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Special PastaFest Edition!!!

What a year it has been! The 2004 Greater Boston Trout Unlimited PastaFest will be the scene of as much celebrating as reminiscing. Our meetings have grown, our fundraising and conservation activities have flourished and we have some valuable accomplishments under our belts!

In this special issue of *Currents* we will recount 2003 fondly, and build some excitement about the PastaFest itself. For now, let's talk about last year's PastaFest.

As our 2003 PastaFest keynote speaker, TU National's president and CEO, Charles Gauvin, drew a large and enthusiastic crowd. Then GBTU president Jim Miller



Having drawn the short straw, John Salemi had been elected to tell Jim Miller his presidency was at an end. Let go, Jim, let go!



GBTU past president Jim Miller brought a smile to Charles Gauvin's face with one of our Chapter's two \$1,000 contributions to TU National's conservation efforts.

upstaged Mr. Gauvin, presenting him with two \$1,000 checks from our chapter supporting TU's overall conservation efforts. The crowd cheered.

As always, the Salemi family prepared and served a delicious country meal with plenty to go around. Bucket raffles, big-prize raffles, live and silent auction competition whetted appetites while the Knights of Columbus bartender provided good cheer. The Chapter raised a significant sum of money for conservation, and many friendships were forged during the pleasant Sunday afternoon affair.

Whatever you do, don't miss the 2004 GBTU PastaFest!



Tom Largy sells popular iPick a Card raffle tickets at the 2003 TU PastaFest.

Council Dinner a Huge Success

Speaker and cooks do an exceptional job

This past November the MA/RI Council held its first dinner in over 15 years, bringing 80 people from the Rhode Island and Massachusetts chapters together. Besides a fun and relaxing social evening, the event was a financial success, raising \$3,600 for the Council. The money has been set aside for Chapter conservation needs this year.

Guest speaker Charles Gauvin, Chief Executive of Trout Unlimited, gave an inspiring presentation on the future direction of TU. He added some levity to the evening when he picked his own number out of the raffle bucket for a Powell Fly Rod and Ballin Reel. He said it was the first time he had ever won anything at a TU function.

The event was held at the Marlboro Rod and Gun Club in Marlboro. An incredible buffet dinner, including baked salmon and roast loin of pork, was prepared by a team of chefs from Brew City, located on Shrewsbury Street in downtown Worcester. The food and buffet service got rave reviews from everyone. Chef Allen Rupp, a former member of the Narragansett chapter in Rhode Island, and a current member of the Worcester chapter, volunteered his time, and that of three of his colleagues: Jim Rubavitz, Bob Lindberg and Chris Reichwein. Smiling attendees gave them a well-deserved standing ovation.

Mike Waldo of the Pioneer Valley Chapter donated 35 dozen flies of all shapes and sizes. Many other chapters provided raffle items and/or manpower to help set up or to solicit prizes. All in all, there were more than 110 raffle and auction items. Former Council president John Salemi said he was delighted with the evening, particularly as it brought so many chapters together for a social event.

The Council is planning another dinner the first week in November 2004. Look for details in upcoming *Currents*. Anyone who would like to contribute flies, fishing equipment or other suitable raffle items can contact Peter Schilling at 617-244-5126 or PMACDS@aol.com.

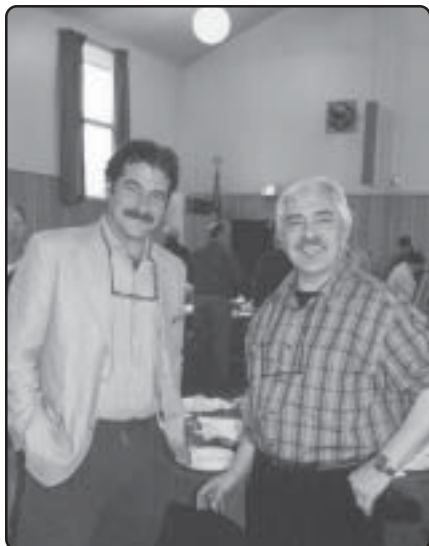
- Peter Schilling

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A: THE 2004 TU PASTAFEST, MARCH 21ST, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, WATERTOWN MA!

