reviews by Members
- ✓ Environmental Reports
- ✓ Fishing Stories (unverified)
- ✓ Terrific and Pertinent Links
- ✓ Currents Issues

With the addition of Tony Vinciguerra, our team will be able to grow and maintain this wonderful membership service to heretofore unimagined usefulness! Weinstein boasts unabashedly. Anyone can explore the wonders of our website at:

www.gbtu.org

Weinstein's team plans to distribute Currents issues on-line using the website as a tool, thus saving members printing and mailing costs.

YOU Can Be a TU Centerfold!
Send your fishing photos, with complete information, to:
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BACKROOM BOYS MEET

The iother conventionsi paled by comparison as August 23 found a handful of our officers and directors huddled in a smoke-filled room at the home of Chapter President Brad Voigt, strategizing for the GBTU campaign ahead. The following discussions were made public:

Back the Brookie: Voted to fund \$1,000 of publication, to be reimbursed all but \$250 by other Chapters.

O. A. R.: \$500 invested in Assabet River program to investigate three obstructions - Tom Lary.

MA/RI TU Council Website: Report on idea linking Chapters, which was introduced at Indian Hollow.

Anglers' Guide: Off-shore printing may bring costs down drastically; publication progress.

TU Regional Meeting: Volunteer needed for October 15-16, Manchester VT. On the table: Back the Brookie.

Submit your ideas, articles and letters for publication:
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