



Ron Boutin with a beautiful Cape Cod Striped Bass Caught This Spring – Fish of the Month #1



Jim Boyle's 20" Brown from the West Branch of the Delaware on a Copper John Nymph While Guided by John Sweeney This Spring - Fish of the Month Submission #2

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Trout Unlimited Has Been Fighting for Coldwater Fisheries
Conservation for 55 Years*

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

September 15	Chapter General Meeting – Roy Lamberton on a Review of Clearwater Conservation Projects – Guest Fly Tier at 6:30pm
September 20	Battenkill Roadside Cleanup – 9am – Meet at the Rt. 313 Rest Area
January 16-18, 2015	Fly Fishing Show – Marlborough, MA
January 23-25, 2015	Fly Fishing Show – Somerset, NJ
March 7, 2015	Clearwater Chapter Conservation Banquet

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Clearwater Chapter General Meeting

Next General Meeting is September 15, 2014 – Roy Lamberton will speak on Clearwater Chapter Conservation Projects and how you can get involved – guest fly tier at 6:30pm – Albany Ramada off Exit 5 of I-90 – all are welcome and free as always.

Fish of the Month 2014 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** and for 2013, **Brad Mohr**, as winners in its first six 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 as a prize.

Thanks to **Jim Boyle** and **Ron Boutin** for their submissions this month and that enters them into the Fish of the Month contest.

BILL SCHOCH HAS RETIRED. LET'S ALL GET TOGETHER AND CELEBRATE!

**JOIN US FOR AN INFORMAL RETIREMENT PARTY AND POT-LUCK
BARBECUE TO WISH BILL FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK!**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

FISH CREEK CAMPGROUND

12 NOON, RAIN OR SHINE

**THIS IS POT-LUCK, SO YOU ARE WELCOME, NOT OBLIGED, TO BRING A DISH OR FINGER
FOOD TO SHARE. HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, SAUSAGE & ROLLS, CAKE, SODA, PAPER
PRODUCTS AND UTENSILS WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR OWN ALCOHOLIC OR NON-ALCOHOLIC
BEVERAGES.**

**COST: \$15 PER ADULT (spouses/families are welcome) GIFT DONATIONS
WILL BE ACCEPTED!**

RSVP BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, to:

CINDY TRUMMER AT [\(518\) 897-1291](tel:5188971291),

cynthia.trummer@dec.ny.gov, or by mail at:

NYSDEC, PO Box 296, Ray Brook, NY 12977

(Please make checks payable to cash)

Fly of the Month: **FeatherDuster**

Flies with movement, especially subtle movement, will catch you a lot of fish. Ostrich herl used a lot less than peacock herl, but maybe really shouldn't be. Peacock gives an attracting color, but ostrich gives life. Here is a great pattern that mimics iso nymphs as well as callibaetis plus a lot of other inects with gills along their bodies. No hard to find ingredients here and easy to tie make this one a favorite in stillwater as well as moving water situations. **Hook:** nymph 8 – 14 weighted or not; **Thread:** brown or black 6/0; **Tail:** pheasant tail fibers or marabou; **Rib:** gold wire; **Body:** ostrich herl (color is up to you – gray, black, brown, olive are good choices); **Wingcase and Legs:** pheasant tail fibers; **Thorax:** ostrich herl. Mount the hook and wrap the shank with tying thread and lead wire if you so choose. Add a few fibers for the tail and then add the rib and several herl fibers in that order. Tie in the herl and stop about 1/3 of the way back from the eye to leave room for the thorax/wingcase. Wrap the rib over the body and tie off. Tie in a few fibers for the wingcase and some additional herl. Wrap the herl to form a fat thorax and then pull the wingcase over separating the fibers on each side of the eye of the hook to form legs. Tie off and good luck.



