

Merrimack River Valley Chapter Trout Unlimited



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President's Message

This is my first go at writing the president's letter. I expect to get better at it as time goes on. I'm hoping that you all will not only bear with me early-on, but also that many of you will chip in with good inputs and contributions for future chapter newsletters (certainly will be good for the chapter, not to mention making my job easier). The strength of TU in general, and our chapter specifically, is the number of dedicated individuals who express their passion for cold water fisheries by investing time and energy in the many activities in which we are engaged. I have every reason to think that this will continue.

I am excited about where our chapter is at and the momentum that we have gathered. We all owe a significant measure of thanks to Gerry Crow, our president for the past several years. Gerry was a major shaker and mover in orchestrating this level of enthusiasm. He has successfully coerced (and I mean this in a good way) a very active/dedicated group to serve on our board of directors as well as a host of others to contribute to chapter activities. Flat out- I would not have agreed to (try to) step into Gerry's shoes if not for the team that Gerry has pulled together (plus that Gerry has committed to be "a very active past president"). I'm on my learner's permit, but I look forward to the coming year.

A few more people who I'd like to recognize (I hate to do this only because there are other members who deserve to be named): Ron Peimer has retired (we hope temporarily) from the board of directors. Ron has been a stalwart TU contributor, and we're thinking that we will continue to see Ron when the call for help goes out. Ron did a great job getting our monthly newsletter out; he has passed this task on to Mary Weiss (the handoff has been better than seamless, a tribute to both Ron and to Mary!). Stan Jodziewicz has stepped down as our treasurer, passing the baton to Burr Tupper. My view is that every nickel has been accounted for under Stan's watch, and the bank account is in great shape (we plan to get more aggressive re: funding priority projects). We thank Stan for his diligence, not to mention his huge contribution to making the Annual Banquet a great, fun night as well as a big financial success (we're already looking forward to next year). I'm happy to report that Stan will continue as a member of the board.

Don McGinley was recognized at the banquet for his long term efforts re: the Adopt a Biologist (AAB) program. In my opinion, this program exactly models the TU credo. Dave Magnon is now coordinating this task (on top of being top guy for the NH TU council). I strongly encourage all members to roll up their sleeves and get involved with AAB- it's a great excuse to be outdoors, doing work that is meaningful re: improving cold water fisheries objectives. I am also pleased to report that Don Beekman joined my wife and myself and our crew of friends at our table at the banquet- Don has been a chapter member since 1969. It was our pleasure to share the evening with Don, who was very obviously happy to attend this TU event. If we have other long term chapter members, I advocate recognizing them for their service to TU. Let us know. Look forward to an active TU year in the next year!

Think trout!

Jeff

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THEM TO:

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Tuesday, May 13th, 2008 @ 6:45PM (NOT AT THE SWEENEY POST)

Tour of the Milford Fish Hatchery
386 North River Road, Milford, NH
Last Meeting Until September!!!!

Milford Fish Hatchery -- 386 North River Road in Milford;
(603) 673-1416. (West of Milford, where Route 101 meets 101A, there is a new bridge over the Souhegan River -- take that road, turn right at Fitch's Corner and proceed east; the hatchery will be on your right. The old green metal bridge to the left of the new one is a landmark, but is no longer used.)



NEW Chapter Offices and Board of Directors 2008-2009
(Contact Info on Page 5)

Chapter Officers

President	Jeff Lindberg
Past-President	Gerry Crow
Vice President	Randy Snyder
Secretary	Mary Weiss
Treasurer	Burr Tupper

Board of Directors

Mac Duhaime	Bill Cabral
David Magnon	David Merry
Stan Jodziewicz	Randy Mithoefer

A special Thank YOU!!! To Ron Peimer for his many years of service to MRVCTU

Treasurer's Report:

The Chapter's Treasury as of May 5, 2008 is as follows:

Checking -	\$ 9,751.93
CD -	<u>5,361.05</u>
	\$ 15,112.98



The major outlays this past month were \$1,000.00 to the Casting for Recovery Breast Cancer Tall Timbers' Retreat and \$2,000.00 to the Connecticut River Forest Purchase.

Thank You to Brian Pape for his generous donation to help sponsor a student from MRVCTU to the NH Trout Unlimited Camp for Kids.



April 2008 Annual Conservation Fund Raising & Banquet

The Annual Conservation Fund Raiser and Banquet was a fun-filled evening for the more than 150 attendees. Special thanks to Caroline Ciechon and the Derryfield for a job well done, the food and service were excellent. A big thank you to everyone who helped out with the banquet and to the organizations and individuals that donated to the many raffle and auction items. A very special thanks to Stan Jodziewicz who was the key organizer for this event. Stan put forth many, many hours planning the event both with the Derryfield staff and soliciting and coordinating the donations and raffle items. We also would like to thank everyone who attended and we thank you for your generous donations to the raffles and auctions.



The Auction this year surpassed our expectations for fund raising and we raised over \$770 with the Grand Raffle and over \$3500 with the banquet tickets, bucket raffles, silent auctions and special raffles. The winners of the Grand Raffle were John Croteau, Bob Deleault and Phil Abbott. We welcome your comments and suggestions on the venue, food and evening program and we hope to continue to offer a truly memorable chapter event each April.

Special recognition was given to our out-going President, Gerry Crow for the outstanding job he has done as President of the Merrimack River Valley Trout Unlimited and the many years of service to Trout Unlimited. Jeff Lindberg, President Elect, presented Gerry with a Certificate of Recognition from Trout Unlimited National for his many years of leadership and contribution to Trout Unlimited.



Gerry presented Don McGinley with a Special Recognition for his time and effort in the Adopt- A-Biologist Program. Don has been very involved with this program for several years.

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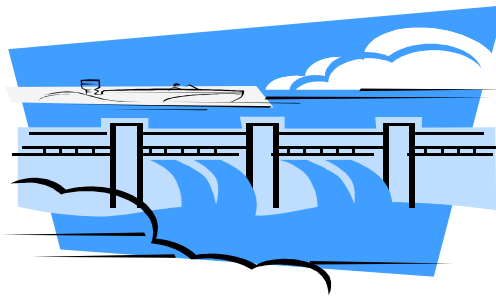
Alder Fly Hatch-Mollidgewock Campground

We have reserved our camp sites at the

Mollidgewock Campground on the Androscoggin River

in northern New Hampshire. The trip is scheduled for June 19th, 20th and 21st, 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 person 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, 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 Village Dam Removal Project

The Merrimack Village dam removal project has an estimated removal start date of August 1st, 2008. Eric Hutchins from NOAA and Deb Loiselle from NH DES are working to set up volunteer opportunities that people can sign up for individually or as a group effort.

Eric/Deb identified 2 general tasks for which agency people will look for volunteer help:

1. General trash removal. Estimate is for 20 to 40,000 cubic yards of sediment to be displaced, exposing decades' worth of mega-trash. Cleanup expected to span a 2 to 3 week period as de-sedimentation runs its course.
2. Movement of animal life (fish, turtles, mussels, etc) and maybe plants as pools de-water. This effort is estimated to span about a week as water is drawn down.

The Souhegan Advisory Group, Manchester Federation of Fly Fisherman and Trout Unlimited are groups that have expressed interest in getting involved with this project. There will be an advertised public meeting--as yet to be scheduled. If you are interested in working on the Merrimack Village Dam Removal Project please call or email Jeff Lindberg 603-595-7544 Jlindb595@gmail.com or Randy Mithoefer 603-493-3930 rmithoefer@hotmail.com for more information on upcoming meetings and volunteer opportunities.



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Last Newsletter and Chapter Meeting until September 2008!

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