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Farmington River, CT



Roy Lamberton with a Farmington River beauty – details inside

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Trout Unlimited Has Been Fighting for Coldwater Fisheries
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Join us before each meeting at 6:30pm for a tying demonstration. Meetings begin at 7:30pm, the third Monday of each month (except Banquet month, July and August), at the Albany Ramada located on Watervliet Avenue Extension off Exit 5 of I-90 (Everett Road).

Upcoming Events

August 27	Battenkill Cleanup – meet 9am at the Rt. 313 Rest Area
September 19	Chapter General Meeting
October 1	Battenkill Cleanup

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Clearwater Chapter General Meeting

Remember the Chapter doesn't schedule meetings during the summer. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday September 19th and it starts at 6:30pm with a guest fly tier and the featured speaker starts at 7pm. At the Ramada Inn off exit 5 of I-90 Albany. Free of charge and all are welcome.

Fish of the Month 2016 Contest in Full Gear

Mark A Brown

The Chapter's Fish of the Month Contest is already in its sixth year having crowned **Rich Atkinson, Noe Mead, Jim Berry, Bill Bach, Ron Boutin, Brad Mohr, Jim Boyle** and for 2015, **Paul Kalacs** winners in its first eight years.

The contest is open to all members (except me!) and family members of Chapter members and is not necessarily based on the biggest fish, but the quality of the fish, story behind it and picture quality all make up a winning entry. Simply send a photograph to me at my email address at mrbrownie6@gmail.com or contact me via email for my mailing address if you have a Polaroid or 35mm shot. As the entries come I'll publish them in the newsletter and select a winner at the March Banquet when the winner will get a dozen hand tied flies or something else really nice as a prize.

Roy Lamberton's fish is this Month's Fish of the Month

After a day of sporadic rises, and some hatches of caddis, sulfurs, and olives, I spotted this large fish rising imperceptively in a riffle. It's not where I expected to see a large fish feeding. After many casts, I switched to a long 7X tippet and size 20 sulfur, tied thorax style with an upright wing. He took it about the third cast. I was fishing with a four-weight rod and it took a very long time to get him in. We were both very tired. Not only was he about 20" long, he was as fat as any trout I've caught. After unhooking him, I kept him upright in a soft current for several minutes, alternating hands in the frigid water. Once he was upright on his own, I gently moved him to a little faster current where he lay upright on his own. Then I sat down on the bank and kept an eye on him. It took about half an hour, but he finally took off slowly and then bolted for the deeper water, ready to caught next time. I think this photo will be hanging on my wall - Roy

East Branch Cottage for Sale

To all Chapter members: I have known Steve almost 15 years and at times, fished and socialized with him on the East Branch of the Delaware near Shinhopple. I know that giving up this property is a bit devastating to him and his wife Jen. Steve is offering the property of one acre, two livable cabins and a new barn. To the best of my knowledge this property on the river bank was not flooded by any of the past deluges affecting the river since Steve has owned it. See Steve's attached description and photos enclosed. Neither I nor Trout Unlimited has any stake or interest in this ad nor shares any of the proceeds of a future sale. I only make the trout fishing community, as I know it, aware of the availability as a favor to our friend Steve.

Best, Dave Plummer

Thanks for consenting to distribute the info on the river-front property we have for sale. We've been so torn about selling it but it's too much for us to manage from here in Deposit. It's really a magical place and we loved every minute we spent there over the last 13 years. Anyone interested can call us at (607)467-7555 or email us at sugarpeople@yahoo.com You'll find attached a "description" of the property and here's a link to the many photos of it – Steve Sugarman

<https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipN34FtJu3TKvLgvjbkgD2AG-IPjZstdtVe7nChRQ2KbL91evktlQNjczuHU97LD8Q?key=ZVVIM0Vubm5XWS1EVW5IVFQtY2ZxcW16TU5jQ09R>



Fly of the Month: Pop Up Emerger

Here is a great little emerger that combines foam to a klinkhammer style fly . There is plenty of opportunity to alter the original with different colors of foam and body colors. This one is a bit more advanced, but a well equipped fly box must have emergers and this is a nice one to complement the klinkhammers. See this website for a lot more information - <http://invictaflies.tripod.com/id240.htm>
Hook: curved hook, light wire – 10 – 20; **Thread:** 6/0 color to match; **Tail/Shuck:** few strands of z-lon; **Body:** hairs ear or other buggy fur; **Post:** foam cylinder; **Parachute:** color to match – grizzly, dun or brown. Mount the hook and tie in the foam post. The post can be longer if it easier to manipulate at this point. Once done it can be clipped to length. Use the tying thread to make as few as wraps as possible to make it vertical. Then tie in the tail/shuck and then dub the body to the post. Tie in the hackle and make a few wraps around the foam post. Tie off the hackle and dub a bit more under the hackle and forward of the post. Tie off and you are ready.