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Incoming Chapter president Brad Voight and Ted Lewis enjoying the 2003 PastaFest



Tom Fay, John Salemi and Charles Gauvin at the MA/RI Council Dinner, Marlboro Fish and Game, November 2003. Gauvin picked his own ticket for the prize rod and reel.

TU Massachusetts/Rhode Island Council
 says
iThank You!
Allen Rupp, Jim Rubavitz, Bob Lindberg and Chris Reichwein of
iBrew City!
 Shrewsbury Street, Worcester MA
for catering our 2003 Annual Dinner

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Show Schedule:**

March 13 - 14
WORLD OF FLY FISHING EXPO
Wilmington, Massachusetts

March 20 - 21
L L BEAN OUTDOORS
Freeport, Maine

March 21
GBTU PASTAFEST!!!
Knights of Columbus Hall
Watertown, Massachusetts
3PM - 8:30PM \$20/Seat
MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW!

April 26
KEN SIMMONS SPEAKS
MA Division of Fish and Wildlife
Regular Meeting - Drumlin Farm

May 24
MEMBERS MEETING NIGHT
At last! The secrets of the
chapter's trout bums and saltwa-
ter swami's revealed! Last meet-
ing till September! Don't miss it!

Drumlin Farm
Rte. 117
Lincoln
7:30PM

DIRECTIONS TO PASTAFEST

The Watertown Knights of Columbus Hall is on Watertown Street (Rte. 16).

Coming South from Watertown Square, cross the Charles, turn right onto Rte. 16 and bear left, Kof C is on right.

From the Pike, Exit 17 onto Galen St., turn left onto Rte. 16 just before the Charles River bridge.

From the West, Rte. 16 or Rte. 30 onto Washington St. in West Newton, bear left on Rte. 16 into Watertown, watch for KofC on left.



Keith Weinstein, dressed for the occasion, introduced the new Chapter Website www.gbtu.org. It looks as good as he does.

Website Up!

Weinstein, Buchwald show off high-tech accomplishment

Keith Weinstein and Adam Buchwald gave a computer-projection presentation showing the new GBTU website at the January 2004 meeting. Photos, stories, book reports, copies of *Currents* issues, links and announcements can be easily found in a very attractive format. Check it out - www.gbtu.org



*Adam Buchwald, webmaster, provided the *itech* for the website demonstration*

Fran Smith

to address PastaFest
Environmental hero

We are pleased to announce that Fran Smith, a founding member of the Cape Cod chapter of TU, will be our featured speaker for our PastaFest on March 21st. Many Greater Boston members are familiar with Fran's zealous championship of conservation and TU in particular. He has been a tireless leader in the effort to restore the Quashnet River on the Cape.

Fran was recently awarded the 2003 Environmental Hero Award by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). His work and the efforts of many others have led to the revival of the Quashnet, which is again a healthy stream supporting sea run trout.

Attention!

We need *your* EMail address. Downstream we plan to distribute CURRENTS and interim bulletins via EMail. Your address will be used confidentially for this purpose only. Send me your preferred EMail: theadtrout100@aol.com. We will continue to mail to those without internet access.

We welcome your
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letters for publication in
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GREATER BOSTON TU PASTAFEST ñ 2004

AUCTION AND RAFFLE ITEMS - PRIZES - MORE TO COME
(Please patronize the Retail, Guide and Manufacturing donors)

GRAND PRIZE!

12' Old Town Loon Kayak with Paddle and Vest, indestructible, light, sea-worthy
\$3 one ticket, \$5 two tickets, \$10 five tickets

TRIPS!

