



Nor' East Chapter February 2022 Newsletter

Connections Between Flyfishing, Art and Community

Meeting Speaker: Alberto Rey, February 7, at 7 PM on Zoom (sidebar)



Alberto Rey, who guides the waters of Fredonia, NY, for steelhead trout, is the 2021 Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide of the Year. Alberto is also the founder/director of the Children in the Stream/4H Youth Fly Fishing Program; a Distinguished Professor at State University of New York at Fredonia; and an artist and writer. He has been guiding and teaching kids to fly fish for over twenty years and his artwork is the permanent collection of around 20 museum collections. He has also written and illustrated three books on environmental issues, *Complexities of Water: Bagmati River, Nepal*; *The Extinct Birds Project*; *Lost Beauty: Icebergs*; and is a co-writer of a book on a local steelhead stream, *Canadaway Creek: Western New York*. More information is available on his website, www.albertorey.com.

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FEB. 7TH

6 PM

Speaker at 7 PM

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President's Corner

Ben Meade, President



Dear fellow Nor'East Chapter Trout Unlimited Members,

A sincere wish to all members of NETU and your family and friends that this note finds you well. As I write these words, it is a winter wonderland outside after last weekend's snowstorm. As a winter sports enthusiast – as well as an angler – I find this to be an exciting time of year!

A couple of weekends ago, I had the pleasure of taking my family ice fishing on Rock Pond in Georgetown. Here are the quantitative facts from this excursion: Five augered holes, five traps set out, two hours on the ice, one flag, one fish missed, zero fish caught. Here is the primary qualitative fact: Everyone had a good time!

Thankfully, a neighboring angler had a few flags and we got to see a few fish caught. While chatting with this gentleman after he released a yellow perch, he made a comment that resonated with me: He said "it is great to see so many kids out here." In looking around the frozen pond at that particular moment, I saw his point. Along with the four kids with me, there were at least ten others playing hockey or accompanying a parent or friend in ice fishing. One little boy even had a jig setup going, which he was very attentively minding.

What a wonderful observation. There were indeed kids everywhere – outside in the fresh air, spending time with relatives and/or friends, expending some energy, perhaps learning some new skills, and enjoying themselves. There was not a TV in sight!

As the parent of two young daughters, finding ways to try to pass on my love of the outdoors to both of them is constantly in my consciousness. An excursion out to a frozen pond to expose them to ice fishing is part of this attempt, with the qualitative outcome of the day (they had fun!) being so much more important than the primary quantitative outcome (we caught no fish!). Hopefully, as they continue to grow, they will learn to love and appreciate all of the positive experiences that time spent outdoors can provide. With this thought in mind, I recently spent some time on TU National's website learning more about TU's Headwaters Youth Program. I was curious about how TU is doing its part to connect with young people. Overall, I was heartened by what I learned. If you have a free moment, I encourage you to check out this portion of TU National's website as well.

As a parting thought, I will leave you with the same phrase you will find on the cover of many worm bait containers – "Take A Kid Fishing!"

All the best to everyone. As always, please don't hesitate to drop me a line – I would be happy to hear from you.

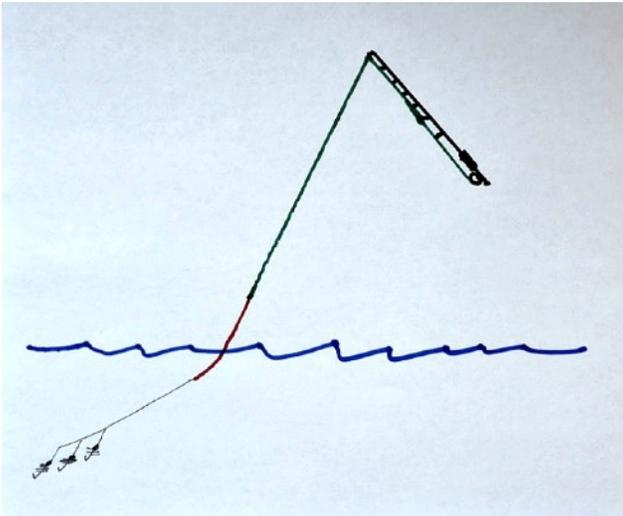
Craig Andree, TU Nor'East Member

Offering Two Fishing Classes

WORKSHOP ON BUILDING TIGHT-LINE / EURO LEADERS

Saturday, March 5, 2022

at the Ipswich River Watershed Association Headquarters located at 143 County Rd (Rt 1A), Ipswich, MA 01938



TU Nor'East Chapter is happy to announce a clinic on March 5th from 9:30am to noon on building tight-line or Euro leaders. All participants will leave with a leader or two that they have built themselves. The clinic will include a discussion on a sighter and its purpose, tippet rings, and especially focused on knots and connections. All materials and tools will be provided and in order to cover the costs of the materials, a nominal **\$5 contribution is appreciated**. Please register in advance so we can plan on supplying the materials and equipment. If you need magnifiers to tie flies or knots, bring them along.

