

# Merrimack River Valley Chapter Trout Unlimited



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## President's Message

We've turned another corner, 2009 is here whether we're ready or not. The chapter has a full agenda scheduled for the next few months (and the optimists amongst us know that spring/open water will be here sooner than we can believe). The Rockingham Outdoors Show will be over by the time that you read this, but we should all appreciate that the chapter again staffed a booth and spread the TU word. Ron Peimer orchestrated our volunteers, as he has done in the past. We typically attract a few new members and also sell Grand Raffle tickets, aside from (hopefully) getting people to think about coldwater fisheries issues. The Fly Fish New Hampshire show, co-sponsored by our chapter and Pelham Fish & Game, is our other upcoming show appearance. This is the only exclusively fly fishing show in the state. Scheduled for early March (perfect timing as a precursor to spring) at the Pelham F&G facility, many fly fisher people put it in the "must do" category. Jim Norton once again is doing a lot of the heavy lifting re: putting the show together. Contact Ron Peimer if you are interested in being a TU volunteer at this show (it is fun "work" and another great opportunity to wave the TU flag). As mentioned last month, planning is coming together for our Conservation Banquet in April at the Derryfield Country Club. Proceeds from this event contribute significantly to our yearly activities. The list of donated/discounted prizes that contribute significantly to the revenue stream is starting to grow. Members are encouraged to solicit prize items- contact Stan Jodziewicz, chief prize guru and coordinator, with any inputs. Each chapter member will receive 6 Grand Raffle tickets in this month's Newsletter- the efforts of all to sell tickets are important- we're looking to make this a successful fund raiser once again. Ron Hamel has started his term on the chapter's board of directors, much appreciated. One of the activities that Ron is coordinating is the chapter trip in June to Coleman State Park. We have reserved 15 campsites, more information provided in this newsletter. It's probably a good idea to get your name on the list early. The trip is always a great event to top off the TU year. Thanks to all for supporting the chapter and TU-  
Jeff

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COMMENTS ON THE  
NEWSLETTER SEND  
THEM TO:

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**Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 @ 7pm –Casting For Recovery by Wendy Nixon**



MRVCTU donates to the CFR Program and Wendy will give us an overview of the 2008 outing and what our donation really means to the women attending the fly-fishing retreat.

**Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 @ 7pm-Merrimack Village Dam Removal-Eric Hutchins, NOAA & Deb Louiselle, NH DES**



Eric Hutchins, NOAA Restoration Center and Deb Loiselle, NH DES will give us a review of the Merrimack Village Dam Removal project and an overview of current and potential projects in our watershed.

**Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 @ 7pm-Thomas Ames, Author & Commercial Photographer**



**Thomas Ames** is a commercial photographer whose studio is located in an old woolen mill in Lebanon, New Hampshire. Mr. Ames makes photographs for a variety of advertising and editorial clients and he brings the same attention to clarity and detail to his widely acclaimed fly fishing insect photographs that he applies on behalf of his commercial clients. In addition to his book, *Hatch Guide To New England Streams*, Mr. Ames is a regular contributor to *Fly Fishing and Tying Journal*. His articles and photographs have also appeared in *Fly Rod & Reel* and *Fly Fisherman*. He gives numerous slide lectures throughout the year to fly fishing clubs in New England and New York State.

**Treasurer's Report January, 2009 – Burr Tupper**

As of January 5, 2009 we had the following amounts in our treasury.

In the TD Bank North checking account we had \$9,039.56 and the St. Mary's CD is up to \$5,441.16.

Our quarterly expenses included the December Social, Project Healing Waters, a \$1,000 advance to the Annual Banquet committee and some operations expenses such as labels and printer supplies.

We currently have 19 vendors signed up for Fly Fish New Hampshire Show. The booth registration fees have yielded about \$1,900 and thanks to Jim Norton's efforts we should see several more in the next couple of weeks. The Fly Fish NH Show, Grand Raffle and Annual Conservation Banquet are the major fund raising projects for this chapter. So please make sure that you support the show, sell the raffle tickets that are being sent to you and sign up to attend the Annual Conservation Banquet.