Peak Dawn Anglers (Stripers) ñ with Fred Jennings, ultra-light tackle, estuary fishing
Spike Horn Ridge Outfitters (your choice Trout or Stripers) ñ S H Outfitters
Ted Lewis (Trout) ñ who else, Ted Lewis, a local expert, knows where the big fish are
Michael Rosser (Nissitisset River Trout) ñ Michael Rosser, the Nissie expert
Bill Cottle (Stripers) ñ Bill Cottle, Guided Wading Trip in the Cape Cod Canal area
Quabbin Smallmouth on top (late May) ñ Tom Largy, killed the smallies last year
Falmouth Beach House (mid-September) ñ Peter Schilling

RODS and REELS!

Orvis Trident TLS 9' 8wt (the perfect rod for Stripers, Salmon, Reds, Bones)
Concord Outfitters ñ an Orvis full-line dealer
West Concord, MA, 978-318-0330
Thomas & Thomas 9' 5wt (the sweetest weight for all-round trout)
STH CR 10/12 Reel (Big Capacity for Saltwater) ñ Cassette System
Blue Northern Trading Company, Ayer, MA, 978-772-6779
Equipment for the Discriminating Outdoors Person (Fly Shop, Firearms, Fishing Tackle)
Heritage 7' 3wt ñ (Midges, Small Streams, Summer)
Castle Arms, Springfield, MA - The finest Rod at Reasonable Price!
Wind River Fly Rod/Reel Combo - the novice fly caster can easily make the transition to
Veteran, Cabela's, Sydney, Nebraska
Dan Trela Custom Rod (\$100 off certificate) ñ Dan is legendary for his quality customs

WADERS/WADING SHOES!

Orvis Silver Label Waders/Breathable (the best performance-value on the market)
Orvis of Boston, Boston, MA
Orvis Silver Label Waders/Breathable ñ Donated by Peter Schilling
Hodgman Wading Shoes ñ Donated by Jim Miller
Reddington Wading Shoes W/Studs ñ Donated by Jim Miller

MISCELLANEOUS (Stuff we can all use)

Caddis Float Tube
Natick Outdoor Store Gift Certificate - in Natick, MA, where else, 508-653-9400
New England's Most Complete Outdoor Store
Assorted Fly Lines 2-10 wt
Tying Bench ñ Donated by Above and Below H2O
Antique Line Winder (Chuck Shane's)
Assorted Tying Materials
Folding Chairs ñ Donated by Peter Schilling
3 European Facials ñ Belle Sante (Lexington)
Bug Shirt (keeps em off) ñ The Bug Shirt Company
Oak Tying Table Top
Anglers Tying Box Cordura Case ñ Cabela's
Stearns Life Vest
On the Water Subscription (Angler's Guide to New England Fishing)
On the Water, Falmouth, MA 1-800-614-3000
Hot Seat ñ Donated by John Salemi (the PastaFest Creator)
Tool Kit
Hand Painted Fishing Fly Highball Glasses (Chuck Shane's)
Fishing bric a brac (Chuck Shane's)
Lots of other good Stuff; puzzles, housewares, toys, bird feeder, bluegill poppers, flats hat, etc. etc.

FLIES! ñ The legends of the Greater Boston Chapter

- Hank Northridge
- Stan Fudaia
- Strayton Boys
- Jim Miller
- Tom Fay
- John Salemi
- Frank Flowers
- Brad Voight
- Peter Schilling
- George Holmes
- Ron DeVaux
- Ray Capobianco
- Charlie Shaden
- Morrell Fly Boxes (Brad Voight makes them)



Mr. and Mrs. George Holmes enjoying the 2003 PastaFest.

BOOKS!

A generous gift from Charles (Chuck) Shaneís family. Some of these books are among the best known and revered in the fly fishing community. Some are rare.

