

# Merrimack River Valley Chapter Trout Unlimited



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## President's Message

As winter winds down, one of the sure harbingers of spring was the Sixth annual Fly Fish New Hampshire Show. Getting together the local fly fishing community helps build communication between many of the stakeholders in our coldwater fisheries in a fun environment. The anglers, shops, guides, clubs and government agencies get to know each other, share a common interest and foster opportunities to support our coldwater fishery. Thanks to Jim Norton, chairman of the show, for once again putting together an event we can all be proud of. Jim works all year to line up vendors, coordinate plans with Pelham Fish and Game, and promote the show to assure good attendance. Also thanks to Ron Peimer for coordinating volunteer participation and thanks to the chapter volunteers for their help in pulling off another successful show.

As we move into spring, more volunteer opportunities will soon be available. Stocking salmon fry in local streams and brooks; helping capture returning adult Atlantic salmon; surveying brooks and streams to document wild brook trout numbers with fishery biologists are a sample of activities the chapter participates in each year. We have an email list for potential volunteers. If you would like to be notified of volunteer opportunities, send me an email at [gerry@merrimacktu.org](mailto:gerry@merrimacktu.org). Everybody who has ever participated can tell you how interesting and rewarding it is to be directly involved in helping to improve our New Hampshire coldwater fishery and habitat. It is also a lot of fun and you might just learn some new "secret spots" to fish!

In April, we have our gala Conservation Dinner, our biggest fundraiser of the year. Be sure to talk to your spouse, friends and neighbors to hold April 26 on their calendar. This year's dinner is at the Derryfield Country Club and should prove to be the social event of the year, in addition to helping the chapter raise money to fund our efforts to help restore our local coldwater fishery and habitat. Get your tickets early!

Finally, be sure to attend our monthly chapter meeting next Tuesday March 11. Jack Noon is a very interesting speaker and has a wealth of information about fishing in New Hampshire, particularly our brook trout. His books on the history of fishing in New Hampshire are well researched and a fascinating read. Don't miss this meeting; you will be talking about it for months!

Tight lines,

GERRY

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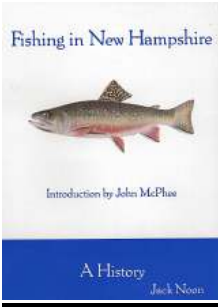
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**Tuesday, March 11th, 2008 @ 6:30pm**

Maxima Emerger by Gerry Crow  
Tied by Jim Norton



**Tuesday, March 11th, 2008 @ 7:00pm**

Jack Noon – Brook Trout Perspectives – Historical NH and Today

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Chapter's Treasury as of March 1, 2008 is as follows:

Checking -	\$ 10,511.24
CD -	<u>5,339.71</u>
	\$ 15,850.95

This does not reflect the accounting from the Fly Fish NH Show this past weekend.



**Annual Conservation Banquet - Saturday, April 26**

The Conservation Banquet will take place on Saturday, April 26 at the Derryfield Country Club in Manchester (<http://www.derryfieldrestaurant.com/>) from 6:30 to 10:30. There is a full buffet menu with five courses, from soup to nuts and a cash bar.

The tickets are \$25.00 a person and will be sold up to one week prior to the event. Tickets at the door will cost \$40.00. The prizes list is over \$3,000.00 in value. Bring your family, friends, bring your neighbors. Get your tickets today or buy them at the next Chapter meeting.

***2008 ANNUAL CONSERVATION BANQUET ORDER FORM***

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Tickets X \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Make Checks Payable to: MERRIMACK RIVER VALLEY TU**

Mail To: Stan Jodziewicz/ Banquet Tickets  
33 Beverly Drive  
Manchester, NH 03104



**Thank You**  
**to all the Volunteers who helped make the NH Fly Fishing Show at the Pelham Fish & Game Club a big success!**

### **New Hampshire Trout Unlimited Camp for Kids**

Snowfield Cabins in Pittsburgh, NH

July 9-13<sup>th</sup> 2008



**Great Bay Trout Unlimited** will host New Hampshire's 2nd Kids Trout Camp in Pittsburg, NH, on July 9 - July 13, 2008. Last year, a total of six children participated in the five day, four night camp, which provided them the opportunity to learn how to fly fish and experience first hand the precious natural environment that encompasses our trout streams. Classroom and riverside sessions included fly casting instruction, river stewardship, stream entomology, learning to "read a river", fish biology & behavior, fly tying, proper releasing of fish, and most of all, appreciating and having fun on a picturesque New Hampshire mountain stream.

This year's camp, like last year, will offer a one-to-one camper-to-counselor ratio. All of the campers received information about how **Trout Unlimited** plays a vital roll in coldwater fisheries conservation and restoration.

Applications must be received by April 15, 2008.