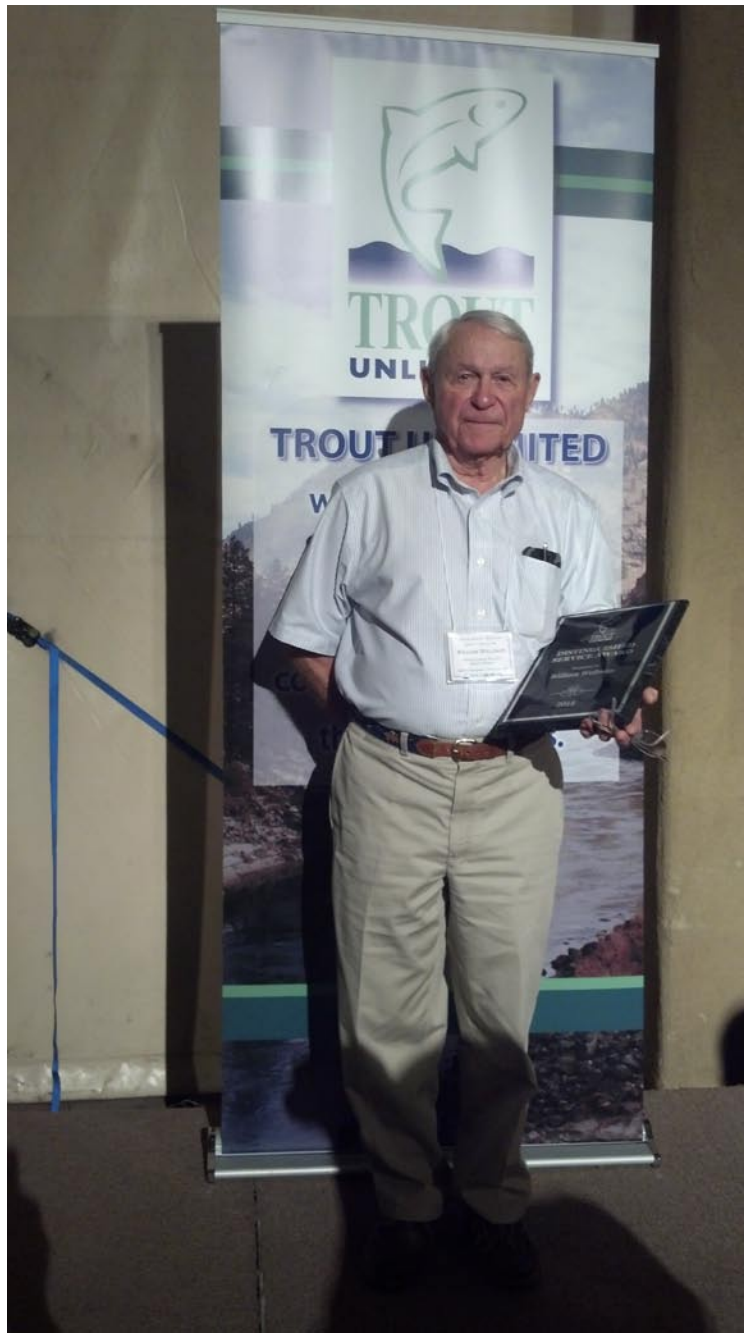
Battenkill Road Side Cleanup

September 20th is the next Rt 313 roadside cleanup for the Clearwater Chapter. Come on out and give the regulars a hand at cleaning up our section of Rt 313 and then enjoy some great trout fishing. 9am at the Rt. 313 rest area a few miles east of Cambridge.

For Sale – Fly Fishing/Tying Gear

Health issues after tying for 35 plus years result in my having to sell everything. I want to sell ALL as a single lot consisting of an Orvis Baetis rotary vice, bobbins, tools, threads, furs, dubbing materials, capes, hooks...you name it I have it. You are welcome to come and take a look. I will accept a fair and reasonable offer. Also included are a few excellent reference books, one of which is the Fly Tyers Reference Guide.

You will not be disappointed...no junk. Contact: **Jack Nowak**, 8 Fletcher Road, Guilderland at [518 456-3399](tel:5184563399)



For those that know Bill, please take a moment to see the attached photo of Bill Wellman. On the evening of September 5th in Santa Fe, NM at the National Trout Unlimited Awards Banquet, Bill received the Distinguished Service Award. Joining were his wife, Kay, and daughter in law as well as Dr. John Braico and wife Kathy, Roger Olson, NLC from NY and NYTU Chairman Ron Urban. Bill was very deserving of this award for his many years of service, dedication to FERC relicensing and Hydro Licensing and passion for the resources in NY.

Congratulations to Bill.

*Ron Urban, Chairman
NY Trout Unlimited*

2013-14 Freshwater Fishing Regulations Extend Thru March 31, 2015

New Regulations Will Become Effective April 1, 2015

The current (2013-14) freshwater fishing regulations will extend thru March 31, 2015, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Joe Martens announced today. New freshwater fishing regulations will take effect April 1, 2015 and a new regulations guide will be available from all license sale vendors at that time.

"This change was made based upon the change to the effective dates of our freshwater fishing licenses," said Commissioner Martens. "In the past, fishing licenses, like our hunting licenses were effective October 1 thru September 30. Fishing licenses are now effective 365 days from the date of purchase and it made sense to adjust the effective dates of our fishing regulations to coincide with the April 1 opener of the statewide trout season which is our traditional kickoff to the freshwater fishing season."

Anglers should continue to refer to the 2013-14 Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide for the fishing regulations in effect through March 31, 2015. The [Freshwater Fishing Regulations Guide](#) is available from all license issuing agents, DEC regional offices and on DEC's website. The current regulations are also available on the new free New York Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife mobile app. Developed by DEC in partnership with Parks by Nature the app is available for iPhone and Android devices; users can download it for free in the iTunes App Store and the Android Market. The [proposed new regulations](#) will be available for public review and comment beginning in mid-September on DEC's website.

Anglers are also reminded that combination licenses are no longer available. If a person desires to fish in New York State, they must purchase a separate fishing license. Anglers should also be aware of the expiration date of their current fishing license, since expiration dates now vary depending upon when the license was purchased.

The NY Open for Fishing and Hunting Initiative is an effort to improve recreational opportunities for sportsmen and women and to boost tourism activities throughout the state. This initiative includes streamlining fishing and hunting licenses, reducing license fees, improving access for fishing and increasing hunting opportunities in New York State.

In support of this initiative, this year's budget includes \$6 million in NY Works funding to support creating 50 new land and water access projects to connect hunters, anglers, bird watchers and others who enjoy the outdoors to more than 380,000 acres of existing state and easement lands that have not reached their full potential. These 50 new access projects include building new boat launches, installing new hunting blinds and building new trails and parking areas. In addition, the 2014-15 budget includes \$4 million to repair the state's fish hatcheries; and renews and allows expanded use of crossbows for hunting in New York State.

This year's budget also reduces short-term fishing licenses fees; increases the number of authorized statewide free fishing days to eight from two; authorizes DEC to offer 10 days of promotional prices for hunting, fishing and trapping licenses; and authorizes free Adventure Plates for new lifetime license holders, discounted Adventure Plates for existing lifetime license holders and regular fee Adventure Plates for annual license holders.