- Modern Development of the Dry Fly*, Halford, 1st edition, 1910
- Dry Fly Manís Handbook*, Halford, 1st edition, 1913
- American Anglers Book*, Norris, 1st edition, 1865
- Fisheries and Fishery Industries of the United States*, 1st edition, 1884, loaded with plates
- Telling on the Trout*, Hewitt, 2nd edition, 1930
- Fishless Days, Angling Nights*, Sparse Grey Hackle, 1971, 1st?
- To Hell with Fishing*, Zern, 1st edition, 1945
- Bright Rivers*, Lyons, 1st edition, 1977
- Caddis Flies*, LaFontaine (signed), 1st edition, 1981
- Ring of the Rise*, Marinaro, 1st?, 1971
- Trout Madness*, Traver, 1st edition, 1960

Humphreys, Brooks, Kaufmann, Raymond, Gingrich, Jock Scott, Montgomery, Schwiebert. the list goes on and on. Some of these books will be offered at voice or silent auction, some at raffles, some will be kept for future events

The Schilling Report: Bad News for Salmon Restoration

Thereís bad news about Atlantic Salmon Restoration on the Merrimack River. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service report on February 20, 2004 to the Merrimack River Anadromous Fish Restoration Program Policy Committee, that it is closing the Nashua Fish Hatchery within a month for lack of funding. USF&W Service managers said they do not have enough money to pay the electric bills for the hatchery, a keystone to the restoration efforts in all of New England. Funding for the Merrimack was cut across the board by USF&W. Pressed by representatives of conservation groups in the audience, federal officials admitted reductions in the program result from federal budget cuts. Merrimack Restoration efforts were in the middle to low end of their priorities for the year.

If the hatchery closes, the broodstock salmon used to create eggs for the program will either be removed to state locations, or possibly destroyed. It would take three years to regenerate the broodstock. The eggs from Nashua are used in the restoration of rivers across New England, not just the Merrimack.

Last year 144 salmon returned to the Merrimack. The returns have ebbed and flowed over the 20 year life of the program, from a low of less than 50 in 1994, to a high of nearly 350 in 1991. Meanwhile, shad restoration efforts have been a rousing success, reaching close to 55,000 fish last year in the Merrimack, well above the target set by the USF&W Service.

Massachusetts and New Hampshire, which also participates in the program, announced that they too would have to reduce state levels of support for the restoration efforts because of budget shortfalls. Massachusetts is suffering from a lack of manpower because of budget constraints. Caleb Slater, Anadromous Fish Team Coordinator for the State of Massachusetts, has asked for help counting shad and salmon this spring at the Lawrence Dam. He needs two people per day each weekend in May and June. He will also need help on specific days when Maine and New Hampshire come to truck shad. This will mean three to five people for a few hours.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with these efforts. Contact Peter Schilling at 617-244-5126 (PMACDS@aol.com) or Caleb Slater at 508-792-7270 x133 (caleb.slater@state.ma.us).

Gift from Beyond

Shane estate donates valuable fishing books

Charles (Chuck) Shane was one of the earliest members of the Greater Boston Chapter of TU and he brought me to my first meeting when they were at the Wayland Rod and Gun Club. When he passed away about three years ago, he had been known to a lot of members as our gracious host for many years at an annual Cuttyhunk Island surf-casting weekend.

Chuck was distinguished in a number of ways. He flew Catalinas off the Aleutians during World War II, was a career Naval Officer and then became a Dean at the Fletcher School of Diplomacy at Tufts, being a Dean Emeritus for many years before his death. He was also a public-spirited man. He and I took Sunday School kids on a wildly successful cut branch, line, worm and bobber fishing trip to a local pond years ago. There were always foreign students living at his house, he headed a local arts group and on and on.

Even when he was becoming quite elderly I would find that he and his wife Joy had just returned from a long round-the-world recruiting trip for Fletcher, where he might have visited Bhutan, New Zealand, England and points in-between. He would have also fished the Kennet River in England with an old brigadier friend of his and he had at least one try at trout in New Zealand. Summers would see he and Joy out to the high reaches of the American River in California where his family has membership in one of the old time fishing clubs.

As I said Chuck Shane was public spirited. So are his surviving widow and children. They are selling the family house and have called in a book buyer to take away a large collection of very good books. All except the fishing books. His son Dave Wadleigh called me a few weeks ago and expressed their wish that Chuck's fishing book collection be donated to TU. One purpose would be for fund-raising and the other purpose would be to give individual TU members a chance to own and appreciate some very good books on the sport of fly-fishing.