The application process requires the following:

1. Contact Information: Name, Date of Birth, Address, City, State, Zip, Telephone, Email and Gender.
2. A written essay by the applicant about why he/she would like to attend the camp and what they hope to gain from the experience.
3. A recommendation of a student counselor or science teacher including their address and phone number.

Completed Applications should be mailed to:

New Hampshire TU Trout Camp  
PO Box 801  
Exeter, NH 03833

For more information about the New Hampshire TU Camp for Kids, contact Sean Smith at 603-731-1861

Merrimack River Valley Chapter TU will help to sponsor a young man or woman, ages 14 to 17 *who is accepted* to the TU Camp. Please contact Mary Weiss, 603-487-5498 to learn more about MRVCTU Sponsorship assistance.

### **Alder Fly Hatch-Mollidgewock Campground**

We have reserved our camp sites at the

#### ***Mollidgewock Campground on the Androscoggin River***

in northern New Hampshire. The trip is scheduled for June 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 to hit the Alder Fly hatch, which provides some of the best dry fly-fishing of the New Hampshire and entire New England fishing season. The cost is \$45 per site and includes a 3 day (Thurs., Fri., and Sat.) Campsite and the Saturday Dinner. The cost to attend just the dinner is \$15 per person. To reserve your Campsite contact Mac Duhaime, [mduhaimehome@yahoo.com](mailto:mduhaimehome@yahoo.com), 603-222-1144. Payment should be mailed to Stan Jodziewicz, 33 Beverly Dr., Manchester, NH 03104.

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!



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

The MRV-TU Textbook Scholarship 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 scholarship is not paid to the student but is deposited in the student's name with the college or university's bookstore. The scholarship pays for textbooks only. Up to two grants will be awarded.

#### **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 scholarship 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 2008 – 2009 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

**BOOK REVIEW by Jim Norton**  
**Spiked Boots by Robert E. Pike**



One of the advantages or disadvantages depending on your point of view of getting older is the memories of what things were like fifty or sixty years ago. There's a section in the Wright Museum of WWII history in Wolfeboro called the Time Tunnel. It has artifacts from the years 1939-1945. I can remember quite a few things in the museum and more from a display at Strawberry Bank in Portsmouth from a 1950 kitchen. Memories from my younger days include ice boxes, an ice man delivering ice in a horse drawn wagon, the ice pond and ice house and men cutting ice in the winter. Today the pond is drained and the icehouse is long gone but I never drive by without thinking about climbing around on the ramps or fishing in the pond.

I've always been fascinated by the history of the areas I hunt and fish. Old stonewalls, cellar holes miles from nowhere, overgrown orchards and grapevines, and the remnants of old dams and mills are reminders what the area was like. Books are a link to the past providing a glimpse of what times were like. 'We Took to the Woods' by Louis Dickerson Rich is one of my favorites about the Rapid River. 'Northwoods Echos' and 'Northwoods Heritage' by Richard E. Pinette cover's northern New Hampshire and the Rangeley area.

Robert E. Pike wrote several books including 'Tall Trees', 'Tough Men and Spiked Boots'. Spiked Boots is one of many *stashed away in our books cases* I plan on reading again. It provides a chance to look back to when the upper Connecticut valley was still being farmed and log drives in the Connecticut and Androscoggin were in full swing. Travel was considerably slower and many of the roads and places in the books have vanished. As generations have passed links to the past have been broken. Occasionally hunters, anglers and hikers will find the remnants of abandoned homesteads and overgrown cemeteries; reminders of a different era faded from memory.

Books help bridge the gap from what the country was when people struggled to survive to today when roughing it is not having shower facilities at Mollidgewock on the chapter trip. Angler's fifty years from now will see pictures of Lower Dam on the Rapid, I was fortunate to have fished for decades before the dam was removed. I remember seeing parts of the Alligator, a towboat used on Pond in the River and the winter and summer houses of Louis Dickerson Rich. Having read about the area made the trips more enjoyable.

Some of the books listed may be out of print but most libraries have exchange programs and can obtain about any book.



### **FREE - Learn to Fly Fish Classes**

We had 60 people at three locations attend the classes last year. More intermediates attended along with beginners to learn about knots, insect identification, strategies, fishing locations and intro to fly tying. More information about the next series of classes to be held in March and April 2008 is on the chapter website <http://www.merrimacktu.org/Learn-to-FF/LGFF-2008.htm>.

