



Great Bay Trout Unlimited Winter 2012 Newsletter

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**Protect, Reconnect,
Restore, Sustain!**

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Win this 12' Freedom Hawk Kayak at the Great Bay TU Fly Auction March 26th!
Raffle Chances are On Sale Now! See Insert or go to www.greatbaytu.org



Photo by Wendy Nixon

Amy's Treat's – Respites with Rina Program

Great Bay Trout Unlimited and Amy's Treat hosted the 2nd Annual Respites with Rina Program; first of two events Saturday, October 1st. Memories were made once again. The rain staved off making this a remarkable day with participants learning to cast with a fly rod, an entomology demonstration by Judy Tumosa of Fish and Game, and then onto the river with the guidance of their river helpers. Even though only 1 small bass was caught, the participants went home with smiles on their faces. The event was held on the beautiful Cocheco River.

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Save This Date

By Jeff Barnum

Great Bay TU will be holding its annual **Fly Auction and Fundraiser** on Monday evening, **March 26, 2012** at the Roundabout Diner, at the Portsmouth Circle in Portsmouth. As we get closer, visit www.greatbaytu.org for details and on-line registration. Seating is limited. Tickets may be available at the door.

Generous donations are already coming in. There will be flies galore, rods and reels, casting instruction sessions, guided trips, restaurant gift certificates, art, and more. Enter the bucket raffles and bid in the silent and live auctions. The raffle winner for the 12 foot Freedom Hawk fishing kayak will also be drawn that evening. You can buy tickets for the kayak now by going to the website. Will it be yours? Make sure you bring a roof rack or a pickup!

Do you have an item to donate? Contact Jeff Barnum at jjeffreybarnum@gmail.com or call him at 603 770 3201. The lines are open and operators are standing by.

Admission will include great food served up by the Roundabout and a cash bar. Don't miss this opportunity to support one of the finest Trout Unlimited chapters in the country. This is our major fundraiser for the year. We cannot operate without your support. Save the date and we will see you there!

About Having Fun

By Mitch Kalter

Issue after issue of this newsletter has highlighted the education and conservation community based efforts of this organization or the fundraising events that support those efforts. Not much has appeared on these pages regarding the simple pleasures that probably motivated most of you to join *Trout Unlimited* in the first place...fishing. That message came in loud and clear this fall at our annual business meeting; our members want to have a little fun once in a while! Dedication to our mis-

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About Having Fun (cont'd from page 1)

sion is one thing, but we must not forget that the reason for that mission and our very existence as an organization is to preserve the resources that enable us to go out and enjoy fishing. What the heck are we working so hard for if we forget how to enjoy the fruit of our labor? I guess sometimes you have to step out of the forest to see the trees.

It has taken a little work, but your Board of Directors has come up with a few ideas to move forward with. Remembering how to have fun can be difficult sometimes when you have been working so hard! Here are some of the ideas we have come up with.

Small Stream Fishing for Wild Brook Trout

Our Winnicut Watershed Project Coordinator, Joe Conklin, also happens to be a NH Guide, and is passionate about fishing for wild brook trout. Joe has agreed to help put together some day trips, taking a small group of perhaps up to six anglers, into some locations within a two hour drive of the seacoast. Overnight camping trips are also a possibility. If this sounds like your "cup of tea" please let us know of your interest. Just drop us an email at greatb3@greatbaytu.org. You have to let us know of your desire to participate to make these outings happen.

A Little Spey Casting

Tired of not having any back casting room on your favorite trout stream or having to pull your flies out of the bushes? Then learn how to spey cast with a one-handed or two-handed rod. Chapter President, Mitch Kalter, has spent the last 15 years studying the spey cast, and practicing, practicing, practicing... OK. He is a slow learner, but can give beginners enough information to get them started in this fun, efficient and captivating technique to cast a fly. If interest is expressed, he will set a date to meet on the Cocheco River after the spring floods have abated, probably in late April or early May. Let us know if you would like to attend this event. Email us at greatb3@greatbaytu.org.

Author's Night

How about a few hors d'oeuvres, a glass of your favorite libation, a chance to meet the author of a contemporary fishing related publication and have him or her sign your copy? That wouldn't be such a bad way to spend an afternoon or evening would it? There are several authors in our immediate area and New England that would fit the bill. Do you have a favorite contemporary author you would like to meet? Please send us their name by email (greatb3@greatbaytu.org) or grab a board member let them know and we will look into it.

Fly Fishing Day School

Just starting out fishing or learned some bad habits along the way? Want to learn a skill, but don't know where to start? Want to tune up that cast, or maybe show your cast off a little? Well, how about a day we can meet in a place with plenty of room and concentrate on just those things? We are currently looking into suitable locations to have a fly fishing day school event, and will hopefully be able to make this happen this coming spring or summer. If you would like to help out instructing in a skill, or simply like to tell us what you would be interested in learning, let us know by email (remember greatb3@greatbaytu.org) or grab a board member who will pass it on. We anticipate that there will probably be some competitive events to test your skills as well.