Drought Watch Issued for New York

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today issued a drought watch for the entire state of New York following consultation with the State Drought Management Task Force and Federal partner agencies.

"While most public water supplies are still generally normal throughout the state, below normal precipitation over the last 9 months, low stream flows, and reduced groundwater levels have prompted the need for this action," Commissioner Seggos said. "We are encouraging residents throughout the state to conserve water whenever possible during the coming months."

A watch is the first of four levels of state drought advisories ("watch," "warning," "emergency" and "disaster"). There are no statewide mandatory water use restrictions in place under a drought watch. However, local public water suppliers may require such measures depending upon local needs and conditions. The last drought watch in New York State was issued in 2002.

The drought watch is triggered by the State Drought Index, which reflects precipitation levels, reservoir/lake levels, and stream flow and groundwater levels in nine designated drought regions throughout New York. Each of these indicators is assigned a weighted value based on its significance to various uses in a region.

Observed precipitation has been less than normal with shortfalls of 4 to 8 inches common over the last 90 days. The dry weather dates back to the October 1st start of the "water year" and is beginning to significantly affect other water metrics. Stream flows and groundwater levels are well below normal throughout much of the state. Groundwater levels were seasonally worse in June compared to May and they are not expected to improve in the immediate future due to the

existing precipitation deficit. For more [detailed drought information](#), please visit DEC's website. The following are some conservation tips that homeowners can take to voluntarily reduce their water usage:

- Fix dripping and leaking faucets and toilets. *A faucet leaking 30 drops per minute wastes 54 gallons a month.*
- Raise your lawn mower cutting height. Longer grass needs less water.
- If your community allows watering, water lawns and gardens on alternate mornings instead of every day. *Less frequent watering will develop grass with deeper roots, and early morning watering minimizes evaporation.*
- When using automatic lawn watering systems, override the system in wet weather or use a rain gauge to control when and how much water to use. *A fixed watering schedule wastes water. Irrigate only when needed.*
- Sweep sidewalks and steps rather than hosing them. *Eliminating a weekly 5-minute pavement hose-down could save between 625 and 2500 gallons of water per year depending on the flow rate.*

"Conserving water is important all year long, but particularly during extended dry periods," Commissioner Seggos said. "By voluntarily reducing water usage, and being extra careful with fire and outdoor flames, New Yorkers can help conserve our natural resources during these dry days of summer."

Dam Removal on the Hudson Yields Successful Alewife Migration

http://www.hudsonwatershed.org/images/DigestArchives/Fish_recovery_in_a_Hudson_River_Stream_07_05_16.pdf

Battenkill Roadside Cleanup Schedule

If you are unaware the Clearwater Chapter is in charge of cleaning up the Rt 313 roadside near the Battenkill. We do it 4 times a year and DOT has a sign on the road with our name on it.

We meet at 9am at the Rt 313 rest area and it takes about an hour.

This is a great opportunity to get out and beautify the area plus it is a wonderful opportunity for younger folks to earn volunteer credit for Boy or Girl Scouts and college resumes.

August 27 and October 1 are the next scheduled dates.

Hope to see you there.

George Schmidt Family Donation

For many years longtime Clearwater member George Schmidt allowed the Chapter to use his Battenkill property to teach fly fishing class students on the water techniques. Recently George and his family donated the property to protect it from future development. Thanks go out from all of us to the Schmidt family for this wonderful decision. For more information see the web link below – scroll down a ways to see the article for more details.

<http://battenkillconservancy.org/index.html>

Vermont Repeals Felt Sole Ban

<http://digital.vpr.net/post/ban-felt-soled-waders-repealed-aquatic-invasive-species-still-concern#stream/0>

Enjoy the Rest of Summer 2016!