**Let's Go Fly-Fishing! An introduction to fly tying, Nashua Library Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup> 10-4  
Manchester Library Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup> 12-4:30**

Instructors Jim Norton, NH Fishing Guide, and Stan Jodziewicz, certified 'Let's Go Fishing' instructor present an introduction to fly tying. The class will cover the tools, materials, threads and hooks required for fly tying, a hands-on session on the basic steps, and a full fly tying session with nymph, wet fly, streamer and dry fly samples. The class is designed for adults, however children over twelve may attend if accompanied by an adult. All tools and materials will be provided; participants are encouraged to bring their own tools if they own them. Sponsored by the Merrimack River Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the NH Fish and Game Department Aquatic Education Program, and the Nashua and Manchester Libraries.

**PRE REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

**Nashua Public Library** [www.nashualibrary.org](http://www.nashualibrary.org) Click on Events, scroll down to this program and click the Register button or call (603) 589-4610. **Manchester Library** [www.manchester.lib.nh.us](http://www.manchester.lib.nh.us) For more information call Steve Viggiano at 624-6550 x 32

## **Chapter Camping Trip-Coleman State Park**

We have reserved our camp sites at the  
***Coleman State Park in Stewartson, NH***

The 2009 Chapter Camping Trip is scheduled for Friday June 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$55 per site for the 2 nights and the Saturday Dinner is \$15 per person. To reserve your Campsite contact Ron Hamel, [RMHamel@comcast.net](mailto:RMHamel@comcast.net), 978-835-8857. Make checks payable to MRV-TU and mail to Burr Tupper, 47 River Road, New Boston, NH 03070. The Chapter Trip is a lot of fun with great fishing, time to spend with old friends, meet new friends, enjoy good food and lots of laughs!



## **Coleman State Park & Campground**

**Phone:** 603-237-5382

<http://www.nhstateparks.com/coleman.html>

**Location:** Off Route 26, Little Diamond Pond Rd, Stewartstown, NH

**Activities:** Camping, fishing, boating

**Amenities:** Coleman State Park lies on the shore of Little Diamond Pond in Stewartstown, twelve miles east of Colebrook in New Hampshire's remote north country. The excellent trout fishing in Little Diamond Pond and nearby streams makes Coleman an excellent location for fishing enthusiasts. Many of Coleman's sites can accommodate most camping equipment including self-contained recreational vehicles with maximum length of 35 feet; hook-ups are not available. Flush toilets, coin-operated showers, along with pit toilets, a playground, and a dump station are available. A boat launch is located within the park; small boats are permitted, but speed is restricted. Pets are allowed at the park but must be leashed at all times.



## **Merrimack River Valley Chapter-TU Textbook Stipend**

The MRV-TU Textbook Stipend is a \$500.00 textbook scholarship awarded to a high school senior who will be attending a college or university during the 2008 – 2009 academic year as a full-time or part-time student. The stipend is not paid to the student but is deposited in the student's name with the college or university's bookstore. The stipend pays for textbooks only. Up to two grants will be awarded each year.

### **Eligibility**

1. The student must be enrolled full-time as a high school senior.
2. The student must plan to enter college in the fall of 2008.
3. The student should be planning to study in the environmental sciences.
4. Must have a minimum high school GPA of 2.5.
5. Must live in the area covered by the MRV-TU.
6. Must demonstrate successful completion of their first semester of college by sending transcript to address given.

The stipend is available to current seniors in high schools within the Chapter's designated area. Students applying must be attending a college or university in

the 2009 – 2010 academic year. The student must also successfully complete the first semester of their freshman year.

Merrimack River Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited does not discriminate based on race or gender.

### **Requirements**

- The student must submit a 300-500 word essay on the given topic
- Complete the application form
- Submit two letters of recommendation from high school instructors, one should be from a science instructor
- Submit a high school transcript
- Submit first semester college transcript to address given

**Cote's Fly Shop Rod Building Class**

**Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup> 9am Fly Fish New Hampshire show Pelham NH**

Learn how to build your own IM6 custom high-modulus graphite rod at the Fly Fish New Hampshire Show March 1st in Pelham NH. The class is 4 to 5 hours and includes the following: Explain procedure and fit rod grip. Assemble and glue on reel seat. Discuss guide placement and spline blanks. Do several practice wraps on provided blanks pieces. Learn how to place guides and instruction on inscriptions. Lecture on finishing of the blanks, the finer points of using flex coat epoxy, and the use of color preserver. At the end of the class the student would still have to take the blank home and do the wraps. A rod-wrapping bench is included in the cost of the course.