### **FREE - Learn to Tie Flies Class**

We are conducting a one-day class on how to tie flies at the Manchester Public Library on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Although attendance is free, advance registration is required to assure availability of class materials. For more information or to register go to the Manchester Library [website](http://libraryinsight.com/calendar.asp?sm=&jx=i1p&nMonth=4&nYear=2008&x=3) (<http://libraryinsight.com/calendar.asp?sm=&jx=i1p&nMonth=4&nYear=2008&x=3>)

### **"LET'S GO FISHING" WANTS YOU!**

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO TEACH FISHING BASICS; TRAININGS IN CONCORD AND LANCASTER, N.H.**

CONCORD, N.H. -- Attention experienced anglers! The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department needs you as a volunteer fishing instructor for the Let's Go Fishing program, where you'll have a chance to teach basic fishing to youth and adults. The Let's Go Fishing program will hold certification trainings for new fishing instructors on Saturday, March 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Fish and Game Region 1 office, 629B Main Street in Lancaster; and on Saturday, April 5, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Fish and Game Headquarters, 11 Hazen Drive in Concord. It is only necessary to attend one of the scheduled training classes to become certified. The certification program is required in order to be an instructor in this popular, long-standing program.

To sign up for the free training, call Lisa Collins at (603) 271-3212 or email [aquatic-ed@wildlife.nh.gov](mailto:aquatic-ed@wildlife.nh.gov); in addition, you must print out and return a Let's Go Fishing volunteer application form, which can be found on the Fish and Game website at [http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/lets\\_go\\_fishing.htm](http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Fishing/lets_go_fishing.htm) (or ask to get one by mail when you call). Applications must be received by March 21 to reserve your spot in the class. Lunch will be served. The Let's Go Fishing Program's basic fishing classes are fun, easy to teach and very popular. The instructor trainings will cover the ins and outs of Let's Go Fishing program operation, teaching techniques and policy and procedures, as well as ethics, pond ecology, rules and regulations and an overview of equipment and safety.

After completing the training, participants have the opportunity to join an existing team of volunteer fishing instructors who present programs across the state. The Let's Go Fishing program also offers: basic freshwater fishing, saltwater fishing, ice fishing, fly tying, fly fishing and saltwater fly fishing.

Over the past ten years, thousands of children and adults have learned to be safe, ethical and successful anglers through the Let's Go Fishing program. The program is federally funded through the Sport Fish Restoration Program -- a true user-pay, user-benefit program. Your purchase of fishing tackle, firearms, ammunition, archery equipment and motorboat fuels, along with license sales, helps fund sport fish and wildlife restoration in New Hampshire, in turn providing opportunities for fishing, hunting and other wildlife-associated recreation.

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department works to conserve, manage and protect the state's fish and wildlife and their habitats, as well as providing the public with opportunities to use and appreciate these resources. Visit <http://www.FishNH.com>.



### **The Fly Fishing Film Tour™**

**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at Chunky's Cinema & Restaurant, Pelham, NH**

A definite cure for the winter blahs:

**AEG's 2008 Fly Fishing Film Tour**, the country's biggest fly fishing film festival is coming soon to a theater near you.

Along with other fly fishing films, you can get a **sneak peek at two Trout Unlimited projects:**

- Get a preview of "**On the Rise**," TU's **new television program** that will begin airing on the Outdoor Channel this spring --the show takes you on a fly-fishing journey across America, where host Frank Smethurst travels in an Airstream trailer painted like a rainbow trout and visits TU projects around the country.
- See the trailer for "**Red Gold**," a **documentary film about Bristol Bay Alaska** and the fight to save this wild salmon fishery from becoming home to the largest open pit gold mine in North America.

Trout Unlimited is a partner in the film tour, which will premier at over 70 theaters across the country and features eight short films on fly fishing from independent film makers across the globe.

See [www.aegmedia.com](http://www.aegmedia.com) for more information or [www.flyfishingfilmtour.com/schedule.asp](http://www.flyfishingfilmtour.com/schedule.asp)

**Chunky's Cinema & Restaurant**, 150 Bridge Street, Pelham, NH 03076 Phone: (971) 238-0554

Doors Open: 6:30 PM Show Starts: 7:00 PM

### **The Fly Fishing Film Tour™**

is a year round organization dedicated to bringing a new face-vision and scene to the fly-fishing entertainment world. Our goal is to inspire fly fishers and filmmakers to make new, innovative, entertaining and cutting edge films. Fly-fishing media has been dominated by "How to" or "instructional" programs. You will find none of that here. What you will find is pure fly-fishing entertainment.



### **Sportsmans Fleamarket-Pelham Fish & Game Club**

**Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008** at the Pelham Fish & Game Club, Simpson Mill Rd., Pelham, NH

Anything and everything for Hunting, Fishing, Shooting, Reloading and then some!!!

Admission is \$1.00. If you have enough items to sell, reserve a Table by calling 603-642-7943 or email [tywonon@netscape.com](mailto:tywonon@netscape.com)



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Jack Noon – Brook Trout Perspectives – Historical NH and Today  
6:30pm Fly Tying demonstration