The books will be available through auction and raffles at the upcoming PastaFest and also through the year and succeeding events. The authors and titles are well known; first editions by Halford, Norris, Hewitt, Sparse Grey Hackle, Marinaro, Lyons, Humphrey, Brooks, LaFontaine, Gingrich, Traver and so on, as well as a number of just very nice books.

Chuck had a very good sense of humor and might have said that this was a nice catch for the Boston Chapter.

-Tom Largy



Members sell raffle tickets throughout the PastaFest dinner. Here Peter Schilling is shilling.



One very popular raffle prize is a Float Tube.



Charles Shane, Bruce Ketchin, Frank Flowers, Tom Largy, Pat Grenier, George Holmes, Ken Anderson (deceased) - Kidder House, Cuttyhunk, c.1998


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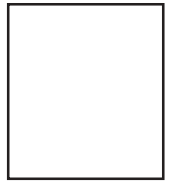
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Raffle Tickets - Win an Old Town "Loon" Kayak
 Winning Ticket to be drawn at the GBTU PastaFest
 March 21st 2004, Knights of Columbus, Watertown MA
1 Ticket \$3 2 Tickets \$5 5 Tickets \$10
 Copy, fill-in, cut out, mail in with or without your reservation - Attendance not necessary to win!

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The *Big Prize!* Old Town *Loon* Kayak, complete with paddle and vest, will be the star of the raffle at the 2004 GBTU PastaFest on March 21st 2004! See inside for details! ó **Photo courtesy of Lunkers, Ashland**

President's Streamside Chat -Brad Voight-

This month finds us in the midst of our fund raising season with several shows under our belts and the PastaFest still to come. Despite moderate traffic at the Marlboro Show, thanks in large part to irrepresible Frank LaGambina, our Chapter's secret weapon, we sold a lot of raffle tickets and memberships.

Miscommunication and an ice storm prevented us from participating at the Worcester Sportsmen's Show. While this spared us some flinty-eyed inquiries whether or not we had any good trout recipes, it also denied us the opportunity to raise funds for the chapter. To make up this shortfall at the remaining show and banquet will take diligence. At our last Council meeting I listened wistfully as other chapters described their banquets as collaborative efforts of 20 to 30 members! For several years our banquet has been the effort of John

Salemi and his extended family, Jim Miller and a half a dozen of the directors. Every chapter member can, and should, participate in this fund raising effort. We can never have enough prizes, and they don't have to all be fishing tackle. Any product or service that you can access would be welcome. Those of you who tie flies can put aside a dozen. Old equipment is always welcome.

We also need people to set up, usually starting at 2.00PM the day of the PastaFest or clean up at the end. The funds we raise are *your* funds and are beneficial to *all* chapter members. If you would like to be more involved, approach a board member at the next meeting or contact any officer listed in this issue.

On the conservation front, the folks at Red Brook tell us that fishing will be allowed this year, catch and release only. But there are only a couple of legitimate parking spaces. It may be worth a look if you're in the Cape Cod area.

The Millers River chapter has been busy mapping the river, marking important pools, and has been

selectively stocking via the Railroad tracks that parallel the river. They also received a larger allotment of Browns that should weather the warmer temps well and improve dry fly fishing.

The Deerfield/Millers chapter is again staging the *One Fly* contest on the Deerfield and this is one day they can assure fishable flows. Those of us who fish the Squan-nacook and the Nissie know that some of the best surface action of the year is only weeks away with the emergence of the Early Black Stones. The Concord ponds will probably hold ice well into Spring, delaying stocking. Similarly, long winters of safe ice have an effect on holdover fish due to increased ice fishing. Our chapter is getting the *MA/RI TU Fishing Guide* reprinted with revisions. Any chapter member who has connections or insights for affordable printing and binding should contact me or Peter Schilling.

Our April Meeting 4/26 we'll host Ken Simmons, fisheries biologist at Mass Fish and Wildlife. Don't miss this opportunity to hear the future for trout in Massachusetts.