If you are interested in attending this workshop, please RSVP Craig Andree at candree@comcast.net by March 1, 2022.

Introduction to Fly Tying

This class will take place at Camp Paradise over two nights: Monday, February 28th and Wednesday, March 2nd. 6:30pm-8pm both nights.

This workshop will teach novices the art and science of FLY TYING. The focus is on the fundamentals of how to create an “artificial lure,” commonly called a “fly,” which represents an imitation of what a fish would eat in nature. We will talk about the tools, materials, supplies and techniques needed to create a fly. Furthermore, we will discuss basic entomology and how it will relate to the flies you will actually tie.

All participants will leave with flies that they have tied that can be used on the river or lake.

Fly tying is perfect for the creative person in addition to the fly fisher who loves keeping their boxes filled. To creative minds, designing flies can be a never ending puzzle.

All equipment and materials will be provided. If you have a vise and tools, you are encouraged to bring them.

\$30 per person. Space is limited! [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)

About the instructor: *CRAIG ANDREE has been an avid outdoorsman and fly fisher his entire life. He has climbed all of the New Hampshire 4,000 footers as well as Half Dome in Yosemite and Mt. Lassen in Volcanic National Park. He has guided clients on the Allagash Waterway and the 100 Mile Wilderness. Craig has fly fished throughout the United States and has been teaching fly fishing and tying for the last decade. Craig lives in Peabody*

Chapter Member, Spencer Belson, from Andover has his own fishing Blog and Web page



Photo credit: Ryan Zannoni

[Spencer's report on the first ice fishing trip, click this link.](#)

Speaker Series September through May

Compiled by Kalil Boghdan

Kalil has been putting together our Programs for awhile and he can use your help. If you know of a speaker that you have seen or would like to see, please pass that information along to Kalil. You can email me or Ben Meade and we will pass it along.

Speaker Series for NETU - September, 2021 - May, 2022

September - Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Joe Cresta, President of Malden Anglers, Ambassador for the Museum of Fly Fishing in Manchester, VT, and the New England Regional Coordinator for Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing program. He will speak on the initiatives of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing.

October Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Jay Riley, owner of New England Riverworks. He will speak on productive techniques for targeting late season trout. A comprehensive breakdown of fall feeding habits, gear, rigs, and patterns to make the most of late season time on the water.

November Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Rich Yvon, owner of Twin Maple Outdoors in Bradford Maine. He will talk about what his area of Maine has to offer for the fly angler and the outdoor enthusiast.

December - Hybrid meeting 6:00 - 8:00pm Members night of pizza, kibitzing and tying flies. Speaker bailed out on us last minute. Meeting place is the Ipswich River Watershed office at 143 County Road in Ipswich. We are trying to figure out how to have an in-person meeting and a Zoom meeting for those members who cannot make the meeting. So have patience and tune in or drive over for the pizza and good company. If you tune in, bring your own pizza.

January - Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Josh Greenberg, author of the book, *Trout Water* and owner of Gates Lodge, Fly Shop and Guide Service on the Au Sable River in Grayling, MI. His lodge is just a short distance from where Trout Unlimited was founded in 1959. He will talk about the Au Sable River experience.

February - Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Alberto Rey, 2021 Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide of the Year, the founder/director of the Children in the Stream/4H Youth Fly Fishing Program, a Distinguished Art Professor at State University of New York at Fredonia, and an artist and author. His presentation will be about steelhead fishing in the Fredonia, NY area.

March - Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Dylan Callahan of Concord Outfitters, West Concord, MA. He will discuss flats fishing for striped bass off of Crane Beach and other local waters.

April - Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Casey Dreads of Concord Outfitters, West Concord, MA. His presentation will focus on fly fishing the Clark Fork River in Montana.