Blank Choices: For this class the prospective rod builders could choose from the following size rods to build: **6' 3wt, 6' 6" 2/3wt, 7' 4wt, 7' 6" 4 or 5wt, 8' 4, 5, or 6wt, 8' 6" 5 or 6 wt, 9' 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10wt**

These would all be Cote's Custom IM6 graphite rod blanks. High modulus blanks finished in translucent brown. These blanks build up to smooth powerful rods with excellent dampening ability. The cost of the class is \$140.00 per student which includes: the rod bench, the blank, grade A cork, A-16SRB reel seat, Guide set, guide placement chart, and brown thread. Also included in the cost of the course is a single use package of rod finish. Up grades on the blanks or components (limited to store stock) are available, but arrangements must be made in advance directly with the Cote's Fly Shop Please specify rod choice upon registering for this class.

For information e-mail [gizmocpns@aol.com](mailto:gizmocpns@aol.com)

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Cote's Fly Shop  
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**Annual Conservation Banquet - Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

The Conservation Banquet will take place on Saturday, April 25 at the Derry field Country Club in Manchester (<http://www.derryfieldrestaurant.com/>) from 6:30pm to 10:30pm. There is a full buffet menu with five courses, from soup to nuts and a cash bar. The tickets are \$30.00 a person and will be sold up to one week prior to the event. The prizes list is over \$3,500.00 in value. Bring your family, friends, bring your neighbors. Get your tickets today or buy them at the next Chapter meeting.

***2009 ANNUAL CONSERVATION BANQUET ORDER FORM***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Tickets X \$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Hold Tickets at Door \_\_\_\_\_ Please Mail



**Make Checks Payable to: MRV-TU**

Mail To: Burr Tupper/ Banquet Tickets  
47 River Road  
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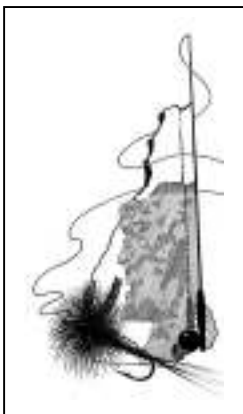
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Meeting Schedules, Pictures and Articles about Adopt-a-biologist program, Stream Restoration Projects, Chapter Outings, Fly Patterns, and a "Links Page" with links to interesting web sites

**MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH (SEPT-MAY) AT THE SWEENEY AMERICAN LEGION POST, 251 MAPLE STREET MANCHESTER NH. DIRECTIONS: ELM STREET TO VALLEY STREET TO MAPLE STREET (1ST LEFT AFTER STADIUM)**

Grand Raffle Tickets are included in the January 09 Newsletter. Enclosed are six tickets, along with a return addressed envelope for raffle ticket contact info and payment.

We have some great prizes this year; Walden Scout 12 – Foot Kayak-from Opechee Trading Post, Laconia, NH, a Winston Boron Ilt Custom Fly Rod-9 Foot, 5 Weight, 4-Piece Rod and a \$200 Gift Certificate from Stone River Outfitters, Bedford, NH. The drawing will be held at the Annual Conservation Banquet on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Derryfield Country Club in Manchester, NH. Winners will be contacted by telephone if they are not attending the Annual Conservation Banquet. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Your efforts in selling the Grand Raffle Tickets are greatly appreciated!



*We still need volunteers for the NH Fly Fishing Show. If you can spare a few hours, please contact Ron Peimer and let him know (email to [mrtunews@comcast.net](mailto:mrtunews@comcast.net), or call at 603-714-4135).*

*It is always a lot of fun working the booth and telling people about Trout Unlimited and our chapter and this is one of our most successful chapter fund-raising events!*