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Special PastaFest 2008 Issue!



Back by popular demand to do the cooking: John Salemi and his family.



Auction items include outdoors artwork.

Consider this your personal invitation to GBTU's PastaFest!

Sunday, April 6th 2008

Doors Open at 4:00

for Social Hour, Auction Review and Bidding
Dinner Served no Later than 5:30 PM

Hibernian Hall

**151 Watertown Street
Watertown MA**

Guest Speaker: Jack Gartside

Famed fisherman, flytyer, author and outdoors spokesperson

For more information see his website: www.jackgartside.com

Live Music by the "Wildlife Refugees"

**Dinner Tickets: \$25 per person; A prepaid table of eight will
receive \$50 in free raffle tickets as a bonus!**

Bring your friends! Your spouse! Your kids!

**Tickets available from John Salemi (508-481-3034)
or David Glater (617-853-0628)**



Spouses and non-member guests are more than welcome,
add a touch of class (in some cases) to the occasion!

PastaFest 2008 Grand Raffle Prize

Generously donated by Concord Outfitters and Andrew Bonzagni, West Concord MA

ORVIS 8' 6" Flex-Tip 5-Weight Fly Rod mounted with ORVIS Rocky Mountain Turbine Reel

Tickets \$2 each, two for \$5, five for \$10

Tickets available from Jim Miller: 781-641-1028, troutbum351@yahoo.com

Or: Complete and separate blanks herein and mail to: GBTU, 51 Hawthorne Ave., Arlington MA 02476

PastaFest is Greater Boston Trout Unlimited Chapter's annual gala dinner, auction, social and fundraising event! Last year close to a hundred folks attended, including members, guests, friends, spouses and kids, and the chapter raised a significant amount of money to help with our conservation projects and other worthy and related causes. In this issue you will find details as to when, where, what, who and how much. We hope to see you there! As president David Glater says, "This is the most fun you can have with dry feet!"

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GBTU Meetings convene the 4th Monday of each month at Drumlin Farm, Rte. 117, Lincoln. Doors open at 7, Programs begin at 7:30 Sharp. Coffee, and sometimes sandwiches, provided.

All are welcome.

UPSTREAM ...

Next regular meeting: GBTU member Roger Wiegand presents slides and a narrative from his very interesting fishing trip in Alaska with his teenage son. April 28th, doors open at 7, program starts 7:30 sharp.

DOWNSTREAM ...

February 25th. Olympic grade winter surrounds the lodge at Drumlin Farm. One of the best crowds in recent history has braved the cold to hear Tom Harrison of Harrison Anglers talk about wade and float trip adventures on the Deerfield and Millers Rivers in MA, and more exotic fishing in Chile.



Want to fish with the Harrisons? Bid on a full-day trip to be auctioned at PastaFest '08!



Fruit of one's labors during one of the Harrison Brothers' fishing adventures.

PastaFest '08

Spot Light!

Special thanks to two incredible GBTU local business supporters — Andy Bonzagni of **Concord Outfitters** and Michael Wilmerding of **Firefly Outfitters**. Both have outdone themselves for this year's PastaFest event.

Concord Outfitters, West Concord MA, a long time and very generous donor to GBTU, is providing us with this year's PastaFest Grand Prize — an Orvis T-3 5 wt. rod and matched Orvis Rocky Mountain Turbine reel. This is the perfect size rod for fishing Massachusetts' trout streams and rivers. In addition, 5% of all purchases by GBTU Chapter members at Concord Outfitters will be donated to our Chapter. All you have to do is identify yourself at the time of sale and GBTU gets a donation. Thanks for stepping up Andy. We appreciate your many years of generous support.

Major thanks also to **Firefly Outfitters**, located on Devonshire Street in downtown Boston. Michael Wilmerding and the pros at Firefly have assembled a remarkable live auction package that includes a Fishpond Chest Pack, a Thomas & Thomas rod, a Dr. Slick scissors clamp and much more. Proceeds from this auction item will be dedicated to GBTU's ongoing effort to assist in the restoration of Red Brook — a key GBTU project. And, from March 17 through May 15, Firefly Outfitters is making GBTU members and the Chapter the following offer: 20% discount on any in-stock purchase store-wide*, plus, on member purchases above \$250, 5% will be donated to our Chapter. So, when you buy your gear, make sure they know you are a GBTU Chapter member. Michael's commitment and generous support are greatly appreciated.

*Some items excluded.