May - Zoom presentation from 7:00 - 8:00pm by Craig Andree. His presentation will focus on "Tight-line or aka Czech Nymphing". He will discuss riggings, equipment, and techniques - sighters versus strike indicators. The use of mono "substitute" fly lines as well as the mono and braided core lines made for tight-line nymphing rather than the use of traditional fly lines will also be discussed.

TU Massachusetts Restoration

While we have been overloading you with our local restoration projects, we forget all the other projects in the state and the people who have shown us the way. My eyes to fish restoration were opened when we had Warren Winders speak in 2009 about the Southeastern Massachusetts Chapter's decades of work to restore Red Brook salt-run brook trout. He simply applied perseverance to become successful. There was probably some thoughtfulness, diplomacy and hard work in there too. And a lot of help. Massachusetts has 10 local TU Chapters. Some have done some great work to restore the habitat in our rivers and streams.

Geof Day, executive director of Sea-Run Brook Trout Coalition, reminds us of a few we should thank: "On this subject of TU and restoration, in my (admittedly biased view) the Cape salter streams are the pinnacle of TU restoration projects in the area.



Warren Winders



Red Brook, Bourne

Why are the Cape streams different? (Because of the leadership) by Southeast District Fisheries Manager, Mass Wildlife's Steve Hurley.

What did he do? He oversaw the monitoring of the work done by SE Mass TU and Cape Cod TU – on the Quashnet and Red Brook, which ultimately led to reintroduction of Quashnet and Mashpee wild fish into both the Coonamessett and the Childs River – both of which are large and ongoing restoration projects. He also "broke the paradigm" of stocking those streams with

browns by being the understated guy who stopped it in favor of allowing the salters to return. We initially worked on the Quashnet while Steve was still in school – at the time we were electroshocking giant brown trout at the Quashnet in 1982 using a smelly, noisy, clumsy Briggs and Stratton powered, barge borne (and dangerous!) electroshocking device with Joe Bergin (who is still alive today.)

Second to that – and of equal or better significance, is the project on the Deerfield. Again my bias shows as I would say it is an absolute marvel, but they are focusing on brown trout and I'm well aware that introduced and nativized browns (while a great fishery) are an anathema to the once amazing wild brook trout in that system.

The other understated guy is Fran Smith – a returning Vietnam Vet/plumber/TU volunteer and leader par excellence. Another understated guy is Peter Schilling who will tell you the whole story. Schilling is also (indirectly) the guy who introduced me to Dwayne Shaw and all things Downeast.

This “understatement” behavior was one of the several reasons SRBTC was created – we felt it necessary to tell / re-tell these stories far and wide (initially for coastal access streams) but as I learned more about things, it has become exceedingly obvious that what we’ve learned on Red Brook and the Quashnet can be applied to ANY stream restoration project, ANYWHERE. Of course, with caveats – but please forgive my boosterism. Someone has to do it.”

Thank you Geof, for reminding us who is fixing our rivers.

Board Members

The health of the Chapter is dependent on mindful people who make contributions to what we do which is develop friendships with people who like to fish, make improvements to fish habitat and try to address some of the degradation to cold water fisheries. We are lucky to have these folk volunteer their time and expertise. Their collective effort is what puts good programs in front of you every month and generates the successes in restoration and advocacy that garners respect from the public.

The full slate:

James Goodhart	4/2/2019 – 4/2/2022
Mike O’Neill	4/2/2019 – 4/2/2022
Bob Torkildsen	4/2/2019 – 4/2/2022
Chett Walsh	4/2/2019 – 4/2/2022
David Walsh	4/2/2019 - 4/2/2022
(Open Seat)	4/2/2019 - 4/2/2022
Josh Rownd	1/1/2020 – 1/1/2023
Ben Meade (President)*	1/1/2020 – 1/1/2023
Ben Shea (Vice President)**	1/1/2020 – 1/1/2023
(Open Seat) (Secretary)*	1/1/2020 - 1/1/2023
Peter Vandermeulen (Treasurer)*	1/1/2020 – 1/1/2023
Fred Jennings	4/5/2021 – 4/5/2024
Carl Soderland	4/5/2021 – 4/2/2024
Geoff Klane	4/5/2021 – 4/2/2024
Floyd Maker	4/5/2021 – 4/2/2024
Spencer Belson (Director-At-Large)	4/5/2021 – 4/5/2022

***Two-year Board membership upon appointment as Officers**

****Takes vacant VP seat with remaining term to 1/1/2022**