Fun just doesn't happen. Your input and help will be needed on some of these events to make them a reality. Don't be shy. Let us know what ideas you have for a good time gathering. If none of the ideas above grab you then it's your responsibility to tell us what does. You owe that to yourself and your chapter!

Making Memories:

Memorable Fishing Story, November 2011

by Wendy Nixon, Vice President, Event Coordinator, Great Bay Trout Unlimited

Fish On! That's about all you can say at that point, and then you are into the next 10 minutes of getting that fish in, whether it be a brown, steelhead, or even a salmon ... with a little coaching from my brother, Wayne, I succeeded. I haven't been steelhead fishing very often, and I am used to the Cocheco River and using 4 pound test. I traveled to Oak Orchard, New York, an annual trip for me; but this year, the steelhead and browns were running and the salmon were pretty much done for the year. It was still a crowded place to be. You didn't leave your spot for you might not get another spot to fish for a while. The following day, we got up at sunrise. We spent a bit of time on the water with the guys across the river just catching one after the other. We decided to move on, and found a spot clear of anyone, quite remarkable for the day before. What a sweet spot! Wayne, the experienced one in catching and landing the bigger fish, had one after the other. At one point, he caught a king salmon; and before I could get my line out of the water, it was racing up river—I thought it was actually going to plow right into me. It was a spectacular sight! It self released and went right passed me. Fol-



GBTU Vice
President,
Wendy Nixon

lowing that, last of our 2-day trip, not much light left of the day, I was determined to land a fish; and with a little guidance and coaching from Wayne, I caught and landed the above-captioned steelhead—smaller than others caught that day, but a real fighter. I had the best 15 minutes of a season one could have fishing; and am anxious to get back out on our local rivers.



Brother Wayne

Amy's Treats (cont'd from page 1)

There were so many volunteer instructors that some of the volunteers that attended the event that had never fly fished before had the opportunity to be on the river as well. Lenore Rogers, Amy's Treat, and Wendy Nixon, Event Coordinator for Great Bay Trout Unlimited, co-coordinated the event to create such an enriching and exciting event for the participants who have a dream to get out on the river and fly fish. Lenore did an awesome job with organizing snacks and lunch by getting donations from local community providers. Amy's Treat is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing solutions to the day-to-day difficulties of living with cancer and offers unexpected "treats" to renew spirits (amystreat.org for more information). Great Bay Trout Unlimited is very proud to have the opportunity to be involved with such a fine group of people. The next event will be on October 15th.

We would like to thank the many supporters of this event who include: Measured Progress; New Hampshire Fish & Game; Black Sheep Design Company; Beth Rhode Campbell—Realtor; Better Homes & Gardens/Masiello Group—Durham; First Colebrook Bank; Mizuna; Durham Market Place; Shaheen Bros., Inc.; Weeksie's Pizza; Michael Decastro; Great Bay Limousine; Dole and Bailey; Midway Oil Company; Newfields Country Store, Great Bay Trout Unlimited.

I personally would like to thank all who volunteered your time helping with setup, cleanup, food preparation as well as river helpers. I look forward to our future events with Amy's Treat.

Wendy Nixon

Freedom Hawk 12' Kayak Entry Form Instructions

Simply fill out the number of entries you would like to purchase (\$5 each or all 6 for \$25) with your contact information and mail them with your check to:

Great Bay Trout Unlimited
PO Box 1121
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Addition entries are available for purchase online at www.greatbaytu.org

You may also copy your entry form for additional entries or download the form for printing at our website

Entry Prices: \$5 each/ \$25 for 6 entries/ \$50 for 13 entries

Drawing will be held evening of March 26, 2012 at the Roundabout Diner Function Room, Portsmouth, NH



Season Meeting & Event Schedule

All of the programs listed below will take place at the Urban Forestry Center, 45 Elwyn Road, Portsmouth, NH, and begin at 6:00PM, unless otherwise indicated.

January 9, 2012- Chapter Meeting- “Fly Fishing Argentina with First Cast Fly Fishing” with Mark Foley of First Cast Fly Fishing

January 16, 2012- Board of Directors Meeting, Weeksie’s Pizza, Dover

February 6, 2012- Chapter Meeting- “TU’s Upper Connecticut Home Rivers Initiative Restoration Program” with Joe Norton, TU Home River Upper Conn. Project Coordinator

February 13, 2012- Board of Directors Meeting, Weeksie’s Pizza, Dover

March 5, 2012- Chapter Meeting- Fly Tying Night

March 26, 2012- Annual Great Bay Trout Unlimited Fly Auction at the Roundabout Diner Function Room, Portsmouth Traffic Circle/Freedom Hawk Kayak Raffle Drawing

April 2, 2012- Chapter Meeting- “Sight Fishing for Stripers” with Alan Caolo

April 9, 2012- Board of Directors Meeting, Weeksie’s Pizza, Dover

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