PastaFest '08 Partial Prize List

Grand Prize: Orvis T3 5-Weight, 4 Piece rod matched with a Rocky Mountain Turbine Large Arbor Reel -*Donated by Concord Outfitters*
Partial list of additional prizes available at PastaFest '08:

- Red Brook Gold Gear Package* -*Donated by Firefly Outfitters*
 - Fishpond Open Range Chest Pack
 - Thomas & Thomas Vector SRS 9' 6" 3-piece, 7-WT
 - Smith Optic Action Sunglasses
 - Sharkskin 7wt Fly line (Scientific Anglers)
 - Dr Slick Scissors Clamp
 - Simms Boat Bag
 - Firefly fly box and selection of flies

***All auction proceeds from this item go to the Red Brook project.**

- 20 Dozen + Flies – Salmon & Trout* -*Donated by Local Celebrities, tied for local water, conditions.*
- Two Nights w/meals at Weatherby's -*Donated by Weatherby's*
- Western Mass Guided Wade Trip -*Donated by Ted Lewis*
- Cape Cod Canal Wade Trip - Stripers -*Donated by Bill Cottle*
- Peak Dawn Anglers – Stripers -*Donated by Fred Jennings*
- Miller's River Wade Trip -*Donated by Ken Elmer*
- Guided Battenkill Trip -*Donated by Doug Lyons*
- Float the Deerfield or Miller's -*Donated by Harrison Brothers*

Other items: Framed Wildlife Art, Caddis float tube, Guide Wear Dry Plus waders (*Cabelas*), Guide Wear studded boots (*Cabelas*), 9' 4pc, 11wt XST/XSS rod & reel combo (*Cabelas*) Reddington 9' 4pc, 8wt rod & Okuma 7-9 reel (*Squanatissit Chapter*), Elkhorn 9' 3pc, 8wt rod (*Elkhorn*), Many More rods & reels, Collectable 1st edition books, Bob Driscoll Estate Donations, Prostaff collapsing wading staff, Pacific Fly catch & release net, Fly Tying Bench (*Above and Below H20*), Fly Lines - trout and salt; **Plus, dozens of additional items.**

Grand Prize donated by Concord Outfitters, W. Concord MA

GREATER BOSTON CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED
ORVIS 8'6", Flex-Tip, 5-Wt. Rod W/ORVIS Rocky Mountain Turbine Reel

Name: _____ Addr.: _____ Tel.: _____

Drawing to be held April 6th, 2008 at Hibernian Hall, 151 Watertown St., Watertown MA 4PM

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**PLEASE SEND IN AS MANY RAFFLE
TICKETS AS YOU THINK YOU NEED
TO WIN!!!**

Cut out the tickets, make as many copies as you need, fill them in, add your check payable to "GBTU" and mail them immediately to:

JIM MILLER, 51 HAWTHORNE STREET, ARLINGTON MA 02476

\$3.00 Each, Two for \$5.00, Five for \$10.00

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SPECIAL PASTAFEST ISSUE!



Everyone has fun at the PastaFest! Be there or be square on April 6th - Hibernian Hall in Watertown!

PRESIDENT'S STREAMSIDE CHAT - David Glater

When you finish this newsletter the first thing to do is reserve your seat at **PastaFest**, an opportunity to see old friends and make new ones, bid on guided trips, fishing equipment and more, enjoy great food, enjoy speaker Jack Gartside and enjoy live music by The Wildlife Refugees, all while supporting our chapter of Trout Unlimited - GBTU.

I want to spotlight two local businesses, Andy Bonzagni, owner of **Concord Outfitters** in West Concord, and Mike Wilmerding, of **FireFly Outfitters** in downtown Boston. Both have offered to contribute to GBTU a portion of revenues from sales to our members. Details will be described in the next *Currents*. Please shop at **Concord Outfitters** and **FireFly Outfitters**, and be sure to mention you're a member. Thanks, Andy and Michael! We're adding a feature on www.GBTU.org: A list of Volunteer

Opportunities supporting our mission. For example:

Monthly first-Saturday "workdays at Red Brook" – a freshwater stream near East Wareham, MA flowing directly into the ocean (Buttermilk Bay), home to one of the last remaining native sea-run brook trout (known as "salters") fisheries in the eastern US. There's always room for volunteers from cleanup to monitoring the salters' migration.

Closer to Boston: *a project on the Assabet, a Federally- designated "Wild and Scenic River" running through Worcester and Middlesex Counties and flowing into the Concord. Miles McCloy, chapter member, Concord resident, and student at Goddard College, designed a project in connection with his course work that will determine whether stocked trout can survive in a section of the Assabet flowing through West Concord. More to comecheck the GBTU web site (www.GBTU.org) for details as available.*

Political: *Support passage of legislation authorizing the "Environmental Bond" supporting State environmental projects. (www.envirobond.org).*

Professional: *TU's attorney working on water flow legislation/regulation could use assistance in preparing amicus briefs in MA proceedings, drafting comments, etc. Attorneys and stream flow/water quality experts should get back to me if you can/will help.*

I look forward to meeting many of you at PastaFest next month.



GBTU president David Glater.